

Neurofilament light chain as a biomarker for monitoring response to change in treatment in hereditary ATTR amyloidosis

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Serum NfL for monitoring treatment response in patients with ATTRv polyneuropathy

NfL for monitoring treatment response in patients with ATTRv

Patient Population

11 patients with confirmed ATTRv amyloidosis with polyneuropathy were included. Patients had worsening of polyneuropathy of ATTRv amyloidosis with treatment of tafamidis (20mg/day).

Assessments:
Serum NfL levels
Neuropathy Impairment Score (NIS)

Start patisiran (0.3 mg/kg) IV every three weeks

Baseline
Month 12 Assessments
Month 24 Assessments

Serum NfL levels measured using the Quanterix® Simoa™
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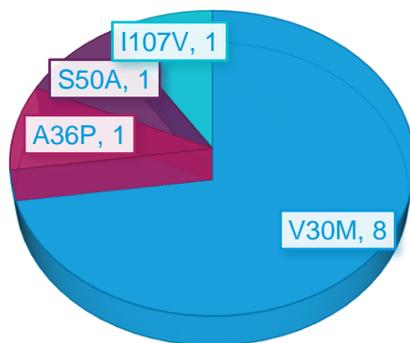
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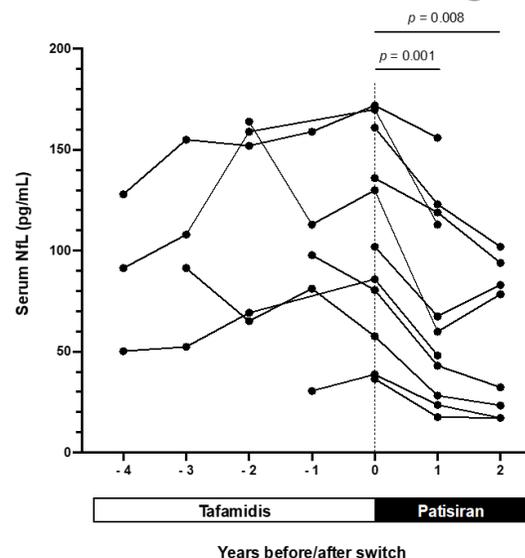
ATTR variants



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Serum NfL levels



Pharmacodynamic Endpoint

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Neurologic Impairment Endpoint

No significant change was observed in NIS values at one -and-two years following switch. The mean (±SD) NIS values were 40.4 (±43.7) before switch and 46.3 (±49.6) at one year after switch to patisiran treatment (p=0.180).
• In the patients with two-year assessment, the values before and two years after switch were 47.8 (±49.6) and 55.4 (±51.0), respectively (p=0.547).

Summary

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patisiran
(mg/kg)

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Month 12

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Serum NfL levels
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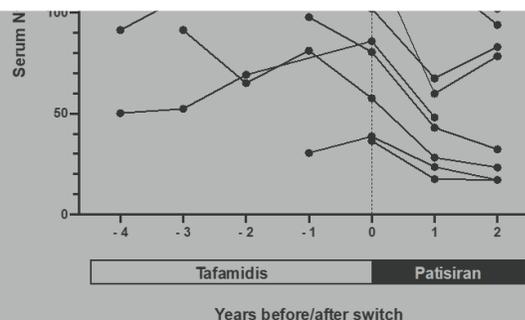


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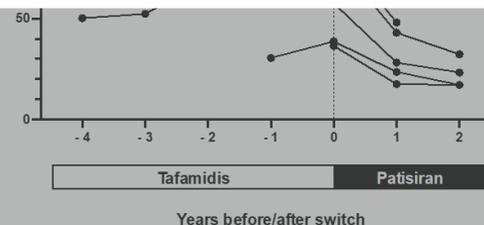


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patisiran
mg/kg

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Assessment

NIS assessment

Study included its small number of patients and was a preliminary study. Further larger-scale, longer-term studies are needed to confirm our findings.

Observed in NIS values at one- and two years following switch from tafamidis to patisiran. Mean (±SD) NfL level at baseline, before switch, was 106.4 (±47.3) pg/mL one year after switch ($p=0.001$). At two years post-switch, mean (±SD) NfL level before switch to 55.9 (±36.7) pg/mL following two years of patisiran treatment ($p=0.180$). At two-year assessment, the values before and two years after switch were 40.4 (±43.7) before switch and 46.3 (±49.6) at two years after switch ($p=0.180$).

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Study Rationale and Methods

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- Serum NfL levels of patients were measured at baseline (while receiving tafamidis, just before switch), one and two years after switch to patisiran.
- Patients were also assessed for neurologic impairment with neuropathy impairment score (NIS) at baseline and one and/or two years following switch.
- NfL levels were measured using the Quanterix® Simoa™ platform. The Wilcoxon signed-rank test was used to compare NfL levels and NIS values before, and one and two years after switch to patisiran. $p<0.05$ was considered statistically significant. This study was approved by the Ethical Committee of Shinshu University School of Medicine (No. 4852) and written informed consent was obtained from all patients.
- Study did not evaluate safety.

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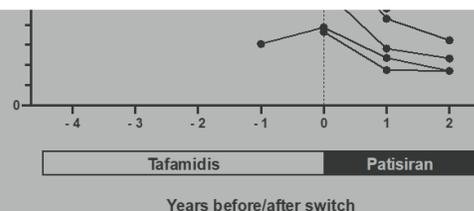


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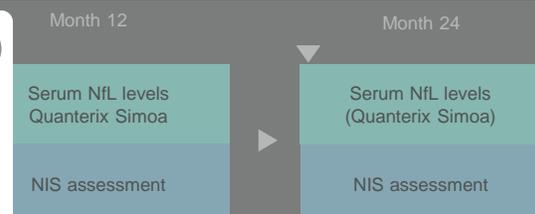


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Serum NfL for monitoring treatment response in patients with ATTRv polyneuropathy

Patient Population

- This study enrolled eleven patients (10 male) with ATTRv with polyneuropathy who switched from tafamidis (20mg oral once daily) to patisiran (0.3 mg/kg infusion every three weeks).
- TTR variants were V30M (p.V50M) (n=8), A36P (p.A56P), S50A (p.S70A), and I107V (p.I127V), (n=1 each).
 - Mean (\pm SD) age at disease onset 39.5 years \pm 12.6 years
 - Mean (\pm SD) age at inclusion was 46.9 years \pm 14.0 years
- The reason for switch from tafamidis (20 mg) to patisiran (0.3 mg/kg infusion every three weeks) was due to worsening of polyneuropathy.
- Serum NfL levels of patients were measured at baseline (while receiving tafamidis, just before switch), one and two years after switch to patisiran. In eight of the eleven patients, NfL levels were available at two years following switch.
- Patients were also assessed for neurologic impairment with neuropathy impairment score (NIS) at baseline and one and/or two years following switch. Since the patients were assessed during routine visits, NfL and NIS measurements at 1-year and 2-year post-switch occurred within 3 months of those time points, except one patient whose 2-year measurements were delayed by four months.



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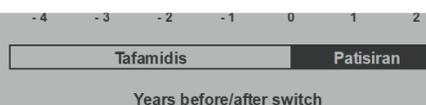


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Years before/after switch		

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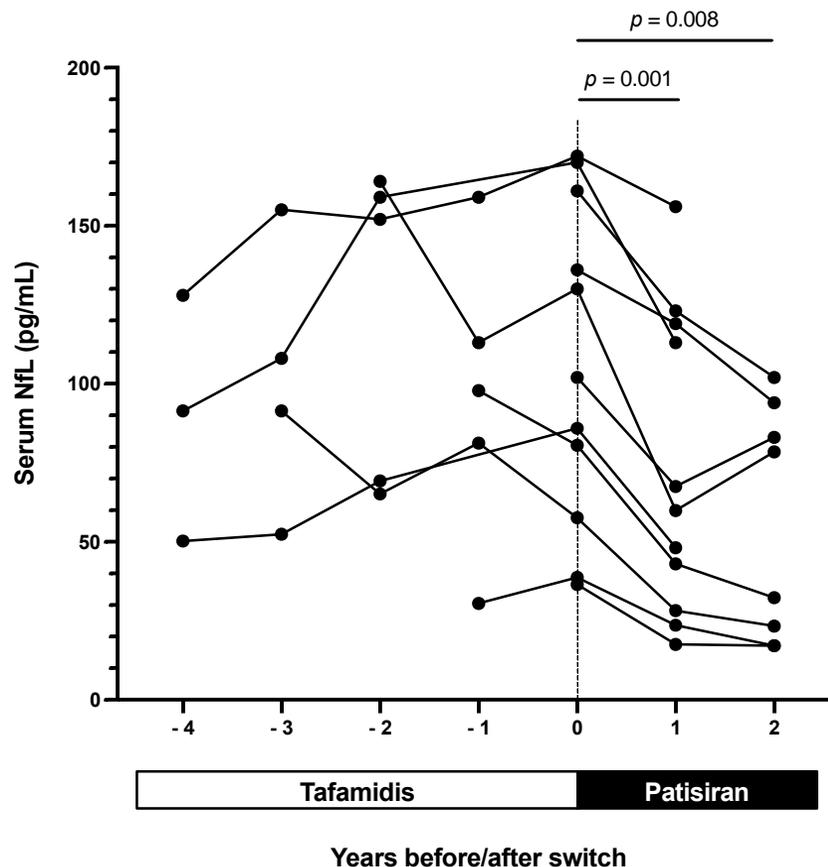


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Figure 1



Serum NfL levels before and after switch from tafamidis to patisiran. Pre-switch NfL levels are depicted according to the calendar year in which the measurement was made.

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ATTRv polyneuropathy



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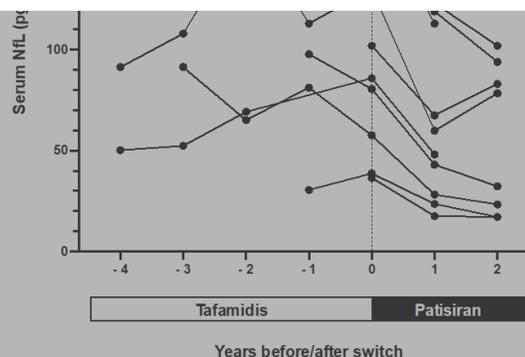
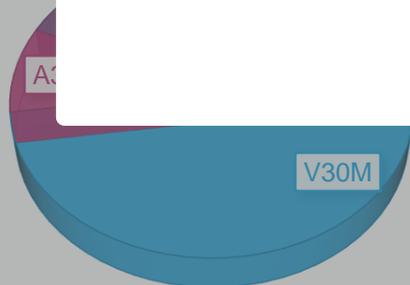


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- Serum NfL levels significantly decreased at one and two years following switch from tafamidis to patisiran. The mean (\pm SD) NfL level at baseline, before switch, was 106.4 (\pm 50.7) pg/mL and it decreased to 72.6 (\pm 47.3) pg/mL one year after switch ($p=0.001$).
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NfL for monitoring treatment response in patients with ATTRv

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11 patients with confirmed ATTRv amyloidosis with polyneuropathy
- Patients had worsening of polyneuropathy of

Mean age at disease onset 39.5 years
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patisiran
3 mg/kg

Serum NfL levels
Quanterix Simoa

NIS assessment

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(Quanterix Simoa)

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Abbreviations

ATTR, transthyretin mediated

ATTRv amyloidosis, hereditary ATTR amyloidosis

IV, intravenous

NfL, neurofilament light chain

NIS, Neuropathy impairment score

RNAi, RNA interference

SD, standard deviation

TTR, transthyretin

Patients

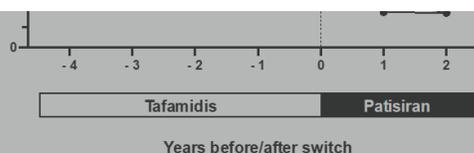


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Month 24

of this study included its small number of patients and control group. Further larger-scale, longer-term studies are needed to validate our findings.

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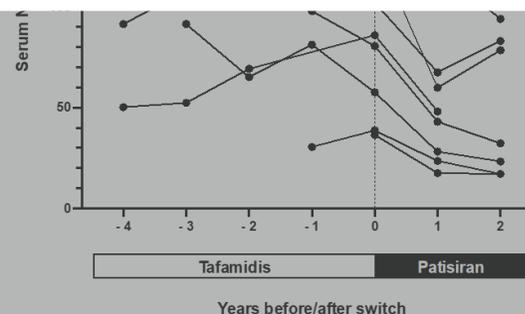


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