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Prevent and Effectively Treat AD/ADRD by 2025

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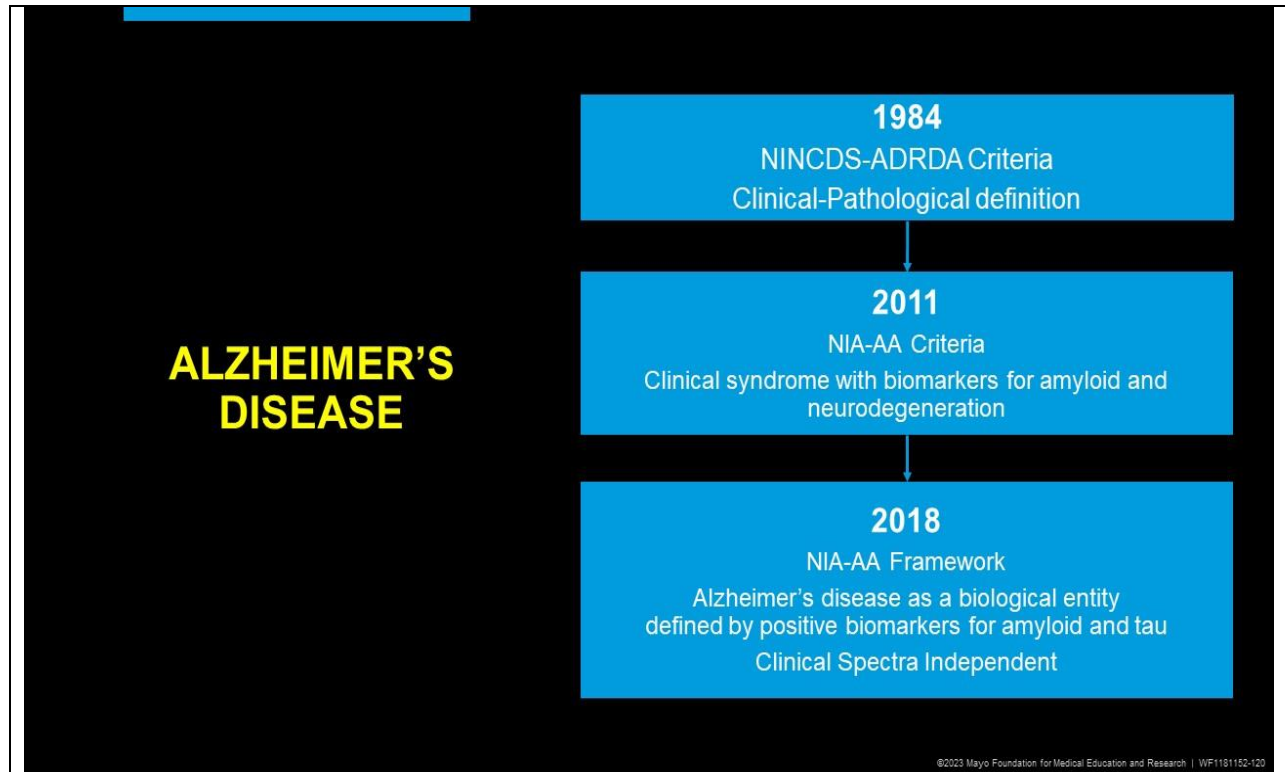
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2018 NIA-AA RESEARCH FRAMEWORK TO INVESTIGATE THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CONTINUUM

- **Biological definition**
- **Term AD refers to pathologic change – not specific syndrome**
- **AD is identified at post mortem by pathologic changes and/or in vivo by biomarkers of amyloid and tau**
 - **Symptoms are part of the disease continuum not its definition**
 - **Major shift in thinking**

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Therapies for Alzheimer's Disease

Symptomatic

Disease modifying

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Disease Modifying Therapies

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AMYLOID LOWERING THERAPIES IN MCI/MILD DEMENTIA

- Aducanumab
- Lecanemab
- Donanemab

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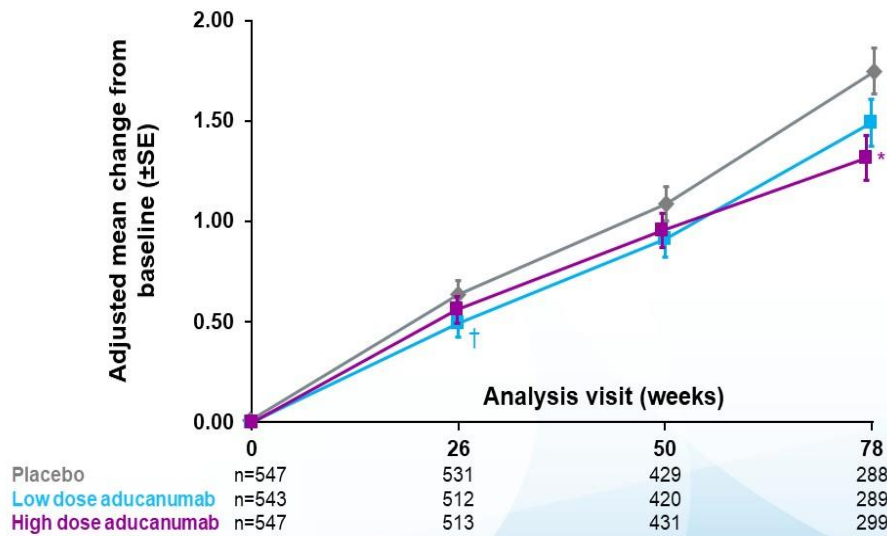
EMERGE: Primary and secondary endpoints from final data set at Week 78

	Placebo decline (n=548)	Difference vs. placebo (%) ^a p-value	
		Low dose (n=543)	High dose (n=547)
CDR-SB	1.74	-0.26 (-15%) 0.0901	-0.39 (-22%) 0.0120
MMSE	-3.3	-0.1 (3%) 0.7578	0.6 (-18%) 0.0493
ADAS-Cog 13	5.162	-0.701 (-14%) 0.1962	-1.400 (-27%) 0.0097
ADCS-ADL-MCI	-4.3	0.7 (-16%) 0.1515	1.7 (-40%) 0.0006

ITT population. ^aDifference vs placebo at Week 78. Negative percentage means less progression in the treated arm.
 ADAS-Cog 13, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cognitive Subscale (13-item); ADCS-ADL-MCI, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-Activities of Daily Living Inventory (mild cognitive impairment version);
 CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating-Sum of Boxes; ITT, intent to treat; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination.

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EMERGE: Longitudinal change from baseline in CDR-SB



ITT population. *p < 0.05, †p < 0.1 and ‡p > 0.05 compared with placebo (nominal). Values at each time point were based on an MMRM model, with change from baseline in CDR-SB as the dependent variable and with fixed effects of treatment group, categorical visit, treatment-by-visit interaction, baseline CDR-SB, baseline CDR-SB by visit interaction, baseline MMSE, Alzheimer's disease symptomatic medication use at baseline, region, and laboratory ApoE ε4 status. ApoE, apolipoprotein E; CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating-Sum of Boxes; ITT, intent to treat; MMRM, mixed model for repeated measure; MMSE, Mini Mental State Examination; SE, standard error.

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ADUCANUMAB

ONE POSITIVE

ONE NEGATIVE

ONE SUGGESTIVE

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LECANEMAB

CLARITY AD

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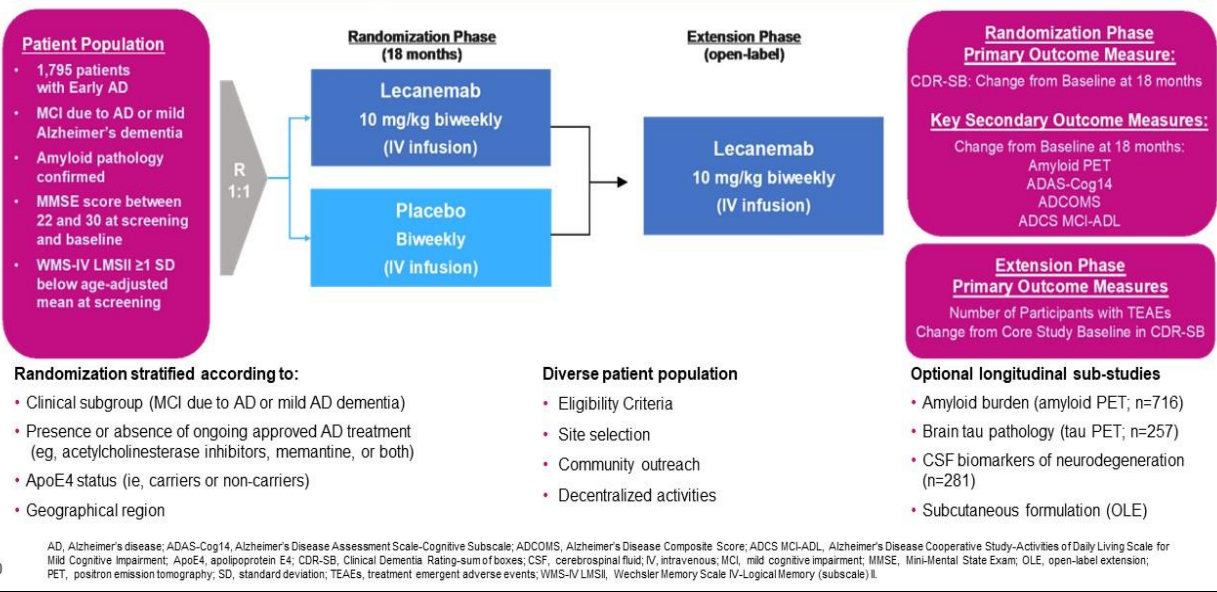
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Trial of Lecanemab in Early Alzheimer's Disease

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Clarity AD Study Design

Clarity AD is a global, placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel-group, randomized study



Clarity AD: Topline Efficacy Endpoints

Primary Endpoint

- Change from baseline at 18 months in CDR-SB

Key Secondary Endpoints

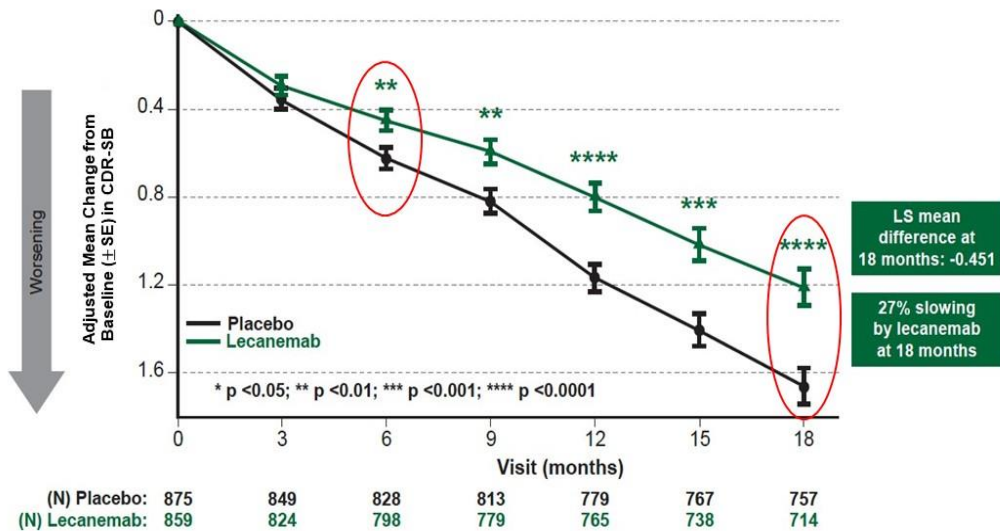
Key secondary endpoints include change from baseline at 18 months in:

- Amyloid PET
- ADAS-Cog14
- ADCOMS
- ADCS MCI-ADL

23 ADAS-Cog14, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-cognitive subscale; ADCOMS, Alzheimer's Disease Composite Score; ADCS ADL-MCI: Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study/Activities of Daily Living scale adapted for mild cognitive impairment (MCI) subjects; CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating, sum of boxes; PET: positron emission tomography.

Clarity AD Primary Endpoint: CDR-SB

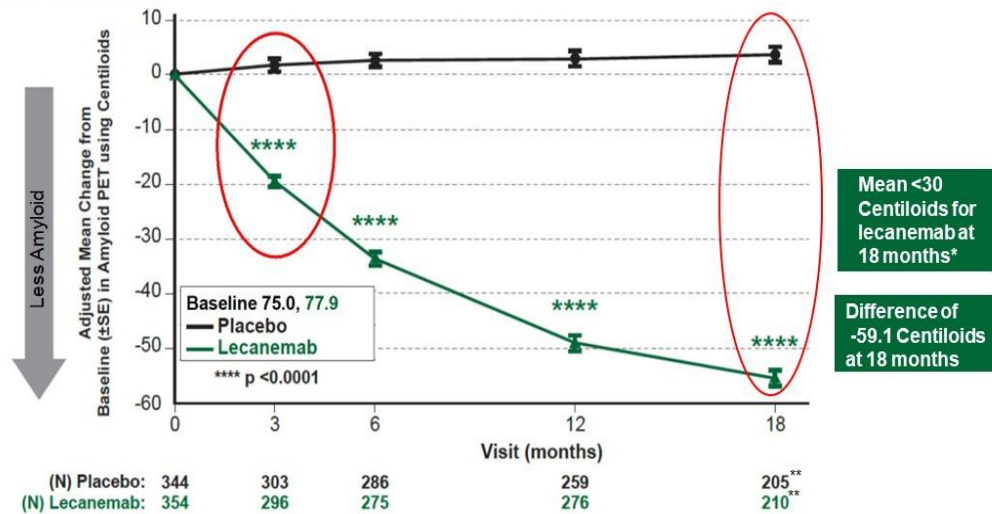
Lecanemab Significantly Slowed Disease Progression on CDR-SB by 27% at 18 Months and at All Time Points Beginning at 6 Months



25 Note: Based on modified intention-to-treat analysis population. Adjusted mean change from baseline, SE and p-value are derived using mixed model repeat measures (MMRM) with treatment group, visit, treatment group by visit interaction, clinical subgroup, use of Alzheimer's disease symptomatic medication at baseline, ApoE4 carrier status, region, baseline value by visit interaction as fixed effects, and baseline value as covariate. CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating, sum of boxes; LS, Least squares; SE, standard error.

Amyloid PET:

Lecanemab Significantly Reduced Fibrillar Amyloid Burden at All Time Points Beginning at 3 Months



*After 18 months of treatment, the average amyloid level was 23 Centiloids in the lecanemab treatment group in the amyloid PET substudy, which is below the threshold for amyloid positivity of approximately 30 Centiloids above which participants are considered to have elevated brain amyloid.

** 73 subjects were not included at 18 months (per Statistical analysis plan) since their PET assessments were performed after receiving lecanemab in the extension phase.

26 Note: Based on pharmacodynamic analysis population (amyloid PET substudy population). Adjusted mean change from baseline, standard error (SE) and p-value are derived using mixed model repeat measures (MMRM) with treatment group, visit, treatment group by visit interaction, clinical subgroup, use of Alzheimer's disease symptomatic medication at baseline, ApoE4 carrier status, region, baseline value by visit interaction as fixed effects, and baseline value as covariate. PET, positron emission tomography; SE, standard error.

Most Common Adverse Events

Adverse Events Of Special Interest (Pooled preferred terms [PTs])	Placebo (n=897) %	Lecanemab (n=898) %
Infusion-related reaction	7.4	26.4
ARIA-E	1.7	12.6
ARIA-H (pooled PTs)	9.0	17.3
Isolated ARIA-H (pooled PTs)	7.8	8.9

Other Adverse Events >5%	Placebo (n=897) %	Lecanemab (n=898) %
Headache	8.1	11.1
Fall	9.6	10.4
Urinary tract infection	9.1	8.7
COVID-19	6.7	7.1
Back pain	5.8	6.7
Arthralgia	6.9	5.9
Dizziness	5.1	5.5
Diarrhea	6.5	5.3
Anxiety	4.2	5.0

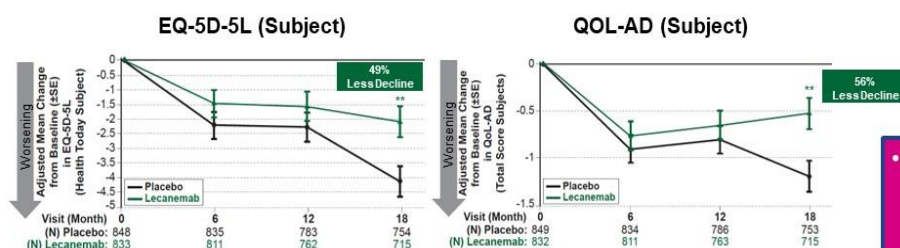
- There were no significant trends in mean changes over time or shifts from baseline for any of the laboratory, ECG or vital sign parameters and no notable differences between groups

ARIA-E, amyloid related imaging abnormalities - edema; ARIA-H, ARIA-H, ARIA with hemosiderin deposits; COVID-19, coronavirus disease of 2019, ECG, electrocardiogram.

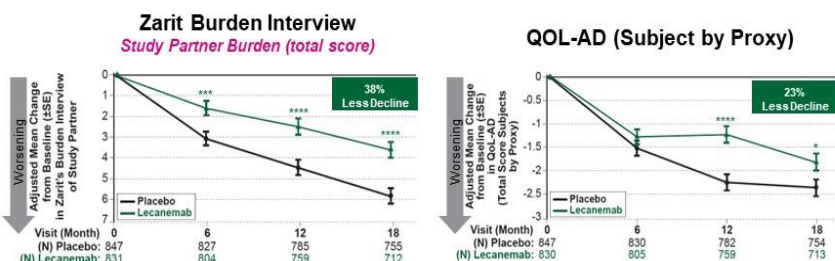
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Health-Related Quality of Life Measures

Slowing of Health Decline with Lecanemab on Subject and Study Partner Burden



• Consistent benefits seen in quality of life and caregiver burden across different scales



- EQ-5D-5L: European Quality of Life-5 Dimensions (5 Level version). The descriptive system covers 5 dimensions of health (mobility, self-care, usual activities, pain or discomfort, and anxiety or depression) with 5 levels of severity in each dimension (no problems, slight problems, moderate problems, severe problems, and unable to perform or extreme problems). The score being presented is the VAS: Health Today (Visual Analog Scale subtotal).
- QOL-AD: Quality of Life in Alzheimer's Disease: A 13-item questionnaire designed to provide both a patient and a caregiver report of the quality of life (QOL) for patients who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease
- Zarit Burden Interview: The 22-item instrument used in dementia caregiving research used to assess the stresses experienced by study partners of subjects with dementia. SE, standard error.

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* P<0.05; ** P<0.01; *** P<0.001; **** P<0.0001

CLARITY AD TOPLINE RESULTS

- N = 1795
- MCI and mild dementia due to AD
- 18 month study
- 27% slowing
- CDR-SB change of -0.45 SB relative to placebo
- Secondary measures: PET, ADAS-Cog 14, ADCOMS, ADCS-ADL significant
- ARIA E: 12.5% (2.8%) vs 1.7% (0.0%)
- ARIA H: 17% (0.7%) vs 8.7% (0.2%)

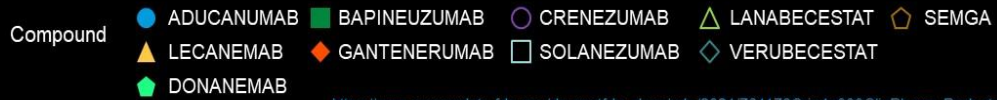
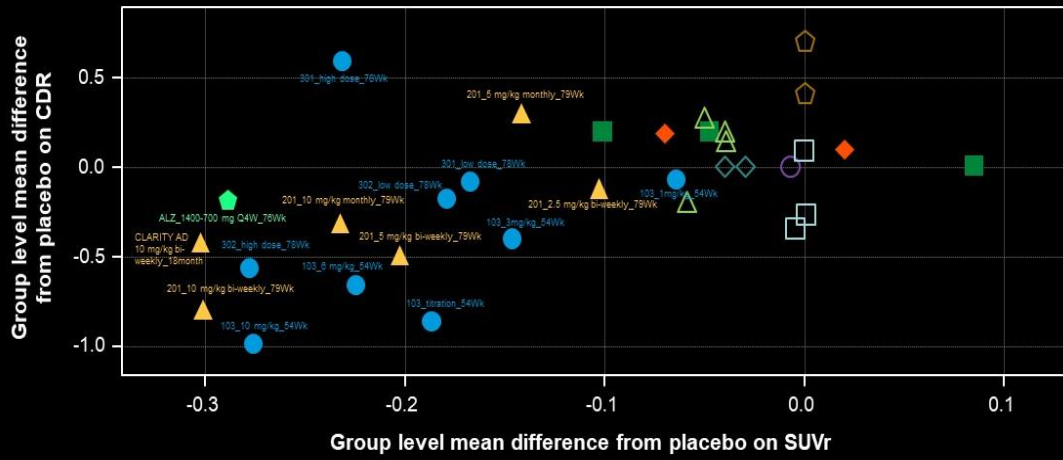
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TRAILBLAZER-ALZ 2 TOPLINE RESULTS

- N = 1736
- MCI and mild dementia due to AD
- 18 month study
- Two levels of tau PET (intermediate and high)
- 40% slowing in intermediate; 23% combined
- Secondary measures: CDR-SB, ADCS iADL, ADAS Cog, significant
- 72% reduced to negative amyloid levels at 18 mo
- ARIA E: 24.0% (6.1%)
- ARIA H: 31.4% vs 13.6%

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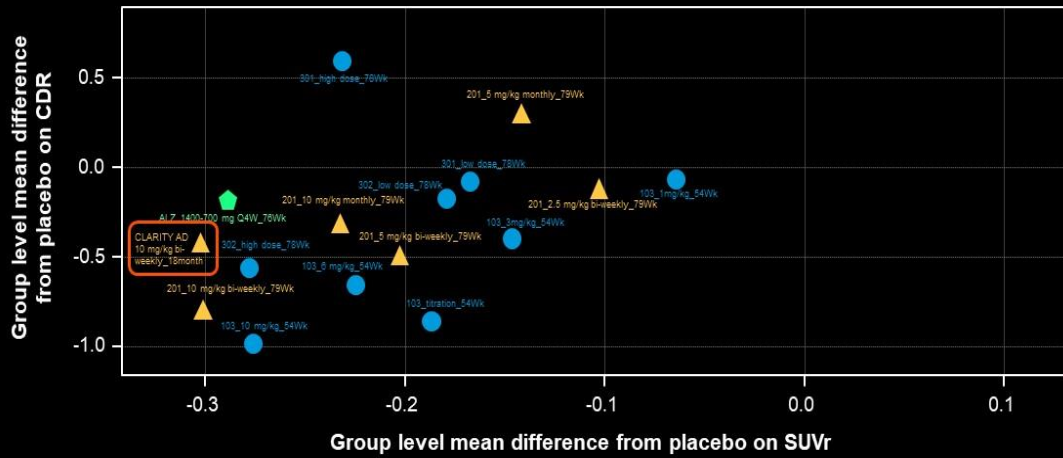
Mean Difference from Placebo in SUVr and CDR-SB



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**WHAT ARE REASONABLE CLINICAL
EXPECTATIONS OF INTERVENTIONS WITH
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PERSPECTIVE

Expectations and clinical meaningfulness of randomized controlled trials

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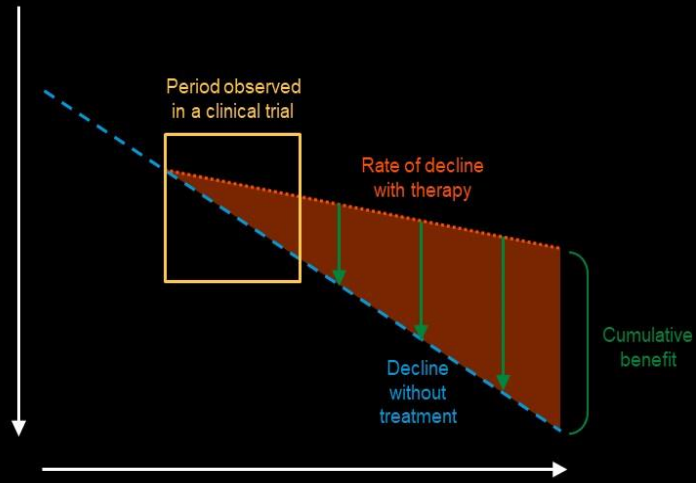
Abstract

Alzheimer's disease (AD) clinical trials are designed and powered to detect the impact of a therapeutic intervention, and there has been considerable discussion on what constitutes a clinically meaningful change in those receiving treatment versus placebo. The pathology of AD is complex, beginning many years before clinical symptoms are detectable, with multiple potential opportunities for therapeutic engagement. Introducing treatment strategies early in the disease and assessing meaningful change over the course of an 18-month clinical trial are critical to understanding the value to an effective intervention. With new clinical trial data expected soon on emerging therapeutics from several AD studies, the Alzheimer's Association convened a work group of experts to discuss key considerations for interpreting data from cognitive and

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS AND MEANINGFULNESS

- Temporal evolution of pathophysiology
- Length of RCT
- Cumulative benefit over time
- Meaningfulness of clinical benefit
- Multiple pathologies active

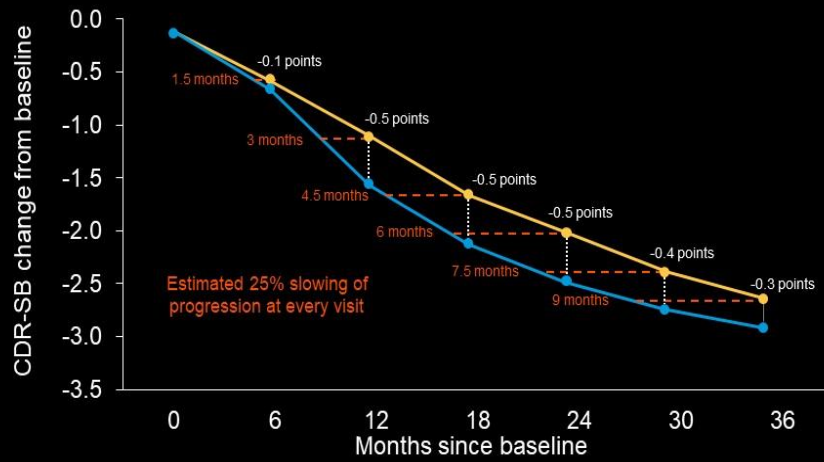
CUMULATIVE BENEFIT OVER TIME FROM A DMT



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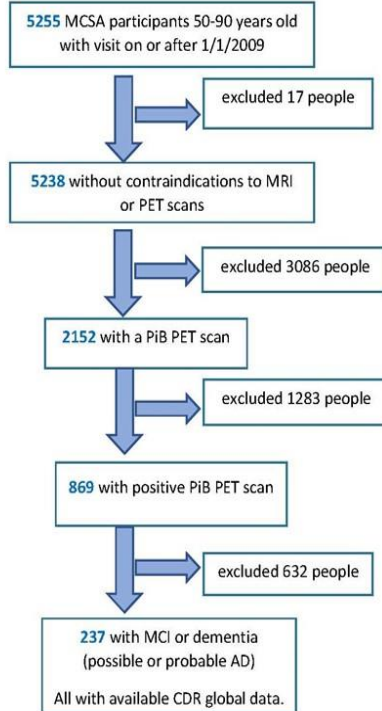
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Mayo Clinic Study of Aging

Population-based study of 6000+
(3000 active) persons without
dementia ages 30-89 years in
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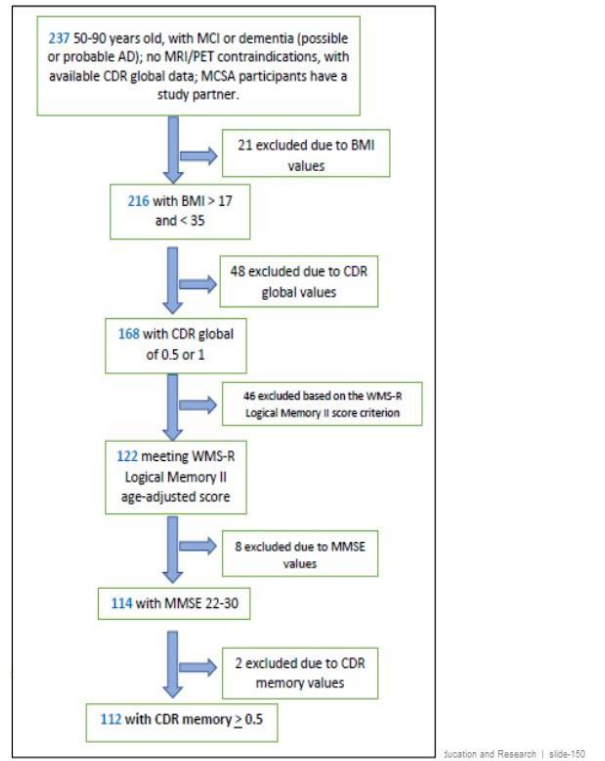
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Selection of the study sample.



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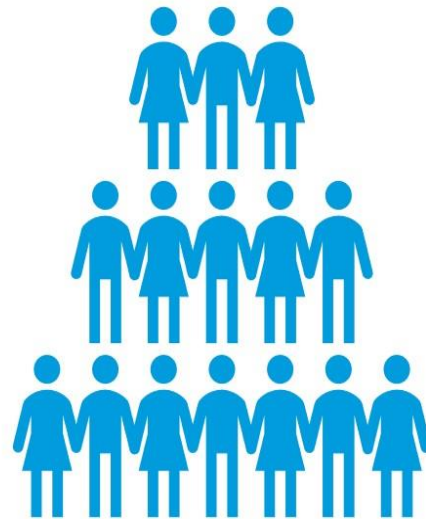
Inclusion criteria used in present study for lecanemab



CONCLUSION

Modifying the inclusion criteria to include all participants with MCI (instead of applying additional cognitive criteria) **increased the fraction** of potentially eligible participants from **8% to 17.4%**.

Implication: Many fewer people will actually be eligible for treatment than suspected





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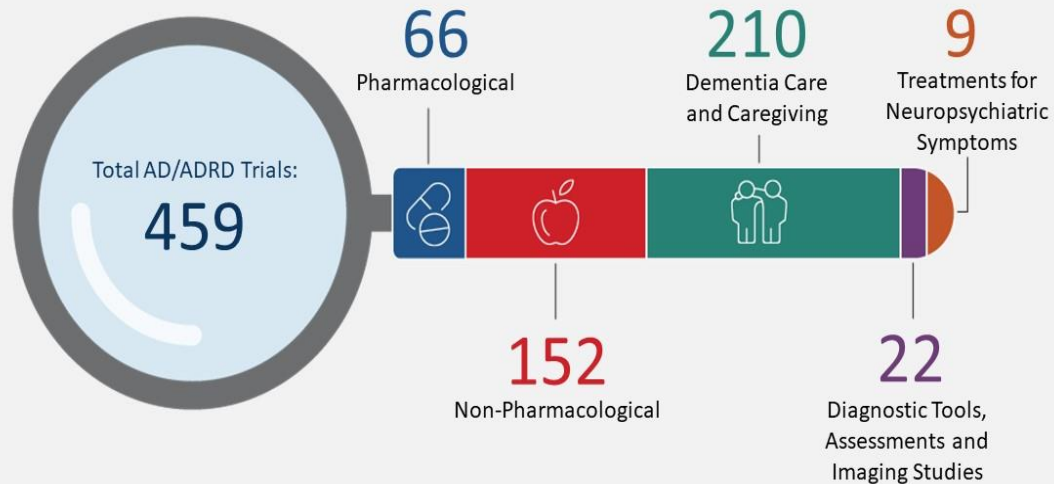
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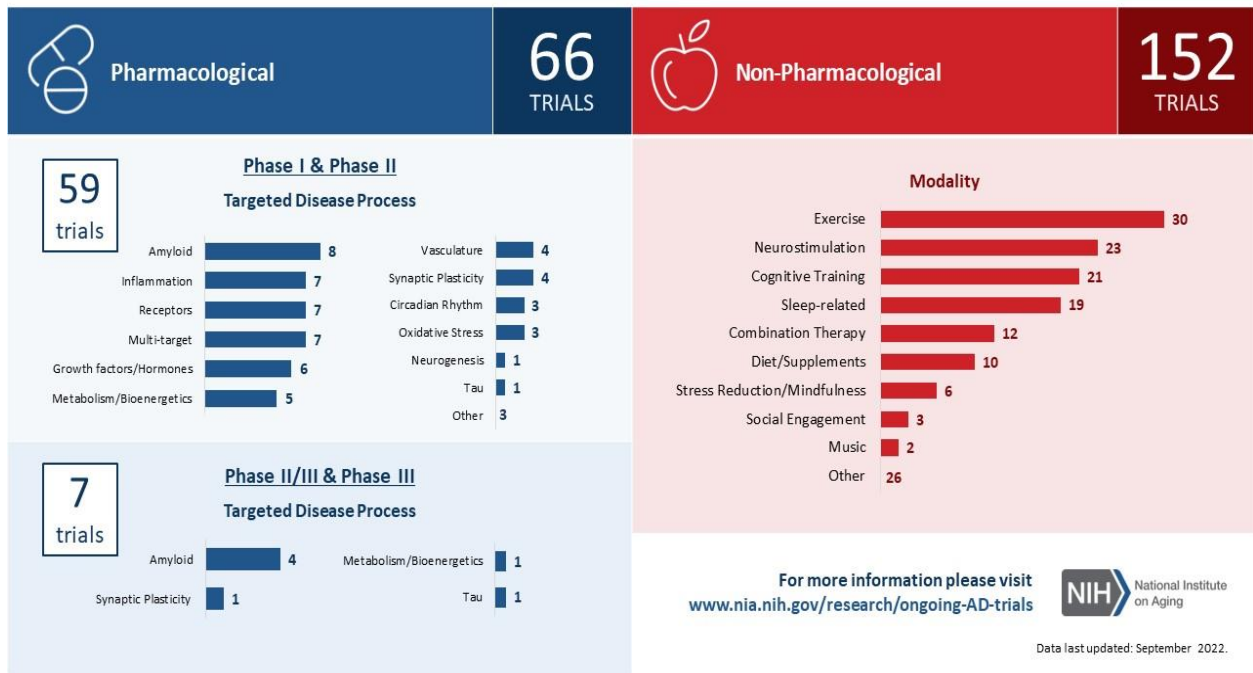
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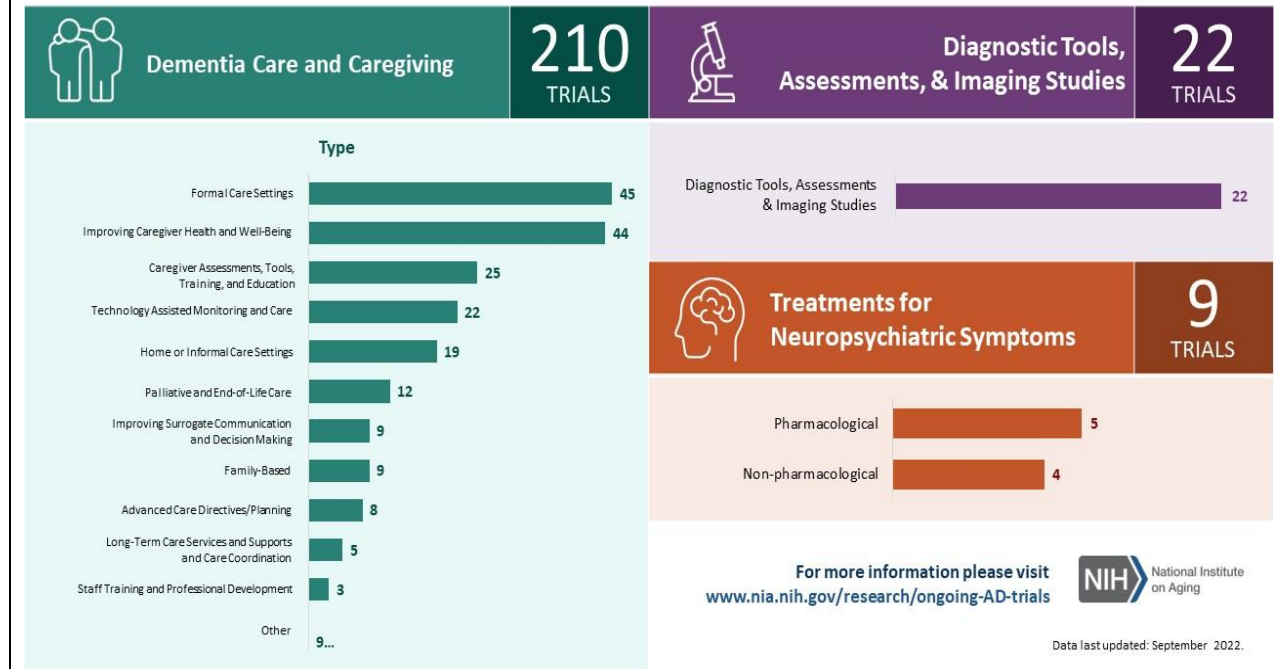
Total Active NIA AD/ADRD Clinical Trials



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Are We There?

Amyloid is one of the defining features of AD

3 monoclonal antibody trials positive for lowering amyloid

Effects are consistent and clinically meaningful

**FDA has given accelerated approval to two drugs
Full approval of one pending**

CMS is deciding on coverage

Considering where we were in 2011, significant progress

But more needs to be done

Dementia including ADRD prevalence world-wide estimated at 55M



Residual Issues

Who should administer these therapies initially?
Specialists, generalists, PCP's?
Screening: blood, PET, CSF?

Implications of a CED for coverage
Might it increase disparities?
Will it reduce access?
Will its administrative requirements discriminate?

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