



## Il Sistema Venoso Cerebrale Extracranico: un potenziale contributore alla neurodegenerazione?

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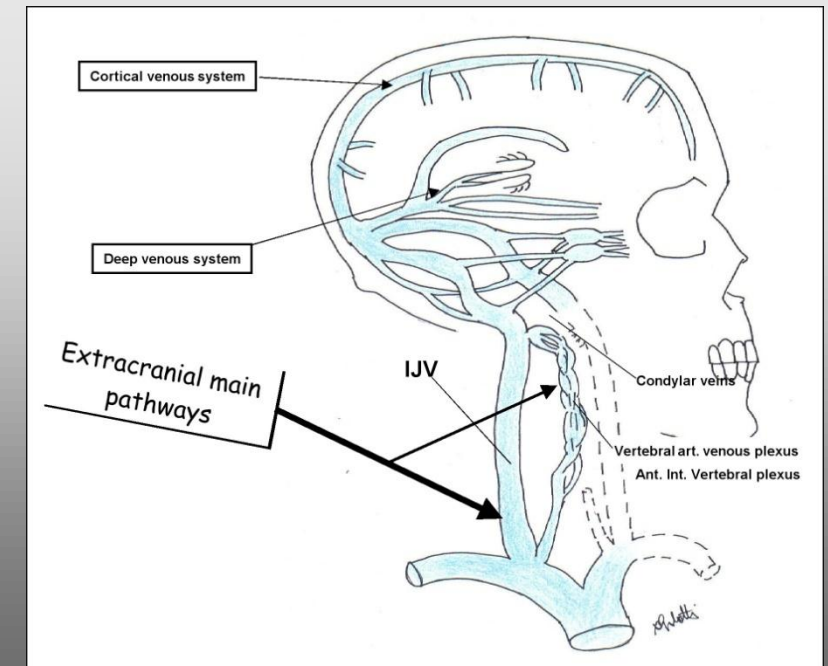
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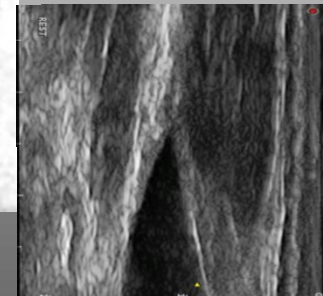
## GUIDELINES

### Diagnosis and Treatment of Venous Malformations Consensus Document of the International Union of Phlebology (IUP): updated 2013

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#### Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency by Truncular VM

Truncular VMs are the result of the developmental defects of vascular trunk formation during the later stage of embryogenesis, Truncular VMs are subdivided into obstruction (intraluminal defects, segmental aplasia or hypoplasia), and dilation (aneurysms).<sup>1, 30, 31</sup> Obstructive lesions can be respectively subdivided in intraluminal obstacles (septa, webs, membranes, fixed and rudimental valves) and in wall stenosis (hypoplasia, agenesis).<sup>1, 30, 31</sup>



# PRIMARY VENOUS OSTRUCTION INTRALUMINAL OBSTACLES

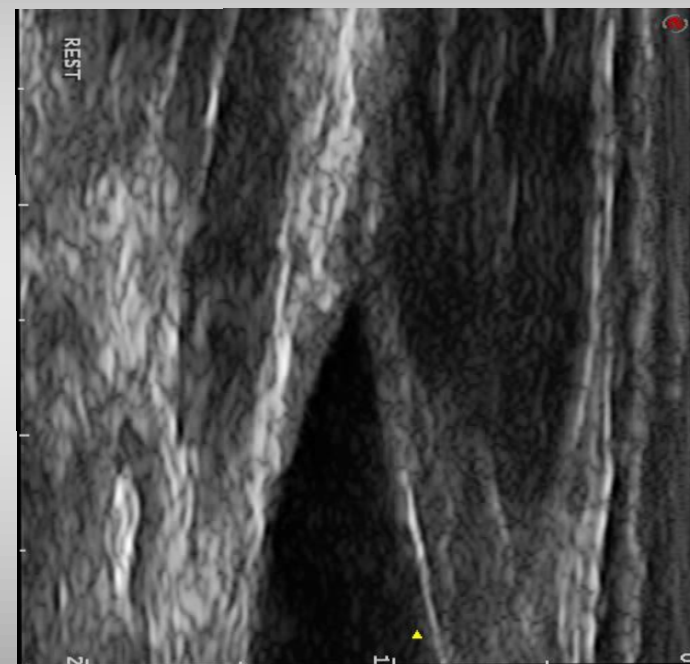
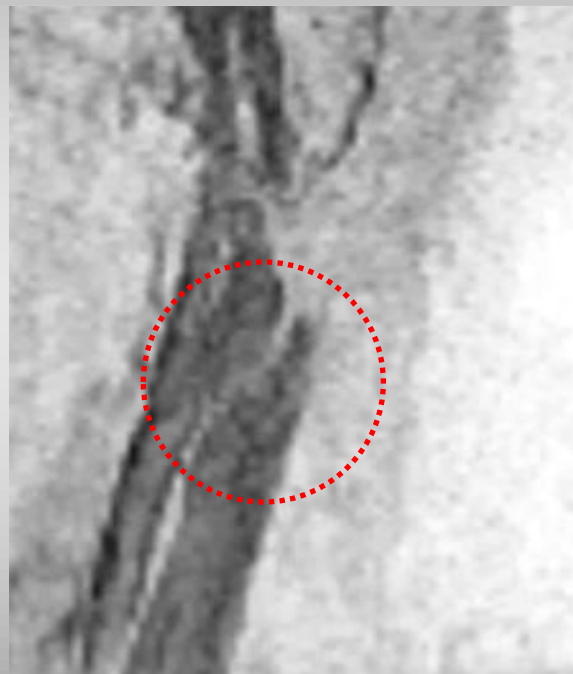




PRIMARY

# VENOUS OBSTRUCTION

Muscular entrapment-external compression

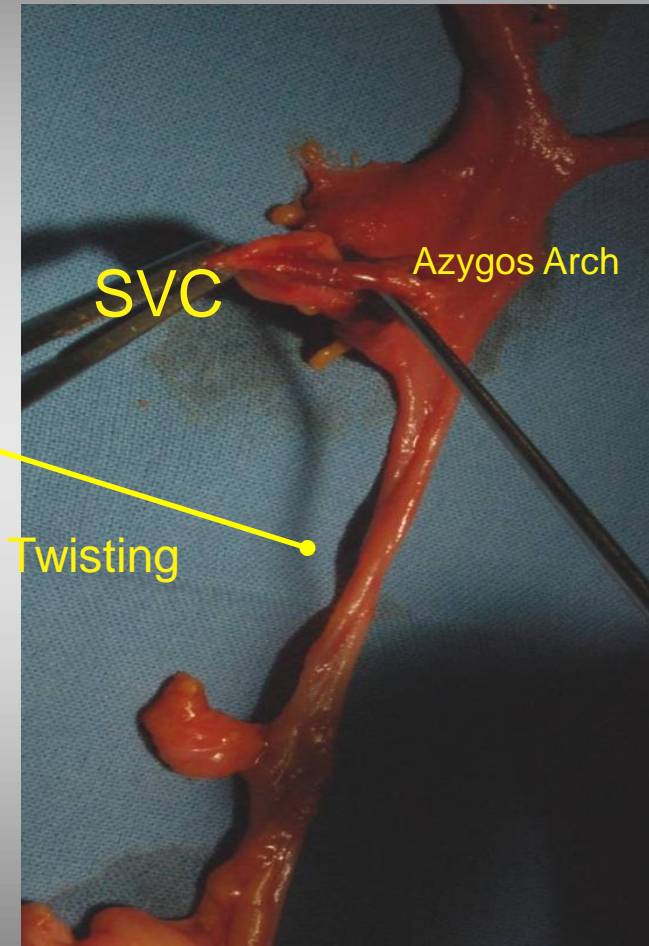
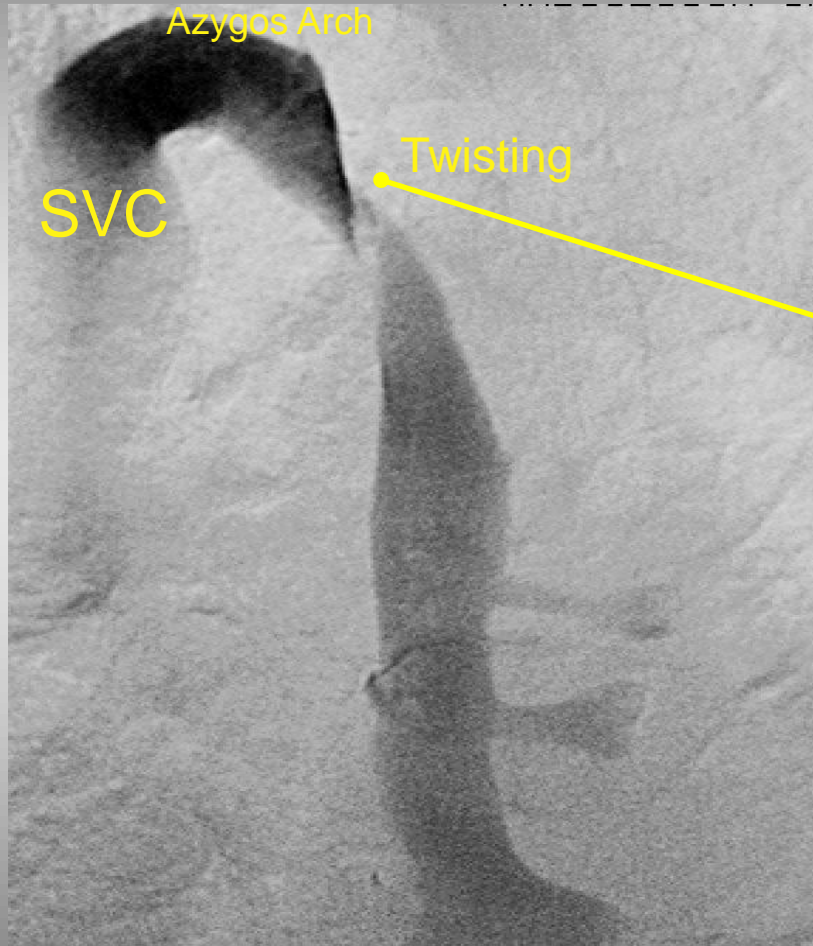


Multimodality imaging techniques comparison

# REAL TIME ULTRASOUND AT 1 REST 2 BITE 3 YAWN



# WALL STENOSIS TWISTING



# Cosa è stato misurato?

- Ritardato svuotamento attraverso gli assi principali venosi
- Aumento del flusso attraverso le vene collaterali
- Outflow cerebrale con incrementata resistenza idraulica
- Ridotto flusso in uscita dal cranio in favore di gravità e stasi nei vasi del collo

Veroux *JVIR* 2013  
Monti *Am J Neurorad* 2014  
Mancini *PLOS one* 2014

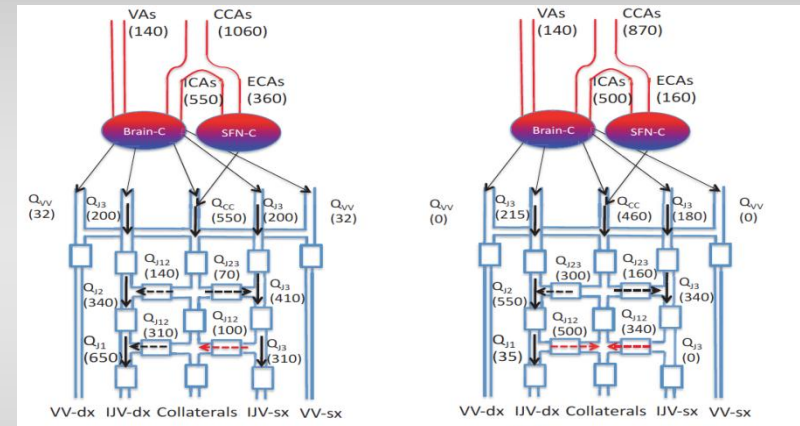
Feng *Neurol Res* 2012  
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Beggs *Phlebology* 2013

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HEALTHY CONTROL

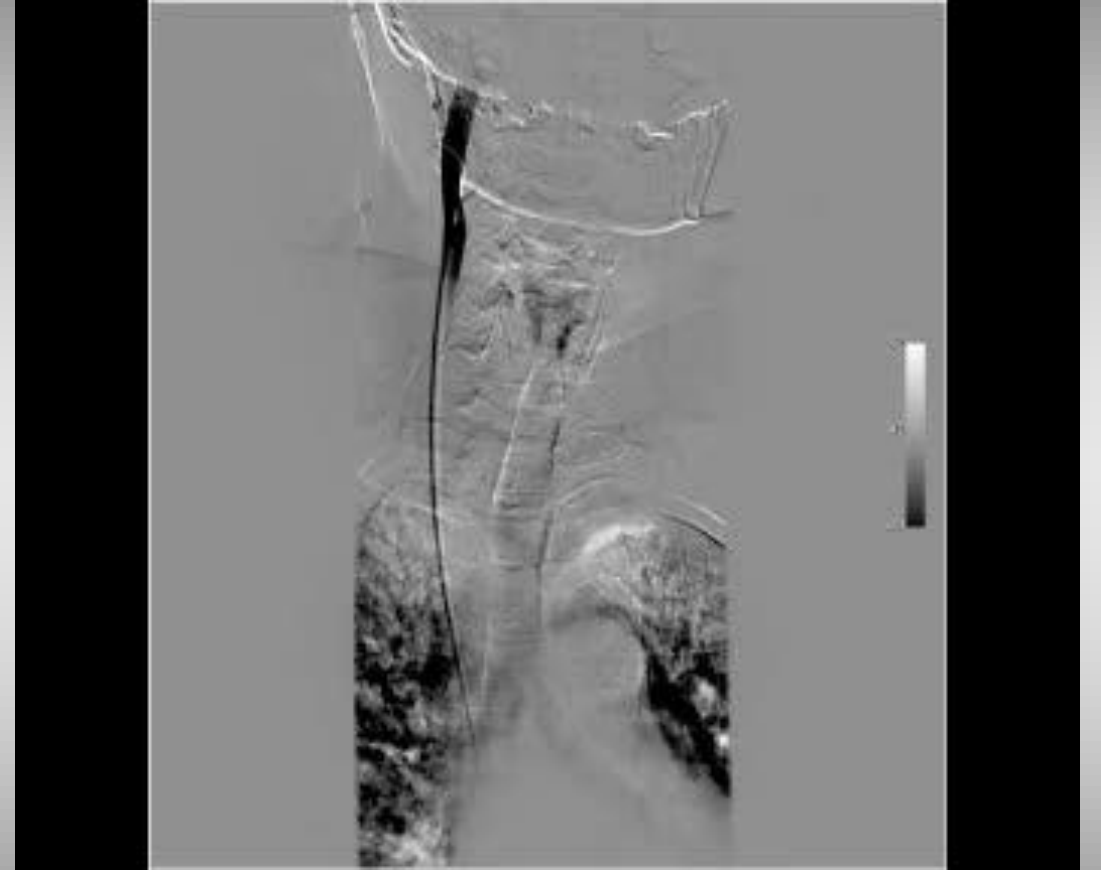
CCSVI



> 85% Total Inflow

$p < 0.001$

< 50% Total Inflow





# Patologie venose extracraniche e neurodegenerazione

- AD and brain aging
- Parkinson
- Meniere
- Normotensive hydrocephalus
- SM

Chung et al *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2014  
Lanzillo et al *BMC Neurol.* 2013

Liu et al *J Vasc Surg* 2014

Filipo et al *Eur Arch Otorhinolaryngol.* 2013  
Di Berardino et al *Phlebology.* 2014

Beggs et al *BMC Med.* 2013

Zamboni et al *J Neur Neurosurg Psichiatry* 2009  
Zivadinov et al *Neurology* 2010



# Sono note conseguenze fisiopatologiche?

• Riduzione della portata e della velocità del flusso liquorale

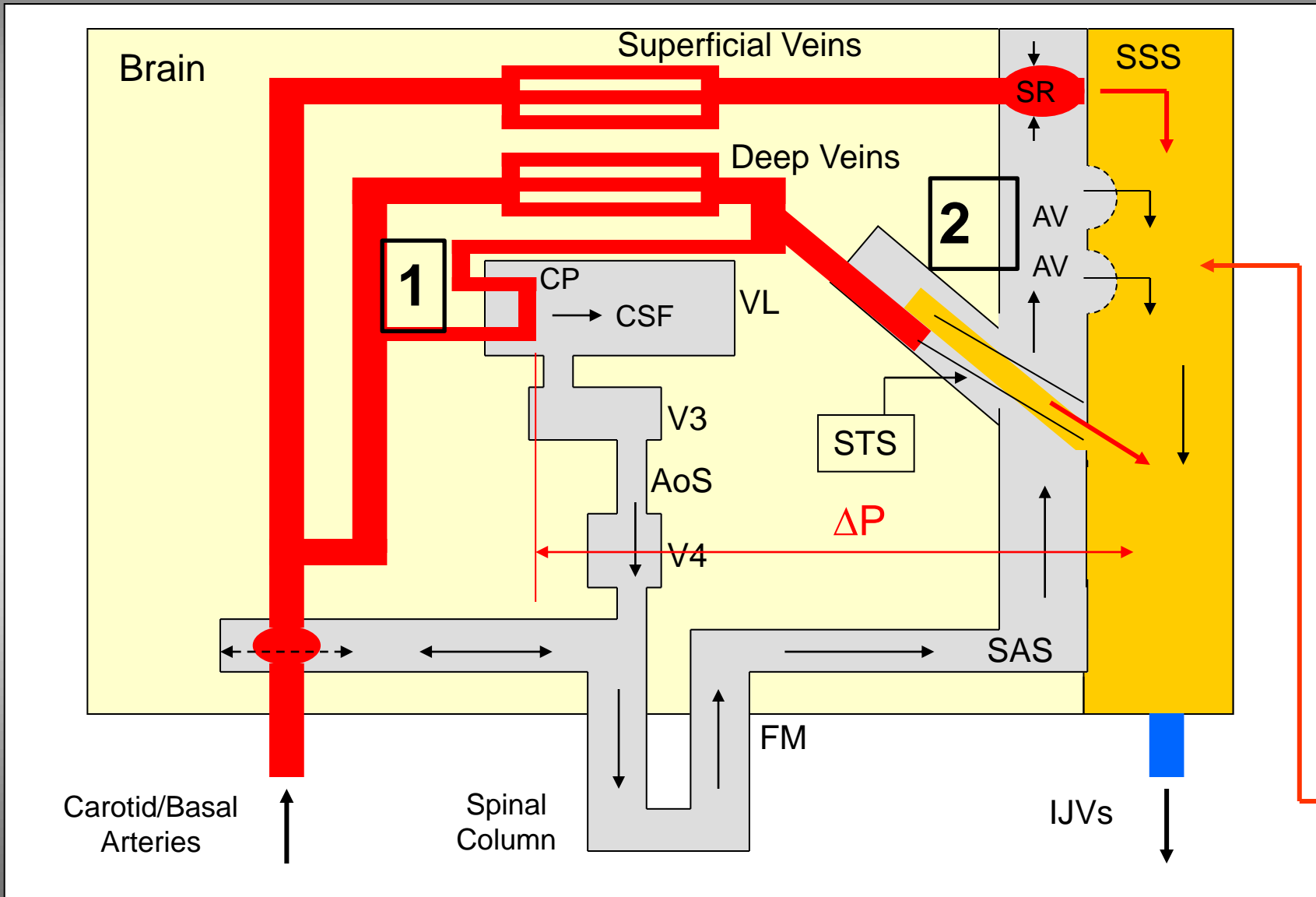
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Zivadinov *JVIR* 2013  
Magnano *J Magn Reson Imaging* 2012

• Ridotta perfusione cerebrale

Zamboni *BMC Medicine* 2011  
D'haeseleer *Lancet Neurol* 2011  
Utriainen *Neurol Res* 2012  
Garaci *Radiology* 2012  
Guttmann *J Neuroimaging* 2012  
Zivadinov *BMC Neurology* 2011



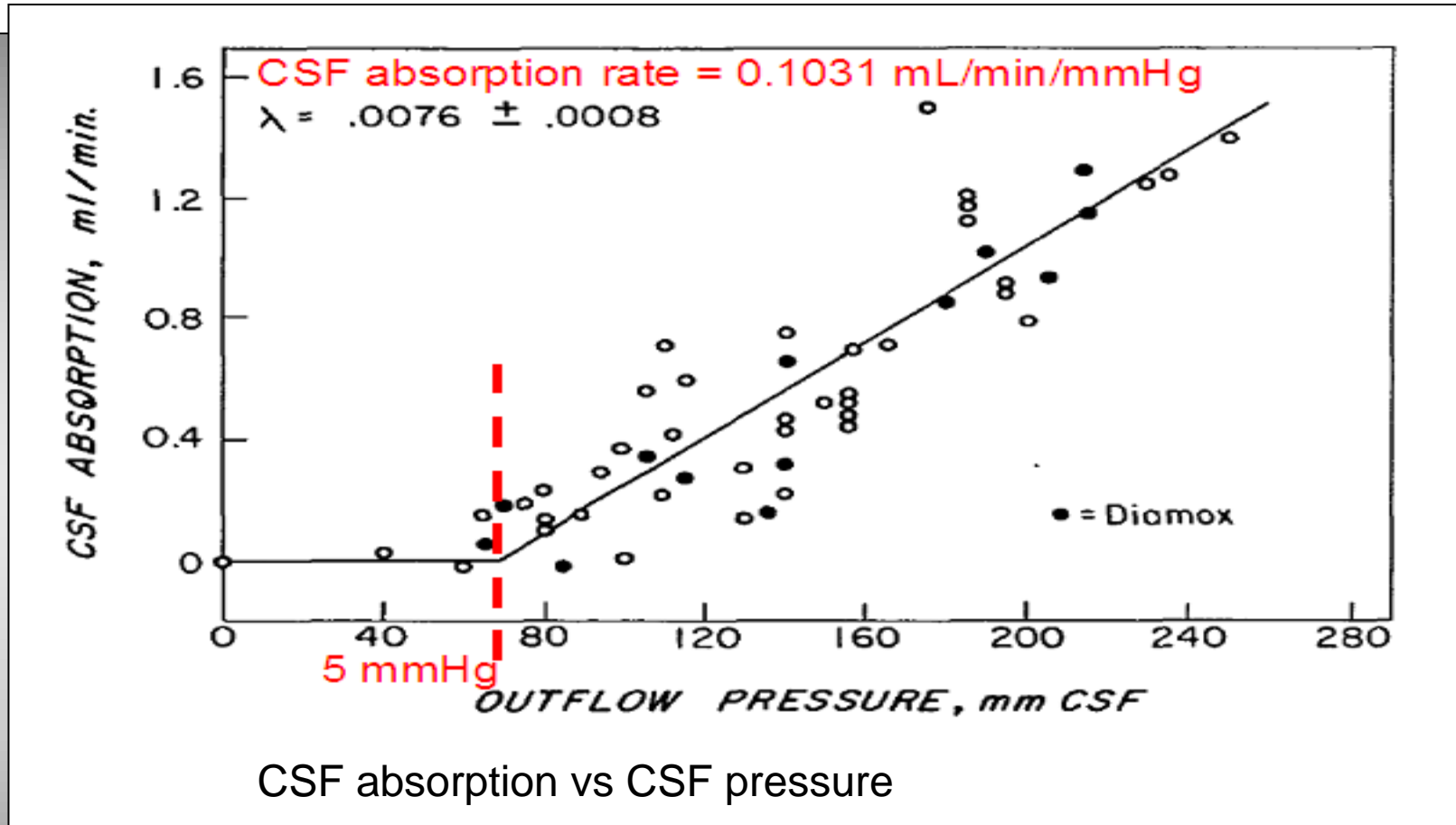
# CSF Bulk Flow



- Legend**
- AV Arachnoid villi
  - AoS Aqueduct of Sylvius
  - CP Choroid plexus
  - CSF Cerebrospinal fluid
  - FM Foramen magnum
  - IJV Internal jugular vein
  - SAS Sub-arachnoid space
  - SR Starling resistor
  - SSS Superior sagittal sinus
  - STS Straight sinus
  - VL Lateral ventricle
  - V3 Third ventricle
  - V4 Fourth ventricle

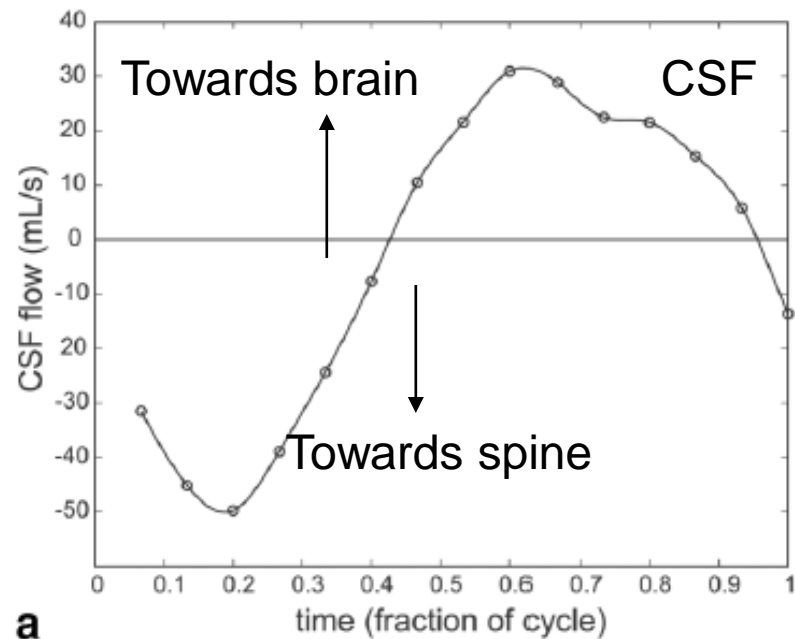
Venous hypertension here will tend to inhibit absorption of CSF by the SSS.

# CSF Absorption into SSS

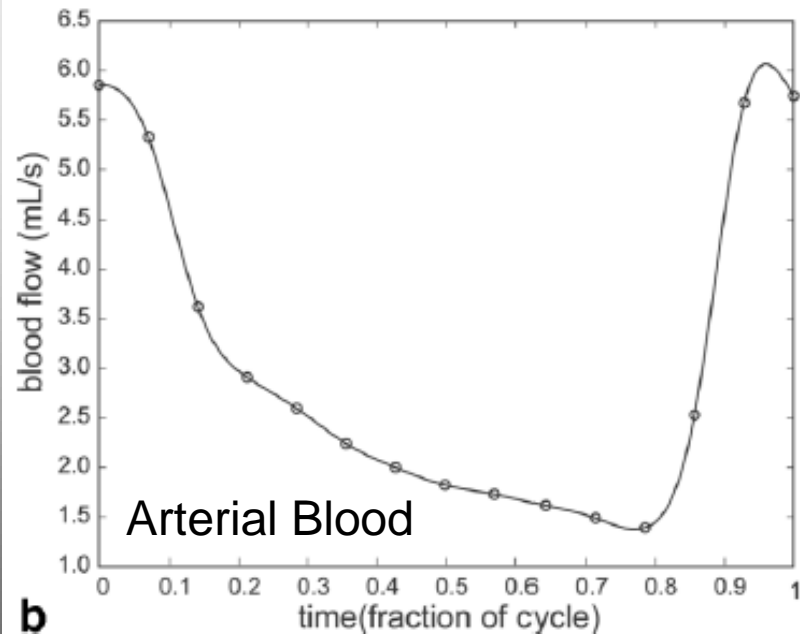


- CSF absorption is driven by pressure difference between SAS and SSS at a rate of approximately 0.1031 mL/min/mmHg.
- Minimum of 5 mmHg CSF pressure required to permit CSF absorption through the arachnoid villi into the superior sagittal sinus.

## CSF Flow in Aqueduct of Sylvius calculation by advanced MRI in normal and CCSVI conditions



a



b

In CCSVI associated to MS during diastole, the retrograde flow of CSF back towards the third ventricle was approximately twice ( i.e.  $37.13 \text{ mm}^3/\text{beat}$ ) that of healthy controls ( i.e.  $19.30 \text{ mm}^3/\text{beat}$ ) .  
By comparison, during systole the displacement in the opposite direction was about the same for both cohorts ( i.e. approx.  $32 \text{ mm}^3/\text{beat}$ )

Source: Zamboni P, et al. *Funct N.eur* 2009; 24; 107-112  
Naish JH, et al. *Magn Reson Med*. 2006; 56; 509-516.

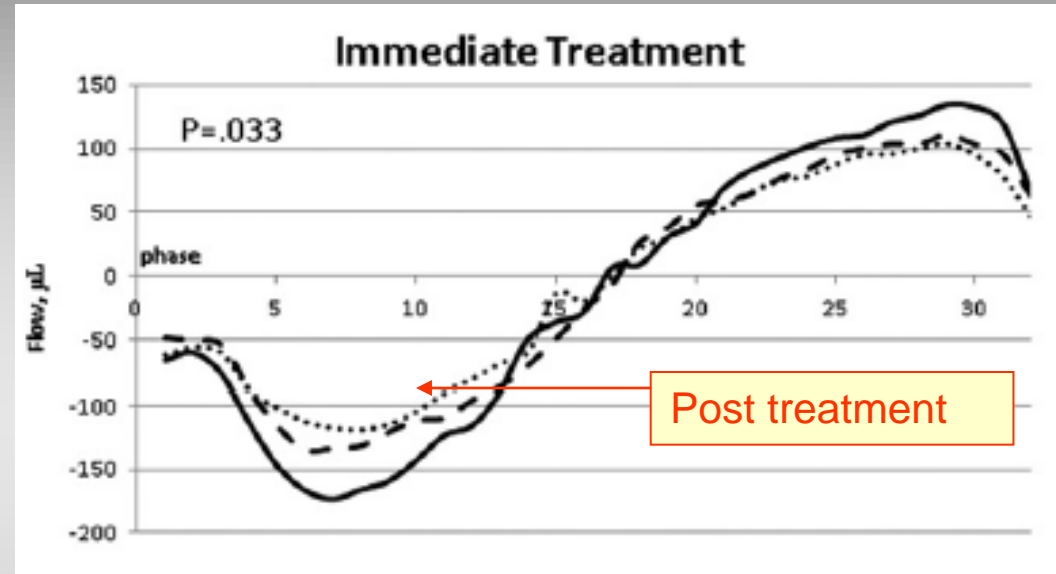
# Physical correlation between CSF flow and SSS venous pressure

Cerebrospinal Fluid Flow and Velocity Differences Between the Study Groups

CSF parameter	HC (n=35)	MS (n=67)	P value
Net flow ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{beat}$ )	$-7.1 \pm 5.5$	$-3.7 \pm 9.4$	0.005
Net negative flow ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{beat}$ )	$-30.5 \pm 19.2$	$-37.8 \pm 22.8$	0.11
Net positive flow ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{beat}$ )	$23.5 \pm 16.5$	$34.1 \pm 20.0$	0.004
Peak negative velocity (cm/s)	$-8.5 \pm 3.5$	$-9.4 \pm 3.8$	0.22
Peak positive velocity (cm/s)	$6.6 \pm 3.6$	$7.3 \pm 2.6$	0.04
Average short axis length (mm)	$1.6 \pm 0.3$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	0.06

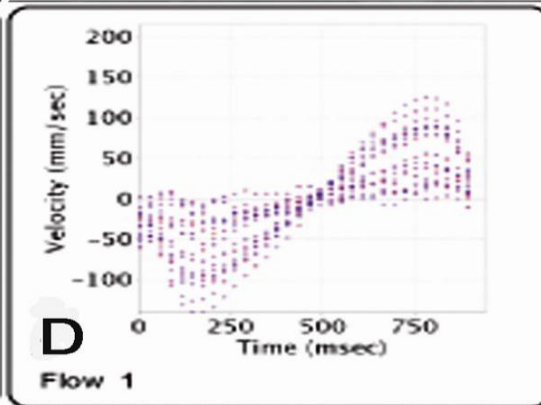
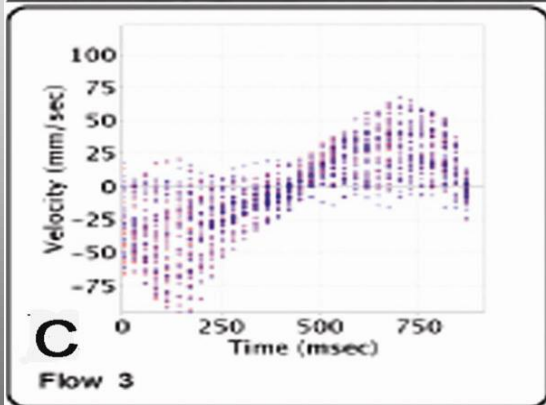
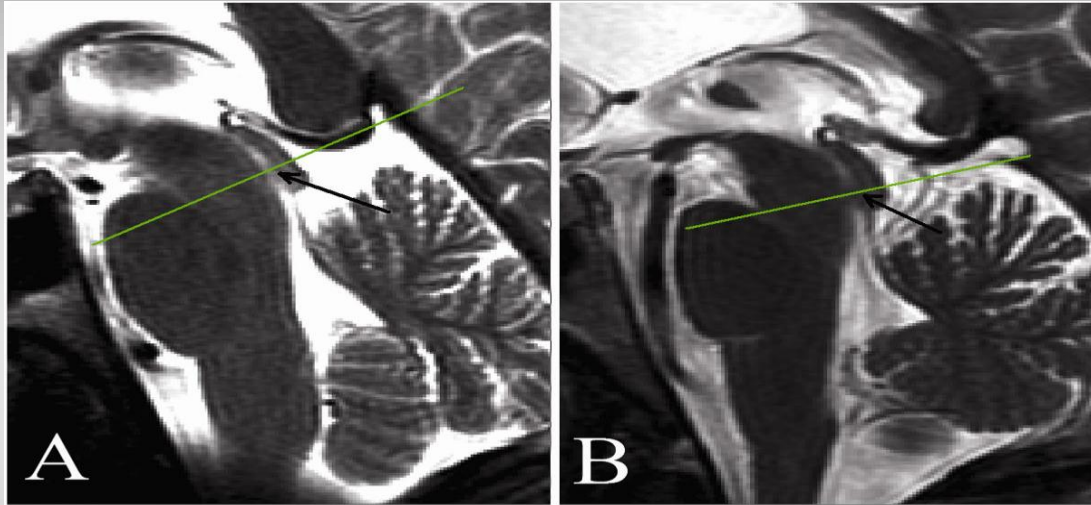
- Magnano et al found CSF absorption to be reduced in CCSVI and MS patients by approx. 3.4  $\text{mm}^3/\text{beat}$ .
- This equates to a mean reduction in the SAS-SSS pressure difference of about 2.3 mmHg.
- Magnano et al found aqueductal CSF net positive flow (i.e. towards the brain) to be 45.1% greater in CCSVI and MS patients compared with controls ( $p = 0.004$ ).

# Venous Angioplasty (temporary improvement of the CCSVI condition) and CSF Pulsatility



Zivadinov et al showed that the intervention of venous angioplasty in CCSVI positive MS patients, had a normalizing effect on CSF pulsatility. In control cases over 6 months no CSF flow variation were assessed. This reinforces the opinion that MS is characterised by mild venous hypertension.

# CASE CONTROL WITH BLINDED OUTCOME MEASURE



**MR-T2 LESION VOLUME** : Fup 6m reduced MR T2 lesion volume in treated vs non treated  $p < .08$  (*EJEVS 2012*)  
**CSF FLOW DYNAMICS**: At month 6, significant improvement in CSF flow ( $p < 0.001$ ) and velocity ( $p = 0.013$ ) was detected in the treated group vs not treated group (*JVIR 2013*)



# RESTRICTED VENOUS OUTFLOW AND REDUCED REABSORPTION OF CEREBRO SPINAL FLUID: A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE?

J Magn Reson Imaging. 2012 Oct;36(4):825-34. doi: 10.1002/jmri.23730. Epub 2012 Jun 25.

## **Cine cerebrospinal fluid imaging in multiple sclerosis.**

- Altered CSF flow and velocity measures were associated with more severe T1 and T2 lesion volumes, ( $P < 0.01$  for all).
- In CIS patients, conversion to clinically definite MS in the following year was related to decreased CSF net flow ( $P = 0.007$ ).
- Slow CSF flow is also linked with neurodegeneration in Alzheimer disease and in normotensive hydrocephalus

1: Daouk J, et al Relationship between cerebrospinal fluid flow, ventricles morphology, and DTI properties in internal capsules: differences between Alzheimer's disease and normal-pressure hydrocephalus. *Acta Radiol.* 2013 Oct 17. [Epub ahead of print]

2: Hosseinzadeh S, et al. Elevated CSF and plasma microparticles in a rat model of streptozotocin-induced cognitive impairment. *Behav Brain Res.* 2013 1;256:503-11.

3: Erickson MA, et al. Lipopolysaccharide impairs amyloid  $\text{A}\beta$  efflux from brain: altered vascular sequestration, cerebrospinal fluid reabsorption, peripheral clearance and transporter function at the blood-brain barrier. *J Neuroinflammation.* 2012;29;9:150.

4: Stomrud E, et al. CSF biomarkers correlate with cerebral blood flow on SPECT in healthy elderly. *Dement Geriatr Cogn Disord.* 2012;33(2-3):156-63.

5: Santos AN, et al. Amyloid- $\text{A}\beta$  oligomers in cerebrospinal fluid are associated with cognitive decline in patients with Alzheimer's disease. *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2012;29(1):171-6.

6: Banks WA, et al. Impairments in brain-to-blood transport of amyloid- $\text{A}\beta$  and reabsorption of cerebrospinal fluid in an animal model of Alzheimer's disease are reversed by antisense directed against amyloid- $\text{A}\beta$  protein precursor. *J Alzheimers Dis.* 2011;23(4):599-605.

*Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* 39 (2014) 601–609  
DOI 10.3233/JAD-131112  
IOS Press

# Jugular Venous Reflux and White Matter Abnormalities in Alzheimer's Disease: A Pilot Study

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**Jugular venous reflux**

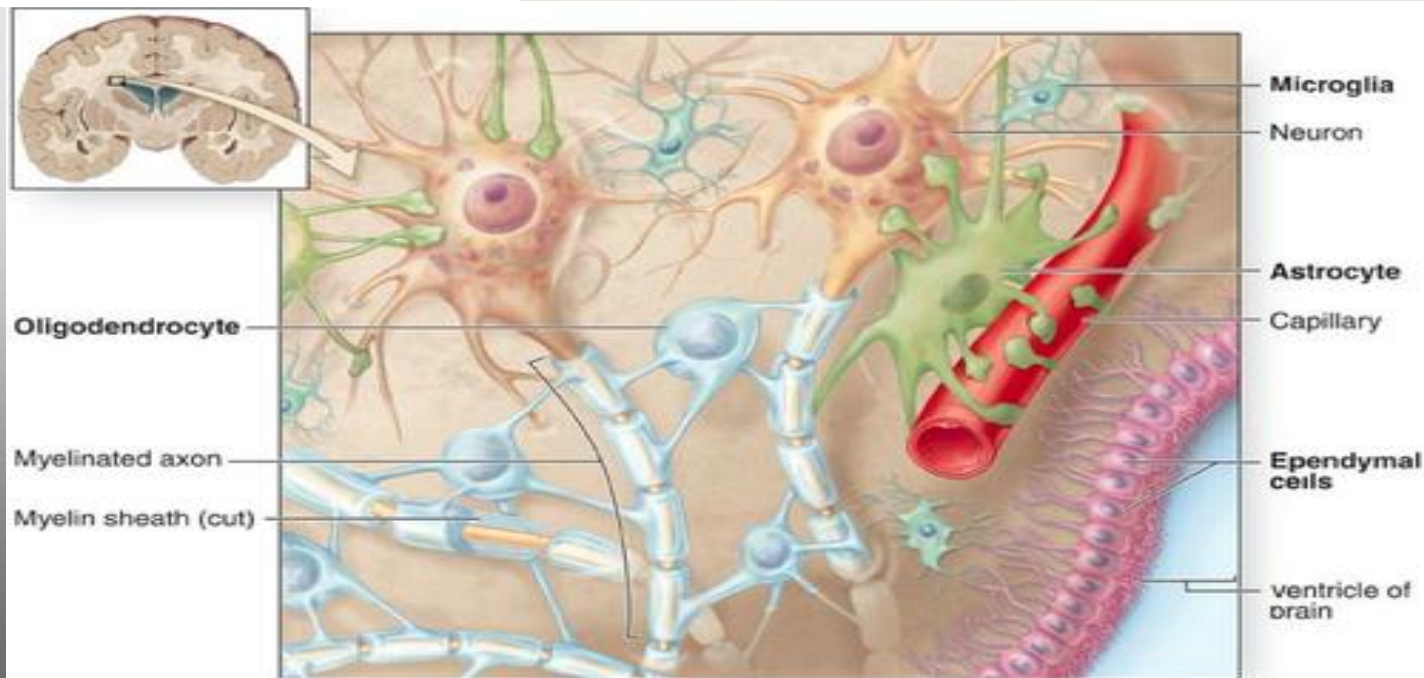
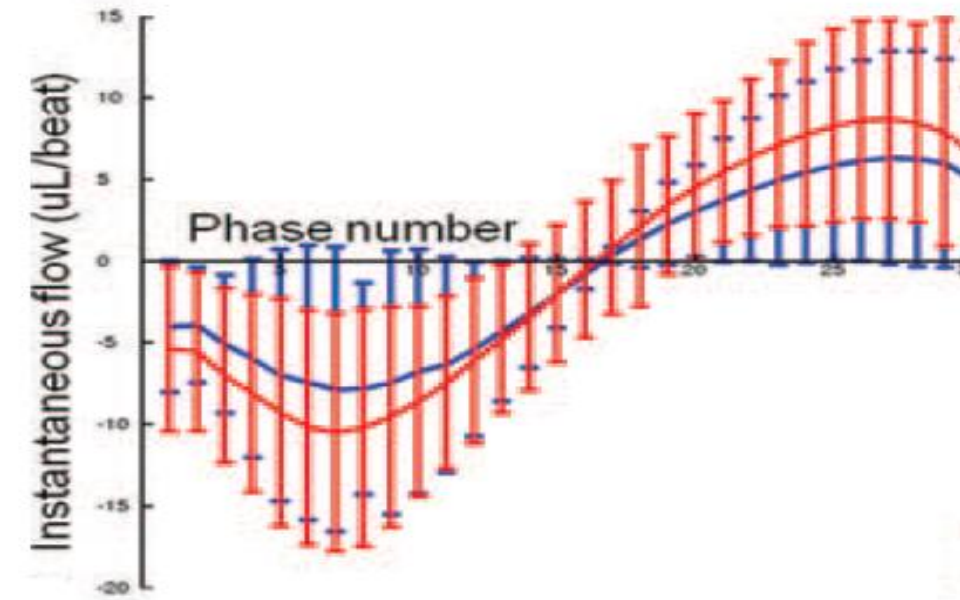


**reduced CSF re-absorption**



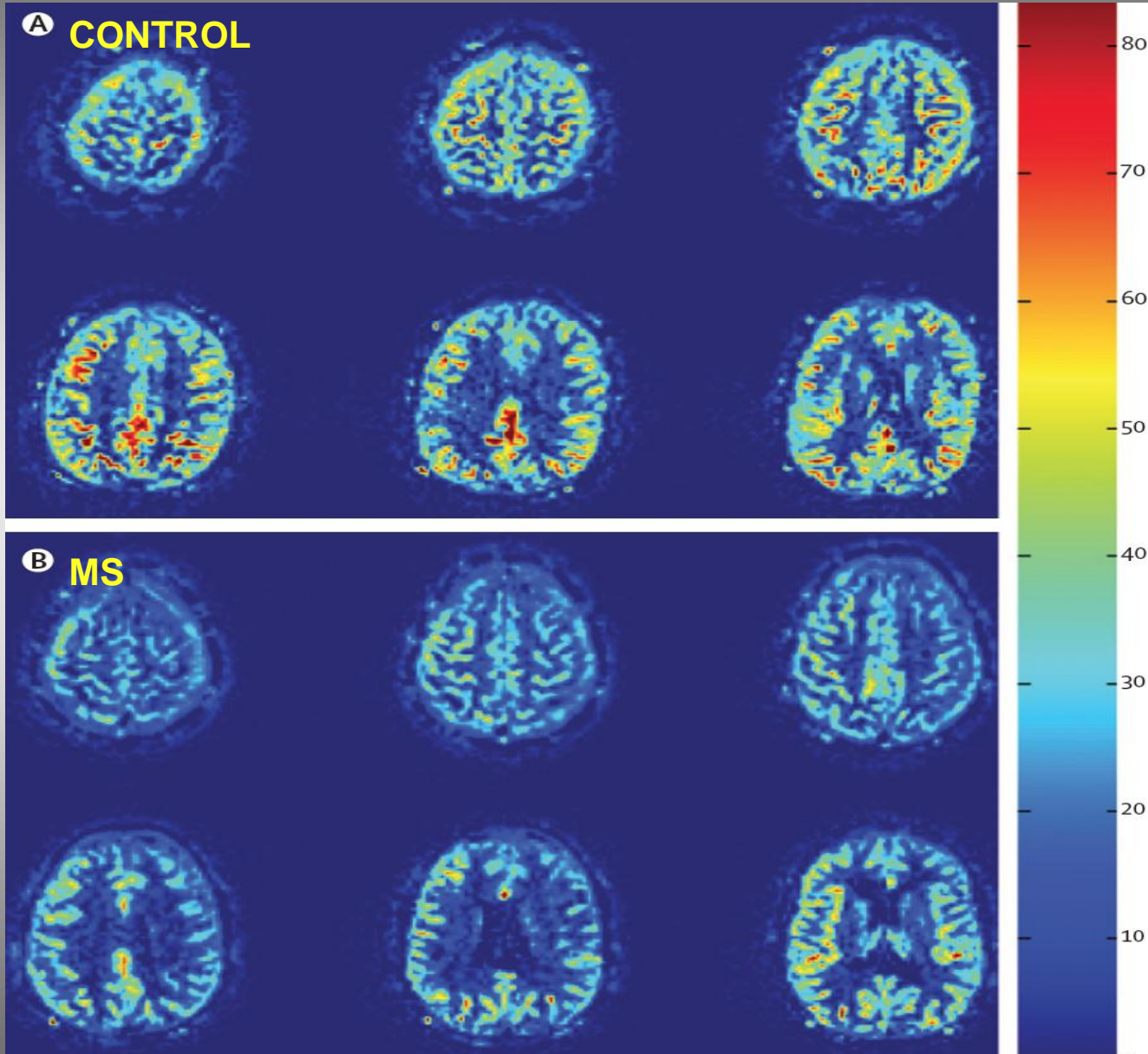
**more MRI lesion in AD**

# Work to progress: the impact of Ventricular Reflux



The impact of ventricular reflux is not well understood. White matter edema is likely to alter the chemical composition of the interstitial fluid in the periventricular region.

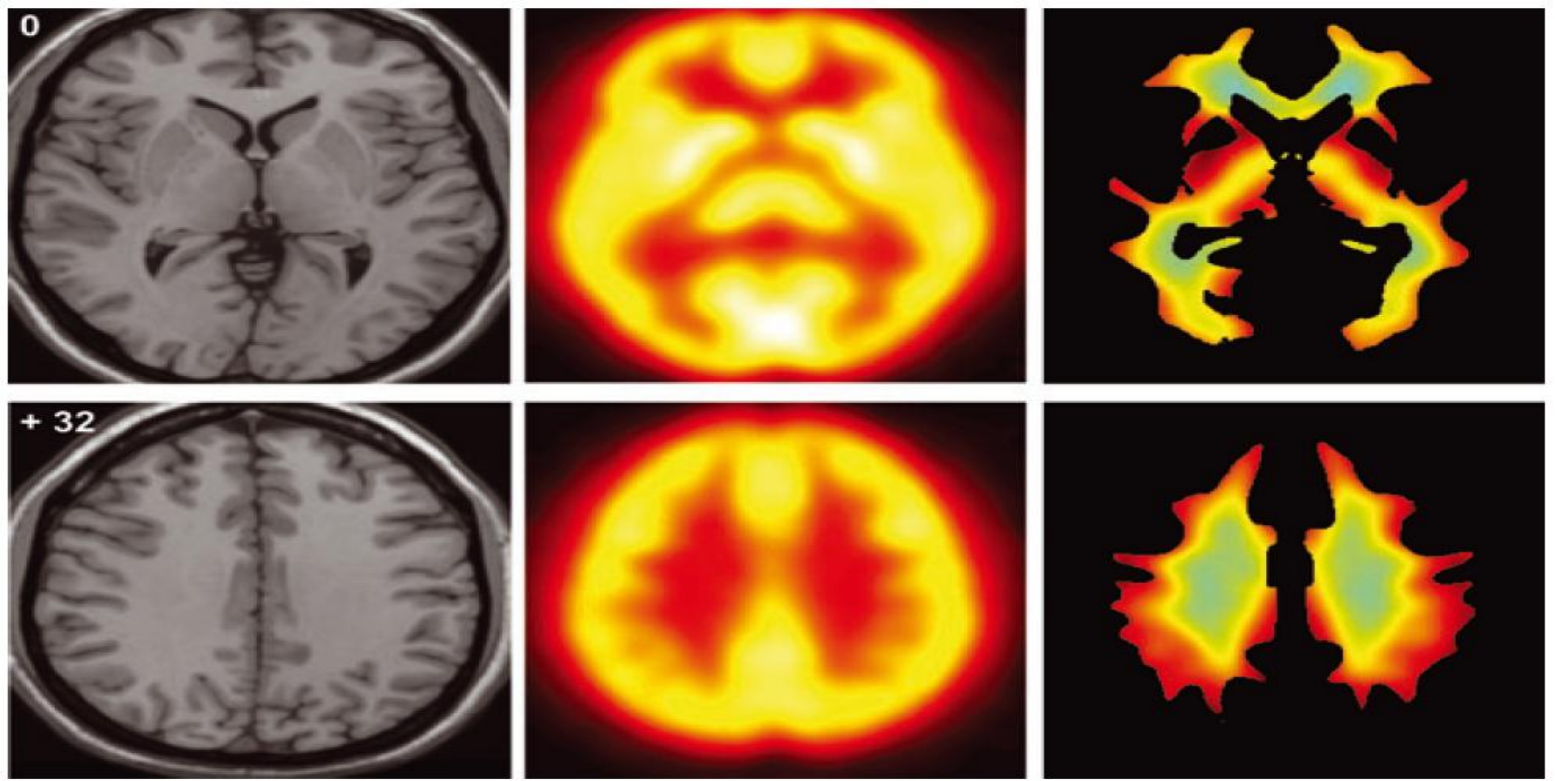
# MR GLOBAL HYPOPERFUSION IN MS



**Diffuse hypoperfusion in MS is a FACT. It cannot be explained with autoimmunity but CCSVI is a valuable hypothesis**

*Lancet Neurology 2011*

- 1294 SPECT-MRI in MS cases, early and late RR, SP respectively.
- Comparison with normal cerebral perfusion patterns provided by SPECT atlas of normal healthy individuals



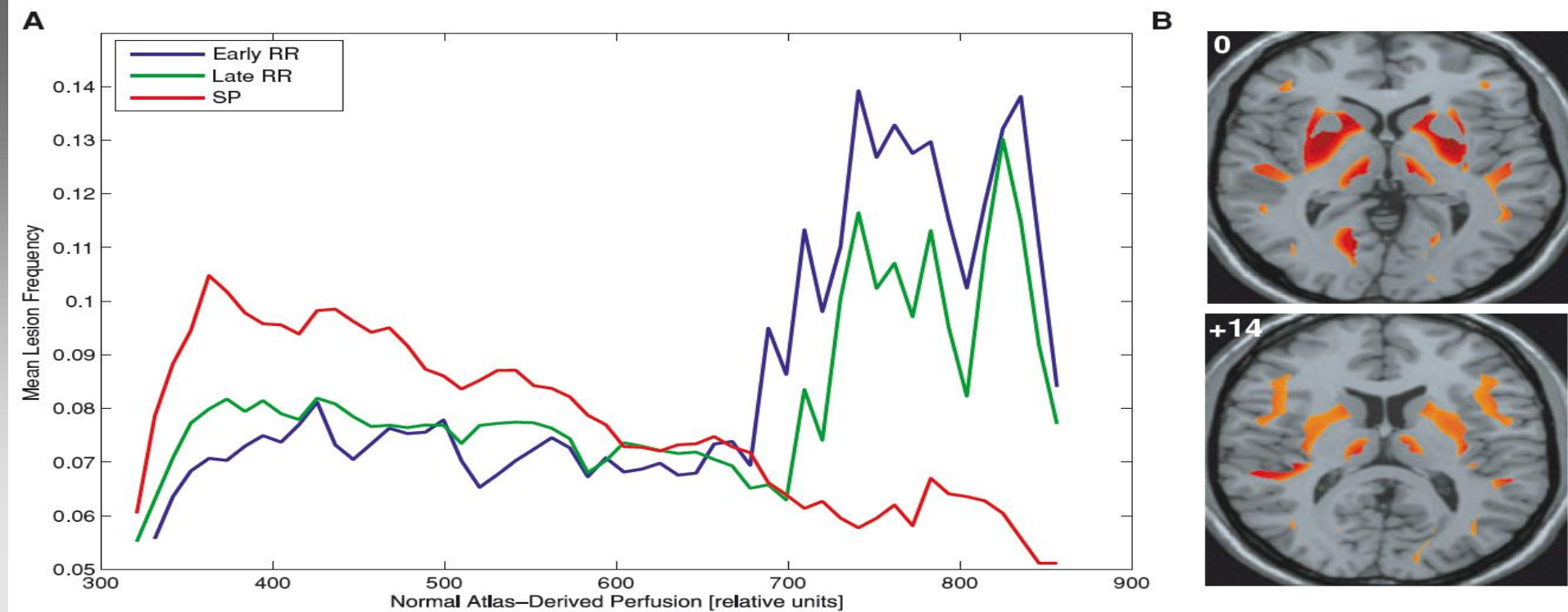
International Consortium for  
Brain Mapping.

ICBM Atlas of normality

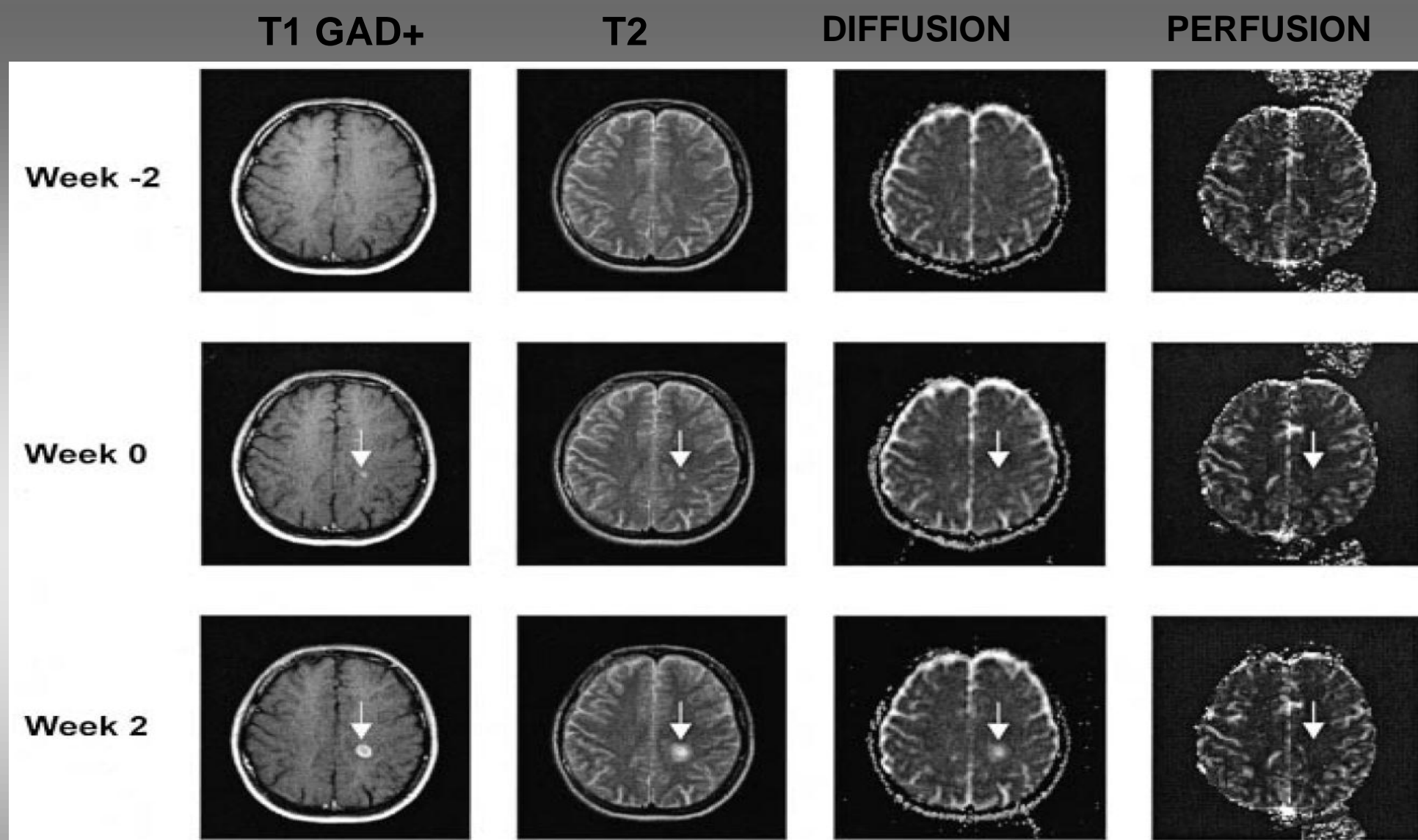
SPECT Atlas of normality  
generated from 47 healthy  
subjects.

Harvard Medical School

Variability of perfusion of the  
white matter in normal cases.



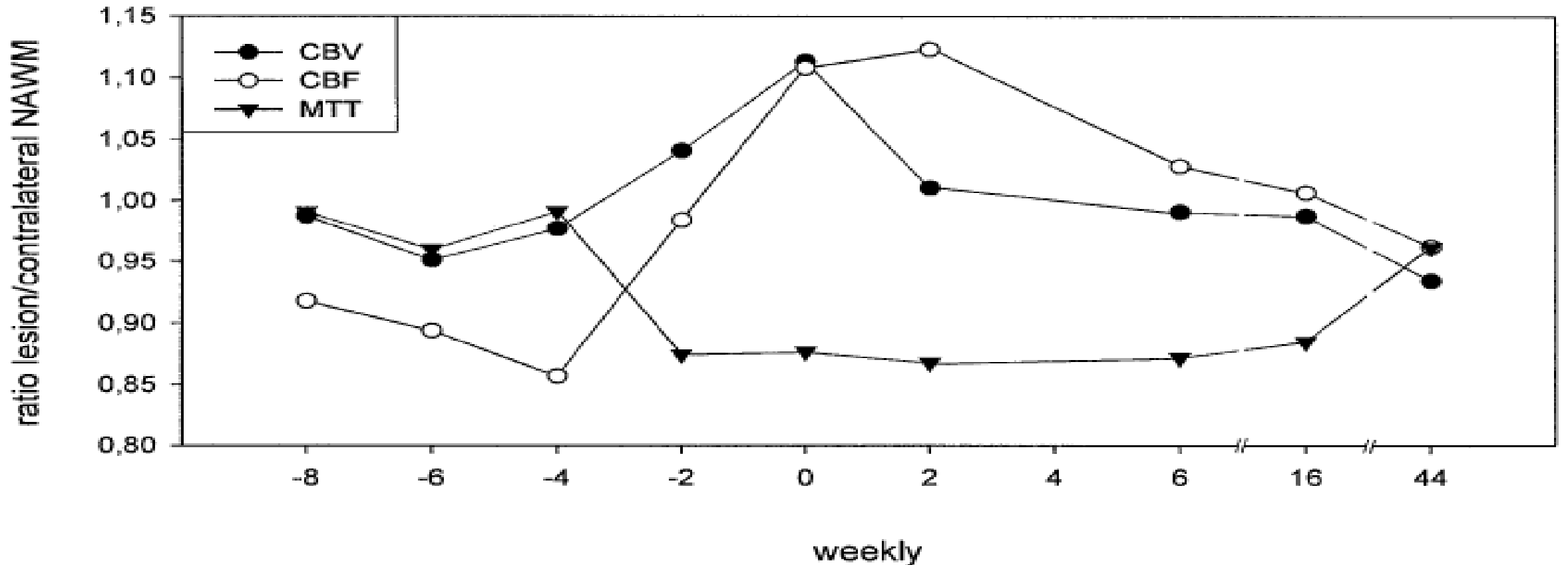
**Chronic plaques were more prevalent in WM regions with lower relative perfusion. Lesions in more highly perfused regions were more commonly observed in early RR MS and therefore, may be more likely to successfully remyelinate and resolve.**



**HYPERPERFUSION PRECEDES PLAQUE FORMATION**

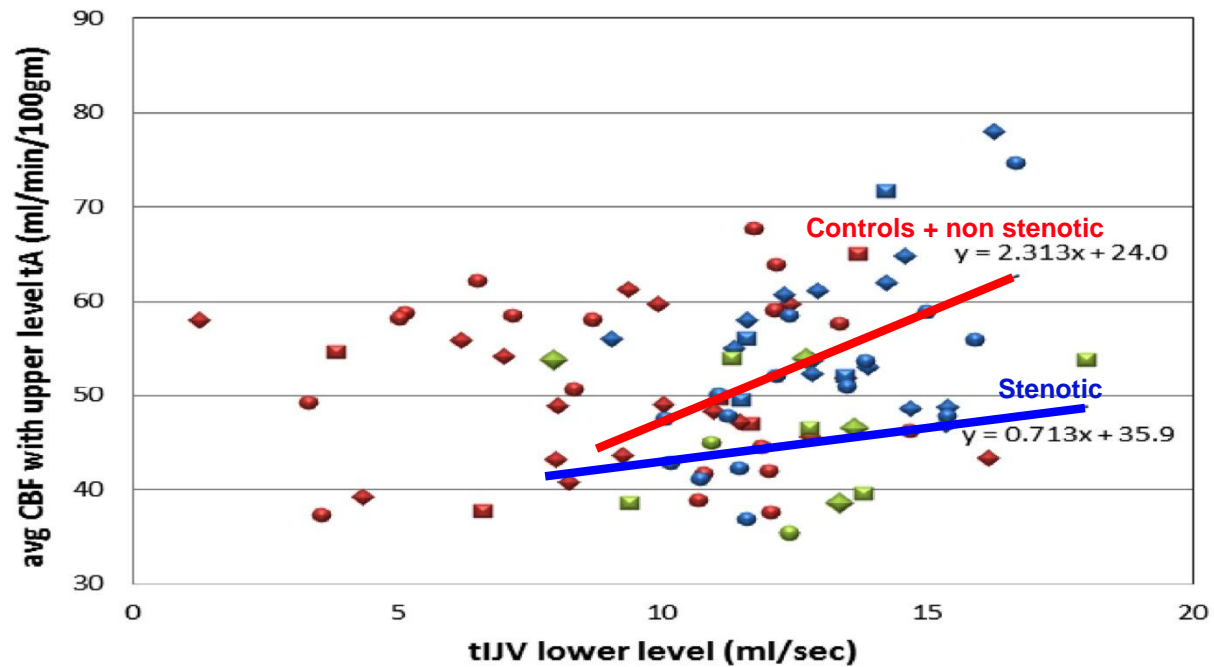
# Diffuse brain hypoperfusion precedes plaque formation (Brain 127,111-119, 2004)

Lesion development perfusion parameters



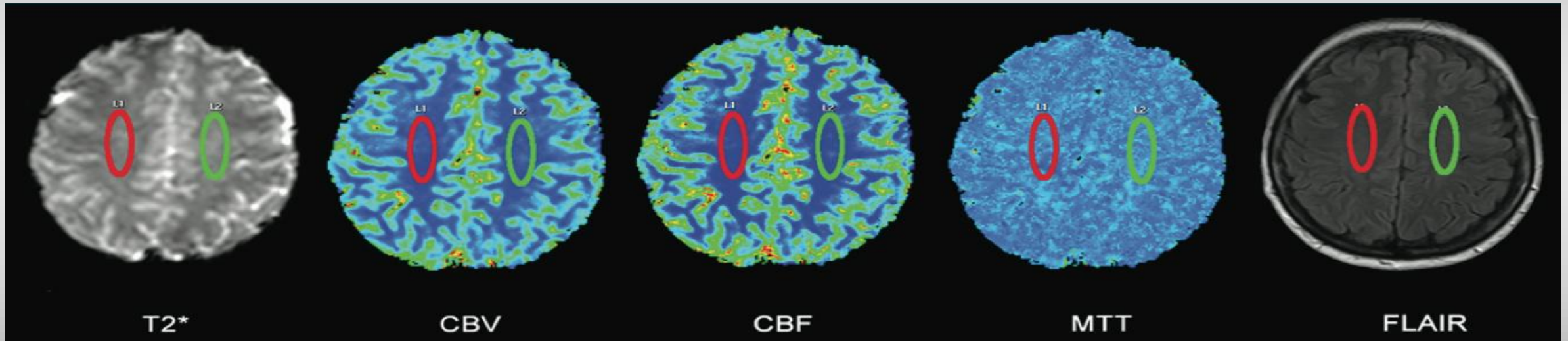


# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRAIN PERFUSION AND JUGULAR FLOW: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF STENOSIS



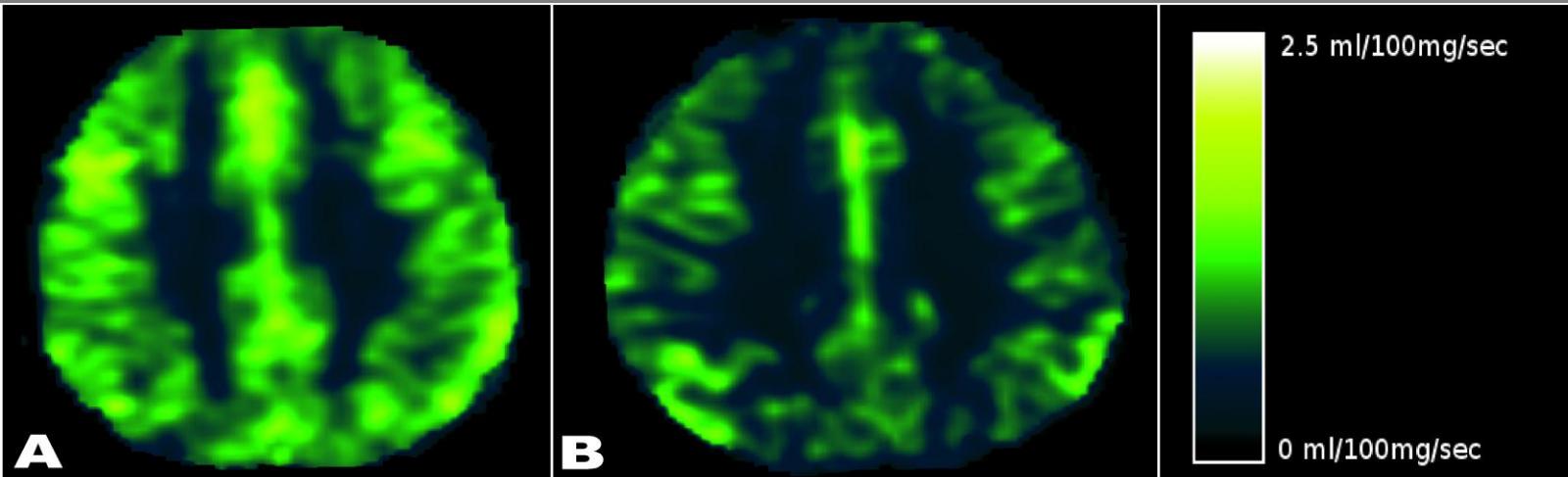
- Evidence already exists for reduced perfusion in patients with MS but there has been no attempt to correlate this with obstructed venous outflow.
- 2D magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) flow techniques demonstrate that flow in the internal jugular veins in humans is linearly related to global brain perfusion

The data support a role of CCSVI in cerebral hemodynamic changes, such as a decrease of CBV and CBF, regardless of the presence of MS.



*Garaci et al, Radiology: Volume 265: October 2012*

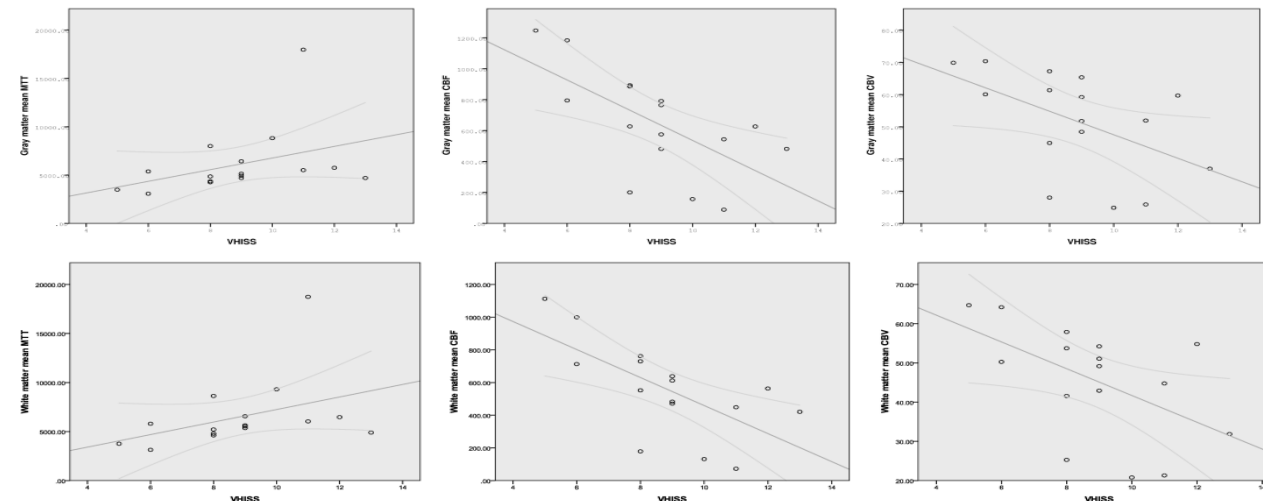
# CCSVI is related to brain hypoperfusion



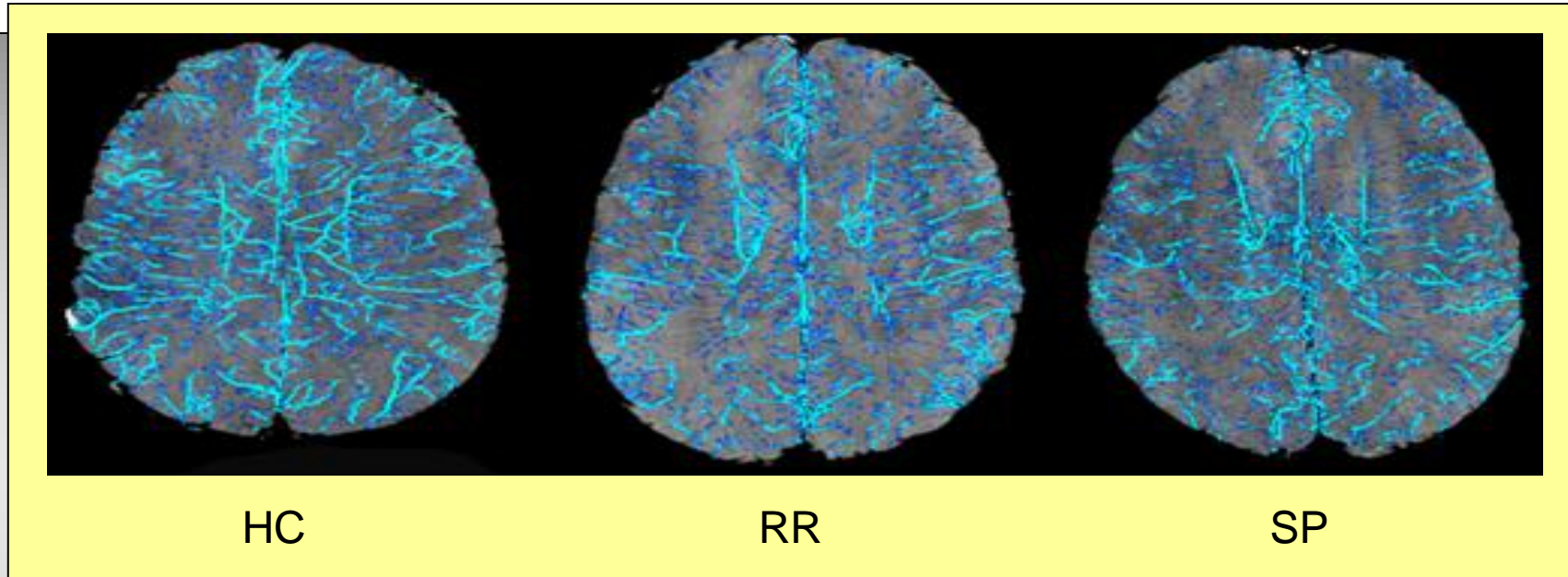
A: CBF in a 33 yo, relapsing remitting, CCSVI-MS patient with a VHISS 5.  
B: CBF in a 38 yo, relapsing remitting, CCSVI-MS patient with a VHISS 12.  
The dark areas indicate lower CBF in the patient with higher VHISS.

Cerebral blood flow (CBF) at MRI perfusional study

Robust correlation between VHISS and MR perfusional parameters ( $r = -0.70$  to  $-0.71$ ,  $p < 0.002$ ).



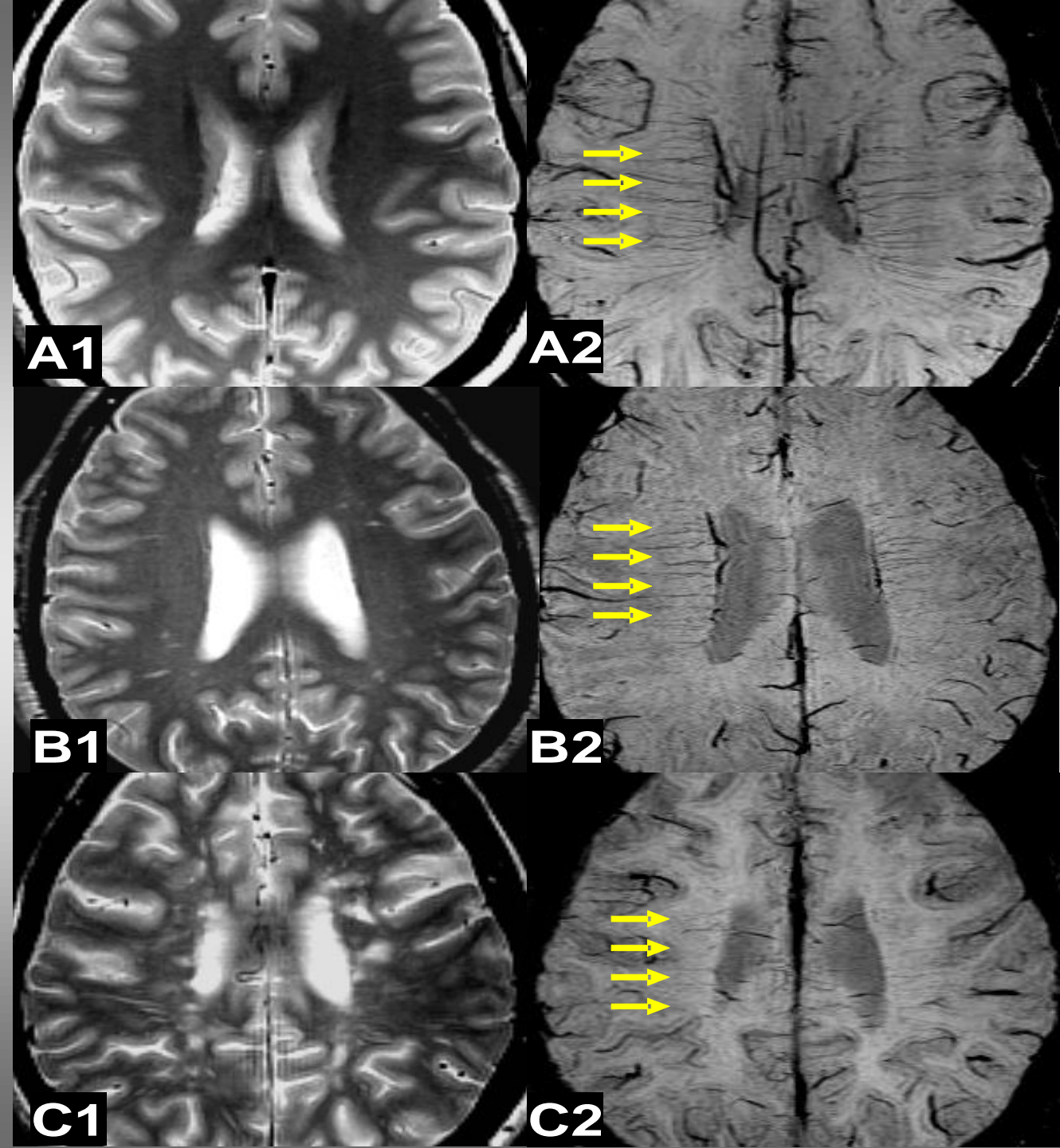
# MS & Loss of Cerebral Veins



- MS is associated with a marked deduction in cerebral vein volume (VV).
- VV (for all vein diameters): HC = 82.9 mL; MS = 66.9 mL;  
Reduction = 19.3%;  $p < 0.0001$
- VV (for veins  $< 0.3$  mm): HC = 53.8 mL; MS = 45.0 mL;  
Reduction = 16.4%;  $p < 0.0001$  **[Strongly correlated with CCSVI ( $p < 0.003$ )]**

# SWI Venography

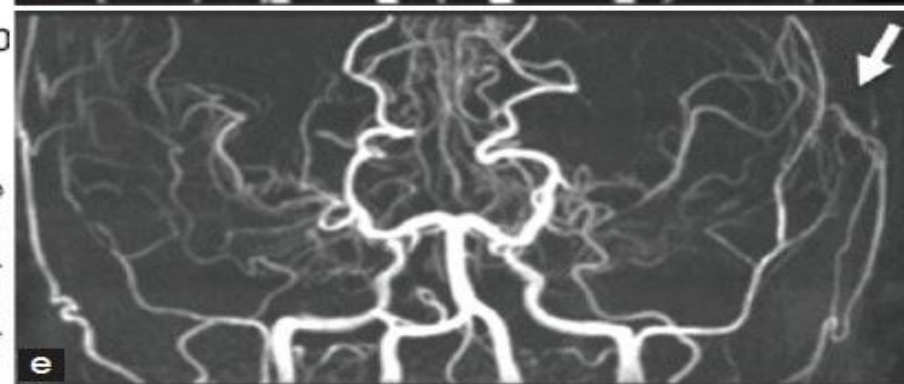
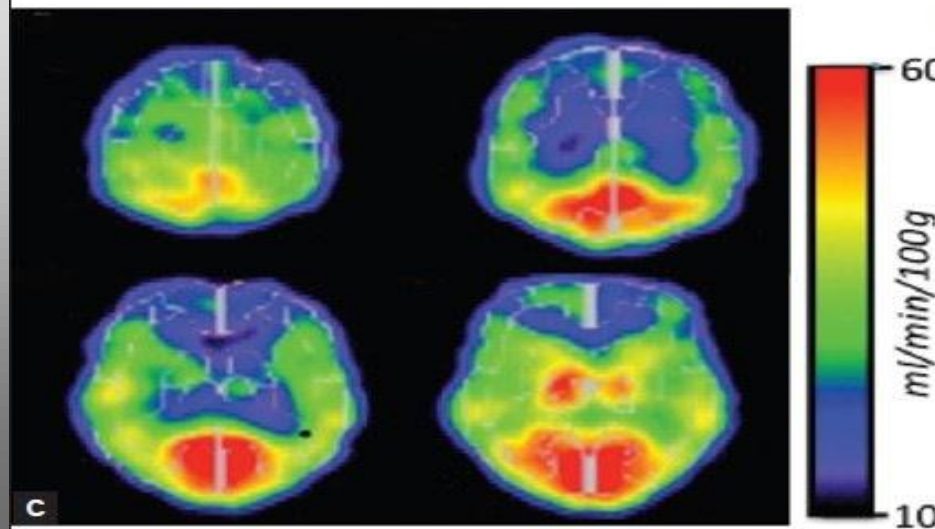
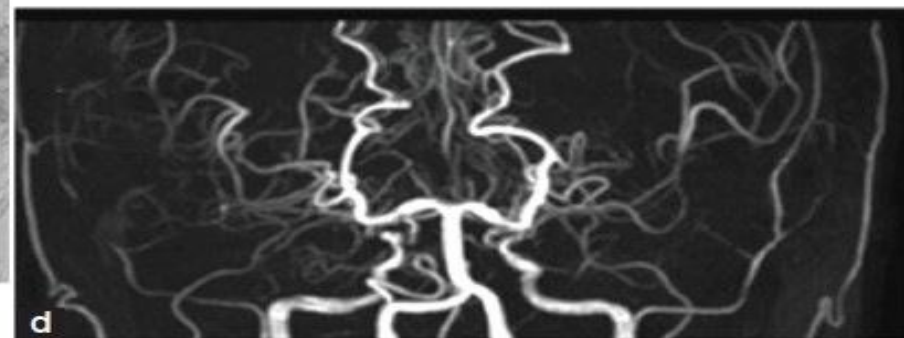
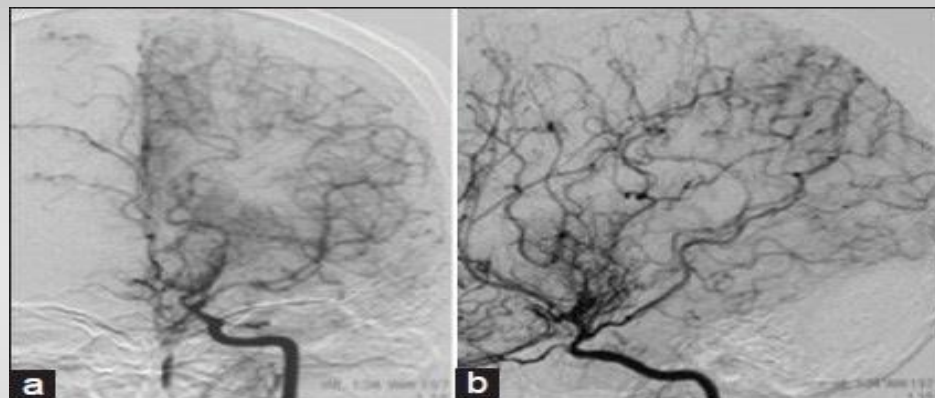
normal control (A) and two MS patients (B, C) demonstrate a significantly reduced number of veins in periventricular NAWM in patients compared to controls. MS patient with more lesions (C) has less venous structures depicted on SWI mIP image than MS patient with fewer lesions (B).



Do vessels degrade because flow is shunted away from them?

Slide courtesy of Yulin Ge, NYU

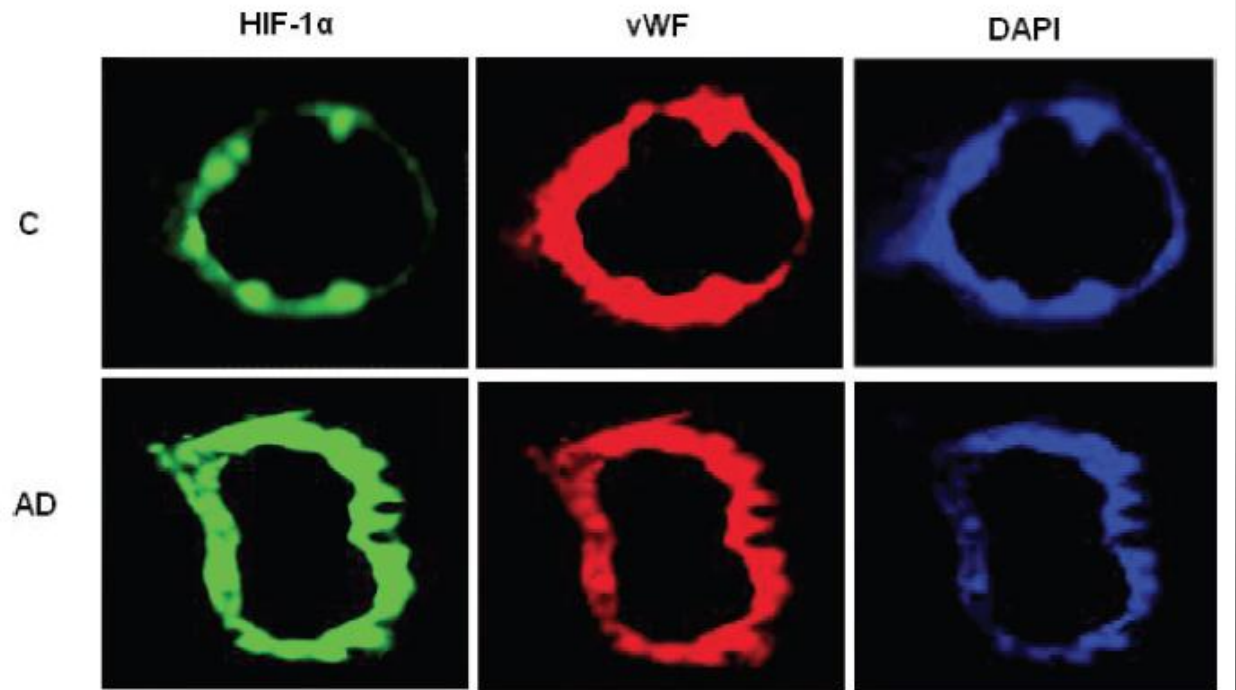
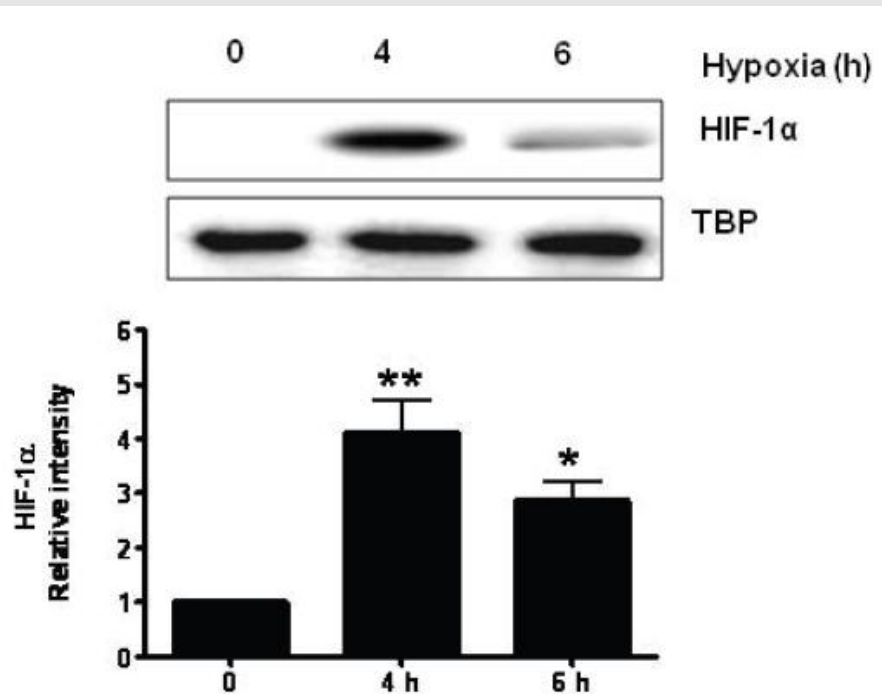
# Work to progress: increased venous outflow resistance in relation to arteriolar shunting and reduced perfusion



## Original Article

# Brain microvasculature and hypoxia-related proteins in Alzheimer's disease

Paula Grammas, Debjani Tripathy, Alma Sanchez, Xiangling Yin, Jinhua Luo

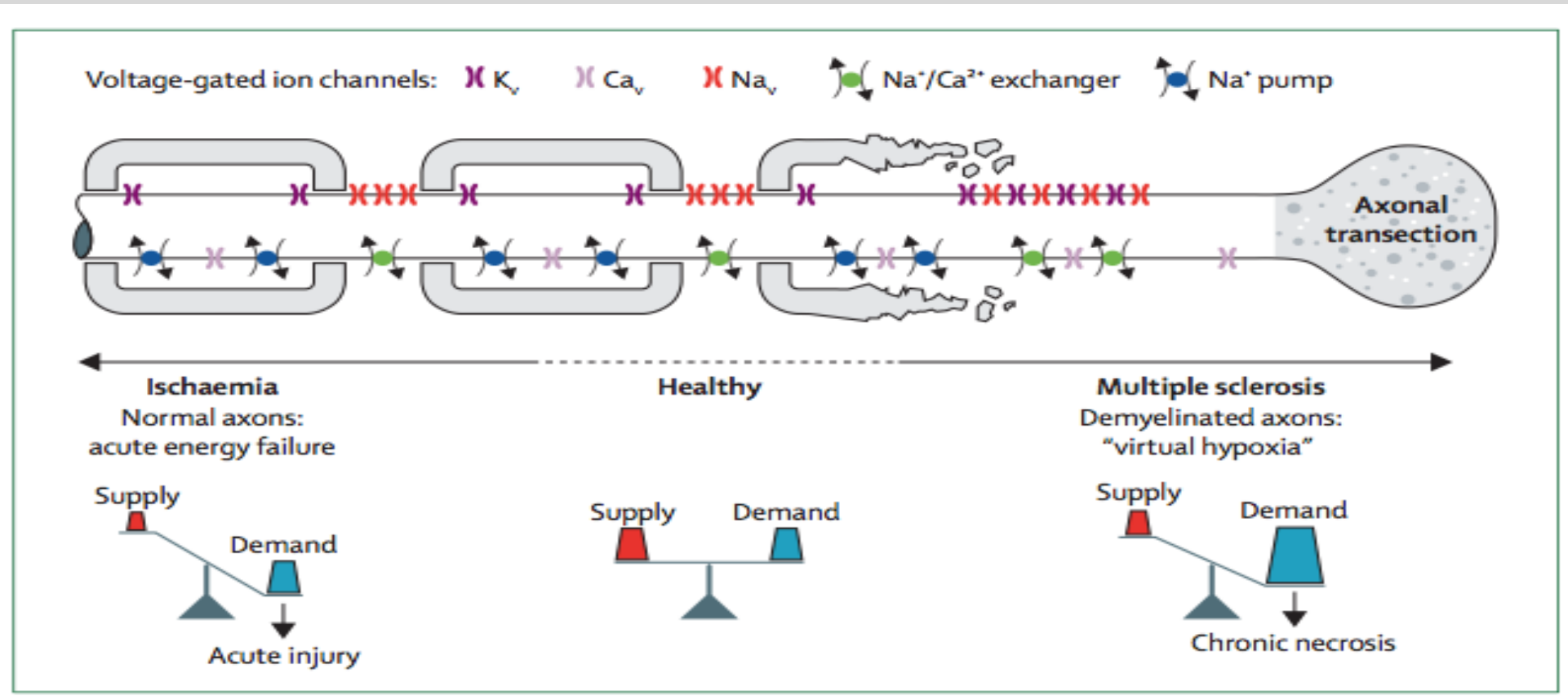


# CONSEQUENCE OF HYPOPERFUSION IN MS

Lancet Neurology 2009

## Virtual hypoxia and chronic necrosis of demyelinated axons in multiple sclerosis

Bruce D Trapp, Peter K Stys





# Oligodendrocyte susceptibility to hypoperfusion



Journal of the Neurological Sciences 206 (2003) 187–191

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**Neurological  
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## Hypoxia-like tissue injury as a component of multiple sclerosis lesions

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- ROS (increased i-NOS in macrophages and microglia)
- Mitochondria impairment (defective phosphorylation)
- Hypoxia associated molecules (expression HIF 1 alfa)

# Multiple Sclerosis

## Distribution of Inflammatory Cells in Newly Forming Lesions

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and John W. Prineas, MBBS<sup>1</sup>

**Interpretation:** Early loss of oligodendrocytes is a prominent feature in tissue bordering rapidly expanding MS lesions. Macrophage activity is largely an innate scavenging response to the presence of degenerate and dead myelin. Adaptive immune activity involving T and B cells is conspicuous chiefly in recently demyelinated tissue, which may show signs of oligodendrocyte regeneration. The findings suggest that plaque formation has some basis other than destructive cell-mediated immunity directed against a myelin or oligodendrocyte antigen.

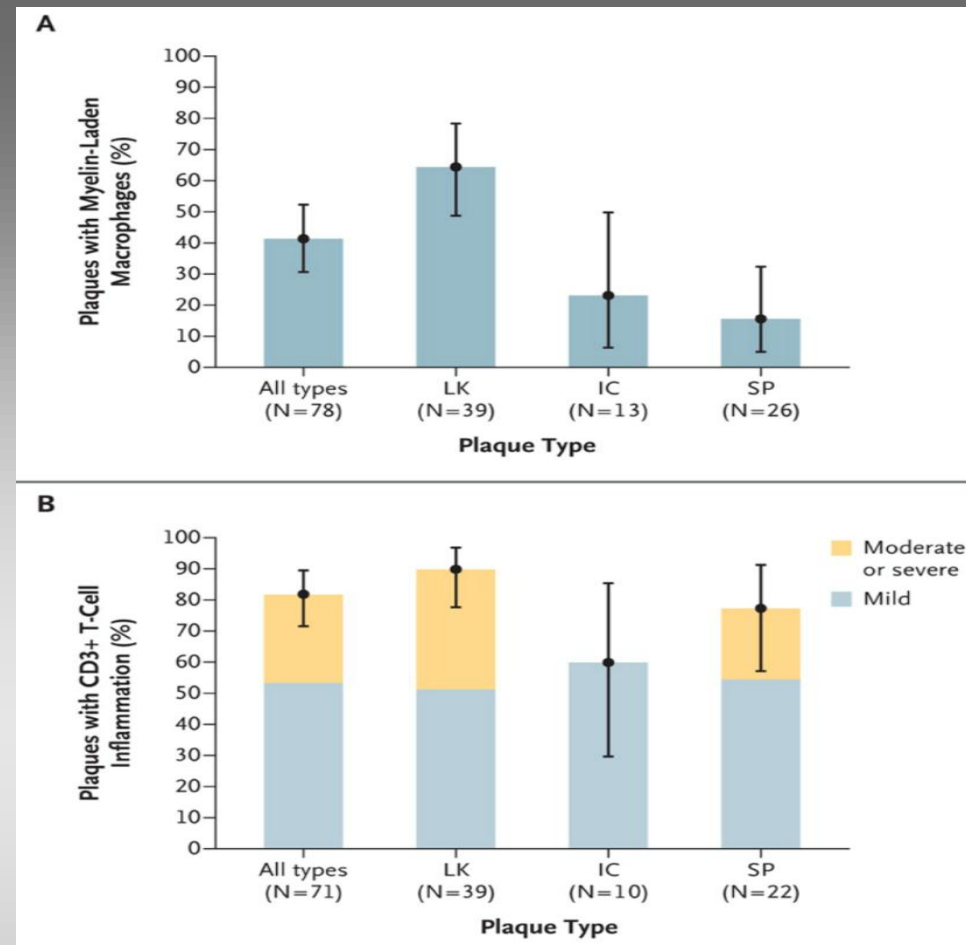
Ann Neurol 2009;66:739–753

## NEW MS LESIONS

1. Loss of oligodendrocytes
2. Dead myelin
3. Myelin-laden macrophages
4. Only subsequently T and B cells infiltration

- Damage to axon can occur without the presence of inflammation (Int MS J. 2009 Jun;16(2):57-6; Ann Neurol. 2009 Dec;66(6):739-53

- Axon demyelination was seen in early lesion without inflammatory cells (NEJM 2011).

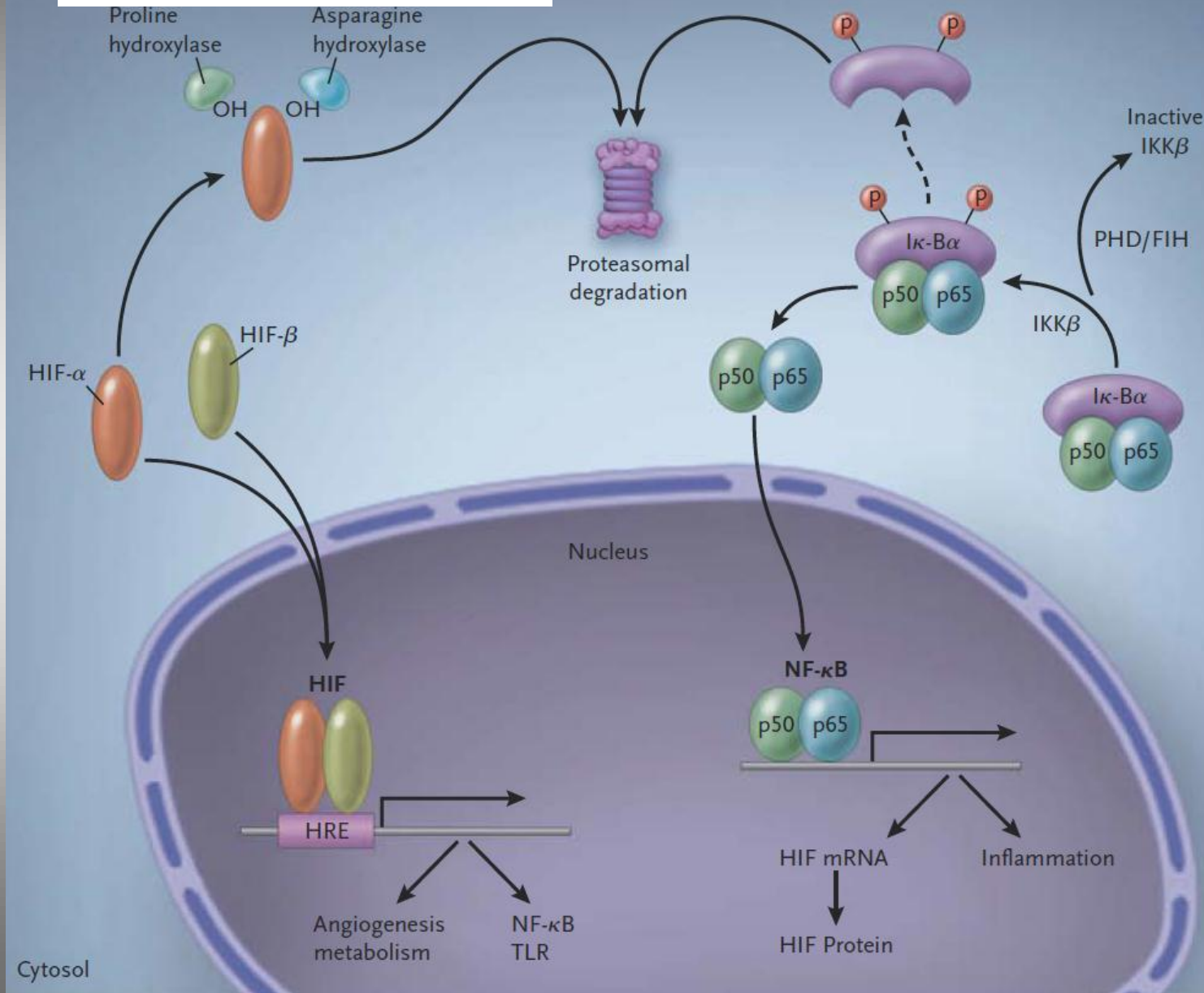


DEMYELINATION AND AXONAL DAMAGE PRECEDE T-CELL  
- INFLAMMATORY CELL INFILTRATION

## HYPOXIA

## NORMOXIA

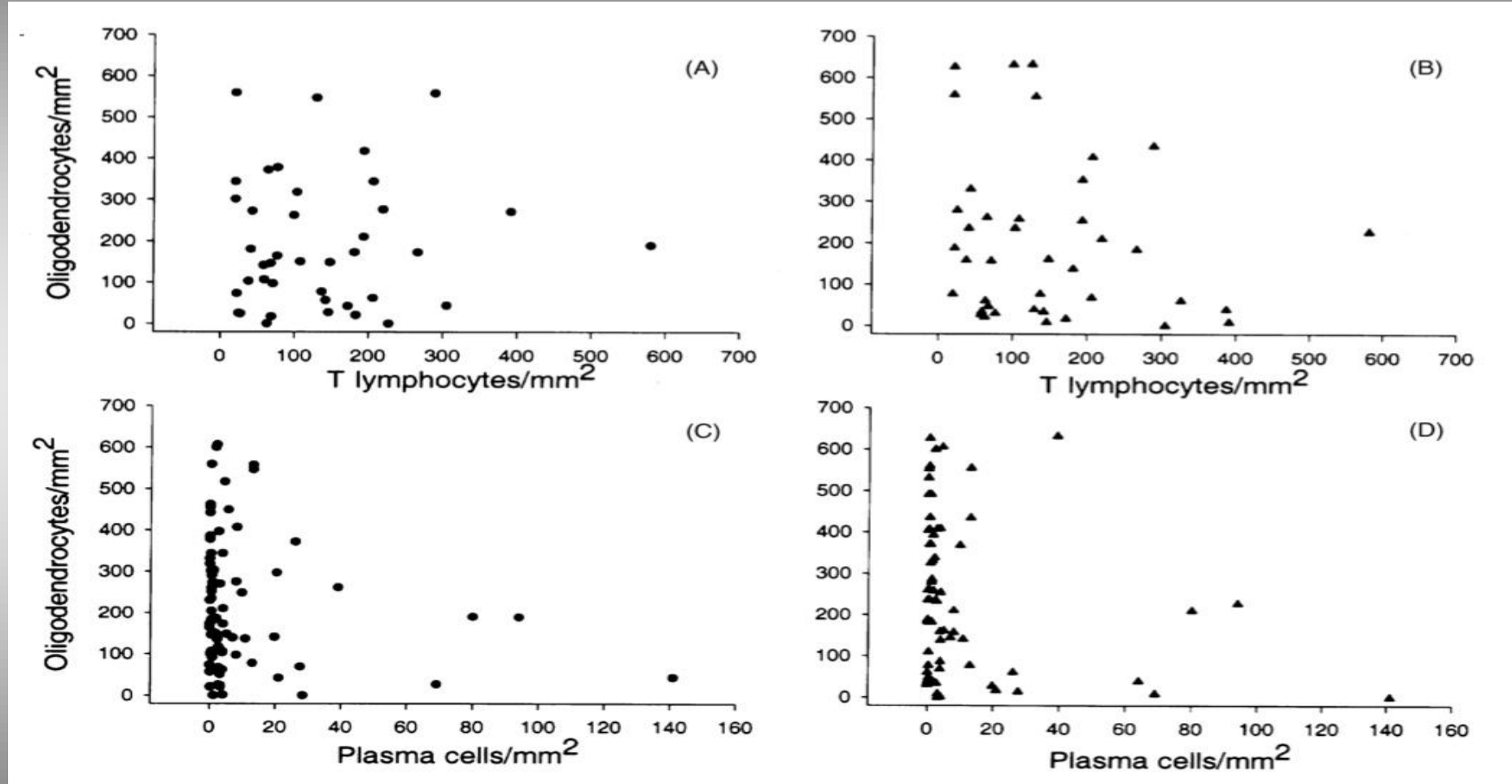
## The loop between hypoxia and NF- $\kappa$ B



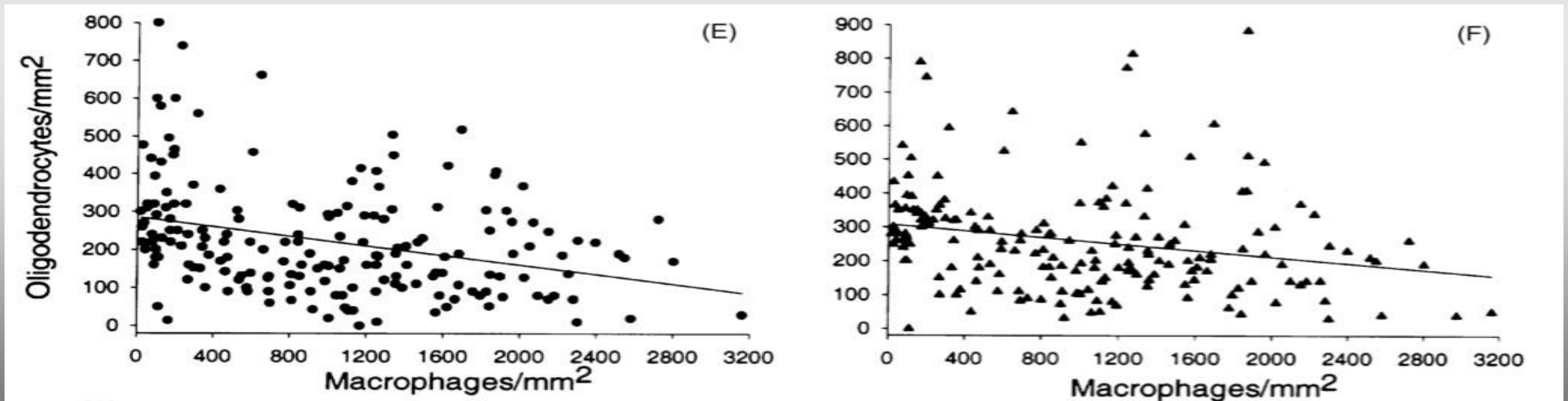
1. Hypoxia induces HIF alpha and beta translocating to the nucleus
2. Binding with hypoxia response promoter HRE and gene interaction
3. Genes of the NF- $\kappa$ B
4. In addition, in hypoxia the p50 and p65 subunits of NF- $\kappa$ B are no more inhibited, translocate to nucleus, and in turn activate inflammatory genes

Source: N Engl J Med 2012

# NO CORRELATION BETWEEN LOSS OF OLIGODENDROCYTES AND T AND PLASMA CELLS INFILTRATION... BUT



# ....INVERTED CORRELATION WITH INFILTRATION OF MACROPHAGES TAKEN UP MYELIN DEBRIS



# PATHOLOGIC PATTERNS OF MS

- I. Massive tissue destruction mediated by CD8+T cells infiltrates and macrophages.
- II. Massive deposition of immunoglobulins and component of activated complement

**Are chronologically late events?**

- III. Oligodendrocytes apoptosis, “dying back” oligodendrogliopathy
- IV. Neurodegeneration and oligodendrocytes death also in the periplaque WM

**Are effects of the hypoperfusion?**

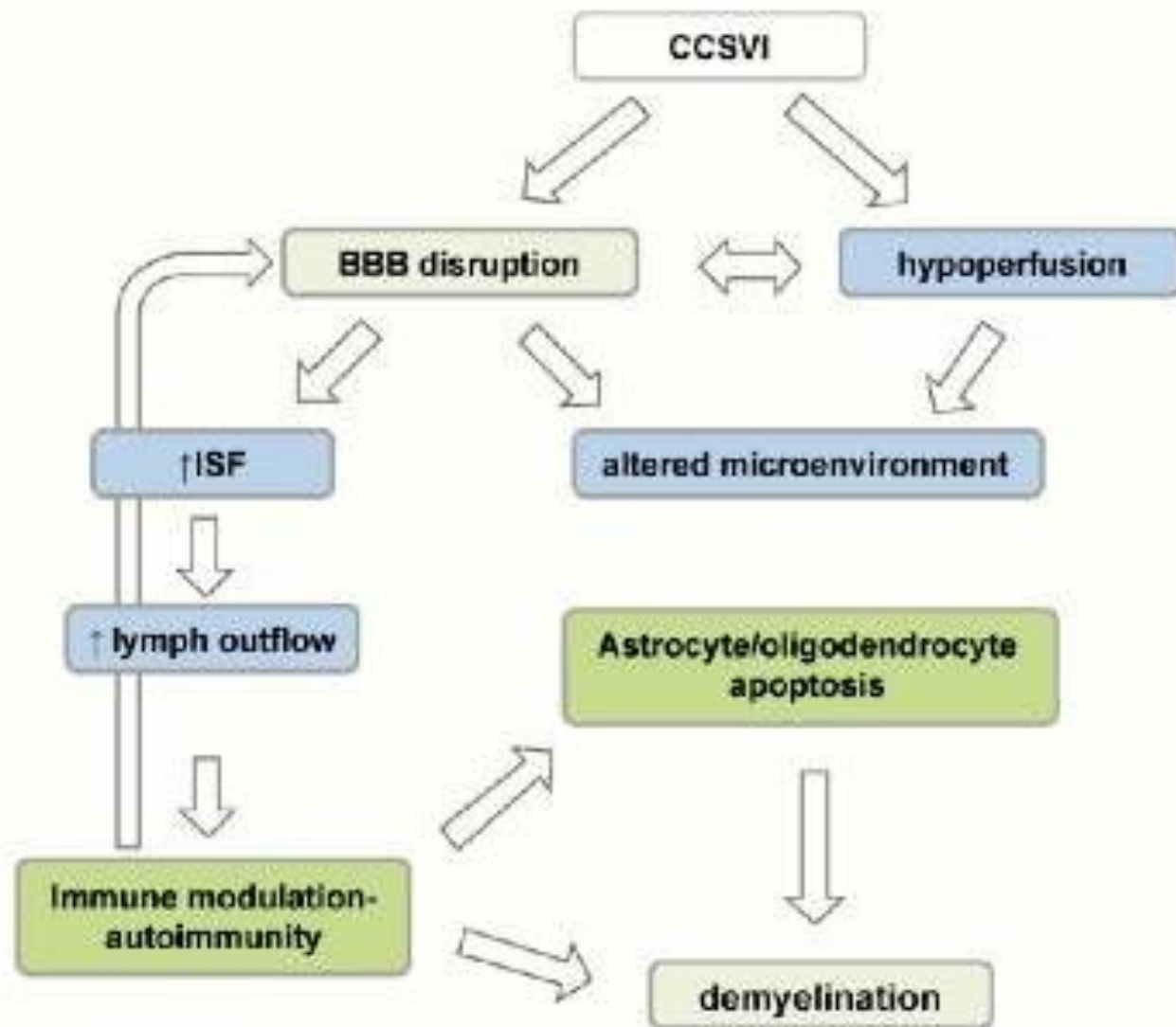


Figure 1: Interrelations of factors in the combined hydrostatic-immune paradigm of CCSVI. In blue: hydrostatic factors, in green: immune factors, in grey: mixed hydrostatic and immune factors.

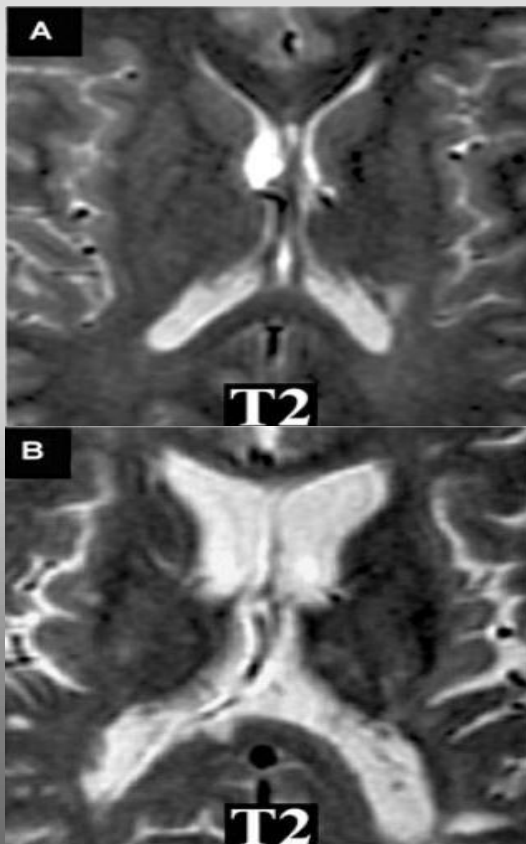


# Late event

## Deep Gray Matter Involvement on Brain MRI Scans Is Associated with Clinical Progression in Multiple Sclerosis

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*J Neuroimaging. 2009*



- Iron deposition associated with leakage of the blood-brain barrier may exacerbate the inflammatory process.
- Leads to further damage to oligodendrocytes and myelin.
- It is an end stage biomarker of tissue damage
- **It correlates with scores on the Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS)**

## Perivascular iron deposition and other vascular damage in multiple sclerosis

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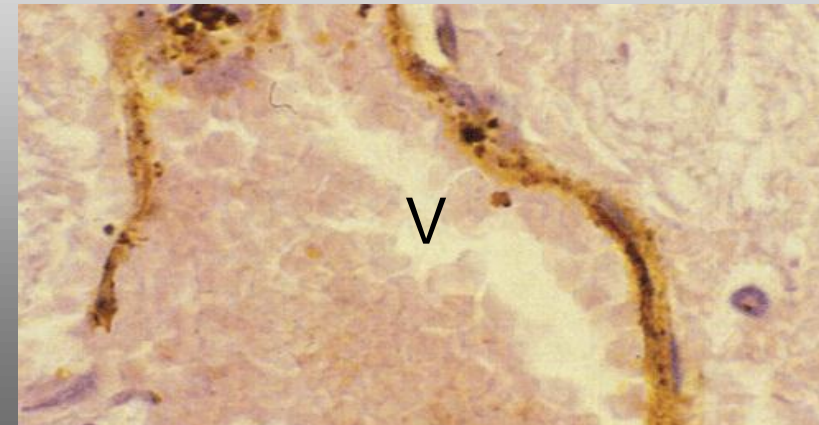
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**SUMMARY** Evidence of damage to cerebral vein walls was sought in 70 cases of multiple sclerosis. Seventy control cases were also examined. The multiple sclerosis cases showed venous intramural fibrinoid deposition (7%), recent haemorrhages (17%), old haemorrhages revealed by haemosiderin deposition (30%), thrombosis (6%) and thickened veins (19%). In all, 41% of all multiple sclerosis cases showed some evidence of vein damage. Occasional control cases showed haemosiderin deposition in the brain but, unlike the multiple sclerosis cases, these were diffuse and almost entirely related to coexistent cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease. Haemosiderin deposition was common in the substantia nigra and other pigmented nuclei in all cases. It is concluded that the cerebral vein wall in multiple sclerosis is subject to chronic inflammatory damage, which promotes haemorrhage and increased permeability, and constitutes a form of vasculitis.

Fibrin cuff 26%

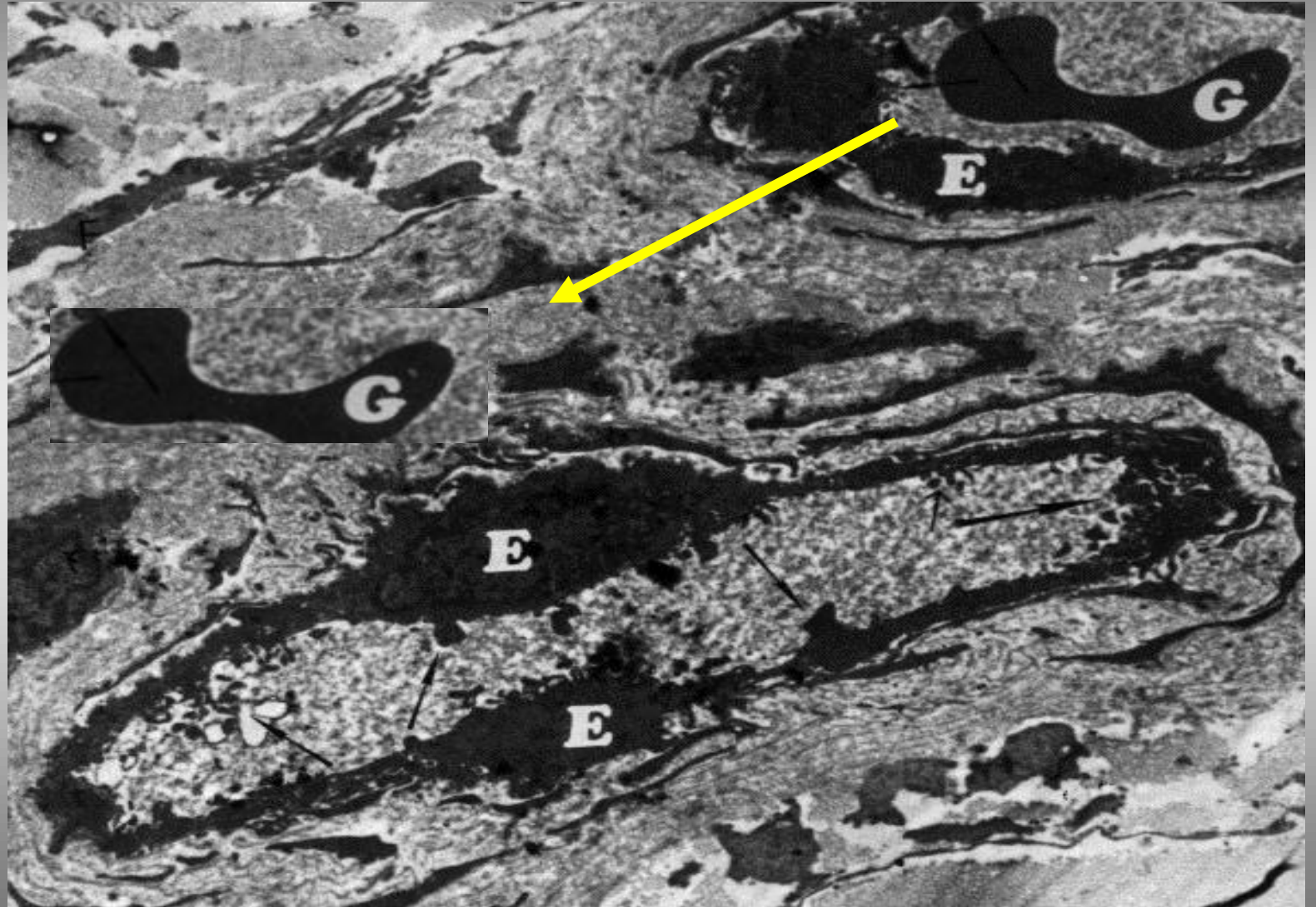
Microbleeding  
47%

- Venous wall and perivenous tissue both show typical histology of chronic venous stasis
- Major evidence in the subcortical gray matter
- Neglected part of MS pathology



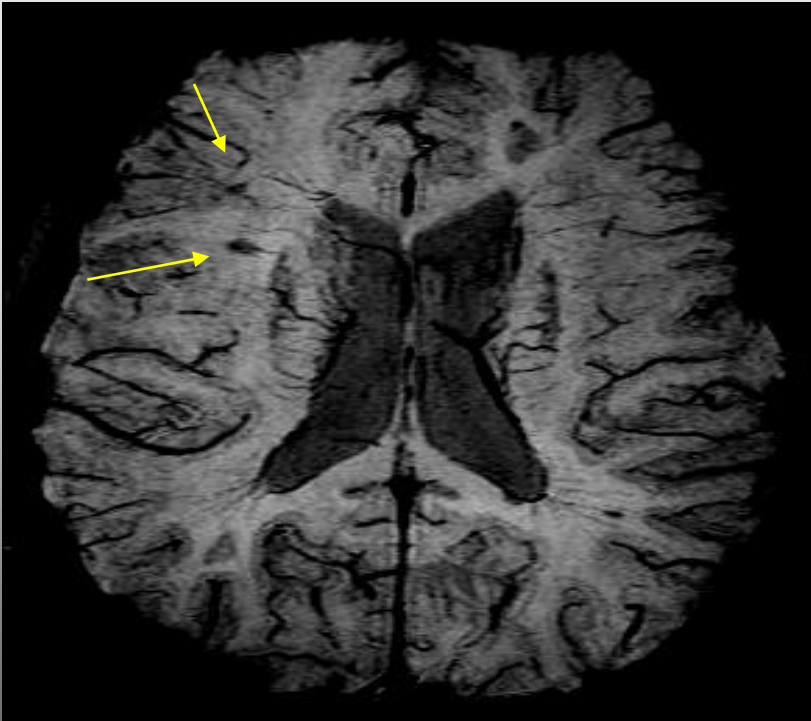
# Perivenous iron deposition. Is Heme iron the iron in MS?

RBC EXTRAVASATION IN  
CHRONIC VENOUS  
INSUFFICIENCY.





# PARALLEL CVI in brain and legs



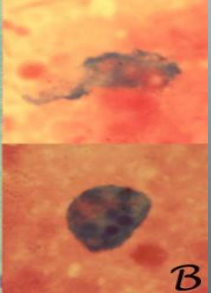
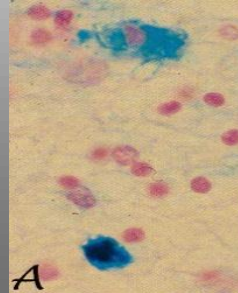
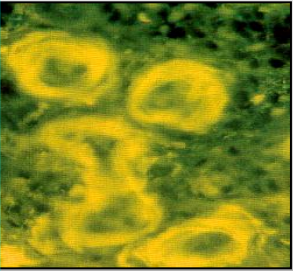
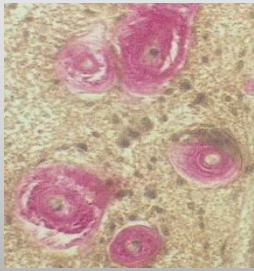
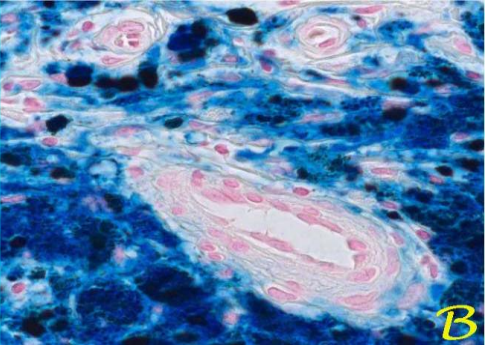
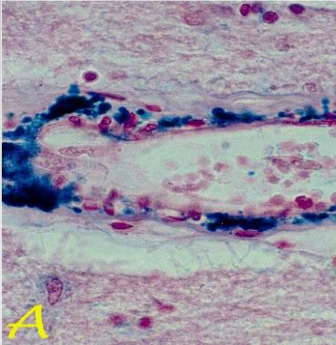
Peri-venular iron  
deposition

Fibrin cuffs

Iron laden  
macrophages

BRAIN

LEGS

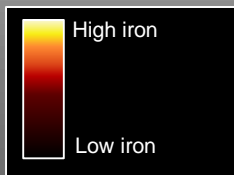


# CCSVI and IRON DEPOSITS on SWI



Normal Control

Multiple Sclerosis



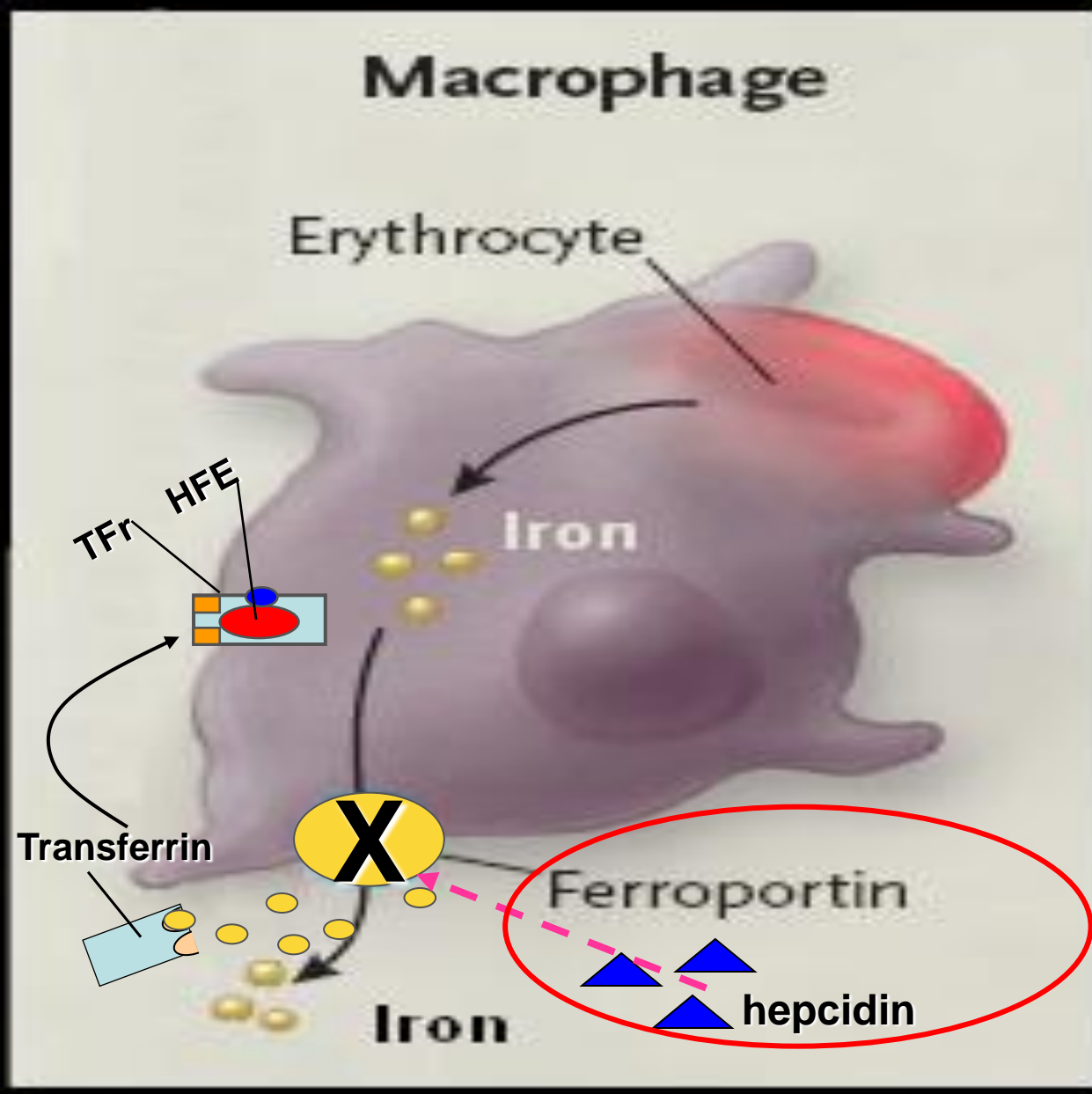
- Significant correlations between extracranial blockages and iron loading in the pulvinar nucleus of thalamus, thalamus, globus pallidus, and hippocampus and in T2-LV, T1-LV

Zivadinov et al. 2010, Haacke M 2010

- Increased iron stores correlates with the disability (EDSS)

Bakshi 2008

# Iron trafficking genes



FPN1 is the main iron cellular exporter,

HEPC FPN modulator

(modified from Fleming 2005 N Eng J Med)

# IRON TRAFFICKING GENES AND DISEASES PROGRESSION

- **HEPC-582GG**; 414 MS (RR 273; SP 103; PP 38), 414 HC.

Over represented in PP/SP 4.4 (1.8-10).

In homozygotes significantly increases EDSS; PI; MS SS;

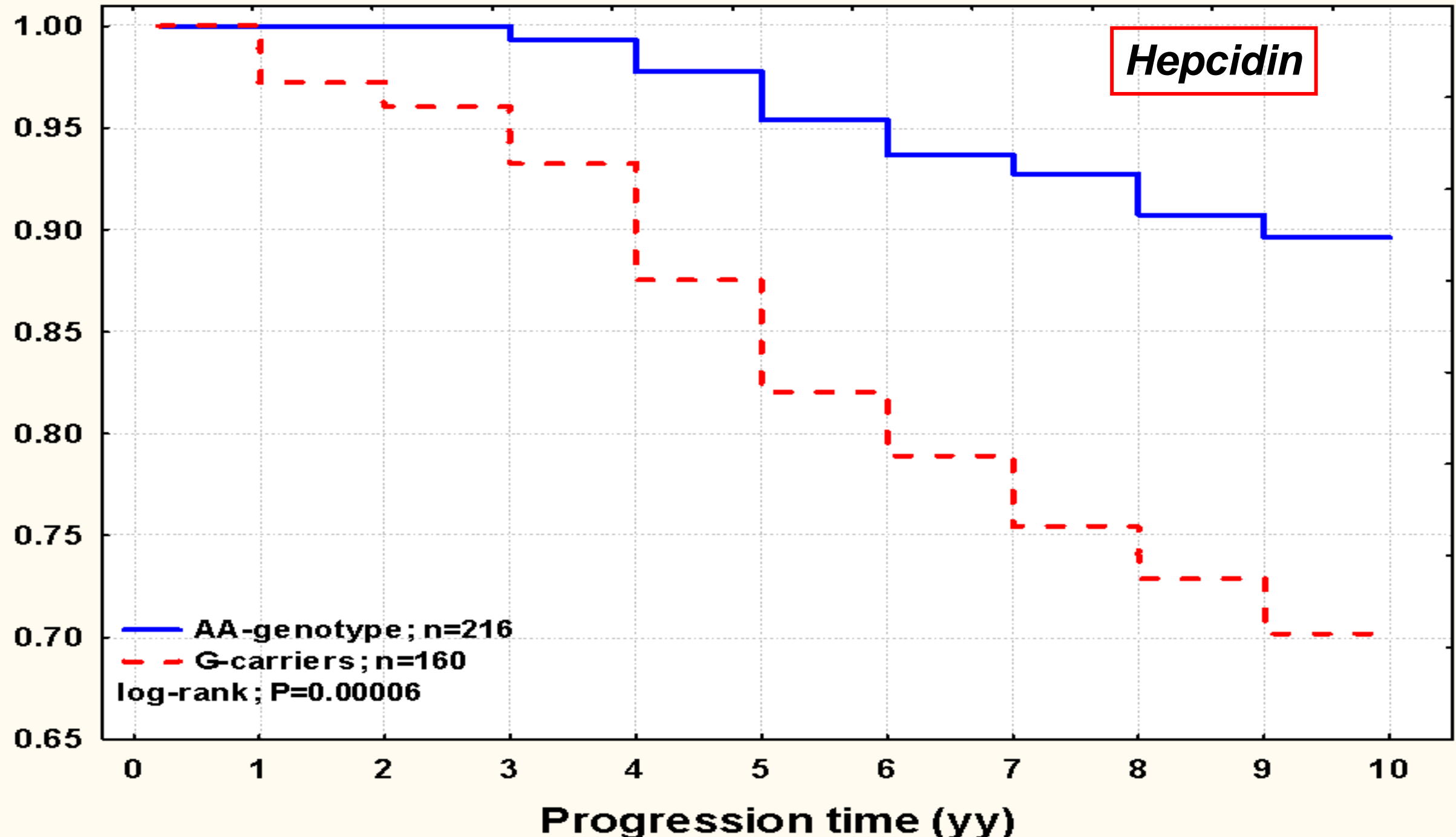
The chance to switch into progression is increased; HR 3.6 (1.8-6.8) log rank  $p = 0.00006$

- **FPN1-8GG** over represented in the whole MS population

4.4 (1.9-10)  $p < 0.0001$

*Hepcidin*

RR status among MS patients (%)





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