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# **CLASSIC-MS: Long-term Efficacy and Real-World Treatment Patterns for Patients Receiving Cladribine Tablets - Interim Data with 8–14 Years' Follow-up**

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## INTRODUCTION

- CLARITY<sup>1</sup>, CLARITY Extension<sup>2</sup>, and ORACLE-MS<sup>3</sup> have previously demonstrated the efficacy of cladribine tablets (cumulative dose 3.5 mg/kg over 2 years).
- CLASSIC-MS seeks to explore the long-term efficacy and durability of effect of cladribine tablets beyond the 2 annual treatment courses in patients enrolled to these parent trials.



## OBJECTIVES

**To present interim data\* on long-term efficacy and durability of effect of cladribine tablets and real-world treatment patterns in CLASSIC-MS.**

\*As per protocol, the analysis was conducted when data were available from a minimum of 100 patients in the full analysis set.



## METHODS

- Patients with MS who participated in CLARITY<sup>1</sup>, CLARITY Extension<sup>2</sup>, and those with a first clinical demyelinating event in ORACLE-MS<sup>3</sup>, were eligible for inclusion.
- All patients must have received ≥1 course of cladribine tablets or placebo during the parent study.
- The primary objective was the evaluation of long-term mobility; secondary / tertiary objectives were long-term disability status.

Full Analysis Set\*  
n = 147

CLARITY  
n = 93

CLARITY Extension  
n = 79

ORACLE-MS  
n = 54

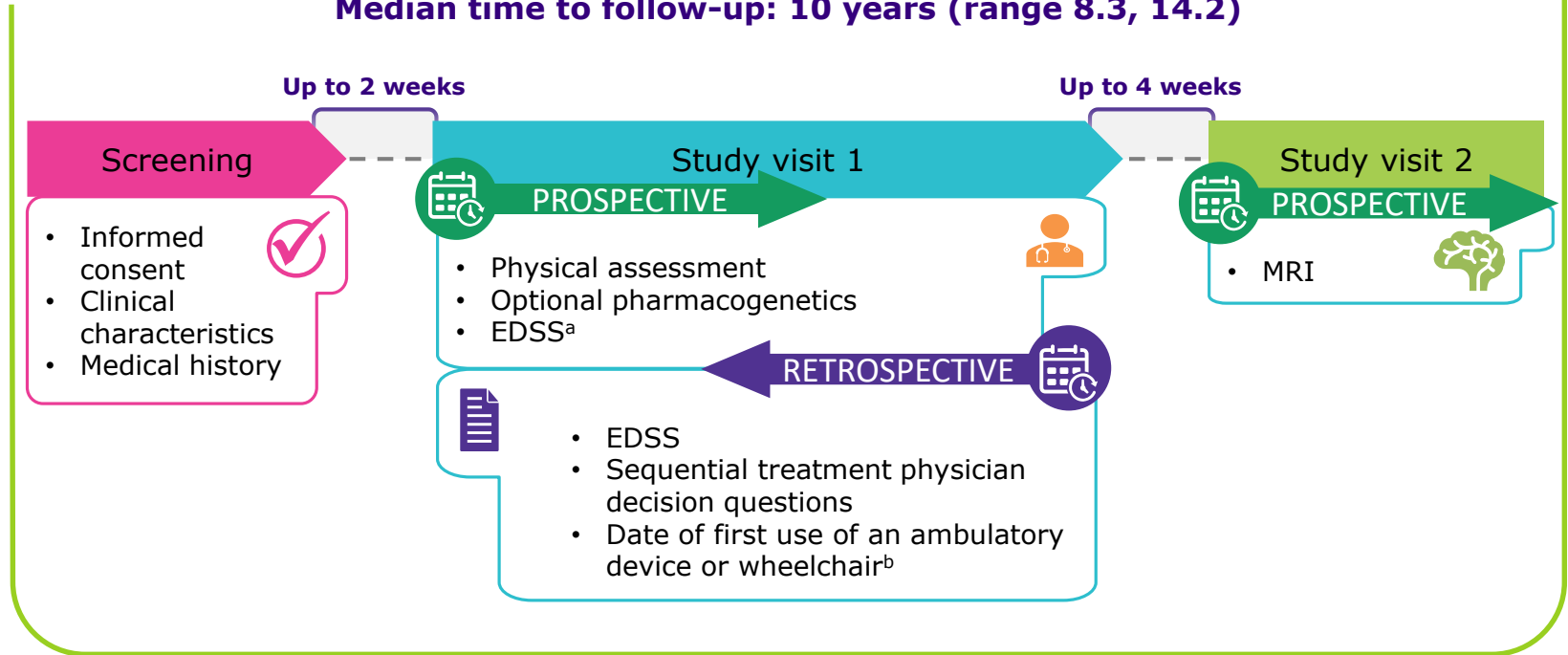
\*In the full analysis set, 88.4% (130/147) of patients had been exposed to cladribine tablets in the parent studies, comprising exposure in: CLARITY, 93.5% (87/93); CLARITY Extension, 100% (79/79); or ORACLE-MS, 79.6% (43/54).

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# METHODS

**Median time to follow-up: 10 years (range 8.3, 14.2)**



<sup>a</sup>Can also be administered by telephone instead of in-person at clinic at study visit 1; <sup>b</sup>May be determined through retrospective chart review and/or at study visit 1, e.g. if conversion or disability progression occurred between last regular clinical visit and study visit 1.

**EDSS**, Expanded Disability Status Scale; **MRI**, magnetic resonance imaging



# RESULTS

## Patient Characteristics

| Parameter   | Total (n = 147)          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Exposed to cladribine tablets in <u>parent study</u> , n (%)  | 130 (88.4)               |
| Female, n (%)   | 89 (60.5)                |
| Age in years at <u>study visit 1</u> <sup>†</sup> , mean ± SD | 48.1 ± 10.4              |
| Disease duration <sup>‡</sup> (years), mean ± SD              | 14.78 ± 10.69            |
| <b>Time since last parent study dose to screening visit,</b>  |                          |
| <b>Mean ± SD</b>  | <b>10.23 ± 1.33</b>      |
| <b>Median (range)</b>   | <b>10.03 (8.3, 14.2)</b> |

<sup>†</sup>Study visit 1 was conducted either on the phone or in the clinic. <sup>‡</sup>Disease duration = (study visit 1 – date of MS diagnosis +1) / 365.25.  
SD, standard deviation





# RESULTS

## Patient Characteristics

| Parameter   | Total (n = 147) |
|---|-----------------|
| EDSS score  |                 |
| At <u>parent study</u> baseline, mean $\pm$ SD      | 2.61 $\pm$ 1.19 |
| At <u>study visit 1<sup>+</sup></u> , mean $\pm$ SD | 3.25 $\pm$ 2.07 |



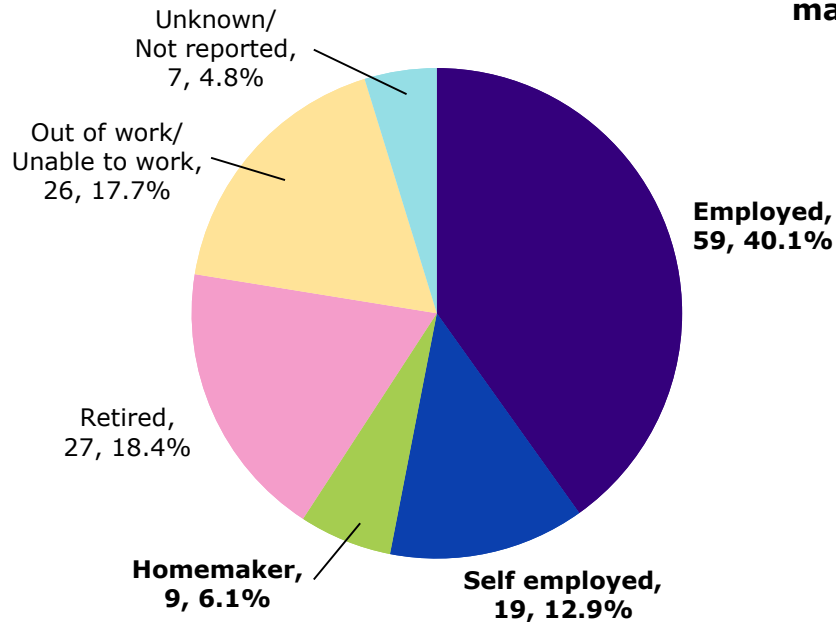
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EDSS, Expanded Disability Status Scale; SD, standard deviation



# RESULTS

## Employment Status at Study Visit 1

Total = 147 patients  
**Active employment  
maintained by 59.2%**



NB. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) age of participants in the CLASSIC-MS study was  $48.1 \pm 10.4$  years.



# RESULTS

## Primary and Other Endpoints

Primary Endpoint: Patients Using a Wheelchair or Bedridden (EDSS  $\geq 7$ )

- **94.6%** of patients were **not using a wheelchair or bedridden** in the 3 months prior to CLASSIC-MS.

Secondary Endpoint: Proportion of Patients with EDSS  $\geq 6$  Since Last Parent Study Dose

- **83.7%** of patients **did not require an ambulatory device** at any time since the last parent study dose.

Tertiary Endpoint: Time to First use of an Ambulatory Device Since Last Parent Study Dose

- Estimated **time to 25% of patients using a first ambulatory device was 10.9 years** since last parent study dose.





# RESULTS

## Long-term Responders

**Definition A** - Not requiring further DMD treatment until  $\geq 4$  years after last parent study dose

**Definition B** - No evidence of disease reactivation based on investigator assessment of clinical outcomes in the 4 years following last parent study dose

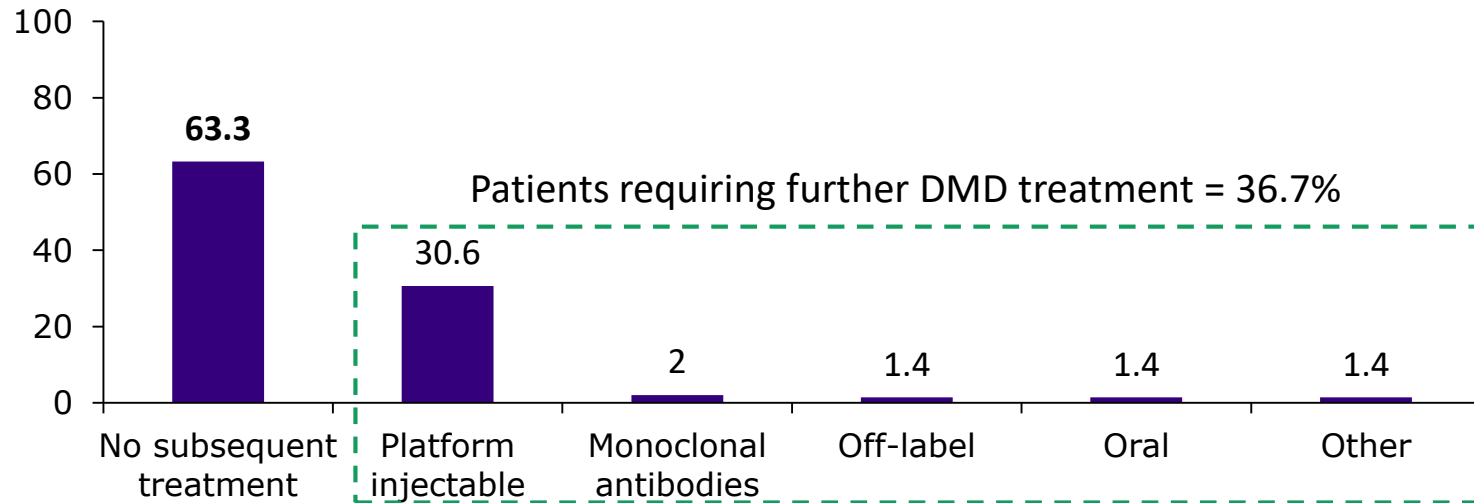
|                                | Definition A | Definition B |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Met definition, n (%)          | 108 (73.5)   | 67 (45.6)    |
| Did not meet definition, n (%) | 33 (22.4)    | 74 (50.3)    |
| Missing, n (%)                 | 6 (4.1)      | 6 (4.1)      |



## RESULTS

### Secondary Endpoint: First Subsequent DMD\* After Last Parent Study Dose (median 10 years' follow up)

63.3% of patients did not require any further treatment with DMDs following last parent study dose.

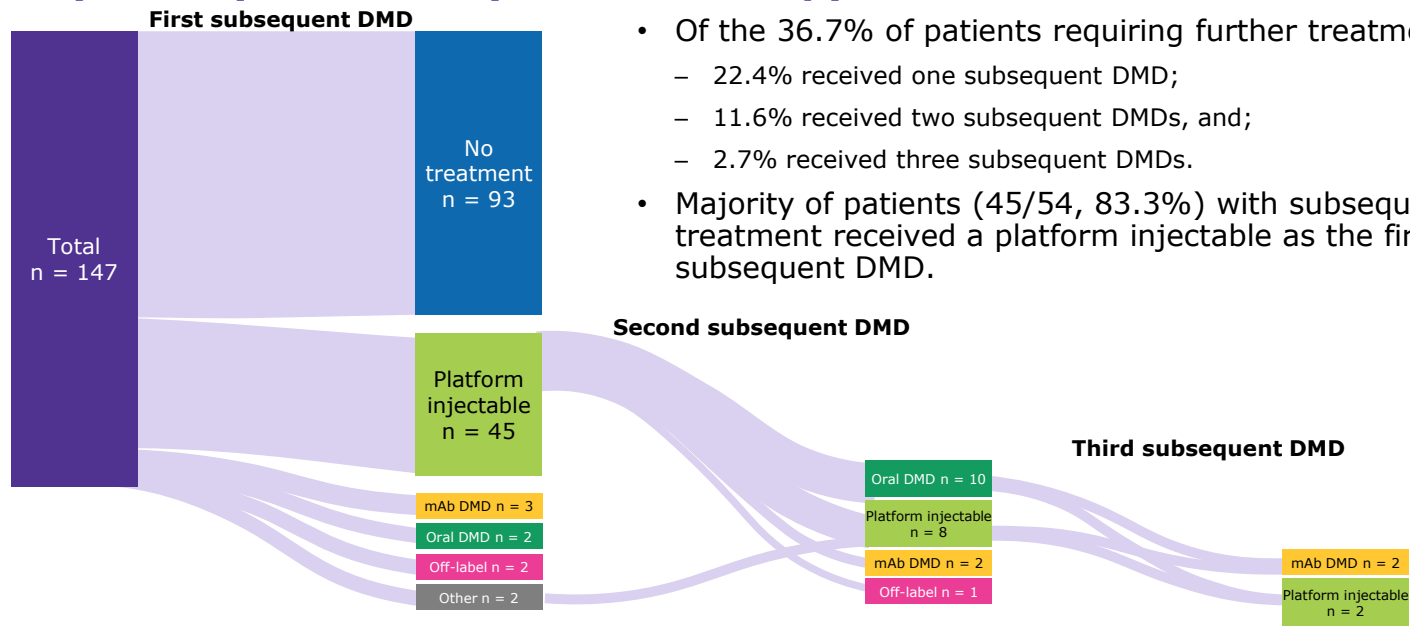


\*Subsequent DMDs are reflective of those available at the time of the study (2010–2019).  
DMD, disease-modifying drug



# RESULTS

## Secondary Endpoint: Types of Subsequent DMD\* After Last Parent Study Dose (median 10 years' follow up)



- Of the 36.7% of patients requiring further treatment:
  - 22.4% received one subsequent DMD;
  - 11.6% received two subsequent DMDs, and;
  - 2.7% received three subsequent DMDs.
- Majority of patients (45/54, 83.3%) with subsequent treatment received a platform injectable as the first subsequent DMD.

\*Subsequent DMDs are reflective of those available at the time of the study (2010-2019).  
DMD, disease-modifying drug; mAb, monoclonal antibody



## CONCLUSIONS

Interim data from a small sample of CLASSIC-MS, with a **median of 10 years'** follow-up, suggests **sustained efficacy of cladribine tablets.**

- The study is ongoing and participating centers have enrolled >30% of the intended population



Over the median 10 years' follow-up:

- **94.6% did not require wheelchair use/not bedridden.**
- **83.7% did not require an ambulatory device.**
- **66.3% did not require further treatment with DMDs.**
- **Active employment was maintained by 59.2%.**