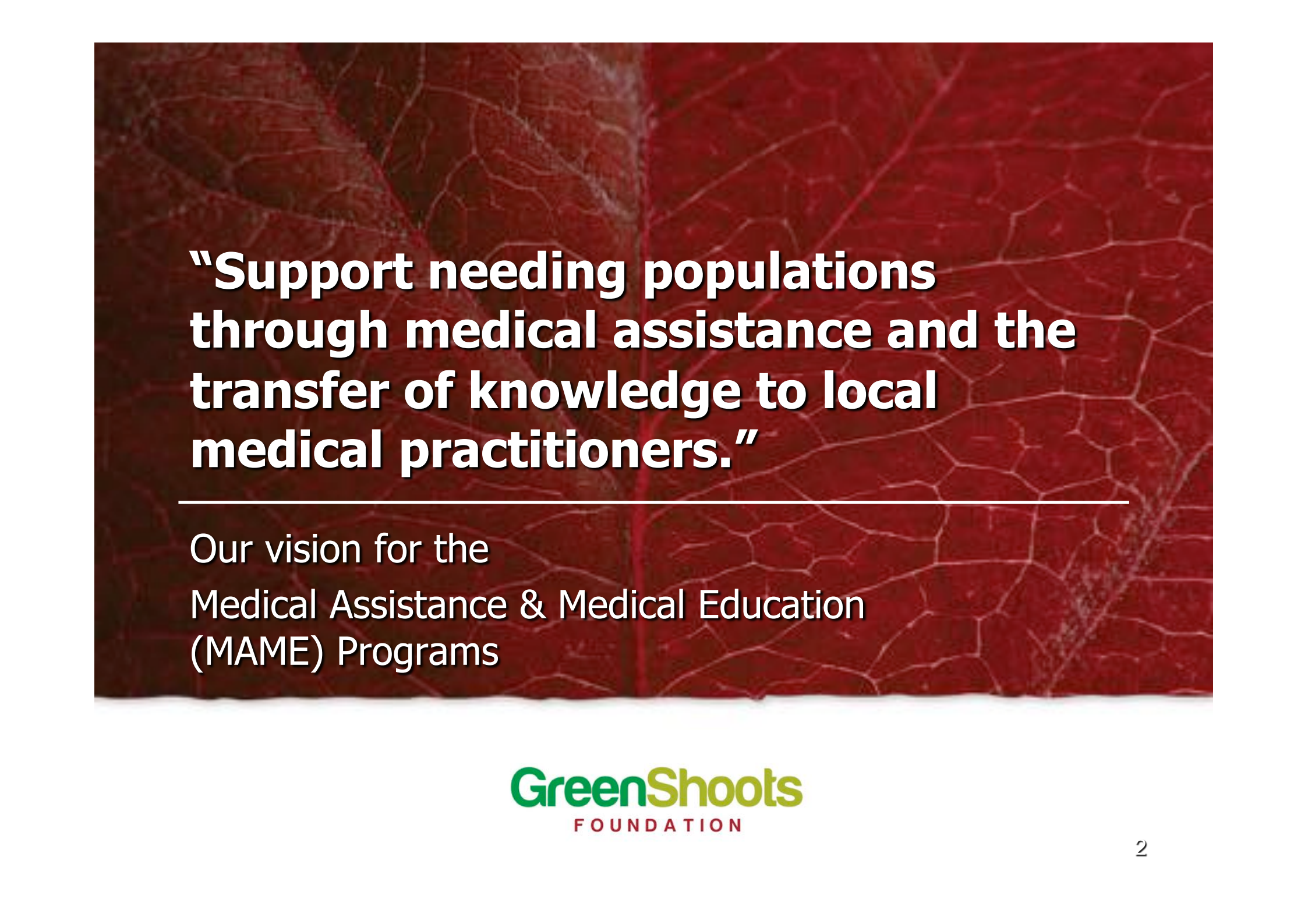


Opportunistic Infections



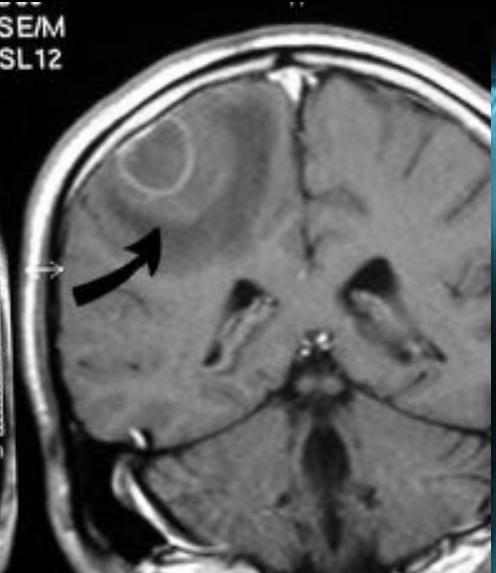
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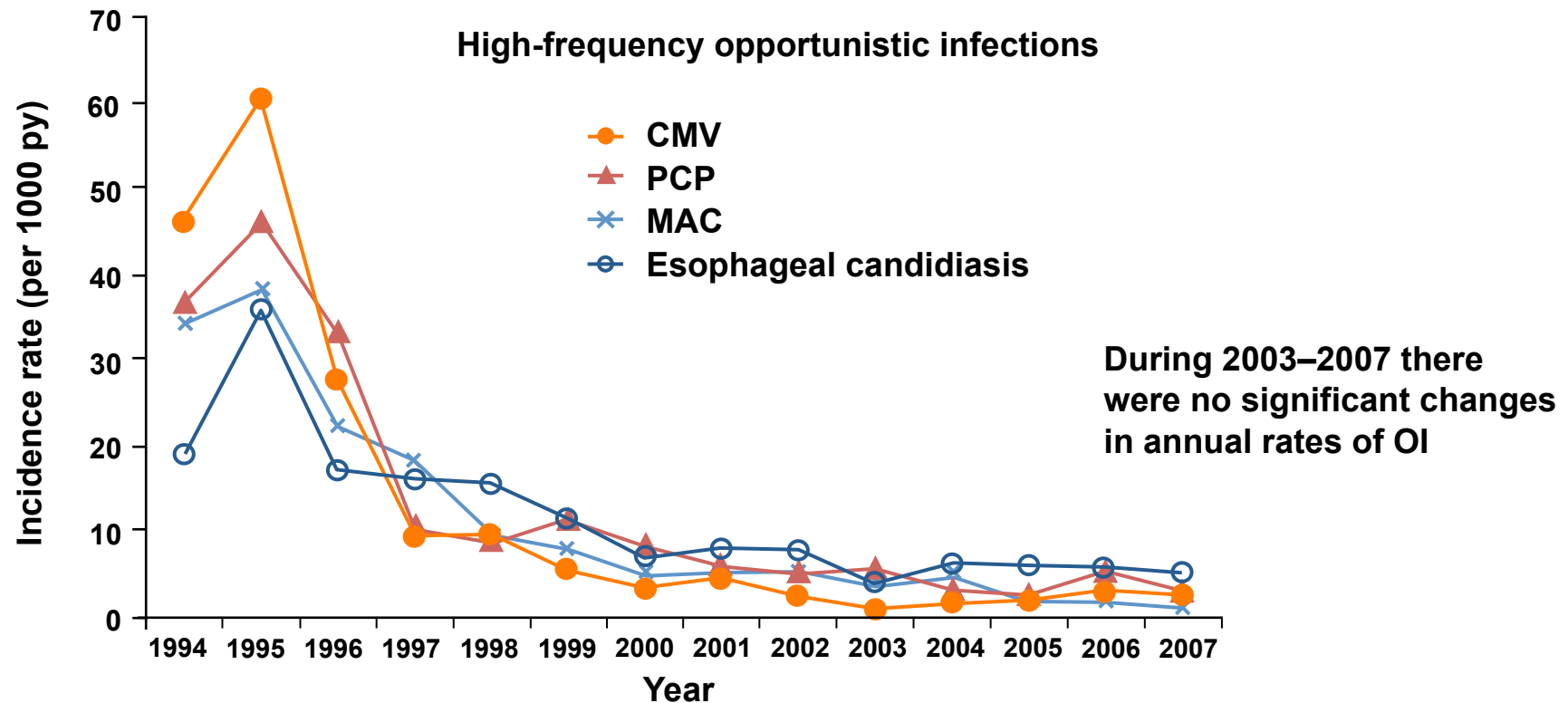


Outline

- Background
- Today I will break it down:
 - Review of many of the OI's
 - Focus on the main clinical challenges
 - Present recent data
- Please interrupt.....

In the West! HOPS Cohort: Late presentation and opportunistic infections (OIs)

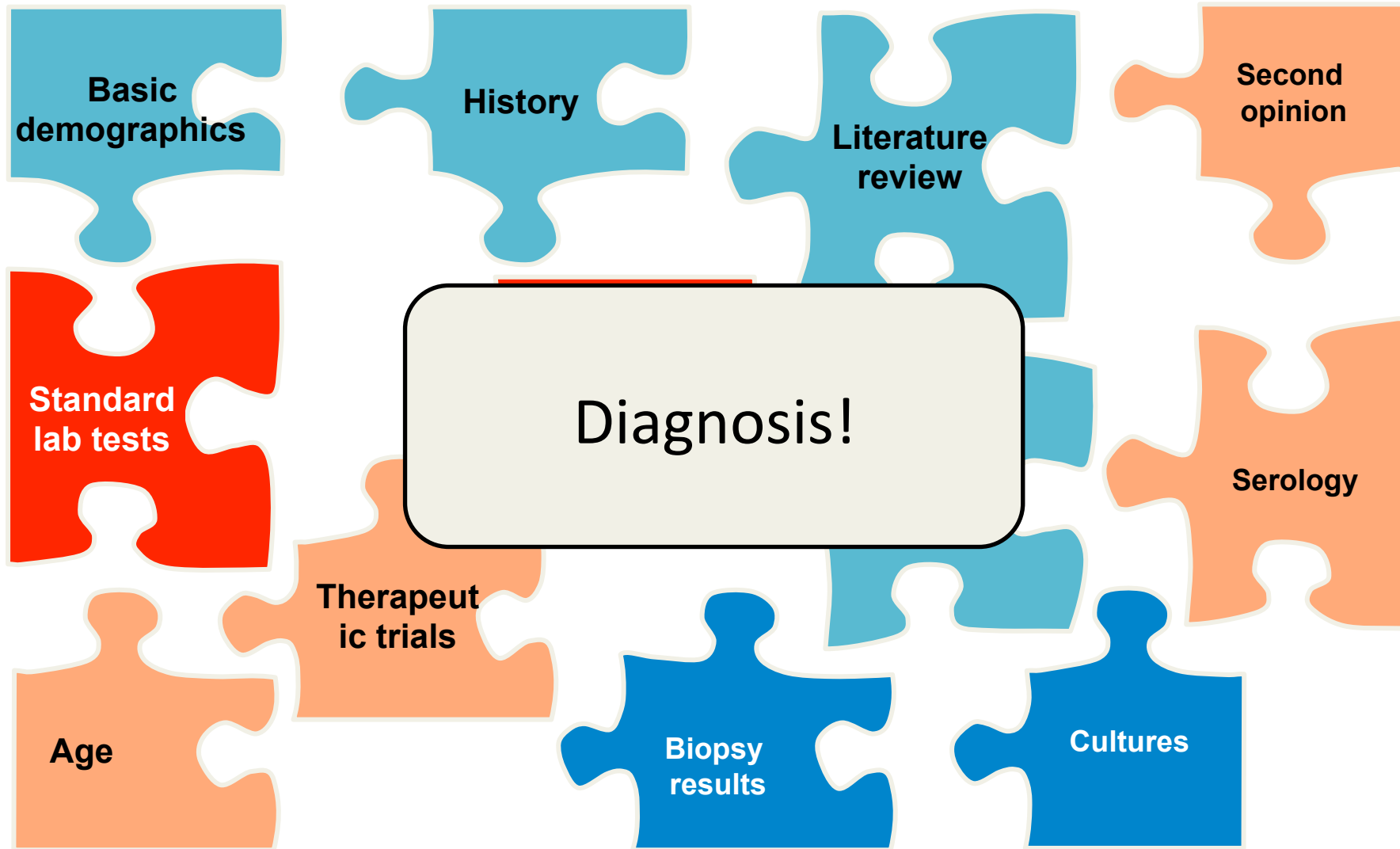
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- Nonetheless, OIs remain a leading cause of hospitalization and death among late presenting patients



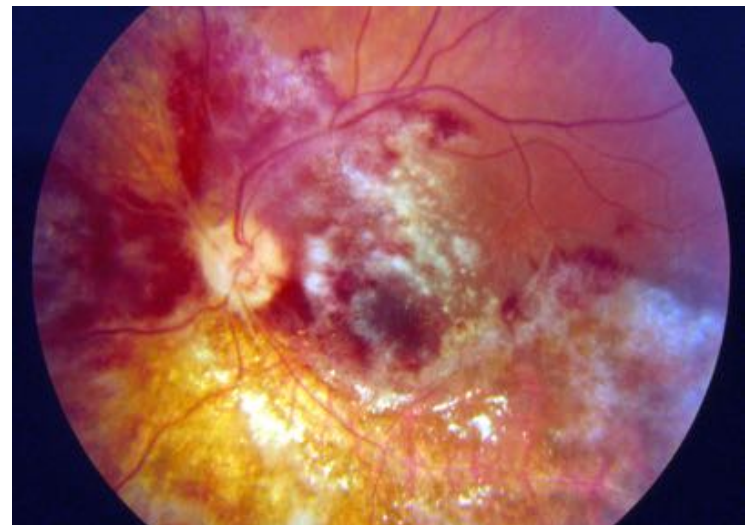
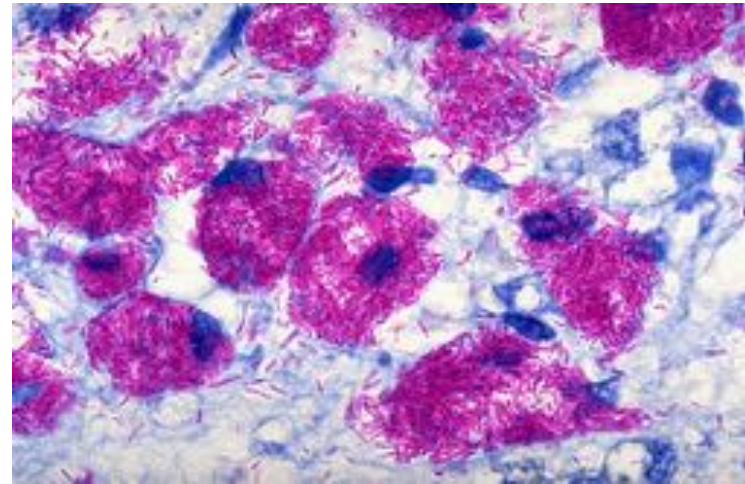
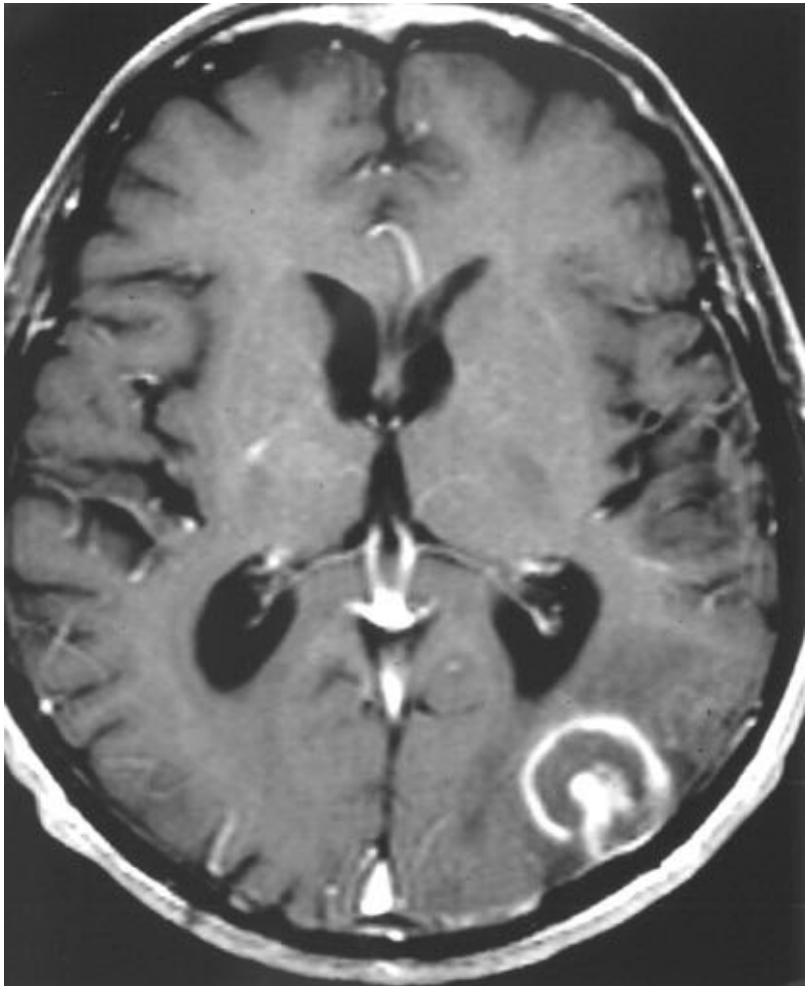
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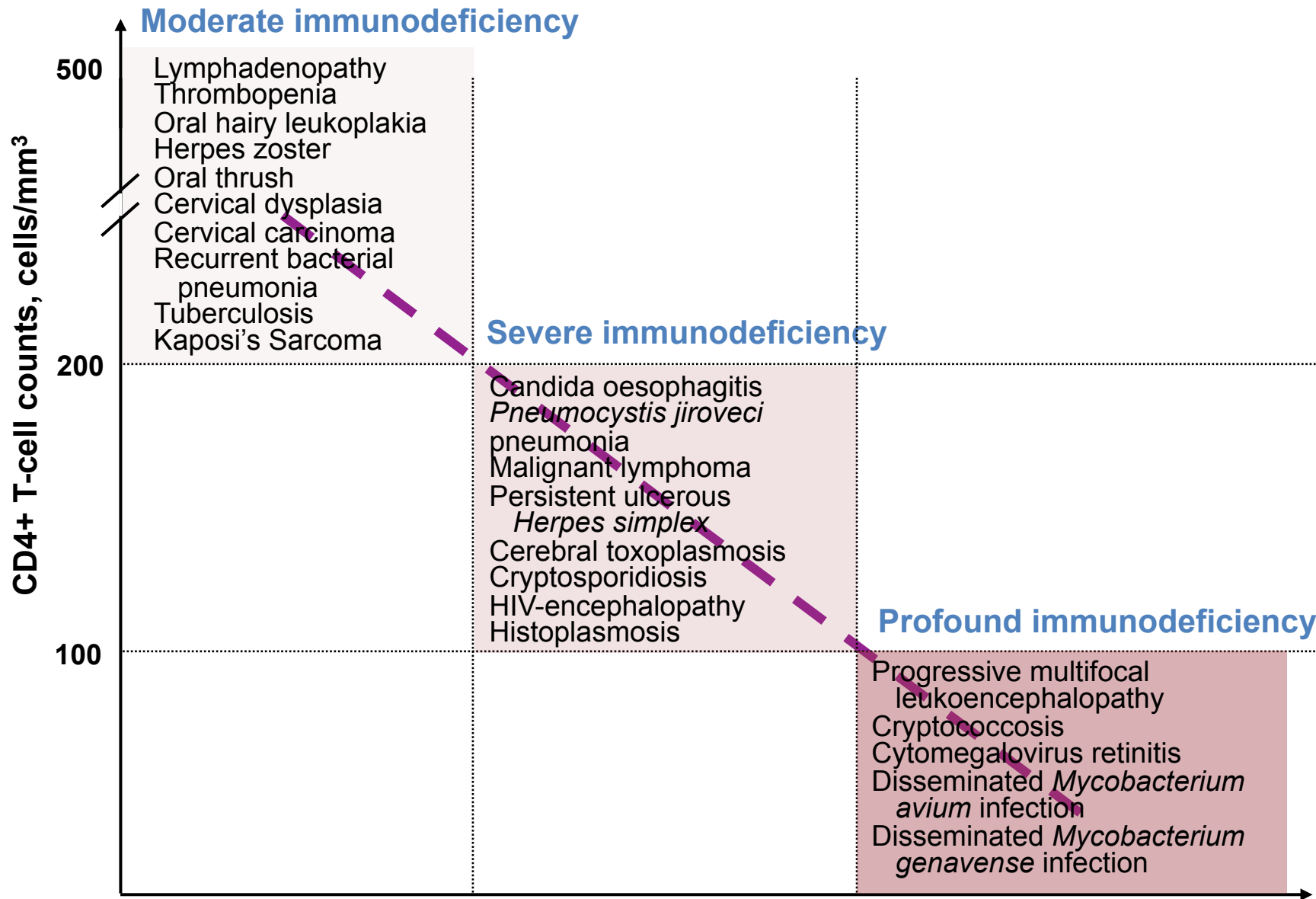
Often difficult to diagnose



May be part of multiple infections
requiring treatment



Risk of opportunistic infections by CD4 count



Adapted from Battegay M et al., *Antivir Ther* 2007, 12:841–851. **Time**

Guidelines exist..

Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents

June 18, 2008

Recommendations of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IHMA/IDSA)

These guidelines are updated regularly to provide current information. The most recent information is available at <http://AIDSinfo.nih.gov>.

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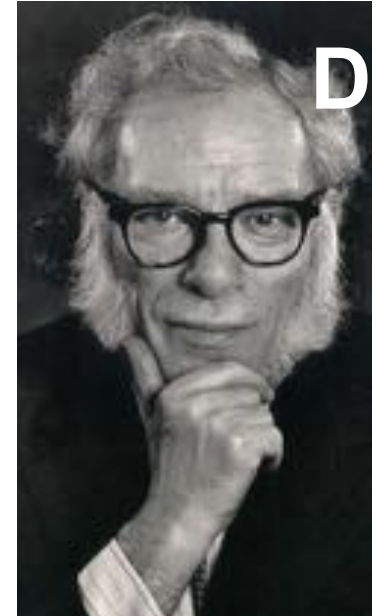
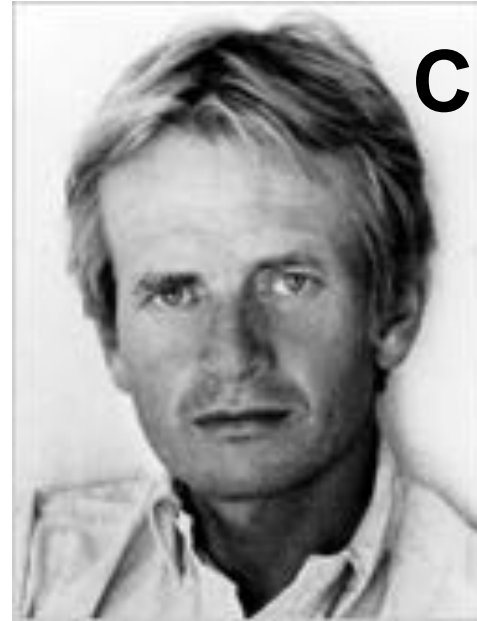
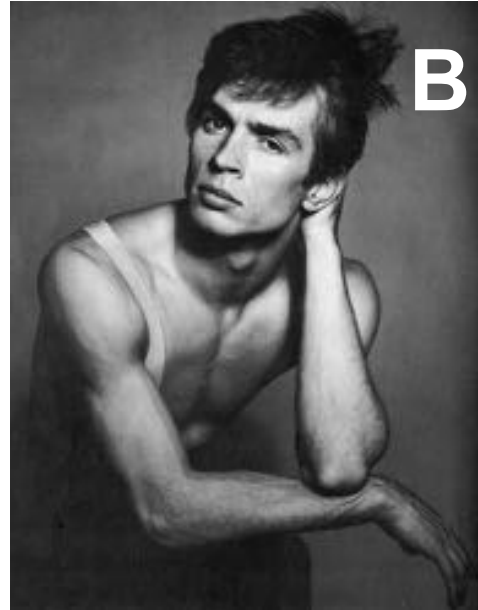
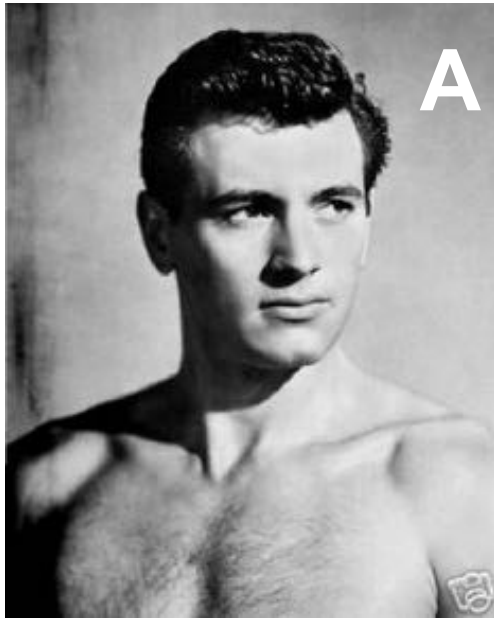
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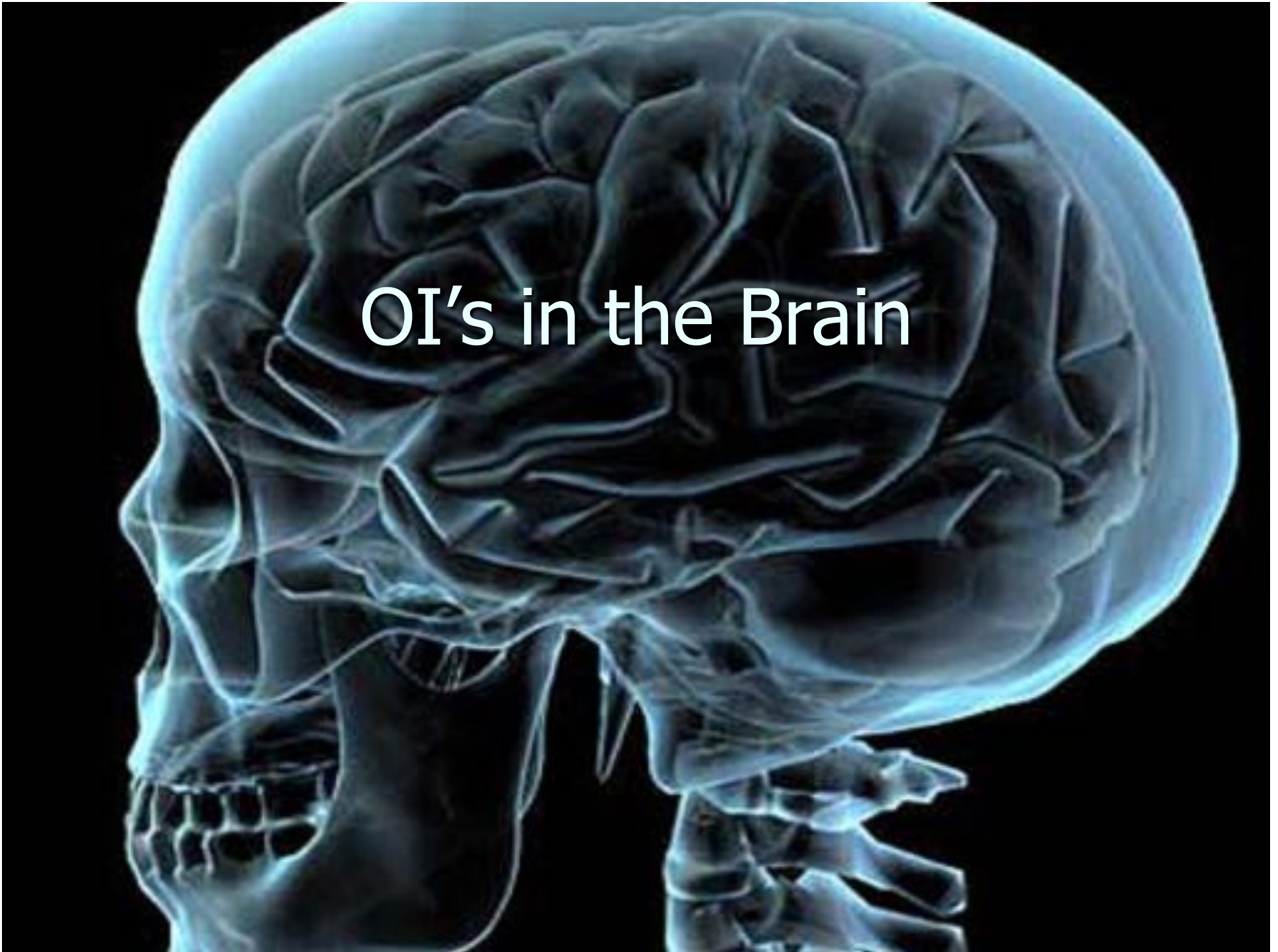
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OI's in the Brain



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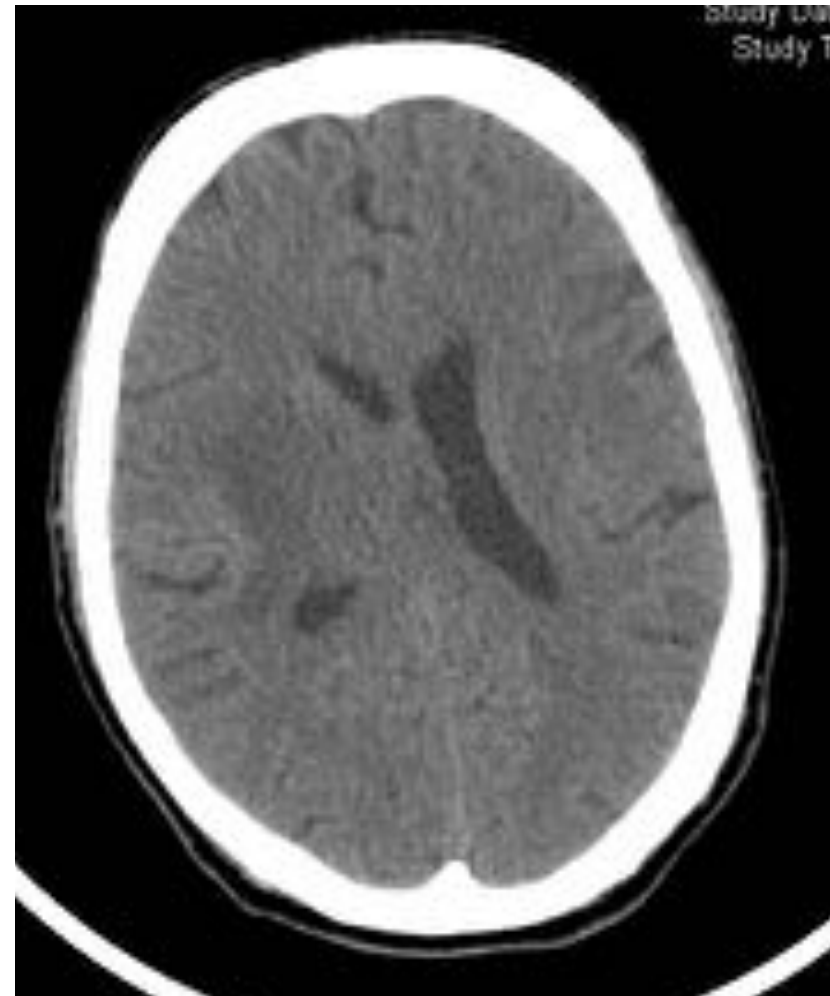
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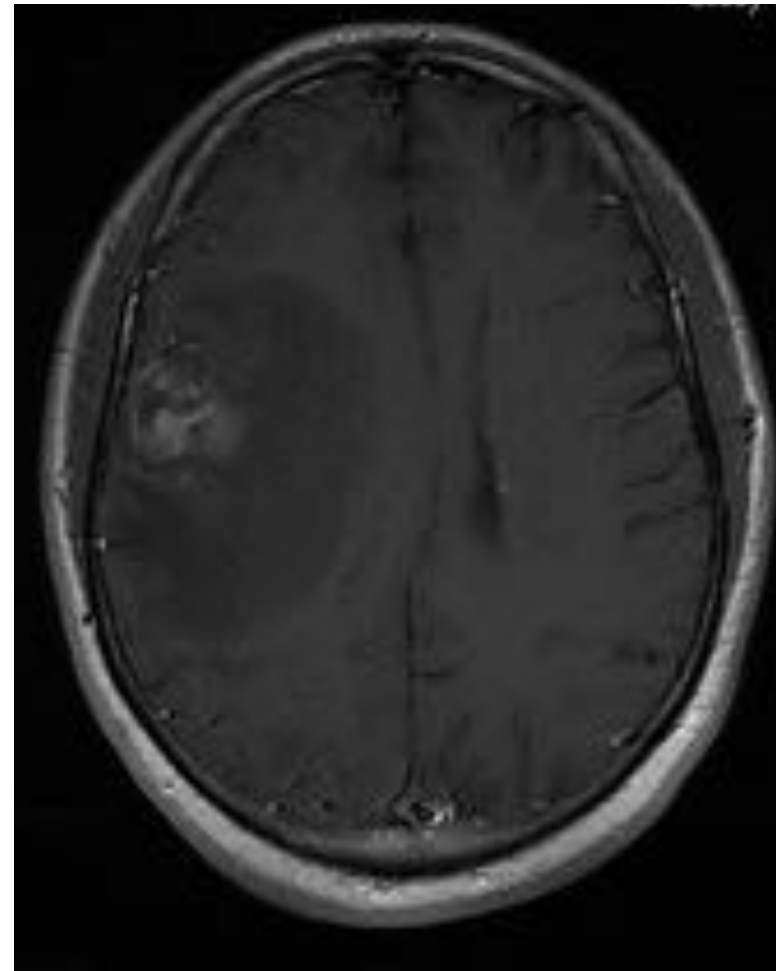
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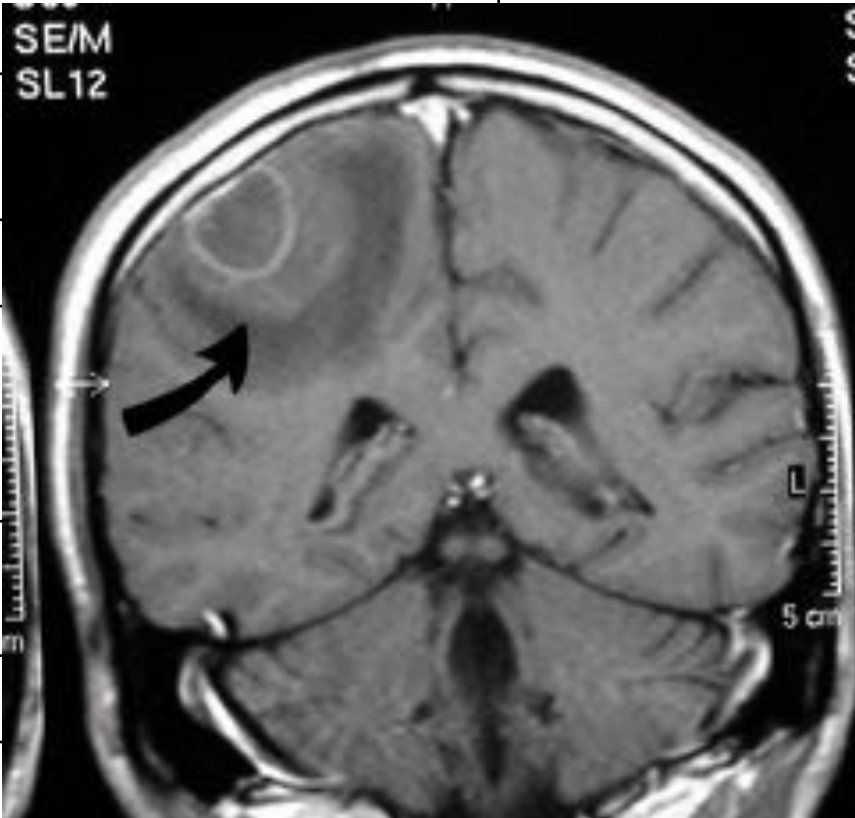
Clinical challenges with toxoplasmosis

- A. Diagnosis without/with scans
- B. Optimal treatment
- C. Steroids and biopsy
- D. Persistent changes on scan
- E. When to start ART
- F. Distinguishing relapse from IRS

1. Diagnosing cause – clinical toxoplasmosis

CLINICAL FEATURES			
	TOXOPLASMOSIS	PCNSL	PML
Presentation	Headache, focal fits, fever, drowsy, focal neurology	Confusion, focal neurology	Visual/speech defects, focal neurology
Seizures	33%	15%	Uncommon
Clinical history	<2 weeks	2-8 weeks	Weeks to months
CD4 count	<100	<50	<50
Other	Retinitis may coexist Rarely encephalitic process	No evidence of disease outside of brain	

1. Diagnosing cause - imaging

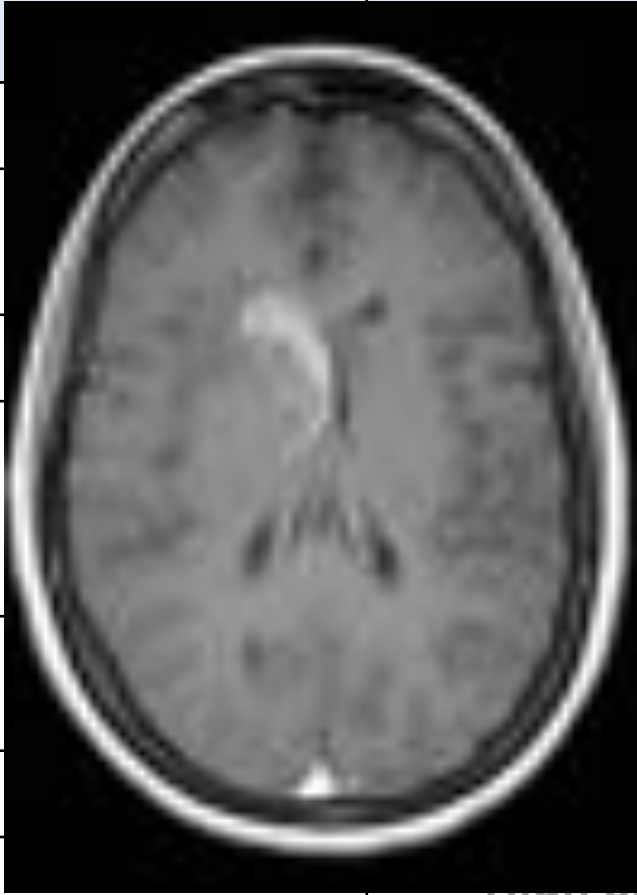
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Location			Basal ganglia Brain stem Cortical
			Interface grey-white matter
MR T1			Low signal
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Primary CNS lymphoma

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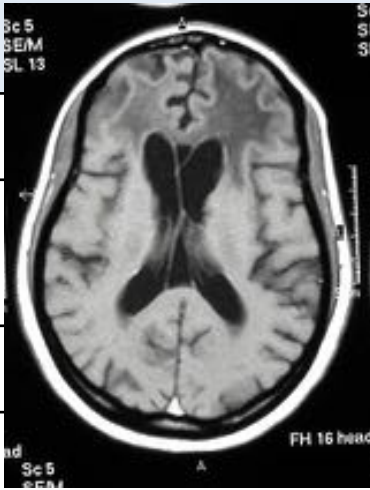
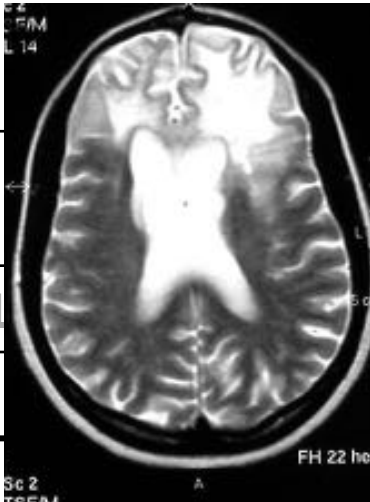
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MR FEATURES			SMOSIS
	PCNSL		
Number	Single-few		multiple
Enhancement	Prominent Homogeneous		enhancement
Oedema	Mild-moderate		minimal
Location	Periventricular		periventricular anglia stem cal
	Anywhere		grey-white matter
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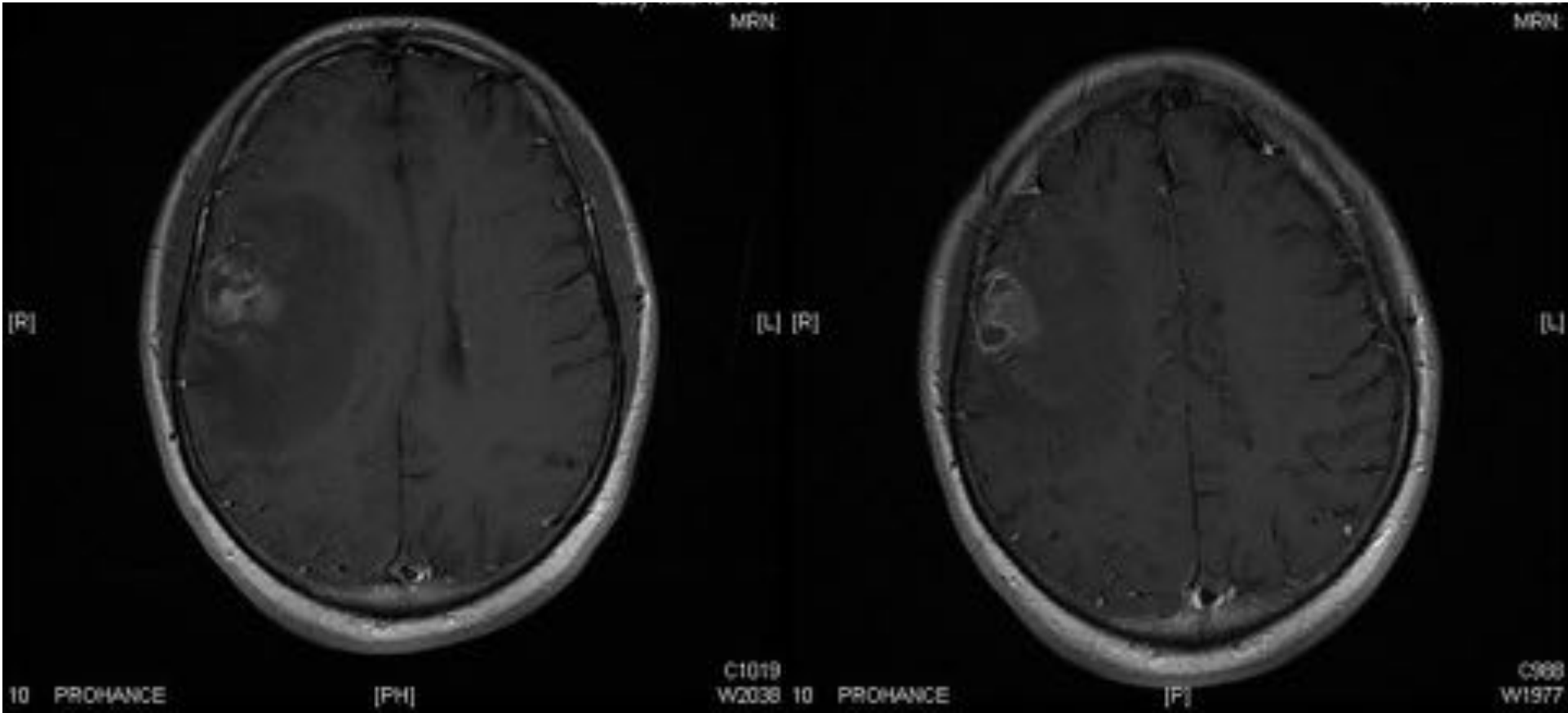
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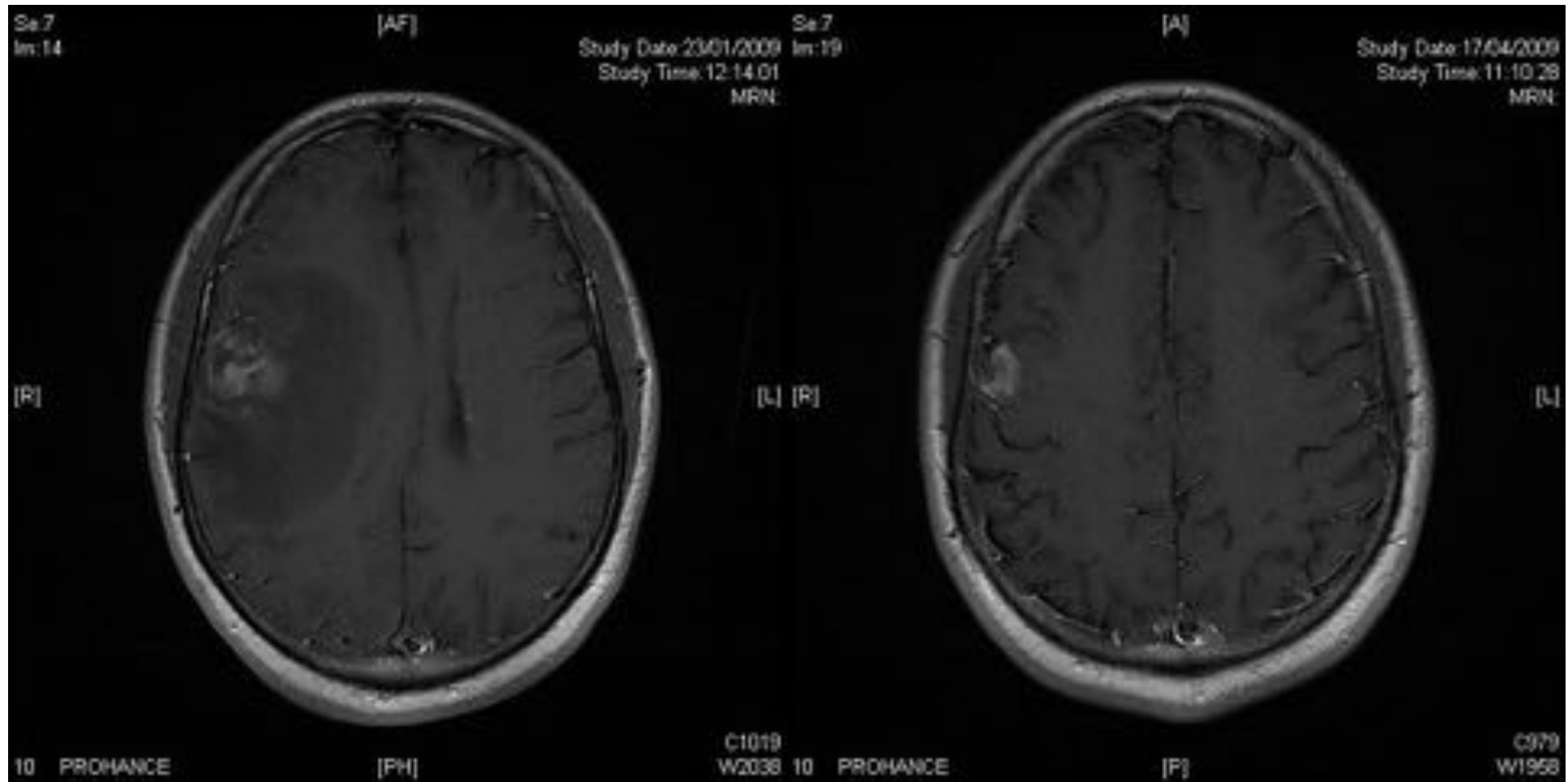
1. Treat for toxoplasmosis
2. Defer treatment and get CSF
3. Refer to unit where they can do urgent brain biopsy
4. Treat for TB
5. Treat for toxoplasmosis and give steroids
6. Other

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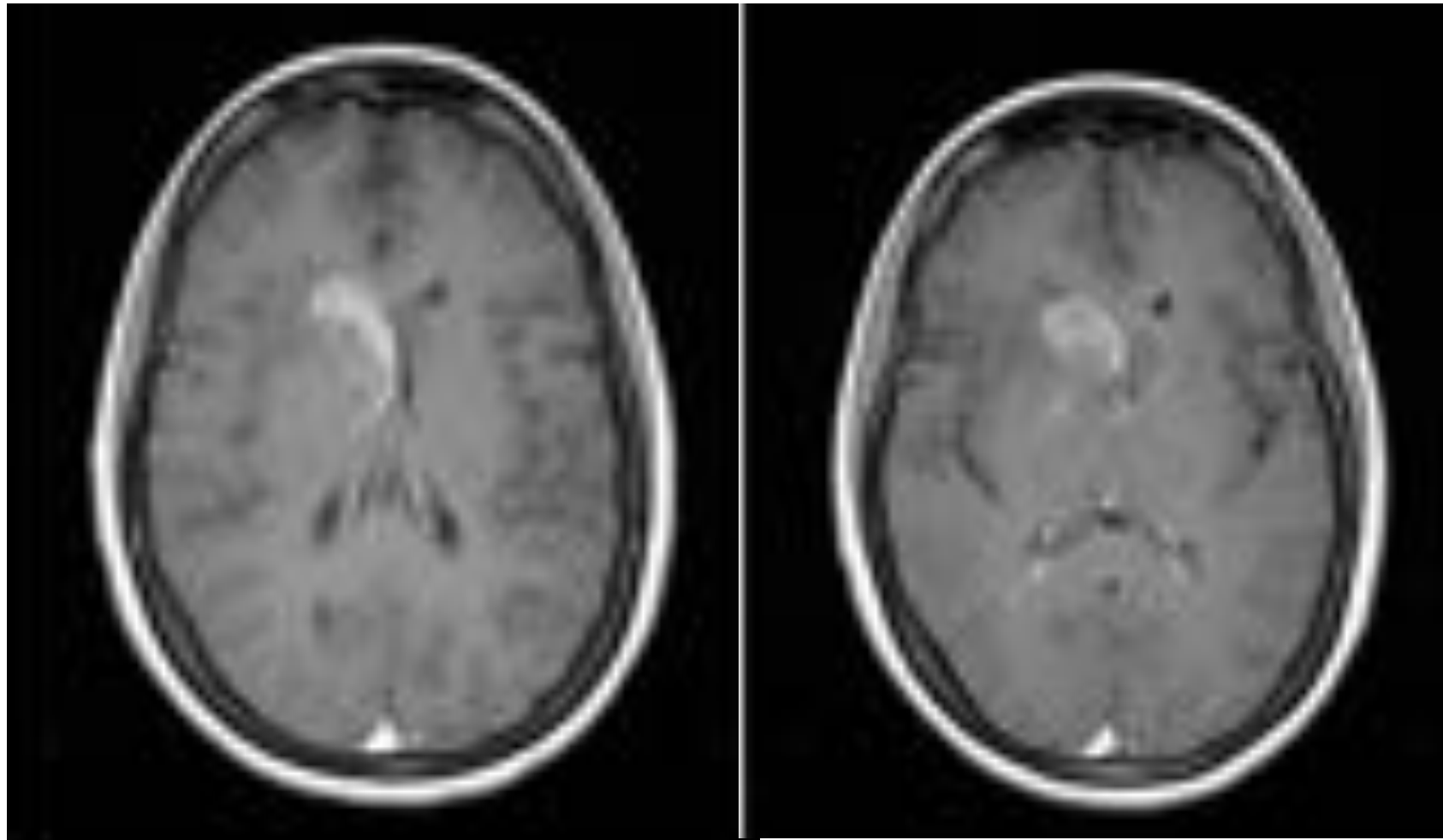
Patient with toxoplasmosis after 2w toxoplasma treatment



Back to our patient post treatment at 8w



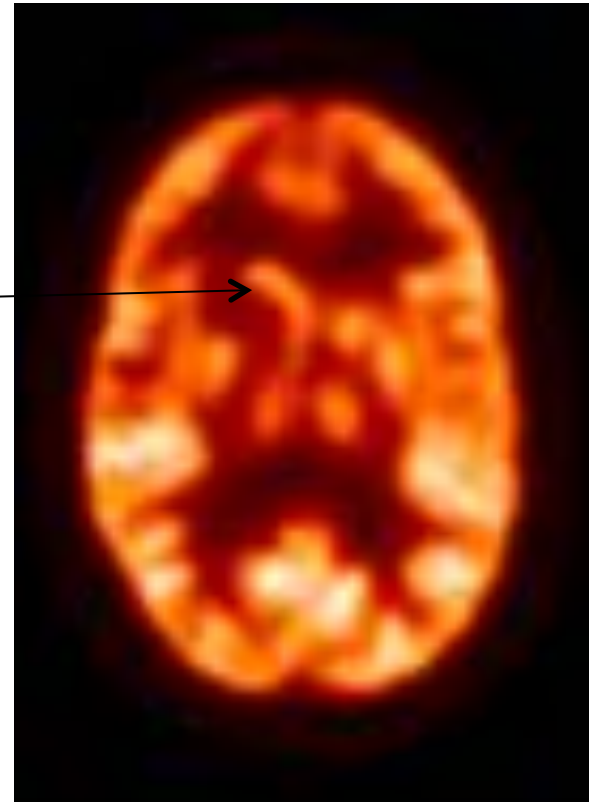
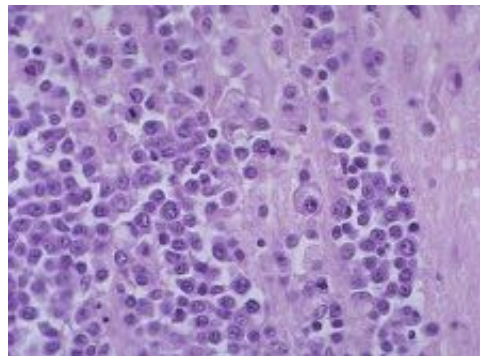
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Additional imaging

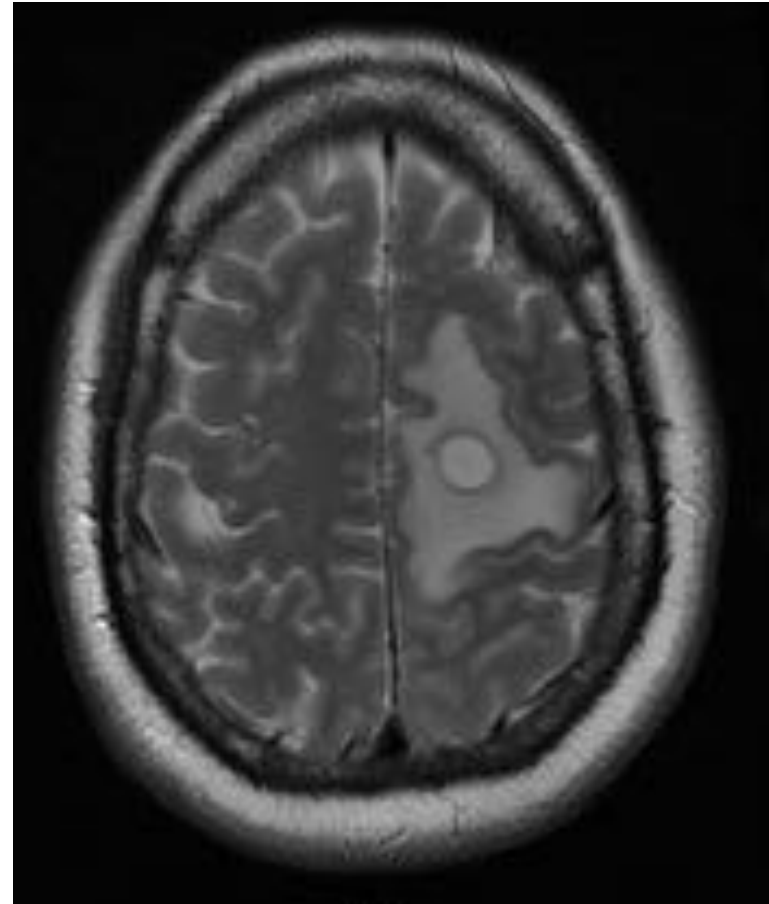
- ^{201}Tl Thallium SPECT
- ^{18}F FDG-PET (positron emission scanning):
 - Lesions show increased uptake
 - Toxoplasmosis lesions are metabolically inactive
- Brain biopsy

^{18}F FDG-PET



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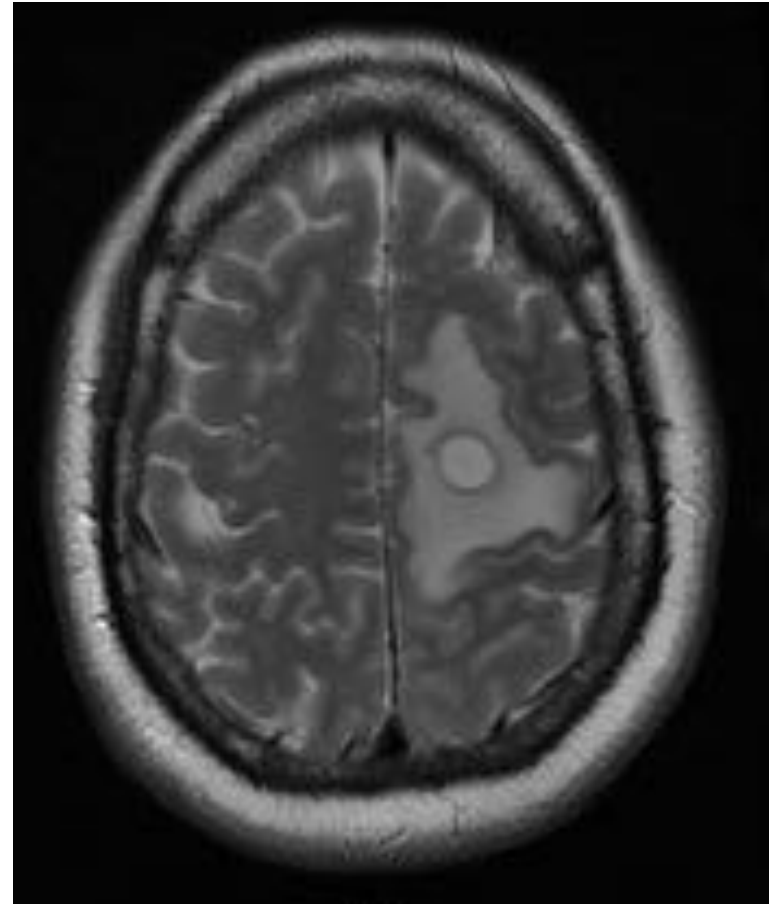
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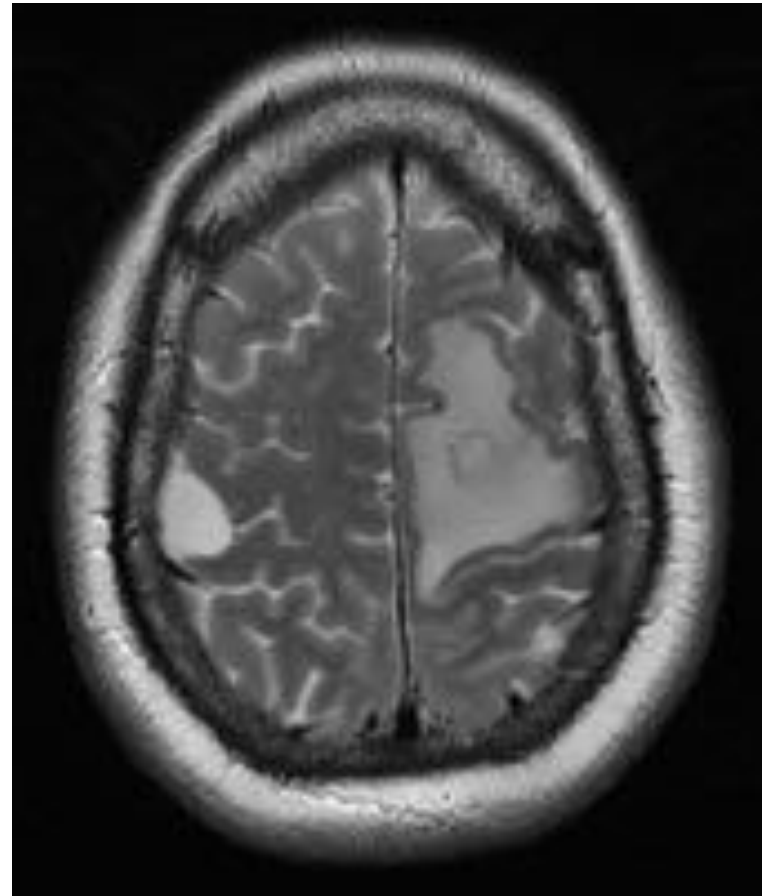
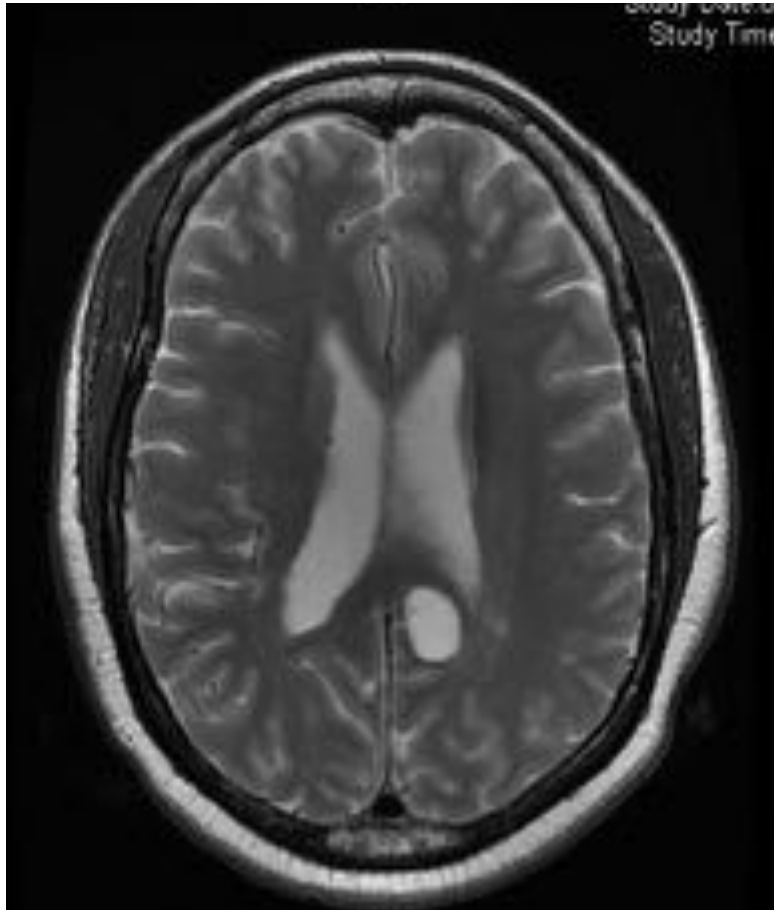
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The importance of the CD4..

CD4 876 cells/ μ l



Neurocystercosis..

Serology strongly +ve T. Solium CC

- Started anti-convulsants
- Treated with:
 - Steroids 5d
 - Albendazole 14d
- No real association with HIV
- **Can occur at any CD4**

LESSON: THINK NON-HIV IF HIGH CD4

The importance of the CD4 count and a brain biopsy

- Known HIV +ve
 - CD4 333
- Admitted 2w hx of ↑ psychosis
 - CRAG -ve
 - CSF 84 LC: protein 1.2, no growth
- Treatment:

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1. TB meningitis
2. Cryptococcal meningitis
3. Listeria meningitis
4. Viral meningitis
5. Toxoplasmosis
6. Other

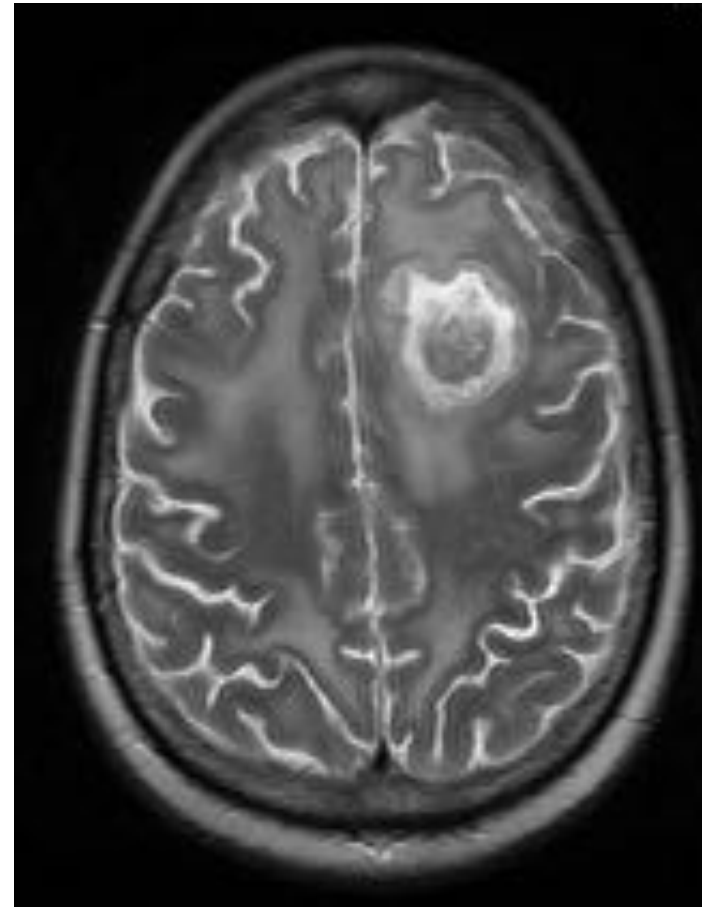
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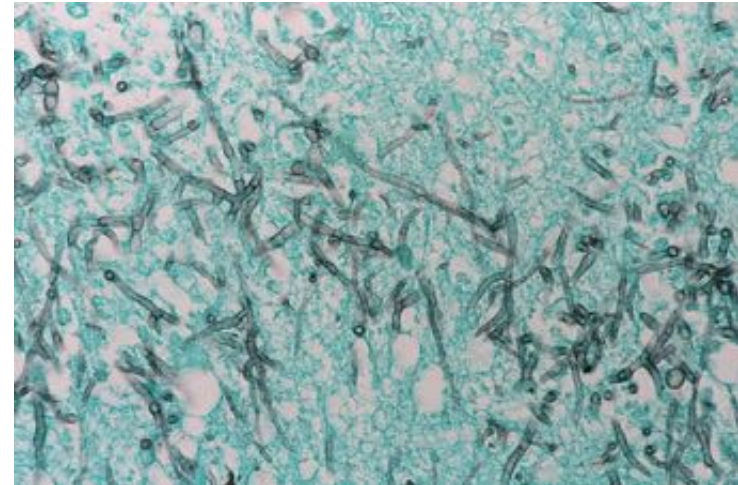
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Thought to be mad?

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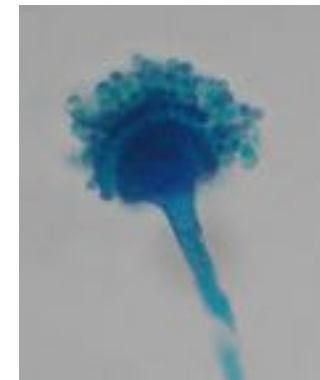
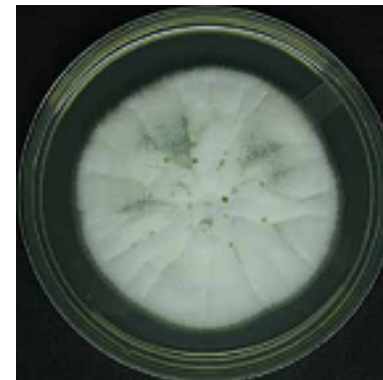
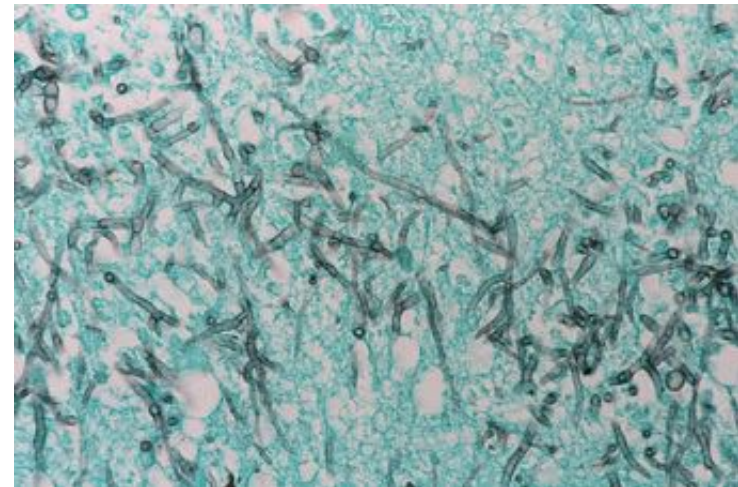
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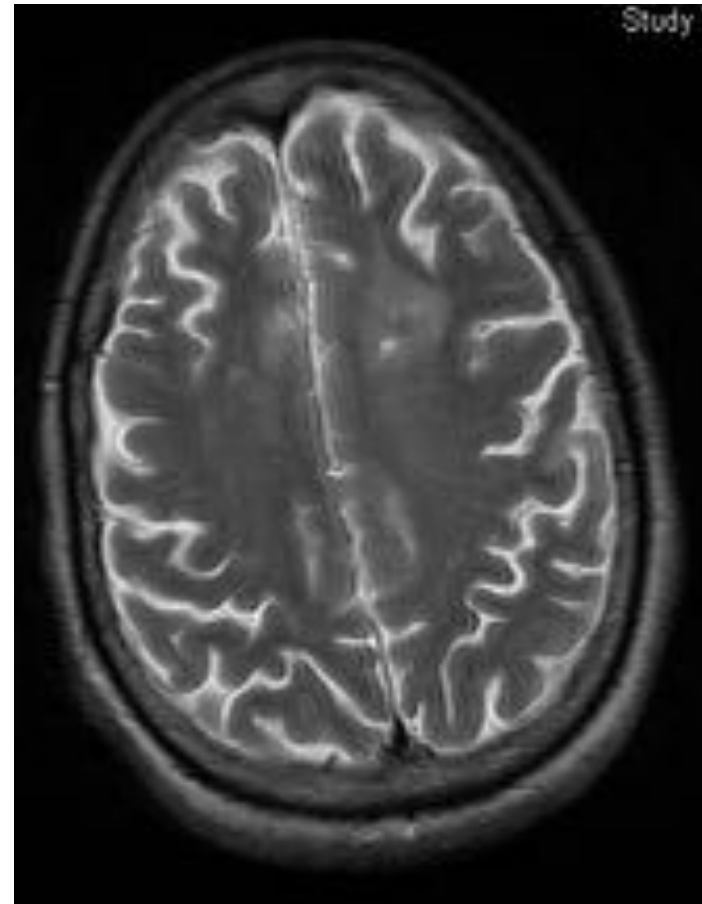
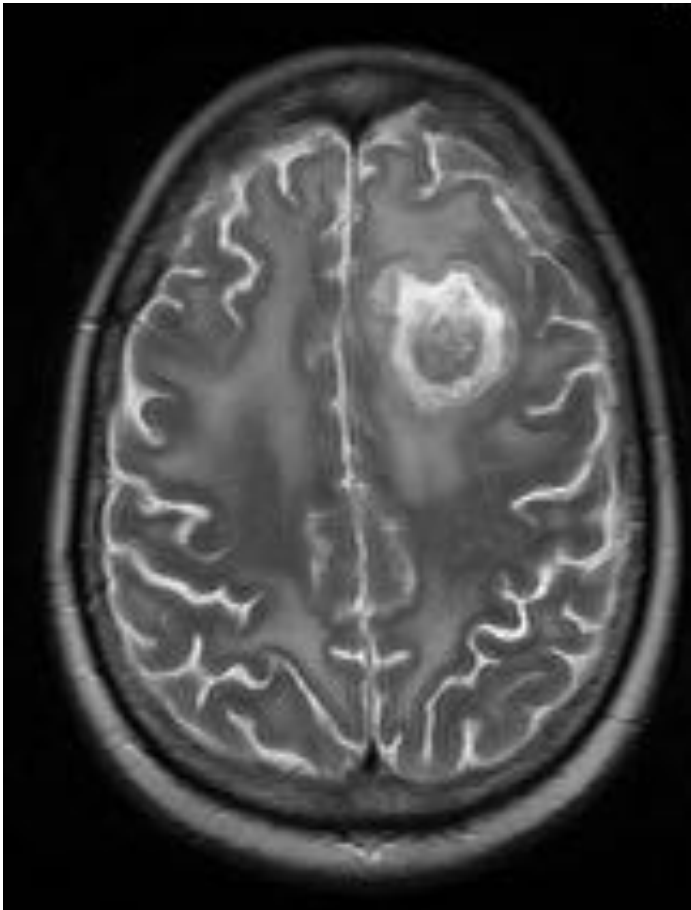
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- Culture: *Aspergillus fumigatus*
- Started Voriconazole



After 12w of antifungal treatment..



3. Diagnosing cause - serology and CSF?

- Toxoplasmosis IgG antibody:
 - +ve 20-80% depending on age and regional exposure
 - 1% seroconversion annually
 - Up to 15% may be IgG antibody -ve
- Toxoplasma PCR CSF:
 - Sometimes not possible because of ↑ ICP
 - Sensitivity 95% specificity 95%

What treatment would you start?

- Co-trimoxazole
- Pyrimethamine and sulphadiazine
- Pyrimethamine and clindamycin
- Atovaquone
- Azithromycin and Atovaquone
- Other

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B. What is optimal treatment

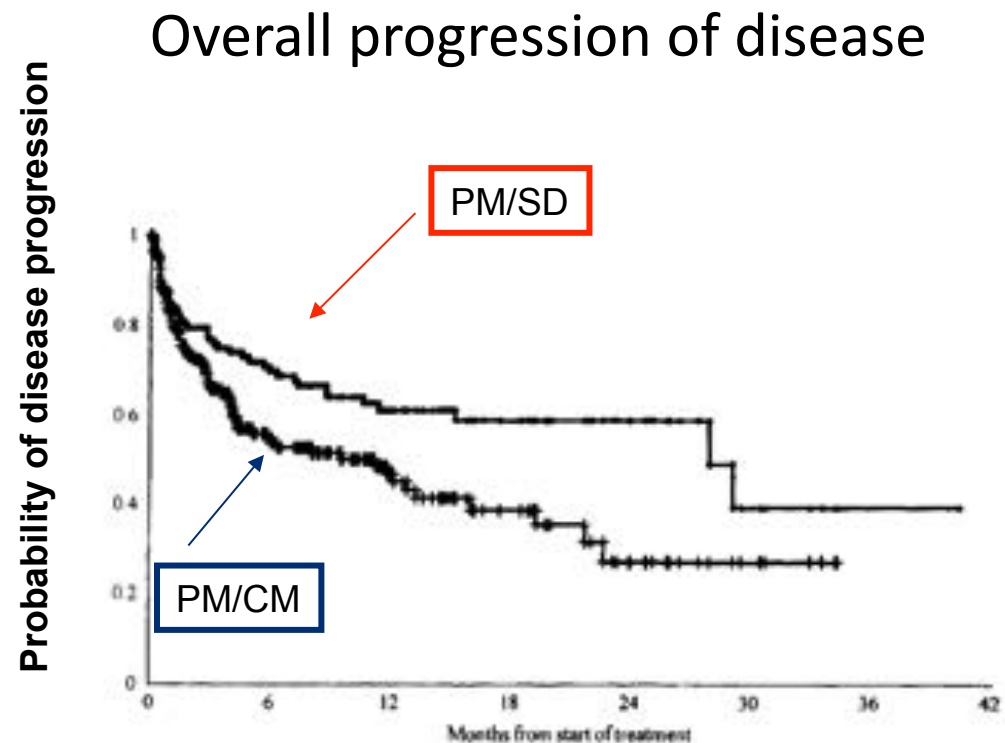
- 2 RCT comparing SUL/PYR vs. CLIND/PYR 6w

N=	59		292	
	Clind/Pyr	Sulph/Pyr	Clind/Pyr	Sulph/Pyr
Response (%)	65	70	68	76
Toxicity D/C (%)	23	33	11	30

- Other small RCT confirm activity of:
 - ATOV or AZITH or CLARITH/AZITHRO or DOXY or DAPSONE with PYR and FOL
 - ATOV and SULP or Minocycline or alone

What is optimal treatment

- Overall risk of progression higher in patients receiving PM-CM than PM-SD.
- No difference during acute therapy
- Relapse rate twice as high
- Toxicity rates less with PM-CM
- Studies mainly pre-ART



PM/SD = pyrimethamine/sulphadiazine
PM/CM = pyrimethamine/clindamycin

Co-trimoxazole as 2nd line

- Single randomized controlled study of CTX
 - 40 received CTX
 - 37 received PYR-SULPH
- PYR-SULPH and CTX were equivalent with respect to clinical and radiological efficacy
 - **85.7% vs. 83.7% and 69.6% vs. 72.9%**
- However, tolerability significantly better in the CTX group
 - 5 events in the CTX group vs. 14 events in the PYR-SULPH group)
- Two single arm cohort studies have repeated these results for CTX

Toxoplasmosis – treatment

- Repeat imaging after 2-4w therapy of pyrimethamine/folinic acid with either sulphadiazine or clindamycin
- Clinical improvement:
 - 50% at 5d, 70% at 7d and 90% at 14d of toxoplasma treatment
 - Failure to improve at 2w indicates likely PCNSL
- MRI improvement:
 - Seen by 2-4w

Do you advise steroids?

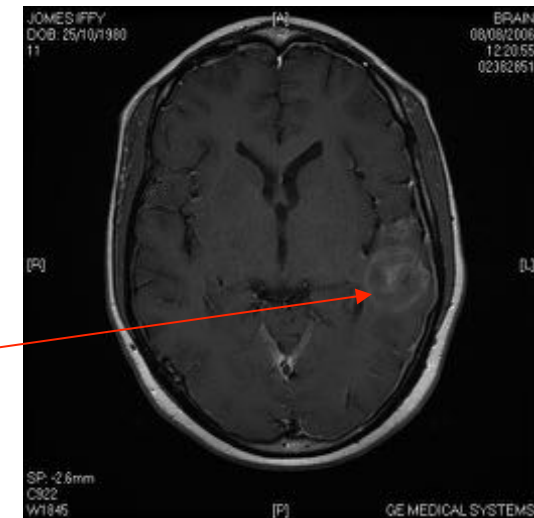
- Always
- Only when significant localising signs
- Only when oedema (if you can get scan)
- Never
- Only if deteriorates on treatment
- Other

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C. What is the place of brain biopsy & steroids?

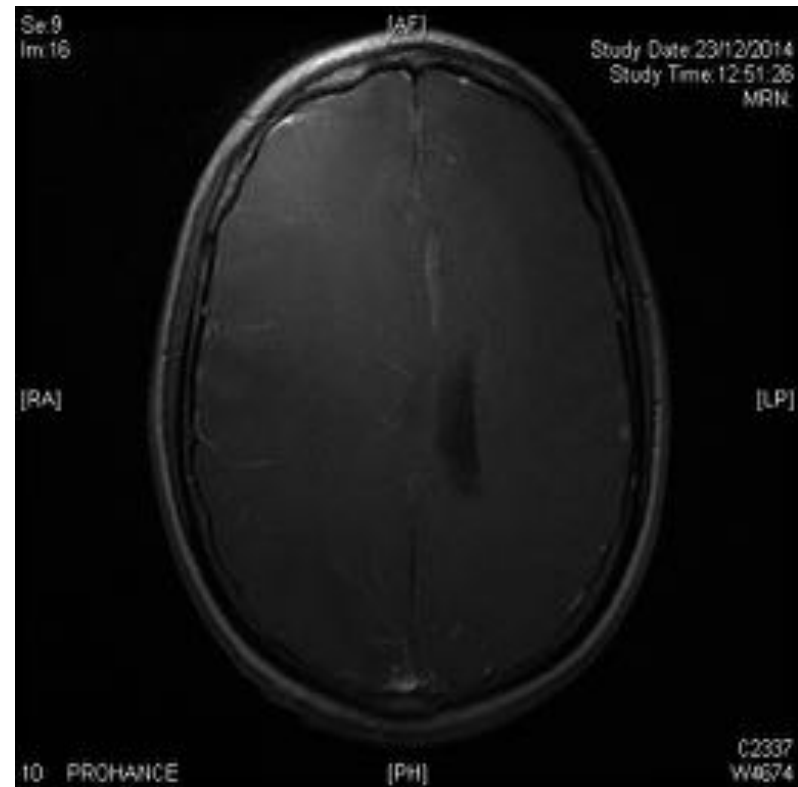
- Consider brain biopsy when:
 - **Empiric therapy fails**
 - There is a reliable history of co-trimoxazole prophylaxis
 - Patients receiving steroids relapse on tailing off
 - **There is a single atypical lesion,**
 - The CD4 count is >200 cells/mL

Biopsy diagnosis = TB



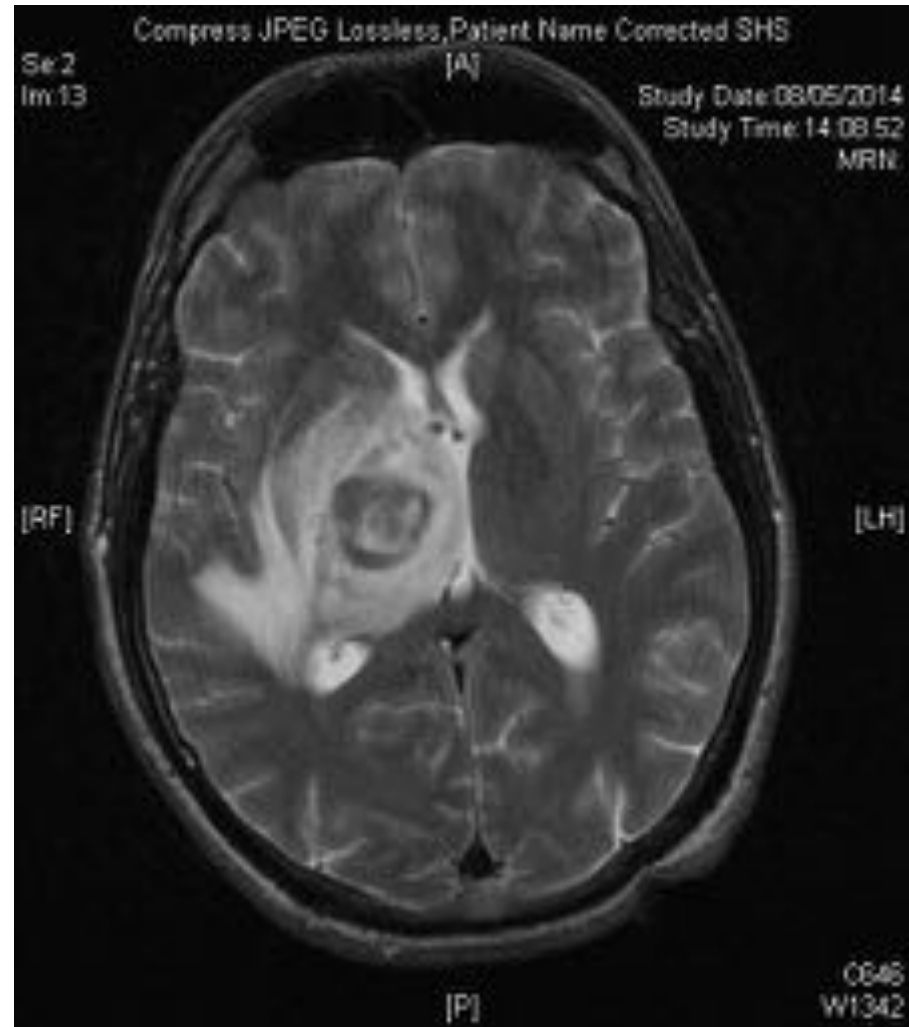
What is the place of brain biopsy & steroids?

- Dexamethasone indicated:
 - If features of significant raised ICP or midline/ tentorial shift
 - Dexamethasone 4mg qds tapering dose
 - **Can cloud diagnosis and management**
 - **Clinical deterioration after tailing off steroids usually indicates urgent need for brain biopsy**

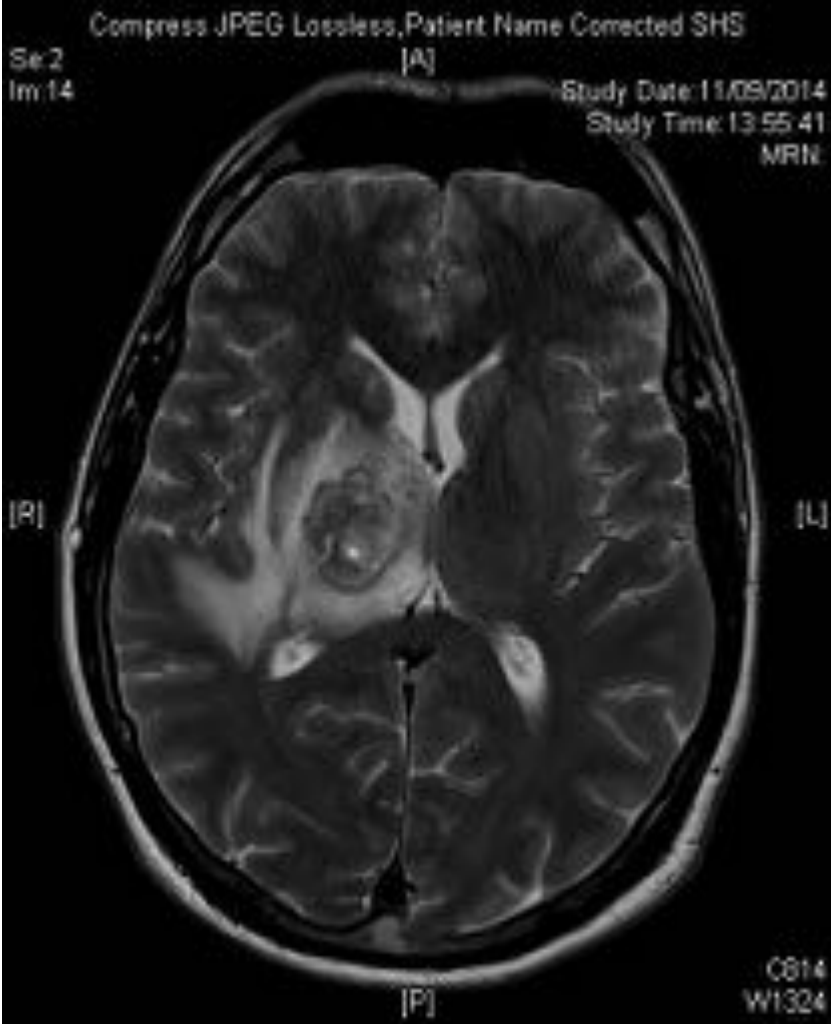
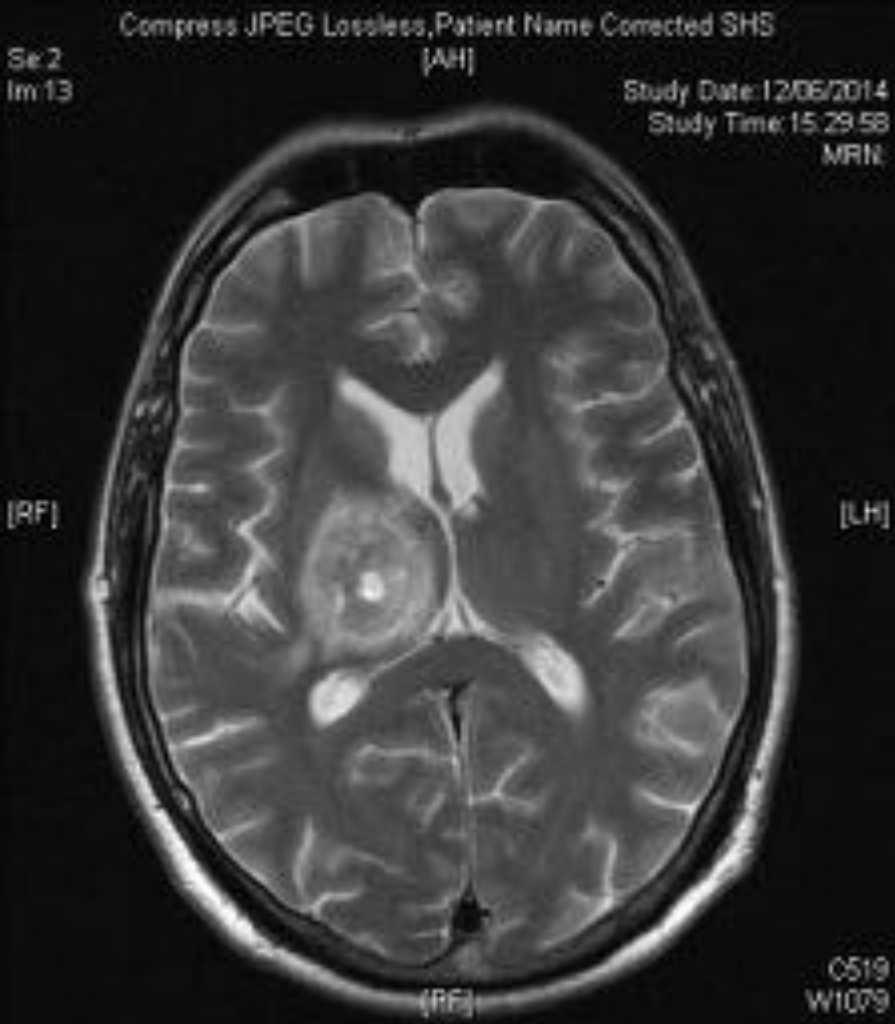


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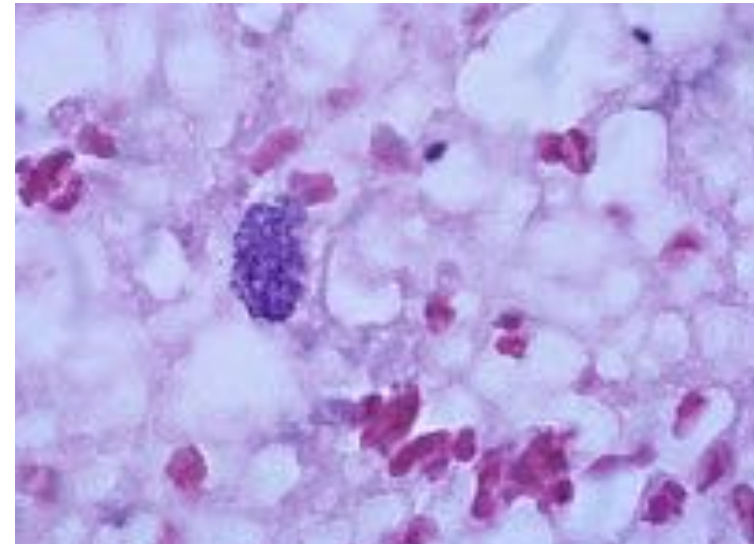
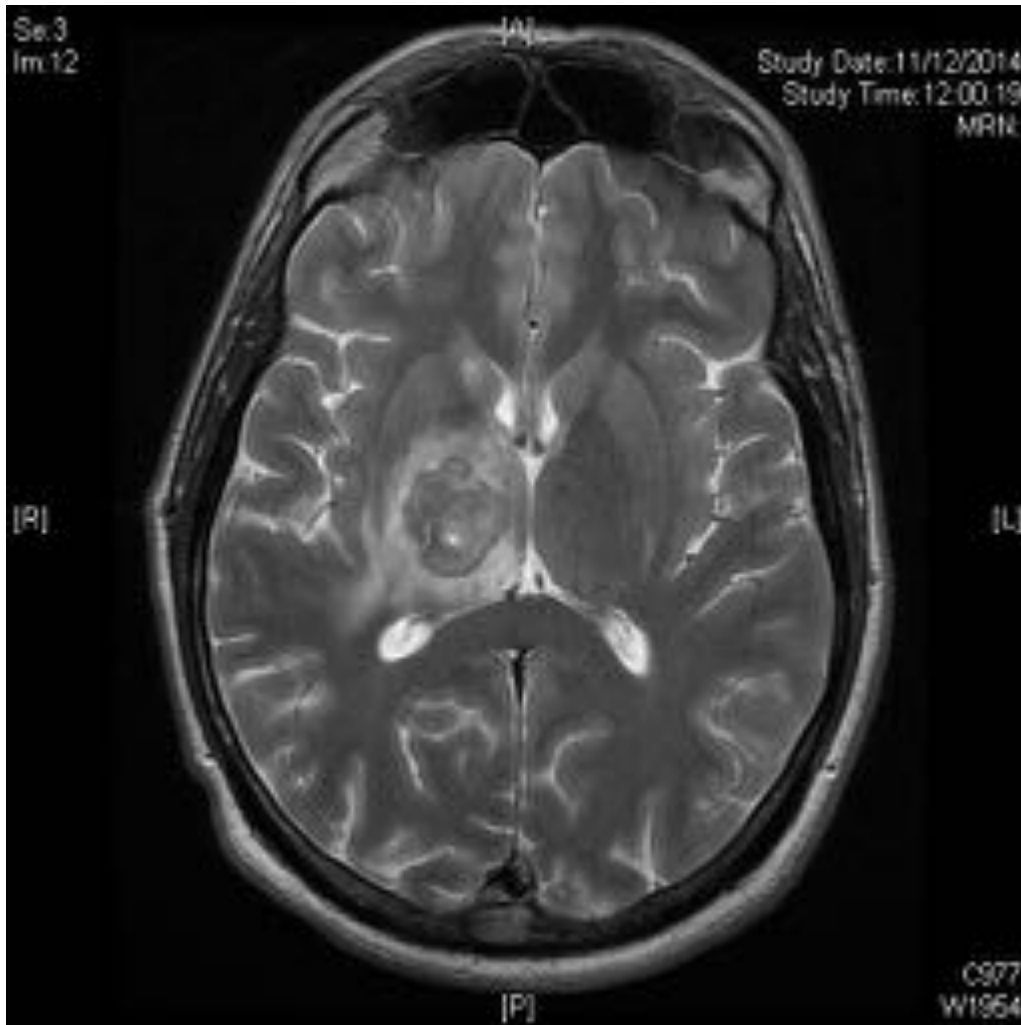
- Heterosexual man presents with:
 - Convulsions, fever, localising signs
 - Diagnosed as bacterial abscess
 - 3w before HIV diagnosed and toxoplasmosis treated
- Started ART at 3 weeks
- Now CD4 >350



Progress at 4 and 8 weeks – biopsy showed ‘inflammation’



At 6 months – biopsy reviewed



- **Where a diagnosis is uncertain – consider biopsy**
- **Changes may take years to resolve or never do so**

When would you start ART?

- Immediately
- When established on toxoplasma therapy
- Around 2 weeks
- After discontinuing toxoplasma treatment at around 6w
- Not before 3 months

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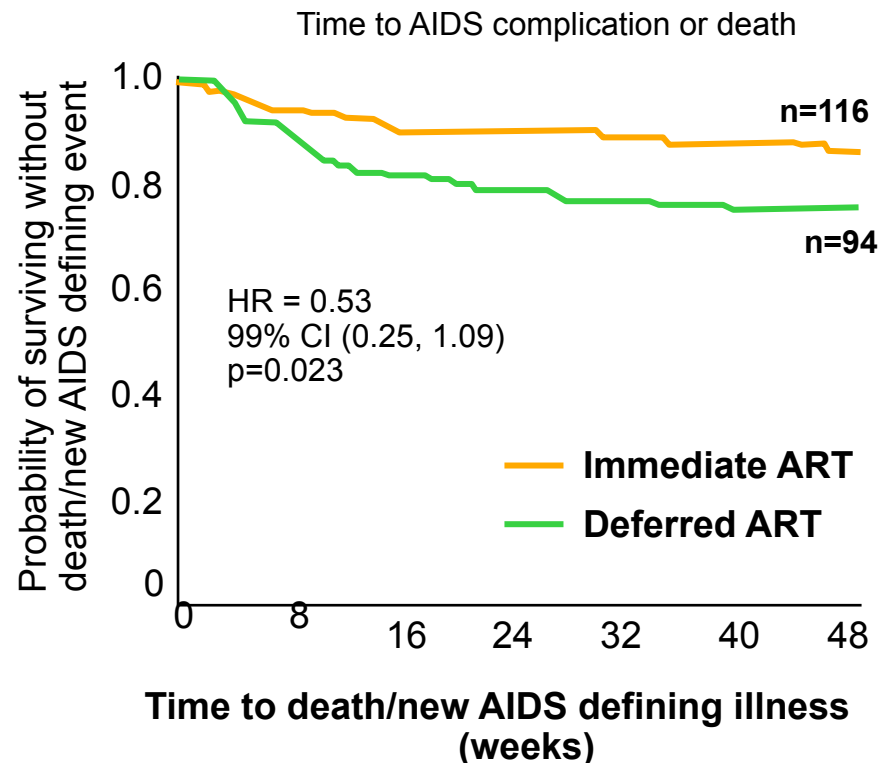
Starting HAART: ACTG 5164: Immediate vs. deferred in patients with acute OIs (not TB)

- Immediate treatment group had reduced rate of AIDS progression or death (14.2%) compared with deferred treatment group (24.1%)
- No differences in IRIS between arms (10 immediate vs. 13 deferred)
 - However, 70% of patients with PCP received corticosteroids

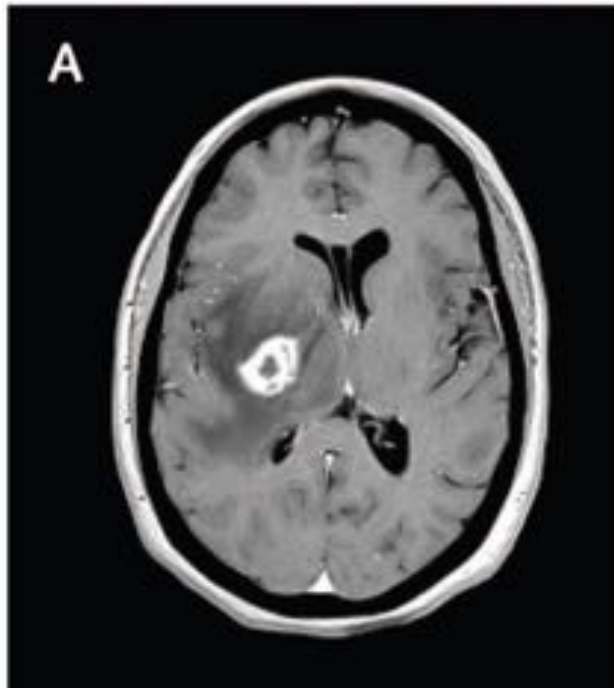
- The most common OIs were PCP (63%), Cryptococcus (12%), BI (bacterial infection (11%)), TB excluded

Immediate ART: initiation within 48h of randomization and within 14 days of starting OI treatment

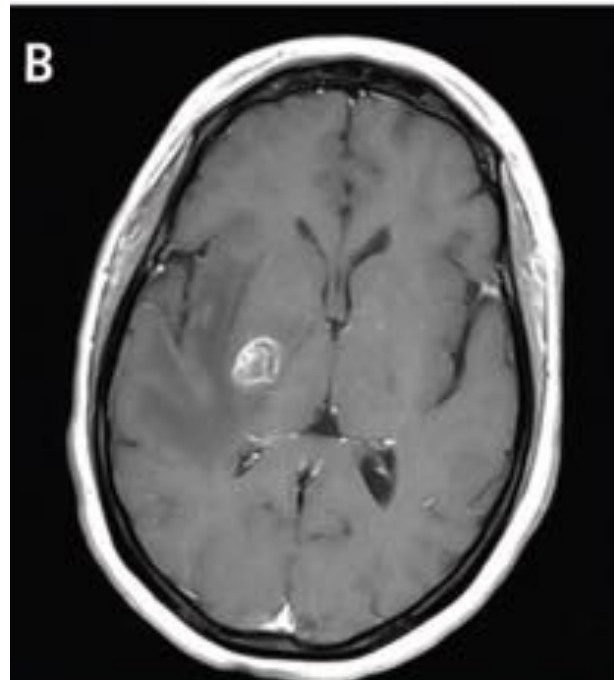
Deferred ART: initiation between weeks 4 and 32



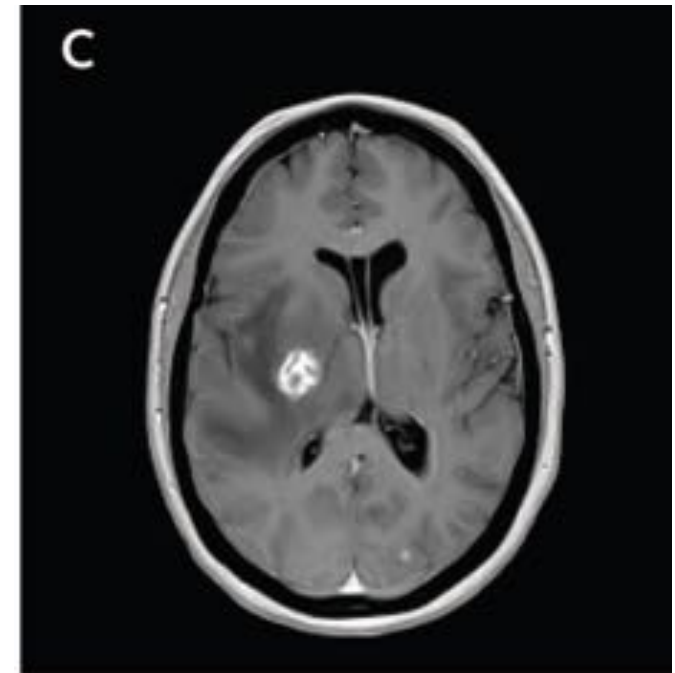
E. Distinguishing relapse from IRS



Pre-treatment



Week 1



Week 6 (3w after ARV)

Distinguishing relapse from IRS

- IRS with ART
 - Uncommon
 - Adherence good
 - 4-8w after starting ART
 - Rapid CD4 rise
 - Significant oedema
- Biopsy may be required
- Treatment steroids

Patient 2

- 41y old male
- Poor adherence HAART
- **CD4 30-70**
- **Severe headache,**
tiredness 2-3 weeks
- Occasional double vision
- No localising signs, no
neck stiffness



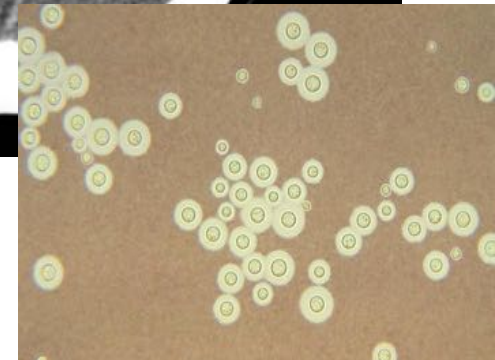
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5. Toxoplasmosis
6. Tuberculoma
7. Primary CNS lymphoma

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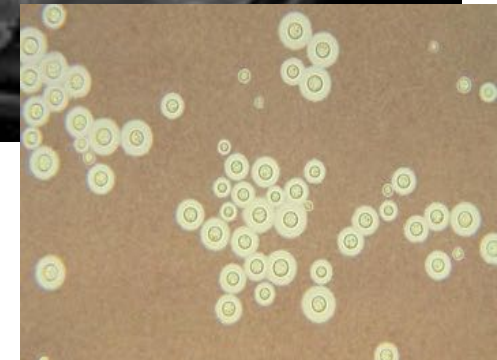
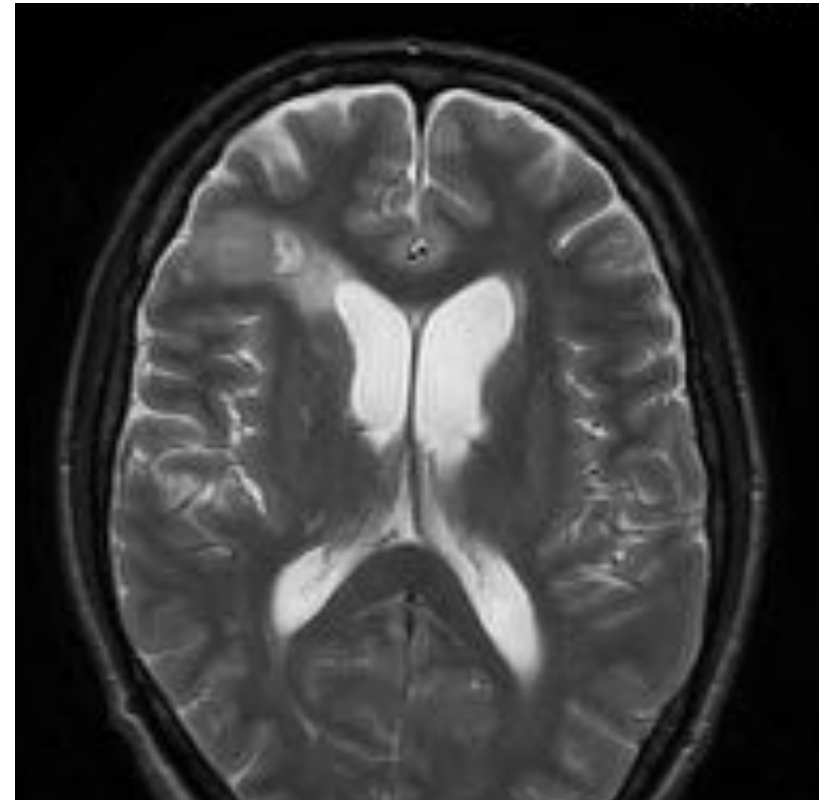
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- Poor adherence HAART
- **CD4 30-70**
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- Occasional double vision
- No localising signs, no neck stiffness
- CSF
 - Protein 0.8, glucose 2.1
 - Lymphocytes 85, RBC 5
 - **India ink +ve, culture cryptococcus**
 - **Pressure 32 mmHg**
- CT scan



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Symptoms + CSF parameters


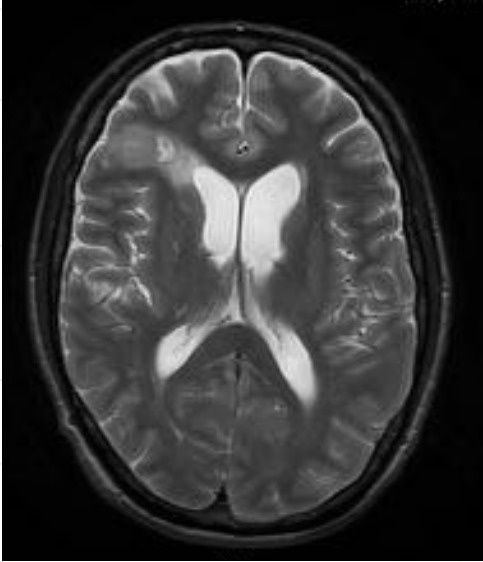
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Combination Antifungal Therapy for Cryptococcal Meningitis

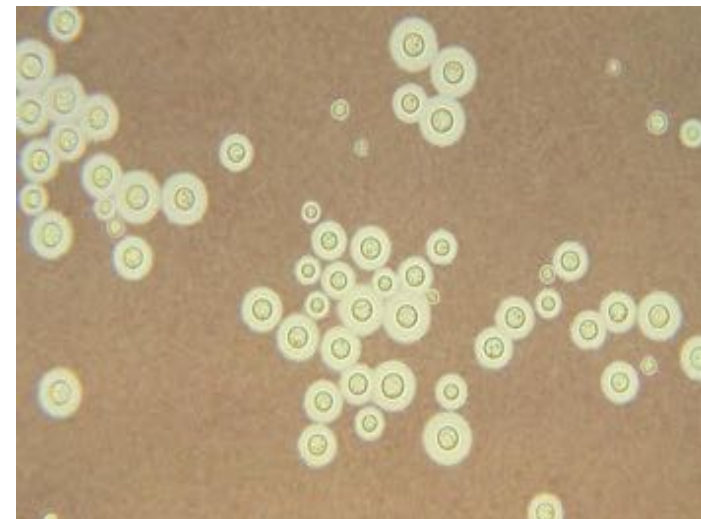
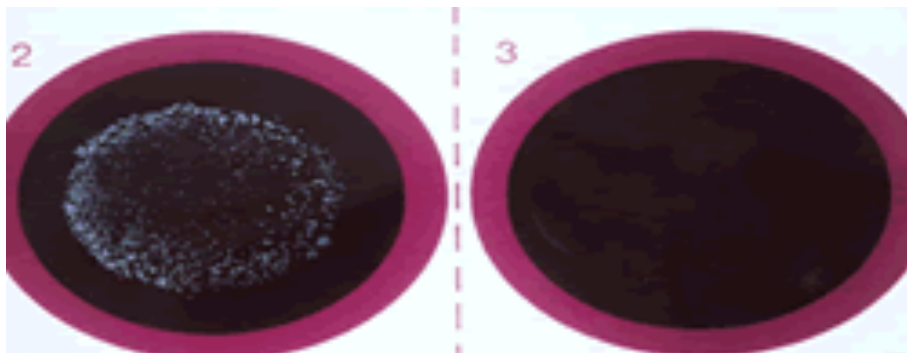
Duration of symptoms — days‡			
Median	15	14	12
Interquartile range	7–22	8–18	7–20
Headache — no./total no. (%)	95/97 (98)	99/99 (100)	98/99 (99)
Fever — no./total no. (%)	75/97 (77)	75/98 (77)	72/98 (73)
Neck stiffness — no./total no. (%)	66/91 (73)	64/91 (70)	66/95 (69)
Seizure — no./total no. (%)	9/94 (10)	9/98 (9)	2/98 (2)
Glasgow Coma Scale score — no./total no. (%)§			
15	66/97 (68)	67/99 (68)	78/98 (80)
11–14	21/97 (22)	24/99 (24)	15/98 (15)
≤10	10/97 (10)	8/99 (8)	5/98 (5)
Cranial-nerve palsy — no./total no. (%)	27/97 (28)	22/98 (22)	18/98 (18)
Papilledema — no./total no. (%)	18/85 (21)	19/89 (21)	17/93 (18)
CSF opening pressure > 18 cm of CSF — no./total no. (%)	56/83 (67)	61/80 (76)	55/81 (68)
CSF white-cell count — cells/ml¶			
Median	33	26	24
Interquartile range	7–76	8–61	7–83

Cryptococcal and TB meningitis

	Cryptococcal meningitis		TB meningitis
Presentation	Headache , fever, drowsy, confusion, eye symptoms		Headache, fever, confusion, CN palsies, neck stiffness
Seizures	15%		15%
Clinical history	<4 weeks		1-8 weeks
Masses	Rare Single		Uncommon May be multiple
Enhancement	Marked meninges		Marked basal meninges
Hydrocephalus	Occasional		Occasional
Location masses	Basal ganglia		Anywhere

Cryptococcal meningitis

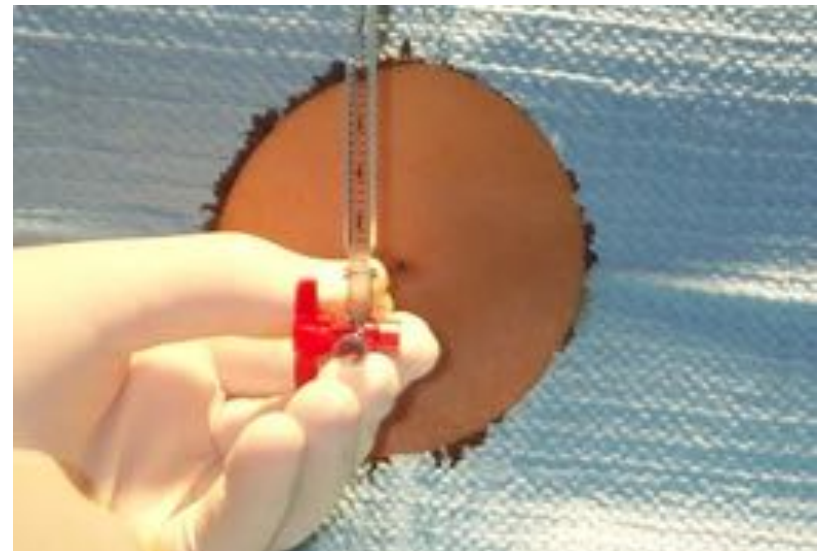
	Cryptococcal meningitis	TB meningitis
Other features	Lymphocytes High protein India ink +ve CRAG +ve	Lymphocytes AFB rarely +ve PCR +ve CXR +ve



Clinical challenges

- A. Raised ICP
- B. Persistence vs. relapse vs. IRS
- C. Optimal treatment
- D. Fluconazole resistance
- E. When to start ART
- F. CRAG +ve and asymptomatic

A. Raised ICP



A. Raised ICP

- **Always** measure opening pressure at LP
 - If opening pressure > 25 cm H₂O drain until < 20 cm or 50% of initial pressure
 - Repeat daily until stable
 - Always consider repeat LP on patient who deteriorates or develops new neurological signs
 - In resistant cases consider lumbar drain or VP shunt
 - No evidence for benefit from steroids or acetazolamide
 - Higher burden CRY gives higher pressures

LESSON: LP – CRAG and pressure

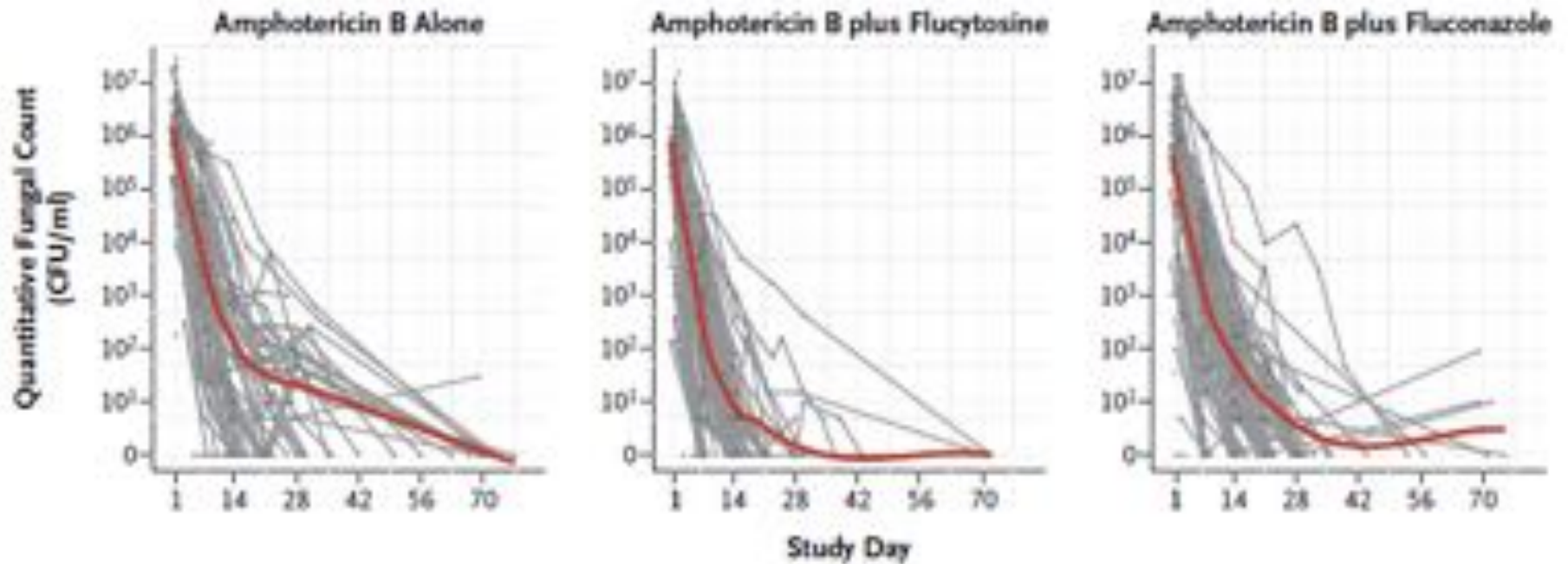
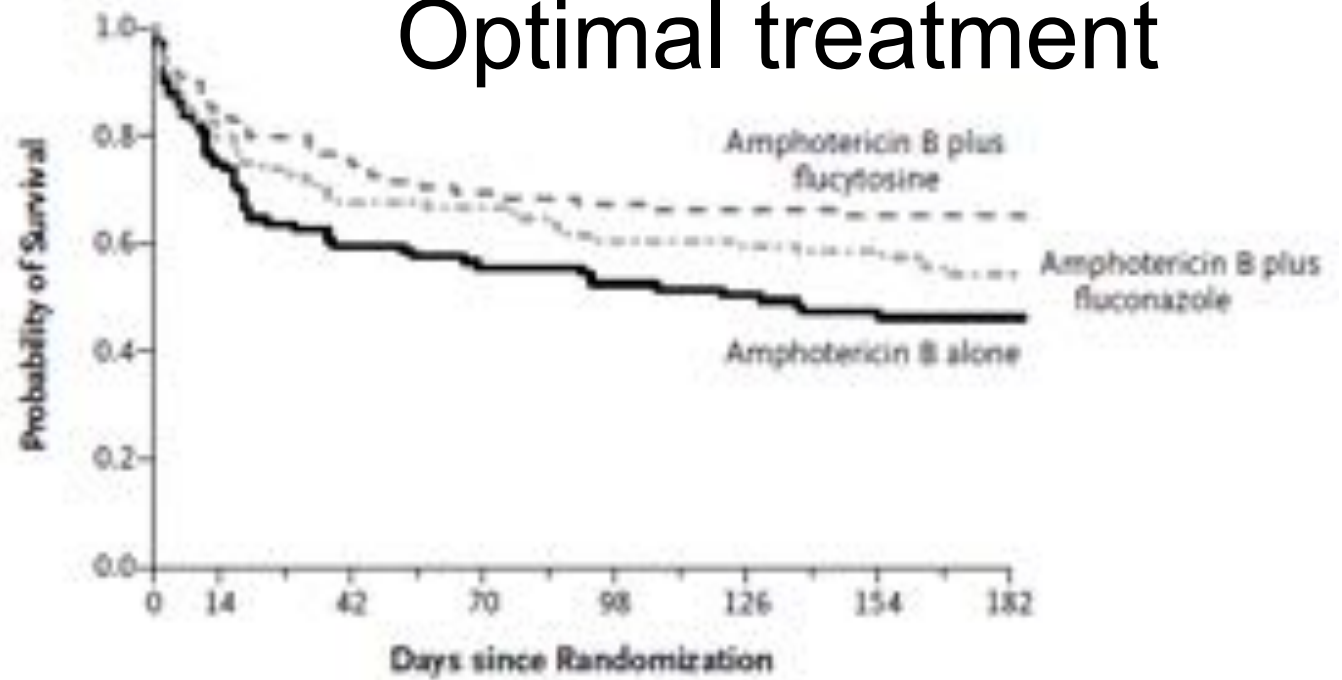
What treatment would you start?

1. Fluconazole alone
2. Amphotericin B & 5-flucytosine
3. Amphotericin B & fluconazole
4. Voriconazole alone
5. Fluconazole & 5-flucytosine
6. Amphotericin and itraconazole

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Optimal treatment

AmpB
vs. AmpB/ 5FU
vs. AmpB/FLU



Our patient

- After 3w therapy with AMP-B and high-dose FLU and then oral therapy for 1 week
- Readmitted:
 - India Ink +ve
 - Protein decreased to 0.6
 - WCCT 43 cells/ml

What would you do?

1. Restart same dose of same therapy
2. Give higher dose AMP-B
3. Give 5FU with AMP-B
4. Await CSF culture
5. Give steroids
6. Start ART

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B. Persistence vs. Relapse vs. IRS

- Persistence:
 - **≥4w still positive culture despite therapy**
 - Usually due to suboptimal induction therapy
 - India Ink and CRAG titre no help
- Relapse:
 - **Return of +ve culture after negative cultures** from sterile site (CSF)
 - And usually return of symptoms/signs

B. Persistence vs. Relapse vs. IRS

Persistence

- **Reinstitute induction therapy**
- Consider increasing AMPB or FLU dose or duration of induction phase
- Check changes in MIC as fluconazole resistance may have developed
- Consider alternative combinations

Relapse

- **Restart induction therapy**
- Check changes MIC for fluconazole resistance
- Consider higher dose of maintenance drug

B. Persistence vs. Relapse vs. IRS

IRS

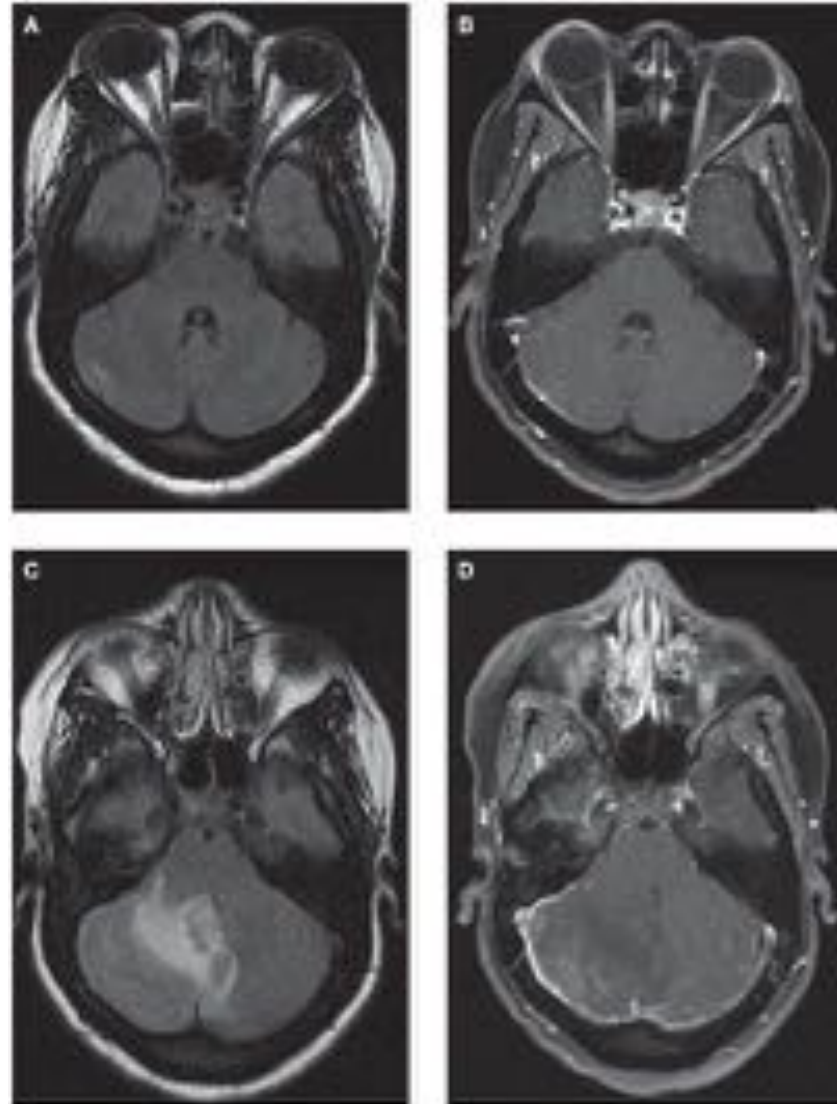
- Unmasking and paradoxical
- Varies in severity
- Identical presentation to relapse
- Associations:
 - presenting diagnosis, low CD4, high CRAG titre, lack of previous ART, rapid decrease in VL
 - Negative CSF culture
 - Higher cell count

Management

- **Exclude active CRY disease**
- **Continue CRY treatment**
- **Continue ART**
- **Consider steroids in severe disease**
- **Monitor ICP**

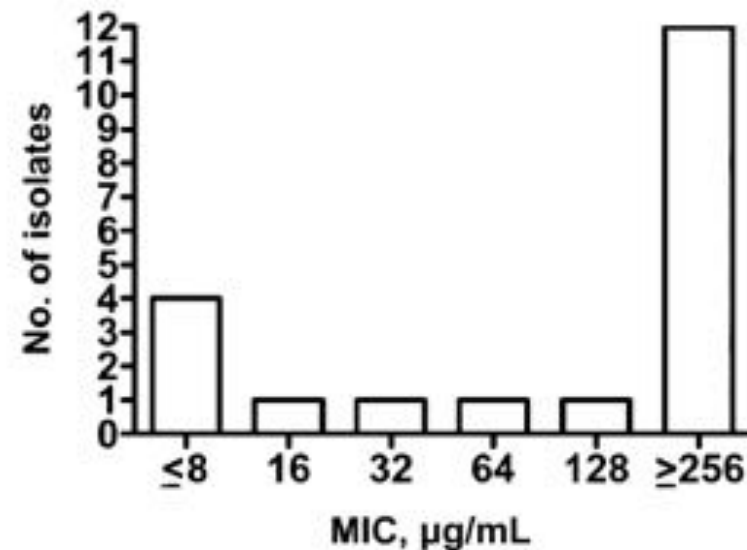
Cryptococcal IRS

- IRS: 25%
- Associated with:
 - CRAG +ve
 - Culture +ve
 - Faster CD4 rise



D. Fluconazole resistance

- Where possible isolates should be sent for MIC testing
 - <16 = susceptible
 - 16-32 = susceptible at high doses (many would consider using alternative azole)
 - >64 = resistant
- Relapsing disease
 - N=30
 - Majority developed fluconazole resistance



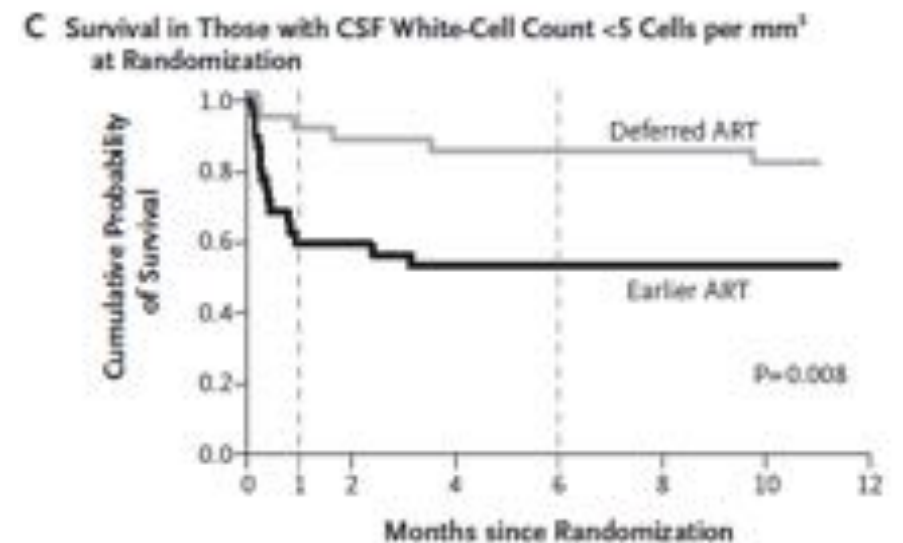
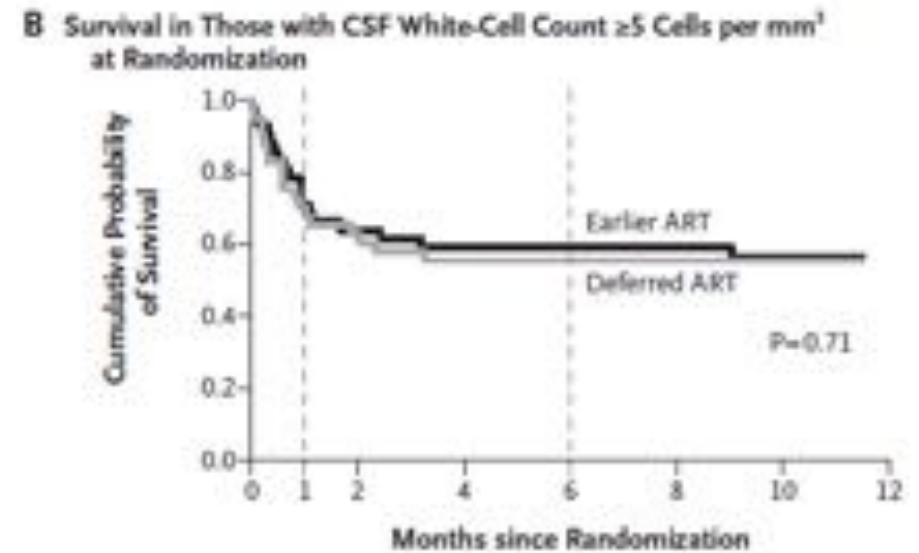
E. When to start ART?

- Immediately <72 hours
- As soon as the patient is stabilised <2w
- At the end of induction therapy = 2w
- When the India ink stain becomes negative
- When the CSF pressure is normal
- When the CSF is culture negative
- At the end of maintenance treatment = 8w
- Other

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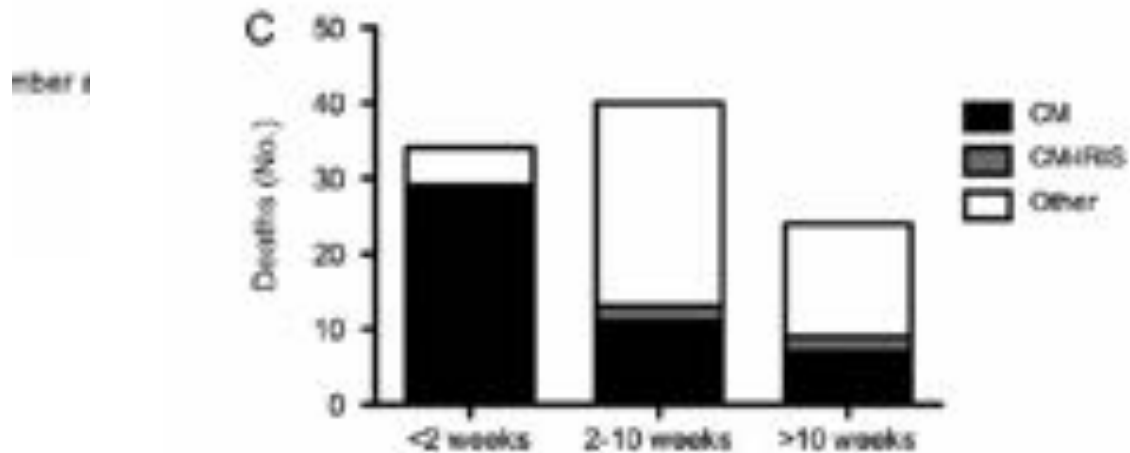
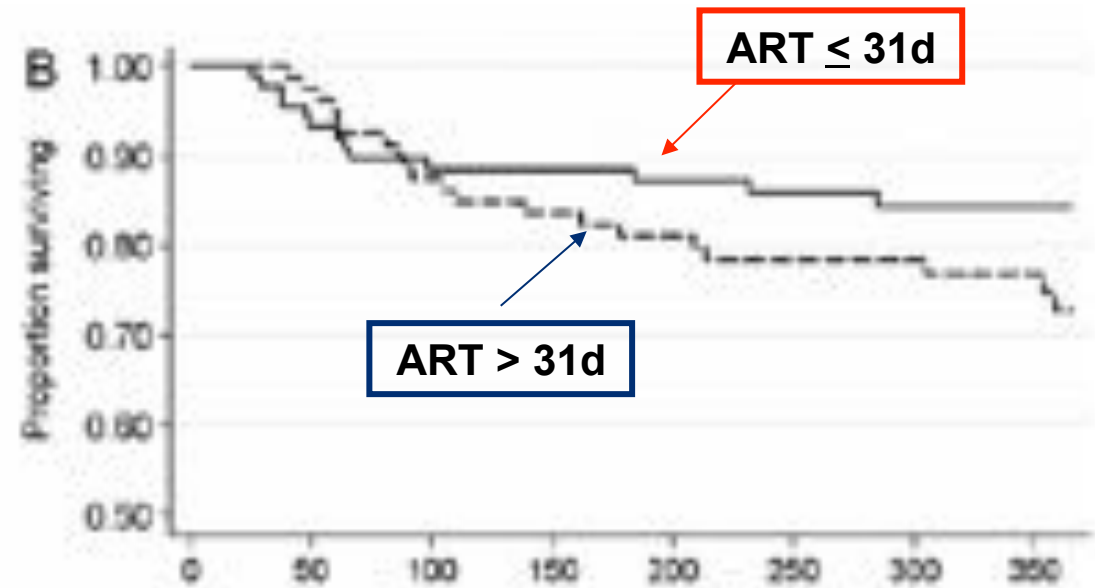
When to start? Decreased survival rate starting early

- N = 177
- Arms randomised to start therapy at 1-2w or 5w
- Induction treatment AMP-B/ FLU 800mg for 2w
- Consolidation therapy FLU
- Early ART resulted in higher mortality HR 1.73 (1.62-2.83)
- Associated with fewer CSF white cells at BL



E. When to start? Increased survival rate starting early

- N = 501
- Meta-analysis
- Multiple sites
- Mortality
 - 17% at 2w
 - 34% at 4w
- IRS no association with
 - Death
 - ART timing



F. CRAG +ve and asymptomatic

- Check blood and CSF cultures
- If culture +ve give full treatment and then secondary prophylaxis
- If culture –ve,
 - Either maintain on fluconazole prophylaxis until immune reconstitution
 - Or treat with full dose fluconazole

Patient

- 39y old diagnosed 2004
- Not seen clinic for many years
 - No HAART
 - **Rapid dementing / encephalopathy illness**
 - **CD4 14**, viral load 2 million, **CRAg -ve**
- Admitted:
 - CSF 320 white cells
 - Raised protein

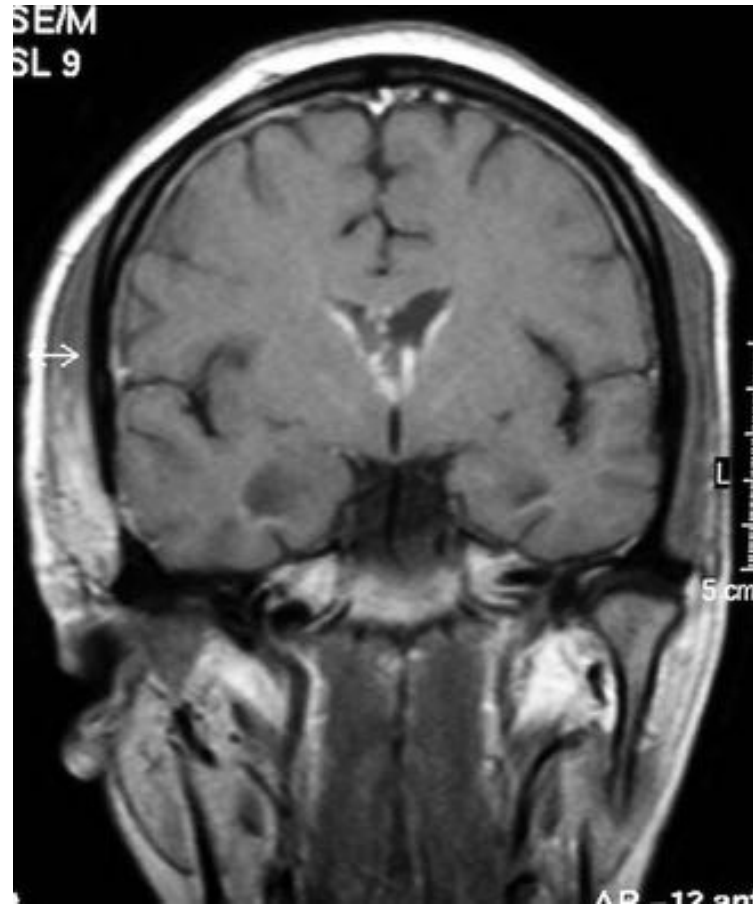
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CMV encephalitis

- 39y old diagnosed 2004
- Not seen clinic for many years
 - No HAART
 - Rapid dementing / encephalopathy illness
 - CD4 14, viral load 2 million
- Admitted:
 - CSF CMV-PCR +ve
- Prognosis poor

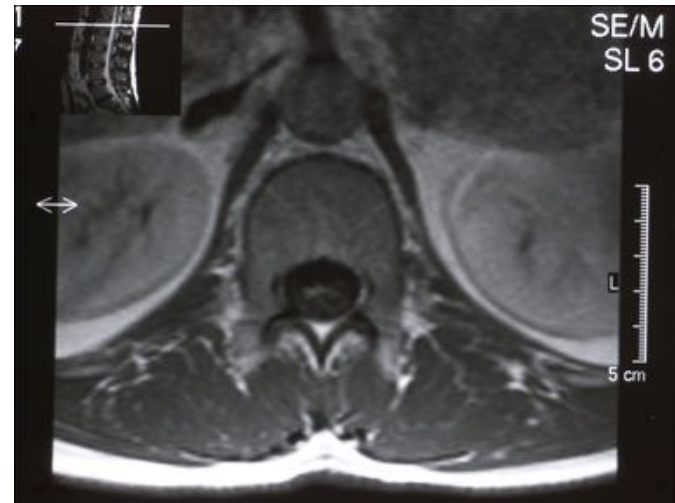


CMV encephalitis

- Rapid and progressive disorientation, withdrawal, apathy, cranial nerve palsies, and nystagmus
- MR:
 - **Bilateral, periventricular enhancement** on contrast enhanced T1-weighted scans,
 - Ventricular enlargement,
 - Diffuse white matter change, and subependymal and cortical enhancing lesions
 - May be normal and often non-specific
- CSF:
 - Usually cellular
 - **Positive CMV PCR**

CMV Polyradiculitis

- 30y old man diagnosed 2000 - CD4 36
- Presentation:
 - Progressive balance problems
 - Unable to bend over without fall over
 - Abnormal gait
 - Difficulty climbing the stairs
 - Bladder / bowel function normal
- Examination:
 - Reduced tone both legs; Reflexes reduced knee/absent ankle
 - Power 4/5 knee and ankle symmetrically
 - Sensation absent:L4-S1



CMV polyradiculitis

- Presentation:
 - Rapidly progressive, painful, bilateral ascending flaccid paralysis
 - Areflexia
 - Saddle anaesthesia
 - Sphincter dysfunction and urinary retention.
- MR
 - Diffuse enhancement of cord parenchyma, nerve roots and meninges
- CSF - PMN pleocytosis and PCR +ve.
- NCS - Axonal neuropathy.

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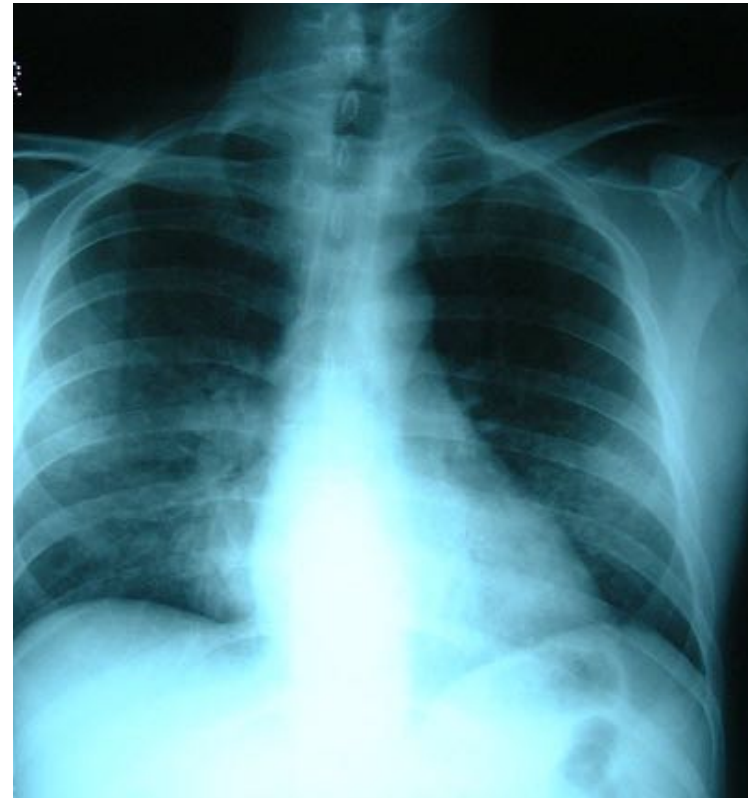
OI's in the lungs

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Patient 4

- A 22yr old African man presents with a 10 day history of profound breathlessness, dry cough and fever in December
- Auscultation is unremarkable.
- Investigations:
- Rapid HIV Ab +ve
- Saturation 89% on air
- pO₂ 7.6 kPa, pCO₂ 3.9kPa
- CXR as shown
- **Clinical diagnosis PCP**

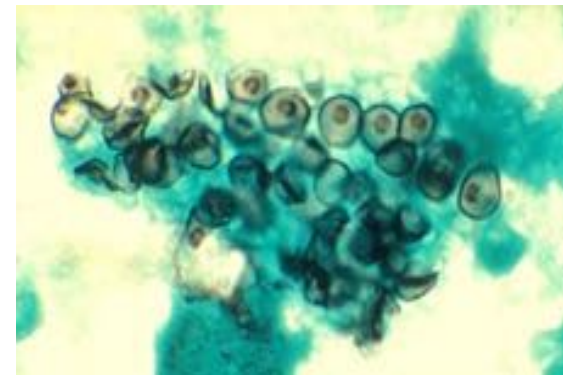
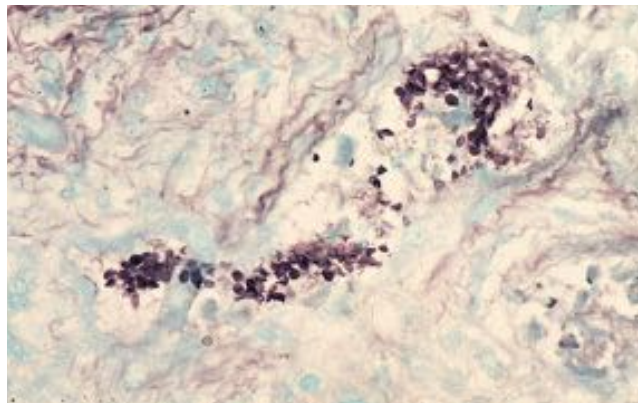
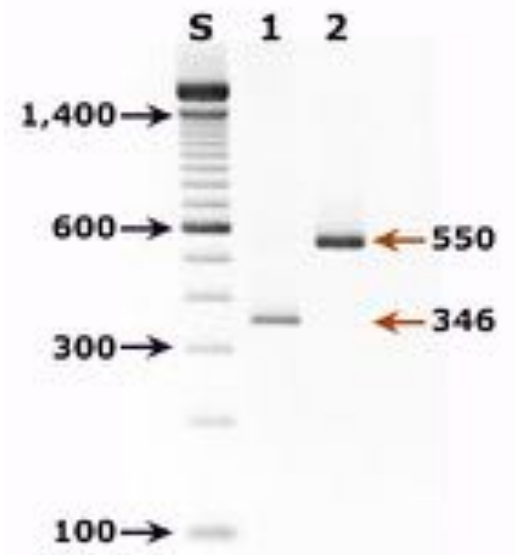


Challenges

- A. Confirmatory diagnosis
- B. 2nd line therapy for severe disease
- C. CMV co-infection
- D. PCP IRS
- E. DPFS mutations

A. Confirmatory diagnosis

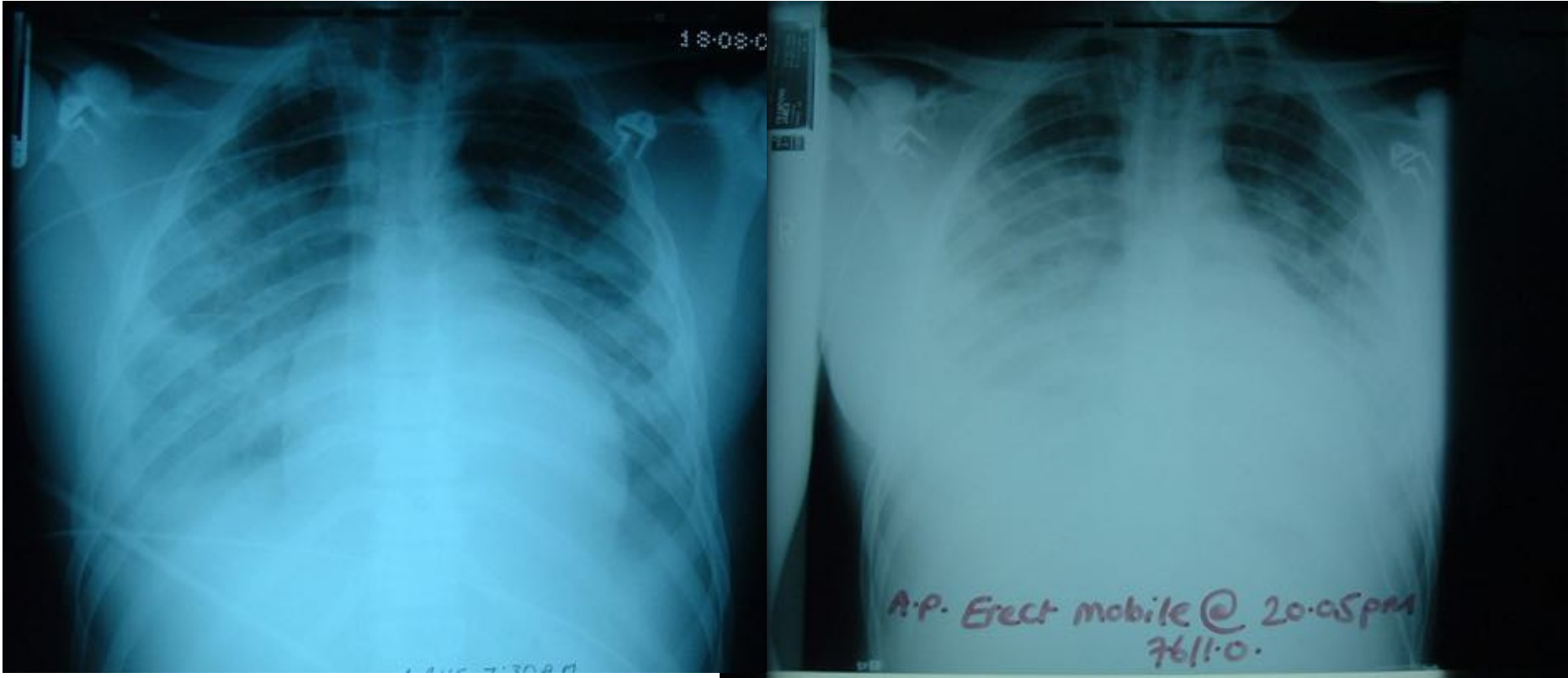
- Confirmation - PCR or histochemical/fluorescent stains
- Yield: Induced sputum (50-90%), BAL (90-95%), trans-bronchial biopsy (>90-95%)



Patient 4

- High dose IV co-trimoxazole and steroids are commenced
- Subsequent BAL is positive for pneumocystis and CMV on staining.
- Over the next 4 days he deteriorates and is intubated and ventilated
- At 7 days there is no progress

Patient 4



Day 1 - Day 4

Which alteration to his therapy would be most appropriate?

- Add ganciclovir
- Switch/add caspofungin
- Change/add pentamidine
- Switch to clindamycin/primaquine
- Start dapsone/trimethoprim
- Add trimetrexate

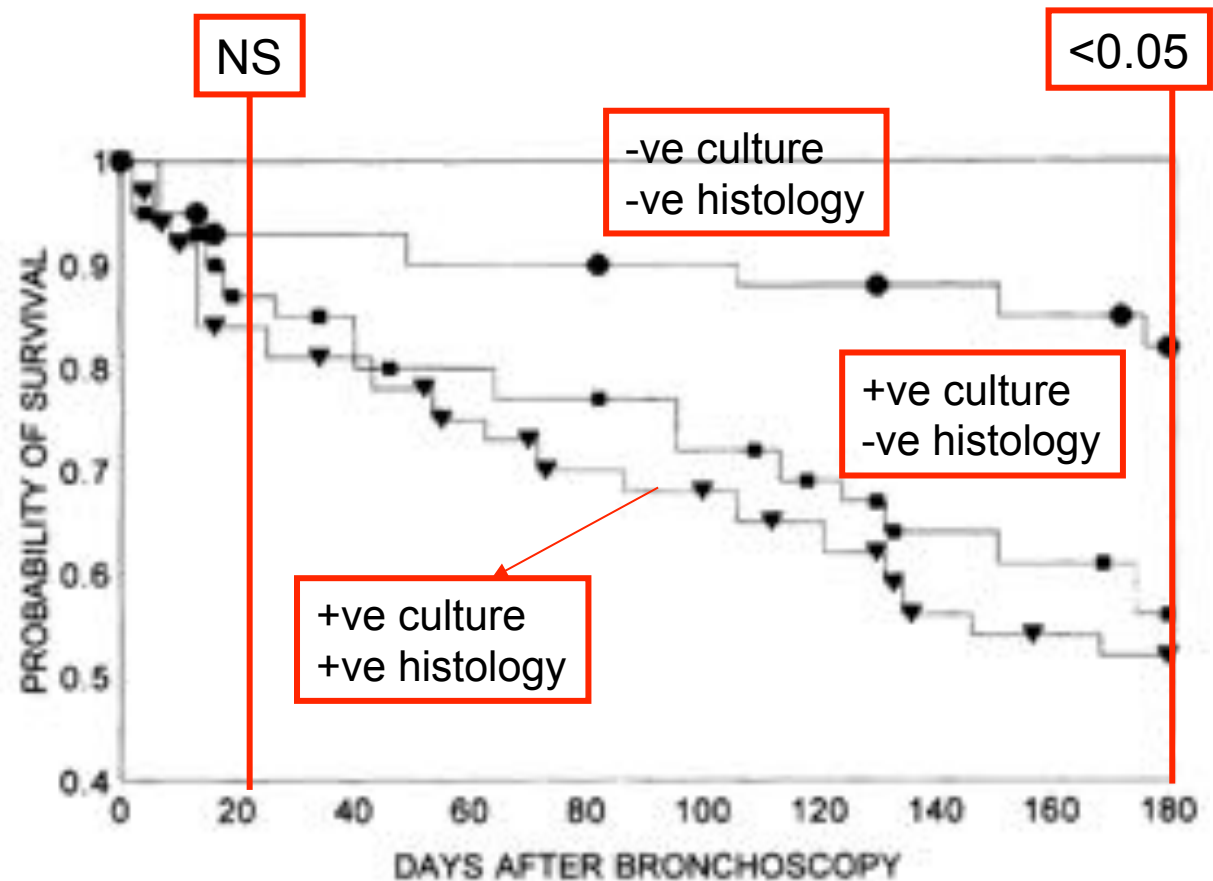
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PCP - treatment

- 2nd line:
 - Clindamycin and primaquine (mild to severe)
 - AE: methHB (< with 15mg primaquine), rash
 - Pentamidine (severe)
 - AE: nephrotoxicity, hypotension, hypoglycaemia
 - Trimetrexate (severe)
 - Caspofungin
 - Trimethoprim and dapsone (mild to moderate)
 - Atovaquone (mild)
 - Consider overlap for 48hrs where not toxicity
- HAART commencement/optimisation

C. CMV co-infection

- N=84
- Cohort analysis
- No difference on 21d mortality
- Significant difference at 6m



When would you start HAART?

- Immediately
- After 1-2 week when stable
- When switching to prophylaxis
- At OPD follow-up
- At 3 months

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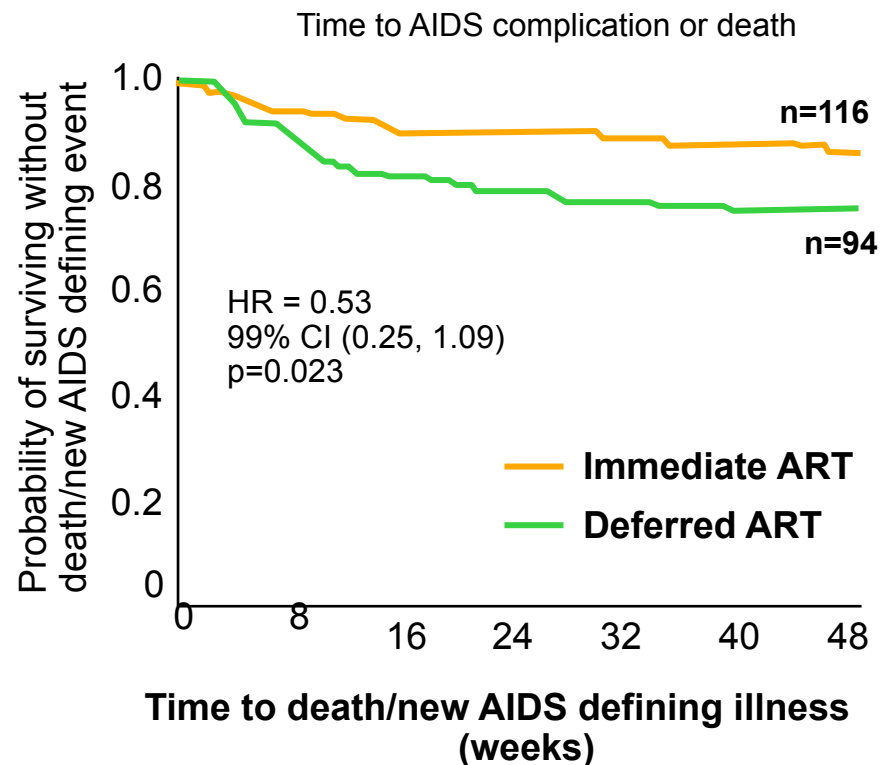
D. When to start ART: ACTG 5164: Immediate vs. deferred in patients with acute OIs (not TB)

- Immediate treatment group had reduced rate of AIDS progression or death (14.2%) compared with deferred treatment group (24.1%)
- No differences in IRIS between arms (10 immediate vs. 13 deferred)
 - However, 70% of patients with PCP received corticosteroids

- The most common OIs were PCP (63%), Cryptococcus (12%), BI (bacterial infection (11%)), TB excluded

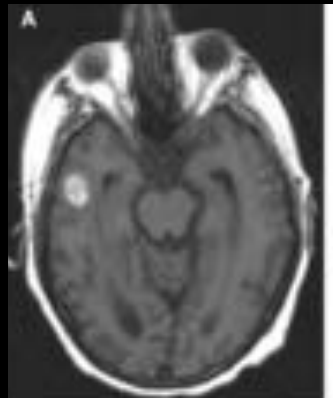
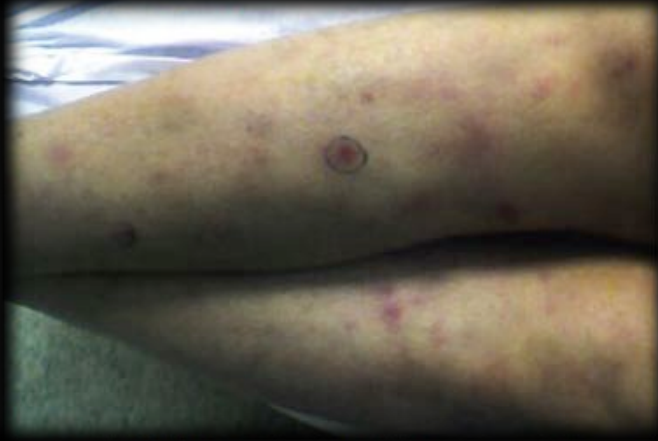
Immediate ART: initiation within 48h of randomization and within 14 days of starting OI treatment

Deferred ART: initiation between weeks 4 and 32

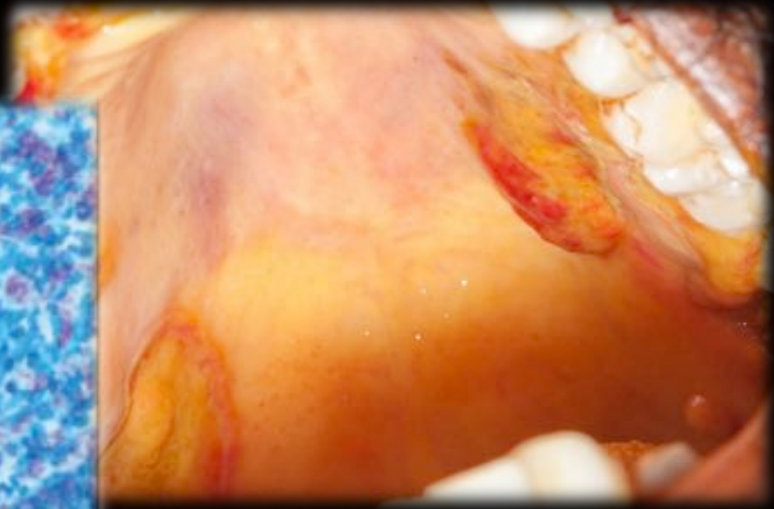
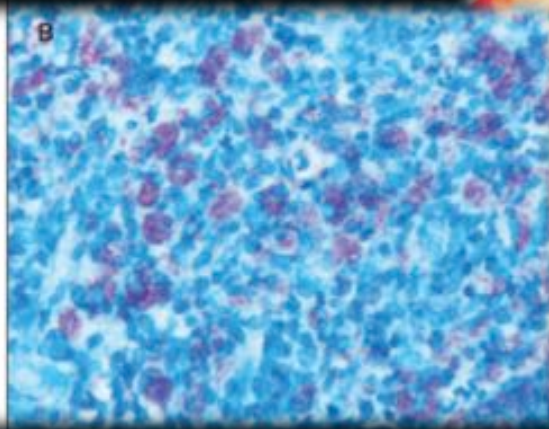
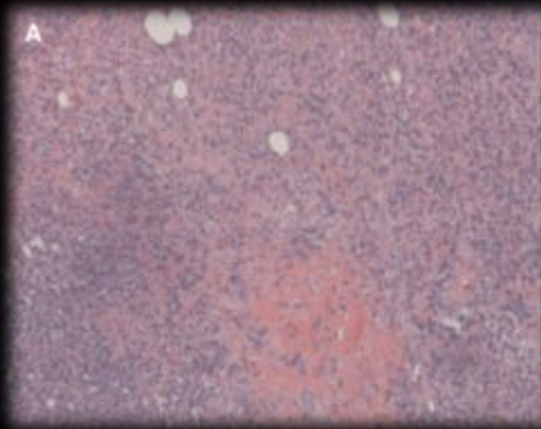


E. DHPS mutations and COT resistance

- What about PJP cotrimoxazole resistance?
 - DHPS mutations associated with past prophylaxis
 - Frequency falling as less COT prophylaxis
 - Variable evidence associated with failure of prophylaxis and worse outcome



Disseminated OIs



Patient 5

- On admission:
- Chronic diarrhoea
- Weight loss (>1 stone)
- Examination:
 - Wasted, dehydrated
 - 38°C, tachycardia
- Standard laboratory tests unremarkable
- USS abdomen – normal
- Stool: non- typhi Group D salmonella isolated



Investigations

- BAL:
 - Negative for PCP, AFB, Gram
 - Negative for standard bacterial culture
 - Yeasts identified on initial Gram and presumed to be Candida colonisation
 - No evidence of pulmonary KS
- Ear lesion noted
- **Treated as PCP**
 - **Started co-trimoxazole**





Thailand



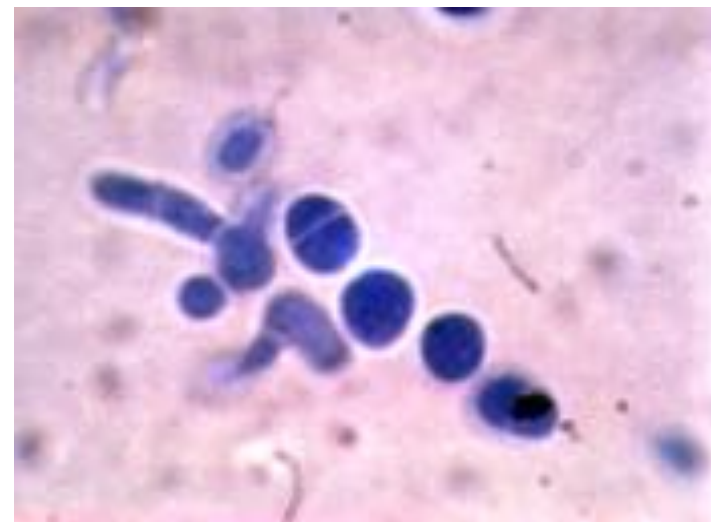
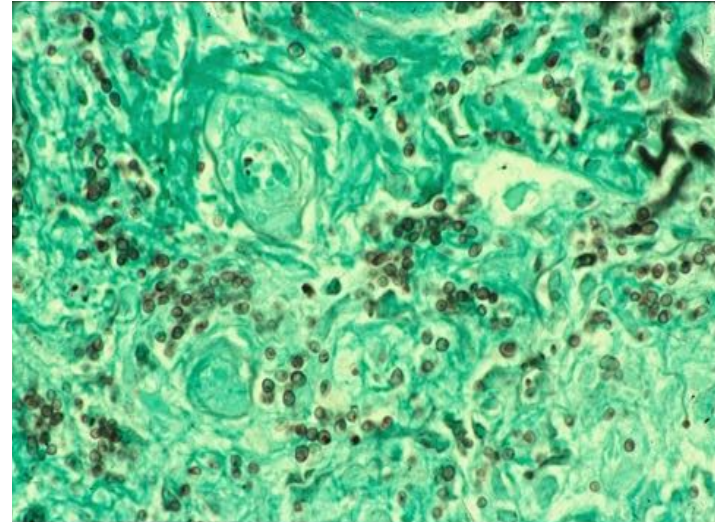
What is your diagnosis?

- PCP
- Miliary TB
- Influenza pneumonitis
- Cryptococcal pneumonia
- Penicillium
- Histoplasma

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Investigations

- Biopsy ear:
 - *Penicillium marneffei*
 - blood, throat swab, ear swab, and BAL all +ve
- Treatment:
 - Liposomal amphotericin (4mg/kg/day)
 - Co-trimoxazole prophylaxis





Penicillium marneffe

Fever	99
Anaemia	78
Weight loss	77
Skin lesions	70
Generalised LN	58
Hepatomegaly	51
Cough	49
Diarrhoea	23

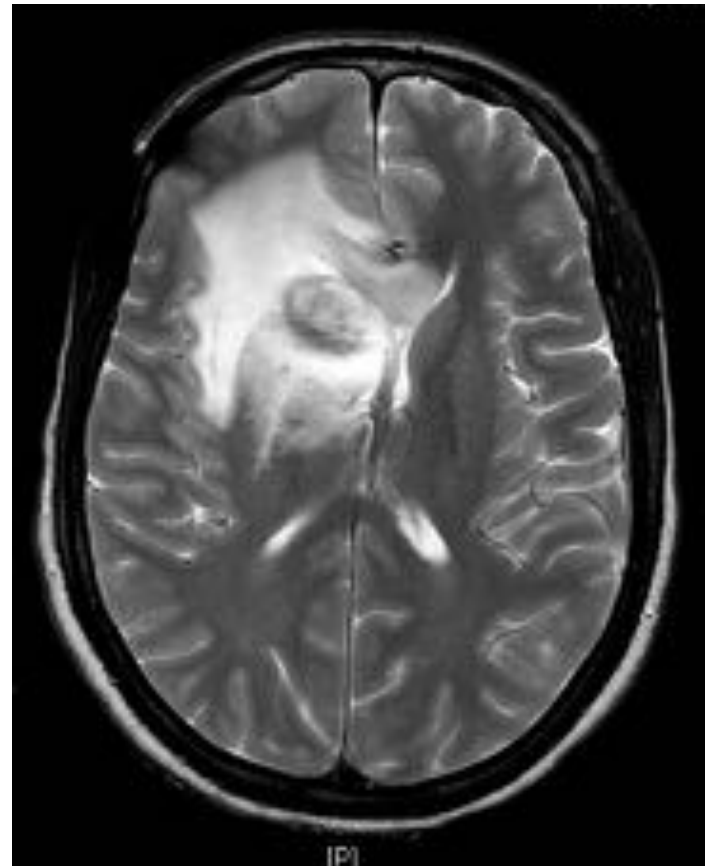
Specimen	Isolation rate
Bone marrow	100
Skin lesion	90
Blood	76
Sputum	34
Lymph node	23
Liver	17
Lung	14

Penicillium marneffe

Treatment	Amphotericin B (0.6-1g/day) for 2 weeks (\pm 5 FC), <i>then</i> Itraconazole 200mg BD for 10 weeks (consider IV Itraconazole if severe)
Maintenance	Itraconazole 200mg OD

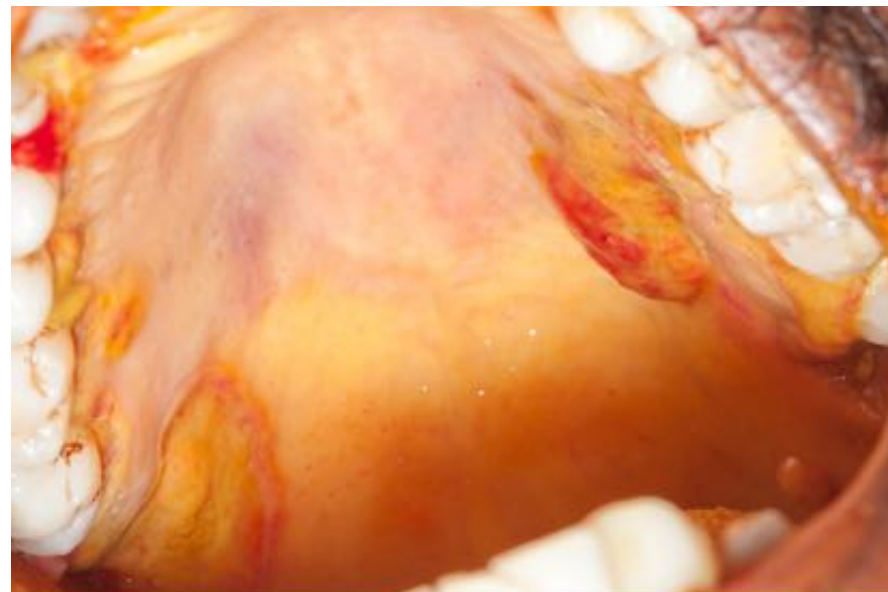
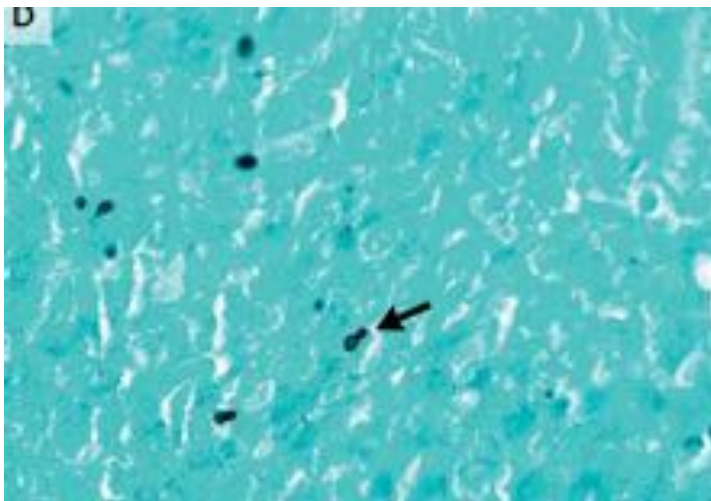
Patient 6

- 29y abdominal Asian: presented with seizures and localising signs
- Background of weight loss, dry cough and fever for 12w
- HIV confirmed: CD4 3, Viral load 292000 – treated as TP



Oral lesions noted

- Biopsy: budding yeasts
- Culture – histoplasma capsulatum
- Treatment AMP-B
- Response good

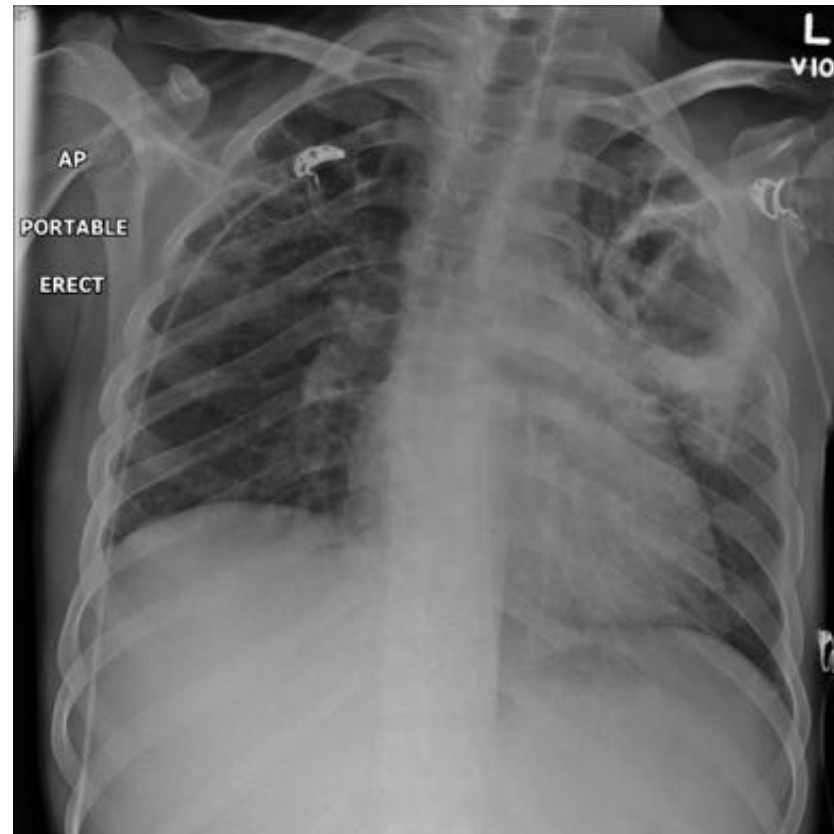


IRS can occur



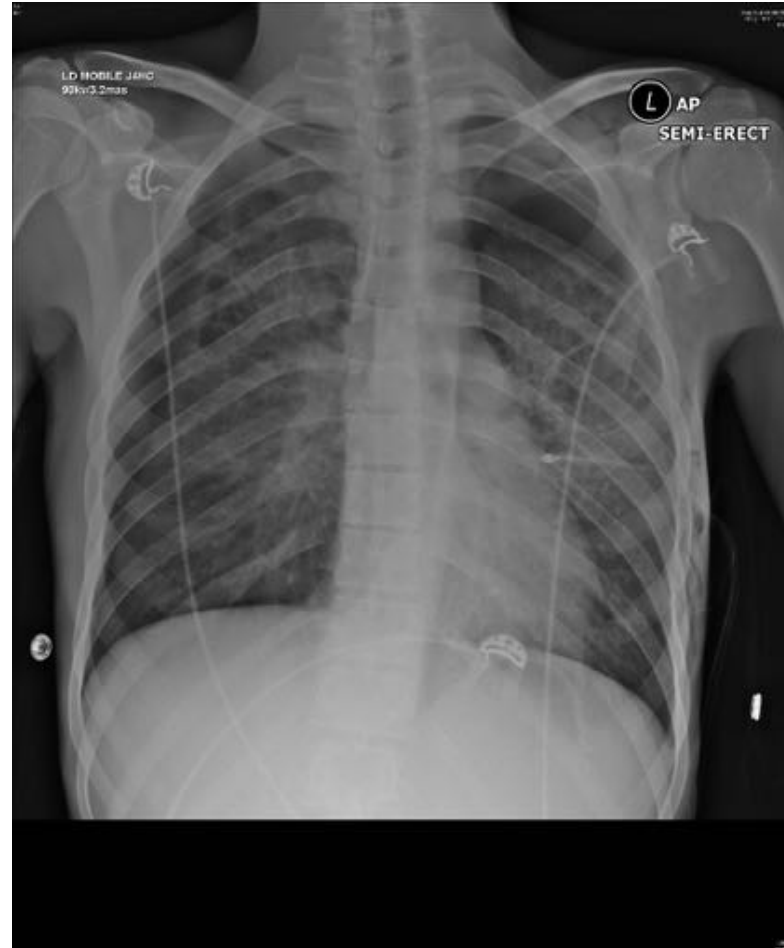
Patient 7

- Presented with PCP
 - ITU and bilateral pneumothoraces
 - CD4 2, VL >1million
- Retina
 - CMV retinitis
- Sputum
 - Aspergillus
- Blood/sputum
 - MAI



Slow but steady response

- OI treatment:
 - PCP: COT/steroids
 - CMV: ganciclovir
 - Aspergillus: Voriconazole
 - MAI: azithromycin, ethambutol, moxifloxacin, linezolid
- HIV treatment:
 - Raltegravir, Truvada



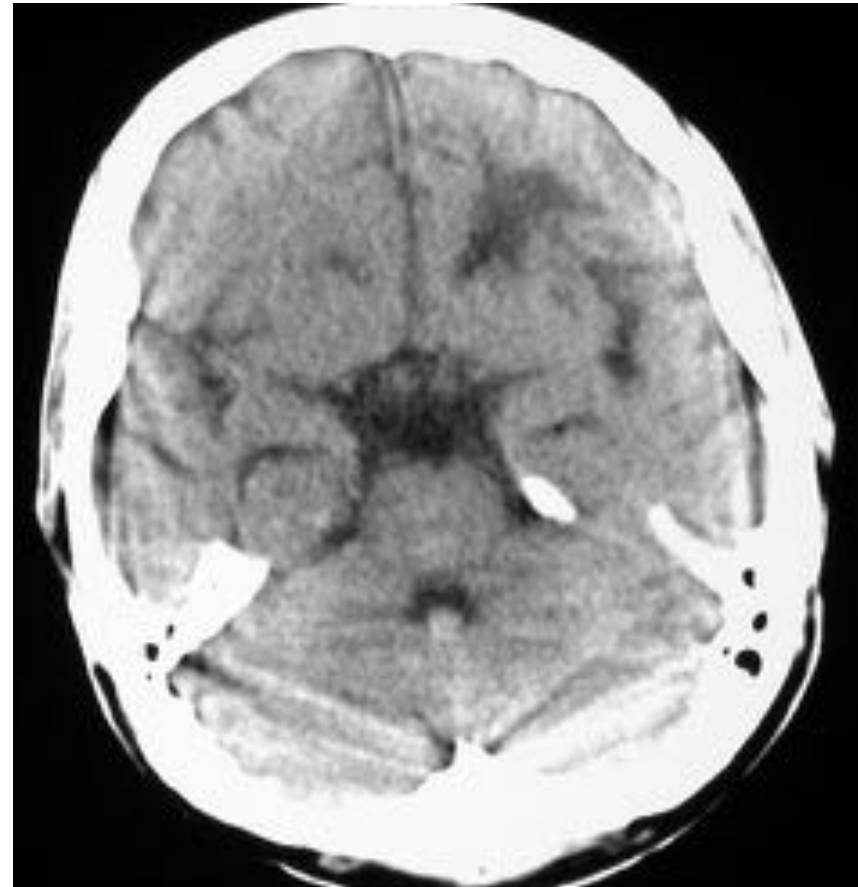
Outline

- Differing knowledge and differing requirements...
- Today I will break it down:
 - Review of many of the OI's
 - Focus on the main clinical challenges
 - Present recent data
- Hopefully you interrupted!

Thanks

Patient 3

- 42y old man, partner diagnosed HIV+ve so has test also +ve
- Asymptomatic, CD4 46
- Starts HAART with EFV/ABC/3TC
- 2w CNS s/e attributed to EFV
- 8w later bizarre behaviour
- Diminished cognitive function, withdrawn affect. No obvious localising signs
- CT scan



Patient 3

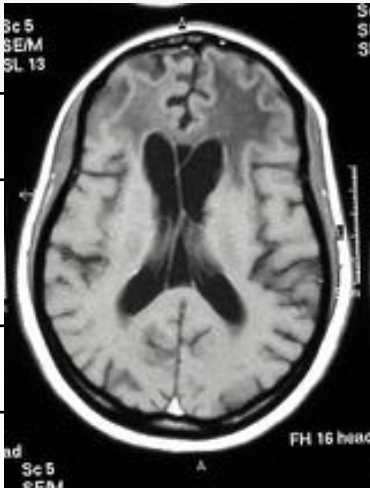
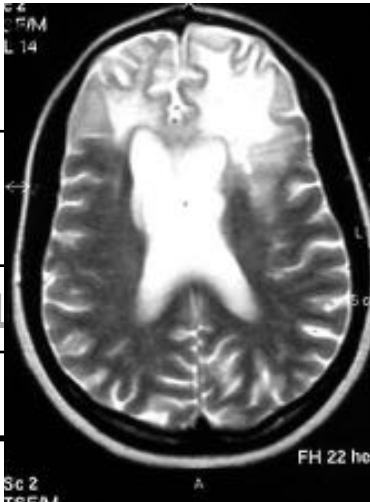
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- **MR scan**
- **CSF:**
 - **no cells, normal protein & glucose ratio**
 - **RPR and India ink –ve**
 - **JC strongly +ve**



What are the challenges

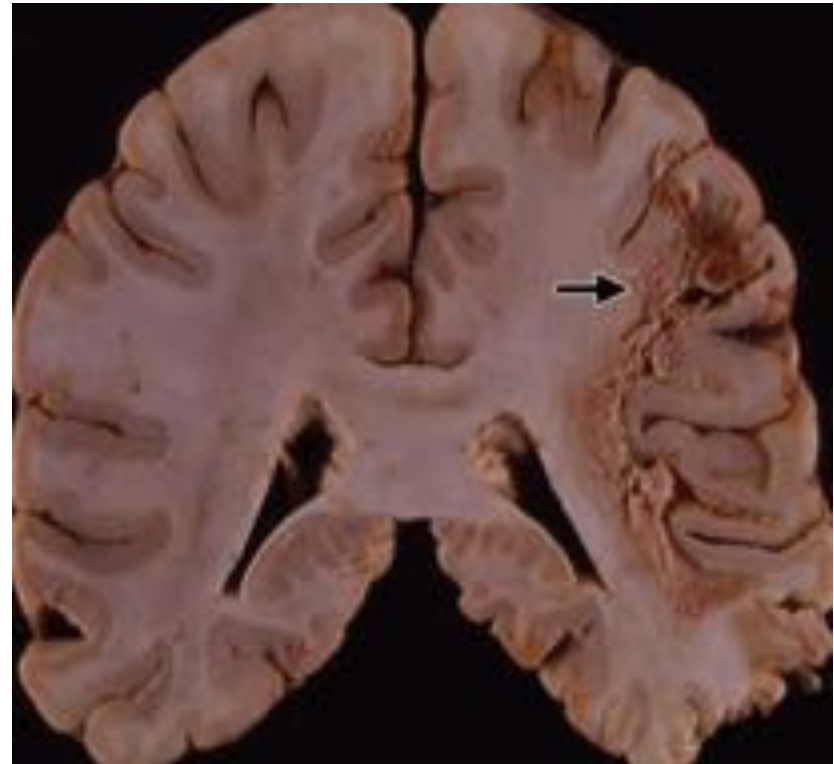
- A. Diagnosis
- B. Place of brain biopsy?
- C. Treatment
- D. Research

A. Diagnosis - Imaging

MR FEATURES			
	PML		TOXOPLASMOSIS
Number	Single-multiple		Usually multiple
Enhancement	Nil		Prominent Ring
Oedema	Nil		Marked
Location	Occipitoparietal		Basal ganglia Brain stem Cortical
	White matter		Interface grey-white matter
MR T1	Low signal		Low signal
MR T2	High signal		High signal

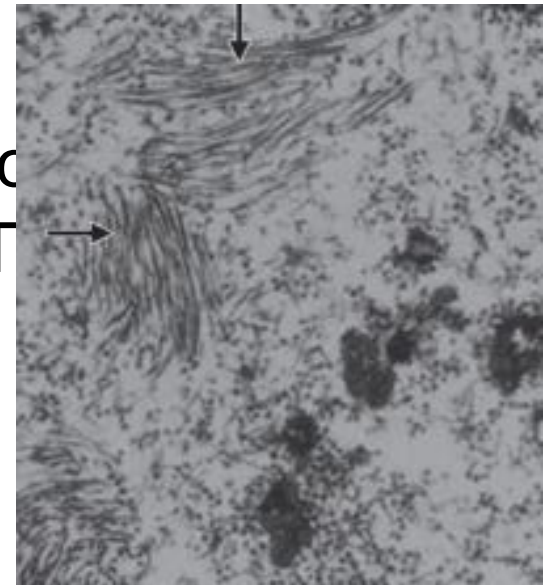
Diagnosis - CSF

- The presence of JC virus found in CSF by PCR technique
 - Sensitivity of >90% (<60% if on HAART)
 - Specificity of 96 to 98 %
- No help in blood
 - JC PCR in blood in 30 to 40 % of normal population



B. Place of brain biopsy?

- Brain biopsy has been the accepted diagnostic method
- However, typical NMR scan + JC PCR positive on CSF is highly specific and is now accepted
- **Consider if:**
 - PCR negative
 - Multiple areas or atypical appearance
 - High CD4 or on established HAART
 - PCR positive with atypical NMR
 - Confirmed other CNS diagnosis

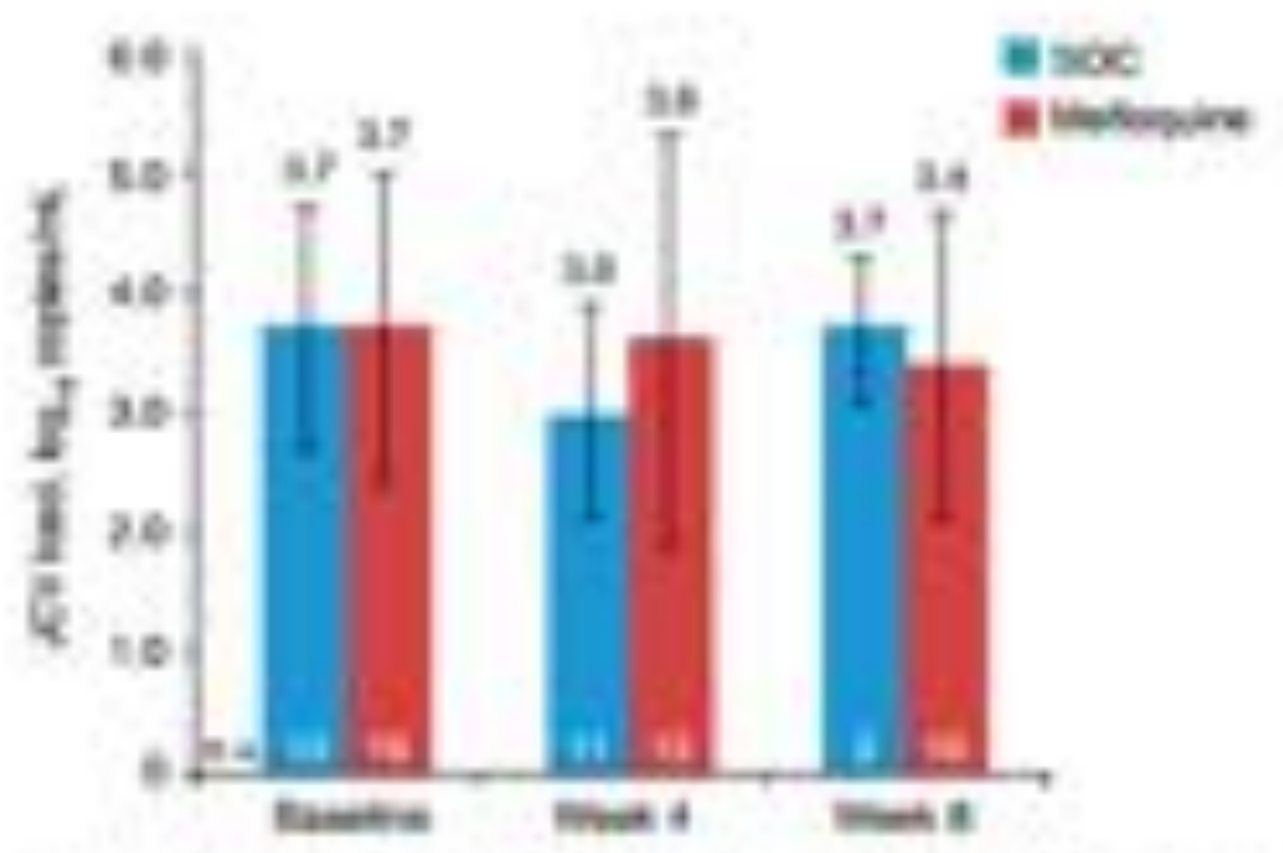


C. Treatment

- 1st line:
 - **HAART**
 - Cidofovir no benefit
- IRS:
 - Well described
 - Most often on 'unmasking' when worse prognosis

D. Continued research – mefloquine ineffective

RCT
SOC vs. MF



Thank you

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