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Background:

As of December 2020, >200,000 patients with relapsing (RMS) or primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS) have initiated treatment with ocrelizumab (OCR), a humanized anti-CD20 antibody.

Objective:

To analyze the effectiveness of OCR in patients with RMS, treatment-naïve (TN) patients and patients with prior MS-specific therapies (PMST), over 18 months. These data were originally presented at the 37th Congress of the ECTRIMS, October 13–15, 2021.

Methods:

CONFIDENCE (ML39632, EUPAS22951) is an ongoing non-interventional study aiming to enroll 3,000 patients newly treated with OCR and 1,500 patients newly treated with other selected disease-modifying therapies in Germany, with 7.5–10 years follow-up. OCR-treated RMS patients with ≥1 post-initiation assessment visit were analyzed for relapses and change in Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) over time (datacut 14/10/2020).

Results:

In this interim analysis, 1,510 OCR-treated patients with RMS were included. Average age, mean duration since the first MS symptoms and baseline EDSS tended to increase with the number of PMST. In the OCR-treated RMS population with at least 18 months of follow-up, the mean change (SD) in EDSS was 0.06 (0.74; n=477). Patients with \geq 3 PMST had a comparable EDSS change (0.08 [0.71; n=187]), while TN patients had a slight decrease in EDSS (-0.03 [0.93; n=64]). In the OCR-treated RMS population, the proportion of relapse-free patients was 88.90% within 6 months, 93.26% within 6–12 months and 95.18% within 12–18 months. The proportions of relapse-free TN vs \geq 3 PMST patients were 91.82% vs

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85.08% within 6 months, 99.32% vs 90.84% within 6–12 months and 97.80% vs 93.86% within 12–18 months, respectively.

Conclusions:

Over 18 months, patients treated at an early line with OCR retained a low mean baseline EDSS. The vast majority of OCR-treated patients with RMS in CONFIDENCE remained relapse-free, with the highest proportion in the TN population.

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