

Migraine and Other Headaches



Wade Cooper, D.O.
University of Michigan
Associate Professor
Departments of Neurology
& Anesthesiology

Disclosures

- **Consultant / Advisor**
 - Amgen
 - Biohaven
 - Dolor Technologies
 - Eli Lilly
 - Lundbeck
 - Promius
 - Teva
 - Theranica

Learning Objectives

- **1. Become familiar with the newer treatment options for migraine and other headache syndromes.**
- **2. Enhance knowledge of currently available devices for treatment of refractory headache**
- **3. Become aware of interventional treatments for chronic headache including peripheral nerve blocks and appropriate use of botulinum toxin therapy**

What is More Common?

Chronic Pain



Diabetes



Heart Disease



Cancer

People are very understanding But not always....

“Can I sign your cast?”
“Let me help you with that”



“What is wrong with you?”
“We need you to get back to work”

How you help will make a lasting impression



Migraine Anatomy

Meningeal Nerves

- Innervate the lining of the brain (meninges)
- First branches of the trigeminal nerves
- V2 branch is middle meningeal nerve

Trigeminal Nerves

- Innervate the face and scalp
- Transmit pain from the meninges to the brain

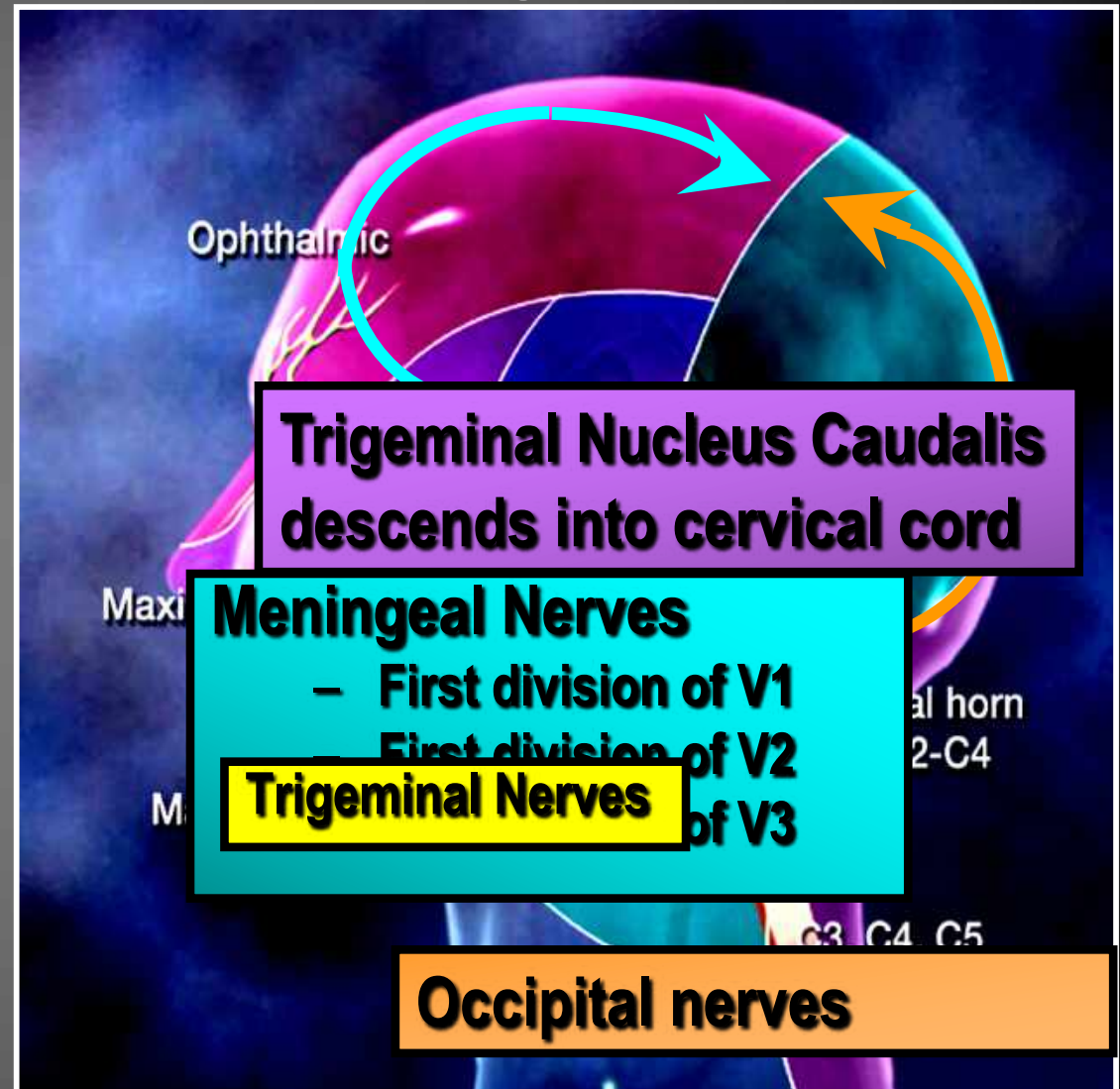
Trigeminal Nucleus Caudalis

Trigeminal signals enter brain stem

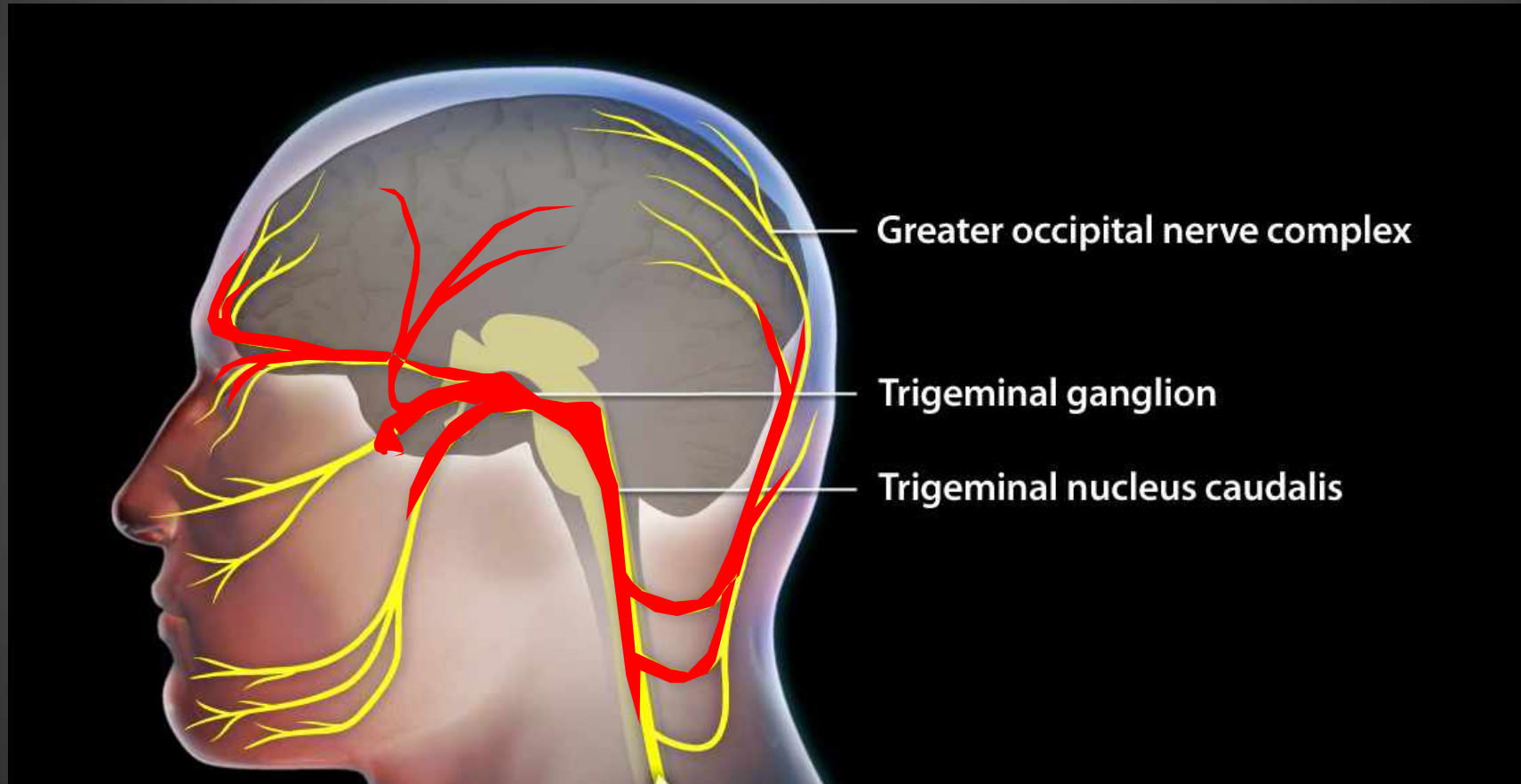
- Descend to the high cervical regions
- Ascend to pain processing regions of the brain

Occipital Nerves

- Innervate occipital scalp
- Contribute to trigeminal nucleus caudalis

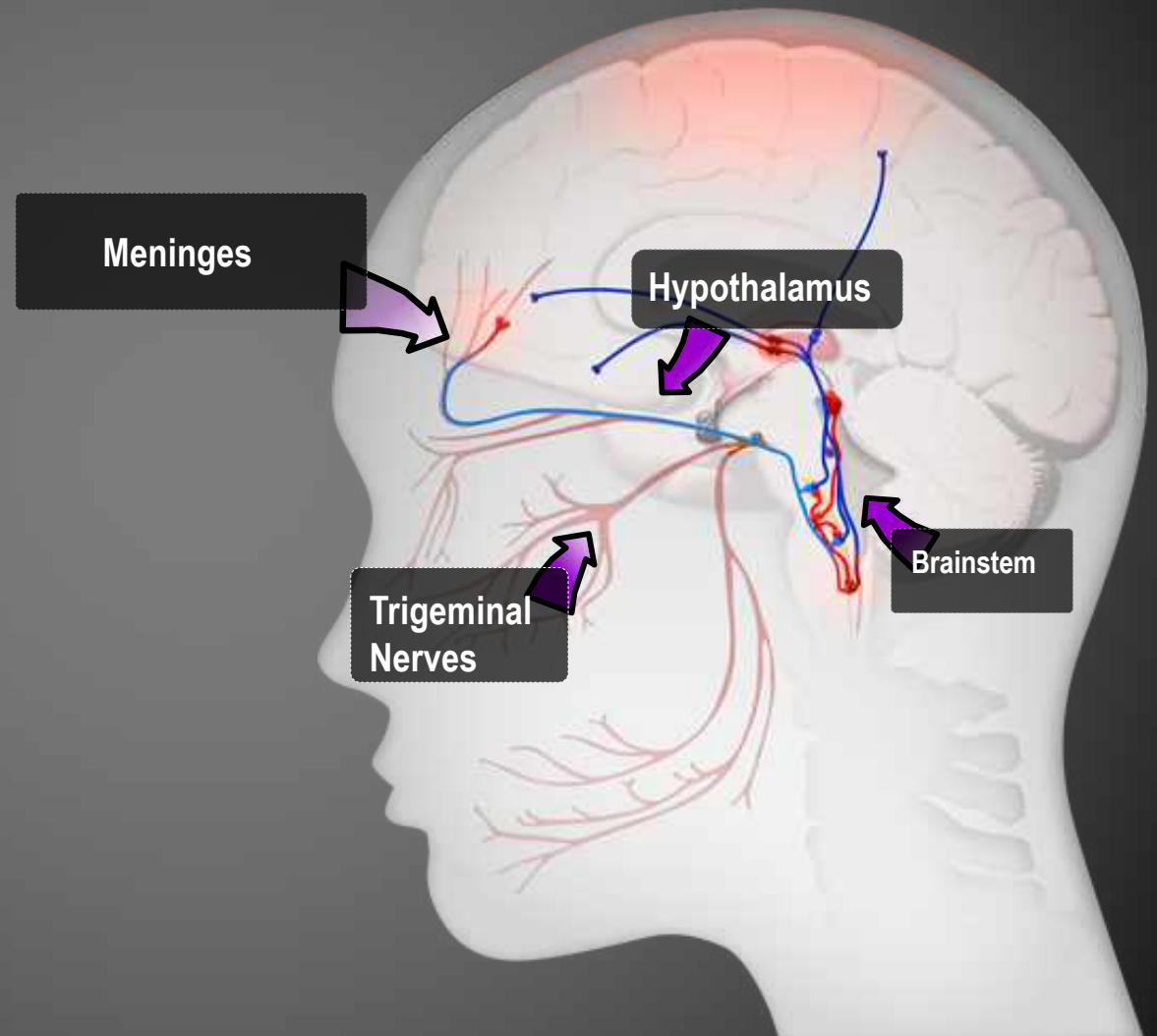


Trigeminal Nucleus Caudalis



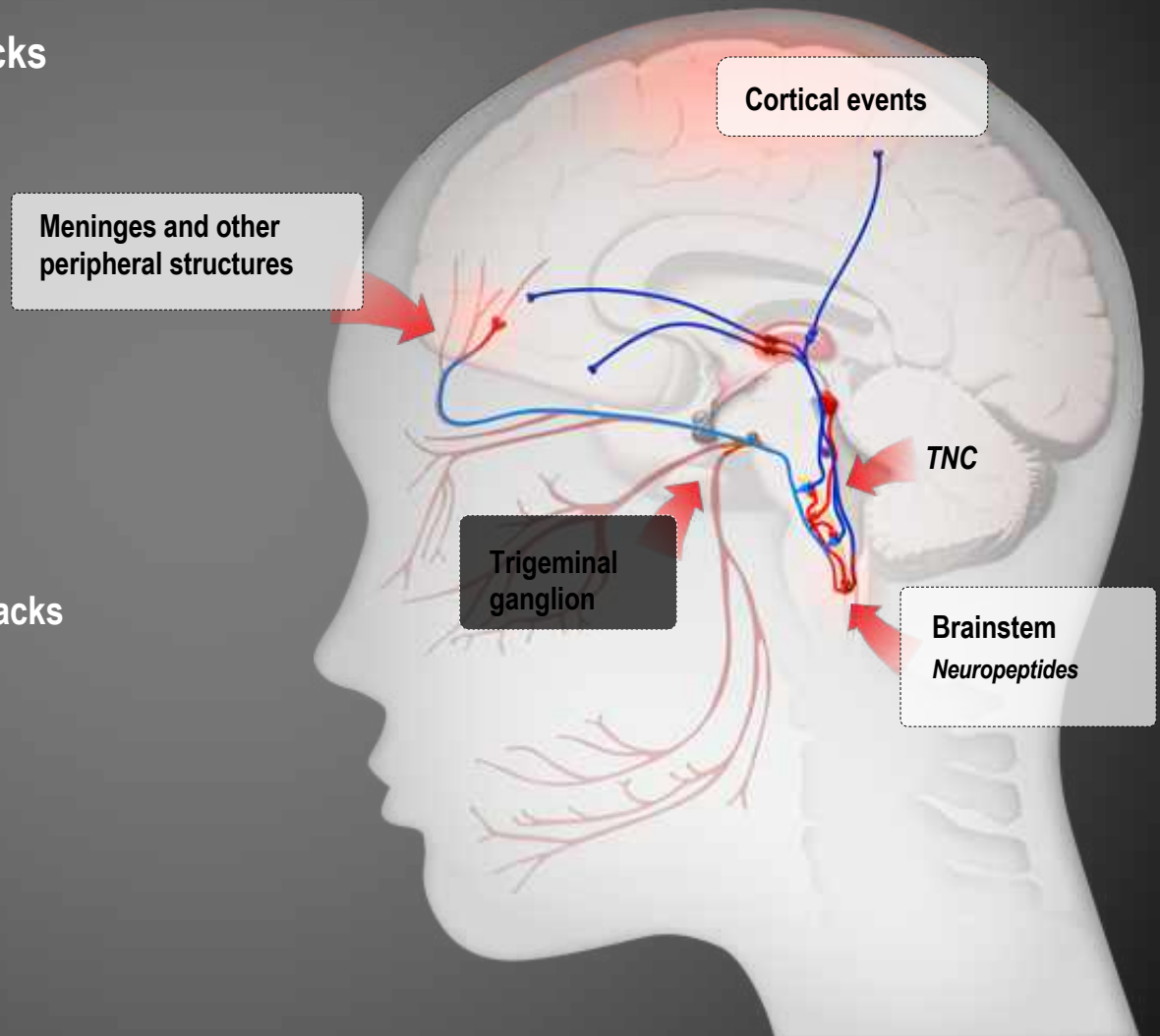
Head Pain Anatomy

- **Meninges** - Pain sensitive lining of the brain
- **Trigeminal Nerves** – Pain nerves that go to the meninges, face, and head
- **Brainstem** – Receives the trigeminal nerves and sends them to the deep brain
- **Hypothalamus** – Area of the brain that regulates response to stress, hunger, mood, and sleep



What Is Migraine?

- A chronic disorder with episodic attacks
- Integrated mechanisms and complex pathophysiology
- During attacks
 - Headache
 - Several associated symptoms
 - Functional disability
- In-between attacks
 - Enduring predisposition to future attacks
 - Anticipatory anxiety
 - Changes in brain function, eg,
 - Lack of habituation
 - Reduced nociceptive threshold



TGS = trigeminal system; TNC = trigeminal nucleus caudalis; Bigal ME et al. *Neurology*. 2008;71:848–855;

Brandes JL. *Headache*. 2008;48:430–441; Coppola G et al. *Cephalalgia*. 2007;27:1429–1439; Goadsby PJ et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2002;346:257–270;

Haut SR et al. *Lancet Neurol*. 2006;5:148–157; Lovati C et al. *Headache*. 2008;48:272–277; Pietrobon D. *Neuroscientist*. 2005;11:373–386.

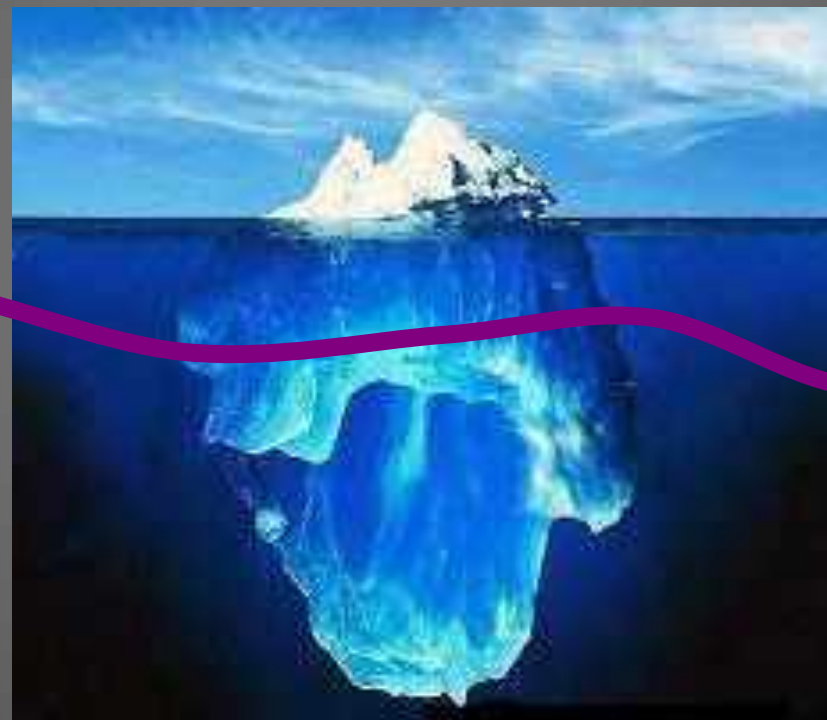
>35 Million Americans with Migraine

Diagnosed
Migraine

48%

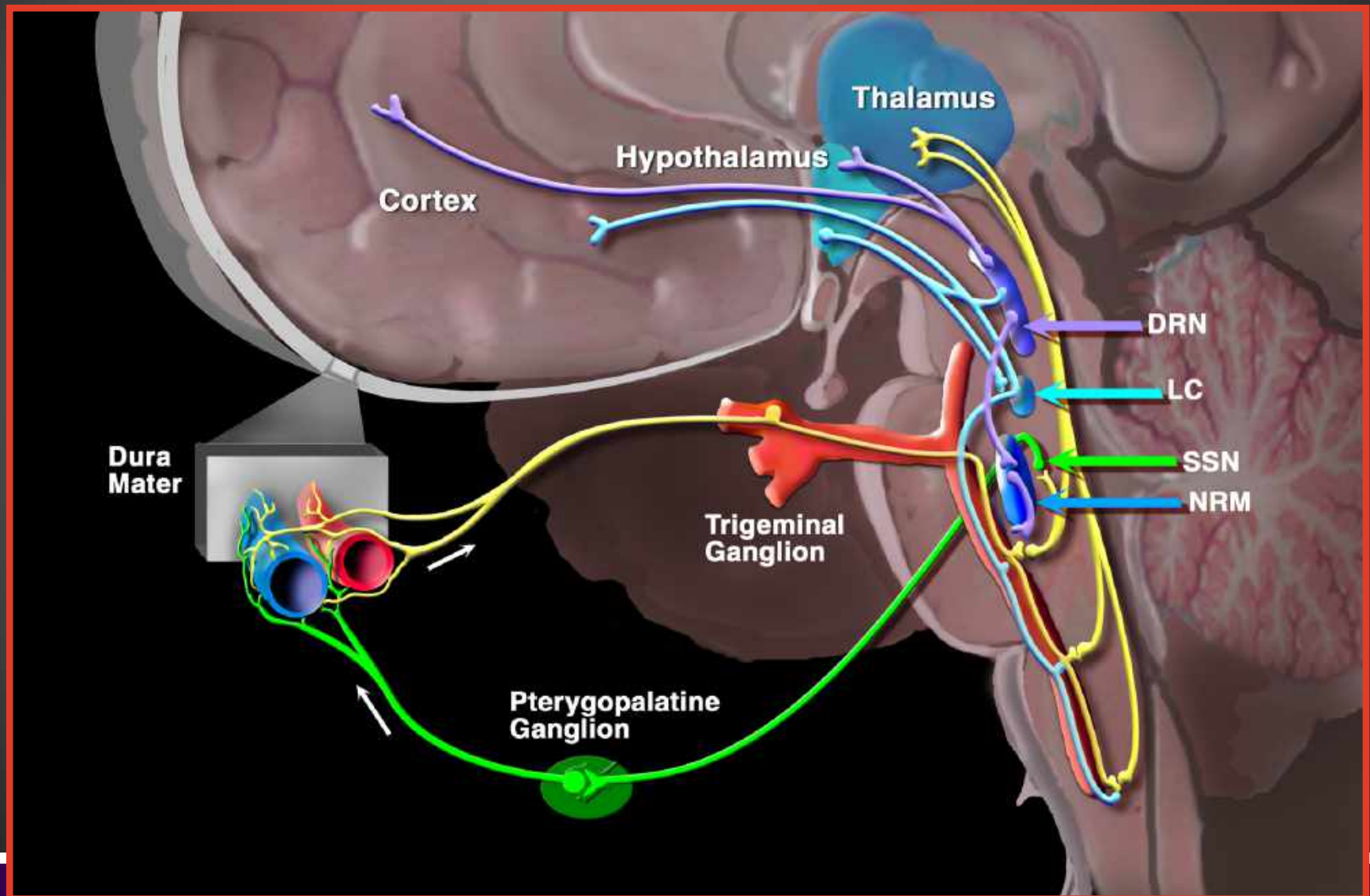
Undiagnosed
Migraine

52%

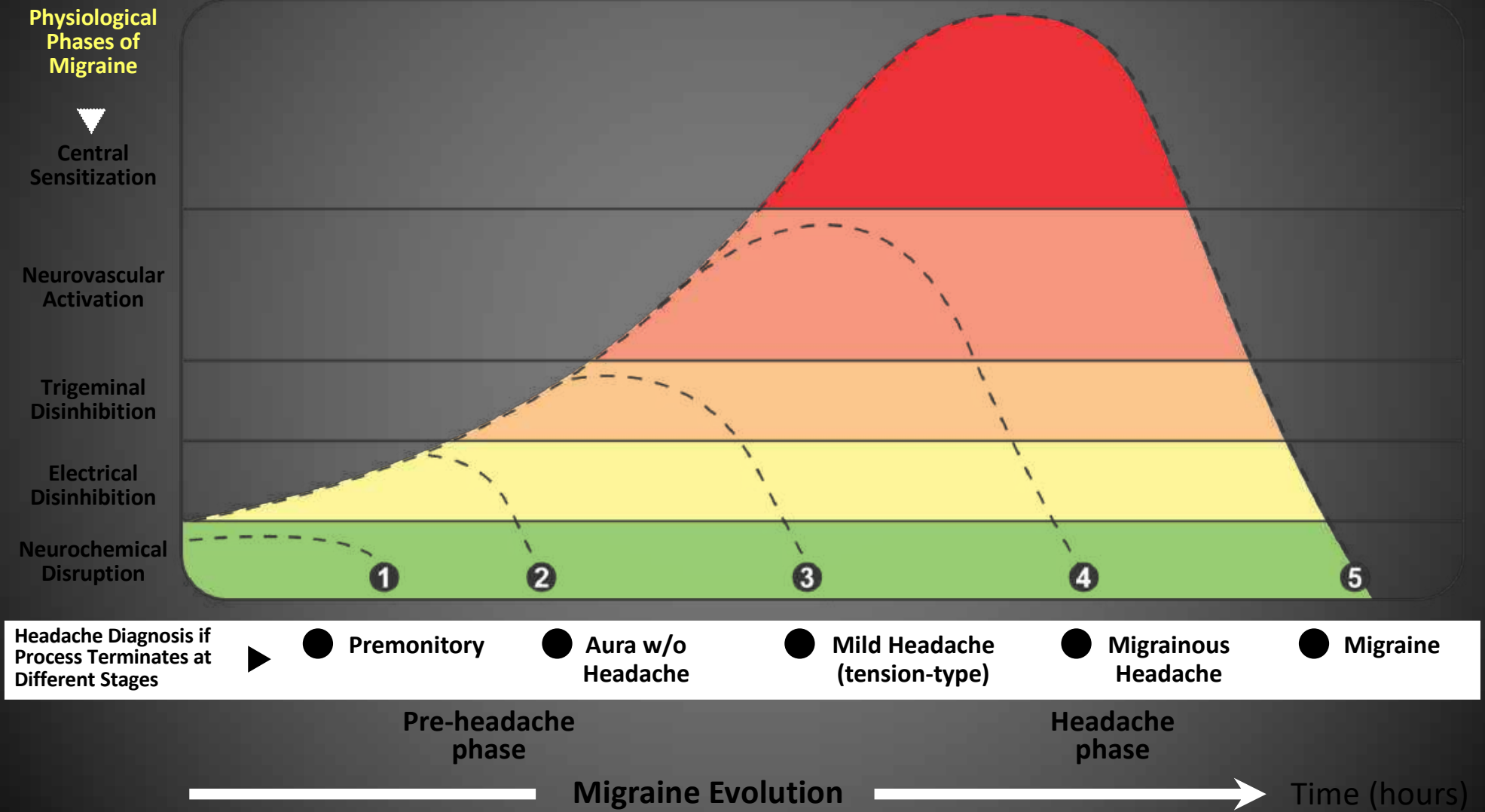


1999

CNS MODULATION OF MIGRAINE?



Convergence Hypothesis



CVS/ harmacy

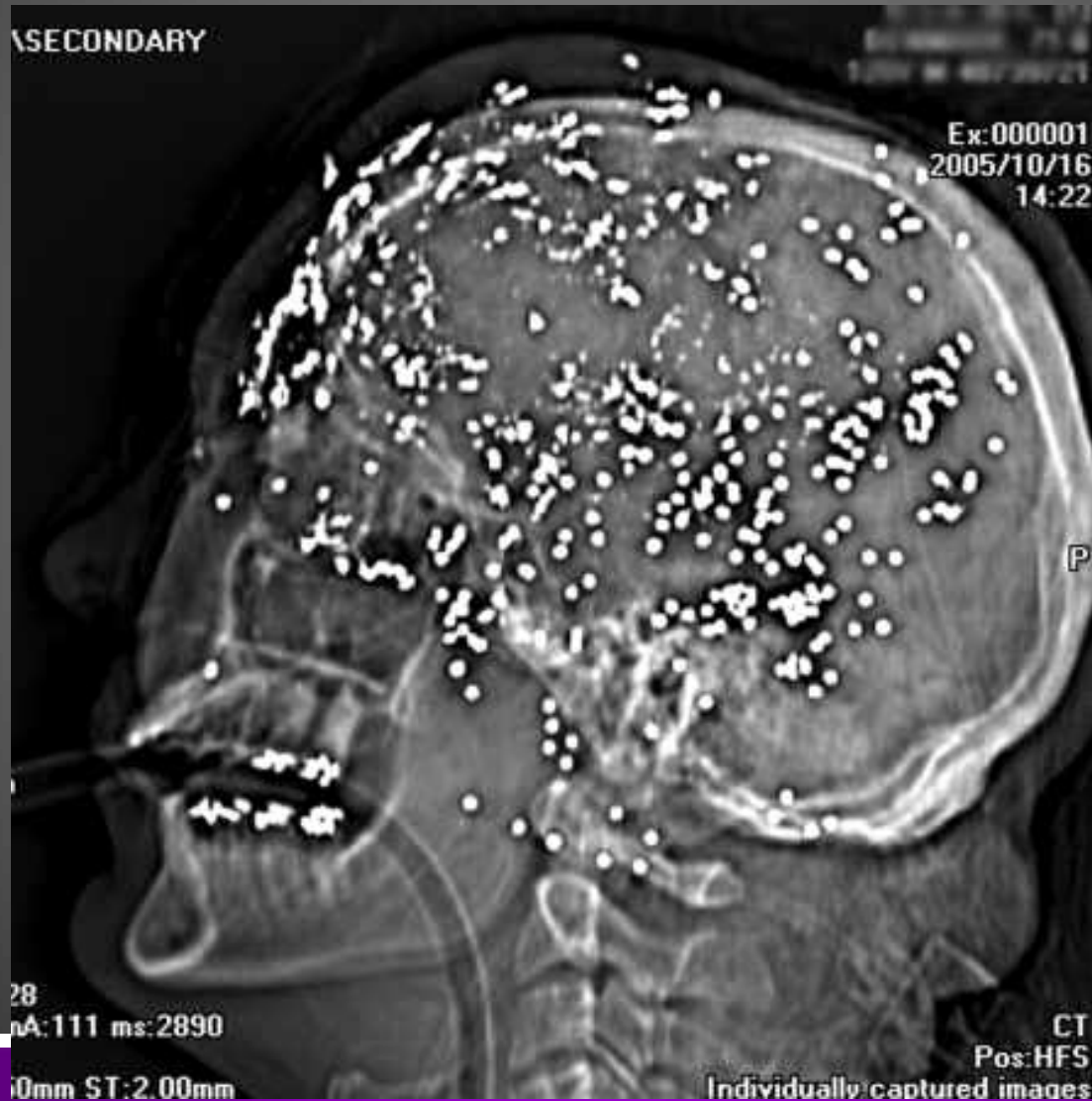




In-Law



Pt. with Cluster Headache



Cluster Headache

- Clinically separate from Migraine
- 4 male :1 female
- Pain episode lasts 30 min – 3^o
 - May get aura
 - Usually pain free in between episodes
- Agitation prominent feature



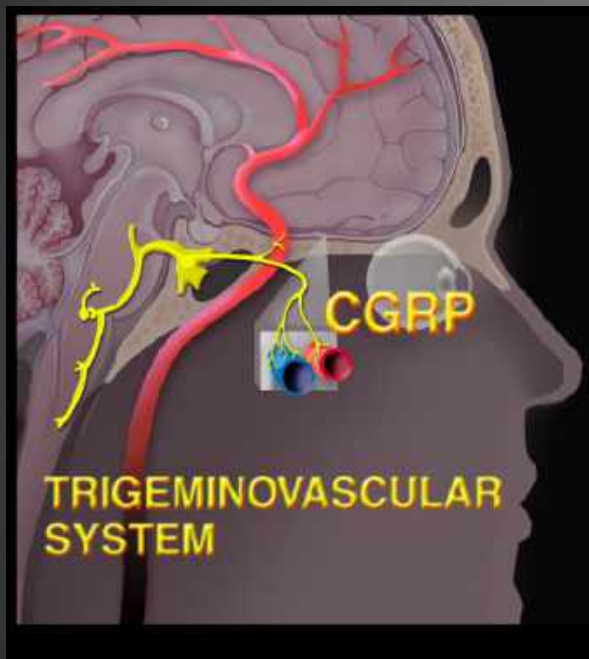
[Patient description of Cluster](#)

Autonomic Features

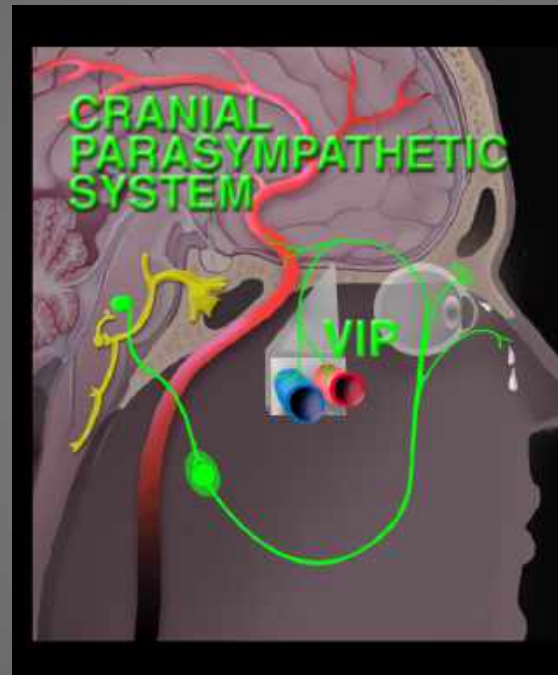
- Conjunctival injection and lacrimation
- Nasal congestion / rhinorrhea
- Partial Horner's syndrome
- Facial flushing / sweating
- Periorbital edema
- Foreign body sensation



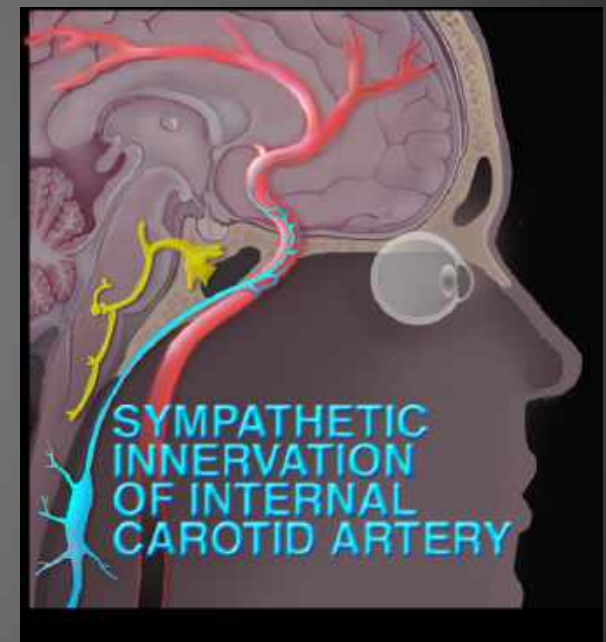
Pain / Autonomic Signs



CGRP



VIP

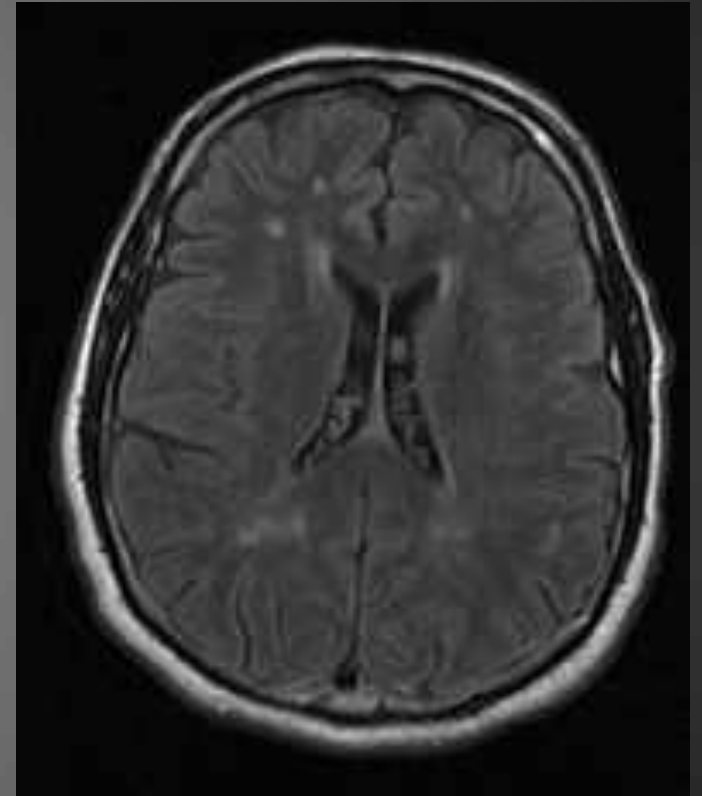


Mechanical

(Edvinsson and Goadsby, 1998)

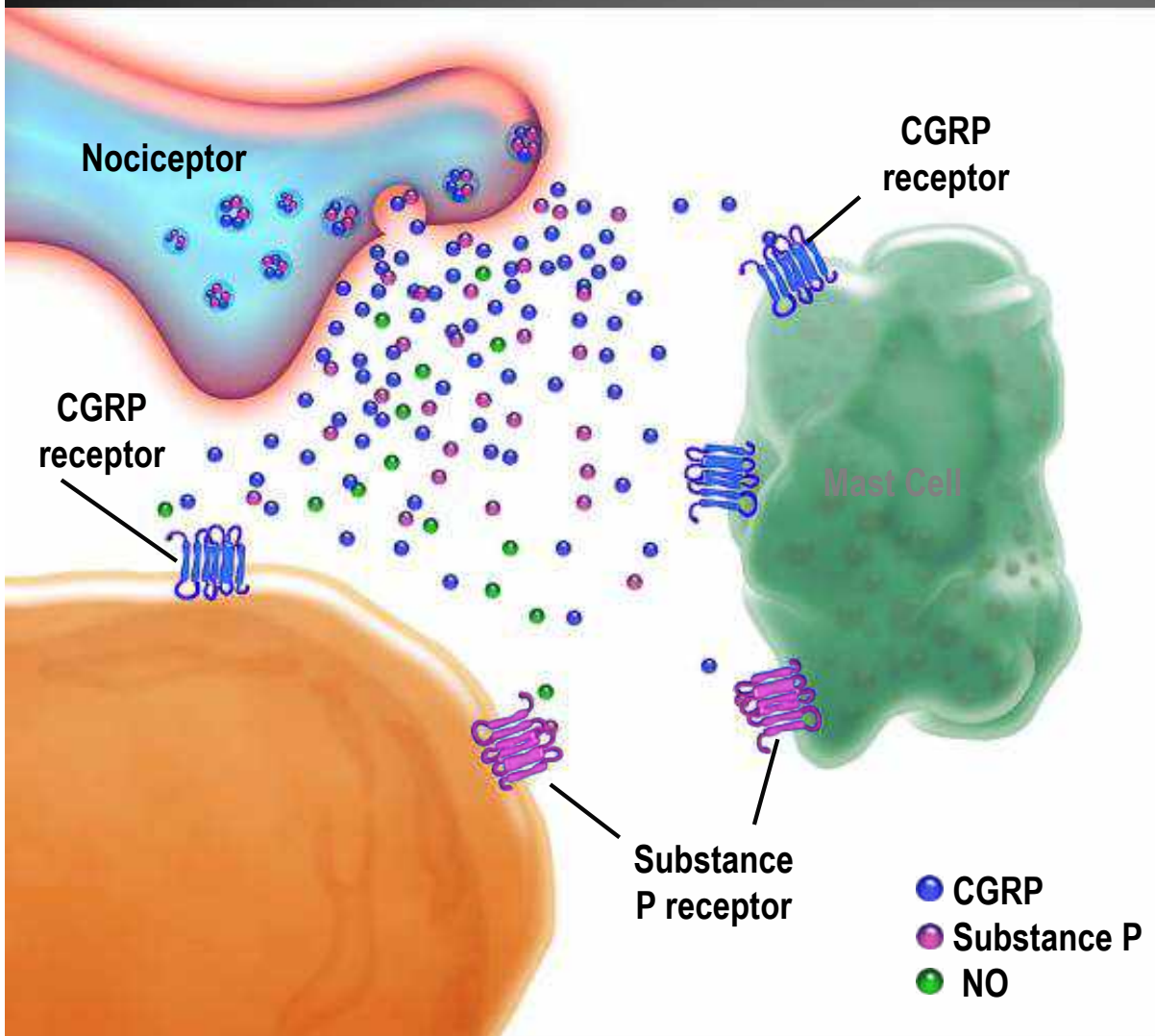
Brain MRI

- “Non specific T2 weighted white matter hyperintensities”
- “May be seen in migraine, hypertension, head trauma, other etiologies”
- “Can not rule out MS, vasculitis, stroke”
- “Also can be seen in CADASIL, Leukoencephalopathy, HIV, MELAS...”



Your most anxiety provoking diagnosis here

Neuroinflammation



- **COX-2 and iNOS upregulated**
- **NO also released**
 - Histamine
- **Leads to**
 - NGF
 - Vasodilation
 - Serotonin
 - **CGRP, NO, substance P**
 - Proinflammatory cytokines
 - Mast cell degranulation
 - **TNF- α , IL-1, IL-6**
 - **CGRP, substance P**
 - Plasma extravasation
 - **substance P**

Mast Cells and Migraine

- Reside in the dural layer of the meninges
- Close proximity to blood vessels and nociceptors
- Plasma Histamine is elevated in migraine subpopulations
- Histamine infusion may trigger migraine
- Known triggers of migraine also trigger mast cell activity
 - Stress
 - Estrogen
 - Foods
 - Environmental stimuli
 - Alcohol

(Levy D, 2011)

Activated Mast Cells

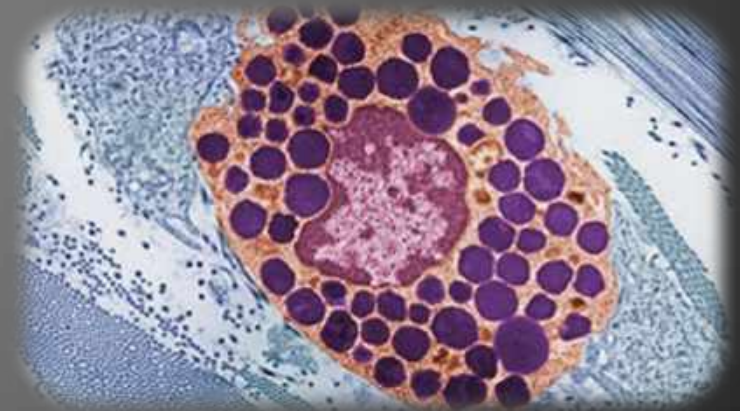
- Release proinflammatory substances
 - Histamine
 - Serotonin
 - Cytokines
 - Leukotrienes
 - IL6
 - LTC₄
 - Prostaglandins
 - PGD₂
 - PGI₂

> 200 substances are associated with mast cell activation



Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

- Exacerbations of symptoms related to overactive mast cell activity
 - Flushing
 - Abdominal pain/diarrhea
 - Skin lesions
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Myalgia
 - Cognitive concerns



Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

- **Triggers**
 - Heat
 - Exercise
 - Food
 - Sun
 - Stress
 - Sex
- **Clues to consider:**
 - Multiple atypical allergies
 - Multiple food intolerances
 - Exercise intolerant
 - Diarrhea with migraine
 - Multiple skin syndromes
 - Eczema
 - Chronic folliculitis
 - Rhinitis
 - Asthma

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

- Diagnosis is based on clinical history
- Serologies include:
 - Tryptase
 - Baseline and during symptom exacerbation
 - Prostaglandin D2 levels
 - Urine studies
 - N-methyl histamine
 - Leukotriene E4
 - 24 hour collection following symptom exacerbation
 - Bone marrow biopsy

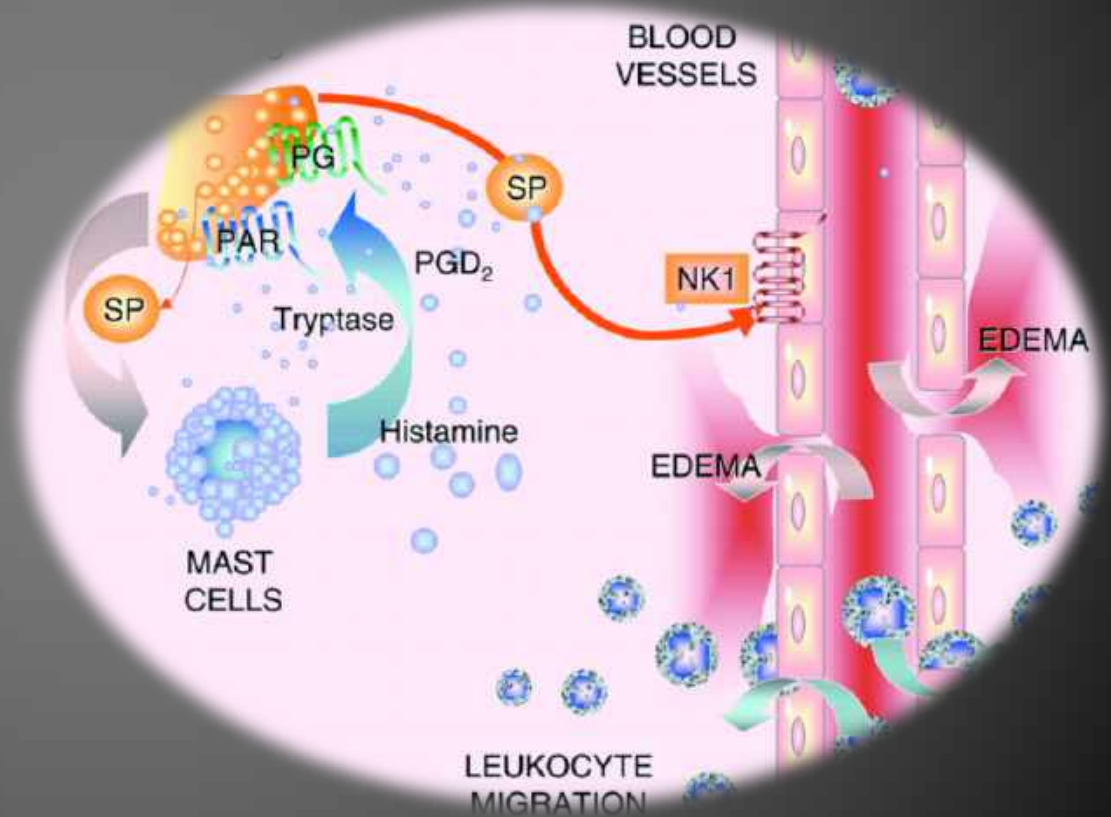
Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

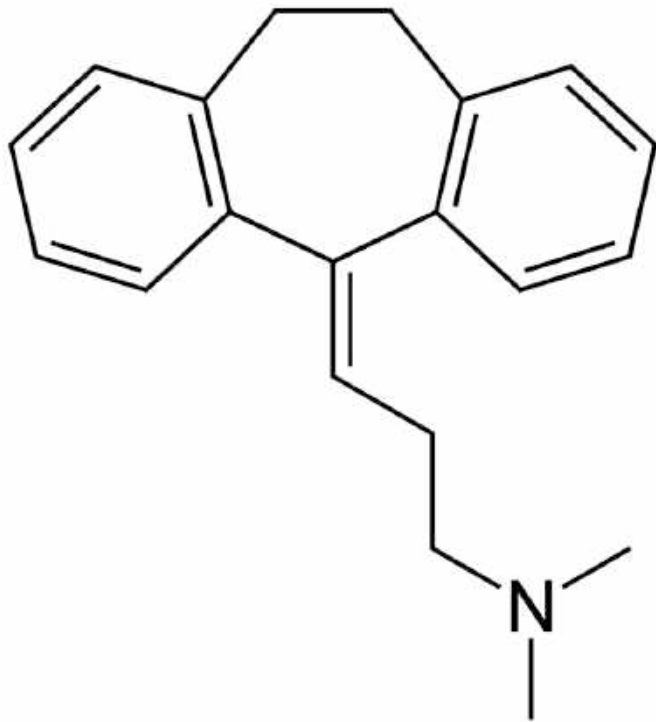
- Treatment options
 - Ranitidine (H2 receptor blocker)
 - Certirizine (H1 receptor blocker)
 - Aspirin
 - Cromolyn
 - Monoleukast
 - Ketotifen
 - Others



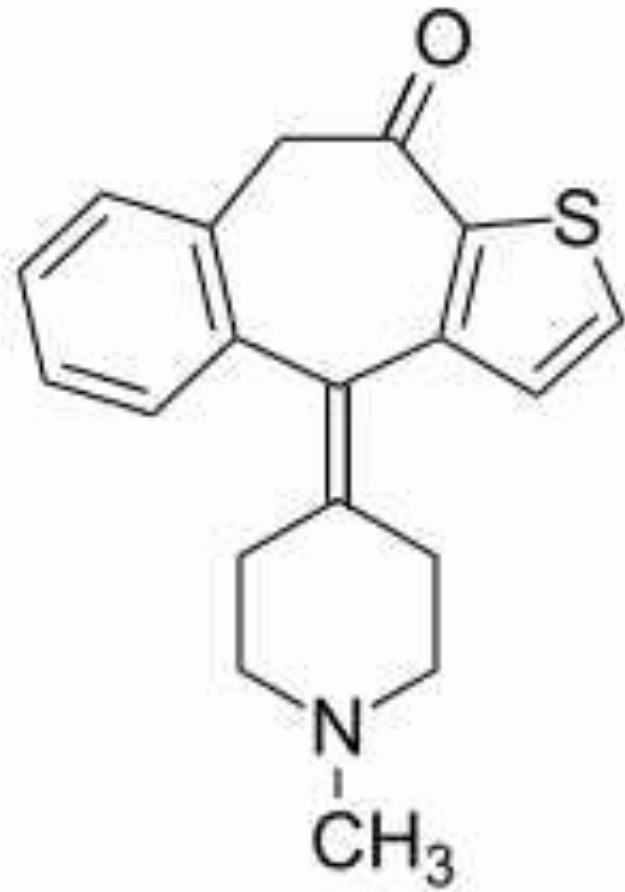
Notable Medications with Mast Cell Stabilizing properties

- Diphenhydramine
- Amitriptyline
- Doxycycline
- Promethazine
- Droperidol
- Diazepam





Amitriptyline



Doxepin

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

- Empiric therapy based on history
 - Ranitidine 150mg twice a day
 - Certirizine 10mg twice a day
 - Singulair 10-20mg daily



Chronic Pain and Hypermobility

Childhood Joint hypermobility
identified as predisposing factor
for Chronic Pain

(Murray & Woo, 2001)



Table 2 Beighton score (9). One point given for each positive manoeuvre. Each limb tested separately

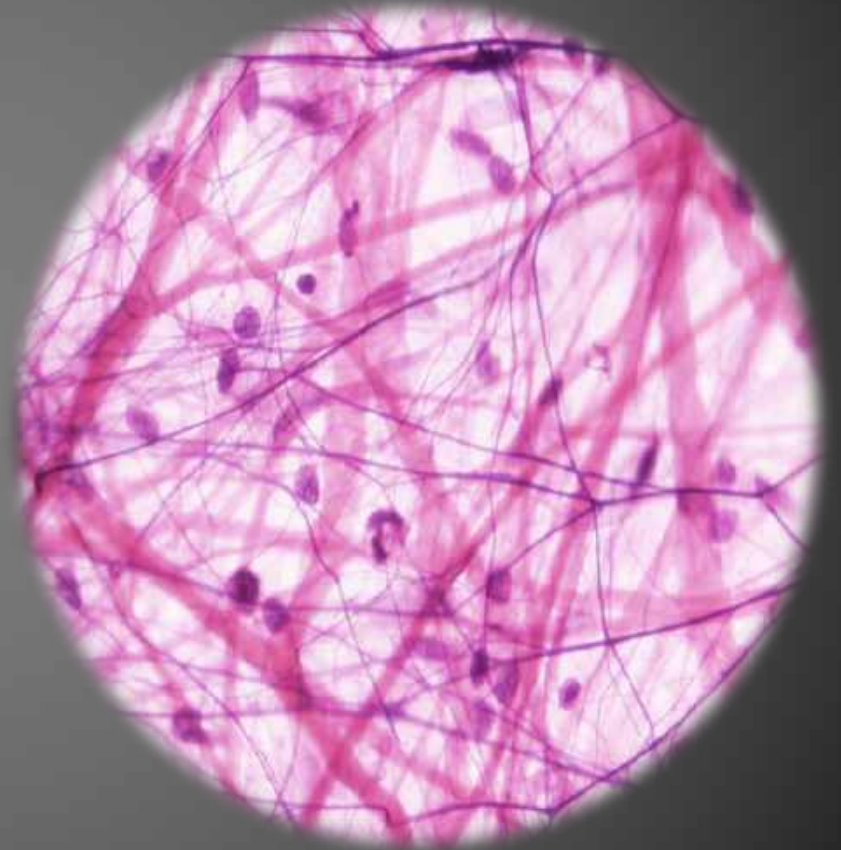
1. More than 10° hyperextension of the elbows
2. Passively touching the forearm with the thumb, while flexing the wrist
3. Passive extension of the fingers or a 90° or more extension of the fifth finger
4. Knee hyperextension greater than or equal to 10°
5. Touching the floor with the palms of the hands when reaching down without bending the knees

Hypermobility associated with
fibromyalgia and New Daily Persistent
Headache Syndrome

(Rozen, 2007)

Increased Mast Cell Count and Activity Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Dysplasia

- ↑ Mast Cell Density
 - 1.7 fold increase in UCTD compared to controls
- ↑ Intracellular Chymase Activity
- Increased mast cell count in benign joint hypermobility
- Increased in skin samples of patients with fibromyalgia



Migraine Comorbidity

Disorders highly associated with migraine that occur at a rate significantly greater than chance

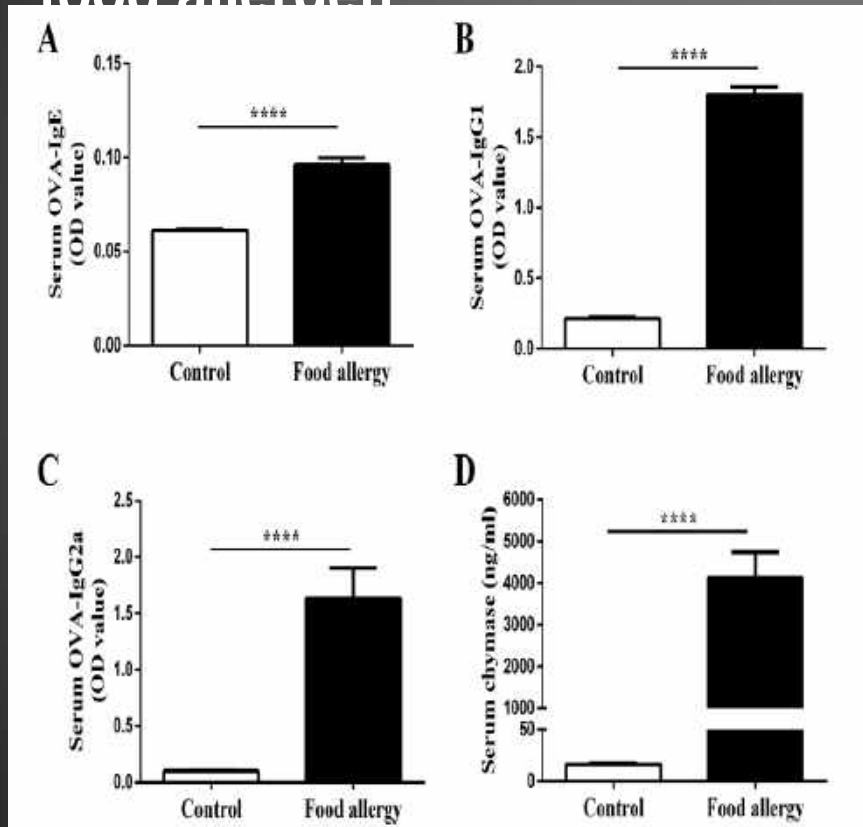
Gut Cluster

- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Gastritis
- Peptic ulcer disease
- H. pylori
- GERD
- Colitis



Food Allergy and Brain Inflammation

- Mice were sensitized to a food allergen



- Staining of tissue revealed:
 - ↑ IgG in cortex
 - ↑ Chymase in cortex
(marker of mast cell activation)
 - ↑ TNF α in the cortex
(inflammatory cytokine)
 - ↑ IgG1 & IgG2a
(Consequence of mast cell activation)

– Increased microglia activity

CGRP, a neurotransmitter of enteric sensory neurons, contributes to the development of food allergy due to the augmentation of microtubule reorganization in mucosal mast cells

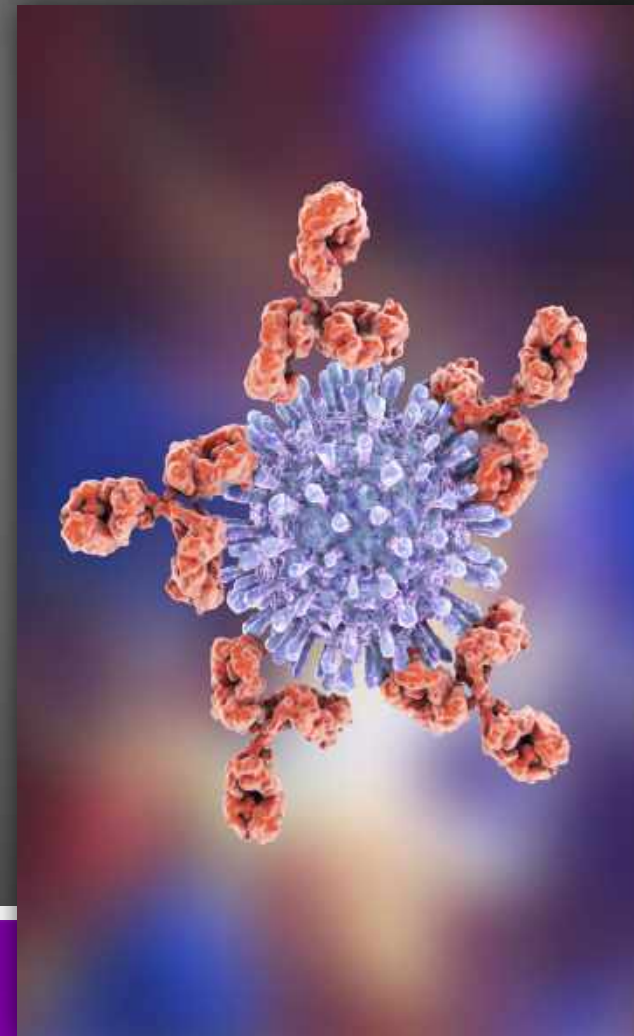
Ji-Hyun KIM, Takeshi YAMAMOTO, Jaemin LEE, Tomioe YASHIRO, Takayuki HAMADA, Shusaku HAYASHI, and Makoto KADOWAEI

Division of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology, Institute of Natural Medicine, University of Toyama, Toyama 930-0194, Japan

(Received 31 May 2014; and accepted 6 June 2014)

- **CGRP augments Ig-E independent/non-antigenic stimuli induced mucosal mast cell degranulation**
- **CGRP dysregulation in the gut contributes to the development of food allergy**

Kim JH, Yamamoto T, Lee J, Yashiro T, et al. CGRP, a neurotransmitter of enteric sensory neurons, contributes to the development of food allergy due to the augmentation of microtubule reorganization in mucosal mast cells. *Biomed Res.* 2014;35(4):285-93.



CGRP

(Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide)

CGRP

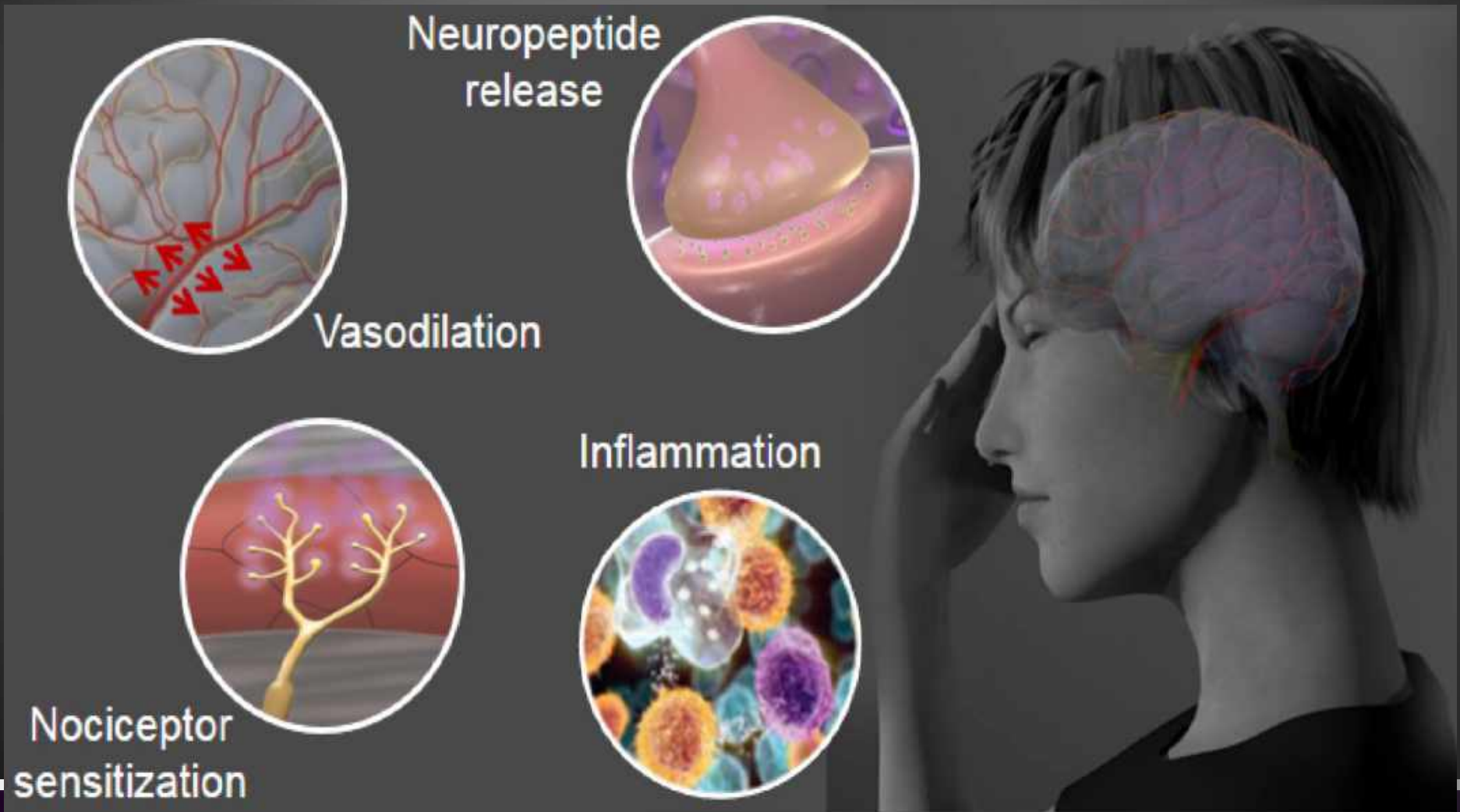


37-amino acid neuropeptide¹

- Inflammatory protein thought to play a role in headache
 - Initiating headache
 - Propagate headache
- CGRP is found in almost every organ system in the body

CGRP

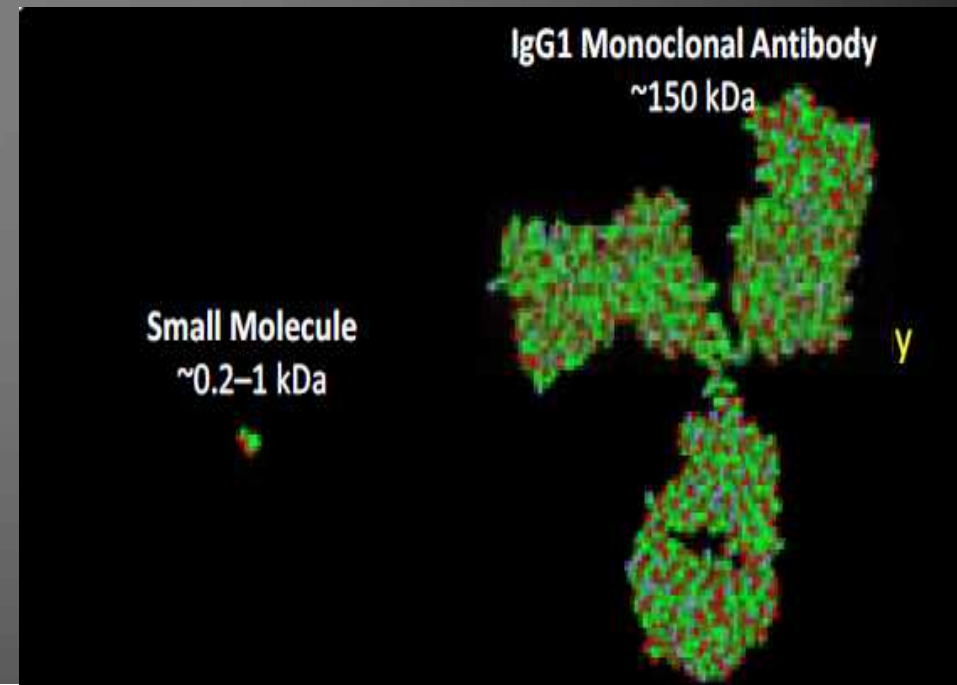
(Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide)



Monoclonal Antibodies to CGRP or the CGRP receptor

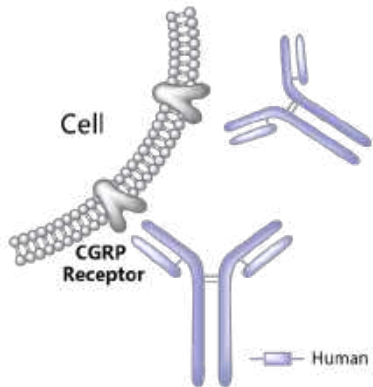
- The monoclonal antibodies (MABs) are big molecules
- Minimal pass through of the blood brain barrier
- MABs are eliminated by the reticuloendothelial system
 - Minimal / no? risk for liver toxicity

- Because MABs work, it means that peripheral, not central CGRP action is sufficient to trigger migraine



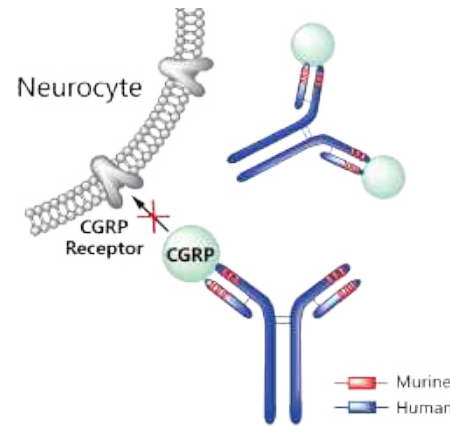
Four Key Monoclonal Antibodies in Migraine

Erenumab



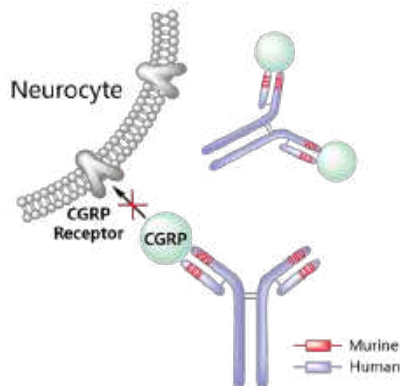
- Monoclonal antibody (MAB) against the CGRP receptor
- Erenumab is the only MAB in the group that is fully human

Fremanezumab



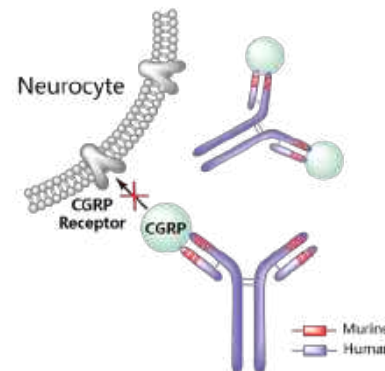
- Antibody against the CGRP ligand or peptide
- Fully humanized (95%)

Galcanezumab



- Antibody against the CGRP ligand or peptide
- Humanized (90% human)

Eptinezumab

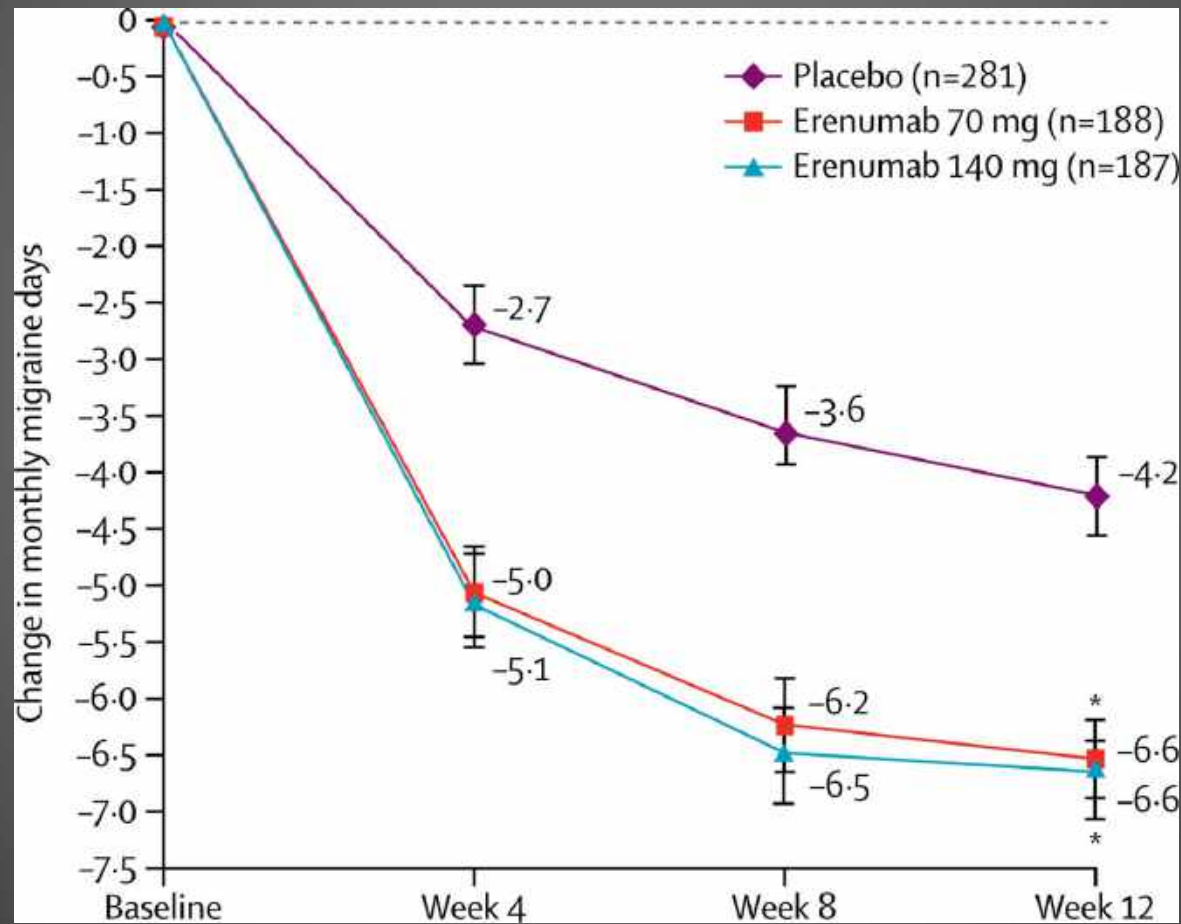


- The only anti-CGRP MAB administered intravenously initially for migraine
- Antibody against the CGRP ligand or peptide
- Humanized (90%)

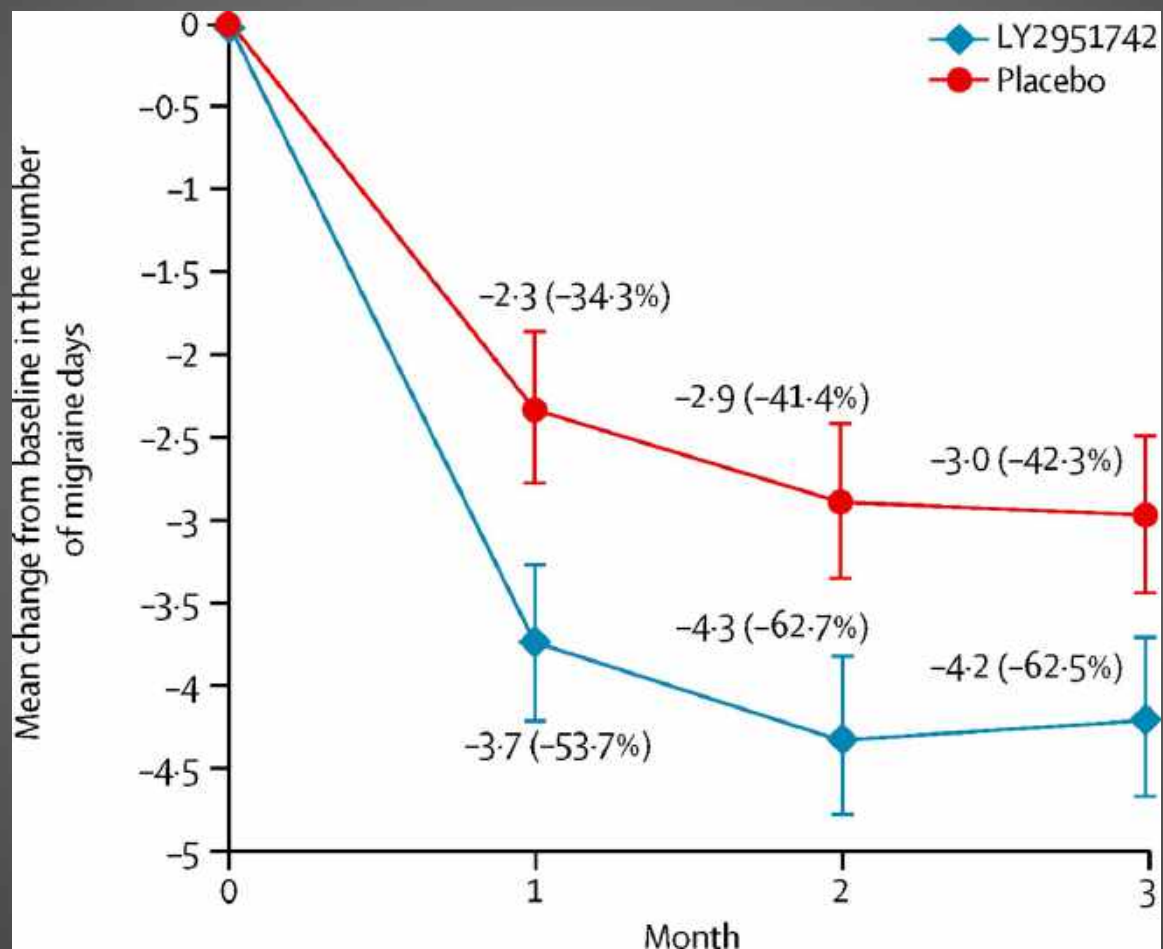
The Four MABs

- US FDA suggested a consistent primary endpoint:
Reduction of monthly migraine days
- All four are positive in regulatory EM and CM trials
- 40-60% of the CM registration study subjects had medication overuse
- All four:
 - have quick onset, separating from placebo within 1 week
 - show clinically meaningful response by one month
 - have favorable responder rates for $\geq 50\%$ and higher
 - have safety and tolerability similar to placebo
- Almost all secondary endpoints are also positive, with decreased acute medication days, improved impact, disability, and/or quality of life

Safety and efficacy of erenumab for preventive treatment of chronic migraine: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 2 trial



Safety and efficacy of LY2951742, a monoclonal antibody to calcitonin gene-related peptide, for the prevention of migraine: a phase 2, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study



Acute Therapies for Migraine

- Previous non specific acute therapies
 - NsAIDs
 - Dopamine receptor agonists
 - Sedatives
 - Opioids

- Numerous adverse events
- Non specific therapy lead to complications related to the medication



Acute Therapies for Migraine

Standard of care specific therapies

– Triptans

- 5-HT_{1B} agonist
- 5-HT_{1D} agonist

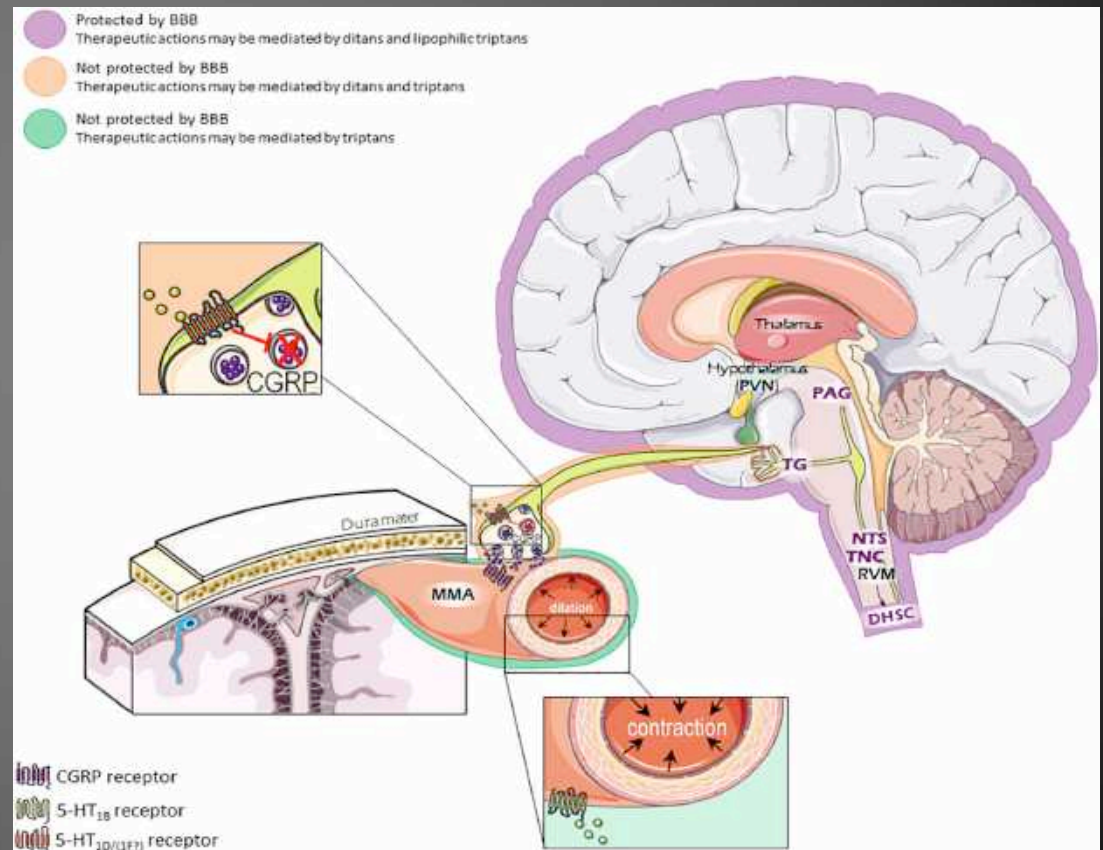
– Clinically effective

– Peripheral acting

– Vasoconstricting

– Adverse events

- Chest pain / tightness / pressure
- Neck / throat / Jaw tightness / pressure

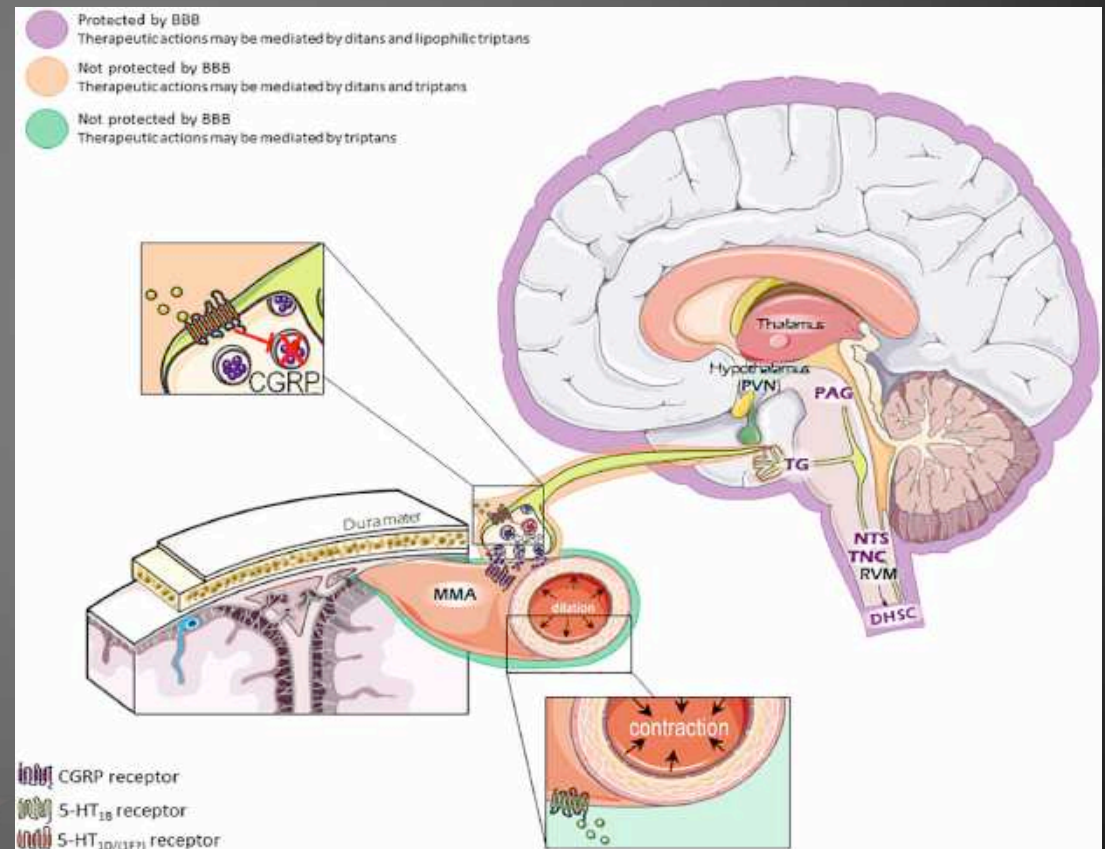


Designer Specific Agents for Acute Migraine

CGRP targeted therapies

“Gepants”

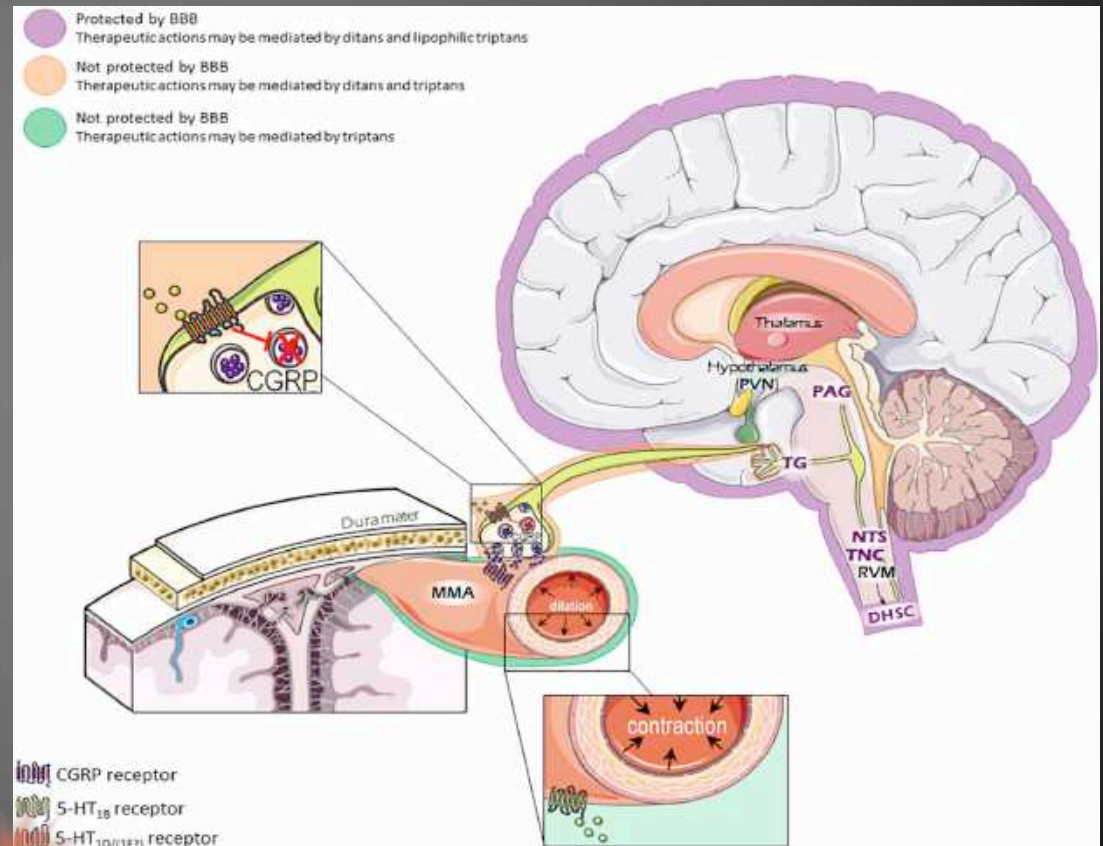
- Ubrogepant
- Rimegepant
- Clinical trials encouraging
- Minimal adverse events
- No vasoconstriction
- Mechanism of action
 - Peripheral CGRP blockade



Designer Specific Agents for Acute Migraine

5ht1F receptor agonist

- Lasmiditan
- Highly efficacious in clinical trials
- Adverse events reflect CNS activity
 - Dizziness / driving restriction?
- No vasoconstriction
- Mechanism of action
 - Peripheral reduction of CGRP
 - Central 5ht1F receptors at key areas of migraine
 - » Hypothalamus
 - » Thalamus
 - » Trigeminal nucleus caudalis
 - » Periaqueductal Gray



IGG Food Sensitivity Testing

- Foods may trigger migraine
- Challenge to identify which food may trigger migraine
- Accepted diagnostic tool
 - Celiac Disease
 - Asthma
 - Eosinophilic Esophagitis



Foods Associated with CNS Inflammation

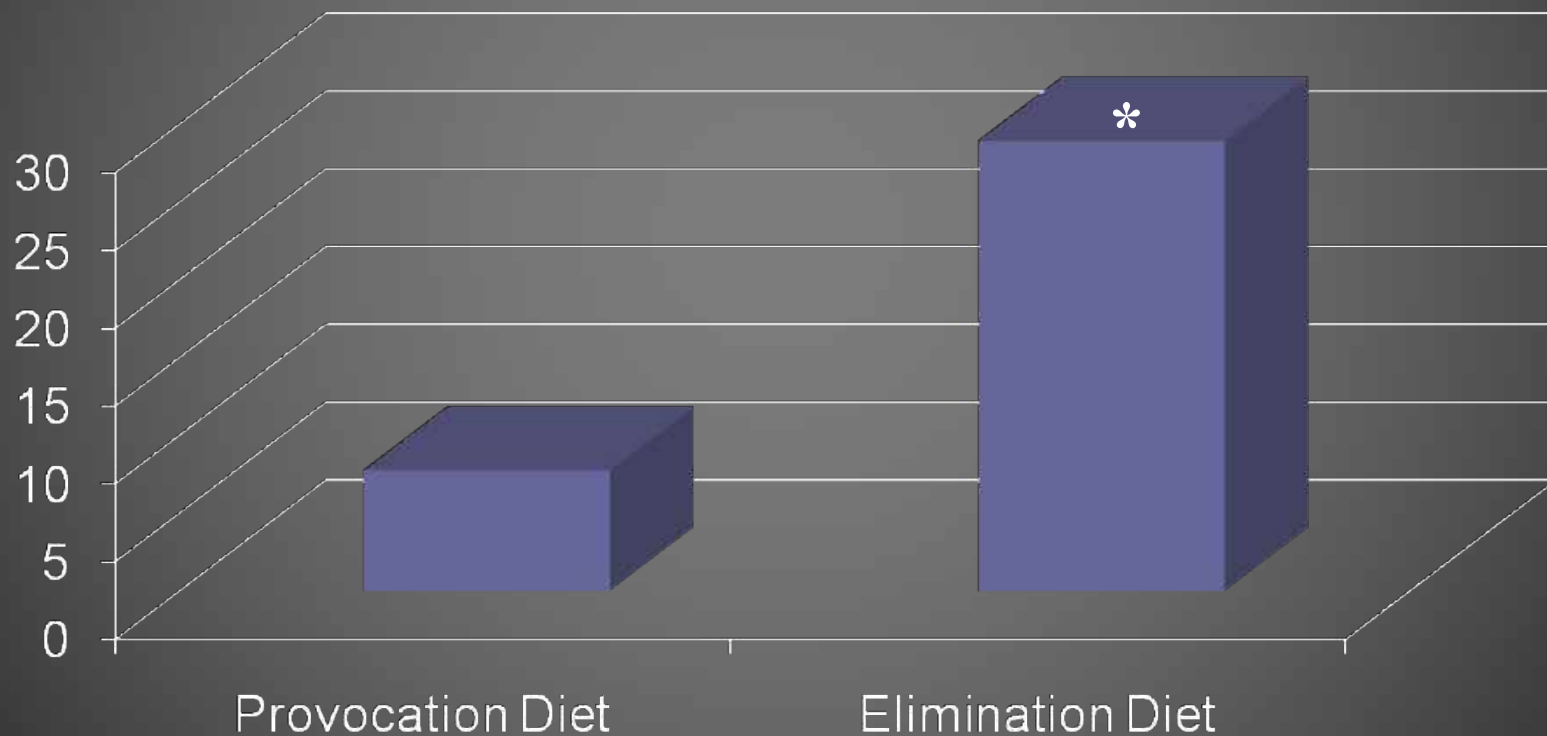
- What are the top foods to consider eliminating for chronic migraine?

1. Gluten
2. Egg
3. Dairy
4. Corn
5. Caffeine



IgG Antibody Based Elimination Diet

Percent Improvement Compared with Baseline



*P<0.05 vs baseline

Alpay K. Cephalalgia 2010; 30: 829-835,

IgG Elimination Diet

- 65 patients
- Not placebo controlled
- Used IgG testing to identify possible food triggers
- 43/65 patients substantial improvement / complete remission



IgG- based Elimination Diet in migraine plus IBS

- 21 subjects with both IBS and migraine
- Double blind, randomized, controlled, cross over trial
- Diets
 - Usual diet
 - Elimination diet
 - Provocation diet
- Elimination diet effect on headache
 - ↓ Attack count
(4.8 [2.1] vs 2.7 [2.0]; $P < .001$)
 - ↓ Mean attack duration
(1.8 [0.5] vs 1.1 [0.8] days; $P < .01$)
 - ↓ Attack severity
(vas 8.5 [1.4] vs vas 6.6 [3.3]; $P < .001$)
 - ↓ Acute medication use
(4.0 [1.5] vs 1.9 [1.8]; $P < .001$)
- ↓ pain-bloating severity
- ↑ quality of life

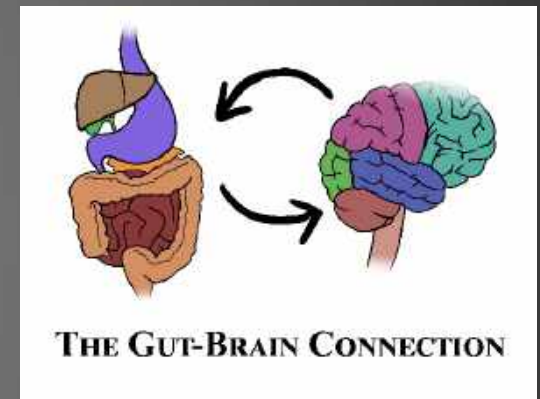
Cost of testing

- **IgG food sensitivity testing**
 - \$1,200 (pt. pays \$100)
- **MRI Brain**
 - \$3,500
- **Onabotulinum toxin A**
 - \$17,000 annual
 - 1970s = \$40 /vial



Migraine comorbid with Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivity

- **Chronic headache reported by**
 - 30 % of Celiac disease
 - 56 % of Gluten sensitivity
 - 23 % of Irritable bowel syndrome
 - 14 % of controls
- **Migraine reported by**
 - 21% Celiac Disease
 - 40% of Gluten sensitivity



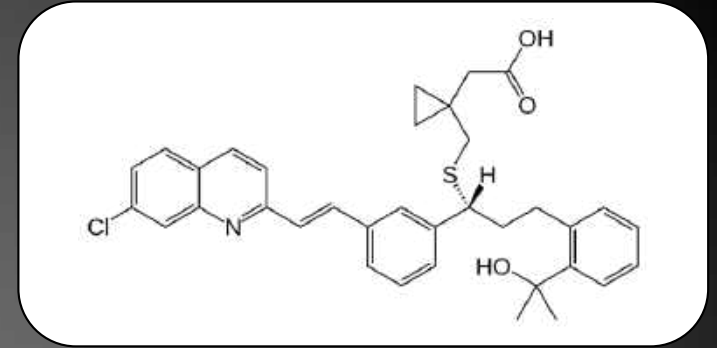
***all significantly higher than controls**

Nutritional intervention for migraine

- 36 week cross over study
- 16 week treatment periods
 - Placebo
 - Diet modification
 - Low fat vegan x 4 weeks
 - Trigger elimination then reintroduction
- Significant decrease in headache
 - ↓ severity of worst pain (P=.030)
 - ↓ number of headaches (P=.04)
 - ↓ acute medication use (19% less)

- Significant health improvements

Monoleukast



- Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist
- Trialed for migraine prophylaxis
 - No subpopulations identified
 - **Not effective** for migraine prophylaxis
 - Effective for chronic migraine?
 - Best outcomes dosed **30-40mg** daily
 - Some patients did very well

Low Dose Naltrexone

- Possible microglial antagonism
 - Toll-like receptor 4
- Possible hypothalamic pituitary adrenal hormonal regulator
 - Growth Hormone
- Inexpensive
- Well tolerated
- Easy accessibility

Low Dose Naltrexone - 4.5mg / night

- Double Blind, Placebo controlled, crossover trial

- Primary outcome –Reduced Pain

- 28% reduction LDN
- 18% reduction Placebo

YES

- Secondary endpoints

- Improved Mood
- Improved satisfaction with life
- Improved sleep

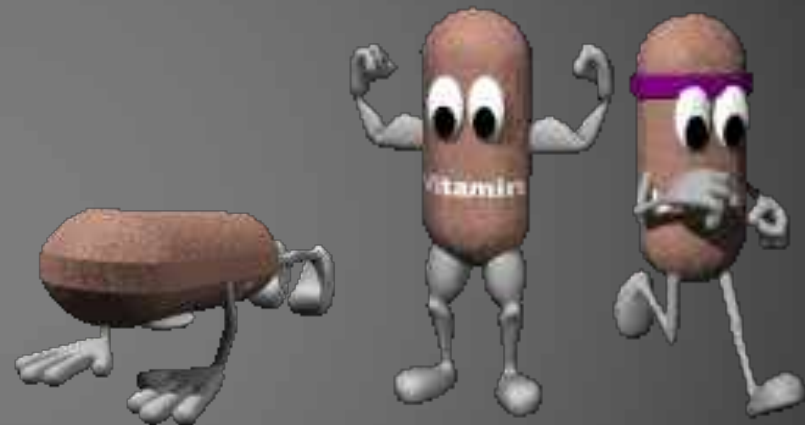
YES

YES

No

Vitamin Therapy

- Magnesium glycinate (400 mg/d)
- Co enzyme Q10 (150 mg/d)
- Feverfew
- Butterbur
- Vitamin B2



- Petasites (Butterbur)
 - Caution due to hepatic toxicity
 - All forms of butterbur are banned in the United Kingdom

Magnesium and migraine

Magnesium oxide 9 mg/kg

86 of 118 completed;

“statistically significant downward trend in HA frequency over time in magnesium oxide group but not placebo group”

Oral magnesium oxide prophylaxis of frequent migrainous headache in children: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. Wang F, Van Den Eeden S, Ackerson L, et al. *Headache* 2003;43:601-610.

Magnesium and migraine

- Start with 500 mg of magnesium oxide
or chelated magnesium combination
- If not tolerated - magnesium citrate, Slow-Mag
- If tolerated but ineffective consider increasing
the dose to 500 mg BID
- Take with food

Boswellia Serrata

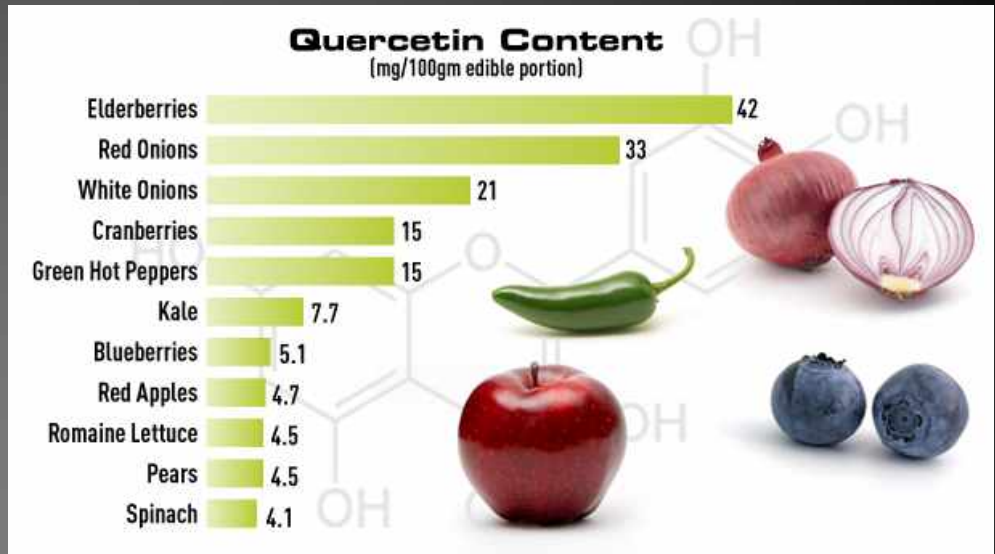
- Ayurvedic treatment
- ↓Prostaglandin synthesis
 - Lipoxygenase (LOX) inhibitor
- Similar to indomethacin



- 375mg bid – 750mg bid
- Gliacin formulated specially for headache populations

Quercetin

- Bioflavanoid compound
- Mast cell stabilizer
- Reduces inflammatory markers
 - Interleukin 6
 - Histidine decarboxylase
 - tryptase



- Dose - Quercetin 500mg twice a day
- Beneficial for migraine patients with inflammatory / hypersensitivity symptoms?

Kempuraj D, Castellani ML, Petrarca C, Frydas S, Conti P, Theoharides TC, Vecchiet J. Inhibitory effect of quercetin on tryptase and interleukin-6 release, and histidine decarboxylase mRNA transcription by human mast cell-1 cell line. Clin Exp Med. 2006 Dec;6(4):150-6.

Acupuncture



- **N=480 patients**
- **20 treatments over 4 weeks**
 - **3 treatment groups**
 - **(different acupuncture techniques)**
 - **1 sham acupuncture group**
- **In all 3 true treatment groups there was significant reduction of days with migraine compared to sham acupuncture at 12 weeks**

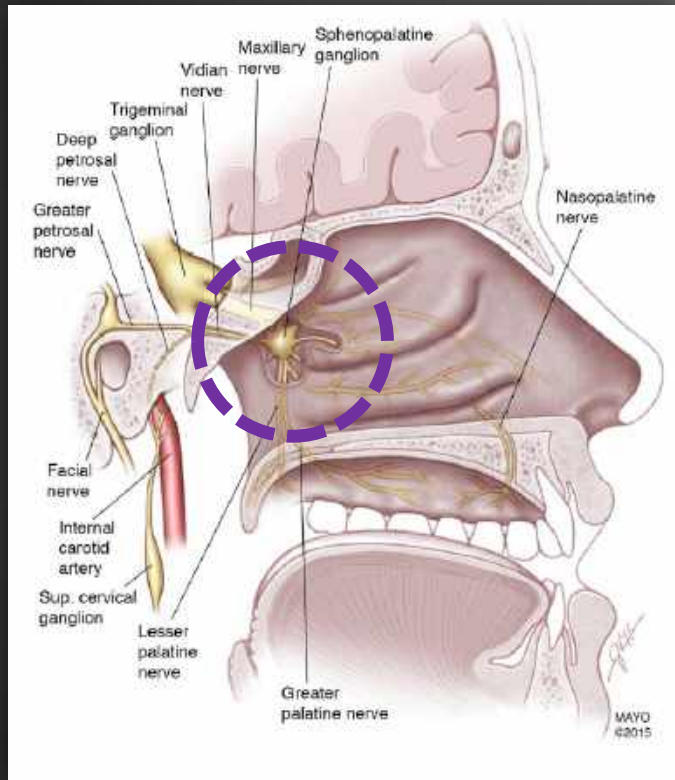
Li Y, Zheng H, Witt CM, et al. Acupuncture for migraine prophylaxis: a randomized controlled trial. CMAJ 2011.

Autonomic Nervous System

- **Autonomic nervous system**
 - Regulates normal body function
 - blood pressure, temperature, sweating, heart rate
 - Eye watering, facial swelling, nasal stuffiness, blood vessel dilation, facial temperature
- **Dysautonomia**
 - Impaired autonomic nervous system
 - Seen in various headache types



Sphenopalatine Ganglion



- **Autonomic control center of head**
 - Contains autonomic nerves
 - Go to the brain and face
 - Contains pain nerves that go to the meninges
 - Includes pain locations such as behind eye and temples
- **Sphenopalatine ganglion block**
 - Applying anesthetic to this region to inhibit activation
 - May help headache and facial pain

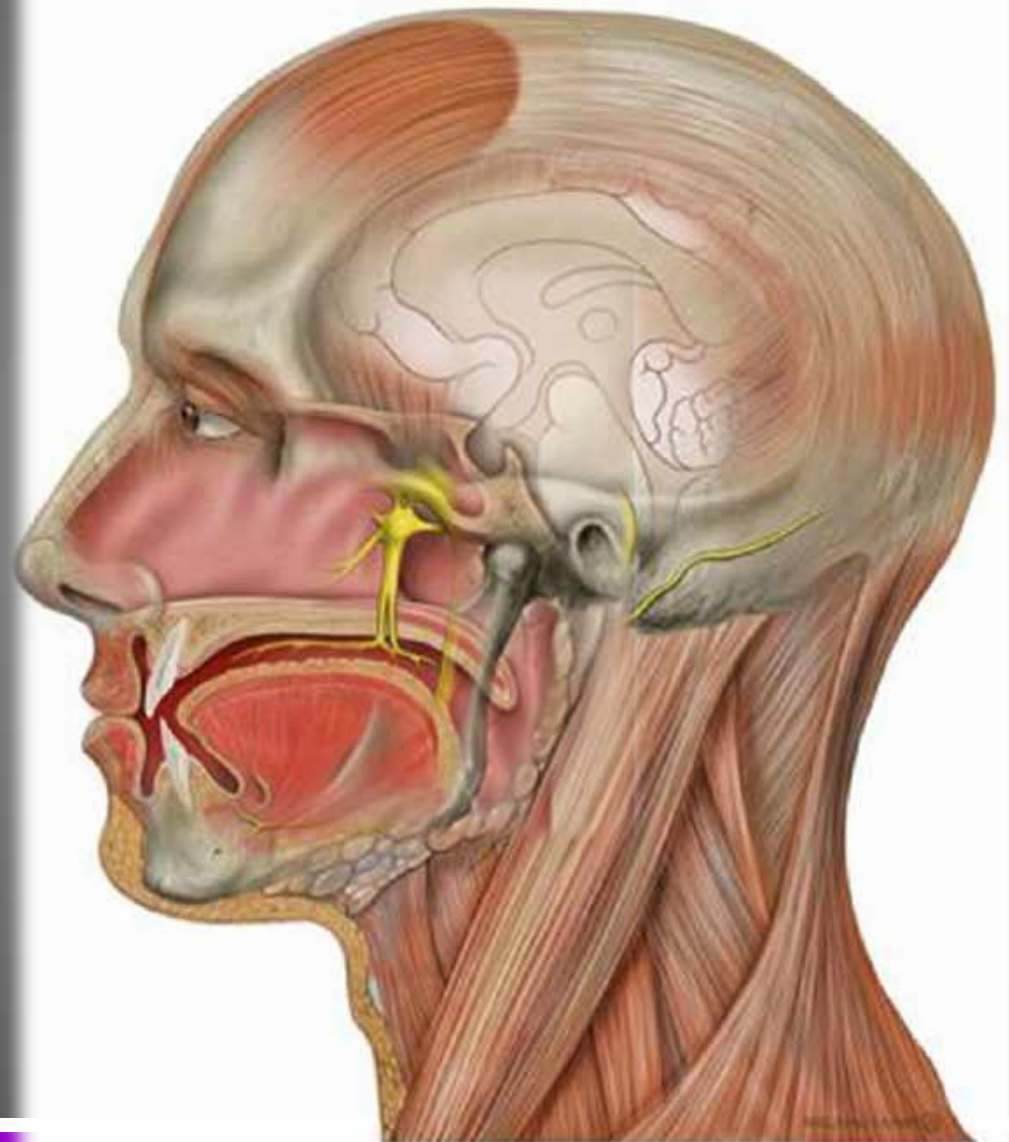
Sphenopalatine Ganglion Role in Pain

- **Trigeminal nociception**
 - Part of Maxillary nerve (V2)
 - Branches to the Ophthalmic nerve (V1)
 - Innervates optic nerve dura and periorbital regions
 - Middle Meningeal nerve
 - Innervates temple and parietal dura

SPG has famous receptors

5ht1D receptors

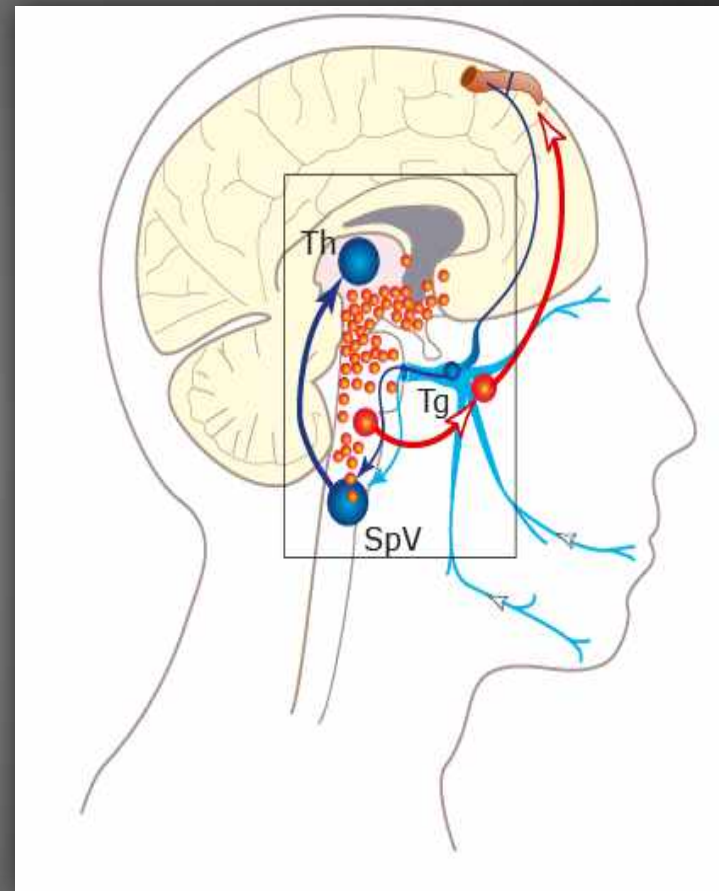
CGRP receptors



Autonomic Nervous System and Headache

Common headache triggers activate pain through the autonomic nervous system

- Certain odors
- Hunger
- Sleep deprivation
- Stress response



Red dots are areas of brain that coordinate headache triggers

What role does the Sphenopalatine Ganglion have in the head?

- Sympathetic activity
 - Sympathetic fibers course through the SPG on way to cranial structures
- Parasympathetic synapse
 - Fibers from the brainstem (superior salivatory nucleus) synapse in the SPG, then travel to cranial structures
- Trigeminal nociception

All of the above

Cranial Autonomic Dysfunction

Dysautonomia during headache

82% of people with chronic migraine reported “autonomic symptoms”

- Eye watering 49%
- Eye redness 44%
- Orbit swelling 39%
- Ear fullness 30%
- Nasal congestion 20%

- Eyelid droop 42%



Migraine and Autonomic Instability

- Raynauds Phenomenon
 - Well established comorbidity
 - Typically not treated
 - Marker of neural hypersensitivity?
- Environmental intolerance
 - Meal skipping
 - Heat
 - Sleep pattern



Red Ear Syndrome



Positional Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)

- **Neuropathic (partial dysautonomic) POTS**
 - Orthostatic Intolerance
 - 120 bpm or $\uparrow >30$ bpm within 10 min of upright posture
 - Most common subtype of POTS
- **Hyperadrenergic POTS**
 - \uparrow SBP >10 mm Hg during upright posture and tachycardia
 - Serum norepinephrine >600 pg/ml
 - Associated with Mast Cell dysfunction?

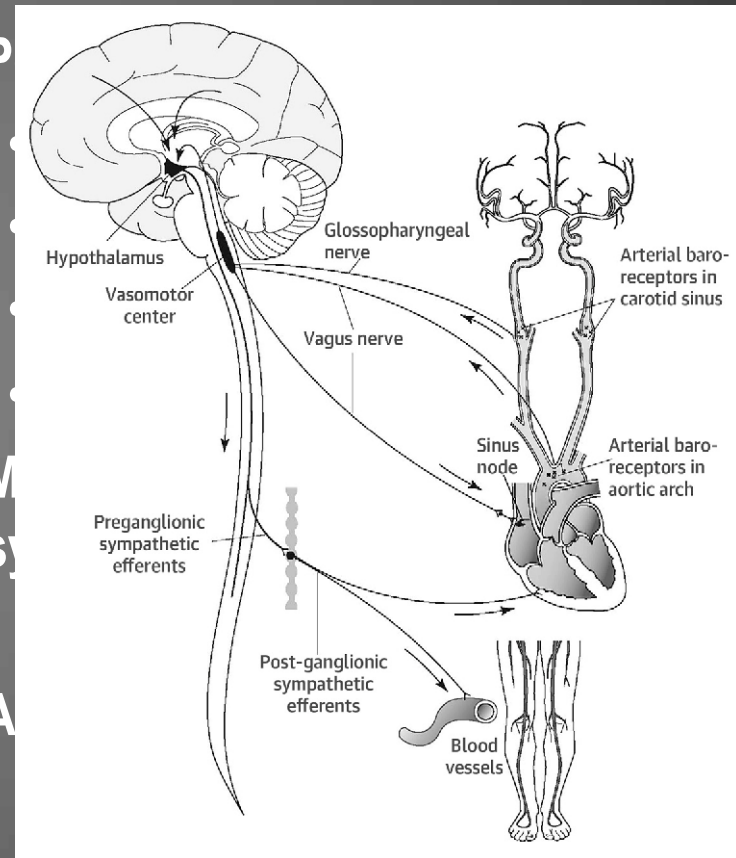


Hyperadrenergic POTS

- C



- P



- M

- S

- A

rs:

na and

Hyperadrenergic Symptoms in Concussion

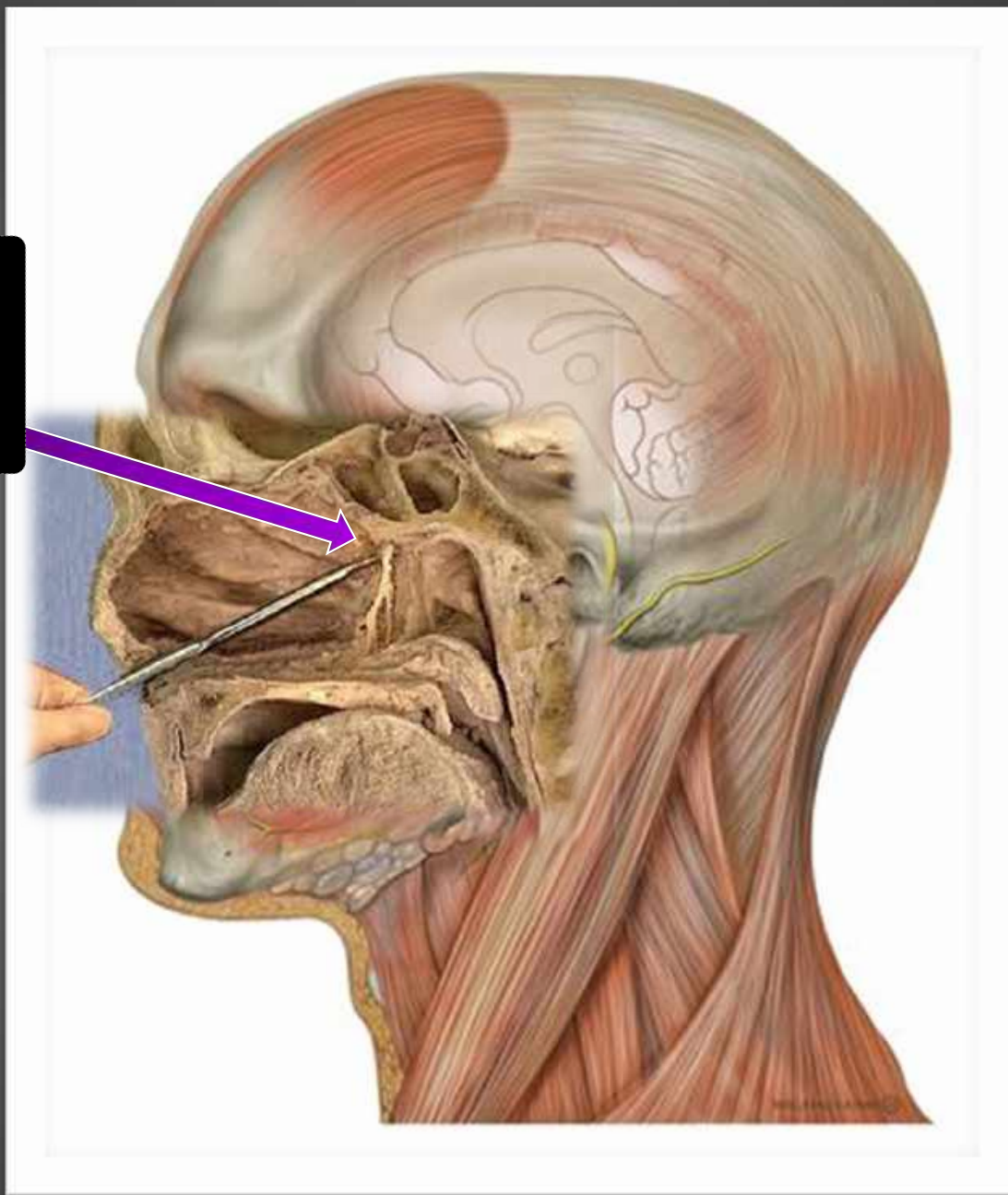
- 24 athletes with concussion
- How many had abnormal heart rate variability?
- How many had increased blood pressure with head up tilt table testing?

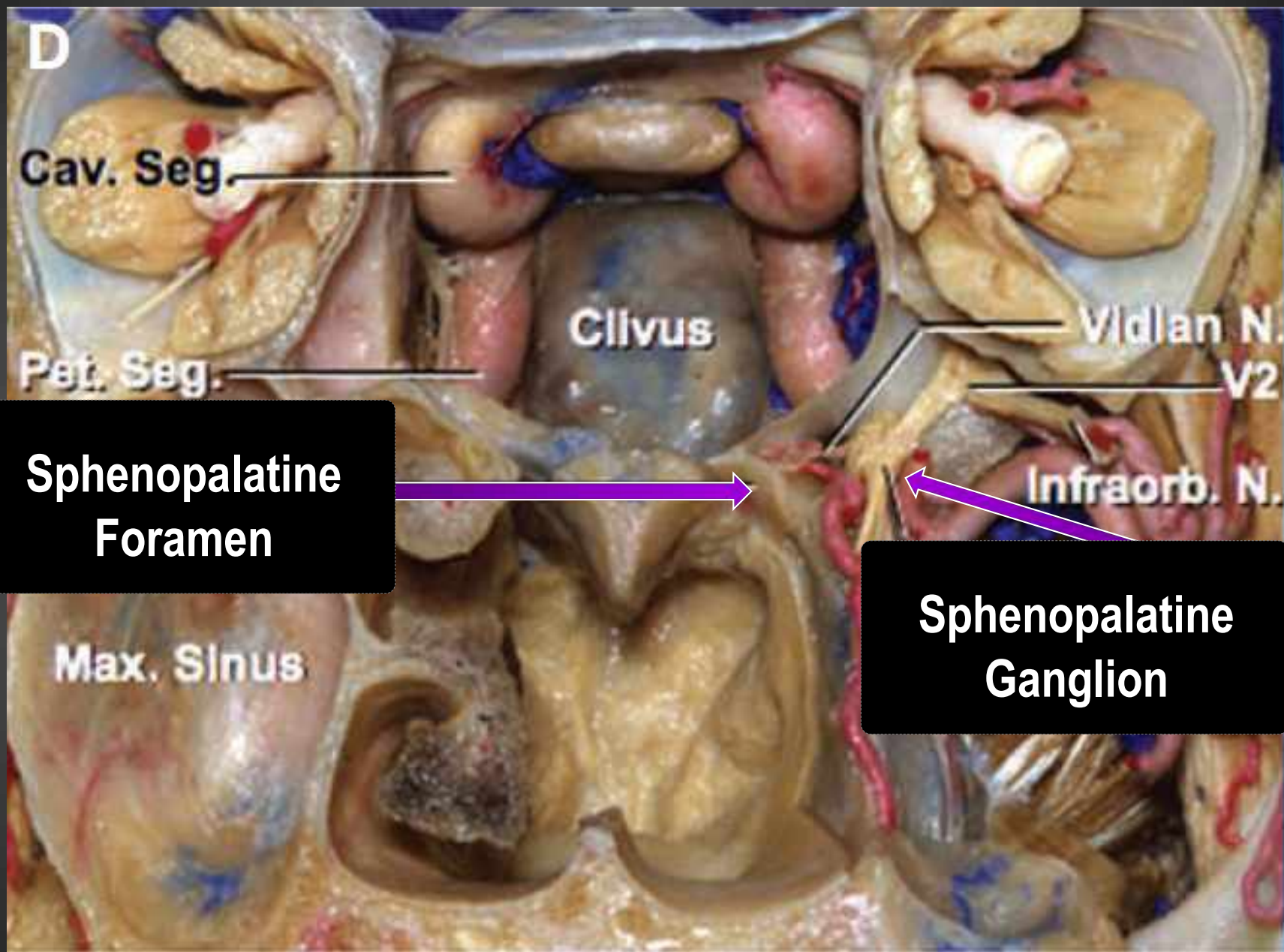


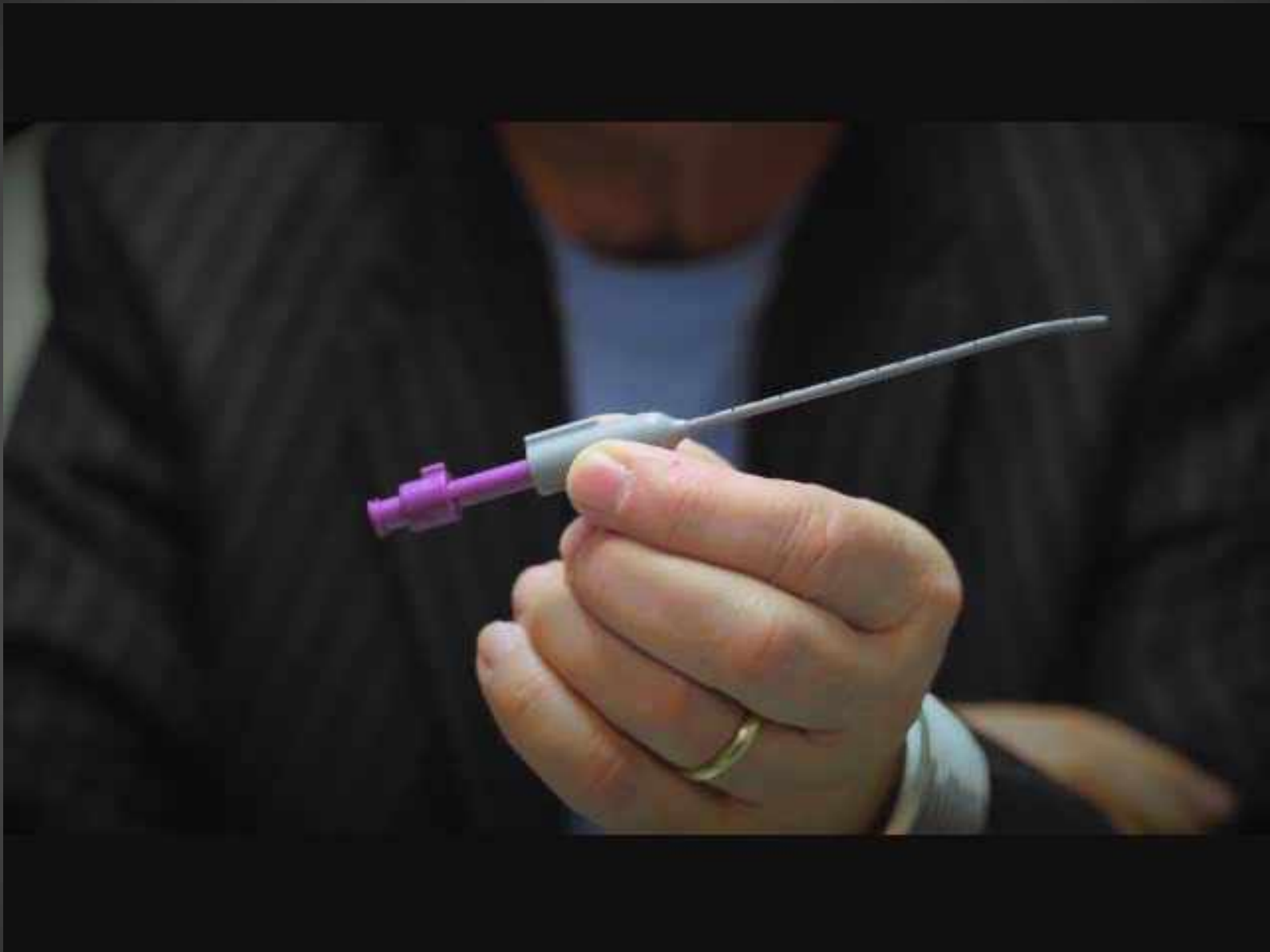
Pain Sensitivity and Autonomic Factors Associated With Development of TMD: The OPPERA Prospective Cohort Study

- 185 Chronic TMD vs. **2737 controls**
- followed for 5.2 years
- 260 developed TMD
- Greater odds of TMD
 - ↑ Heart rate
 - ↓ Heart rate variability
 - ↓ Baroreflex sensitivity
- Greater TMD incidence
 - Greater pain sensitivity
 - ↑ Heart rate
- No relation
 - ↓ Heart rate variability
 - ↓ Baroreflex sensitivity

Sphenopalatine Ganglion







The SPG Block Procedure





Research Submissions

2003 Wolff Award: Possible Parasympathetic Contributions to Peripheral and Central Sensitization During Migraine

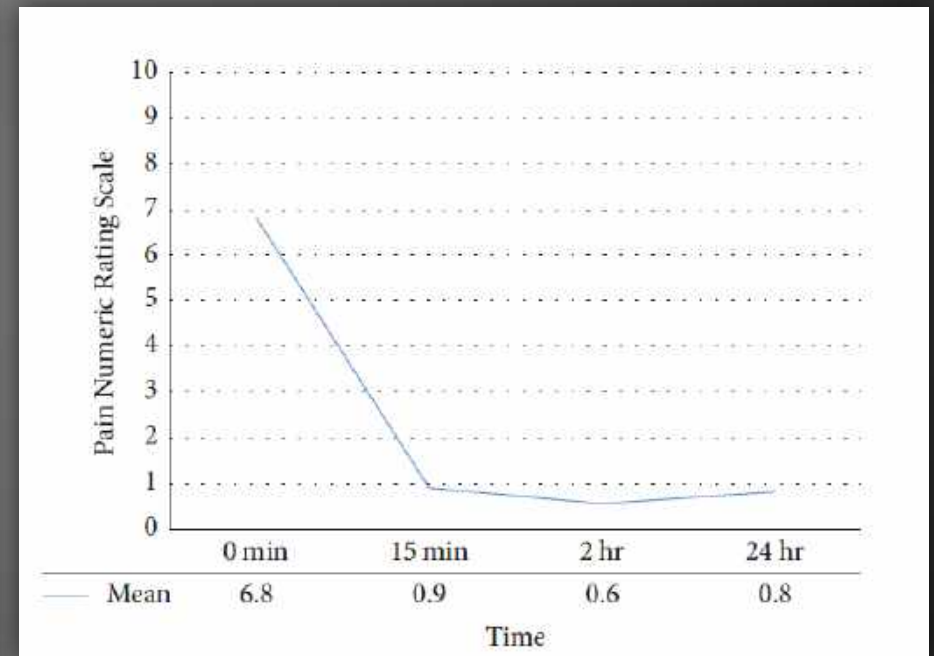
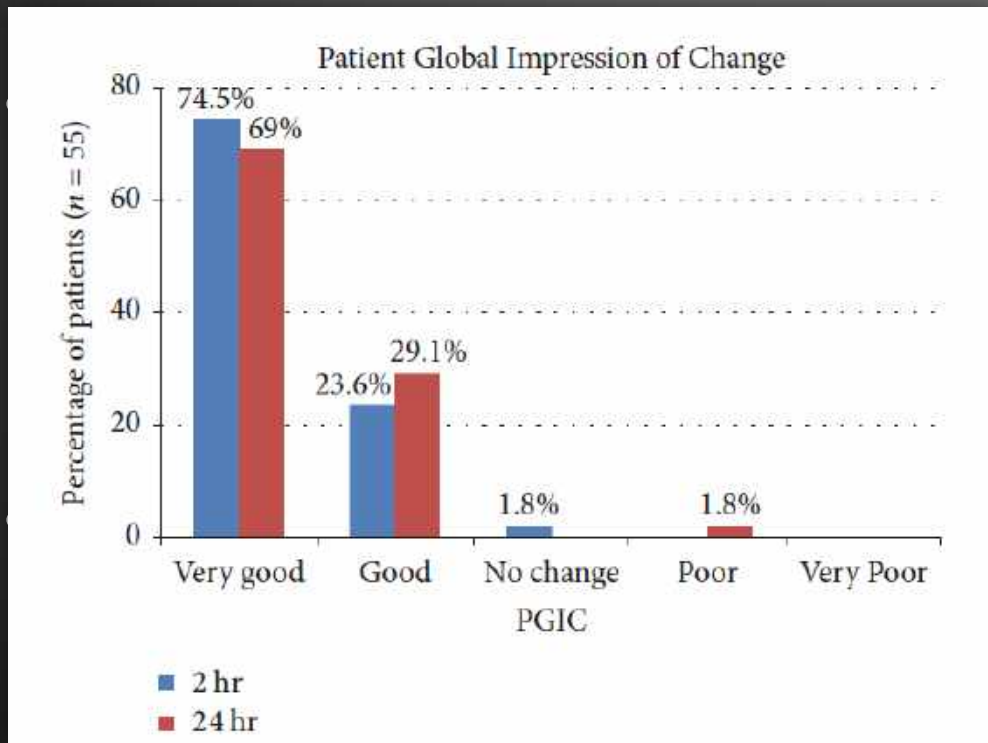
David Yarnitsky, MD; Itay Goor-Aryeh, MD; Zahid H. Bajwa, MD; Bernard I. Ransil, PhD, MD;
F. Michael Cutrer, MD; Anna Sottile, MD; Rami Burstein, PhD

pressure. Their mean pain score was 7.5 of 10 (standard deviation, 1.4) during untreated migraine and 3.5 of 10 (standard deviation, 2.4) after the nasal lidocaine-induced sphenopalatine ganglion block ($P < .0001$). Most patients

Conclusion.—These findings suggest that cranial parasympathetic outflow contributes to migraine pain by activating or sensitizing (or both) intracranial nociceptors, and that these events induce parasympathetically independent allodynia by sensitizing the central nociceptive neurons in the spinal trigeminal nucleus.

Sphenopalatine Ganglion Block for the Treatment of Acute Migraine

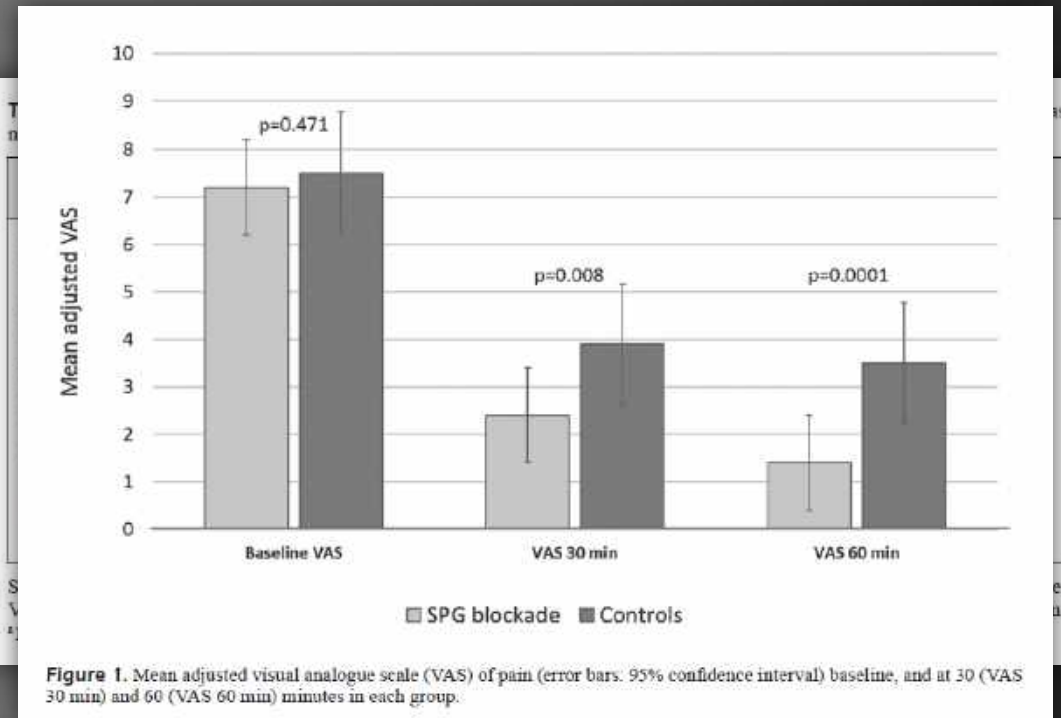
- 55 Patients with acute migraine received bilateral SPG block



SPG Block in Acute Facial Pain

89 patients studied in the Emergency Department with acute facial pain

- Mostly toothache (77)
- Transnasal SPG block versus medication
- easy to perform, effective relief of pain, and not age related
- and low cost treatment in the ER
- Statistically significant pain relief at 30 and 60 minutes
- Statistically significant improvement on McGill pain questionnaire



Sphenopalatine ganglion block: an external gate to modulate cardiac autonomic tone and suppress premature ventricular beats?

Dimitrios N. Katsaras, Chrysa K. Arvaniti, [...], and Dionyssios I. Leftheriotis

- **SPG block showed increased heart rate variability at 4 hours**
- **SPG block showed reduced ventricular arrhythmic burden at 5 hours**

Conclusions

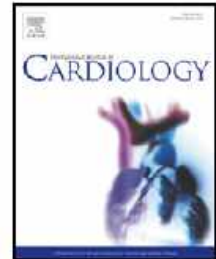
SPG block is associated with a transient increase in those HRV parameters that mainly express parasympathetic activity. It is also followed by a significant decrease in ventricular arrhythmic burden. These findings imply an effect on cardiac autonomic tone with a potential favorable clinical impact on arrhythmogenesis.



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

International Journal of Cardiology

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/ijcard



Bilateral sphenopalatine ganglion block reduces blood pressure in never treated patients with essential hypertension. A randomized controlled single-blinded study☆



Helen Triantafyllidi ^{a,*}, Chrysa Arvaniti ^b, Antonios Schoinas ^a, Dimitris Benas ^a, Stefanos Vlachos ^a, Leonidas Palaiodimos ^a, George Pavlidis ^a, Ignatios Ikonomidis ^a, Chrysanthi Batistaki ^b, Costas Voumvourakis ^c, John Lekakis ^a

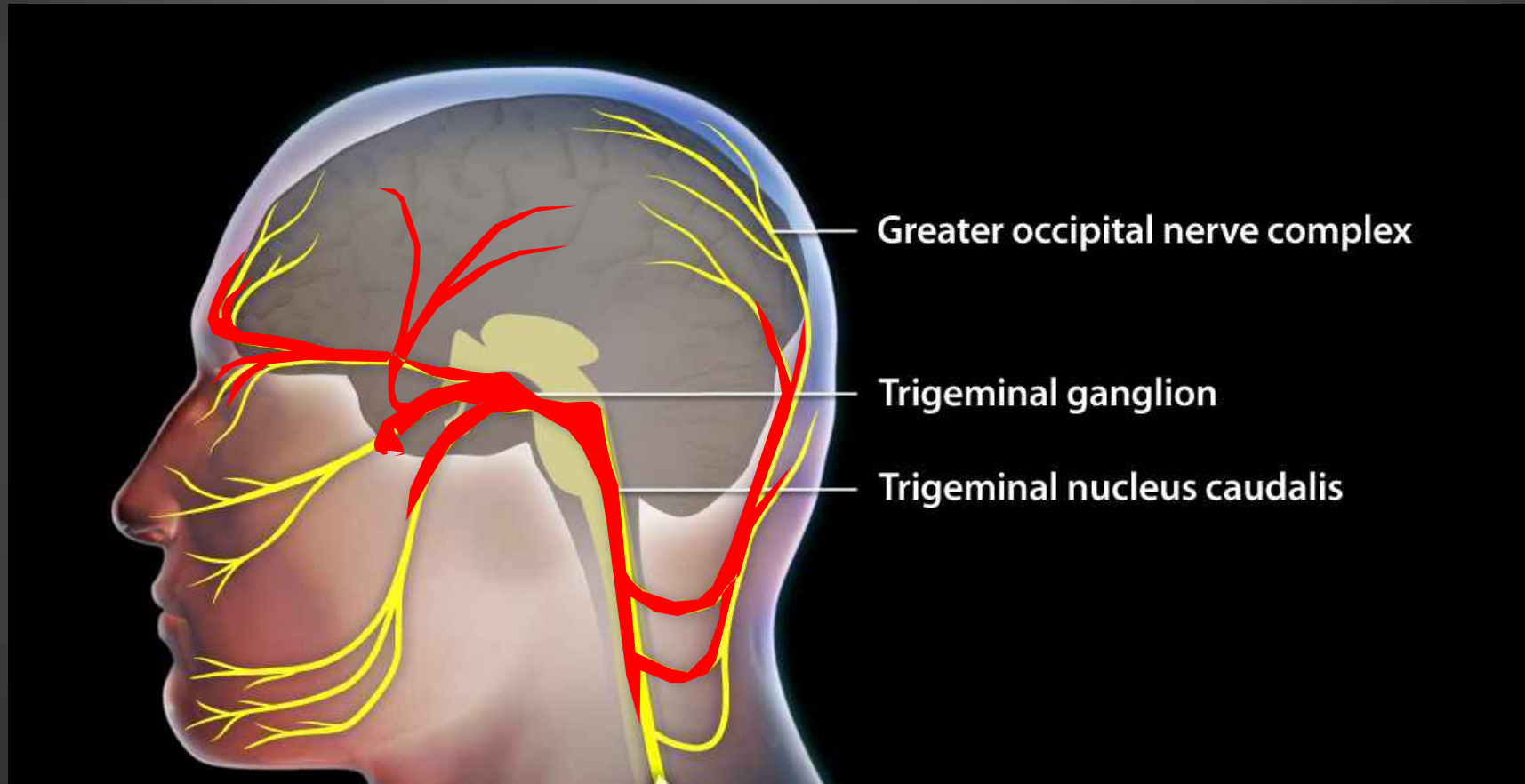
Conclusions: SPG block is a promising, minimally invasive option of BP decrease in hypertensives, probably through SNS modulation. Additionally, due to its anesthetic effect, SPG block might act as a method of selection for those hypertensive patients with an activated SNS before any other invasive antihypertensive procedure.

SPG block and POTS

- 14 y/o female
- 3 year history of POTS
- Refractory to treatment
- Limited daily functioning
 - Absenteeism from school
 - Stopped athletics
- SPG block performed
 - ↑ Functionality
 - Return to sport



Trigeminal Nucleus Caudalis



Occipital Nerve Block



- Peripheral anesthetic blockade of the greater occipital nerve
- May end Cluster Cycle
- Effective for intractable migraine
 - Especially unilateral location

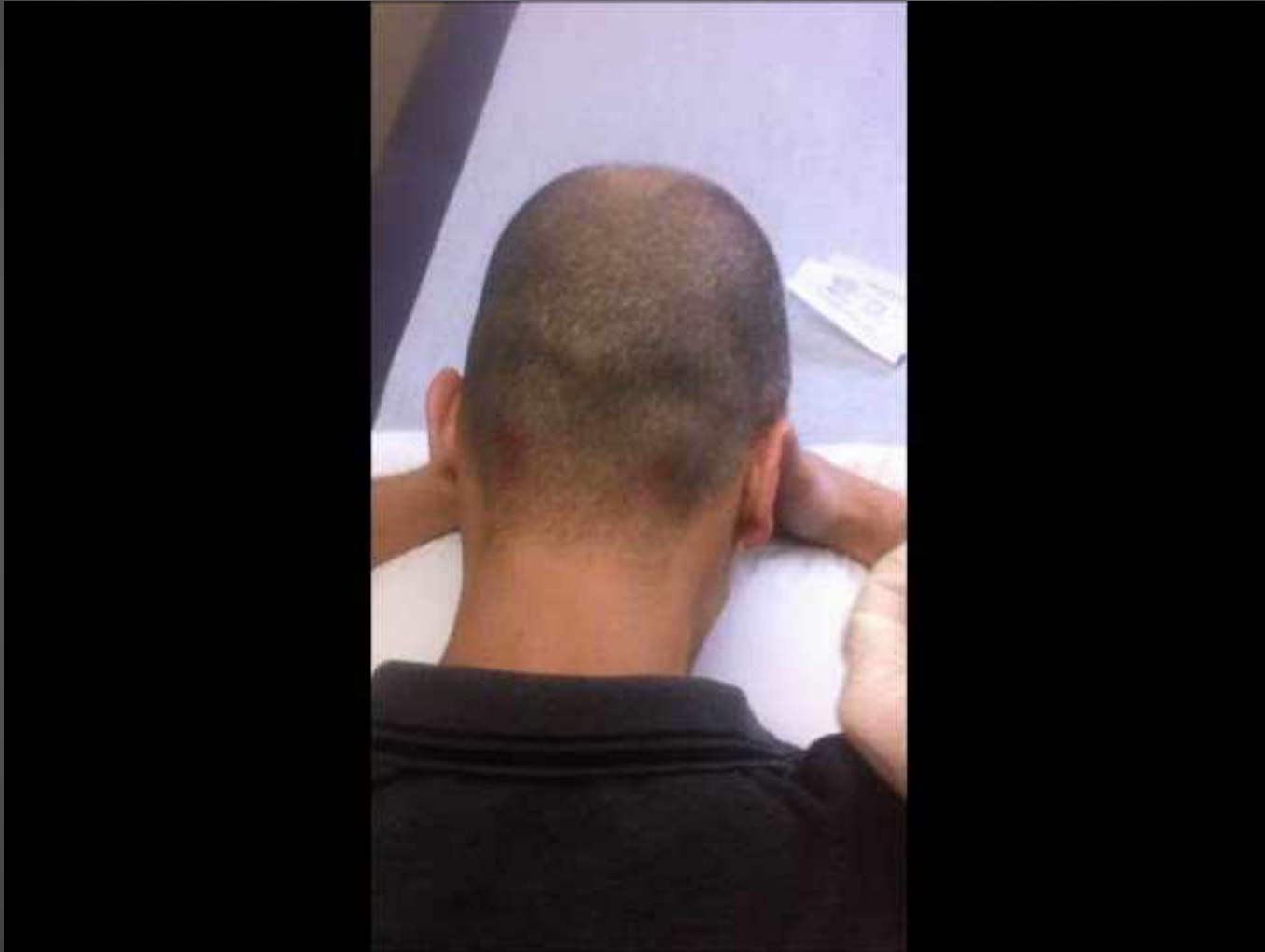
Very safe procedure

- Not near brain
- Not near cervical cord
- Not near important

vasculature



Occipital Nerve Block



Supraorbital and Supratrochlear Nerve Block



OnabotulinumtoxinA



- Thought to reduce release of CGRP from the trigeminal Nociceptors
- Not thought to be related to “relaxing muscles”
- May be effective in chronic migraine
- Well tolerated with minimal adverse events

Recommended injection sites for chronic migraine:

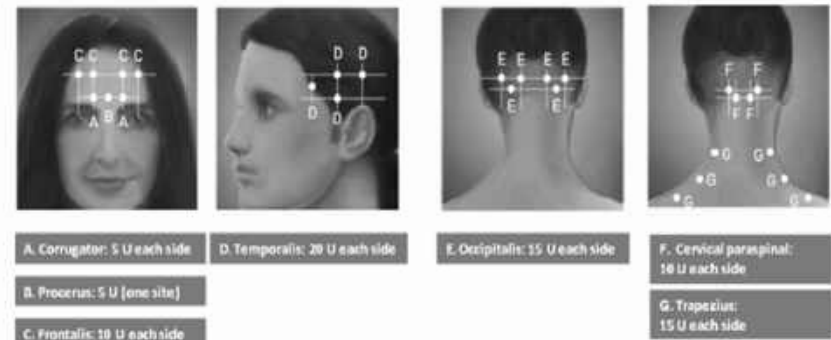


Table 1: BOTOX Dosing by Muscle for Chronic Migraine

Head/Neck Area	Recommended Dose (Number of Sites ^b)
Frontalis ^b	20 Units divided in 4 sites
Corrugator ^b	10 Units divided in 2 sites
Procerus	5 Units in 1 site
Occipitalis ^b	30 Units divided in 6 sites
Temporalis ^b	40 Units divided in 8 sites
Trapezius ^b	30 Units divided in 6 sites
Cervical Paraspinal Muscle Group ^b	20 Units divided in 4 sites
Total Dose:	155 Units divided in 31 sites

^a Each IM injection site = 0.1 mL = 5 Units BOTOX

^b Dose distributed bilaterally

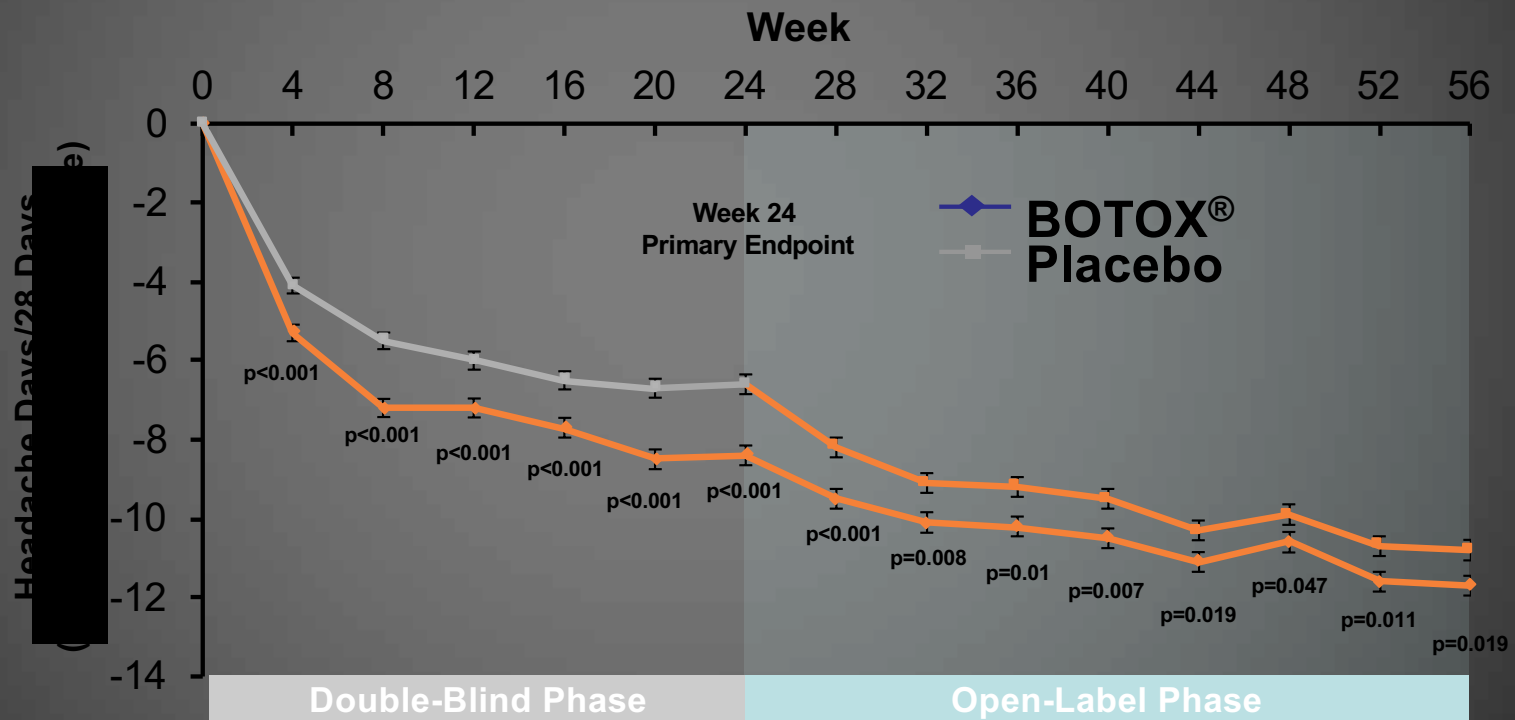
Pooled Efficacy of OnabotulinumtoxinA at Week 24

Endpoint, Mean Change From Baseline	BOTOX® (n=688)	Placebo (n=696)	p Value*
Frequency of HA days	-8.4	-6.6	<0.001
Frequency of migraine days	-8.2	-6.2	<0.001
Frequency of moderate/severe HA days	-7.7	-5.8	<0.001
Total cumulative HA hours on HA days	-119.7	-80.5	<0.001
% Patients with severe (≥ 60) HIT-6 score	67.6	78.2	<0.001
Total HIT-6 score	-4.8	-2.4	<0.001
Frequency of HA episodes	-5.2	-4.9	0.009
Frequency of migraine episodes	-4.9	-4.5	0.004
Frequency of acute HA pain medication intake (all categories)	-10.1	-9.4	0.247
Frequency of triptan use	-3.2	-2.1	<0.001

OnabotulinumtoxinA was statistically significantly more effective than placebo in reducing mean frequency of headache days at every visit in the double-blind phase starting at the first post-treatment study visit (Week 4)

PREEMPT Pooled Analysis: ~70% of Patients Achieved $\geq 50\%$ Reduction in Headache Days at 56 Weeks

– Change in Headache Days: Primary Endpoint



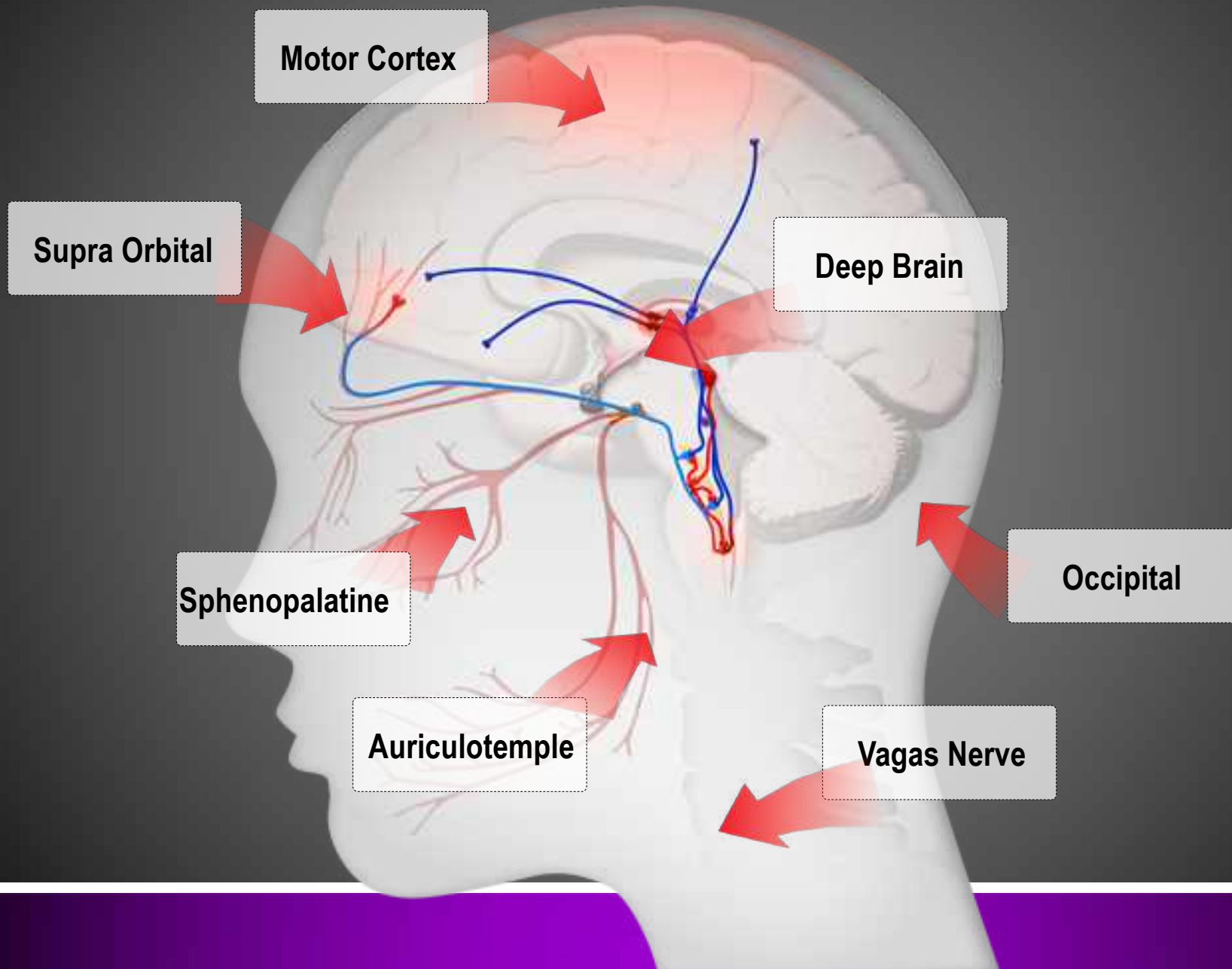
Mean \pm standard error.

The double-blind phase included 688 subjects in the BOTOX® group and 696 in the placebo group.

Headache days at baseline: 19.9 onabotulinumtoxinA group vs 19.8 placebo group, p=0.498.

Aurora SK et al. Presented at IHC 2009.

Various Stimulator Locations



Noninvasive Vagus Nerve Stimulation



- Hand held device
 - (not implanted)
- Applies pulsed stimulation to the Vagus Nerve in the neck
- Well tolerated
 - Minimal discomfort
 - Platysmus muscle activation implies correct placement
- FDA approval for acute migraine, acute cluster ha, adjunctive prevention of migraine

Noninvasive Vagus Nerve Stimulator (nVNS)

Treatment of migraine pain (FDA approved)

- **PRESTO trial**
 - N=243 subjects
 - Active nVNS vs. Sham device
 - Pain free
 - 30 mins (12.7% vs. 4.2%)
 - 60 mins (21.0% vs. 10.0%)
 - Similar efficacy at 2 hours compared to triptans ?
 - Pain relief (mild to no pain)
 - 120 mins (40.8% vs 27.6%)



Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (eTNS)

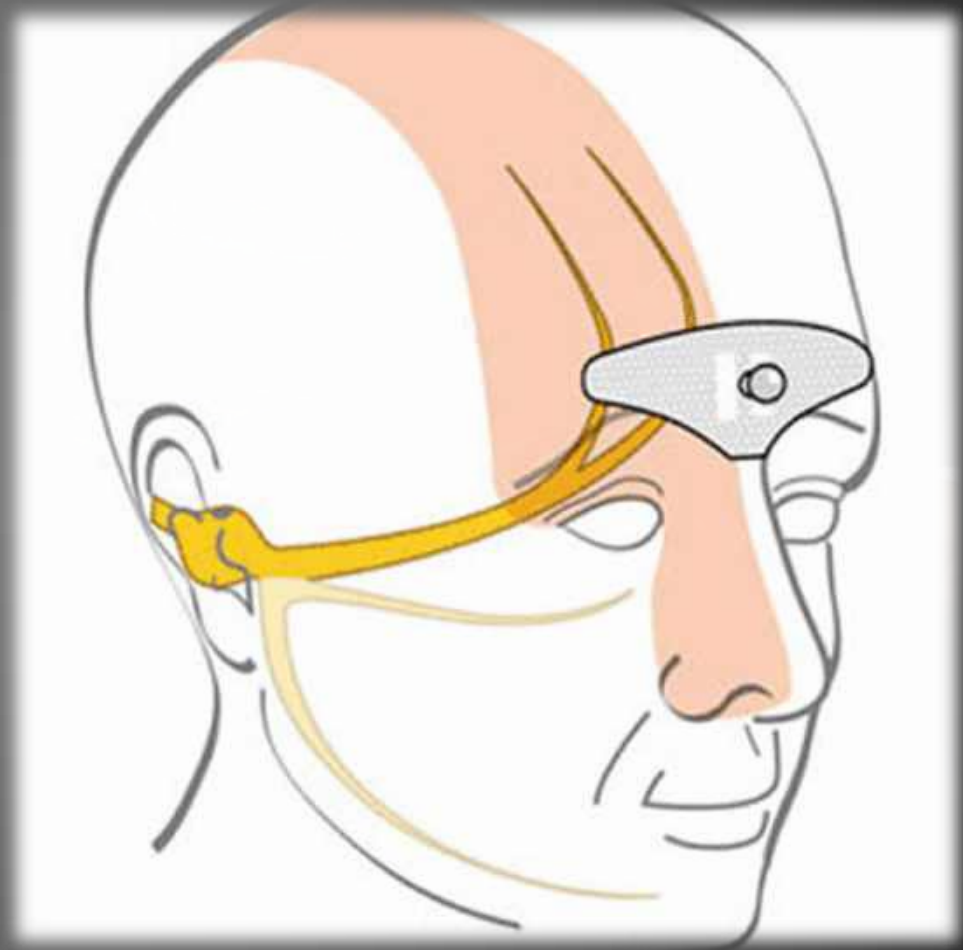
Peripheral TENs unit

FDA cleared for migraine, both acute and prevention

Acute Migraine

Prospective, open label

- N=30
- Migraine relief (VAS)
 - 1 hour - 57.1%
 - 2 hour - 52.8%



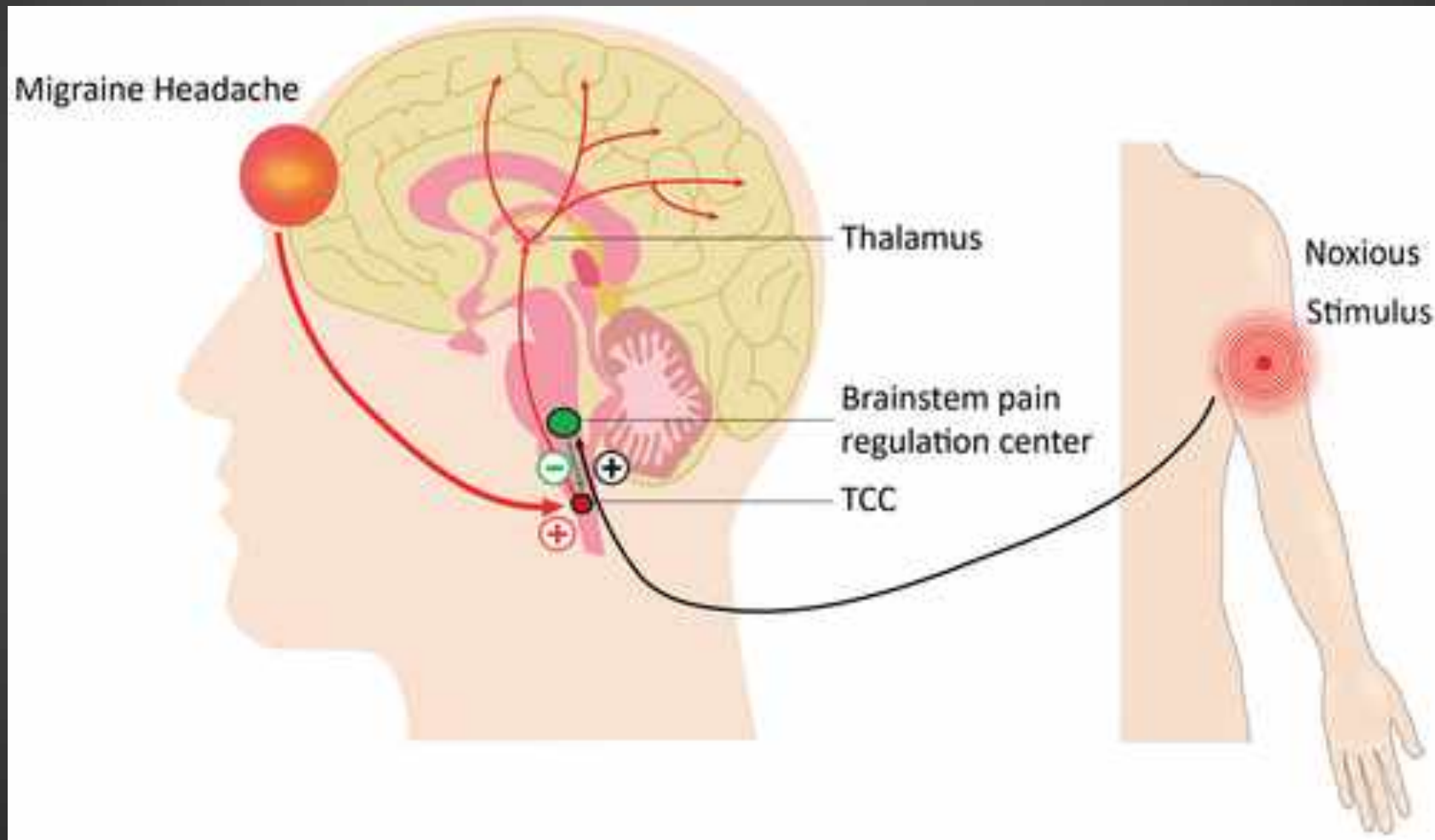
Trigeminal Nerve Stimulation (eTNS)

Migraine prevention

- Double-blind, randomized, sham controlled trial
- N=67 patients
- Treatment of 20mins daily
- Mean migraine days
 - T-SNS – 6.9 days to 4.8 days
 - 50% responder rate – 38.1%
 - Sham – 6.54 days – no difference
 - 50% responder rate – 12.1%



Remote Electrical Neuromodulation (REN)



REN – Acute Migraine

- Double-blind, randomized, sham controlled trial
 - N= 202 patients
 - Treatment
 - 30-45 mins device application
 - Within 1 hour of attack onset
 - Primary endpoint was pain relief
 - Severe/moderate to mild / None or mild to none
-
- REN – 66.7%
 - Placebo – 38.8%



Optimism for the Future

Therapies targeting the underlying “cause” of migraine

- **Not just cover up symptoms!**

Therapies designed specifically for headache

- **About time!**

Improved understanding of inflammation and pain

- **See the big picture!**

