



Clinic for Pediatric Degenerative Brain Diseases



Childhood Dementia – Understanding the Medical Challenge

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Coordination of international DEM-CHILD Patient Database

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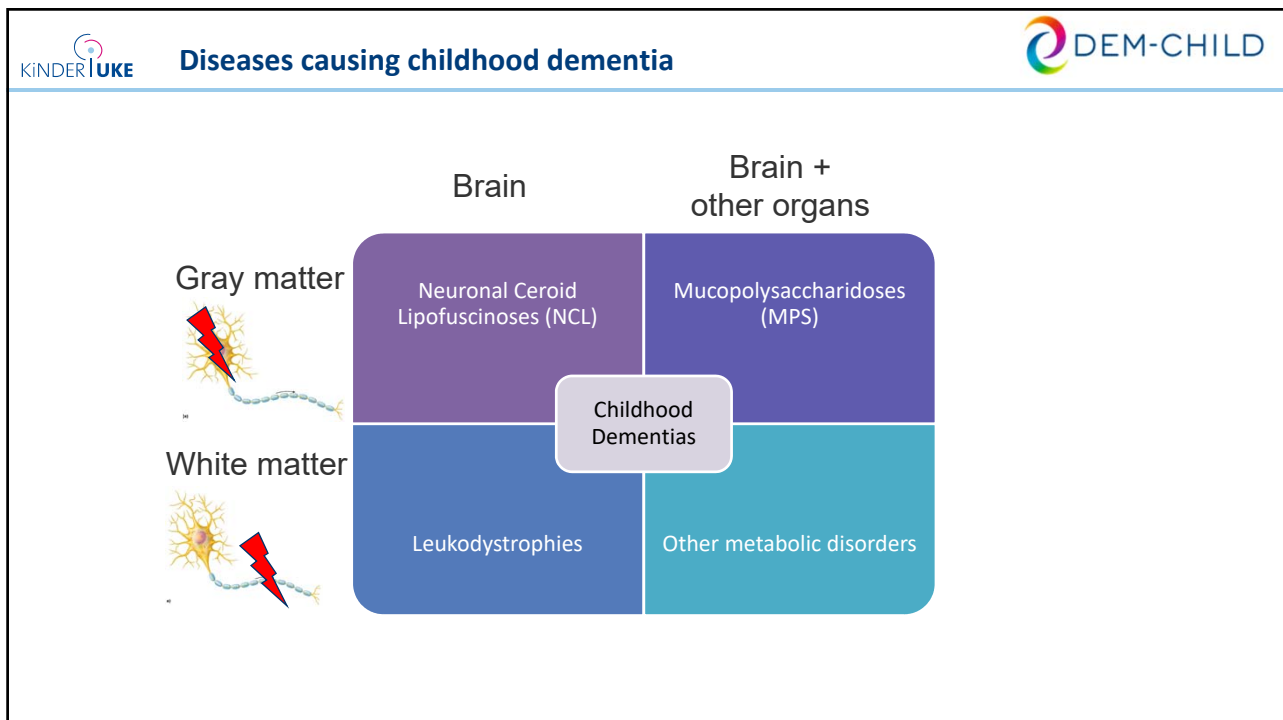
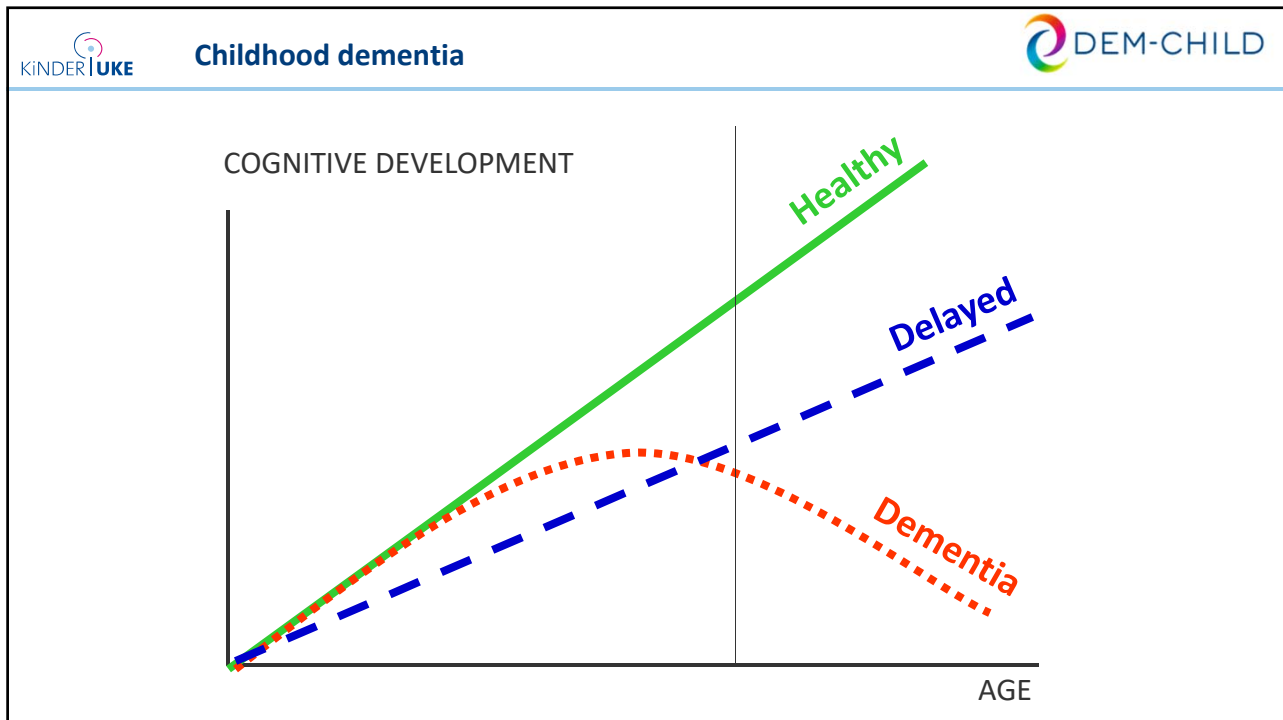
152 patients with Batten disease/year:
(national/international)

- 66 patients with CLN2 (of those 35 on ERT)
- 48 patients with CLN3
- 38 patients with CLN1, CLN5, CLN6, CLN7, CLN8
- Overall data on 219 NCL patients

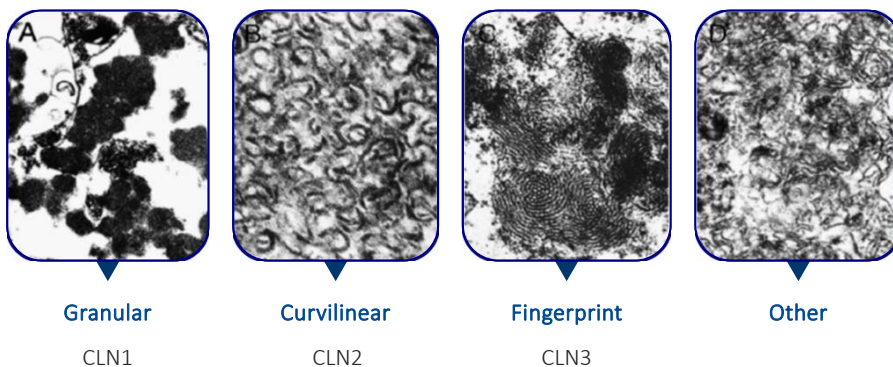


Speaker's own data

NCL, Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis



Lysosomal storage material in NCL disorders



Haltia M. *Biochim Biophys Acta*. 2006;1762:850-856.

Growing number of NCL disorders

Today we know **≈13** genetically distinct human NCL disorders
(12 have autosomal recessive inheritance)

Their clinical hallmark is the combination of



Dementia



Visual loss
due to retinopathy



Epilepsy

NCL: The most frequent cause of dementia in young persons

Schulz A, Kohlschütter A. *Iranian Journal of Child Neurology*. 2013;7:1-8.

	Disease		Onset			Protein	Gene
Soluble lysosomal enzymes	NCL1	Infantile	Late infantile	Juvenile	Adult	Palmitoyl protein thioesterase 1	CLN1 (PPT1)
	NCL2	Infantile	Late infantile	Juvenile / Protracted		Tripeptidyl peptidase 1	CLN2 (TPP1)
	NCL10	Congenital		Juvenile	Adult	Cathepsin D	CLN10 (CTSD)
	NCL13				Adult Kufs B	Cathepsin F	CLN13 (CTSF)
Other enzymes	NCL12			Juvenile		ATPase	CLN12 (ATP13A2*)
Nonenzyme proteins (function poorly understood)	NCL3			Juvenile		Transmembrane protein	CLN3
	NCL4				Adult*	Soluble cysteine string protein α	CLN4 (DNAJC5)
	NCL5		Late infantile	Juvenile	Adult	Soluble lysosomal protein	CLN5
	NCL6		Late infantile		Adult Kufs A	Transmembrane protein	CLN6
	NCL7		Late infantile			Transmembrane protein	CLN7 (MFSD8)
	NCL8		Late infantile	Juvenile EPMR		Transmembrane protein	CLN8
	NCL11				Adult	Progranulin	CLN11 (GRN*)
	NCL14	Infantile				Potassium channel protein	CLN14 (KCTD7*)

Adapted from Schulz A, et al. *Biochimica et biophysica acta*. 2013;1832:1801-1806.



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19 countries and 26 centers
Data from > 500 NCL patients



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International collaboration

- To collect precise natural history data of all NCL types
- To improve early diagnosis of NCLs
- To optimise standard of care for patients
- To establish evaluation tools for experimental therapies

...and make these data available to third parties (scientists and industry)
in a transparently regulated and time-effective process

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Patients and Families

Family Associations



Foundations



Gouvernement funded research grants

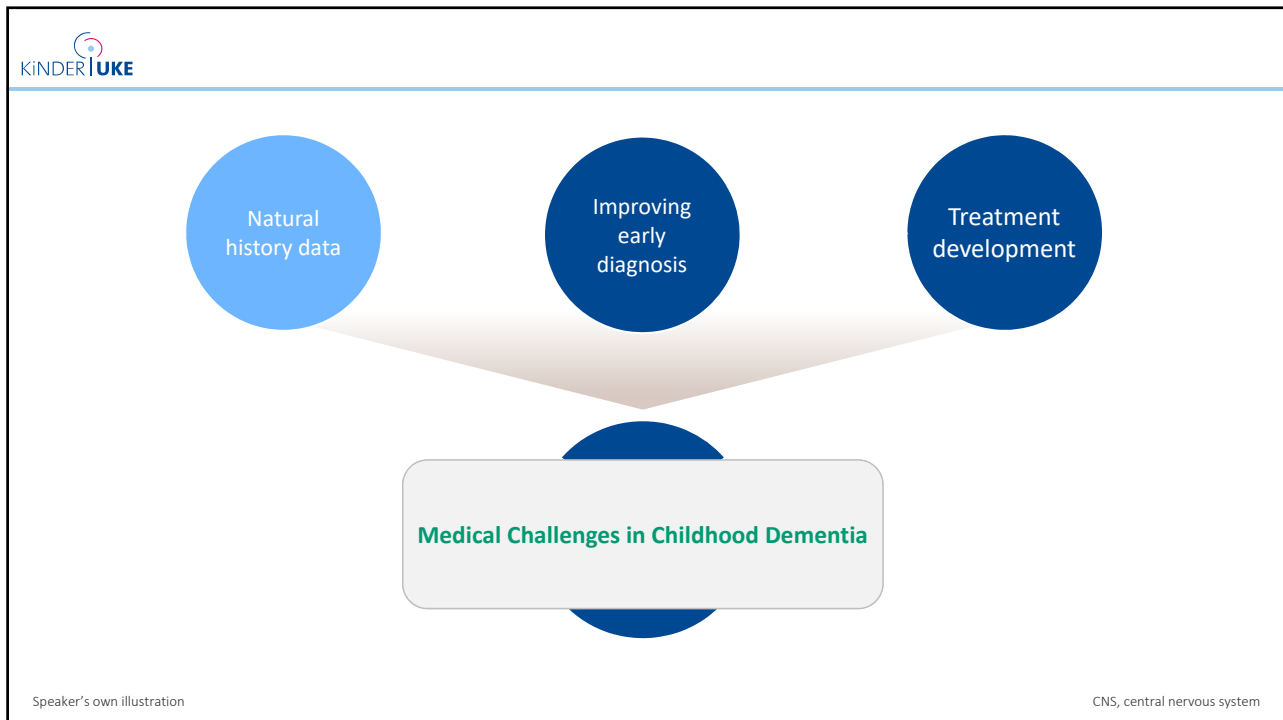


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Industry Funded Independent Research Grants

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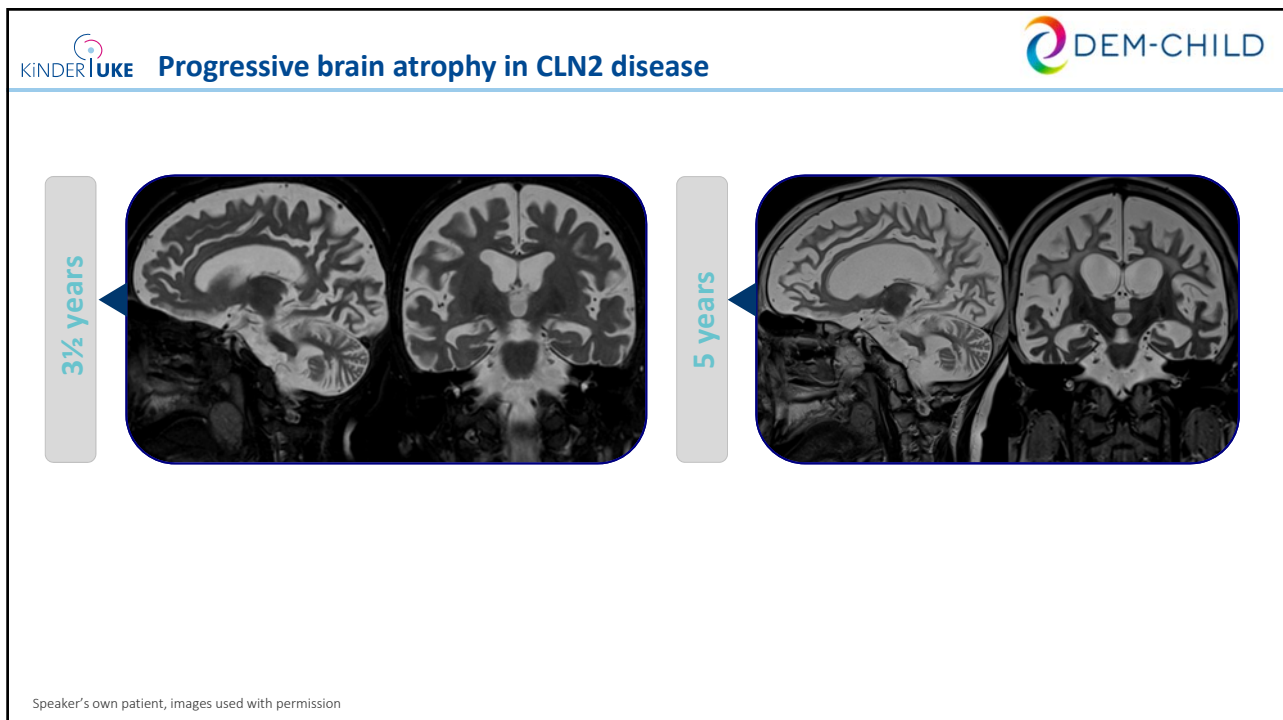
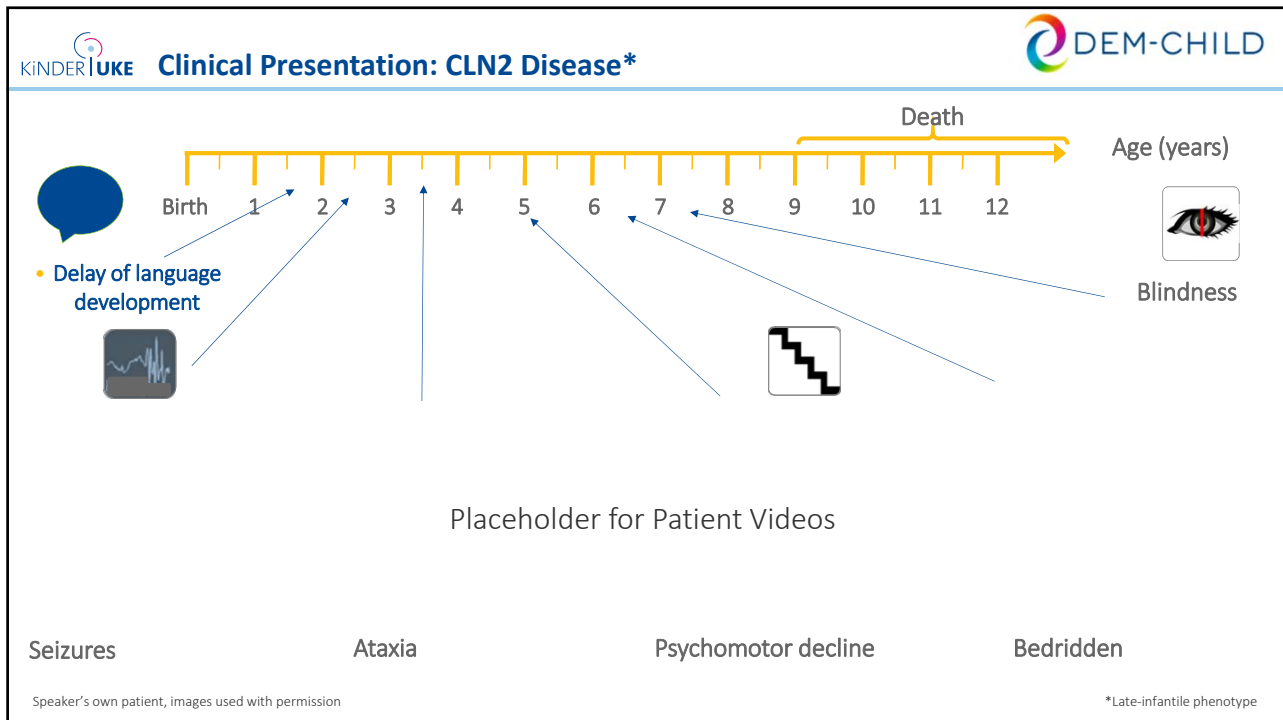
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KINDERLUKE **NCL: Genes and clinical onset** DEM-CHILD

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Functional Category

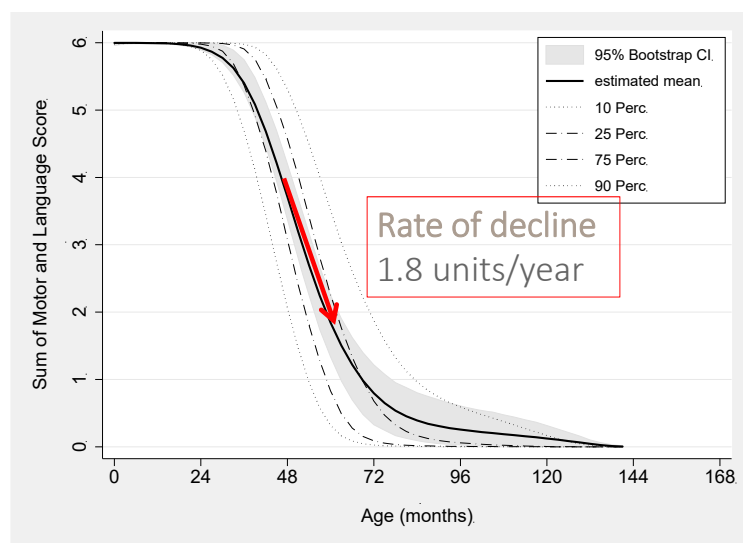
Motor function

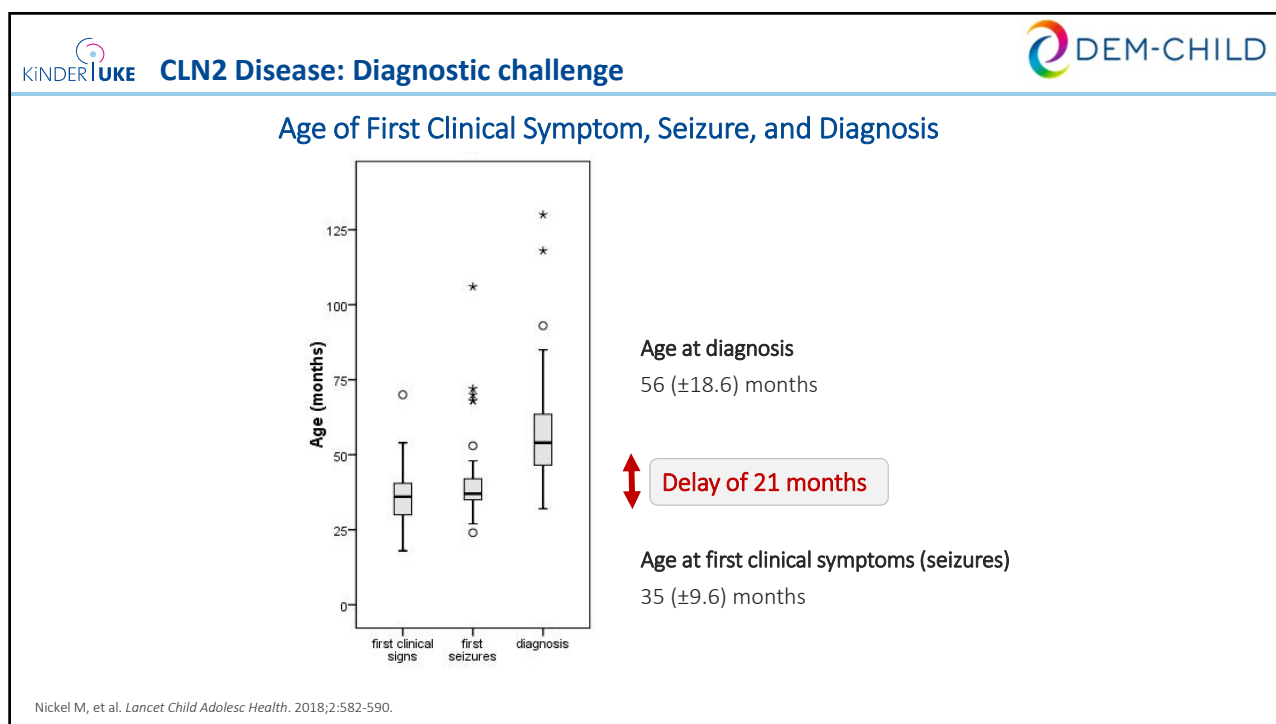
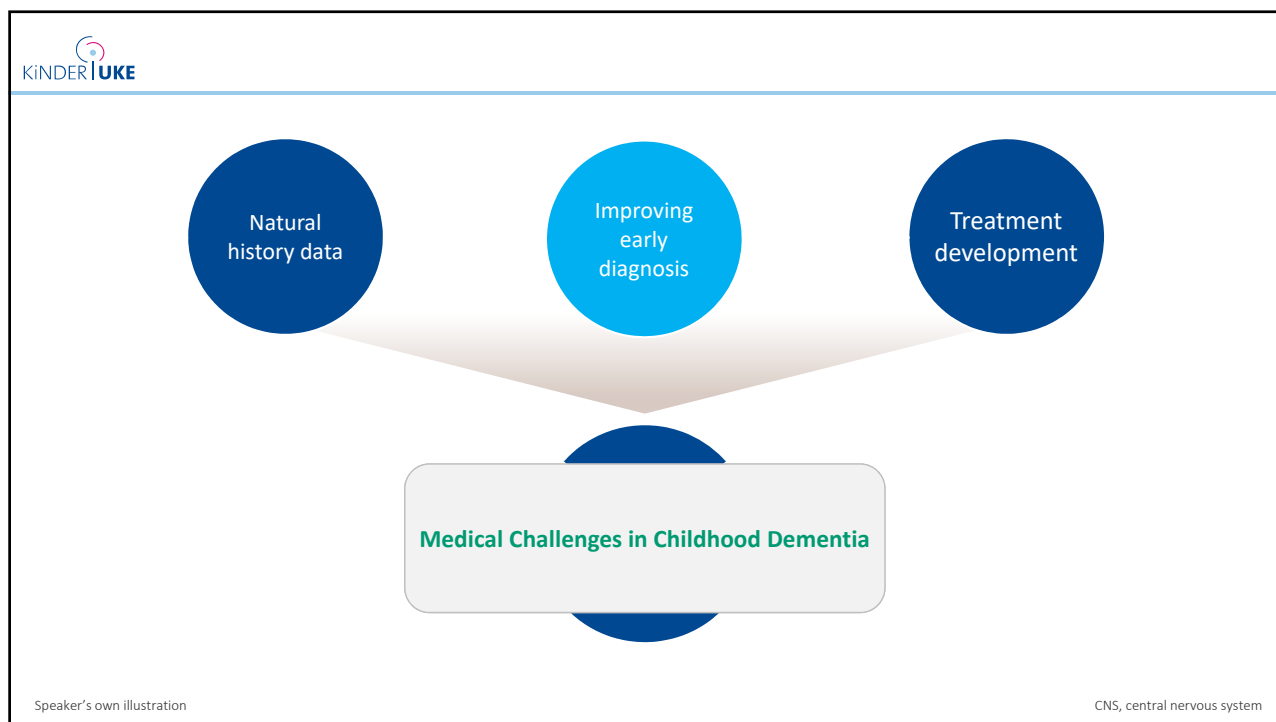
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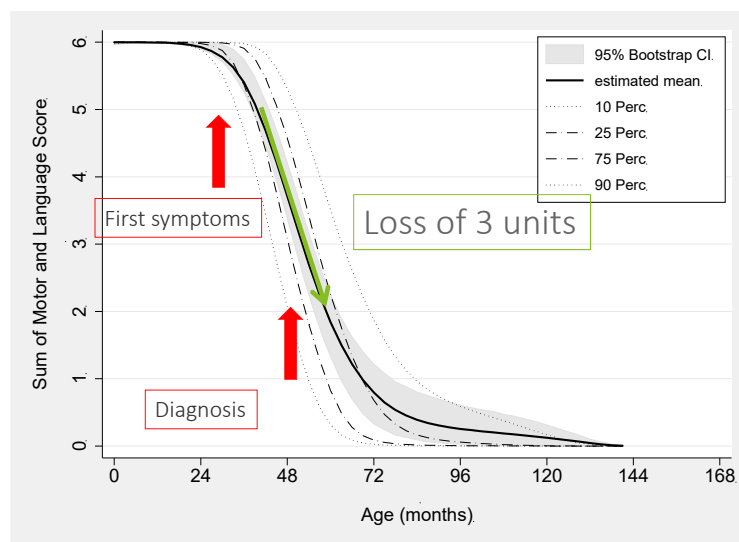
Visual function

Seizures

Each functional category is	scored from 0-3
Normal function	= SCORE 3
Slightly abnormal	= SCORE 2
Severely abnormal	= SCORE 1
No function left	= SCORE 0

Steinfeld R, et al. *Am J Med Genet* 2002;112:347-54.Nickel M, et al. *Lancet Child Adolesc Health*. 2018;2:582-590.

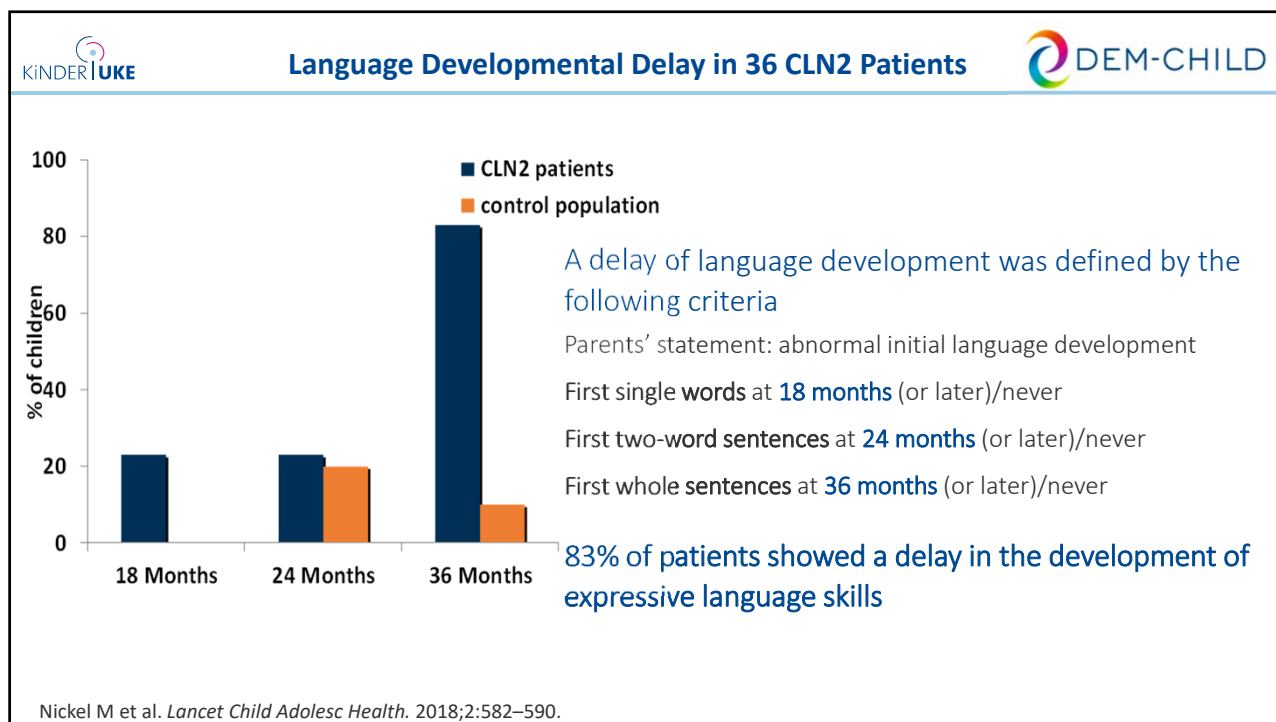




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First clinical sign	% of patients
Seizures	73
Language delay	59
Motor difficulty	45
Behavioural abnormality	23
Dementia	9

20 Nickel M, et al. Presented as poster at the 12th Annual WORLDSymposium; February-March 2016; San Diego, CA, USA



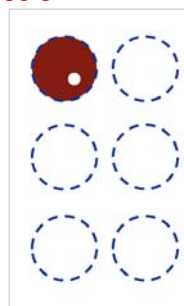
KINDERLUKE Language Developmental Delay in 36 CLN2 Patients DEM-CHILD

For children who present with new onset seizures,
ASK
about early language delay
and
TEST for CLN2

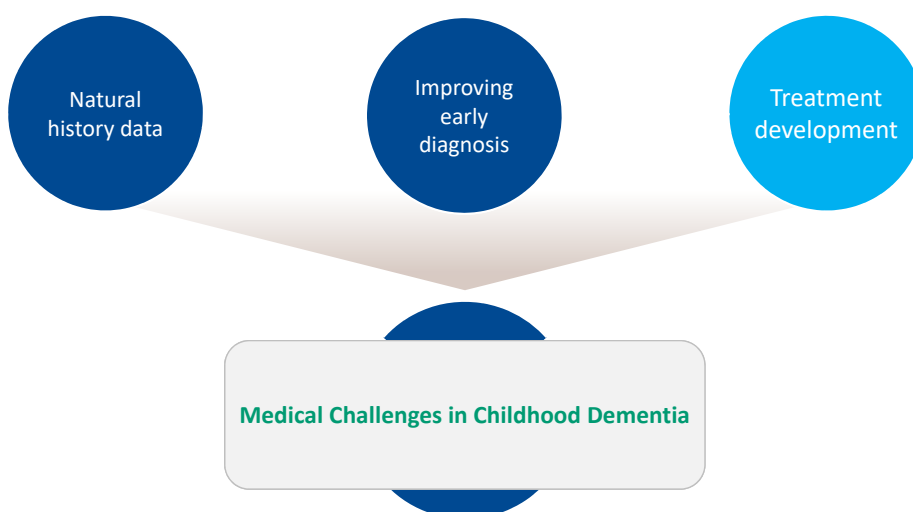
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Automated triple enzyme testing for CLN1, CLN2, and CLN10

- Innovative:
 - Mass Spectrometry of **dry blood spots**
 - High-throughput technique
- Time- and cost-effective: Price per sample ca. 50 €



Pzybylski M, Cozma C, Schulz A, Bräulke T. Method for the diagnosis of neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses. Eur. Patent Application. (EP14000667)



NCL subtype	Treatment approach	Status	Responsible
CLN1	Stem Cell Therapy	Completed	StemCells, Inc.
	Cystagon (substrate reduction)	Completed	NICHD, Bethesda
CLN2	ERT with BMN-190 (Intraventricular)	Active Approved	BioMarin
	Gene therapy AAVrh10 (Intracerebral)	Recruiting	WCMC, NY
	Gene therapy AAV2 (Intracerebral)	Completed	WCMC, NY
	Stem Cell Therapy	Completed	StemCells, Inc.
CLN3	Immune modulation, Mycophenolate	Completed	Univ. Rochester, NY
CLN6	Gene therapy AAV9 (Intrathecal)	Recruiting	Amicus (Columbus, OH)
ALL	Intrathecal Administration of Human Umbilical Cord Blood-Derived Oligodendrocyte-Like Cells	Recruiting	Duke Univ., NC

Speaker's own summary overview

Red: Trials using DEM-CHILD natural history data as controls__

NCL subtype	Treatment approach	Sponsor
CLN1	Gene therapy (scAAV9, intravenous)	Abeona
CLN2	Gene therapy (AAV2, ependymal)	CHOP
CLN2	PLX-100 (increased CLN2 mRNA expr enhancing lys biogenesis)	Polaryx
CLN3	Gene therapy (scAAV9, intravenous)	Abeona
CLN3, CLN6, CLN8	Gene therapy (scAAV9, intracisternal)	Amicus
CLN3	XN001 (enhancing CRMP2 fct, autophagy efficacy)	Xonovo
CLN3	Trehalose (enhancing autophagy)	Beyond Batten Disease Foundation
	AND?	

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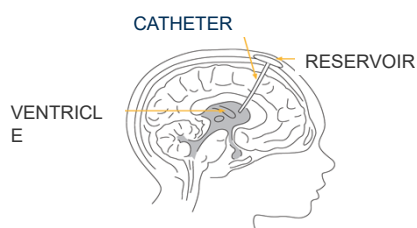
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Cerliponase alfa is a recombinant human form of tripeptidyl peptidase 1 enzyme (rhTPP1)

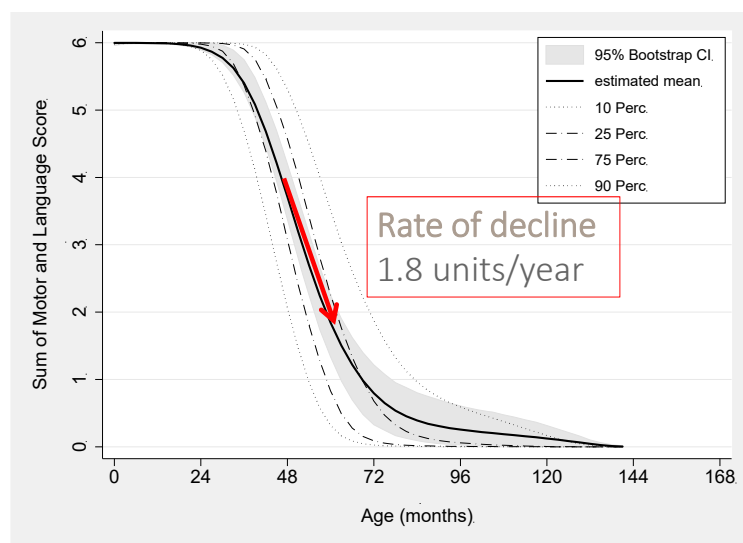
Does not cross the blood-brain barrier (66 kDa)

Administered through a Rickham or Ommaya device into the lateral cerebral ventricles

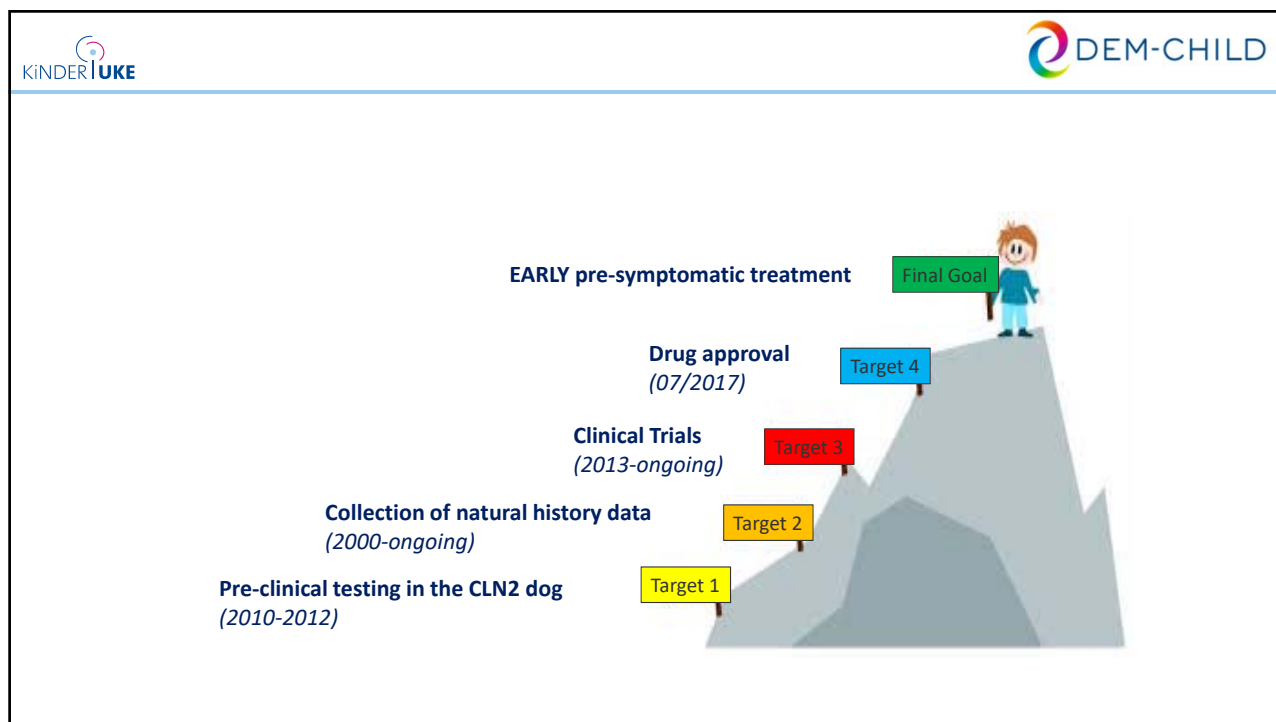
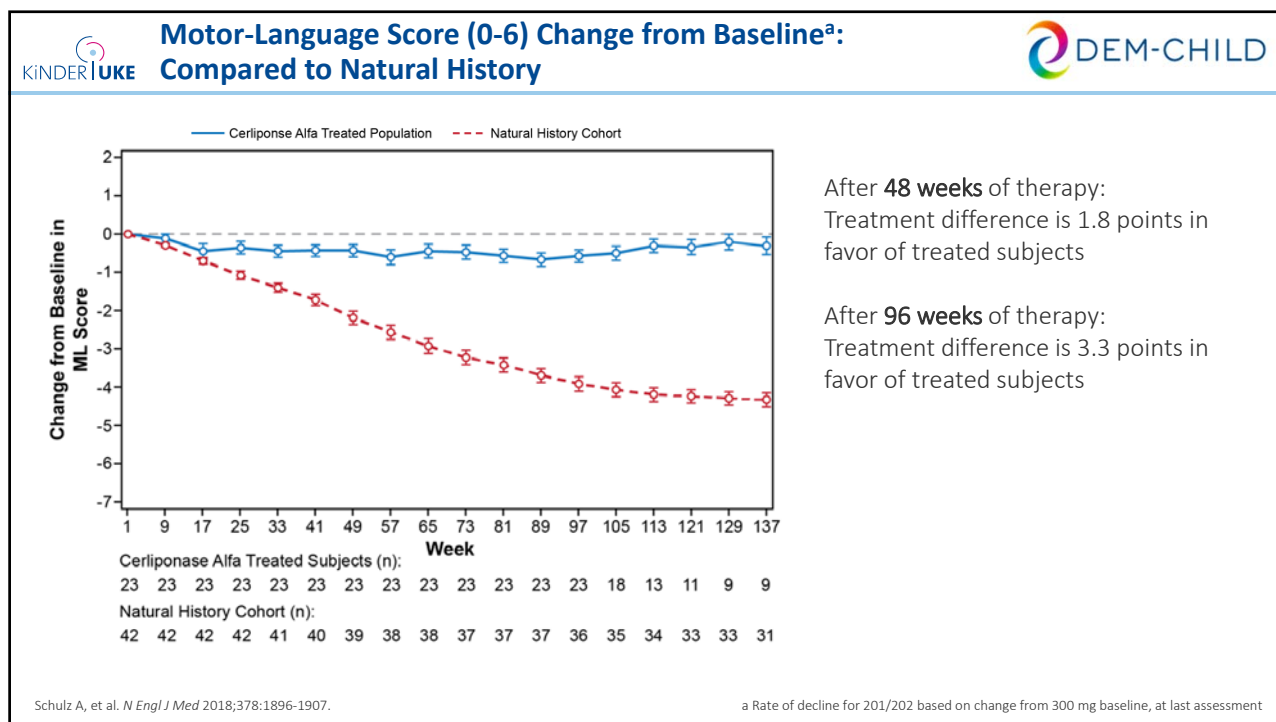
300 mg dose every 14 days via intracerebroventricular (ICV) infusion over ~ 4 hours



Schulz A, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2018;378:1896-1907.



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Why early diagnosis and early treatment matter

Speakers' own opinion.

Placeholder for Patient Video

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Thank you!



Patients & Families



Research Grants



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