

EPILEPSY HIGHLIGHT 2020



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AIMS

- Update and highlight
- Without going into much detail
- Thai patients with epilepsy: co-morbidity
- Suggestions for further reading

OUTLINE

- New era in EEG monitoring
- New era of personalized epilepsy management
 - ❖ Gene therapy
 - ❖ Automated seizure detection using wearable devices
- Co-morbidity: OSA
- Epilepsy Network
- Suggestion for further reading

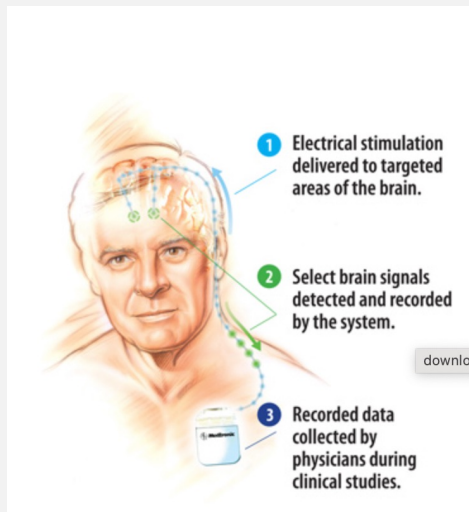
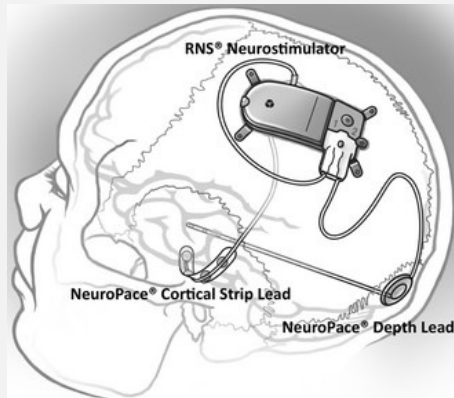
A NEW ERA IN EEG

- The average accuracy of seizure diaries is <50%
- Scalp EEG has several critical limitations for long-term monitoring
- Scalp electrodes are generally acceptable for periods of up to 1-2 weeks at most
- Subscalp EEG: remove electrode care, avoids skin abrasions, and secures a stable and low-impedance recording

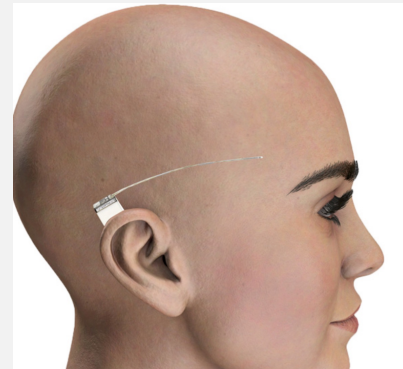
- Two commercially available intracranial devices enable chronic EEG monitoring
 - NeuroPace
 - Percept PC (Medtronic)
- The novel class of subscalp EEG recording devices

INVASIVE EEG DEVICES

Intracranial



Subscalp

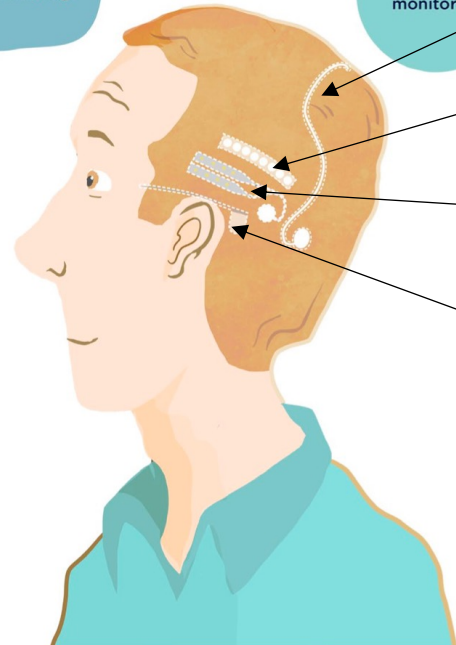
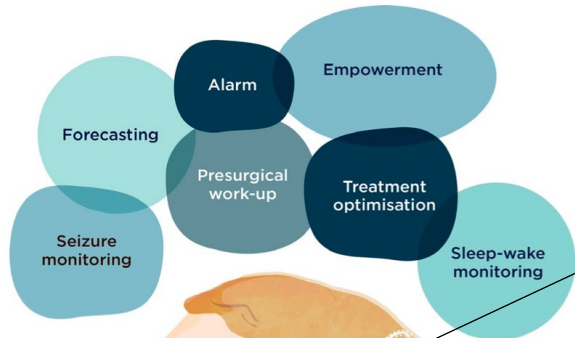


24/7 EEG SubQ from UNEEG medical



UltimateEEG from BrainCare Oy, Finland

A NEW ERE IN EEG



Minder from Epi-Minder

UltimateEEG from BrainCare Oy

the Epios system from the Wyss Center for Bio and Neuroengineering

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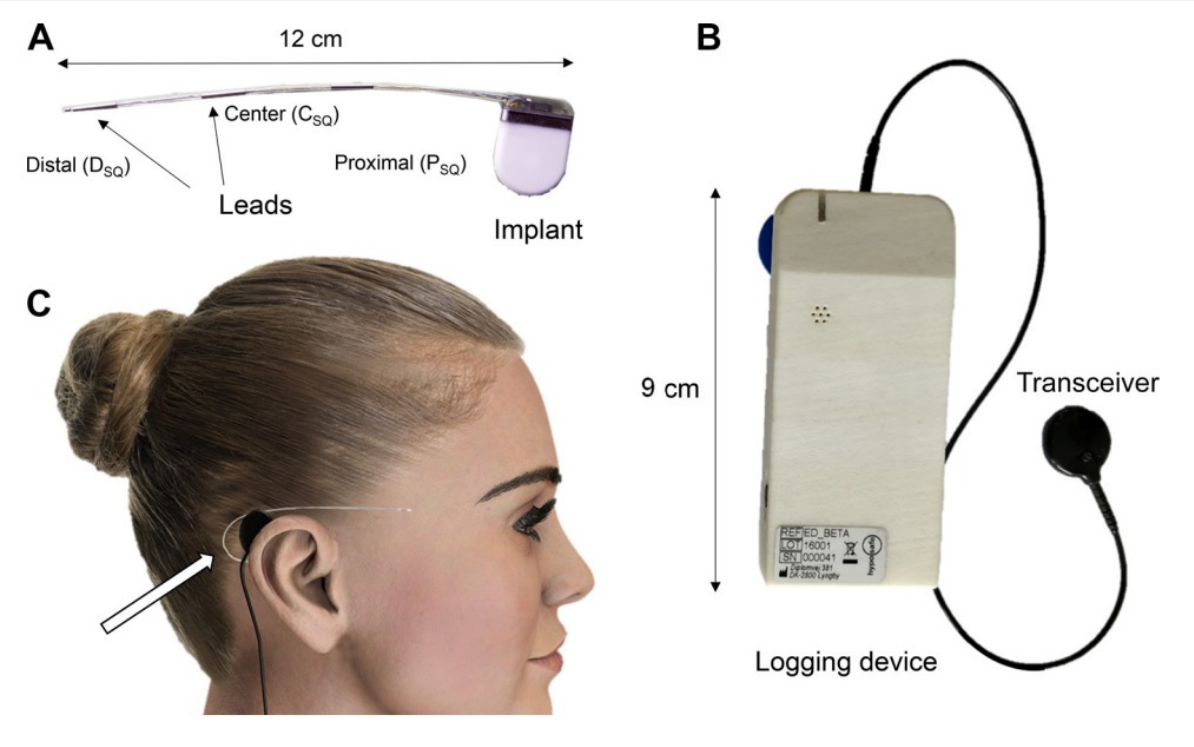
SUBSCALP EEG

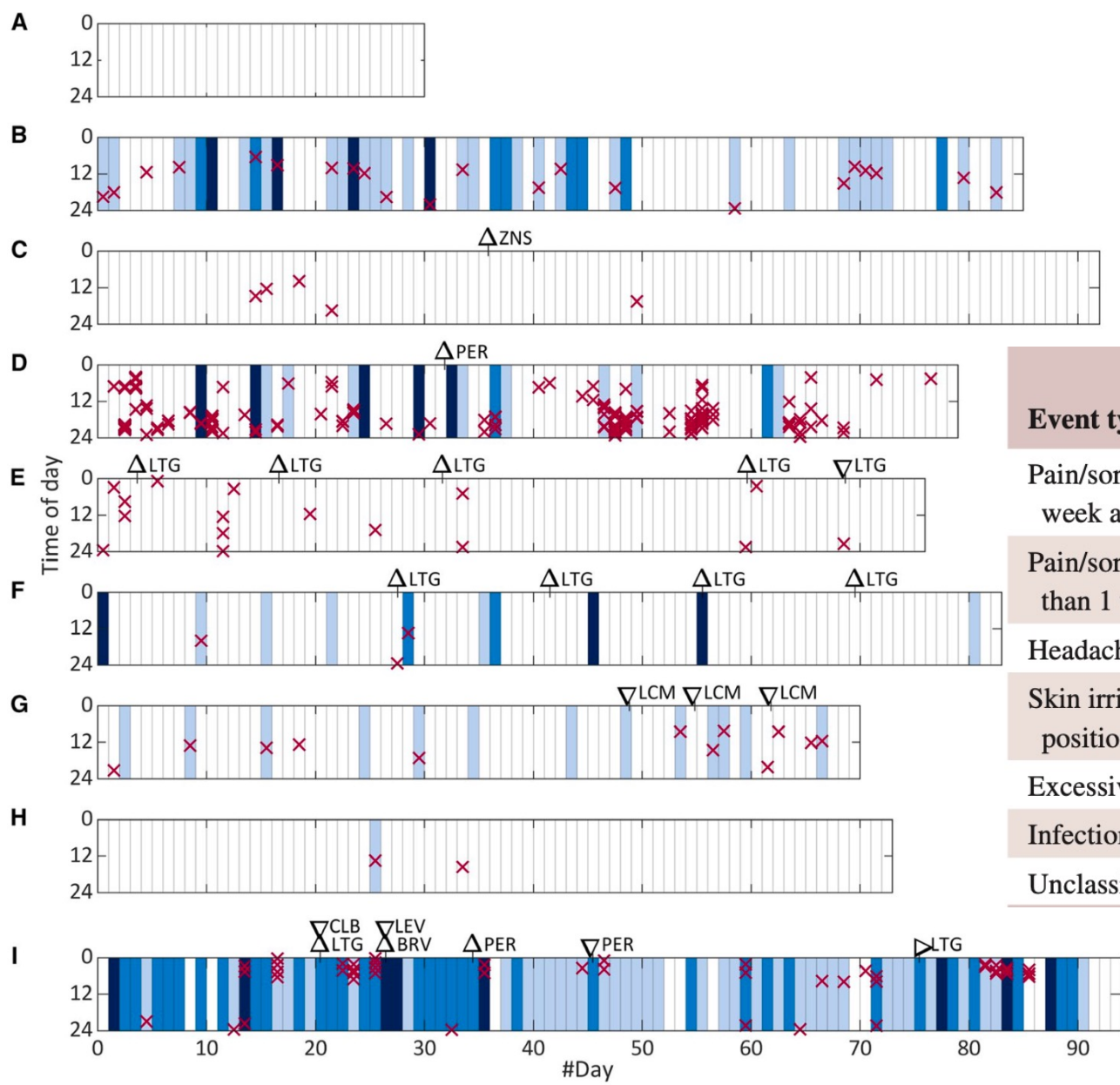
- Ultra-long term (ie, > 1 month and potentially for many months or years)
- Home environment, temporal fluctuations in pattern of seizure (personalized epilepsy management)
- Alternating seizure localization in some individuals with multifocal epilepsies

ULTRA-LONG-TERM SUBCUTANEOUS HOME MONITORING OF EPILEPSY – 490 DAYS OF EEG FROM NINE PATIENTS

Weisdorf S, Duun-Henriksen J, Kjeldsen MJ, Poulsen FR, Gangstad SW, Kjaer TW. Epilepsia 2018;59(12):2204-14

27-64 years
Medical refractory epilepsy
≥ 1 seizure/month





Event type	No. of occurrences	Severity	Anticipated
Pain/soreness at site of surgery up to 1 week after surgery	6	Mild	Yes
Pain/soreness at site of surgery more than 1 week after surgery	2	Mild	Yes
Headache not related to surgery	2	Mild	Yes
Skin irritation at transceiver contact position	2	Mild	Yes
Excessive bleeding	0	—	—
Infection	0	—	—
Unclassified	1	Mild	No

Seizures in diary



Electrographic seizure



AED symbols

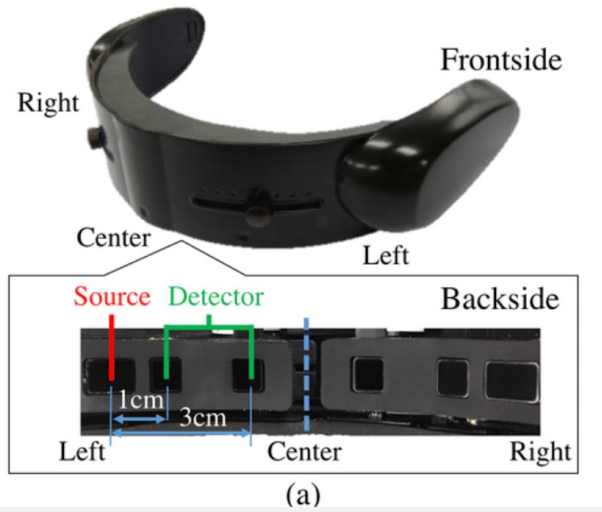
Δ = increase

∇ = decrease

▷ = same dosage, other distribution

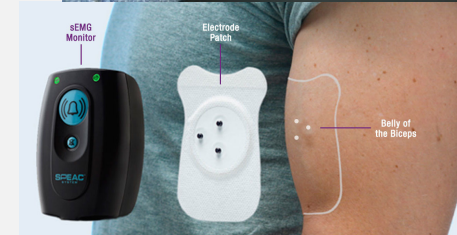
Device	Channels/montage	Recording modalities	EEG sampling rate	Battery	Wearable companion	Continuous raw data available	Status
CE-approved devices							
24/7 EEG SubQ	2 channels/unilateral	EEG + 3 axis accelerometry	207 Hz	External/24 h rechargeable	Yes	Yes	CE-marked by April 2019
Devices in validation phase							
Minder	2 channels/bilateral	EEG	^a	External/24 h rechargeable	Yes	Yes	Clinical trial is ongoing
EASEE	4 channel/unilateral Laplacian	EEG	^a	^a	Yes	^a	Clinical trial is ongoing
Epios	7 channels/temporal OR 14 channels/bitemporal OR 28 channels/full montage	EEG + ECG + audio + 3 axis accelerometer	250 Hz	External/24 h rechargeable	Yes	Yes	Clinical trial to start in 2020
Neuroview Technology	1 or 2 channels/unilateral	EEG + 3 axis accelerometry	256	Internal/1 y	No	No; only relevant epochs	Clinical trial to start in 2020
UltimateEEG	Up to 8 channels/unilateral	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	Clinical trial to start in 2020

AUTOMATED SEIZURE DETECTION USING WEARABLE DEVICES



- Wrist 3D-accelerometer
- Wristwatch accelerometer (SmartWatch)
- Surface EMG
- Cardiac-based seizure detection algorithm (Aspire)
- Heart rate (ECG)
- Heart rate (ECG and photoplethysmography (PPG))
- Video-based algorithm in a residential care setting.
- Under-mattress device (ElectroMechanical Film Emfit!)
- Behind-the-Ear-EEG
- Closed-loop implantable neural stimulators

- Heart rate (photoplethysmography) and 3D-accelerometer
- Heart rate (ECG), arterial oxygenation, electrodermal activity
- Heart rate (ECG) and accelerometer
- Wristband electrodermal activity (EDA) and accelerometer
- Near infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS)



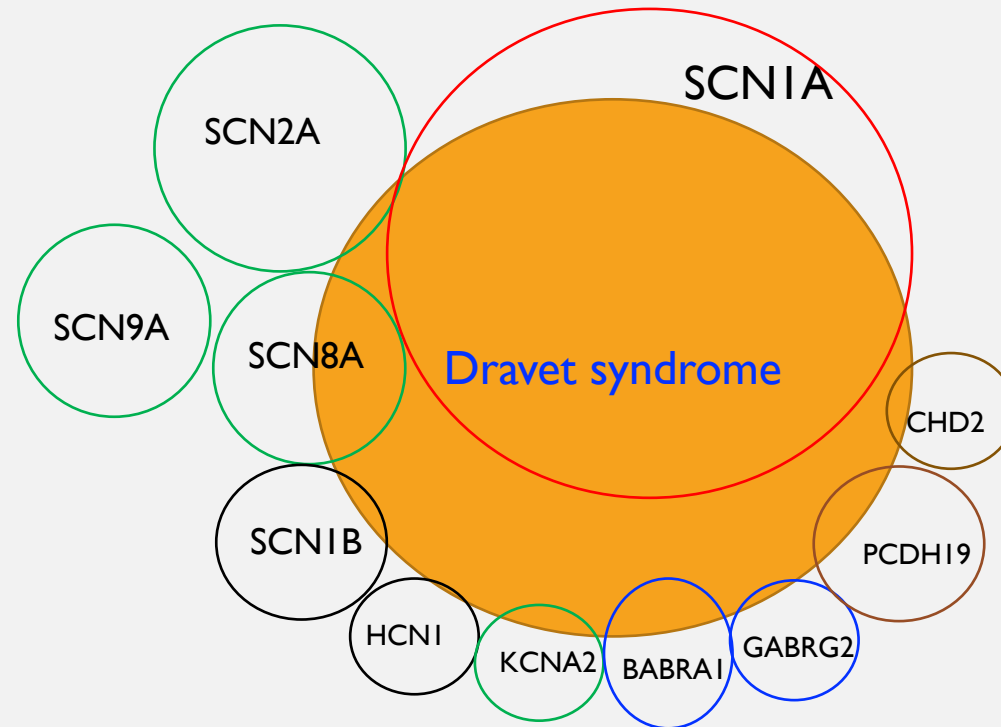
CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS-ILAE 2021

Automated seizure detection using wearable devices: A clinical practice guideline of the International League Against Epilepsy and the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology

- Wearable devices are effective for accurate detection of generalized tonic-clonic seizure and focal-to bilateral tonic-clonic seizure
- It is uncertain whether the detection alarms result in meaningful clinical outcomes for patients until further research is completed
- Wearable devices are recommended for detection of tonic-clonic seizure (weak/conditional recommendation).

[Beniczky et al. Clinical Neurophysiology 132 \(2021\) 1173–1184](#)

TREATMENT OF GENETIC EPILEPSY



Fenfluramine for Treatment-Resistant Seizures in Patients With Dravet Syndrome Receiving Stiripentol-Inclusive Regimens

A Randomized Clinical Trial

JAMA Neurol. 2020;77(3):300-308.

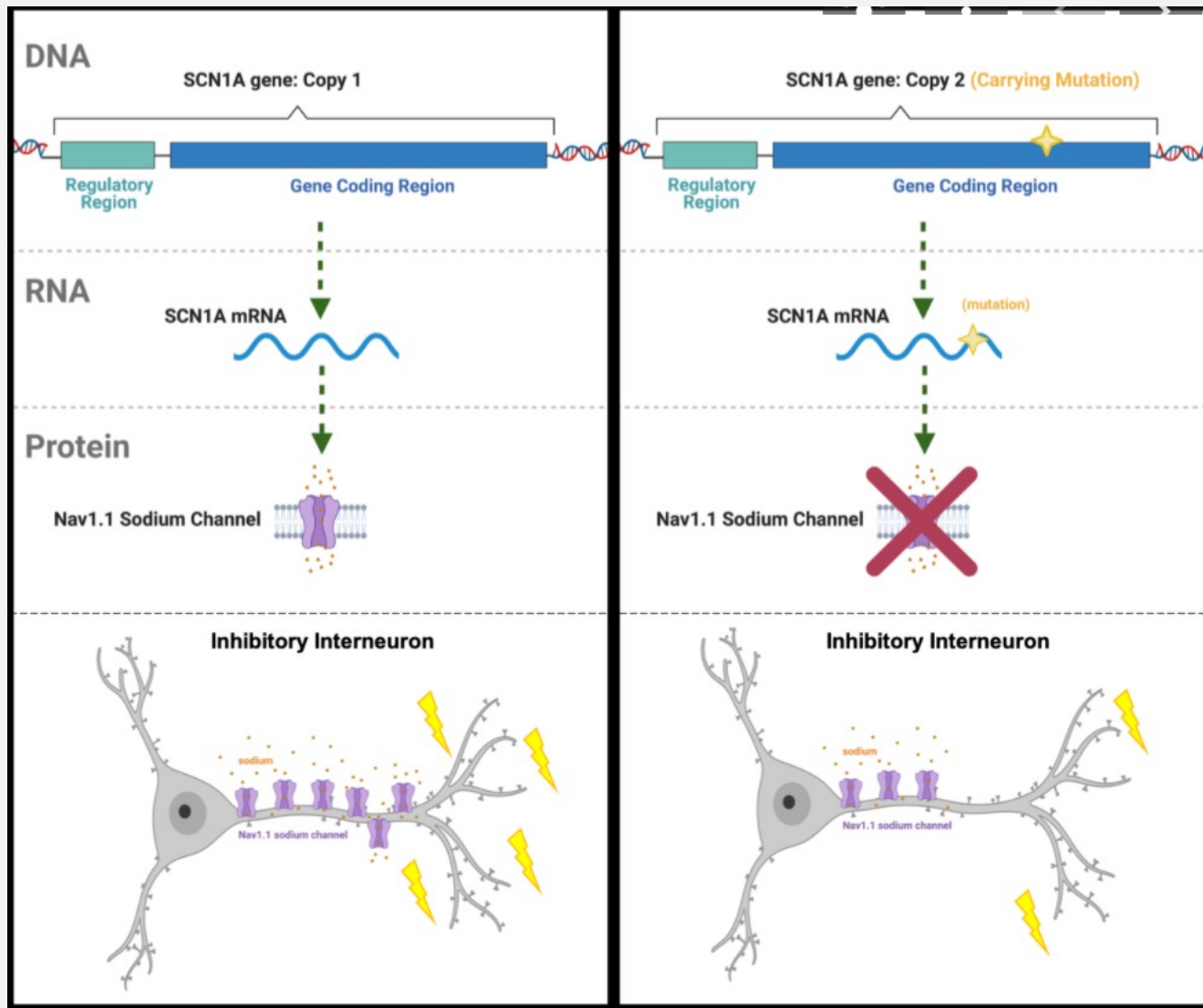
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Fenfluramine + stiripentol

- > 25% seizure reduction: 70% seizure reduction in fenfluramine vs 27% in placebo
- > 50 % seizure reduction: 54% seizure reduction in fenfluramine vs 5% in placebo
- > 75% seizure reduction: 35% seizure reduction in fenfluramine vs 2% in placebo
- Significantly longer seizure-free interval (22.0 vs 13.0)

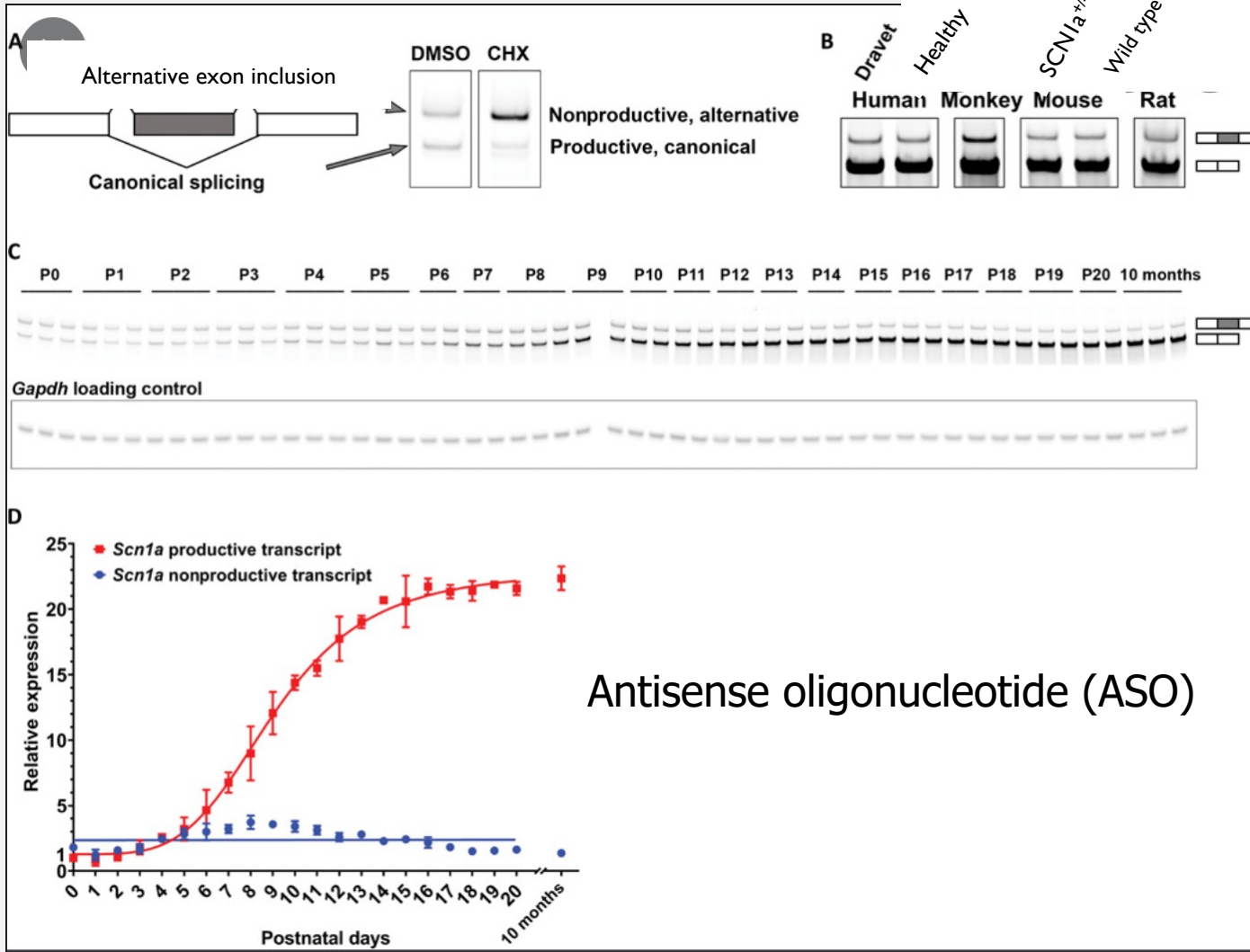
Table 3. Most Common (≥10%) Noncardiovascular Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events in Any Treatment Group

Outcome	Patients, No. (%)	
	Receiving Fenfluramine (n = 43)	Receiving Placebo (n = 44)
Patients with ≥1 treatment-emergent adverse event.	42 (98)	42 (96)
Patients with ≥1 serious treatment-emergent adverse event.	6 (14)	7 (16)
Treatment-emergent adverse events in ≥10% of patients in any treatment group		
Decreased appetite	19 (44)	5 (11)
Pyrexia	11 (26)	4 (9)
Fatigue	11 (26)	2 (5)
Diarrhea	10 (23)	3 (7)
Nasopharyngitis	7 (16)	15 (34)
Blood glucose decreased	6 (14)	2 (5)
Lethargy	6 (14)	2 (5)
Bronchitis	5 (12)	2 (5)
Seizure	2 (5)	7 (16)



<https://www.dravetfoundation.org/gene-therapy-for-dravet-syndrome/>การเกิด

Potential gene therapy

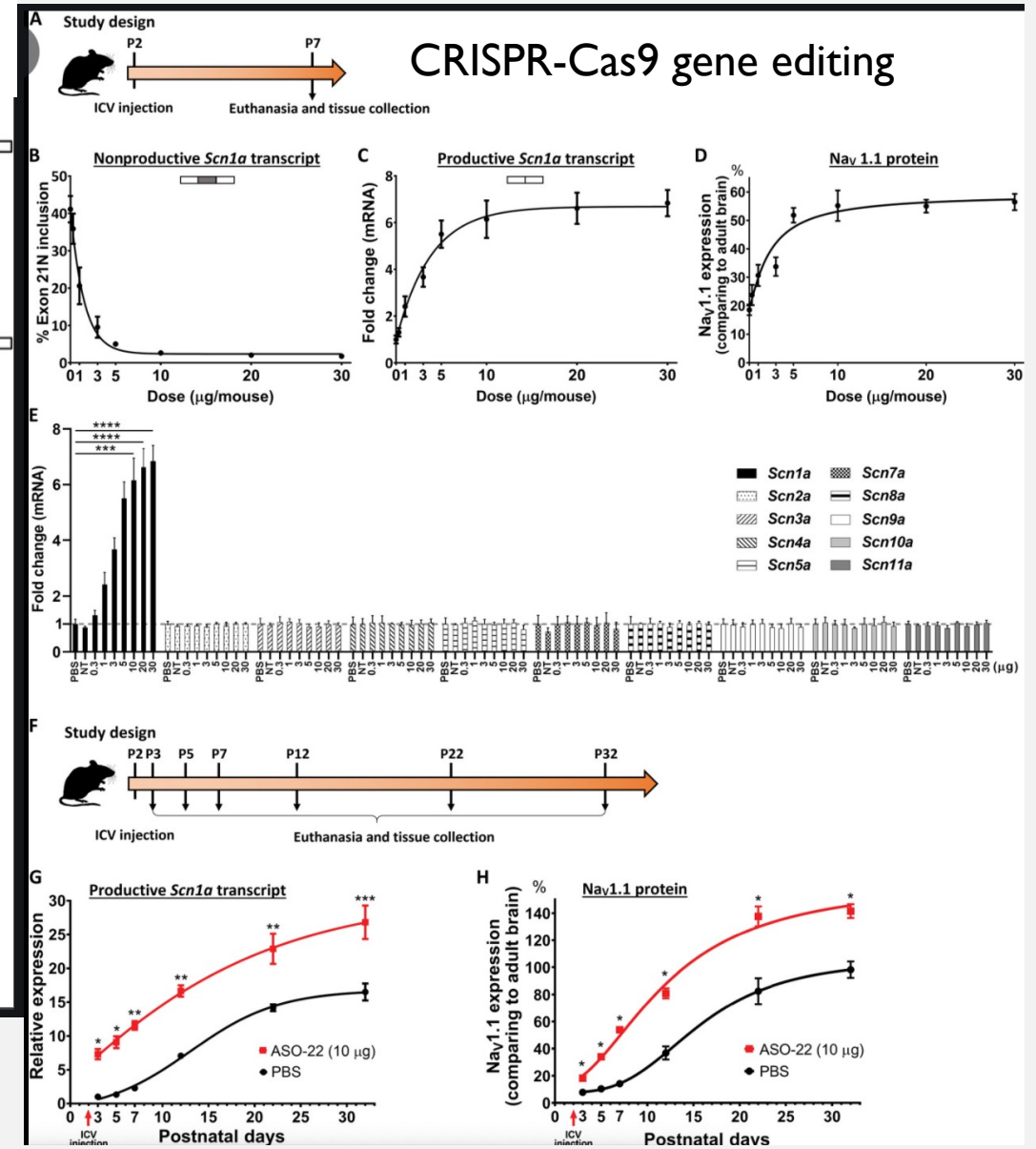


Antisense oligonucleotide (ASO)

Epilepsynhighligt 2020

Lagae et al. Lancet 2019; 394: 2243-54.

Nabbout et al. JAMA Neurol 2020; 77: 300-8.



CO-MORBIDITY IN EPYLEPSY

SLEEP BREATHING IN EPILEPSY

- Sleep-disordered breathing: a group of disorders characterized by intermittent pauses in breathing, which may disrupt the normal architecture of sleep and cause increased sympathetic activation, hypoxia, hypercapnia, and shifts to cerebral blood flow
- These include obstructive sleep apnea disorders, central sleep apnea syndromes, sleep-related hypoventilation disorders, and sleep-related hypoxemia disorder
- Bidirectional
 - The effect of sleep on epilepsy: epileptic syndrome, idiopathic epilepsy, symptomatic epilepsy, symptomatic (Focal and Generalized)
 - The effects of epilepsy on sleep (subjective sleep quality, sleep architecture, sleep apnea)
 - Nocturnal epilepsy vs parasomnia

SLEEP-DISORDERED BREATHING AND EPILEPSY

- Sleep-disordered breathing is also associated with significant quality of life, cardiovascular-related disease and mortality including ischemic disease and sudden death.
- Epilepsy have increased cardiovascular-related mortality and morbidity including hyper-tension, heart disease, and stroke.

OSA AND EPILEPSY

- OSA is a highly prevalent disorder, affecting 24% of men and 9% of women. [Young et al. N Engl J Med 1993.](#)
- OSA was confirmed by ambulatory PSG in 73% of 40 patients identified as OSA suspects using a **structured interview**. [Manni et al. Epilepsia 2003.](#)
- **PSG** study that involved patients with **drug-resistant epilepsy** unselected for sleep disorder symptoms 33% of 39 adults had OSA. [Malow et al. Neurology 2000.](#)
- PSG study in ambulatory epilepsy clinic, OSA prevalence was 30%, 16% having moderate-severe disease, rates that markedly exceed general population estimates. [Foldvary-Schaefer et al. Epilepsy behave 2012.](#)
- Understanding the predictors of OSA in epilepsy is important since treatment of OSA has been shown to reduce seizures in 40-86% of patients including adults and children. [Devinsky et al. Neurology 1994,](#) [Hollinger et al. Malow et al. Malow et al. Eur Neurol 2006,](#) [Vaughn et al. Neurology 1997 Neurology 2008,](#) [Vendrame et al. Seizure 2006, epilepsia 2011.](#)



DIAGNOSIS OF OSA IN EPILEPSY

- PSG
- Screening tools
 - STOP-BANG
 - Sleep Apnea scale of the Sleep Disorder Questionnaire (SA-SDQ)
 - STOP-BAG
 - Neck, Obesity, Snoring, Age, Sex (NoSAS) Score

Screening tools	AUC			
	AHI \geq 5 (95% CI)	AHI \geq 10 (95% CI)	AHI \geq 15 (95% CI)	AHI \geq 30 (95% CI)
STOP-BANG	0.69 (0.60-0.77)	0.67 (0.5-0.76)	0.62 (0.50-0.74)	0.64 (0.49-0.79)
STOP-BAG	0.69 (0.60-0.78)	0.65 (0.56-0.75)	0.62 (0.51-0.74)	0.61 (0.45-0.76)
SA-SDQ				
Total	0.76 (0.68-0.83)	0.67 (0.58-0.77)	0.67 (0.55-0.78)	0.68 (0.51-0.85)
Male	0.68	0.67	0.66	0.63
Female	0.73	0.64	0.64	0.72
NoSAS	0.78 (0.71-0.86)	0.77 (0.70-0.85)	0.74 (0.64-0.83)	0.70 (0.54-0.85)

OSA AND SUDEP

- In one study from Norway, 25 out of 42 cases were found dead in bed.
- Deaths were most likely to occur between midnight and 6 am
- One study of 112 PSG patients who had suffered sudden cardiac death showed that 46% of people with OSA died of sudden cardiac death in this cohort compared with 21% of those who did not suffer from OSA.



Obstructive sleep apnea and sudden unexpected death in epilepsy in unselected patients with epilepsy: are they associated?

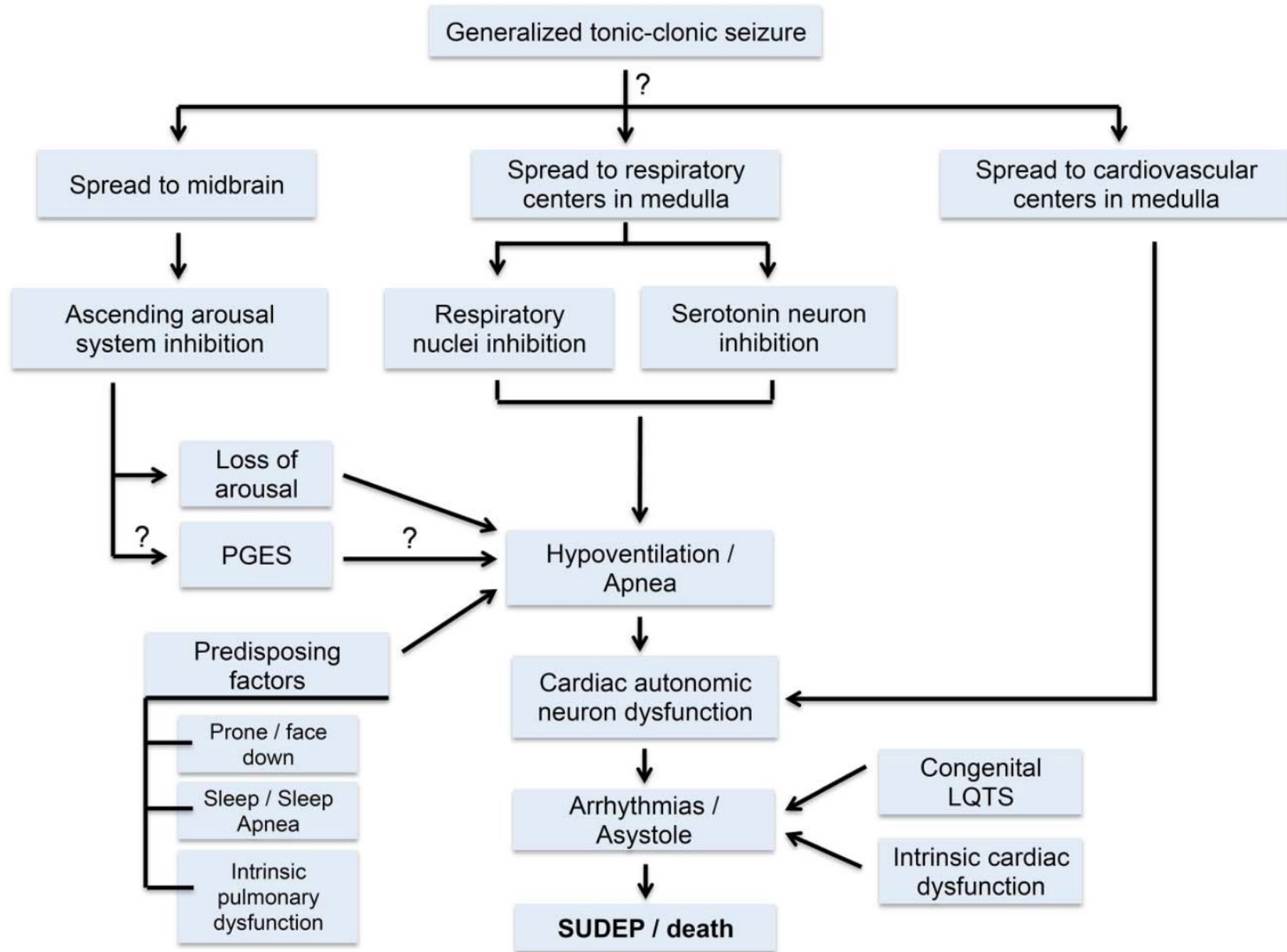
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Table 2 The association between AHI and SUDEP score

AHI	AHI median (IQR)		<i>p</i> -value
	rSUDEP-7 score < 5	rSUDEP-7 score ≥ 5	
Total	2.4 (0.7, 8.9)	1.8 (1, 4.3)	0.84
Supine	2.5 (0.9, 10.7)	1.7 (0.7, 4.8)	0.32
Non-supine	0.9 (0, 4.7)	0.6 (0, 1.2)	0.52
REM	3.2 (1.2, 11.7)	3.7 (1.8, 4.3)	0.69
Non-REM	1.9 (0.3, 7.9)	1.8(0.6, 2.6)	0.71

AHI apnea-hypopnea index, *rSUDEP-7 score* revised SUDEP risk inventory score



CONNECTION BIOMARKER OF DRUG RESISTANT EPILEPSY

- Increasing evidence indicated that many DRE patients also present with widespread structural and functional network disruptions.
- Person-specific feature
- It is hoped that they may ultimately inform and ameliorate therapy, the scope of a biomarker is per se associative, not directly pointing to a causal mechanism.
- Effective network biomarkers
 - modeling cognitive and affective difficulties
 - surgical target and seizure network identification
 - prediction of postoperative outcomes

SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER READING

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