

# Botulinumtoxin in der Schmerztherapie

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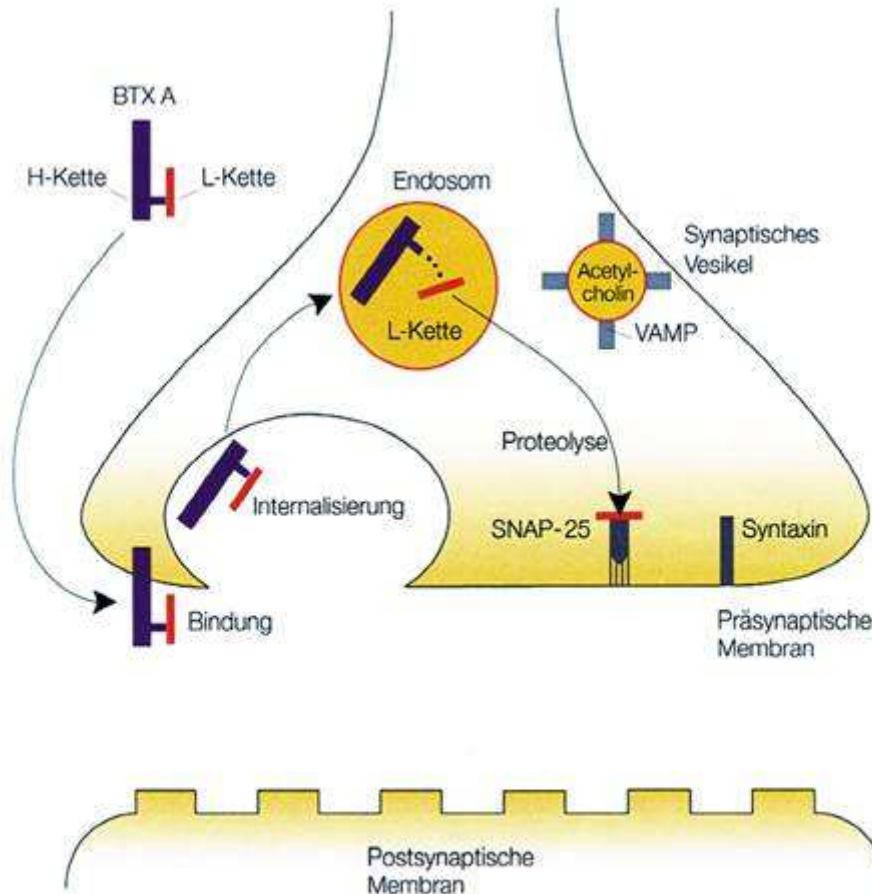
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# KABEG

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AM WÖRTHERSEE

# Wirkmechanismus



***Btx-A:***  
schwere H-Kette und leichte L-Kette

***H-Kette:***

Bindung an Rezeptor

Internalisierung

Aufnahme ins Endosom

***Im Endosom:***

Trennung der Btx-A Ketten

***L-Kette:***

Proteolyse von SNAP-25

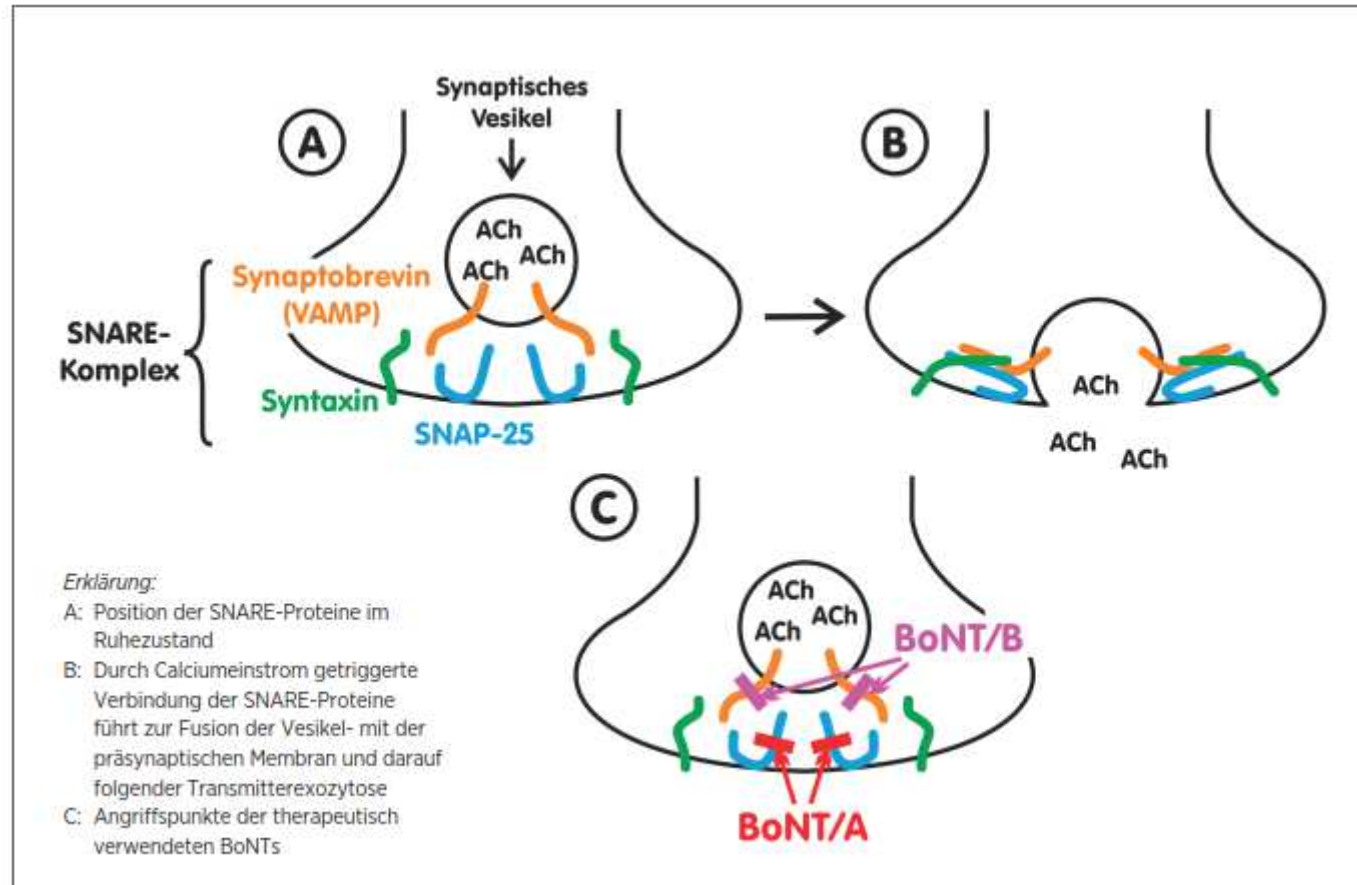
des Vesikel-Fusionskomplex

Ach-Vesikel bindet nicht komplett

==> Hemmung Ach-Freisetzung

Neuromuskuläre Endplatte

# Präsynaptisches Nervenende mit schematischer Darstellung der Wirkungsweise der SNARE-Proteine und ihrer Spaltung durch BoNT



# 1. Schritt – Bindung und Internalisation

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Nach der Membranbindung werden die BoNTs internalisiert. Starke neurale Aktivität fördert die Internalisierung und die Toxizität der BoNTs.

**Dies passt auch zur Wirksamkeit der BoNTs bei der Behandlung von Syndromen aufgrund hyperaktiver Nervenendigungen (Spasmen), denn neuromuskuläre Endplatten mit einer hohen Umsatzrate von Vesikel Exo-Endozytose begünstigen die Toxinaufnahme.**

Bindung von BoNT/A1 an den glykosylierten SV2C Rezeptor:

-> erfolgt durch Protein-Protein und Protein-Glykan Interaktionen

-> das Glykosylierungsmuster kann interindividuell unterschiedlich sein;

-> folglich kann auch die Menge des gebundenen Toxins von Patient zu Patient unterschiedlich sein, obwohl die gleiche Dosis injiziert wurde.

# Wirkmechanismus

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- **Hemmung der  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  - abhängigen ACH-Freisetzung**
- **Irreversible Hemmung der neuromuskulären Übertragung**
- **Spaltung des Transportproteins Synaptobrevin**
- **Normalisierung gesteigerter Aktivität von Muskelspindeln**
- **Retrograde neuronale Aufnahme ins ZNS**
- **Hemmung vesikel-abhängiger Exocytose von SP**
- **Expression von Enkephalin, Neurotension, Galanin, VIP, Neuropeptid Y**

# Wirkeintritt - Wirkdauer

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**Wirkeintritt: nach 2 - 10 Tagen**

**Wirkmaximum: ist nach ca. 14 Tagen erreicht**

**Wirkdauer: 3 - 6 Monate**

# Indikationen in der Schmerztherapie

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- **Myofasziale Schmerzsyndrome**
- **Masseterhypertrophie mit assoziiertem Gesichtsschmerz**
- **Epicondylitis**
- **Kiefergelenks-Dysfunktion**
- **Spannungskopfschmerzen**
- **Migräne**
- **Clusterkopfschmerz**
- **zervikogener Kopfschmerz nach HWS Schleudertrauma**
- **Fibromyalgie ?????**
- **Stumpfschmerz**

# Botulinumtoxin in der Schmerzbehandlung

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## Wirkprofil

Lokal applizierbar  
Relaxierung und Atrophie  
Andere Wirkmechanismen?  
Kaum Interaktionen (Begleit-  
therapien, Medikamente)  
Selten Kontraindikationen  
Keine systemischen Neben-  
wirkungen  
Einmalinjektion

## Einsatz in der Schmerztherapie

Fokales Schmerzsyndrom  
Muskuläre (Mit-)ursache,  
Trigger  
Schmerzfasern?, Substanz P?  
Zusatzmedikation problemlos  
  
Jedes Alter  
Gute Verträglichkeit  
Sehr gute Compliance



## Aktuell verfügbare Botulinum Neurotoxin Zubereitungen

**Botox und Dysport:** gereinigte Precursor Toxin Komplexe, beinhaltend das BoNT/A1 Molekül als aktiven pharmazeutischen Bestandteil und weitere Proteine;

**Xeomin:** enthält nur das gereinigte BoNT/A1.

Alle Zubereitungen enthalten humanes Serum Albumin als „Füllsubstanz“, um den Toxinverlust durch die Gefriertrocknung, durch Proteinaggregation und Oberflächenadsorption zu verhindern, und die Lagerungsstabilität zu verbessern.

Die Zubereitungen kommen in Pulverform in den Handel und werden vor Gebrauch mit einer Pufferlösung rekonstituiert.

**Table 1** BoNT preparations and FDA-approved indications

| BoNT preparation    | Brand name (manufacturer)   | FDA-approved indications <sup>a</sup>   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| OnabotulinumtoxinA  | Botox (Allergan, Inc., Irvine, CA)                                      | Blepharospasm, CD, upper extremity spasticity, lower extremity spasticity, CM |
| AbobotulinumtoxinA  | Dysport (Ipsen Ltd., Paris, France)                                     | CD, upper extremity spasticity  |
| IncobotulinumtoxinA | Xeomin (Merz Pharmaceuticals, Frankfurt, Germany)                       | Blepharospasm, CD, upper extremity spasticity                                 |
| RimabotulinumtoxinB | Myobloc Neurobloc (US WorldMeds/Solstice Neurosciences, Louisville, KY) | CD  |

Abbreviations: BoNT = botulinum neurotoxin; CD = cervical dystonia; CM = chronic migraine; FDA = Food and Drug Administration.

<sup>a</sup> FDA approvals relevant to this review.

# Therapeutische Sicherheit

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**Dosierung von Botulinumtoxin A\*:**

**500 U (1 Ampulle) : z.B. Torticollis**

**max. 2.000 U (4 Ampullen) : Spastik**

**Letale Dosis für einen 70 kg schweren Menschen:**

**40.000 - 80.000 U (80 - 160 Ampullen!)**

**==> *Therapeutische Breite* 1 : 40 - 80**

**Schmerzbehandlung:**

**50 - 320 U**

*\* Die Dosierungsangaben beziehen sich auf das Medikament Dysport®*

# Kontraindikationen

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## **Neuromuskuläre Erkrankungen**

(z. B. Myasthenia gravis, Lambert-Eaton-Syndrom)

## **Behandlung mit Pharmaka, die die neuromuskuläre Übertragung beeinträchtigen**

(z. B. Aminoglykosid- und Makrolidantibiotika)

## **Blutgerinnungsstörungen oder Einnahme von die Gerinnung beeinflussenden Arzneimitteln**

## **Schwangerschaft und Stillzeit**

## **Lokale Infekte**

## Einschlusskriterien

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**Chronische myofasziale Schmerzen (HWS, LWS)**

**an 15 Tagen pro Monat seit mindestens 6 Monaten**

**konventionelle Therapie hat versagt**

**oder ist kontraindiziert**

***keine* Hinweise auf andere spezifische Erkrankungen**

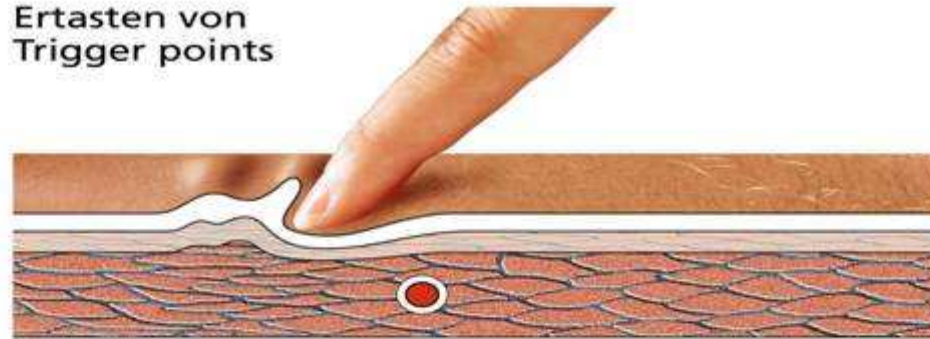
**im Bereich des Bewegungssystems**

## Definition von myofaszialen Triggerpunkten

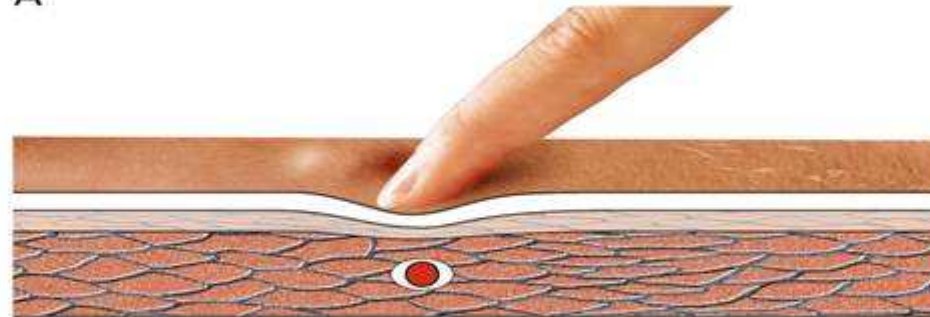
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- 1.) lokaler Punkt mit hohem Druckschmerz in einem verspannten Muskelband** +++
- 2.) Lokale Zuckungsreaktion** ++
- 3.) Übertragener Schmerz** +++
- 4.) Auslösen der primären Schmerzsituation** +++
- 5.) Bewegungseinschränkung** +
- 6.) Schwäche ohne Atrophie** +
- 7.) Autonome Symptome (lokale Rötung)** +

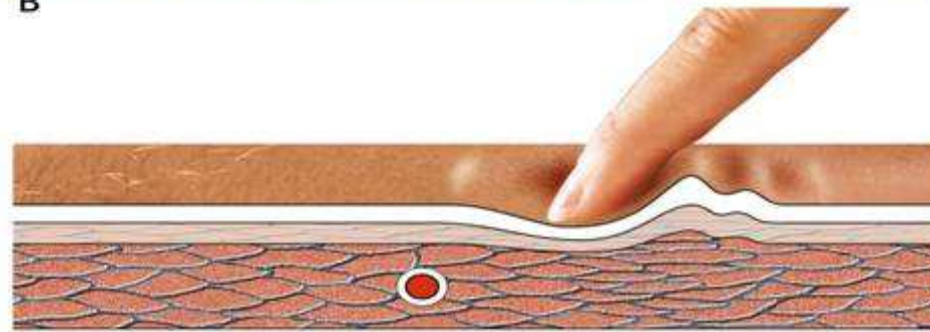
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Trigger points



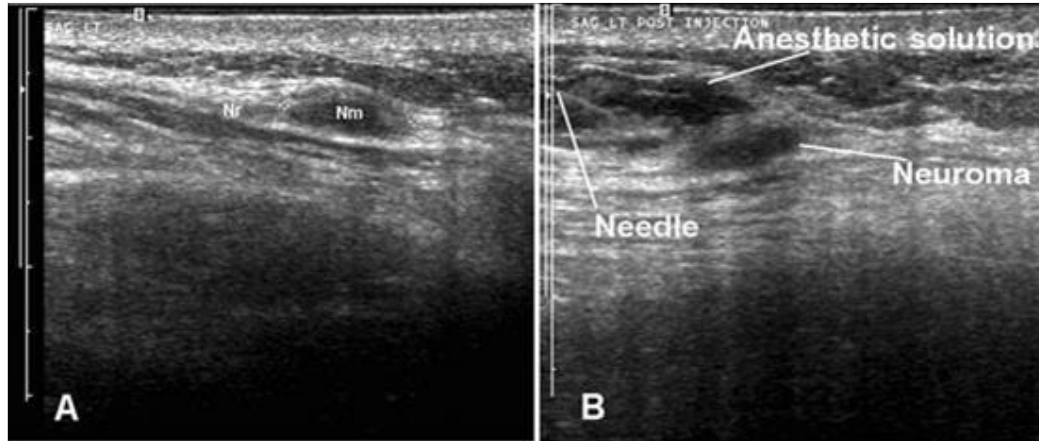
A



B



C



*Hughes RJ, Ali K, Jones H, Kendall S, Connell DA. Treatment of Morton's neuroma with alcohol injection under sonographic guidance: follow-up of 101 cases. AJR Am J Roentgenol. 2007;188:1535–1539*



## **Methods:**

**Fifteen patients suffering from PHN for more than 1 month were enrolled. Data collected were patients' age, sex and lesion site, the dermatome involved and the duration and severity of pain by visual analog scale (VAS). Botulinum (15 units /every 10 cm<sup>2</sup> of body involved) was injected intradermally. The patients were followed 2, 14 and 30 days after injection.**

## **Conclusions:**

**It seems that intradermal injection of botulinum toxin decreases pain in PHN patients and this decrease is less prominent by passing time.**

**Tab. 1** Charakteristika und Hauptergebnisse der ausgewerteten Fallberichte, -serien und Studien zur Behandlung der Post-Zoster-Neuralgie mit Botulinumtoxin

| Autor, Jahr                     | Studienart                          | N  | Applikation               | Injektionsort                 | Serotyp              | Dosis                                     | Untersuchungszeitraum | Ergebnis   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Klein 2004 [23]                 | Fallbericht                         | 1  | i. d.                     | Punktuell                     | A onaA               | 20 E                                      | 4 Monate              | Komplette Schmerzreduktion   |
| Liu et al. 2006 [26]            | Fallbericht                         | 1  | s. c.                     | Fächerartig im Allodynieareal | A onaA               | 20 × 5 E                                  | 52 Tage               | VAS-Reduktion von 10 auf 1   |
| Ruiz Huete u. Bermejo 2008 [42] | Fallbericht                         | 1  | i. d.                     | Flächig                       | A Nicht spezifiziert | n. a.                                     | 2 Monate              | Schmerzverbesserung  |
| Ranoux et al. 2008 [41]         | RCT, doppelblind (insgesamt n = 29) | 4  | i. d.                     | Rasterartig im Allodynieareal | A onaA               | Bis zu 40 × 5 E                           | 14 Wochen             | NNT für 50 % Schmerzreduktion nach 12 Wochen: 3,03                               |
| Sotiriou et al. 2009 [48]       | Fallserie                           | 3  | s. c.                     | Rasterartig                   | A onaA               | 20 × 5 E                                  | 12 Wochen             | VAS-Reduktion von 8,3 auf 2  |
| Xiao et al. 2010 [55]           | RCT, doppelblind                    | 60 | s. c.                     | Rasterartig im Allodynieareal | A onaA               | Bis zu 40 × 5 E                           | 3 Monate              | Signifikante Schmerzreduktion und Verbesserung des Schlafs, weniger Opioidbedarf |
| Emad et al. 2011 [15]           | Fallserie                           | 15 | i. d.                     | in Schmerz Areal              | A aboA               | 15 U/cm <sup>2</sup>                      | 30 Tage               | Signifikante Schmerzreduktion  |
| Apalla et al. 2013 [2]          | RCT, doppelblind                    | 30 | s. c.                     | Rasterartig                   | A onaA               | 40 × 5 E                                  | 20 Wochen             | Signifikante Schmerzreduktion und Schlafverbesserung von Woche 2–16              |
| Ponce et al. 2013 [39]          | Fallserie                           | 12 | i. d./s. c. (Widerspruch) | Rasterartig                   | A onaA               | 8–10 × 2,5 E                              | 3 Monate              | Signifikante Schmerzreduktion  |
| Li u. Xiao 2015 [25]            | Fallbericht                         | 1  | s. c.                     | Orbita                        | A Nicht spezifiziert | 100 E                                     | 6 Monate              | Schmerzreduktion   |
| Attal 2016 [5]                  | RCT, doppelblind (insgesamt n = 66) | 5  | s. c.                     | Rasterartig im Allodynieareal | A onaA               | Bis 60 × 5 E, Wiederholung nach 12 Wochen | 24 Wochen             | Signifikante Schmerzreduktion  |

aboA Abobotulinumtoxin A, i. d. intradermal, NNT „number needed to treat“, onaA Onabotulinumtoxin A, RCT randomisierte kontrollierte Studie, s.c. subkutan, VAS visuelle Analogskala

**Table 1.** Key and reviewed studies on the employment of botulinum toxin type A (BoNT-A) and type B (BoNT-B) therapy in the treatment of piriformis muscle syndrome (PMS).

| First author and year of publication   | Study design                | Number of patients with PMS | Doses (U) and number of injections   | Injection guide | Outcome measures                      | Adjunctive therapy                           | Clinical results/adverse effects   |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Fanucci <i>et al.</i> , 2001 [4]       | Prospective                 | 30                          | OnabotulinumtoxinA 100 U:<br>26 received one injections<br>4 received two injections   | CT              | Not specific pain score               | Not indicated                                | Reduction of pain intensity after 5–7 days for 26 subjects; other 4 subjects reported a complete pain reduction in the following week/No adverse effects   |
| Fishman <i>et al.</i> , 2002 [17]      | RCT double-blind, parallel  | 21                          | AbobotulinumtoxinA 200 U   | EMG             | VAS                                   | Twice-weekly physical therapy program        | 65% of the patients reported a 50% of pain reduction/No adverse effects  |
| Childers <i>et al.</i> , 2002 [3]      | RCT double-blind, crossover | 9                           | OnabotulinumtoxinA 100 U   | FL EMG          | VAS                                   | Not indicated                                | Reduction of pain intensity, distress, spasm and interference with activities respect to baseline/No adverse effects   |
| Fishman <i>et al.</i> , 2004 [20]      | Prospective                 | 27                          | BoNT-B 12,500 U  | EMG             | VAS                                   | Physical therapy twice weekly for 3 months   | A total of 24 of 27 study patients had a pain relief of 50%. The most severe adverse effects were dry mouth and dysphagia, approaching 50% of patients at 2 and 4 weeks  |
| Lang <i>et al.</i> , 2004 [21]         | Prospective                 | 20                          | BoNT-B 5,000 U   | EMG             | VAS                                   | Dry mouth was reported in 6 of 20 patients   | Reduction of myofascial buttock and hip pain associated with PMS/No adverse effects  |
| Yoon <i>et al.</i> , 2006 [6]          | Prospective                 | 20                          | AbobotulinumtoxinA 150 U:<br>One injection   | CT              | NRS at 4, 8, 12 weeks<br>Korean SF-36 | Stretching exercise 20 times/day for 12 week | Pain reduction respect to baseline ( $p < 0.0001$ ) Improvement of physical functioning, role physical, bodily pain, general health, vitality and social functioning/Mild and transient adverse events (one case of flu-like syndrome lasting 2 days, five cases of worsening muscular pain lasting 2–3 days, one patient had ecchymosis in the lower limb for 2 days, two patients had atrophy of the piriformis muscle, one case of transient numbness lasting no longer than 72 h |
| Michel <i>et al.</i> , 2013 [16]       | Prospective                 | 122                         | OnabotulinumtoxinA Ranged between 50 and 100 U:<br>51 received one Injection;<br>43 received two injections;<br>18 received three injections;<br>9 received four injections;<br>1 received five injections | EMG             | VAS                                   | Not indicated                                | “Very good” or “Good” in 77% of the cases “Average” in 7.4% of the cases “Poor” in 15.6% of the cases/No adverse effects   |
| Fabregat <i>et al.</i> , 2014 [18]     | Feasibility study           | 10                          | OnabotulinumtoxinA 100 U   | US              | Not indicated                         | Not indicated                                | No adverse effects during the BoNT-A injections  |
| Al-AI-Shaikh <i>et al.</i> , 2015 [19] | Retrospective               | 12                          | OnabotulinumtoxinA 100 U   | US CT           | VAS                                   | Not indicated                                | Buttock and sciatic pain reduction respect to baseline ( $p < 0.001$ )/No adverse effects  |

CT: Computed Tomography; RCT: Randomized Clinical Trial; EMG: Electromyography; VAS: Visual Analogue Scale; FL: Fluoroscopy; NRS: Numeric Rating Scale; SF-36: 36-Item Short Form Health Survey; US: Ultrasound.



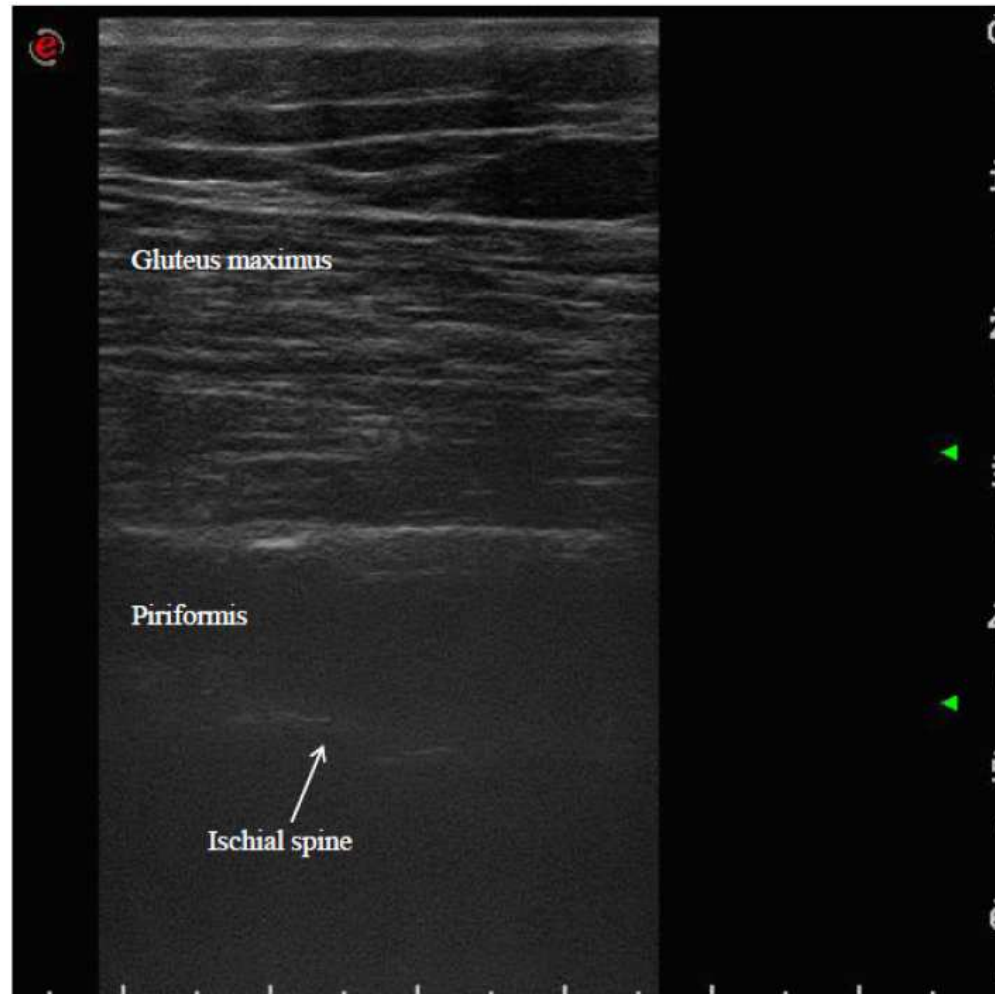
(a)



(b)

**Figure 1.** Positioning of the probe initially with its lateral side medial to the greater trochanter (a) and finally positioned with its medial side lateral to the ischial tuberosity (b).





**Figure 2.** Ultrasound identification of the piriformis muscle between gluteus maximus muscle and ischial spine.

## Study design and description of relevant studies which met the inclusion criteria

| First author        | Year of study | Study design  | Number of patients who received BoNT | BoNT dose(U) per injection into PM                                       | Total number of BoNT per patient                   | Frequency/interval between each injection                                | Modalities to guide injection | Needle size and length | Physical therapy after intervention with botulinum toxin  | Outcome measures  | Adverse effects   |
|---------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|
| H Najdi et al.      | 2019          | Retrospective case control  | 7                                    | 7 patients each received BoNT A (Botox) ranging from 100 to 300          | 1  | -  | CT                            | Not mentioned          | Nil   | No specific pain scale mentioned; 7 patients who received BoNT had transient pain relief from one week to one month; no other functional outcomes reported.                             | No adverse effects reported; no intervention needed   |
| Fishman             | 2017          | RCT comparing botulinum toxin with normal saline                                      | 56                                   | A 4-site injection of 3 cc containing 300 units of incobotulinum toxin A | 1  | -  | EMG                           | 22 to 25G 3.5 inch     | One physical therapy per week for 12 weeks  | Reduction of VAS over a period of 12 weeks; reduction of VAS of 0.36 at week 2, 0.39 at week 4, 0.55 at week 6, 0.65 at week 8, 0.55 at week 10, 0.62 at week 12                        | Five mild adverse effects: injection site pain, flu-like symptoms, wobbly neck in botulinum toxin group; no intervention needed   |
| Al-Al-Shaikh et al. | 2014          | Retrospective case control study  | 12                                   | 100 of botulinum toxin A (Botox) each into PM and obturator internus     | 1 to 4   | Minimum of 3 months between each injection with a mean of 2.1 injections | Either US or CT               | Not mentioned          | Nil   | Reduction of VAS buttock pain from 7.5 to 3.2 and sciatic pain from 7.04 to 1.7.  | No adverse effects reported   |
| Yoon et al.         | 2007          | Prospective cohort study  | 20                                   | 150 of botulinum toxin A   | 1  | Only once  | CT                            | 3.5 inch, 22G          | Stretching exercises 20 times each day for 12 weeks after treatment                                 | Drop in baseline mean pain score Of 7.06 to 4.45 at 4weeks, 3.55 at 8 weeks and 3.48 at 12 weeks; Improvement in all subdomain scores of SF-36 4 weeks after treatment                  | Mild and transient adverse effects; one case of flu-like symptoms for 2days, transient numbness of less than 72 h in the other, lower limb ecchymosis in two patients; no intervention needed                   |
| Fishman             | 2004          | Prospective cohort study  | 26                                   | 5000, 7500, 10,000, 12,500 of BoNT B in 4 groups                         | Seven patients had 2 injection, 19 had 1 injection | Not mentioned  | EMG                           | 23G of 3.5 inch        | Physical therapy twice weekly for 3months   | Overall mean reduction of VAS of 3.6 in 5000 group, 2.12 in the 7500 group, 2.89 in the 10,000 group and 4.51 in the 12,500 group; improvement in FAIR tests in most groups at 12 weeks | One case: monocular blurred vision; two cases each: gastroesophageal reflux; lump in throat; One case: constipation; two cases: difficulty in swallowing; none needed medical attention; no intervention needed |
| Fishman             | 2002          | RCT comparing botulinum toxin versus lidocaine and triamcinolone versus normal saline | 21                                   | 200 of botulinum toxin A with 2 cc saline dilution                       | 1  | Only once  | EMG detection of H reflex     | Not mentioned          | Standard physical therapy protocol twice weekly for 12 weeks  | VAS assessment into two groups: 50% improvement or more versus less than 50%; 65% improvement observed in the Botox group   | No adverse effects reported   |
| MK Childers et al.  | 2002          | RCT comparing botulinum toxin versus normal saline                                    | 10                                   | 100 of botulinum toxin A   | 1  | Only once  | Fluoroscopic or EMG guidance  | 5.5 inch, 20G needle   | Had concurrent physiotherapy and home stretching but changes in physiotherapy program not permitted | Greater reduction in VAS, distress spasm and pain interference with activities over 10 weeks when compared with saline group  | No adverse effects reported   |

Abbreviations: CT, Computed Tomography; FAIR, Flexion, adduction and internal rotation, MRN; Magnetic Resonance Neurography, MRI; Magnetic Resonance Imaging, mm: millimeters, ms: milliseconds, PM: Piriformis muscle; PE, physical examination; QOL: quality of life, RCT, randomized control trial, US, Ultrasound; VAS: Visual Analogue Scale.

**Synthesis:**

Seven studies (n ¼ 152 patients) were included consisting of three randomized controlled studies (RCTs), two case control studies and two cohort studies. The qualities of these studies were: Two good and one fair for the RCTs, fair for both the case controls and one good and fair for the cohort studies. Most studies reported some reduction in pain using various modalities to guide injection (CT, EMG, US or fluoroscopy). However, the included studies were heterogeneous, making it difficult to quantify pain reduction. There was minimal description of other functional outcomes. Botulinum toxin A doses range from 100 to 300U. Mild adverse effects were reported with no medical intervention needed.

**Conclusions:**

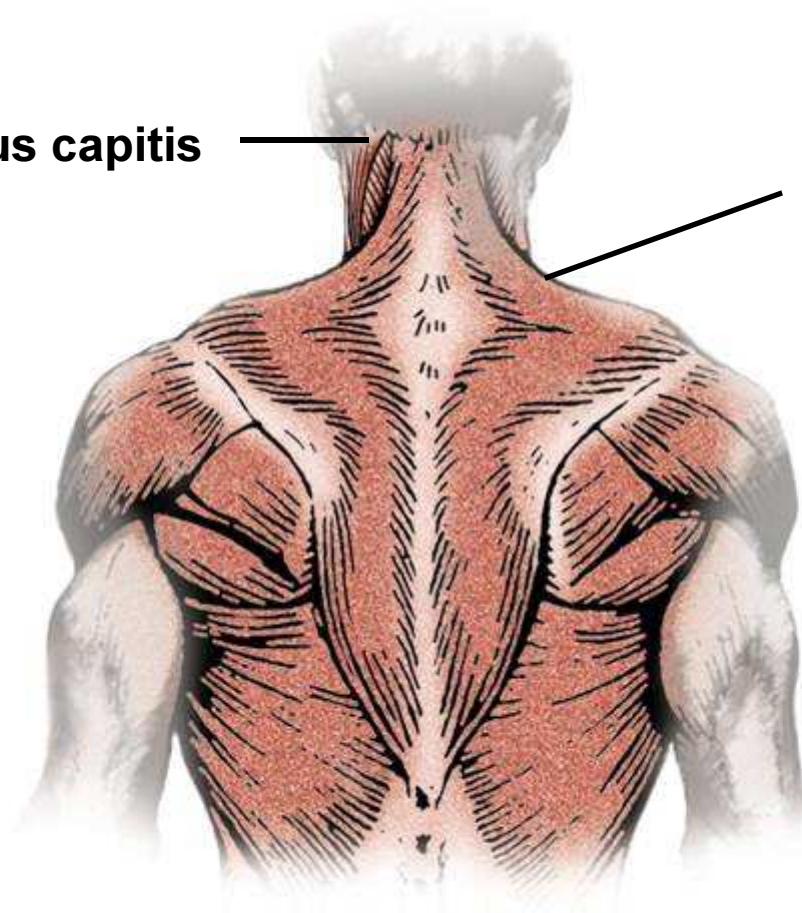
**There is fair quality of evidence to suggest botulinum toxin is safe to reduce pain in piriformis syndrome. There is insufficient data to quantify pain reduction and to describe other functional outcomes. The optimal dose of botulinum toxin A remains unclear. Modalities to guide botulinum injection into the piriformis muscle remain heterogeneous.**

# Muskulatur HWS

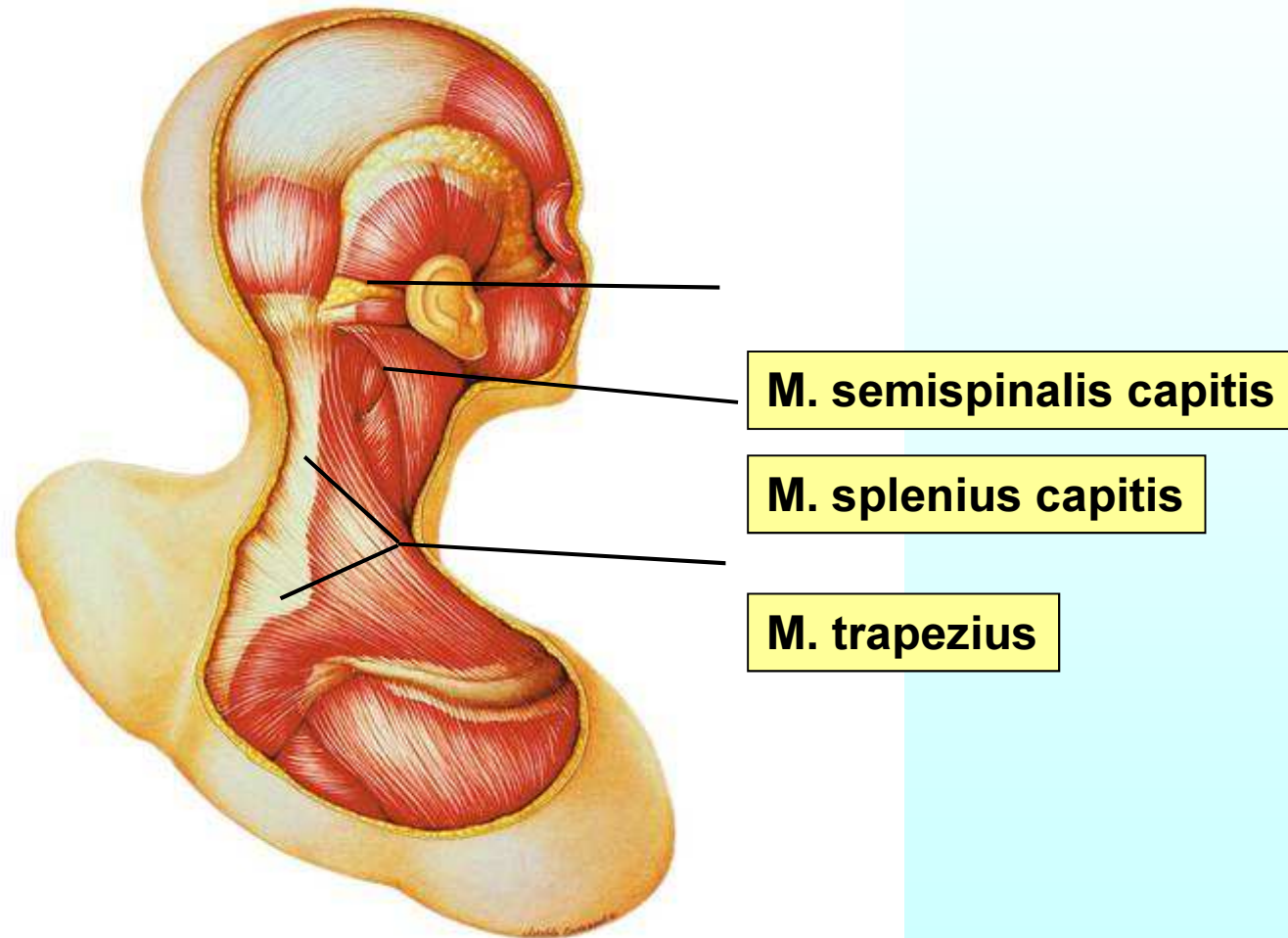
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M. splenius capitis

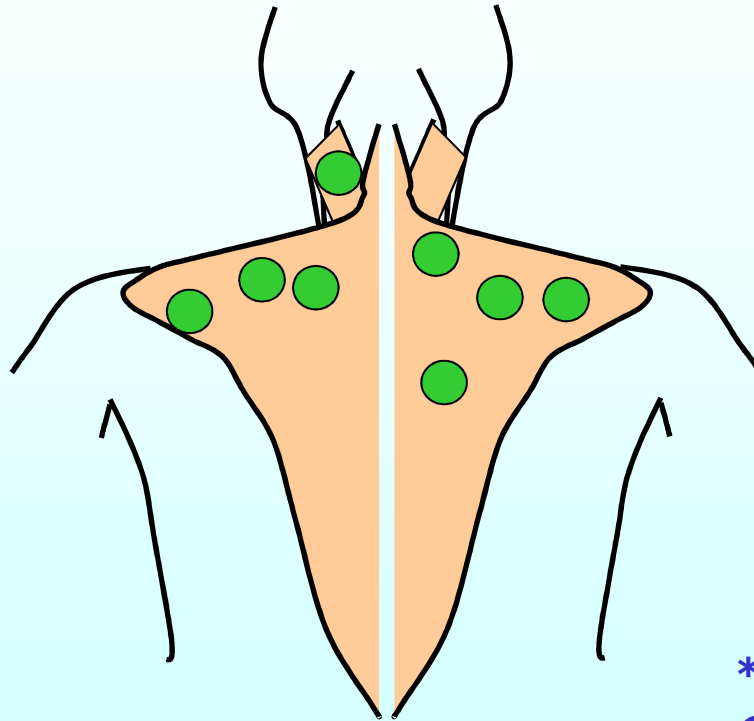
M. trapezius







## Myofasziale Schmerzen der Schulter-Nacken-Muskulatur



### Empfehlung pro Körperseite:

maximal 4 Injektionen

M. splenius : 0 oder 1 Injektionen

M. trapezius : 3 oder 4 Injektionen

**Dosis\* pro Punkt: 20 - 40 U**

**Gesamtdosis\*: bis 320 U**

● Beispiel für Injektionspunkte

*\* Die Dosierungsangaben beziehen sich auf das Medikament Dysport®*

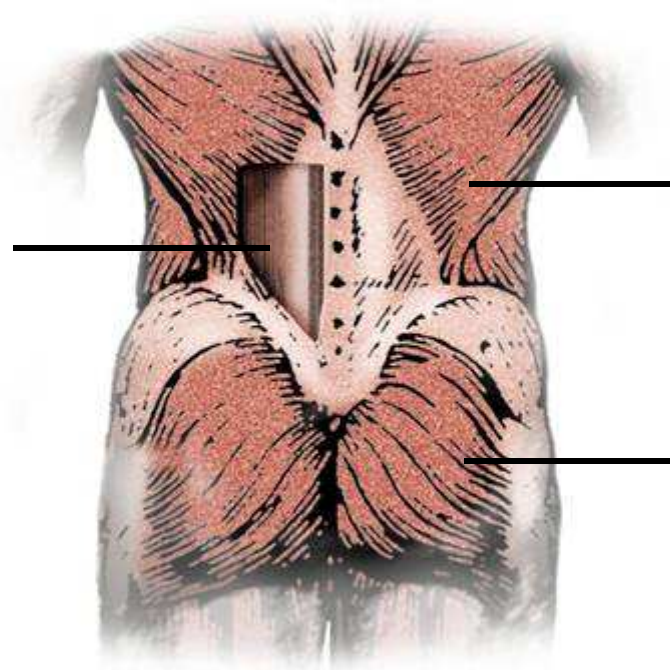
*Gobel H, Heinze A, Reichel G, Hefter H, Benecke R; Dysport myofascial pain study group. Efficacy and safety of a single botulinum type A toxin complex treatment (Dysport) for the relief of upper back myofascial pain syndrome: results from a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled multicentre study. Pain 2006;125(1-2):82-8. (+)*

*Ojala T, Arokoski JP, Partanen J. The effect of small doses of botulinum toxin a on neck-shoulder myofascial pain syndrome: a double-blind, randomized, and controlled crossover trial. Clin J Pain 2006;22(1):90-6. (-)*

# Muskulatur unterer Rücken

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M. erector spinae



M. latissimus dorsi

M. gluteus maximus

# Myofasziale Schmerzen der Rückenmuskulatur

## Empfehlung pro Körperseite:

maximal 3 Injektionen

mind. 3 cm lateral der Wirbelsäule

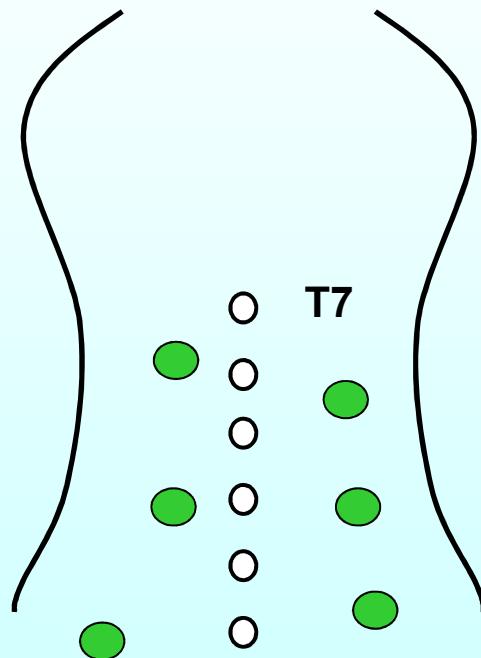
Höhe T7 bis Glutealmuskulatur

**Dosis\* pro Punkt: 40 - 60 U**

**Gesamtdosis\*: bis 360 U**

● Beispiel für Injektionspunkte

\* Die Dosierungsangaben beziehen sich auf das  
Medikament Dysport® 60 U = Xeomin 20 Units



*Jabbari B, Ney J, Sichani A, Monacci W, Foster L, Difazio M. Treatment of refractory, chronic low back pain with botulinum neurotoxin A: an open-label, pilot study. Pain Med 2006;7(3):260-4. (+)*  
*Ney JP, Difazio M, Sichani A, Monacci W, Foster L, Jabbari B. Treatment of chronic low back pain with successive injections of botulinum toxin a over 6 months: a prospective trial of 60 patients. Clin J Pain 2006;22(4):363-9. (+)*

# Unterarmmuskulatur

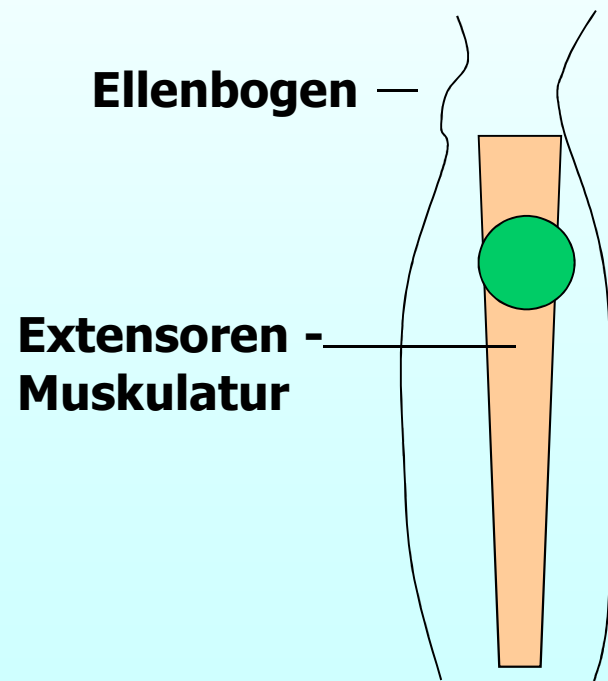
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**M. extensor digitorum**



**M. extensor carpi radialis brevis**

# Epicondylopathie



## Injektion:

Nach klinischem Palpationsbefund

- in die Extensoren-Muskulatur

etwas distal des Sehnenansatzes

(M. extensor carpi radialis brevis,  
M. extensor digitorum communis)

1 - 2 Injektionspunkte

## Gesamtdosis\*:

50 - 100 U (je nach Muskelmasse)

\* Die Dosierungsangaben beziehen sich auf das Medikament Dysport ®

**Table 1** The treatment of patients with BoNT-A

|                              | Case 1   | Case 2   | Case 3   |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Age (years)                  | 54       | 42       | 45       |
| Cause                        | Accident | Accident | Landmine |
| Mean BoNT-A Dosage (U)       | 300      | 500      | 200      |
| Latency of response (days)   | 1-3      | 2-4      | 1-3      |
| Duration of response (weeks) | 9-10     | 8-11     | 9-10     |
| VAS before treatment         | 9-10     | 7-10     | 6-8      |
| VAS after treatment          | 0-2      | 1-3      | 1-2      |
| GCI                          | 3        | 3        | 3        |

VAS = visual analog scale (0-10); GCI = Global clinical improvement (0 = no effect; 3 = marked improvement).

***Lingjing Jin, MD, Katja Kollewe et al; Treatment of Phantom Limb Pain with Botulinum Toxin Type A; American Academy of Pain Medicine 300-303***

## Schlussfolgerung

Alle Patienten hatten klinische Verbesserungen. Die Schmerzintensität und Schmerzmedikation wurde signifikant reduziert, keine Nebenwirkungen, die Dauer der Verbesserung war über 11 Wochen. **Die Therapie mit Botulinum Toxin A scheint eine effektive und sichere Behandlung zu sein bei Phantomschmerzen und sollte näher untersucht werden.**

Es wurden bis zu 500 Unit unter EMG-Kontrollen appliziert.



Studies excluded from analysis

| Reference                     | Reason for exclusion   | Authors' conclusion           |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Ney et al. (2006)             | Open-label trial   | BTA efficacious               |
| Vasan et al. (2004)           | Open-label trial   | BTA efficacious               |
| Lang (2004)                   | Open-label trial   | BTA efficacious               |
| De Andres et al. (2003)       | Open-label trial   | BTA efficacious               |
| Lang (2000)                   | Open-label trial   | BTA efficacious               |
| Wheeler and Goolkasian (1998) | Retrospective cohort study                                     | BTA efficacious               |
| Freund and Schwartz (2000a)   | Duplicate report   | BTA efficacious               |
| Diaz and Gould (1999)         | Case report  | BTA efficacious               |
| Acquadro and Borodic (1994)   | Case report  | BTA efficacious               |
| Childers et al. (2002)        | BTA injection for piriformis syndrome                          | BTA efficacious               |
| Fishman et al. (2002)         | BTA injection for piriformis syndrome                          | BTA efficacious               |
| Porta (2000)                  | BTA injection into piriformis, scalenus anterior and iliopsoas | BTA efficacious               |
| Graboski et al. (2005)        | <10 patients enrolled  | BTA comparable to bupivacaine |
| Kamanli et al. (2005)         | <10 patients enrolled  | BTA comparable to lidocaine   |
| Cheshire et al. (1994)        | <10 patients enrolled  | BTA efficacious               |
| Foster et al. (2001)          | <10% of patients had TPs                                       | BTA efficacious               |

BTA, Botulinum toxin A; TP, trigger point.

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A qualitative systematic review; European Journal of Pain 11 (2007) 519-527***

Randomized controlled trials of Botulinum toxin A injection for myofascial pain

| Author                      | Study design                        | Location of pain  | Duration of pain  | Dose regimen (BTA/control)  | No. of patients                            | Age (mean ± SD)  | Sex (M/F)                  | Concurrent therapy  | Study duration | Outcome Measures   | Results  | Author's conclusion |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------------|---|----------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Ojala et al. (2006)         | Double-blind, randomized, crossover | Neck and shoulder | 10.0 ± 8.6 months                                       | (i) 28 ± 6 U BTA (15-35 U); 5 U per TP<br>(ii) Saline   | (i) 15 (ii) 16                             | 44.4 ± 7.7   | 3/28                       | Paracetamol   | 4 Weeks        | VAS pain score at 4 weeks; VRS (efficacy); PPT   | No difference in VAS, PPT and VRS (efficacy) ( $P > 0.05$ )  | Negative            |
| Ferrante et al. (2005)      | Double-blind, randomized            | Neck and shoulder | >6 months   | (i) 10 U BTA<br>(ii) 25 U BTA<br>(iii) 50 U BTA in each TP (Max. 5 TP per patient)<br>(iv) Saline | (i) 32 (ii) 34<br>(iii) 31 (iv) 35         | (i) 43.3 ± 10.9<br>(ii) 46.6 ± 15.1<br>(iii) 46.5 ± 12.2<br>(iv) 45.3 ± 10.1 | 52/80                      | Standardized regimen of amitriptyline, ibuprofen and propoxyphene-acetaminophen | 12 Weeks       | VAS pain score at 24 h and 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12 weeks; rescue medication use; PPT; SF-36 | No difference in VAS, PPT and rescue dosing ( $P > 0.05$ ); lower score in BTA group for SF-36 emotional subscale ( $P < 0.05$ ) | Negative            |
| Wheeler et al. (2001)       | Double-blind, randomized            | Cervico-thoracic  | 8.6 ± 9.6 years   | (i) 231.20 ± 50.1 U BTA (ii) Saline   | (i) 25 (4 dropouts)<br>(ii) 25 (1 dropout) | 43.6 ± 10.7  | 12/38 (sex of dropouts NR) | NR  | 16 Weeks       | NPAD; global assessment of improvement; SF-36; BDI                                       | No difference ( $P > 0.05$ )   | Negative            |
| Freund and Schwartz (2000b) | Double-blind, randomized            | Cervical          | >6 months   | (i) 20U BTA<br>(ii) saline  | (i) 14 (ii) 12                             | 46   | 11/15                      | NR  | 4 Weeks        | VAS headache pain score and ROM of neck at 2 and 4 weeks                                 | Lower VAS in BTA group at 4 weeks ( $P < 0.01$ )   | Positive            |
| Wheeler et al. (1998)       | Double-blind, randomized            | Cervico-thoracic  | (i) 930.2 days<br>(ii) 1038.3 days<br>(iii) 1067.5 days | (i) 50 U BTA<br>(ii) 100 U BTA in each TP<br>(iii) saline   | (i) 11 (ii) 11<br>(iii) 11                 | (i) 40.7 (ii) 43.4<br>(iii) 38.1   | NR                         | NR  | 4 Months       | PPT; NPAD at 1, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 16 weeks; subjective assessment of improvement           | No difference in PPT, NPAD and subjective assessment ( $P > 0.05$ )  | Negative            |

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**Kok-Yuen Ho, Kian-Hian Tan; Botulinum toxin A for myofascial trigger point injection: A qualitative systematic review; European Journal of Pain 11 (2007) 519-527**

## Zusammenfassung

- **Die aktuelle Evidenz unterstützt nicht die Verwendung von Botulinumtoxin A für die Injektion für Triggerpunkte für myofascialen Schmerz.** Die Daten sind limitierend und heterogen. Botulinumtoxin A hat keine größere Effektivität, wenn man sie mit anderen Injektionen mit Kochsalz oder Lokalanästhetika oder trockener Nadelung für superfizielle Triggerpunkte in der zervikothorakalen, cervikalen, thorakalen und low-back Region vergleicht. Die Kosten für Botulinumtoxin A sind hoch und weitere Studien sind notwendig um die Kosten-Effektivität für Botulinumtoxin – Injektionen zu belegen.

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## Schlussfolgerung

- **Es wurden 3 Studien verifiziert, die das Botulinumtoxin für low-back pain untersuchten. Eine Studie hat das Risiko von Bias, da sie Patienten mit unspezifischen Rückenschmerz evaluierten.**
- **Weitere Untersuchungen sollten standardisiert werden, hinsichtlich der Patientenpopulation, Behandlungsprotokolle und Vergleichsgruppe.**

*Waseem Z, Boulias C, Gordon A, Ismail F, Sheean G, Furian AD; Botulinum toxin injections for low-back pain and sciatica; Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Jan 19;1:CD008257*

## Botulinumtoxin für Schulterschmerzen

- Die Ergebnisse sollten mit Vorsicht interpretiert werden, betreffend der wenigen Studien mit geringer Patientenzahl und hohem Risiko von Bias. **Botulinum toxin A Injektionen scheinen die Schmerzintensität zu reduzieren und die Schulterfunktion zu verbessern und auch das Bewegungsausmaß - wenn man Botulinum toxin A Injektionen mit Placebo bei Patienten mit Schulterschmerzen wegen Hemiplegie oder Arthritis vergleicht.** Es ist unklar warum der Benefit bei poststroke Schulterschmerzen erst gesehen wird nach 3 bis 6 Monaten aber nicht nach einem 1 Monat. Neue Studien mit Sicherheitsdaten sind notwendig.

## **Botulinum toxin for myofascial pain syndromes in adults**

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Myofascial pain syndrome (MPS) is a regional muscular pain syndrome characterised by the presence of trigger points, which are painful points in one or more muscles. The pain can be felt at the site where the trigger point is located or it can be felt away from that place when the muscle is pressed (referred pain). Botulinum toxin is a protein produced by the bacterium Clostridium botulinum and is a potent neurotoxin that eventually inhibits muscle contractions. It is capable of selectively weakening painful muscles and interrupting the pain cycle.**

### **SEARCH METHODS:**

**The search strategy was composed of terms for myofascial pain and botulinum toxin. We searched the Cochrane Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care (PaPaS) Review Group's Specialised Register until December 2011, CENTRAL (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 4), PUBMED (from 1966 to 2011), EMBASE (from 1980 to 2011) and LILACS (from 1982 to 2011). There was no language restriction.**



## MAIN RESULTS:

Four studies with a total of 233 participants, comparing botulinum toxin A (BTXA) with placebo, met the inclusion criteria.

In one study with 145 participants, a significant improvement rate of pain intensity scores, as shown by the mean difference (MD) of -0.23 (95% confidence interval (CI) -0.26 to -0.20; P value < 0.00001) and duration of daily pain (MD -1.11; 95% CI -1.37 to -0.85; P value < 0.00001), was demonstrated when comparing BTXA with placebo.

The three other studies showed that there was no statistically significant difference between BTXA and placebo in pain intensity.

## **AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS:**

**There is inconclusive evidence to support the use of botulinum toxin in the treatment of MPS based on data from four studies with a total of 233 participants, which we considered adequate to be included in this review.**

**Meta-analyses were not possible due to the heterogeneity between studies.**

**We suggest that in future studies the same methodology to assess pain, a standardised dose of treatment, follow-up of at least four months (to observe the maximum/minimum curve of the drug effect) and appropriate data presentation should be used.**

**More high-quality RCTs of botulinum toxin for treating MPS need to be conducted before firm conclusions on its effectiveness and safety can be drawn.**



## Wieviel wird injiziert?

- **Dosis abhängig**
  - Größe des Muskels
  - Anatomische Verhältnisse
  - Schmerzintensität
  - Anzahl anderer symptomatischer Muskeln
  - Gesamtdosis
- **Mittlere Dosis pro Stelle**
  - Nackenbereich: 60 u Dysport®, 20 u Botox, Xeomin®
  - Gesichtsbereich: 5 u Dysport®, 1,5 u Botox, Xeomin®
- **Mittlere Gesamtdosis für Erstbehandlung**
  - 300 mu Dysport®
  - 100 mu Botox, Xeomin®

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

**In this randomized double-blind placebo-controlled clinical trial study, diabetic patients aged <70 years with neuropathic pain in both feet were enrolled. Diabetic neuropathy (DN) in selected patients was diagnosed using DN4 questionnaire and nerve conduction velocity examinations. They randomized in two intervention (BTX-A injection/100 unit, N = 20) and placebo groups (normal saline injection, N = 20). The outcome of injection on diabetic neuropathic pain was assessed using neuropathy pain scale (NPS) and visual analog scale (VAS) score and compared in two studied groups.**

### **RESULTS:**

**There was no significant difference in DN4, NPS and VAS scales of studied population after intervention in the placebo group. Intradermal injection of BTX-A reduced NPS scores for all items except cold sensation (P = 0.05). It reduced DN4 scores for electric shocks, burning, pins and needles and brushing (P < 0.05). According to VAS scale 30% and 0% of patients in intervention and placebo groups have no pain after intervention (P = 0.01).**

### **CONCLUSION:**

**Intradermal injection of BTX-A is a well-tolerated agent that has a significant effect on DPN pain.**

*Ghasemi M, Ansari M, Basiri K. The effects of intradermal botulinum toxin type a injections on pain symptoms of patients with diabetic neuropathy. J Res Med Sci. 2014 Feb; 19 (2):106-11*

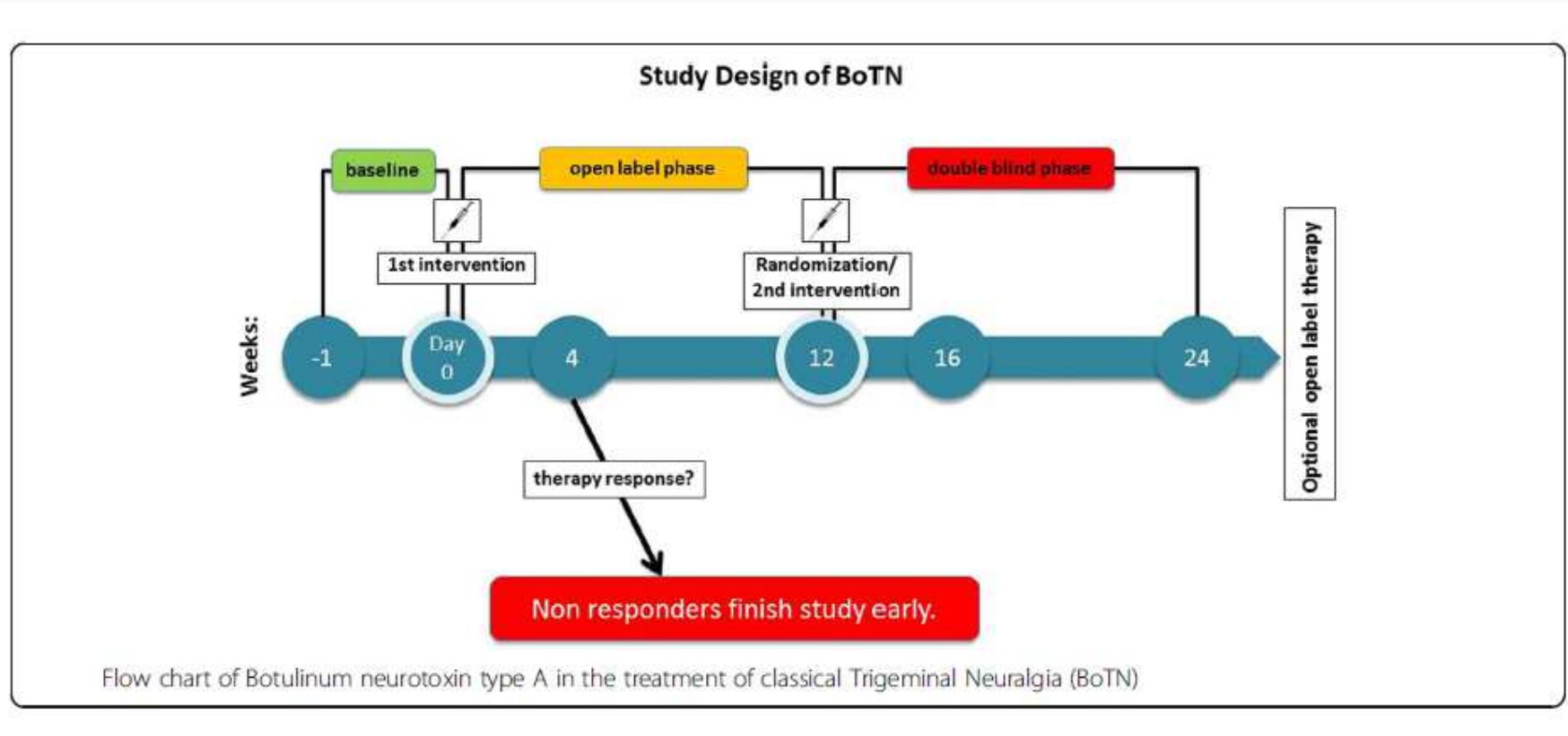
## Conclusion

**Trigeminal neuralgia is a clinical entity characterized by severe pain. Various conservative medicinal, minor, and major surgical procedures were used in the past with variable success. Unfortunately, few patients failed to respond to these established treatment modalities.**

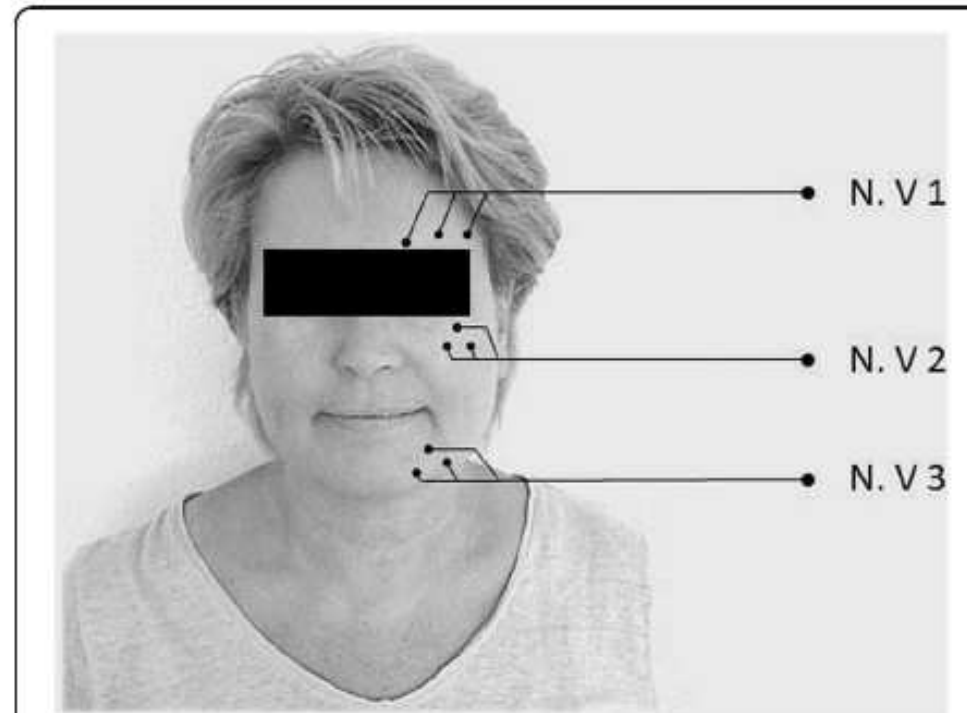
**Various new treatment alternatives have been tried to provide permanent cure to the patient with minimal morbidity and mortality. Botulinum toxin type-A is one of the recent treatment alternatives.**

**Limited number of case reports and open-ended studies reported favorable outcomes in this regard. But these studies lack scientific merits. Based on the review of the scientific literature, it can be concluded that the scientific literature is insufficient to definitely establish the efficacy of botulinum toxin type-A in the management of trigeminal neuralgia.**

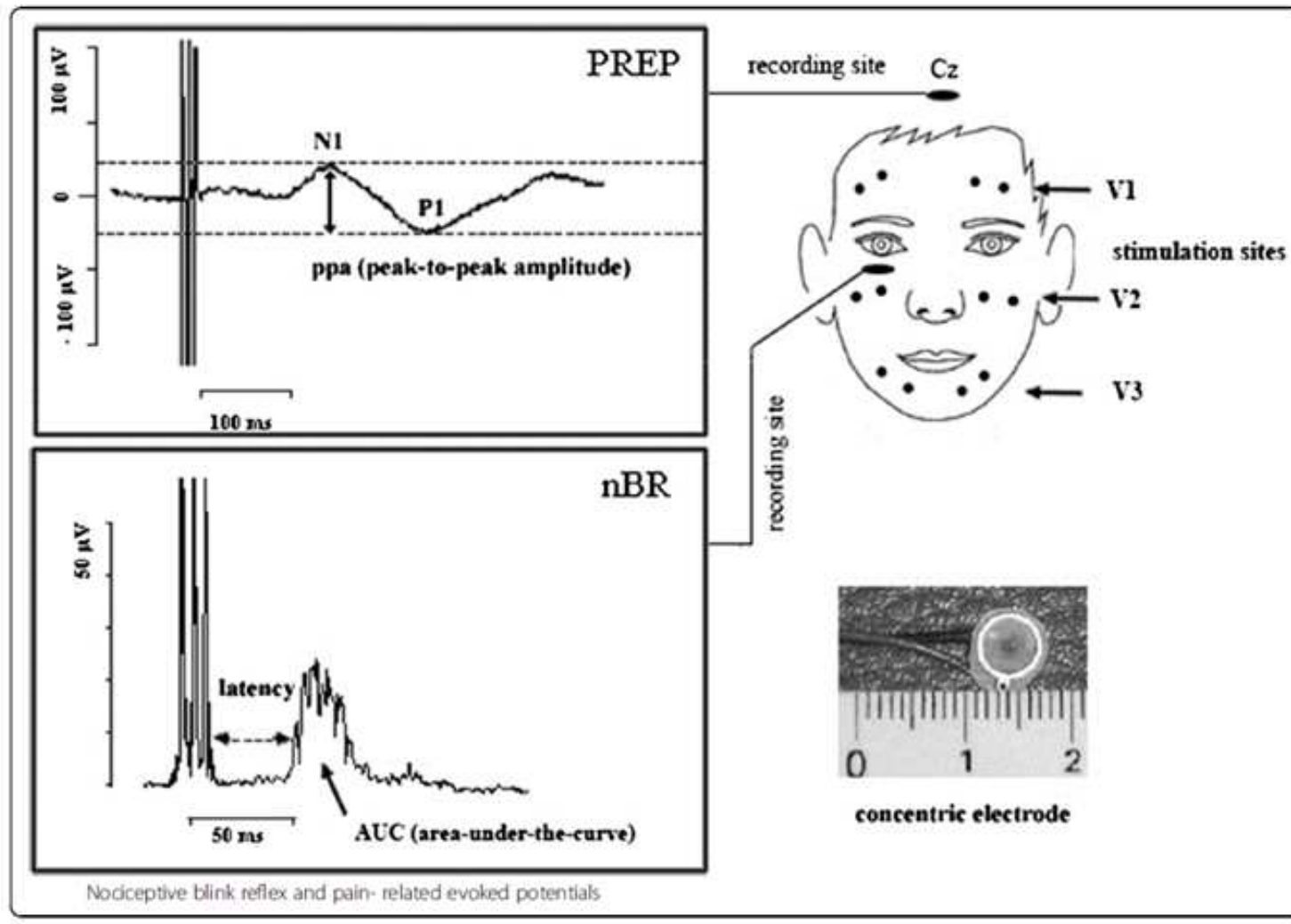
**Further studies with larger sample size are required in this regard.**



*Burmeister et al. Botulinum neurotoxin type A in the treatment of classical Trigeminal Neuralgia (BoTN): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. Trials (2015) 16:550*



Injection scheme of Botulinum neurotoxin type A in the treatment of classical Trigeminal Neuralgia (BoTN). Nerve exits of the affected trigeminal branches will be palpated and identified. Five units of BT-A are injected at three sites per branch 1.5 cm apart. Injection sites of the first trigeminal branch are kept 1.5 cm above the eyebrows in order to prevent ptosis



Burmeister et al. Botulinum neurotoxin type A in the treatment of classical Trigeminal Neuralgia (BoTN): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Trials* (2015) 16:550

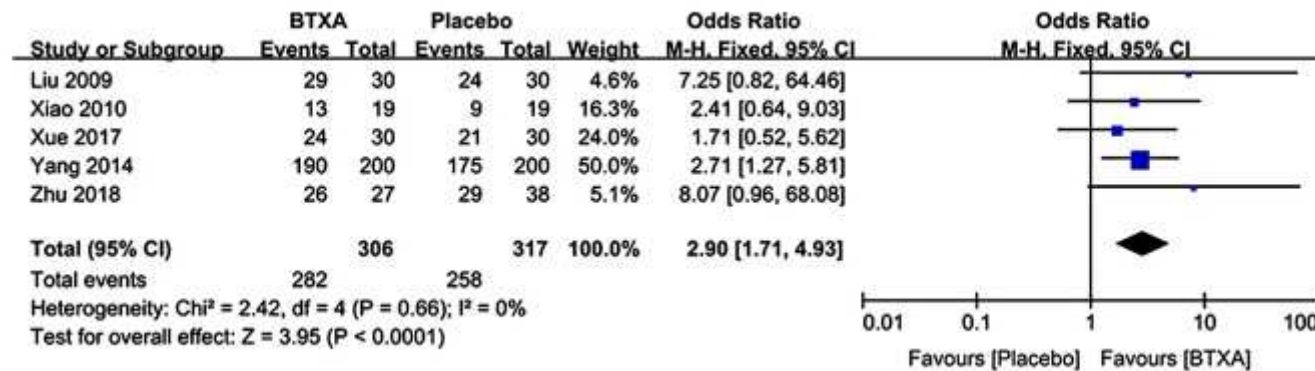
Table I.

Characteristics of trials included.

| First author (year) | Patients, total (study completion) | Age (years) |                | Sex (male/female) |                | Interventions  | Outcome measures                                     | (Refs.) |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|--|---------|
|                     |                                    | BTX-A group | Lidocain group | BTX-A group       | Lidocain group |  |  |         |
| Dai (2018)          | 71 (71)                            | 64.5±8.9    | 66.2±8.4       | 18/14             | 21/18          | BTX-A+gabapentin vs. Lidocain+gabapentin                       | VAS score, adverse events                            | (20)    |
| Yang (2014)         | 400 (400)                          | 56.32±5.69  | 56.34±4.88     | 120/80            | 115/85         | BTX-A vs. Lidocain+carbamazepine                               | VAS score, effective rate                            | (21)    |
| Xiao (2009) (2010)  | 40 (38)                            | 70±15.41    | 65±14.20       | 11/9              | 8/12           | BTX-A+gabapentin vs. Lidocain+gabapentin                       | VAS score, effective rate, adverse events            | (22,23) |
| Zhu (2018)          | 65 (65)                            | /           | /              | /                 | /              | BTX-A+Pregabalin+vitamin B1 vs. Lidocain+Pregabalin+vitamin B1 | VAS score, effective rate                            | (24)    |
| Xue (2017)          | 60 (60)                            | 53.37±6.28  | 53.78±6.34     | 16/14             | 15/15          | BTX-A+Pregabalin vs. Lidocain+Pregabalin                       | VAS score, effective rate                            | (25)    |
| Yuan (2015)         | Content-Bereich                    | 58±3.5      | 57±4.3         | 16/12             | 11/17          | BTX-A vs. Lidocain   | Mcgill pain questionnaire                            | (26)    |
| Liu (2009)          | 60 (60)                            | 56.36±0.9   | 56.8±0.9       | 13/17             | 14/16          | BTX-A vs. Lidocain+carbamazepine                               | VAS score, effective rate, Mcgill pain questionnaire | (27)    |

VAS, Visual Analogue Scale; BTX-A, botulinum toxin A.





BTX-A vs. lidocaine for post-herpetic neuralgia: Effective rate. BTX-A, botulinum toxin A; df, degrees of freedom; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel.

## Drugs or drug classes with strong or weak recommendations for use based on the GRADE classification

|   | Total daily dose and dose regimen  | Recommendations  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Strong recommendations for use</b>                                     |  |  |
| Gapabentin  | 1200–3600 mg, in three divided doses   | First line   |
| Gabapentin extended release or enacarbil                                  | 1200–3600 mg, in two divided doses   | First line   |
| Pregabalin  | 300–600 mg, in two divided doses   | First line   |
| Serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors<br>duloxetine or venlafaxine* | 60–120 mg, once a day (duloxetine);<br>150–225 mg, once a day (venlafaxine extended release) | First line   |
| Tricyclic antidepressants   | 25–150 mg, once a day or in two divided doses  | First line†  |
| <b>Weak recommendations for use</b>                                       |  |  |
| Capsaicin 8% patches  | One to four patches to the painful area for 30–60 min every 3 months                         | Second line ( peripheral neuropathic pain)‡              |
| Lidocaine patches   | One to three patches to the region of pain once a day for up to 12 h                         | Second line ( peripheral neuropathic pain)               |
| Tramadol  | 200–400 mg, in two (tramadol extended release) or three divided doses                        | Second line  |
| Botulinum toxin A (subcutaneously)  | 50–200 units to the painful area every 3 months  | Third line; specialist use (peripheral neuropathic pain) |
| Strong opioids  | Individual titration   | Third line§  |

GRADE= Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (see appendix for details about the GRADE classification). \*Duloxetine is the most studied, and therefore recommended, of the serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors. †Tricyclic antidepressants generally have similar efficacy (appendix); tertiary amine tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline, imipramine, and domipramine) are not recommended at doses greater than 75 mg/day in adults aged 65 years and older because of major anticholinergic and sedative side-effects and potential risk of falls;<sup>33</sup> an increased risk of sudden cardiac death has been reported with tricyclic antidepressants at doses greater than 100 mg daily.<sup>34</sup> ‡The long-term safety of repeated applications of high-concentration capsaicin patches in patients has not been clearly established, particularly with respect to degeneration of epidermal nerve fibres, which might be a cause for concern in progressive neuropathy. §Sustained release oxycodone and morphine have been the most studied opioids (maximum doses of 120 mg/day and 240 mg/day, respectively, in clinical trials; appendix); long-term opioid use might be associated with abuse, particularly at high doses, cognitive impairment, and endocrine and immunological changes.<sup>25–27</sup>

*Finnerup NB, Attal N, Haroutounian S et al. Pharmacotherapy for neuropathic pain in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Lancet Neurol 2015; 162–73*

### **Intramuscular onabotulinumtoxinA: clinical considerations in CM prevention**

Only therapy specifically approved for the prevention of headaches in adults with CM in the EU

Therapy involves regular (3-monthly) injections

Efficacy and tolerability in large clinical trials confirmed in large real-world studies

Beneficial in patients regardless of whether or not they are acute medication overusers

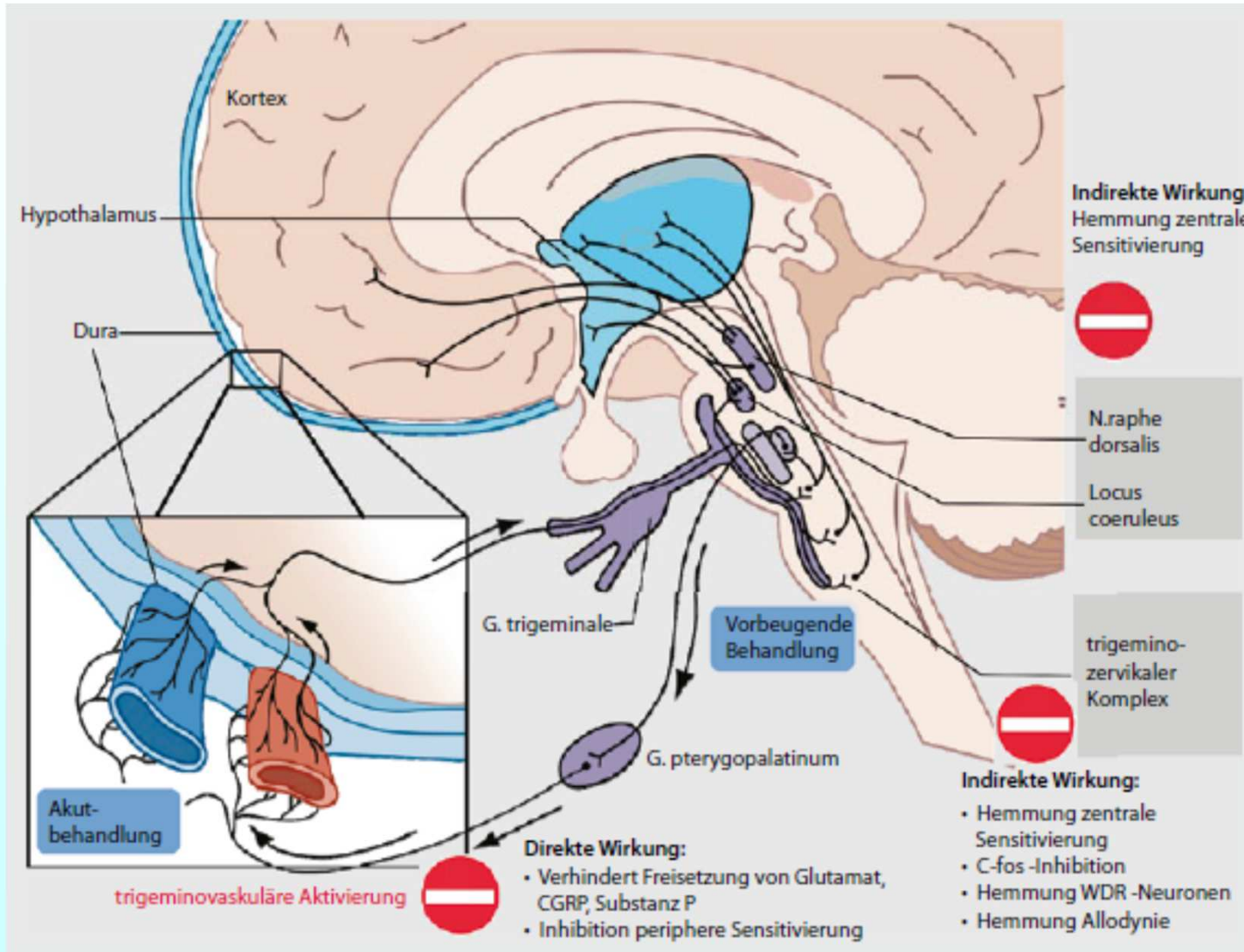
Neck pain, (facial-) muscle weakness and eyelid ptosis are the most common treatment-related adverse events

## **BTX in der Migräne - Probleme**

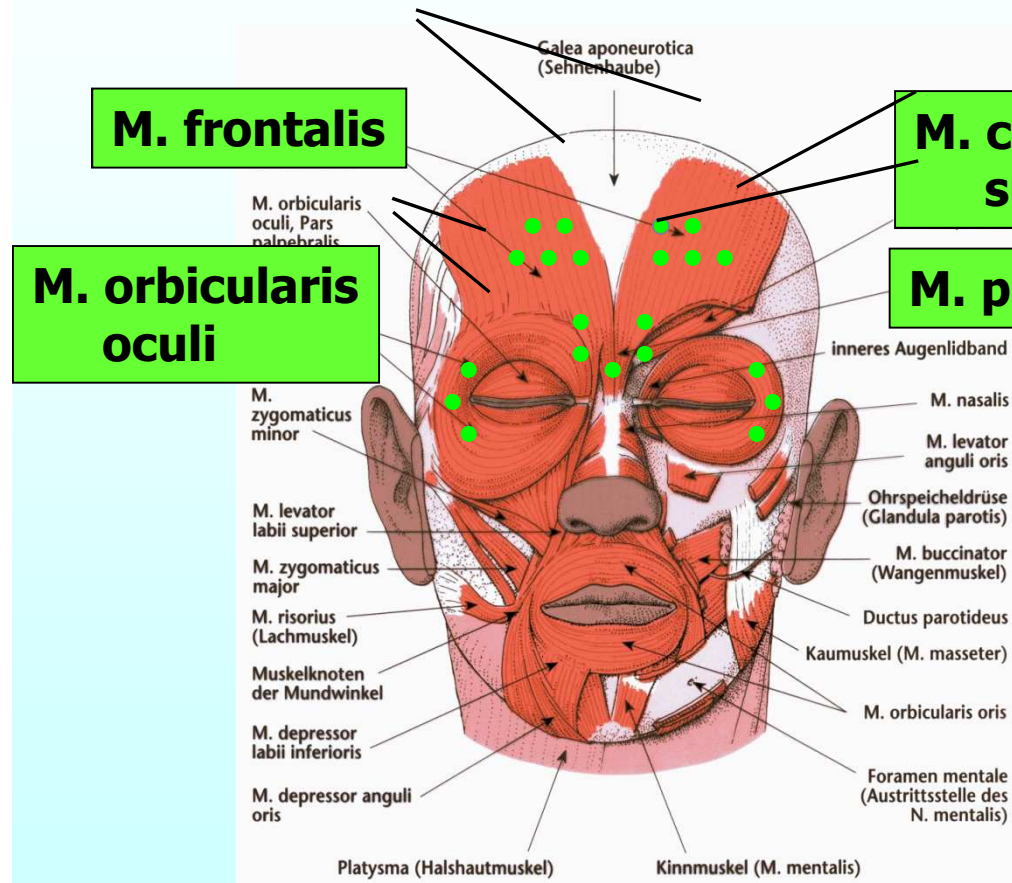
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- **Nur standardisierte Injektionen**
- **Injektionen im Stirn und Schläfenbereich**
- **Keine Nackeninjektionen**
- **Kopfschmerzdiagnose laut IHS**
- **Keine Berücksichtigung muskulärer Faktoren**
  - **Verspannungen als muskuläre Trigger**
  - **Initialschmerz**
  - **Lokalisation der Schmerzen**
  - **Ausschluss von Patienten mit anderen Triggern**





# Mimische Gesichtsfalten



**Dosis pro  
Injektionspunkt**

**Glabella: 10 - 20U**

**Stirn: 10U**

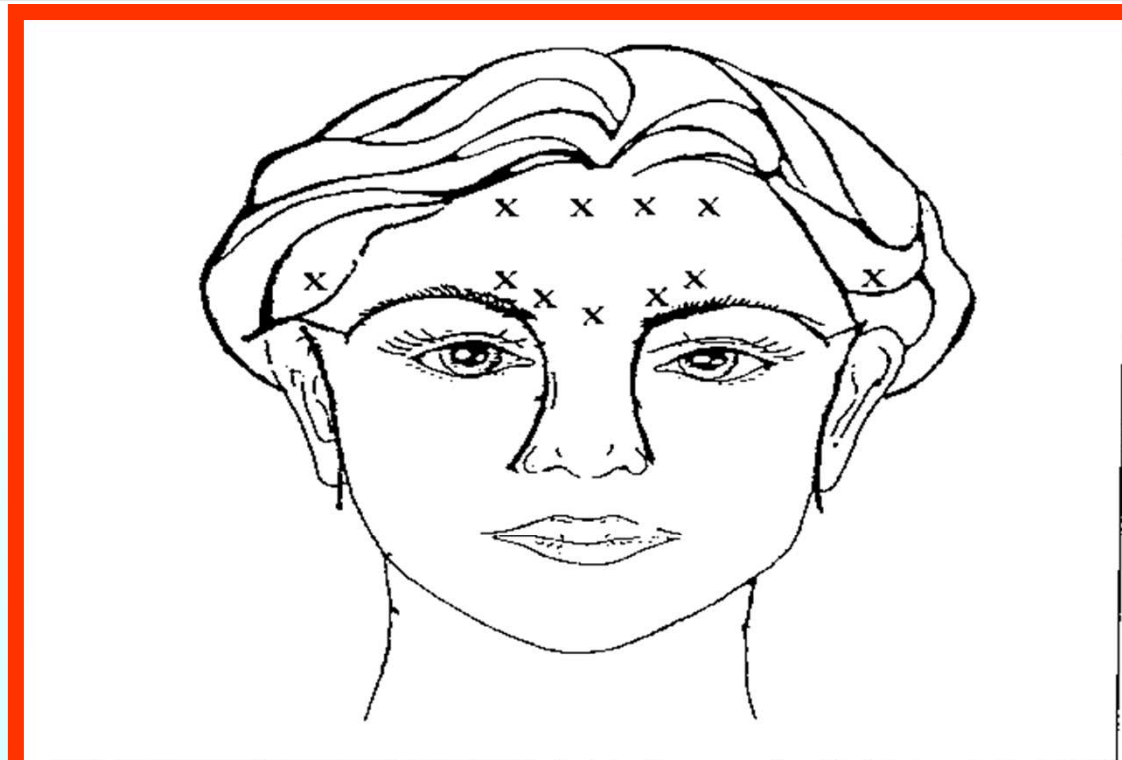
**Krähenfüße: 5 - 10U**

**500 U BTX-A\* in  
4 ml NaCl rekonstituieren  
==> 125 U / ml**

**12,5 U / 0,1 ml**

**6,75 U / 0,05 ml**

\* Die Dosierungsangaben beziehen sich auf das Medikament **Dysport®**



**Fig 1.—Injection sites. Subjects received injections (10 U or 30 U) into four frontalis sites, two temporalis sites (6 U or 18 U), and five glabellar sites (corrugator: four sites, 6 U or 18 U; procerus: one site, 3 U or 9 U). The lower doses were administered to the subjects receiving a total dose of 25 U BTX-A and the higher doses were administered to the subjects receiving a total dose of 75 U BTX-A.**

***Gupta VK. Botulinum toxin – a treatment for migraine? A systematic review. Pain Med 2006;7(5):386-94. (+/-)***



## Research Submission

### **OnabotulinumtoxinA for Treatment of Chronic Migraine: Pooled Results From the Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Phases of the PREEMPT Clinical Program**

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**Objective.**—To assess the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of onabotulinumtoxinA (BOTOX®) as headache prophylaxis in adults with chronic migraine.

**Background.**—Chronic migraine is a prevalent, disabling, and undertreated neurological disorder. Few preventive treatments have been investigated and none is specifically indicated for chronic migraine.

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**Tab. 1 Definition einer chronischen Migräne im PREEMPT-Studienprogramm. (Nach [4, 7, 8])**

**Ausgewählte Ein- und Ausschlusskriterien**

Mindestens 15 Kopfschmerztage im Monat mit jeweils mindestens 4 Kopfschmerzstunden am Tag

An mindestens 50% der Kopfschmerztage sind die ICHD-II-Kriterien einer Migräne ohne Aura, einer Migräne mit typischer Aura oder einer wahrscheinlichen Migräne erfüllt.

Kein Vorliegen einer Migränekomplikation (mit Ausnahme der chronischen Migräne), einer Migräne vom Basilaristyp, einer hemiplegischen oder ophthalmoplegischen Migräne

Kein Vorliegen eines pausenlosen Dauerkopfschmerzes

Ausschluss eines chronischen Kopfschmerzes vom Spannungstyp, einer Hemicrania continua oder eines neu aufgetretenen täglichen Kopfschmerzes („new daily persistent headache“) bzw. eines sekundären Kopfschmerzes

Ein eventueller Medikamentenübergebrauch, definiert über eine Einnahme von Kopfschmerz akutmedikation an mindestens 10 Tagen/Monat, war zugelassen.

ICHD Internationale Kopfschmerzklassifikation.

**Tab. 2 Therapieoptionen bei chronischer Migräne**

| Option                                      | Empfehlungsstärke/Evidenz | Dosierungen                       |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Botulinumtoxin A                            | A ↑                       | 155–195 Einheiten Botox®/3 Monate |
| Topiramamat                                 | B ↑                       | 50–100 mg/Tag                     |
| Valproinsäure                               | B ↔                       | 500–1000 mg/Tag                   |
| Amitriptylin                                | B ↔                       | 25–75 mg/Tag                      |
| β-Blocker (Metoprolol, Propranolol)         | B ↔                       | 50–150 mg/Tag                     |
| Flunarizin                                  | B ↔                       | 5–10 mg/Tag                       |
| Periphere Nervenstimulation, N. occipitalis | In klinischen Studien     |                                   |

*H Göbel, A Heinze; Prophylaxe der chronischen Migräne mit Botulinumtoxin Typ A; Der Schmerz 5/2011:563-571*

## Injektionsorte mit Dosierung

**an 31 klar definierten Stellen in 7 Muskel werden**

**155 U Botulinum Toxin Typ A oder Plazebo**

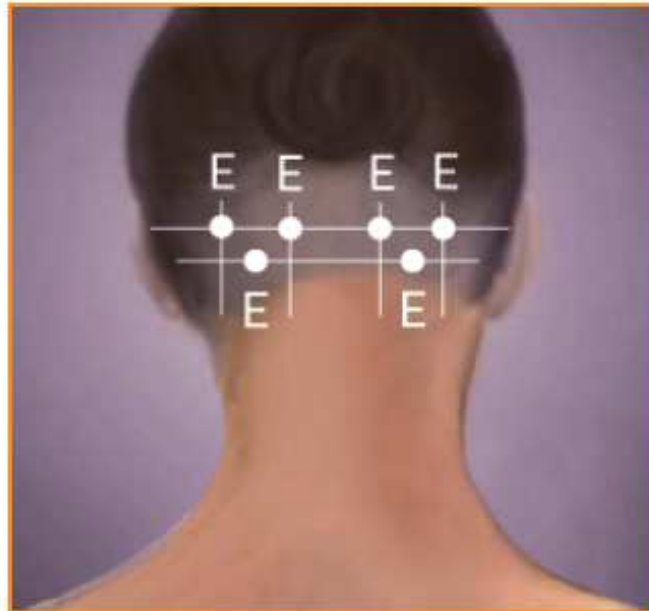
**appliziert**

**+ ggf 40 U zusätzlich in 3 weiteren Muskelgruppen**

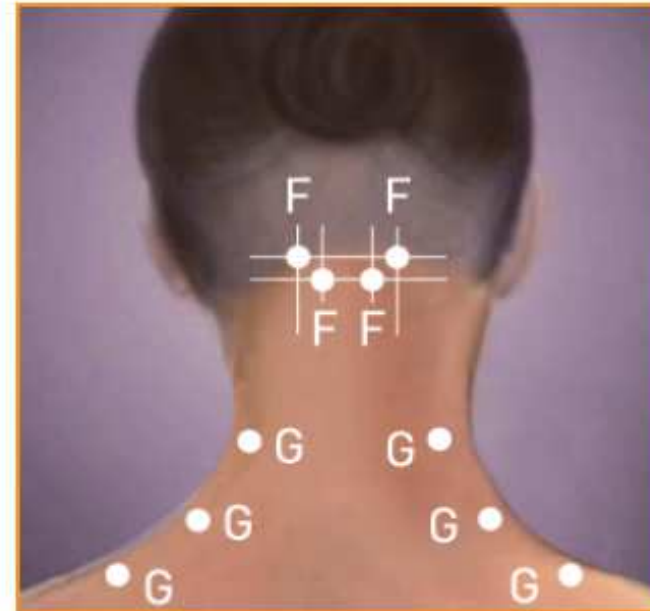
**Maximale Dosis 195 U**

**Verdünnung: 100 U in NaCl (2 ml)**

Sitting



E. Occipitalis  
FSFD: 30 U (in 6 sites)  
FTP: 5 U/site (in  $\leq 2$  additional sites)

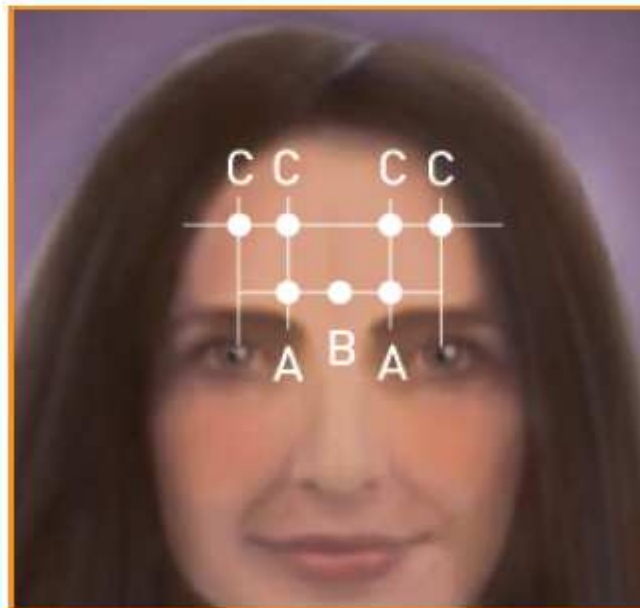


F. Cervical paraspinal  
FSFD: 20 U (in 4 sites)

G. Trapezius  
FSFD: 30 U (in 6 sites)  
FTP: 5 U/site (in  $\leq 4$  additional sites)



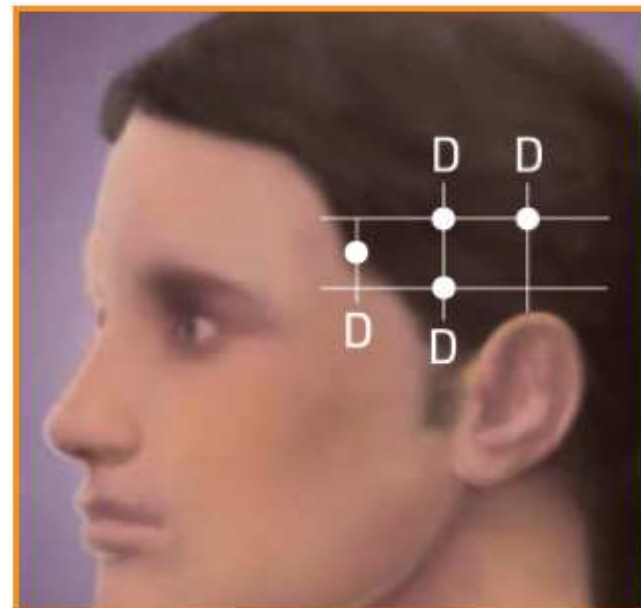
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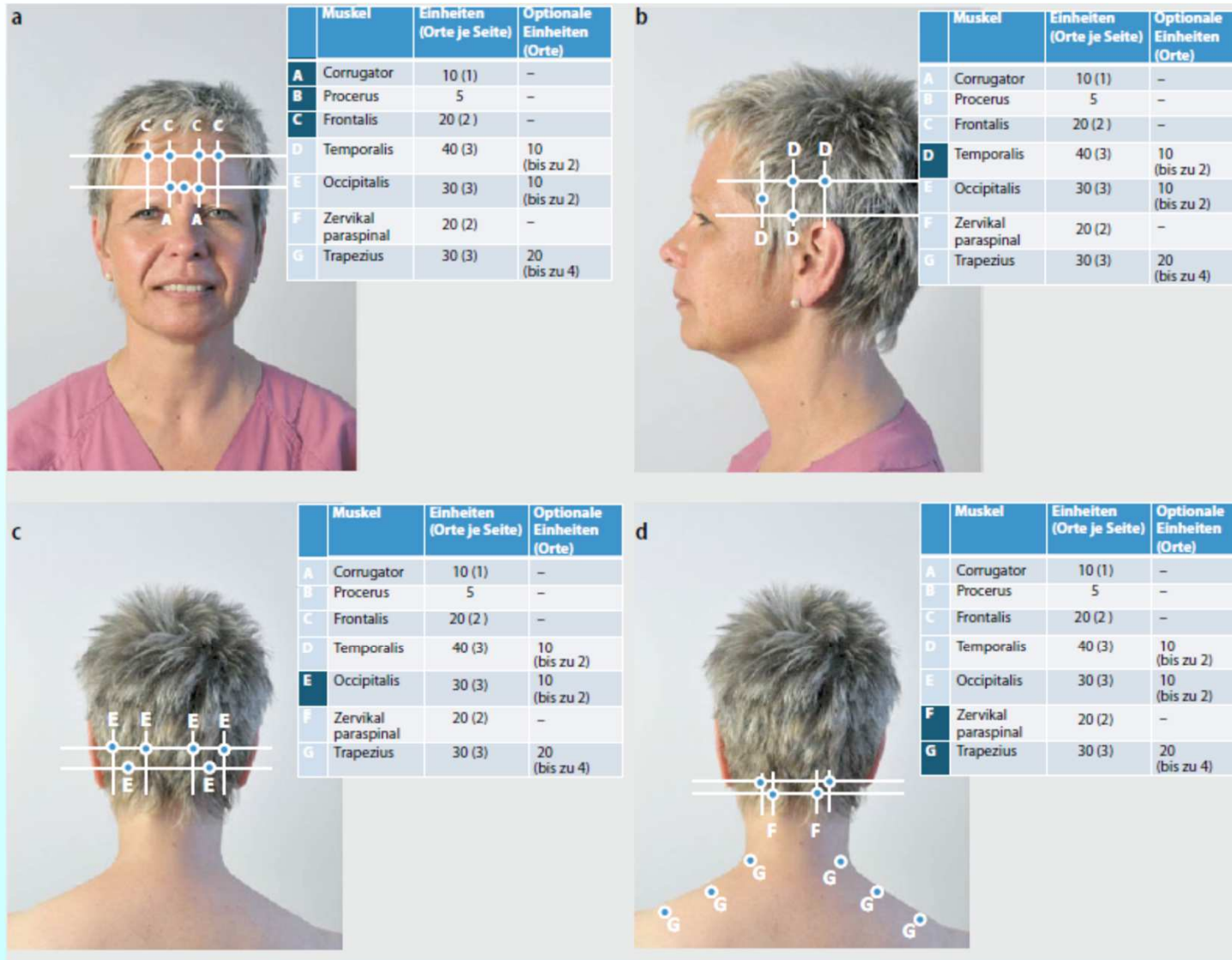
A. Corrugator  
FSFD: 10 U (in 2 sites)

B. Procerus  
FSFD: 5 U (in 1 site)

C. Frontalis  
FSFD: 20 U (in 4 sites)



D. Temporalis  
FSFD: 20 U (in 4 sites)  
FTP: 5 U/site (in  $\leq 2$  additional sites)





## PREEMPT 1 & 2 pooled data Analyse

Migränetage

Tage mit mittelstarken /starken KS

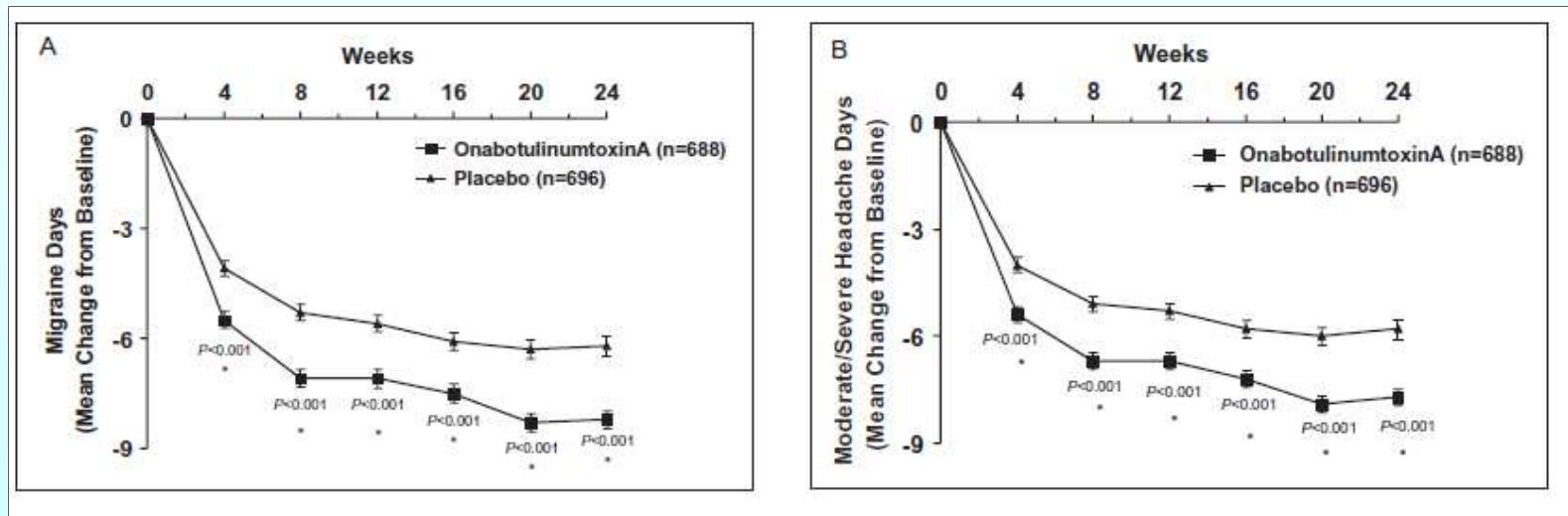
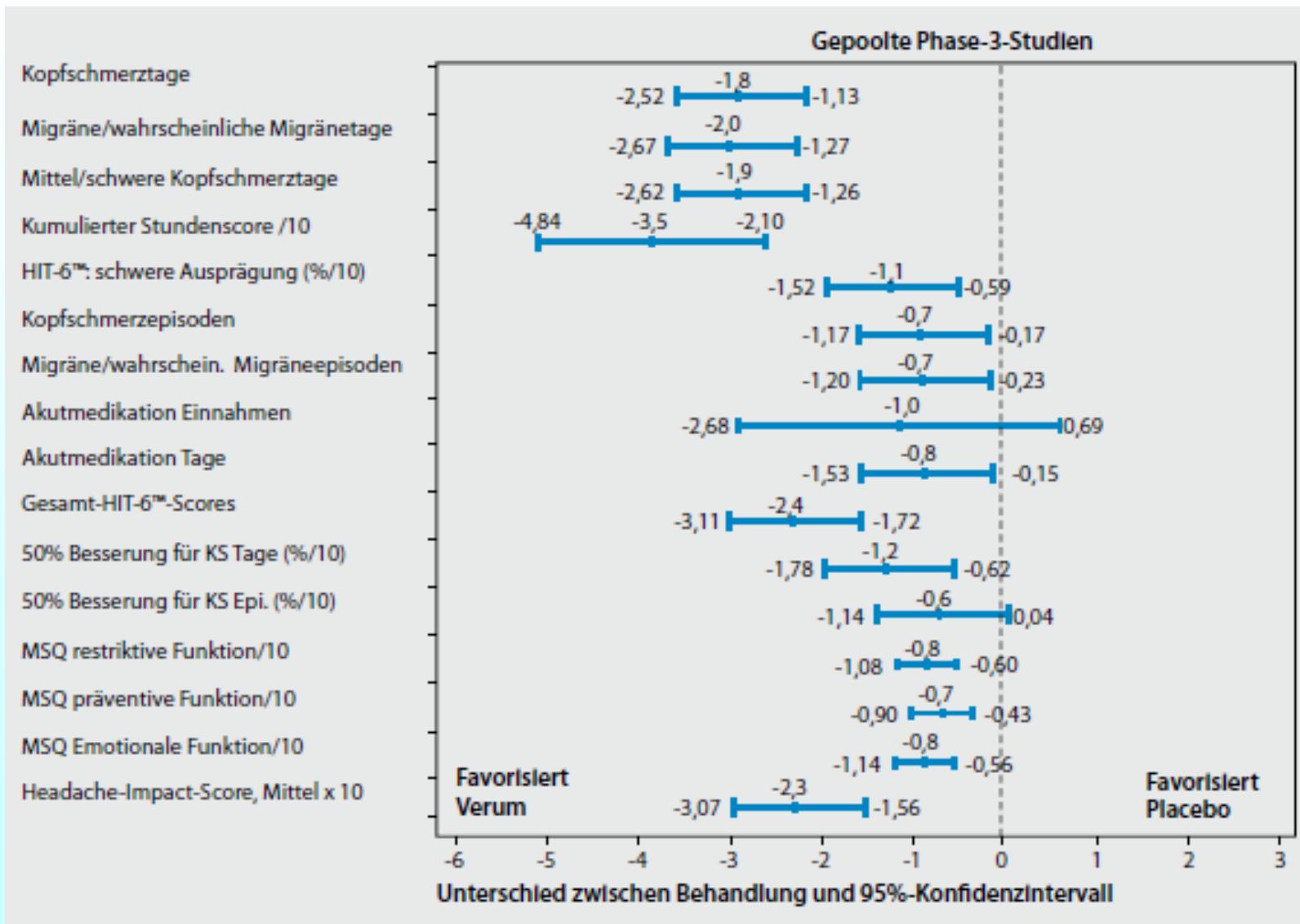
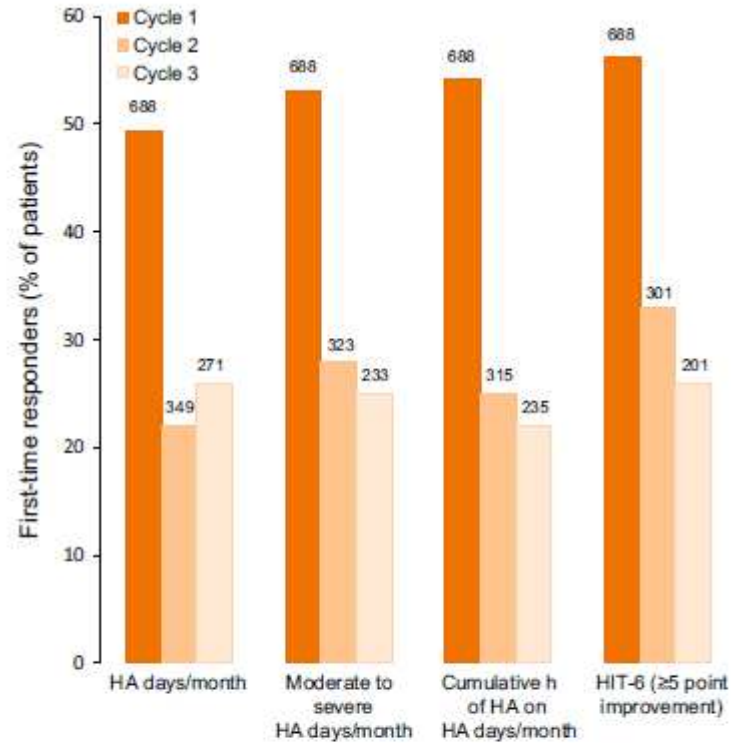


Fig 3.—Secondary efficacy variables per 28 days. (A) Mean change from baseline in frequency of migraine days. Migraine days at baseline: 19.1 0.2 onabotulinumtoxinA group versus 18.9 0.2 placebo group,  $P = .328$ . (B) Mean change from baseline in frequency of moderate/severe headache days. Moderate/severe headache days at baseline: 18.1 0.2 onabotulinumtoxinA group versus 18.0 0.2 placebo group,  $P = .705$ .





**Fig. 1** Proportion of onabotulinumtoxinA-treated patients who responded (with a  $\geq 50\%$  improvement from baseline in the headache symptom or impact assessment indicated) for the first time after treatment cycles 1, 2 and 3 in the pooled PREEMPT trials [52]. For each assessment, the maximum possible number of first-time responders in the cycle indicated is shown above the bar. *HA* headache, *HIT-6* Headache Impact Test-6

# Onabotulinumtoxin A

- In einer randomisierten Untersuchung wurde Onabotulinumtoxin A 155-195 Units oder Placebo-Injektionen alle 12 Wochen durchgeführt. **Die gepoolten PREEMPT-Ergebnisse zeigten, dass Onabotulinumtoxin A eine effektive prophylaktische Behandlung ist für chronische Migräne.** Onabotulinumtoxin A bewirkt eine signifikante Verbesserung verglichen mit Placebo bei verschiedenen Kopfschmerzsymptomen und reduziert signifikant kopfschmerzbezogene Disability und verbessert die Funktion der Vitalität und die gesundheitsbezogene Lebensqualität. Wiederholte Behandlungen mit Onabotulinumtoxin A sind sicher und werden gut toleriert.

*Dodick DW, Turkel CC, DeGryse RE, Aurora SK, Silberstein SD, Lipton RB, Diener HC, Brin MF; PREEMPT Chronic Migraine Study Group; OnabotulinumtoxinA for treatment of chronic migraine: pooled results from the double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled phases of the PREEMPT clinical program; Headache 2010 Jun;50(6):921-36. Epub 2010 May 7*

## Zusammenfassung

- nach 24 Wochen zeigten die Patienten der Verum Gruppe signifikant stärkere Reduktion der KS- und Migräne tage (-8,4 versus -6,6)
- HIT-6-Score nahm in der Verum Gruppe ab (- 5 versus - 2 Punkte)
- Abnahme der kumulativen KS Stunden pro Monat (-120 versus -80 h)
- Unerwünschte Nebenwirkungen traten unter Verum bei 62% gegenüber 52% bei Placebo auf.

Table 2. Information for selected studies.

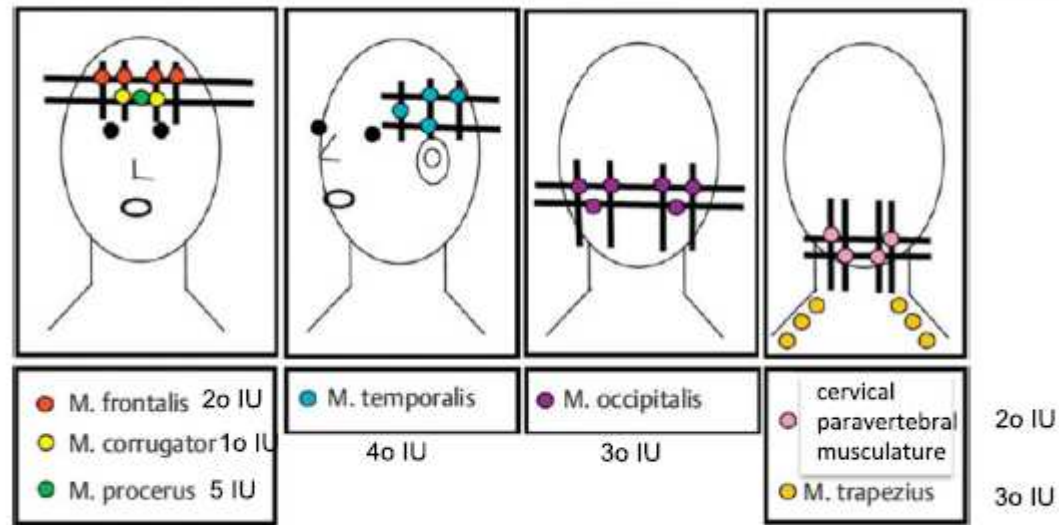
| Author (Year)                | Sample Size  | Botulinum Toxin                 | Total Dose Per Session | Injection Place  | Main Outcome  |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| De Ru et al. (2011) [11]     | 10           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 25 U                   | corrugator supercilii muscle   | 90% of patients had a drastically lowered pain score post-operatively   |
| De Ru et al. (2008) [12]     | 10           | BTX-A                           | 25 U                   | corrugator supercilii muscle   | All patients had less pain for approximately two months   |
| Erdemoglu et al. (2007) [13] | 28           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 45–75 U                | frontalis, splenius capitis, trapezius, occipitalis, temporalis muscle   | Headache frequency was found to be significantly reduced  |
| Pihut et al. (2016) [14]     | 42           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 42 U                   | masseter muscle  | A decrease in the number of referred pain episodes and a decrease in pain in the temporal region                            |
| Straube et al. (2008) [15]   | 125          | BTX-A (Dysport, Ipsen Beaufour) | 210–420 U              | trapezius, splenius, temporalis, frontalis, corrugator muscles   | Decreased headache episode number in a group receiving 420 U of BTX-A   |
| Mathew et al. (2007) [16]    | 82           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 100 U                  | procerus, corrugator, frontalis, temporalis, occipitalis, suboccipitalis muscles                                       | A greater percentage of patients with chronic migraine responded to botox than patients with CITH                           |
| Dowson et al. (2008) [17]    | 24           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 30–100 U               | bilaterally at the site of the first trigeminal nerve and the rest of the dose to follow the pain in the cervical area | Significant improvements in headache-related disability, pain and emotional function, headache frequency and medication use |
| Hamdy et al. (2008) [18]     | 28           | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 100 U                  | frontalis, temporalis, sternocleidomastoideus, trapezius, splenius capitis, semispinalis muscles                       | Significant improvement after 1 month of BTX-A injection regarding headache days/month                                      |
| Venancio et al. (2009) [19]  | 45           | BTX-A                           | 25 or 50 U             | trigger points   | Significant improvement after injection regarding headache days/month   |
| Schroeder et al. (2012) [20] | 5 (children) | BTX-A (Botox, Allergan)         | 20–90 U                | splenius, trapezius, semispinalis, scalenius muscles   | In the long-term follow up, headache did not exist in any of patients   |
| Harden et al. (2008) [21]    | 32           | BTX-A                           | 25–100 U               | trapezius, sternocleidomastoid, splenius capitis muscles   | Reduction of headache intensity over time did not differ significantly when compared to the control group                   |

## **BTX beim Spannungskopfschmerz**

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- **Individuelle Muskelauswahl erfolgreicher**
- **Höhere Dosierungen im Vergleich zur Migräne erforderlich (100 u Botox, Xeomin 300 u Dysport)**
- **Untersuchung von Subgruppen ( mit perikranieller Verspannung, Mischkopfschmerz)**
- **Bislang therapieresistente Patienten**





**Fig. 1** Injection procedure of OnabotulinumtoxinA according to the PREEMPT study protocol

**Table 1** Demographic details, medication used to manage CCH before enrolment in the study

| patients ID | triptans | oxygen | mid analgesics | Verapamil (mg) |     | Lithium (mg)* |     | Propranolol (mg)* |    | Amitriptyline (mg)* |    | Topiramate (mg)* |     | Corticosteroids (mg)** |
|-------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|------------------|-----|------------------------|
|             |          |        |                | hd             | ld  | hd            | ld  | hd                | ld | hd                  | ld | hd               | ld  |                        |
| 1           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 120               | 80 | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | 25                     |
| 2           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | 450           | X   | 120               | 80 | ?                   | 10 | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 3           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 480 | 450           | X   | 120               | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |
| 4           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 240 | X             | X   | 120               | X  | 75                  | 75 | 100              | X   | X                      |
| 5           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 720            | 480 | X             | X   | 80                | 40 | X                   | X  | 100              | X   | 75                     |
| 6           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 900           | 450 | 240               | X  | 25                  | 25 | X                | X   | 10                     |
| 7           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 840            | 480 | X             | 240 | X                 | X  | 10                  | X  | 100              | 100 | 50                     |
| 8           | ✓        | 10 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 40                | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 9           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 600            | X   | 450           | X   | 80                | X  | ?                   | X  | 100              | X   | 50                     |
| 10          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 450           | X   | 120               | X  | 25                  | X  | X                | X   | 50                     |
| 11          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 240 | 450           | 450 | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 12          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 120               | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | 50                     |
| 13          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 600 | X             | X   | 40                | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | 25                     |
| 14          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | X   | 450           | X   | X                 | X  | ?                   | X  | 150              | X   | X                      |
| 15          | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 600            | 480 | 450           | X   | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |
| 16          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 450           | 450 | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | 25                     |
| 17          | ✓        | 10 l   | ✓              | 720            | X   | 450           | X   | ?                 | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |

l = litre; hd = highest dosage used; ld = last dosage used before enrolled in the study; mg = milligram; ✓□ = used; X = not used; ? = not known; \*\* no longer than 1 month

**Table 2** Demographic details, headache scores pre- and post- treatment with OnabotulinumtoxinA

| patients ID | duration/y | baseline       |               | treatment phase             |                               |                             |                              | improvement % <sup>b</sup> | patient subjective estimate of response % <sup>b</sup> |
|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|             |            | frequency d/mo | duration min  | week 12                     |                               | week 24                     |                              |                            |  |
|             |            |                |               | frequency d/mo <sup>a</sup> | sum of min/ bout <sup>a</sup> | frequency d/mo <sup>a</sup> | sum of min bout <sup>a</sup> |                            |  |
| 1           | 7          | 30             | 2.250         | 17                          | 1.755                         | 14                          | 1.320                        | 41.3                       | 50   |
| 2           | 4          | 25             | 1.632         | 8                           | 337                           | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 90–100   |
| 3           | 3          | 28             | 1.328         | 11                          | 472                           | 7                           | 221                          | 83.3                       | 60–70  |
| 4           | 5          | 29             | 2.598         | 0                           | 0                             | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 100  |
| 5           | 5          | 30             | 3.148         | 12                          | 1.065                         | 8                           | 531                          | 83.1                       | 75   |
| 6           | 5          | 30             | 1.912         | 8                           | 867                           | 5                           | 312                          | 83.6                       | 70   |
| 7           | 9          | 28             | 2.491         | 12                          | 1.289                         | 7                           | 1.333                        | 46.4                       | 50   |
| 8           | 7          | 30             | 1.870         | 8                           | 473                           | 6                           | 328                          | 82.4                       | 70–80  |
| 9           | 7          | 25             | 1.140         | 13                          | 833                           | 11                          | 618                          | 45.8                       | 50   |
| 10          | 4          | 27             | 3.456         | 14                          | 2.855                         | 12                          | 1.565                        | 54.7                       | 50   |
| 11          | 3          | 30             | 1.080         | 30                          | 1.418                         | 30                          | 1.377                        | 0                          | 0  |
| 12          | 3          | 30             | 3.020         | 16                          | 1.844                         | 14                          | 813                          | 73                         | 50   |
| 13          | 3          | 30             | 2.280         | 29                          | 2.065                         | 30                          | 2.555                        | 0                          | 0  |
| 14          | 6          | 28             | 1.680         | 0                           | 0                             | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 100  |
| 15          | 4          | 27             | 2.479         | 18                          | 1.349                         | 22                          | 1.662                        | 32.9                       | 20–30  |
| 16          | 2          | 30             | 3.040         | 17                          | 1.364                         | 14                          | 839                          | 72.4                       | 50–70  |
| 17          | 5          | 23             | 1.855         | 21                          | 989                           | 20                          | 1.200                        | 35.3                       | 20   |
| Mean        | 5          | 28.2           | 2.192         | 13.8                        | 1.117                         | 11.8                        | 863                          | 62                         |  |
| median      | 5          | 29             | 2.250         | 13.5                        | 1.065                         | 11                          | 813                          | 62                         |  |
| (range)     | (2–9)      | (23–30)        | (1.080–3.148) | (0–30)                      | (0–2.855)                     | (0–30)                      | (0–2.555)                    | (0–100)                    |  |

pre = before treatment (=baseline), y = year; mo = month, w = week, d = day, min = minutes; <sup>a</sup> = mean of every 4 weeks over past 12 weeks;  
<sup>b</sup> = baseline vs week 24

**Table 3** Headache-associated disability scores pre- and post- treatment with OnabotulinumtoxinA

| patients ID    | HIT- 6 (36-76) |            |                     | HADS - A (0-21) |           |                   | HADS - D (0-21) |          |                   |
|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
|                | pre            | w 24       | change in score     | pre             | w 24      | change in score   | pre             | w 24     | change in score   |
| 1              | 70             | 50         | 20                  | 18              | 15        | 3                 | 8               | 6        | 2                 |
| 2              | 58             | 36         | 22                  | 15              | 9         | 6                 | 12              | 8        | 4                 |
| 3              | 67             | 47         | 20                  | 17              | 15        | 2                 | 15              | 12       | 3                 |
| 4              | 76             | 42         | 34                  | 15              | 6         | 9                 | 6               | 3        | 3                 |
| 5              | 78             | 58         | 20                  | 15              | 12        | 3                 | 9               | 4        | 5                 |
| 6              | 58             | 52         | 6                   | 11              | 8         | 3                 | 10              | 3        | 7                 |
| 7              | 63             | 58         | 5                   | 13              | 11        | 2                 | 10              | 7        | 3                 |
| 8              | 63             | 42         | 21                  | 13              | 12        | 1                 | 8               | 2        | 6                 |
| 9              | 57             | 42         | 13                  | 12              | 11        | 1                 | 12              | 11       | 1                 |
| 10             | 78             | 68         | 10                  | 11              | 12        | -1                | 11              | 9        | 2                 |
| 11             | 65             | 68         | -3                  | 13              | 15        | -2                | 14              | 15       | -1                |
| 12             | 68             | 57         | 11                  | 11              | 12        | -1                | 11              | 5        | 6                 |
| 13             | 65             | 65         | 0                   | 18              | 21        | -3                | 16              | 16       | 0                 |
| 14             | 56             | 36         | 20                  | 12              | 6         | 6                 | 4               | 0        | 4                 |
| 15             | 53             | 57         | -4                  | 14              | 12        | 2                 | 15              | 12       | 3                 |
| 16             | 68             | 54         | 14                  | 14              | 9         | 5                 | 12              | 9        | 3                 |
| 17             | 76             | 72         | 4                   | 12              | 11        | 1                 | 14              | 11       | 3                 |
| Mean (95% CI)  | 65.8           | 53.1       | -12.7 (-21.3; -1.8) | 13.8            | 11.6      | -2.2 (-6.1; -0.1) | 11.0            | 7.8      | -3.2 (-8.2; -0.1) |
| median (range) | 65 (53-78)     | 54 (36-72) | 13 (-3-34)          | 13 (11-18)      | 12 (6-21) | 2 (-2-9)          | 11 (6-16)       | 8 (0-16) | 3 (-1-7)          |

pre = before treatment (=baseline), w = week; HIT-6 = Headache Impact Test, HADS=Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale, A = anxiety, D = depression

- **Für chronische tägliche Kopfschmerzen gibt es konsistenten Ergebnisse durch plazebo-kontrollierte randomisierte Studien für die Verwendung von Botulinumtoxin. Es scheint wenn man Sub-Gruppen analysiert, dass Patienten identifiziert werden können, die einen Benefit haben von Botulinumtoxin und in diesem Kontext scheint eine Subgruppe von Patienten mit explosiven Kopfschmerzenqualität und Allodynie ein wichtiger Prädiktor für die Effektivität von Botulinumtoxin zu sein.**

## Schlussfolgerung

- **Topiramate und Onabotulinumtoxin A zeigt signifikante Effektivität in der Behandlung von Patienten mit chronischer Migräne.**
- **Ergebnisse zeigen, dass Onabotulinumtoxin A eine nutzvolle Therapie für Patienten mit frequenter Migräne ist.**

*Cady R MD, Schreiber C MD, Porter J MD, Blumenfeld A MD, Farmer K; A Multi-Center Double-Blind Pilot Comparison of OnabotulinumtoxinA and Topiramate for the Prophylactic Treatment of Chronic Migraine; Headache 2011;51:21-32*



# Botulinumtoxin in der Kopfschmerzbehandlung Muskelauswahl

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## ➤ Anamnese

- **Wo beginnt der Schmerz?**
- **Wo ist der Schmerz lokalisiert?**
- **Wie haben Sie auf Muskelrelaxantien angesprochen?**
- **Wie haben Sie auf PT/physikal. Maßnahmen reagiert?**
- **Wurden Sie bereits mit Lokalanästhetika infiltriert?**
- **Welche Faktoren können zu Nackenverspannungen führen (Stress, Bildschirm, Auto)?**

# **Botulinumtoxin in der Kopfschmerzbehandlung**

## **Muskelauswahl**

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### **➤ Inspektion und Palpation**

- **Besteht eine schmerzbedingte Schonhaltung?**
- **Besteht eine unwillkürliche Bewegungsstörung?**
- **Finden sich verdickte, verquollene Muskeln?**
- **Besteht eine eingeschränkte Kopfbeweglichkeit und welche Muskeln sind verkürzt?**
- **Wo finden sich lokale Schmerz- oder Triggerpunkte?**

# Nebenwirkungen

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**Muskelparesen bei Überdosierung**

**Schwächung benachbarter Muskeln**

**Indikationsabhängig können vereinzelt auftreten:**

- **Doppelbilder (Blepharospasmus)**
- **Schluckstörungen (Torticollis)**
- **Blasenstörungen (Beinspastik)**

**Lokale allergische Reaktionen**

**Grippeähnliche Symptome**

## **Unerwünschte Wirkungen bei Schmerzbehandlungen**

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**Übliche Nebenwirkungen einer intramuskulären  
Injektion (Hämatome)**

***Myofasziale Schmerzen (HWS)***

**Schwächung der Kopfhaltemuskulatur**

***Epicondylitis***

**Schwächung der Hand-, Fingermuskulatur**

**selten, bei sorgfältiger Auswahl der Muskeln  
und Dosierungen**

**kurzzeitig und reversibel**

# Therapiekontrolle

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**Wirkung der Therapie nach 2 - 4 Wochen kontrollieren**

**Nachinjektion frühestens nach 12 Wochen**

**da die Wirkung sonst schwer steuerbar ist**

**da kurze Injektionsintervalle zu Sekundärresistenzen**

**durch Bildung von Antikörpern führen können**

## Benötigte Materialien

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### Einmalhandschuhe

**Hautdesinfektionsmittel** (z. B. Octenisept®, Cutasept®-farblos)

**Isotone Kochsalzlösung (0,9% NaCl)**

### *Spritzen:*

**5 ml**

**1 ml (Tuberkulin-Spritzen)**

### *Einmalkanülen:*

**20 Gauge (Sterican)**

**27 Gauge (1 1/2“, Ø 0,4 x 40 mm)**

**(Sterican Einmal-Dentalkanülen)**



# Immunität

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**Neutralisierende Antikörper gegen Btx-A  
können zu einem Verlust der Wirkung führen  
(Sekundärresistenz)**

**kurze Injektionsintervalle und höhere Dosen  
bei Cervikaler Dystonie > 150 U  
(bei Verwendung von Xeomin®)  
fördern die Bildung von Antikörpern**

***deshalb:***

**so hoch wie nötig, so niedrig wie möglich dosieren  
Injektionsintervall von 3 Monaten einhalten**

# Dosierung Dysport-500 U/Xeomin- Botox 100 U

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**Verdünnung mit 4 ml**

**12,5 U pro 0,1 ml / 2,5 U pro 0,1ml**

**Verdünnung mit 2 ml**

**25 U pro 0,1 ml / 5 U pro 0,1ml**

# Indikationen

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## ➤ Schmerztherapie

- Myofasziale Verspannungen
- Triggerpunktbehandlung
- Kopfschmerz (Spannungskopfschmerz, Migräne)
- cervikogener Kopfschmerz
- Epikondylitis
- Piriformissyndrom
- Hüftadduktion
- Tibialis posterior Syndrom
- Scalenus-anterior
- Stumpfschmerz
- Fibromyalgie ?

TABLE 5  
Therapeutic uses for botulinum neurotoxin

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| <i>Ophthalmology</i>   |
| Strabismus <sup>a,b,c</sup>  |
| Nistagmus  |
| <i>Neurology</i>   |
| Focal Dystonias  |
| Blepharospasm <sup>a,b,c</sup>   |
| Cervical dystonia <sup>a,b,c</sup> (Torticollis, anterocollis, laterocollis)         |
| Occupational dystonias (writer's cramp <sup>b</sup> , musician's cramps)             |
| Laryngeal Dysphonia <sup>c</sup>   |
| Oromandibular dystonia   |
| Lingual dystonia   |
| Nondystonic disorders  |
| Hemifacial spasm <sup>a,b,c</sup>  |
| Tremor (essential, parkinsonism)   |
| Tics   |
| Bruxism  |
| Spasticity (poststroke, multiple sclerosis, brain or spinal cord injury)             |
| Focal spasticity <sup>a,b,c</sup> ; Upper and lower limb spasticity                  |
| Nonfocal: hemispasticity, paraspasticity, tetraspasticity                            |
| Cerebral palsy <sup>a,b</sup>  |
| Hyperhidrosis <sup>a,b,c</sup>   |
| Focal: axillary, palmar, plantar   |
| Diffuse  |
| Hypersalivation  |
| Sialorrhea <sup>b</sup> (motoneuron diseases/amyotrophic lateral sclerosis)          |
| Drooling <sup>b</sup> (Parkinsonian syndromes)                                       |
| Frey's syndrome/gustatory sweating   |
| Aesthetic (muscle)   |
| Glabellar rhythides <sup>a,b,c</sup>   |
| <i>Pain</i>  |
| Muscular   |
| Dystonia   |
| Spasticity   |
| Chronic myofascial pain  |
| Temporomandibular disorders  |
| Low back pain  |
| Nonmuscular  |
| Migraine (chronic <sup>a</sup> and tension type migraine)                            |
| Neuropathic pain   |
| Trigeminal pain  |
| Pelvic pain  |
| <i>Urology</i>   |
| Detrusor sphincter dyssynergia   |
| Overactive bladder <sup>a,b,c</sup> (Idiopathic or neurogenic detrusor overactivity) |
| Urinary retention  |
| Bladder pain syndrome  |
| Pelvic floor spasms  |
| Benign prostate hyperplasia  |
| <i>Gastroenterology</i>  |
| Achalasia  |
| Chronic anal fissures  |
| <i>Psychiatry</i>  |
| Depression <sup>d</sup>  |

<sup>a</sup>USA approved indication.

<sup>b</sup>EU approved indication.

<sup>c</sup>Evidence-based therapeutic indication.

<sup>d</sup>To be evaluated.

# Therapeutische Anwendungen von BoNT (Auswahl)<sup>2</sup>

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| <i>Spasmen der Skelettmuskulatur</i>   |
| Fokale Dystonien   |
| <b>Blepharospasmus*</b>  |
| <b>Hemifaziale Spasmen*</b>  |
| <b>Zervikale und oromandibulare Dystonien*</b> (Torticollis u. Ä.)             |
| Laryngeale Dysphonie (Stimmbandkrampf)   |
| Bewegungsabhängige Krämpfe (Schreibkrampf)                                     |
| <b>Skelettmuskelspasmen aufgrund von neurologischen Erkrankungen*</b>          |
| Kosmetische Indikation: <b>unerwünschte Falten im oberen Gesichtsbereich*</b>  |
| Strabismus*  |
| <i>Spasmen glatter Muskulatur, hyperaktive cholinerge autonome Innervation</i> |
| <b>Neurogene Detrusor-Hyperaktivität, überaktive Blase*</b>                    |
| Achalasie, diffuser Ösophagusspasmus   |
| <b>Hyperhidrosis axillaris*, chronische Sialorrhoe*</b>                        |
| <i>Schmerzsyndrome</i>   |
| <b>Chronische Migräne*</b>   |
| Spannungskopfschmerz, kranioandibuläre Dysfunktion                             |
| Osteoarthritis großer Gelenke  |
| Interstitielle Zystitis, Vestibulodynie  |
| Post-Zoster-Neuralgie, spinale Radikulopathie                                  |
| Myofasziale Schmerzen  |

Erklärungen: fett: in Ö zugelassene Indikationen, \* von FDA zugelassen<sup>17</sup>

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## **Welche Antwort trifft zu?**

- **Botulinumtoxin ist indiziert bei Migräne**
- **Botulinumtoxin ist indiziert bei Spannungskopfschmerz**
- **Botulinumtoxin ist indiziert bei myofascialem Schmerz**
- **Botulinumtoxin ist indiziert bei Fibromyalgie**



## **Welche Antwort trifft zu?**

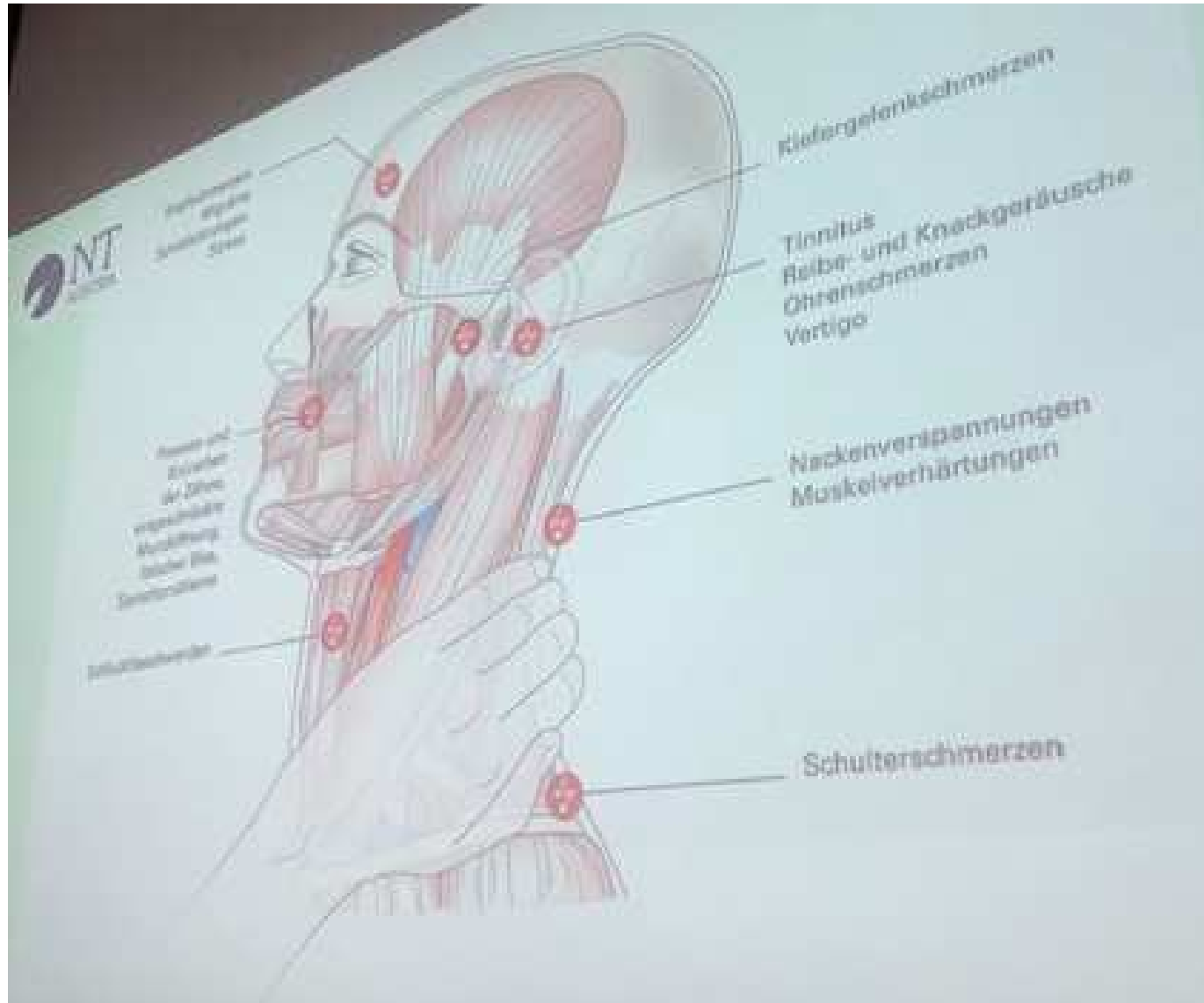
- **Botulinumtoxin wirkt sofort**
- **Wirkdauer 3 – 6 Monate**
- **in der Anwendung im Niedrigdosisbereich bei Migräne ist es toxisch**
- **Botulinumtoxin ist kontraindiziert bei Myasthenia gravis**

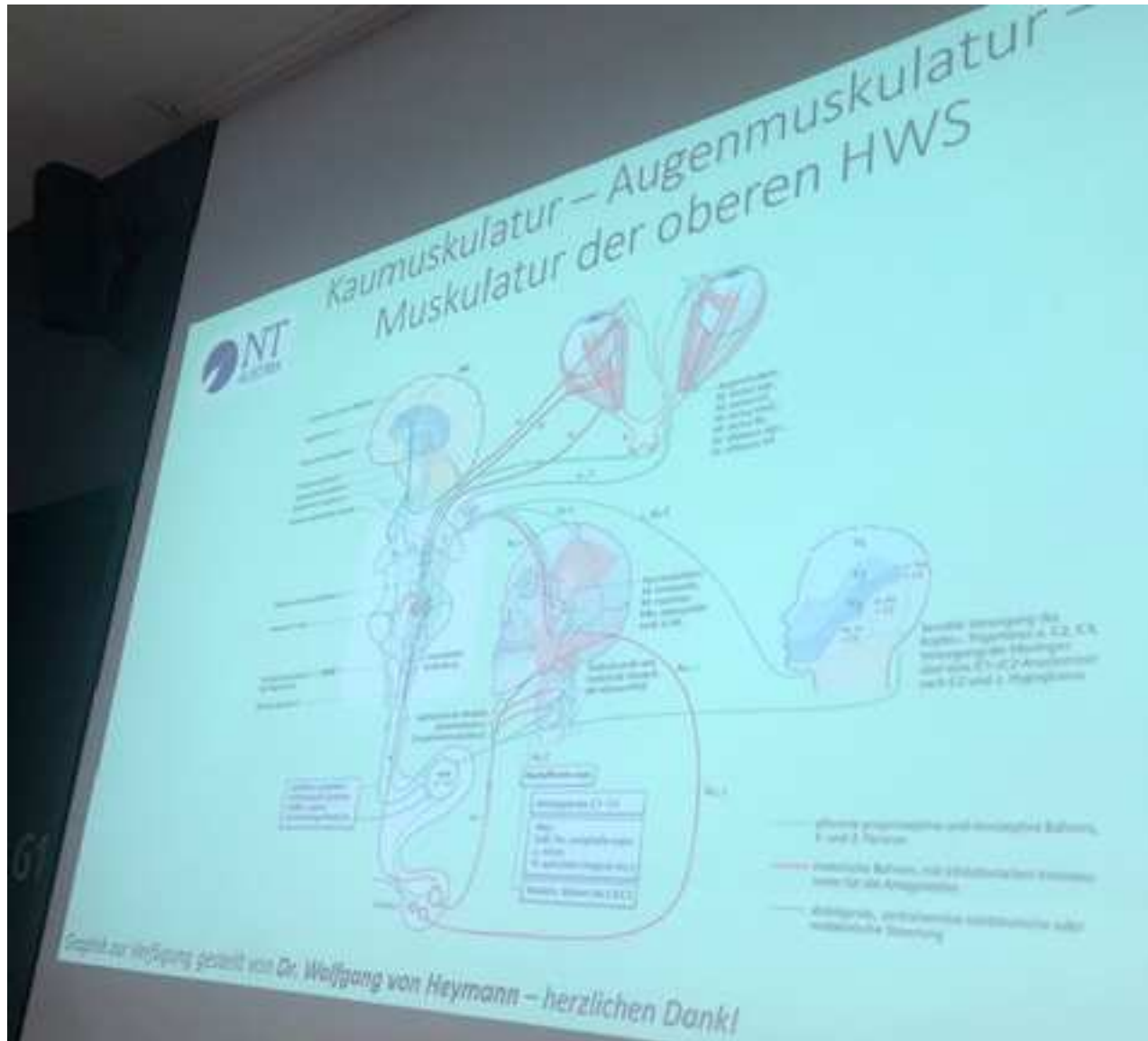
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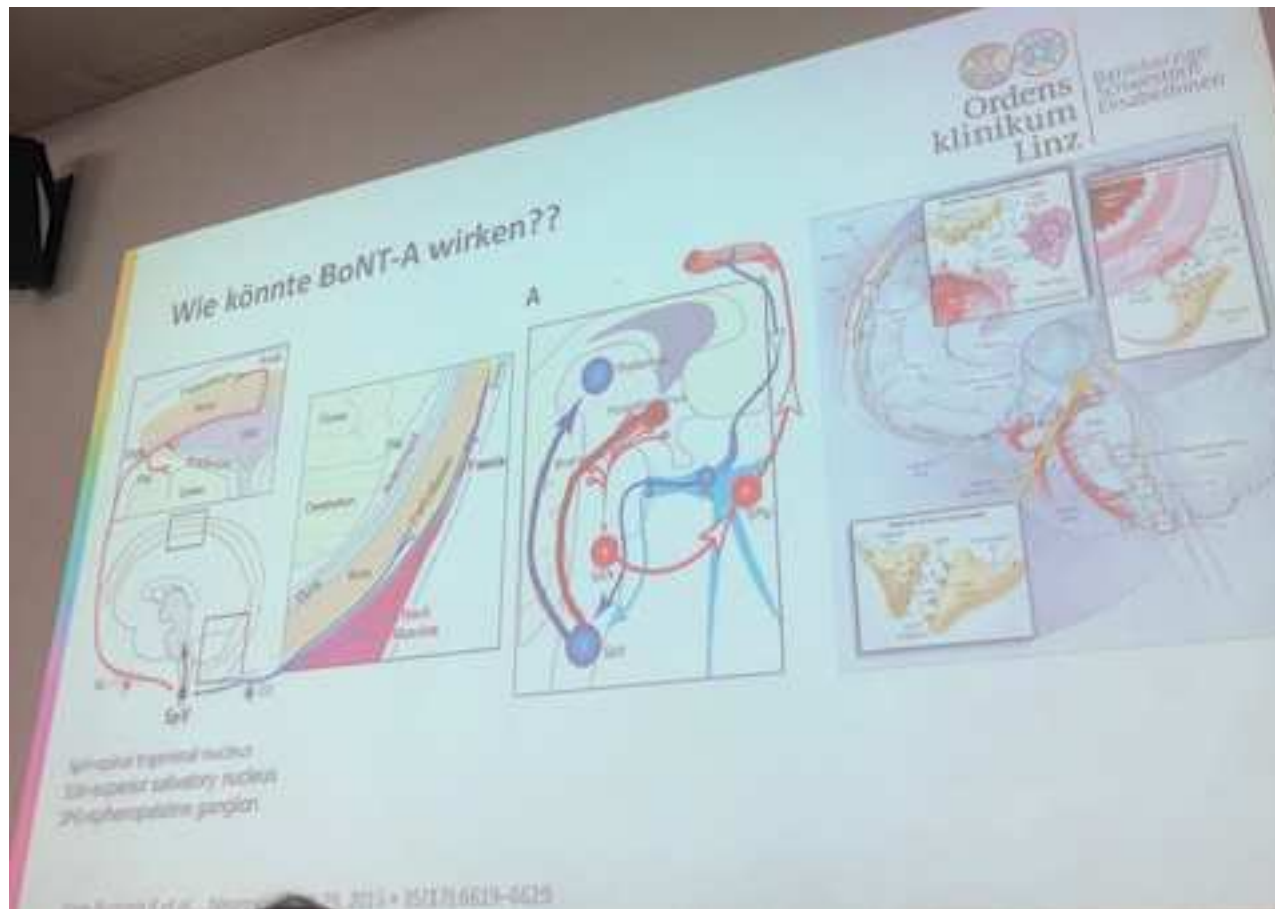
- **Triggerpunkte und Tenderpoints sind ident**
- **Triggerpunkt löst primär Schmerzsituation aus**
- **Triggerpunkt löst übertragenen Schmerz aus**
- **Triggerpunkt ist gekennzeichnet durch hohen Druckschmerz im verspanntem Muskelbereich**

## Welche Antwort trifft zu?

- **Nachinjektion von Botulinumtoxin kann man nach einer Woche durchführen**
- **Nachinjektion von Botulinumtoxin frühestens nach 12 Wochen**
- **Kurze Intervalle führen nicht zu Sekundärresistenzen**
- **Kurze Intervalle führen zu Sekundärresistenzen**









**Table 1** Efficacy of intramuscular onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox<sup>®</sup>) for prevention of headaches in adults with chronic migraine. Intent-to-treat results from the multicentre PREEMPT 1 [38] and 2 [39] studies and pooled analyses [40, 41, 49] of these trials

|   | Week 24 <sup>a</sup> |                   |                       |                   |                                   |                              | Week 56 <sup>a</sup>                        |  |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
|   | PREEMPT 1 [38]       |                   | PREEMPT 2 [39]        |                   | Pooled analysis [40, 41, 49]      |                              | Pooled analysis [41]                        |  |
|   | OnabotA<br>(n = 341) | PL<br>(n = 338)   | OnabotA<br>(n = 347)  | PL<br>(n = 358)   | OnabotA <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 688) | PL <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 696) | OnabotA → onabotA <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 688) | PL → onabotA <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 696) |
| HA days/month <sup>c</sup>                              | -7.8**               | -6.4              | -9.0**** <sup>d</sup> | -6.7 <sup>d</sup> | -8.4**** <sup>d</sup>             | -6.6 <sup>d</sup>            | -11.7* <sup>d</sup>                         | -10.8 <sup>d</sup>                     |
| Moderate to severe HA days/month <sup>c</sup>           | -7.2**               | -5.8              | -8.3***               | -5.8              | -7.7***                           | -5.8                         | -10.7*                                      | -9.9                                   |
| Cumulative h of HA on HA days/month <sup>c</sup>        | -106.7**             | -70.4             | -132.4***             | -90.0             | -119.7***                         | -80.5                        | -169.1*                                     | -145.7                                 |
| HA episodes/month <sup>c</sup>                          | -5.2 <sup>d</sup>    | -5.3 <sup>d</sup> | -5.3**                | -4.6              | -5.2**                            | -4.9                         | -7.4  | -7.5                                   |
| Migraine days/month <sup>c,e</sup>                      | -7.6**               | -6.1              | -8.7***               | -6.3              | -8.2***                           | -6.2                         | -11.2*                                      | -10.3                                  |
| Migraine episodes/month <sup>c</sup>                    | -4.8                 | -4.9              | -4.9** <sup>f</sup>   | -4.2 <sup>f</sup> | -4.9**                            | -4.5                         | -6.8  | -7.0                                   |
| Acute HA pain medication intakes/month <sup>c</sup>     | -10.3                | -10.4             | -9.9                  | -8.4              | -10.1                             | -9.4                         | -15.4                                       | -15.7                                  |
| Acute HA pain medication intake days/month <sup>c</sup> | -5.7 <sup>f</sup>    | -5.8 <sup>f</sup> | -6.4*** <sup>f</sup>  | -4.8 <sup>f</sup> | -6.1*                             | -5.3                         | -8.4  | -8.5                                   |
| Triptan medication intakes/month <sup>c</sup>           | -3.3*                | -2.5              | -3.0***               | -1.7              | -3.2***                           | -2.1                         | -4.2  | -3.8                                   |
| HIT-6 score <sup>c,g</sup>                              | -4.7***              | -2.4              | -4.9***               | -2.4              | -4.8***                           | -2.4                         | -7.7  | -7.0                                   |
| Pts with severe HIT-6 score <sup>g</sup> (%)            | 68.9***              | 79.9              | 66.3**                | 76.5              | 67.6***                           | 78.2                         | 50.6  | 51.9                                   |
| MSQ RR subscale score <sup>c,h</sup>                    | 16.8*** <sup>f</sup> | 8.8 <sup>f</sup>  | 17.2*** <sup>f</sup>  | 8.4 <sup>f</sup>  | 17.0***                           | 8.6                          | 25.2*                                       | 21.8                                   |
| MSQ RP subscale score <sup>c,h</sup>                    | 12.6** <sup>f</sup>  | 7.6 <sup>f</sup>  | 13.5*** <sup>f</sup>  | 5.4 <sup>f</sup>  | 13.1***                           | 6.4                          | 19.0  | 17.3                                   |
| MSQ EF subscale score <sup>c,h</sup>                    | 16.9*** <sup>f</sup> | 10.0 <sup>f</sup> | 19.0*** <sup>f</sup>  | 9.1 <sup>f</sup>  | 17.9***                           | 9.5                          | 25.0  | 22.1                                   |

EF emotional functioning, HA headache, HIT-6 Headache Impact Test-6, MID minimal important difference, MSQ Migraine-Specific Quality-of-Life Questionnaire (v2.1), OnabotA onabotulinumtoxinA, PL placebo, pts patients, RP role preventive, RR role restrictive

\* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p \leq 0.001$  vs (corresponding) PL

<sup>a</sup>Results at week 24 (end of the double-blind phase) and week 56 (end of the open-label phase) were assessed over a 4-week period ending at week 24 and week 56, respectively

<sup>b</sup>Of the 688 pts originally randomized to onabotA in the double-blind phase, 607 entered the open-label phase (and continued to receive onabotA). Of the 696 pts originally randomized to PL in the double-blind phase, 629 entered the open-label phase (and crossed over to receive onabotA)

<sup>c</sup>Mean change from baseline (week 0) (values at baseline were assessed over the prior 4-week period)

<sup>d</sup>Primary efficacy endpoint

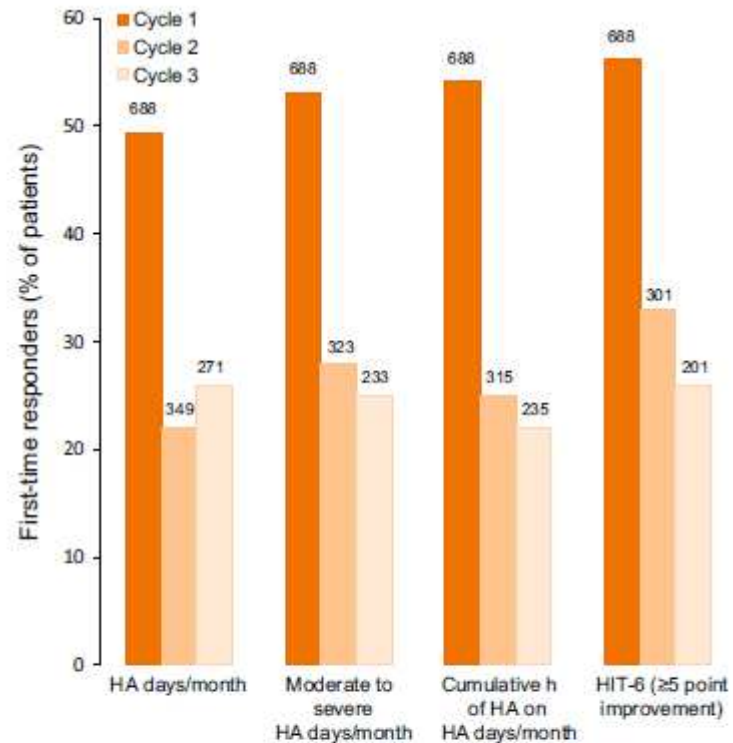
<sup>e</sup>Definite or probable migraine days or episodes

<sup>f</sup>Data derived from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency UK public assessment report [37]

<sup>g</sup>Score of  $\geq 60$  indicates a severe impact. The established clinically meaningful MID (between-group) is 2.3; the established clinically meaningful MID from baseline (within-group) is -5

<sup>h</sup>On a 0-100 scale, with higher scores indicating better health-related quality of life. The established clinically meaningful MIDs (between-group) are 3.2, 4.6 and 7.5 for the RR, RP and EF subscales, respectively; the established clinically meaningful MIDs from baseline (within-group) are 10.9, 8.3 and 12.2 for the RR, RP and EF subscales, respectively

(Fig. 1). Furthermore, 71 (26%) of the 271 onabotA-treated patients who did not demonstrate a  $\geq 50\%$  decrease in the monthly frequency of headache days after the first and second cycles did reach this endpoint after the third cycle (Fig. 1). Similar results were seen for other key outcomes (Fig. 1) [52].



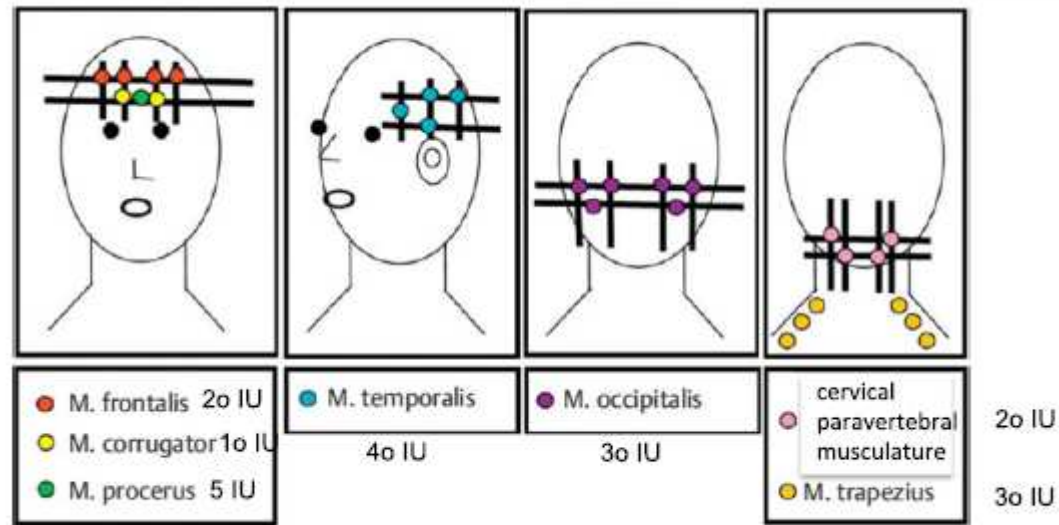
**Fig. 1** Proportion of onabotulinumtoxinA-treated patients who responded (with a  $\geq 50\%$  improvement from baseline in the headache symptom or impact assessment indicated) for the first time after treatment cycles 1, 2 and 3 in the pooled PREEMPT trials [52]. For each assessment, the maximum possible number of first-time responders in the cycle indicated is shown above the bar. *HA* headache, *HIT-6* Headache Impact Test-6

**Table 1** BoNT preparations and FDA-approved indications

| BoNT preparation    | Brand name (manufacturer)   | FDA-approved indications <sup>a</sup>   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| OnabotulinumtoxinA  | Botox (Allergan, Inc., Irvine, CA)                                      | Blepharospasm, CD, upper extremity spasticity, lower extremity spasticity, CM |
| AbobotulinumtoxinA  | Dysport (Ipsen Ltd., Paris, France)                                     | CD, upper extremity spasticity  |
| IncobotulinumtoxinA | Xeomin (Merz Pharmaceuticals, Frankfurt, Germany)                       | Blepharospasm, CD, upper extremity spasticity                                 |
| RimabotulinumtoxinB | Myobloc Neurobloc (US WorldMeds/Solstice Neurosciences, Louisville, KY) | CD  |

Abbreviations: BoNT = botulinum neurotoxin; CD = cervical dystonia; CM = chronic migraine; FDA = Food and Drug Administration.

<sup>a</sup> FDA approvals relevant to this review.



**Fig. 1** Injection procedure of OnabotulinumtoxinA according to the PREEMPT study protocol

**Table 1** Demographic details, medication used to manage CCH before enrolment in the study

| patients ID | triptans | oxygen | mid analgesics | Verapamil (mg) |     | Lithium (mg)* |     | Propranolol (mg)* |    | Amitriptyline (mg)* |    | Topiramate (mg)* |     | Corticosteroids (mg)** |
|-------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|------------------|-----|------------------------|
|             |          |        |                | hd             | ld  | hd            | ld  | hd                | ld | hd                  | ld | hd               | ld  |                        |
| 1           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 120               | 80 | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | 25                     |
| 2           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | 450           | X   | 120               | 80 | ?                   | 10 | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 3           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 480 | 450           | X   | 120               | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |
| 4           | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 240 | X             | X   | 120               | X  | 75                  | 75 | 100              | X   | X                      |
| 5           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 720            | 480 | X             | X   | 80                | 40 | X                   | X  | 100              | X   | 75                     |
| 6           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 900           | 450 | 240               | X  | 25                  | 25 | X                | X   | 10                     |
| 7           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 840            | 480 | X             | 240 | X                 | X  | 10                  | X  | 100              | 100 | 50                     |
| 8           | ✓        | 10 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 40                | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 9           | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 600            | X   | 450           | X   | 80                | X  | ?                   | X  | 100              | X   | 50                     |
| 10          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 450           | X   | 120               | X  | 25                  | X  | X                | X   | 50                     |
| 11          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 240 | 450           | 450 | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | X                      |
| 12          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 480            | 480 | X             | X   | 120               | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | 50                     |
| 13          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | 600 | X             | X   | 40                | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | 25                     |
| 14          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 600            | X   | 450           | X   | X                 | X  | ?                   | X  | 150              | X   | X                      |
| 15          | ✓        | 12 l   | ✓              | 600            | 480 | 450           | X   | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |
| 16          | ✓        | 15 l   | ✓              | 240            | 240 | 450           | 450 | X                 | X  | X                   | X  | 100              | 100 | 25                     |
| 17          | ✓        | 10 l   | ✓              | 720            | X   | 450           | X   | ?                 | X  | X                   | X  | 200              | 200 | X                      |

l = litre; hd = highest dosage used; ld = last dosage used before enrolled in the study; mg = milligram; ✓□ = used; X = not used; ? = not known; \*\* no longer than 1 month



**Table 2** Demographic details, headache scores pre- and post- treatment with OnabotulinumtoxinA

| patients ID | duration/y | baseline       |               | treatment phase             |                               |                             |                              | improvement % <sup>b</sup> | patient subjective estimate of response % <sup>b</sup> |
|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|             |            | frequency d/mo | duration min  | week 12                     |                               | week 24                     |                              |                            |  |
|             |            |                |               | frequency d/mo <sup>a</sup> | sum of min/ bout <sup>a</sup> | frequency d/mo <sup>a</sup> | sum of min bout <sup>a</sup> |                            |  |
| 1           | 7          | 30             | 2.250         | 17                          | 1.755                         | 14                          | 1.320                        | 41.3                       | 50   |
| 2           | 4          | 25             | 1.632         | 8                           | 337                           | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 90–100   |
| 3           | 3          | 28             | 1.328         | 11                          | 472                           | 7                           | 221                          | 83.3                       | 60–70  |
| 4           | 5          | 29             | 2.598         | 0                           | 0                             | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 100  |
| 5           | 5          | 30             | 3.148         | 12                          | 1.065                         | 8                           | 531                          | 83.1                       | 75   |
| 6           | 5          | 30             | 1.912         | 8                           | 867                           | 5                           | 312                          | 83.6                       | 70   |
| 7           | 9          | 28             | 2.491         | 12                          | 1.289                         | 7                           | 1.333                        | 46.4                       | 50   |
| 8           | 7          | 30             | 1.870         | 8                           | 473                           | 6                           | 328                          | 82.4                       | 70–80  |
| 9           | 7          | 25             | 1.140         | 13                          | 833                           | 11                          | 618                          | 45.8                       | 50   |
| 10          | 4          | 27             | 3.456         | 14                          | 2.855                         | 12                          | 1.565                        | 54.7                       | 50   |
| 11          | 3          | 30             | 1.080         | 30                          | 1.418                         | 30                          | 1.377                        | 0                          | 0  |
| 12          | 3          | 30             | 3.020         | 16                          | 1.844                         | 14                          | 813                          | 73                         | 50   |
| 13          | 3          | 30             | 2.280         | 29                          | 2.065                         | 30                          | 2.555                        | 0                          | 0  |
| 14          | 6          | 28             | 1.680         | 0                           | 0                             | 0                           | 0                            | 100                        | 100  |
| 15          | 4          | 27             | 2.479         | 18                          | 1.349                         | 22                          | 1.662                        | 32.9                       | 20–30  |
| 16          | 2          | 30             | 3.040         | 17                          | 1.364                         | 14                          | 839                          | 72.4                       | 50–70  |
| 17          | 5          | 23             | 1.855         | 21                          | 989                           | 20                          | 1.200                        | 35.3                       | 20   |
| Mean        | 5          | 28.2           | 2.192         | 13.8                        | 1.117                         | 11.8                        | 863                          | 62                         |  |
| median      | 5          | 29             | 2.250         | 13.5                        | 1.065                         | 11                          | 813                          | 62                         |  |
| (range)     | (2–9)      | (23–30)        | (1.080–3.148) | (0–30)                      | (0–2.855)                     | (0–30)                      | (0–2.555)                    | (0–100)                    |  |

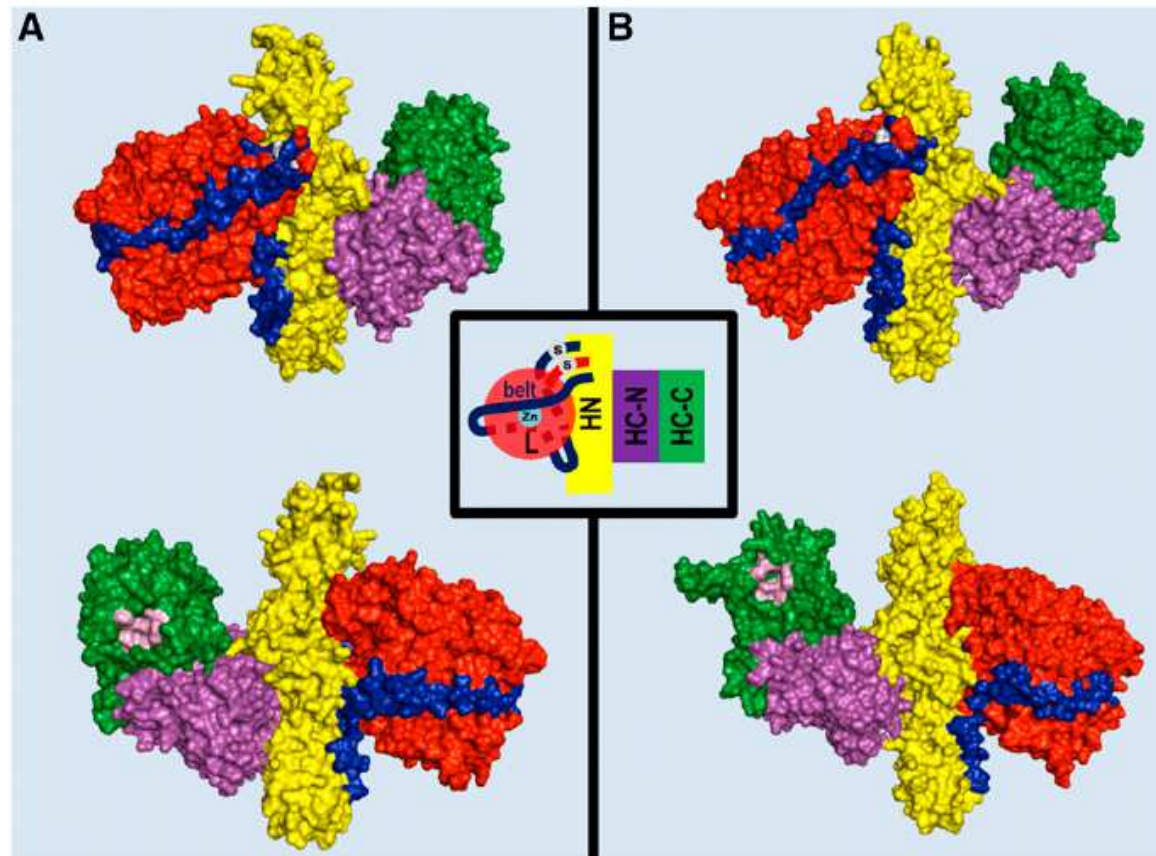
pre = before treatment (=baseline), y = year; mo = month, w = week, d = day, min = minutes; <sup>a</sup> = mean of every 4 weeks over past 12 weeks;  
<sup>b</sup> = baseline vs week 24



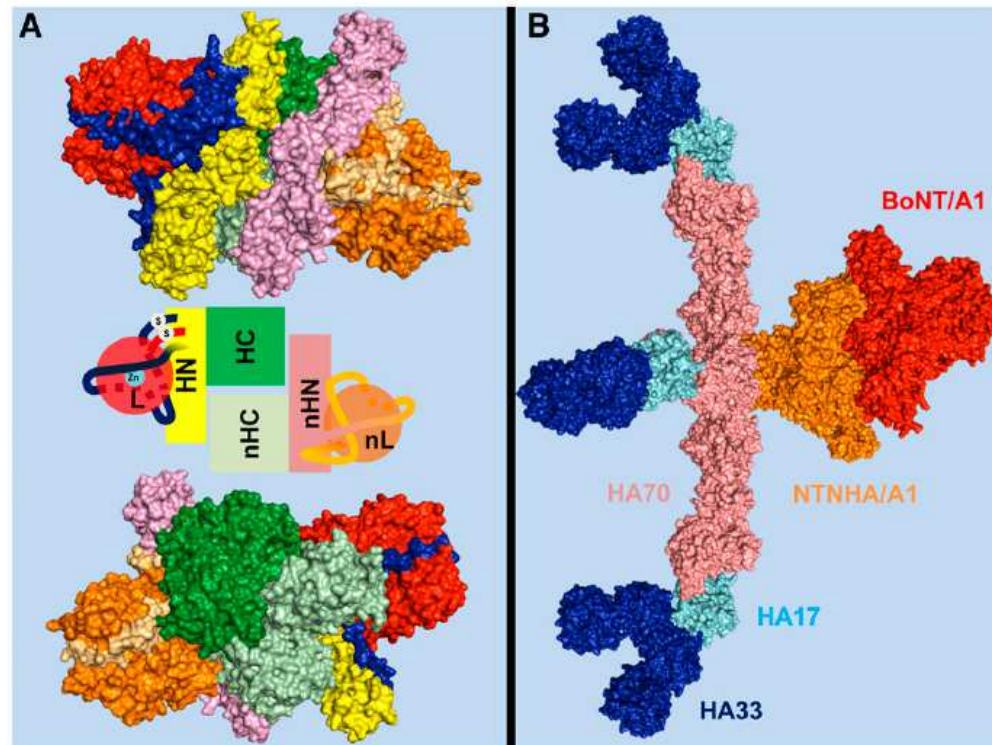
**Table 3** Headache-associated disability scores pre- and post- treatment with OnabotulinumtoxinA

| patients ID    | HIT- 6 (36-76) |            |                     | HADS - A (0-21) |           |                   | HADS - D (0-21) |          |                   |
|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
|                | pre            | w 24       | change in score     | pre             | w 24      | change in score   | pre             | w 24     | change in score   |
| 1              | 70             | 50         | 20                  | 18              | 15        | 3                 | 8               | 6        | 2                 |
| 2              | 58             | 36         | 22                  | 15              | 9         | 6                 | 12              | 8        | 4                 |
| 3              | 67             | 47         | 20                  | 17              | 15        | 2                 | 15              | 12       | 3                 |
| 4              | 76             | 42         | 34                  | 15              | 6         | 9                 | 6               | 3        | 3                 |
| 5              | 78             | 58         | 20                  | 15              | 12        | 3                 | 9               | 4        | 5                 |
| 6              | 58             | 52         | 6                   | 11              | 8         | 3                 | 10              | 3        | 7                 |
| 7              | 63             | 58         | 5                   | 13              | 11        | 2                 | 10              | 7        | 3                 |
| 8              | 63             | 42         | 21                  | 13              | 12        | 1                 | 8               | 2        | 6                 |
| 9              | 57             | 42         | 13                  | 12              | 11        | 1                 | 12              | 11       | 1                 |
| 10             | 78             | 68         | 10                  | 11              | 12        | -1                | 11              | 9        | 2                 |
| 11             | 65             | 68         | -3                  | 13              | 15        | -2                | 14              | 15       | -1                |
| 12             | 68             | 57         | 11                  | 11              | 12        | -1                | 11              | 5        | 6                 |
| 13             | 65             | 65         | 0                   | 18              | 21        | -3                | 16              | 16       | 0                 |
| 14             | 56             | 36         | 20                  | 12              | 6         | 6                 | 4               | 0        | 4                 |
| 15             | 53             | 57         | -4                  | 14              | 12        | 2                 | 15              | 12       | 3                 |
| 16             | 68             | 54         | 14                  | 14              | 9         | 5                 | 12              | 9        | 3                 |
| 17             | 76             | 72         | 4                   | 12              | 11        | 1                 | 14              | 11       | 3                 |
| Mean (95% CI)  | 65.8           | 53.1       | -12.7 (-21.3; -1.8) | 13.8            | 11.6      | -2.2 (-6.1; -0.1) | 11.0            | 7.8      | -3.2 (-8.2; -0.1) |
| median (range) | 65 (53-78)     | 54 (36-72) | 13 (-3-34)          | 13 (11-18)      | 12 (6-21) | 2 (-2-9)          | 11 (6-16)       | 8 (0-16) | 3 (-1-7)          |

pre = before treatment (=baseline), w = week; HIT-6 = Headache Impact Test, HADS=Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale, A = anxiety, D = depression



**Fig. 1.** Structure of BoNT/A1 and BoNT/B1 molecules. Crystal structures of BoNT/A1 (PDB ID: 3BTA) (Lacy et al., 1998) (A) and BoNT/B1 (PDB ID: 1EPW) (Swaminathan and Eswaramoorthy, 2000) (B) represented as space-filling models of the two opposite surfaces of each toxin molecule showing the organization of the three toxin domains: the neurospecific binding HC-C subdomain (green), the lectin-like HC-N subdomain (purple), the translocation HN domain (yellow), and the metalloprotease L domain (red). The pink cavity in the HC-C subdomains shown in the lower panels is the polysialoganglioside binding site. A peptide belt (shown in blue) surrounding the L domain and the interchain disulfide bond (white in the upper panels) linking the L and HN domain, which stabilize the structure, is also shown.



**Fig. 2.** Structure of BoNTA1-NTNHA1 heterodimer and of the progenitor toxin complex (PTC). (A) Crystal structure of BoNT/A1 in complex with the NTNHA/A1 protein (PDB ID: 3V0B) (Gu et al., 2012) represented as space-filling models of the two opposite surfaces. For BoNT/A1, the L chain is in red, the HN domain is in yellow, and in green the HC domain. The BoNT/A1 protein binds “hand in hand” the NTNHA/A1 protein whose domain structure and organization are very similar to that of the toxin (see central inset for a simplified scheme). For NTNHA/A1 nL is in orange, nHN in pink, and nHC in light green. In blue and in light orange are the belts of toxin and NTNHA, respectively. Notice that NTNHA/A1 shields a large part of the BoNT surface. A similar structure has been determined for BoNT/E1 (PDB ID: 4ZKT) (Eswaramoorthy et al., 2015). (B) Space-filling representation of the large precursor toxin complex (PTC), which has a triskelion-like structure (Amatsu et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2013). BoNT/A1 (red) interacts with NTNHA/A1 (orange) but has no contacts with HA proteins. There are six HA33 proteins (blue), three HA17 proteins (light blue), and three HA70 proteins (pink) in each NTNHA/A1-BoNT/A1 complex. Because the HA proteins do not contact the BoNT/A1 molecule, they are unlikely to play any protective role on BoNT/A1, as previously proposed. Rather, the structure suggests a role as adhesin molecule (see text). Similar structures have been determined for BoNT/D and BoNT/B1 using single particle electron microscopy (Benefield et al., 2013; Hasegawa et al., 2007). The structure of (B) was assembled by joining the structure of the BoNT/A1-NTNHA/A1 heterodimer (PDB ID: 3V0B) and the structure of the triskelion (PDB ID: 3WIN).



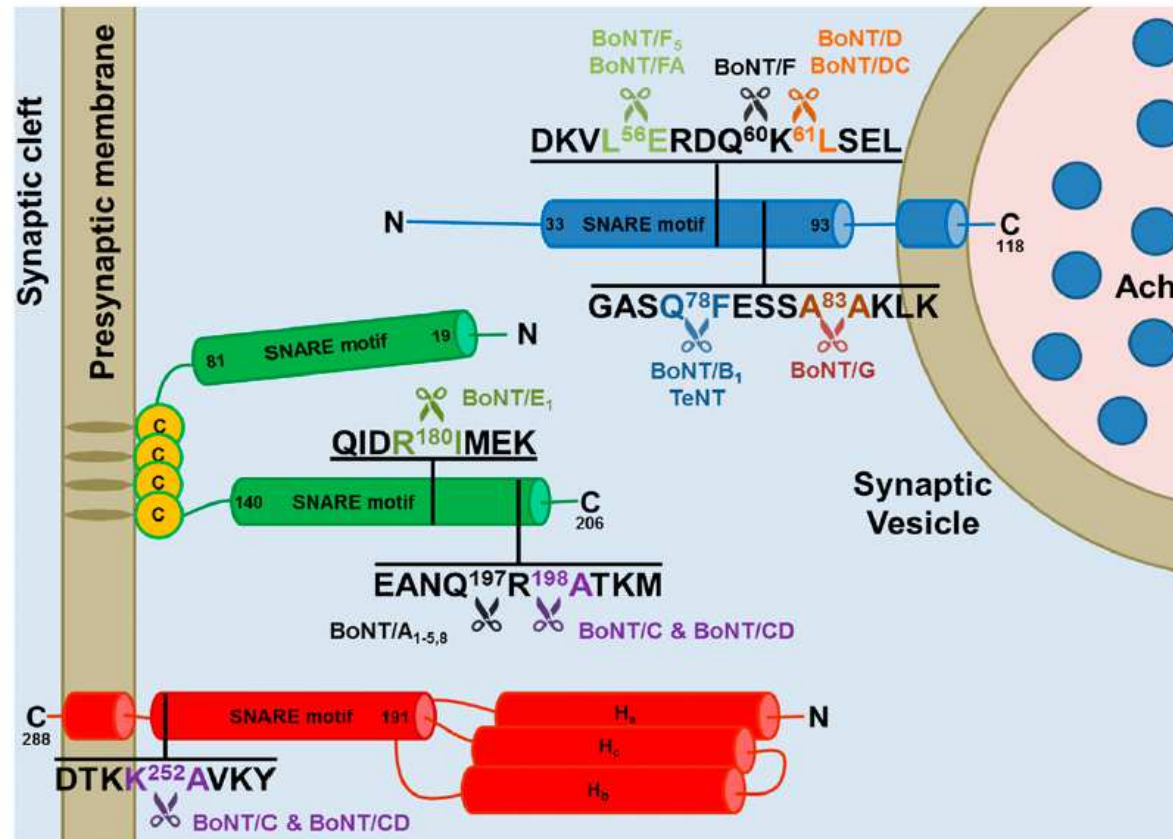
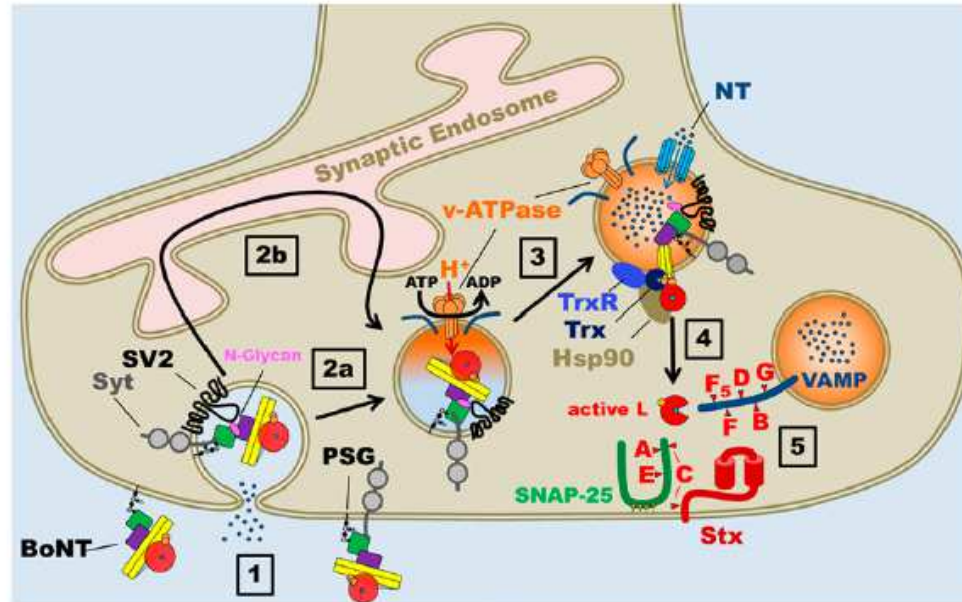
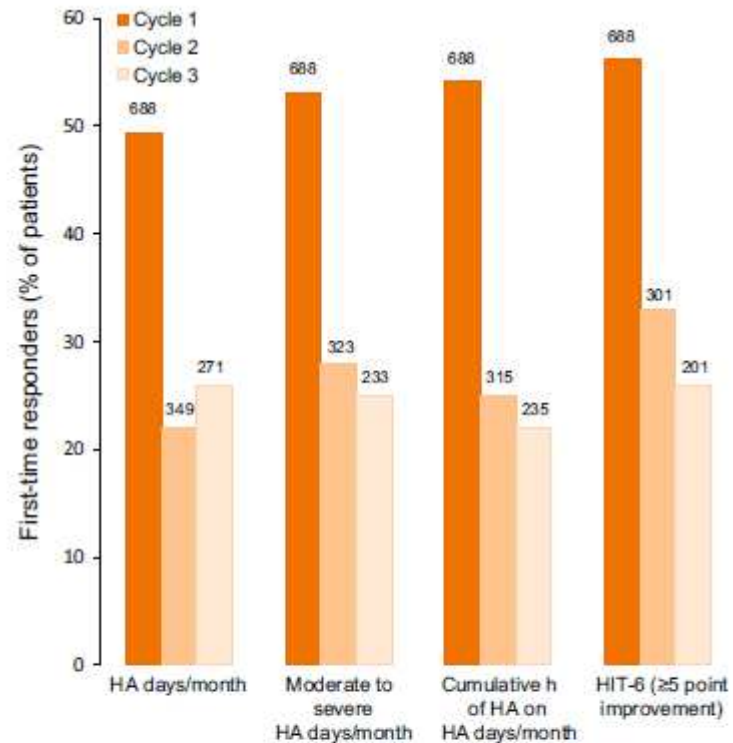


Fig. 3. Cleavage sites of the neuronal SNARE proteins by the different BoNT types and subtypes. The BoNT proteolytic activity is highly specific and directed toward unique peptide bonds within the sequence of their respective SNARE protein targets. VAMP of the synaptic vesicle (in blue, isoform 1 is shown here) or SNAP-25 (in green) or syntaxin 1B (in red, isoform 1B is shown here) mainly localized on the cytosolic side of the presynaptic membrane. Available evidence indicate that all the toxin subtypes and chimeric toxins cleave the same SNARE substrate, although different subtypes may cleave different peptide bonds. For example BoNT/F<sub>5</sub> and BoNT/FA, a chimeric toxin derived from a genetic recombination between BoNT/F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>5</sub>, and A1 neurotoxin genes, cleave VAMP at a peptide bond different from the one cleaved by BoNT/F<sub>1</sub>. Notice that tetanus neurotoxin and botulinum B1 neurotoxin cleave the same target at the same site proving that the different symptoms of tetanus and botulism are not due to a different target molecule, but to different neuronal targets: the Renshaw cells of the spinal cord for tetanus neurotoxin and peripheral nerve terminals for BoNT/B<sub>1</sub>.



**Fig. 4.** The nerve terminal intoxication by botulinum neurotoxins is a multi-step process. The first step (1) is the binding of the HC domain (green) to a polysialoganglioside (PSG) receptor of the presynaptic membrane (gray and black), followed by binding to a protein receptor. The currently known protein receptors are *i*) synaptotagmin (Syt, gray) for BoNT/B1, /DC, and /G; *ii*) glycosylated SV2 (black with its attached N-glycan in pink) for BoNT/A1 and /E1. Syt may be located either within the exocytosed synaptic vesicle or on the presynaptic membrane. The BoNT is then internalized inside SVs, which are directly recycled (2a) or inside SVs that fuse with the synaptic endosome and re-enter SV cycle by budding from this intermediate compartment (2b). The acidification (orange) of the vesicle, operated by the v-ATPase (orange), drives the accumulation of neurotransmitter (blue dots) via the vesicular neurotransmitter transporter (light blue). The protonation of BoNT leads to the membrane translocation of the L chain into the cytosol (3), which is assisted by the HN domain (yellow). The L chain (red) is released from the HN domain by the action of the thioredoxin reductase-thioredoxin system (TrxR-Trx, blue and dark blue) and Hsp90 (mud color), which reduce the interchain disulfide bond (orange) and avoid the aggregation of the protease (4). In the cytosol, the L chain displays its metalloprotease activity: BoNT/B, /D, /F, /G cleave VAMP (blue); BoNT/A and BoNT/E cleave SNAP-25 (green); and BoNT/C cleaves syntaxin (Stx, dark red) (5). Each of these proteolytic events is sufficient to cause a prolonged inhibition of neurotransmitter release with consequent neuromuscular paralysis.



**Fig. 1** Proportion of onabotulinumtoxinA-treated patients who responded (with a  $\geq 50\%$  improvement from baseline in the headache symptom or impact assessment indicated) for the first time after treatment cycles 1, 2 and 3 in the pooled PREEMPT trials [52]. For each assessment, the maximum possible number of first-time responders in the cycle indicated is shown above the bar. *HA* headache, *HIT-6* Headache Impact Test-6