# Bridging Proteomics to the Clinic – A Multivariate Blood Test for Disease Activity in Multiple Sclerosis

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## **HUPO** 2023 The Octave Precision Care Solution for Neurodegenerative Diseases

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**Neurodegenerative Diseases** represent a vast emerging field of innovation. Includes Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

## Complex, high cost, with devastating outcomes. Poorly characterized, lack of metrics and tools



Mission to improve patient lives & outcomes

Address significant challenges, issues, unmet needs in the MS ecosystem

Creating new objective measurement tools to improve and expand clinical insights & decisions

Octave Platform integrates all findings for each patient and at the population level

MSDA TEST Objective measurement of MS disease activity

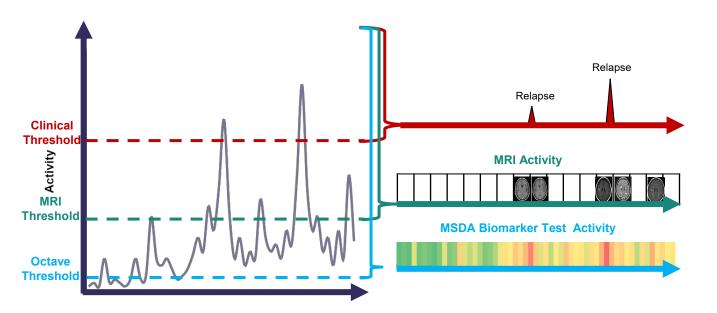
#### MRI Insights MS expert neurorads Structured reports AI/ML algorithms

### **Clinical Insights**

Continuous member monitoring with Octave's technology and MS nurse care partners



## **Biomarker Data Streams for Multiple Sclerosis**



- Routine MRI interpretation provides a lagging indicator of neurodegeneration, retrospective, poor correlation with clinical presentation and future activity
- Clinical assessments are limited to retrospective analysis of perceived symptoms, typically qualitative and subject to pronounced recall bias
- Biology is closest to the truth

Octave developing novel serum biomarker tests using the Olink platform, to add disease insights

**Real-time assessment** of underlying disease pathways, mechanisms

Dynamic measure of both inflammation and degeneration processes

Addresses issues of **Rx** selection, **Rx response**, flares, smoldering disease

Disease Activity test validated and clinically launched,

Disease progression test development underway



## **MSDA Test Development Process**

<b>82 Samples</b> Serum Pools Matched Normals	<b>305 Samples</b> ACP Cohort CLIMB Cohort #1	<b>753 Samples</b> F4: CLIMB Cohort #2 F5: EPIC Cohort F6: Basel Cohort PROMOTE Cohort	>2000 Samples SUMMIT Cohort RMMSC Cohort SMSC Cohort SUNY Buffalo Cohort Bern Cohort		
Feasibility	Discovery	Development	Validation		
<ul> <li>Market Research to refine product profiles</li> <li>Identified candidate biomarkers and analytical platforms</li> <li>Proof of Concept Studies</li> <li>Initiated biology modeling project to investigate causation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Added Olink Platform</li> <li>Evaluated endpoints of disease activity and progression</li> <li>Established CLIA/CAP accredited Lab</li> <li>Prepared for Development (reagents, samples, team, tech stack for data science)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Finalized selection of Top 21 biomarkers</li> <li>Optimized analytical performance of individual assays</li> <li>Manufactured 2 Custom Assay Reagent Lots</li> <li>Developed pilot algorithms for classification and regression</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analytical Validation completed</li> <li>Clinical Validation completed</li> <li>Beta program completed</li> <li>Routine Clinical Use launch</li> <li>Additional collaborations with pharma, academic centers and COEs ongoing to expand claims and clinical utility</li> </ul>		
220 biomarkers	1416 biomarkers	21 biomarkers	18 Biomarker Validation MSDA Test		
1400 -> 800 -> 200 -> 21 Iterative ranking process: Univariate associations across independent samples, Dimensionality reduction via regularization. Stochastic accuracy-weighted multivariate feature importance					

reduction via regularization, Stochastic accuracy-weighted multivariate feature importance, biology modeling to ensure comprehensive coverage of MS pathophysiology, Analytical performance specifications



# **Olink Proteomic Technology**



Extensive library with key content of interest broadly representing relevant pathways

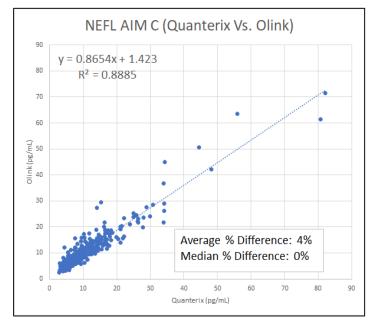


PEA, dual recognition excellent specificity and high sensitivity



High-quality service offerings and certification to perform assays in-house

Custom panel capability with novel targets, optimization, and fit-for-purpose validation



- Partnered with Olink to develop & manufacture a 21-plex MS specific custom assay panel.
- Optimized performance, absolute quantification, calibrated to 'gold standard' assays.
- Completed extensive analytical characterization and validation (biomarkers and scores).
- 3 reagent kit lots manufactured and bridged to date. 4th lot in-process
- MSDA Test is an LDT performed in Octave's CLIA certified and CAP accredited laboratory.
- >40 clinics in the USA are now using MSDA, ongoing retrospective and prospective trials with pharma



## **Octave Custom Assay Panel Protein Analytes**

Count	Marker	Name (Alias)	Associated Pathways, Cell Types
1	NEFL	Neurofilament Light	Neurodegeneration
2	MOG	Myelin-oligodendrocyte glycoprotein	oligodendrocyte, immune-mediated demyelination
3	CD6	Cluster of Differentiation 6	T cell, Th1, Th17
4	CXCL13	C-X-C Motif Chemokine Ligand 13, BLC	immune activation, B cell homing
5	CXCL9	CXCL9, Monokine Induced by Gamma Interferon, MIG	Immune Response, Inflammation
6	CDCP1	CUB domain-containing protein 1	T cell migration
7	CCL20	MIP-3 alpha	immunoregulatory and inflammatory processes
8	OPG	Osteoprotegerin, TNFRSF11B	inflammation, T cell activation, IFN-B treatment
9	IL-12B	Interleukin 12B	innate & adaptive immunity, Th1, overexpression observed in CNS in MS
10	APLP1	Amyloid Beta Precursor Like Protein 1	synaptic maturation during cortical development, regulation of neurite outgrowth
11	GH*	somatotropin, Growth Hormone	growth, cell reproduction and regeneration
12	VCAN*	Versican, versican proteoglycan	cell motility, cell adhesion, proliferation, proliferation, migration and angiogenesis
13	TNFRSF10A	TRAILR1, DR5 - Death Receptor 5	Cell Signaling and Apoptosis
14	COL4A1*	Collagen alpha-1(IV) chain	cell proliferation, migration, ECM
15	SERPINA9	serpin family A member 9	B cell
16	PRTG	Protogenin	neurogenesis, demyelinating
17	FLRT2	Leucine-rich repeat transmembrane protein	cell-cell adhesion, cell migration and axon guidance
18	TNFSF13B	BAFF	B cell, Inflammation
19	OPN	Osteopontin	Immune modulation
20	CNTN2	Contactin 2	cell adhesion, proliferation, migration, and axon guidance of neurons
21	GFAP	Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein	Astrocytes, demyelination and neuro-axonal injury

\*Biomarker not utilized in final MSDA Test algorithm

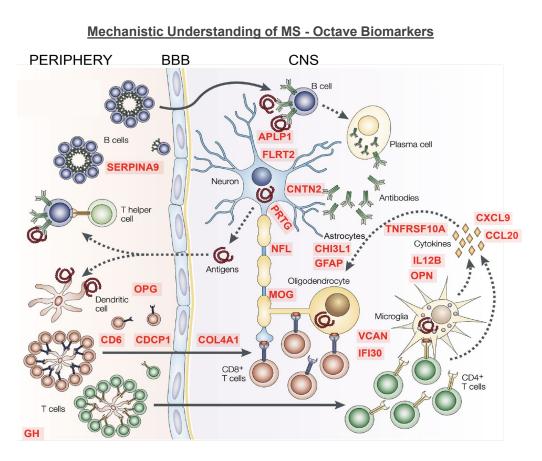


# Statistically significant features were investigated for relevance to MS neurophysiology

- Computational Biology models
- Automated/manual curation of open-source ontologies (Uniprot, Pubmed, GO, etc.)
- Probabilistic Graph Network for literature aggregation
- Protein-Protein Interaction modeling (STRING, Cytoscape)
- Gene Set Enrichment (Enrichr for functional annotations)
- Spatial Expression Profiling (Human Brain Atlas, Allen Brain Atlas)

### Key Pathways and Processes:

- Leukocyte Differentiation
- Microglial / Astrocytic Activation
- BBB Disruption
- Neuroinflammation
- Neurodegeneration
- Axon Guidance and Regeneration
- Iron Clearance and Recycling
- Cholesterol Clearance and Recycling
- Neuroprotection
- Demyelination



## **Dual Lot Approach**: Two Development Lots of Reagents + Kits manufactured and evaluated **Dual Site Approach**: (1) Characterization at Olink and (2) Validation at Octave

**Accuracy**: Sample mixing (endogenous protein). Correlation to previous runs using R&D assays.

**Precision**: Intra and Inter-Assay CV for individual Biomarkers using serum pools included in every run to date and forthcoming runs. Includes assay drift assessment.

Sensitivity: LOB, LOD, LLOQ and ULOQ

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Interference: RF/HAMA, Endogenous substances, Common drugs, MS therapeutics

**Cross Reactivity**: Intra-panel (cross talk) and homologous proteins (AA sequence coverage ≥90% and sequence identity ≥50% according to Protein BLAST)

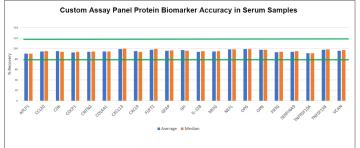
**Stability**: Accelerated + Real Time for Reagents and Samples including Freeze/Thaw cycles **Robustness**: Equipment, Personnel , Olink vs Octave R&D vs Octave CLIA

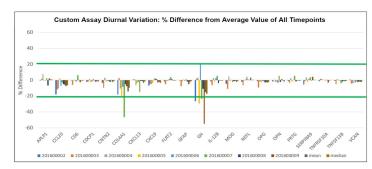
**Diurnal Variation**: First Study 6 timepoints - Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 5 and Day 12 **Reference Ranges**: Established for MS Population

**Kit Qualification and Release**: Three stage process (1) Olink (2) Octave Manufacturing (3) Octave Clinical: Includes Correlation, Accuracy, Sensitivity and Precision

**QC Process:** Assay protocol designed with 3 levels of internal controls for each sample and 4 Process Controls per plate. Specifications established for accuracy and precision of calibrators, controls, & samples.

## Analytical Validation Completed For Both Individual Proteins and MSDA Algorithm Scores Manuscript Published March 2023 - Proteomics Clinical Applications

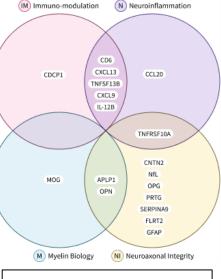






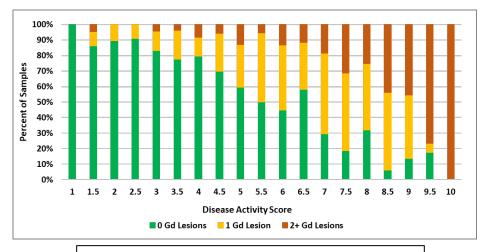
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MSDA algorithm leverages 18 protein biomarkers and their biological categorizations to determine 4 Disease Pathwav Scores and an Overall Disease Activity Score. Model was trained versus count of Gd+ lesions on an associated MRI (reflecting active inflammation) and provided a quantitative endpoint for Disease Activity level categorization. Algorithm also associated significantly with New/Enlarging T2 lesions and Active/Stable status.



4 Disease Pathway Scores and Disease Activity Score are Scaled From 1.0 to 10.0 with 0.5 intervals. Thresholds established corresponding to Low, Moderate and High Disease Activity

#### Plot of MSDA Score Distribution for Samples from Clinical Validation Study (n=188) and Post Validation Focal Inflammation Study (n=126)

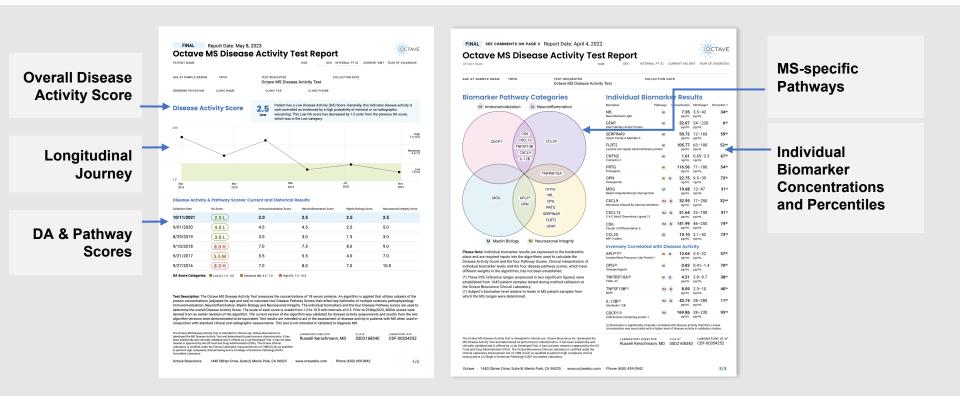


## MSDA Score Reflects Both Likelihood and Severity of Disease Activity

KEY RESULTS  $\rightarrow$ 

M/H score is 4.5 times more likely to have one or more Gd lesions than a patient with a L score. H score is 21 times more likely to have two or more Gd lesions than a patient with a L/M score.

# MSDA Test Report: Comprehensive, Yet Easy to Interpret



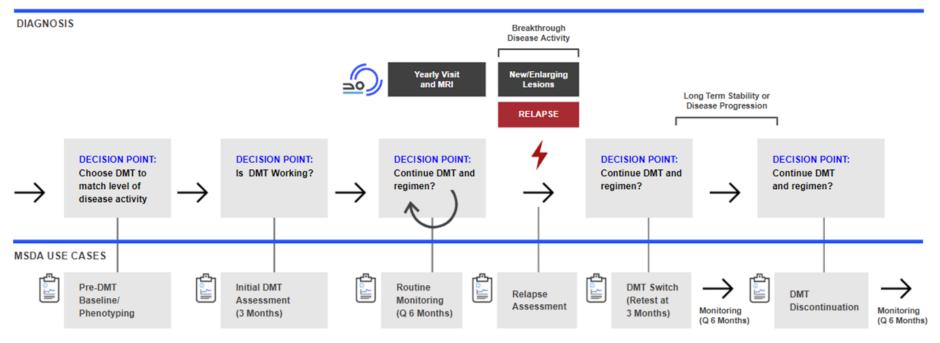
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## **MSDA** Test Patient Journey – Actionable Insights

#### EVENTS AND DECISION POINTS



SPECIAL CASES

Post Pregnancy: Assessing Activity Prior to re-starting DMT

# MSDA Case Study: Longitudinal Pre-Post DMT Switch

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From an early adoption clinic (now getting longitudinal results). Patient was on HE DMT but had a High MSDA score + relapse. Switched to alternate HE DMT and Low MSDA score confirmed disease stability.

### **Patient History**

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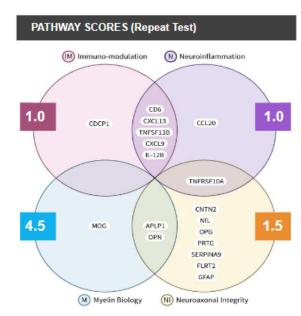
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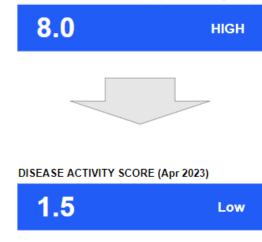
> 35 year old female diagnosed at age 29. Was on Natalizumab (High Efficacy) but had a relapse. Was determined to have neutralizing abs and was switched to Ocrelizumab. Longitudinal MSDA result was obtained 8 months later.

### Actions Considered with MSDA Test

High Score of 8.0 in Aug 2022 (baseline) corroborated relapse symptoms despite patient being on HE DMT. Switched to alternate HE DMT. Longitudinal Low MSDA score from Apr 2023 post DMT switch confirms patient is now clinically stable.





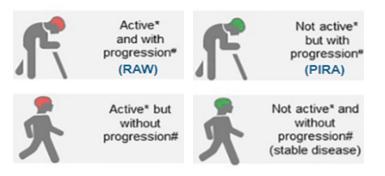




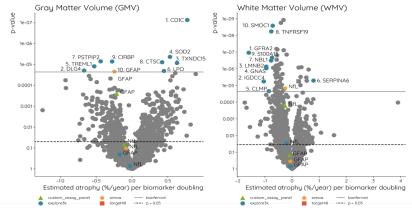
- Octave leveraged Olink's cutting-edge, proteomic platform to develop and manufacture a custom assay panel for MS
- MSDA Test was validated and launched in 2021, now being used in over 40 clinics across USA and growing
- MSDA is also being utilized by pharma for both retrospective and prospective studies
- Octave custom assay panel is also being utilized for additional assessments in MS (differential diagnosis, disease progression)
- Proteomic deep-scan for Octave MS studies first expanded to 3K analytes in 2022, now >5K analytes in 2023 using Olink Explore HT as part of Disease Progression test development project
- Now expanding and applying our Precision Care Solution to other neurodegenerative diseases: Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and beyond



### **Disease Progression Phenotypes**



#### Serum Biomarkers (Explore 3K) at Baseline Relative to Radiographic Endpoints of Progression: GMV and WMV)





# Thank you for your attention!

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