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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method for delaying the onset of clinically definite multiple sclerosis in a patient at risk of developing clinically definite multiple sclerosis and retard long-term progression of multiple sclerosis and its symptoms, the method comprising periodically administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of glatiramer acetate to the patient, thereby delaying onset of clinically definite multiple sclerosis in the patient and retarding long-term progression of multiple sclerosis and its symptoms.

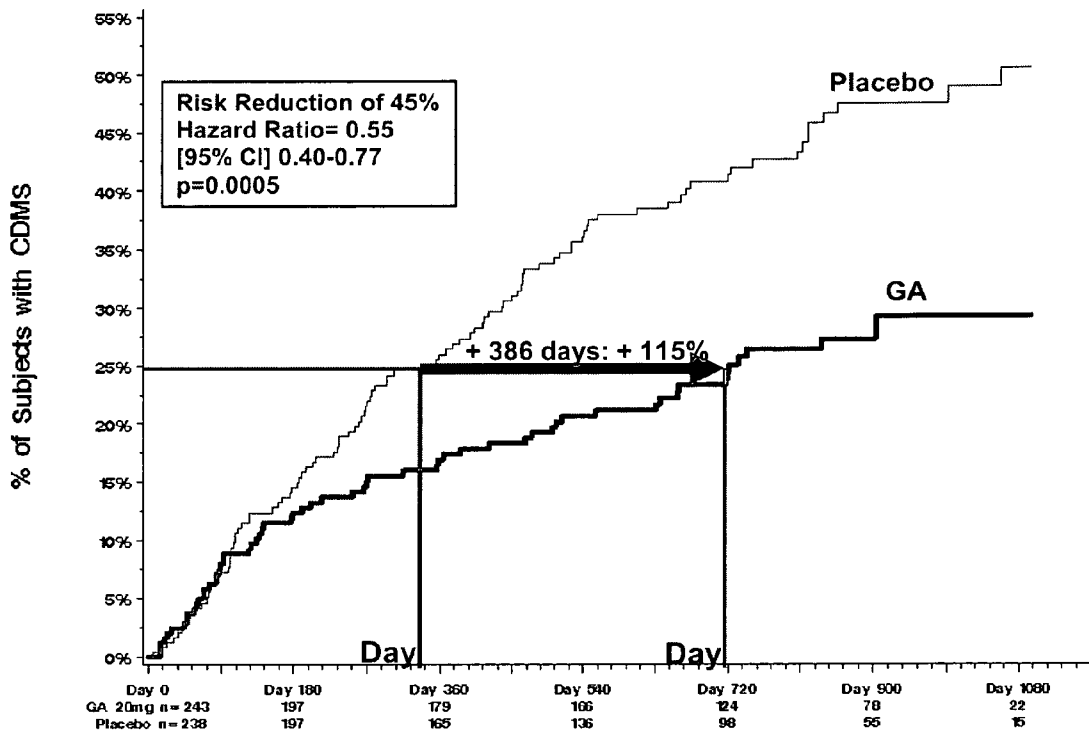
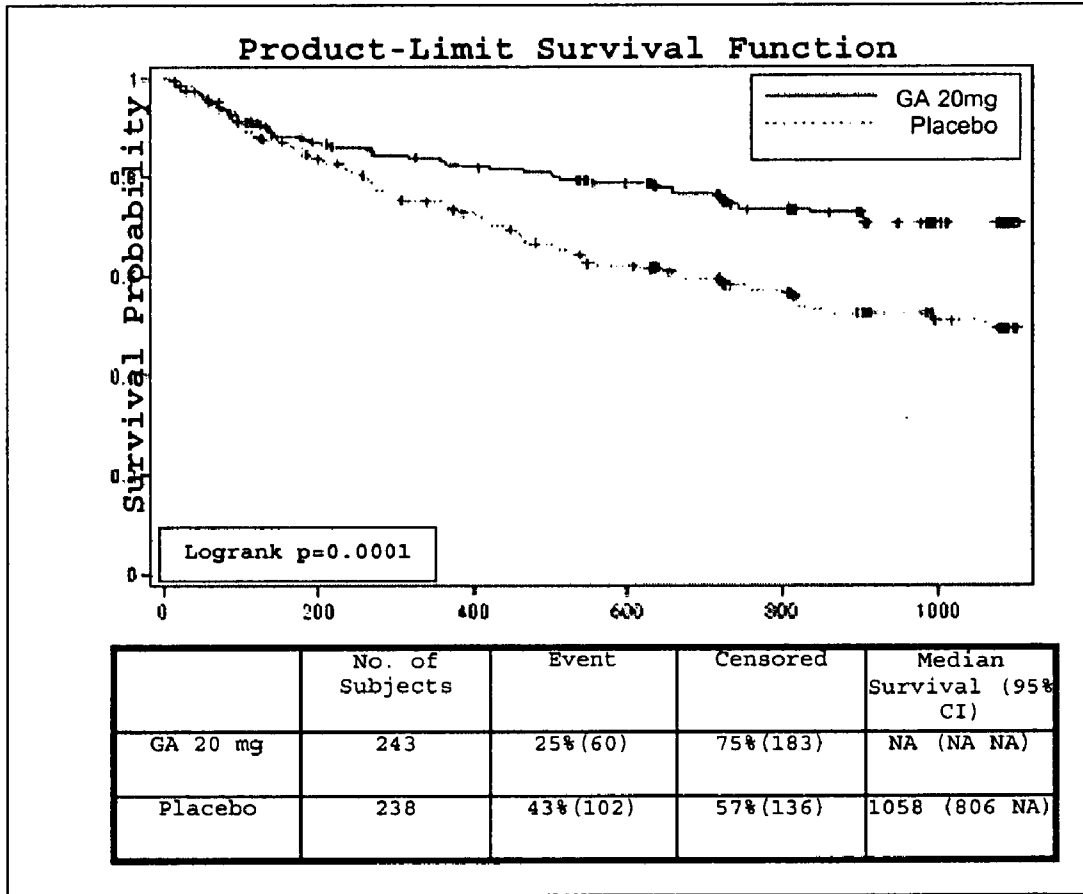


Figure 1

GA Reduces the Risk to CDMS

Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves and Log Rank* Test



Time to Conversion

*Alternate Analysis to the Cox Model In Case that the Proportional Hazards Assumption is Violated

Figure 2

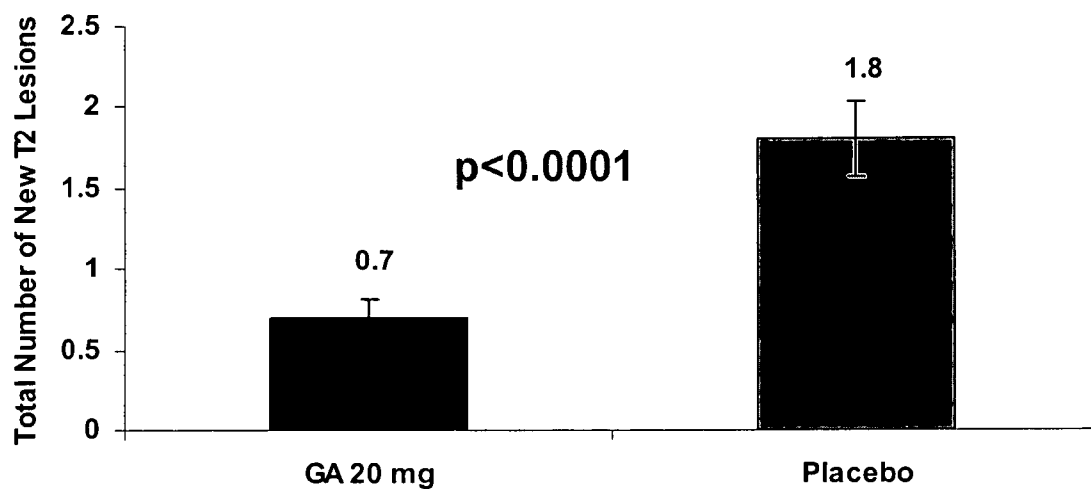
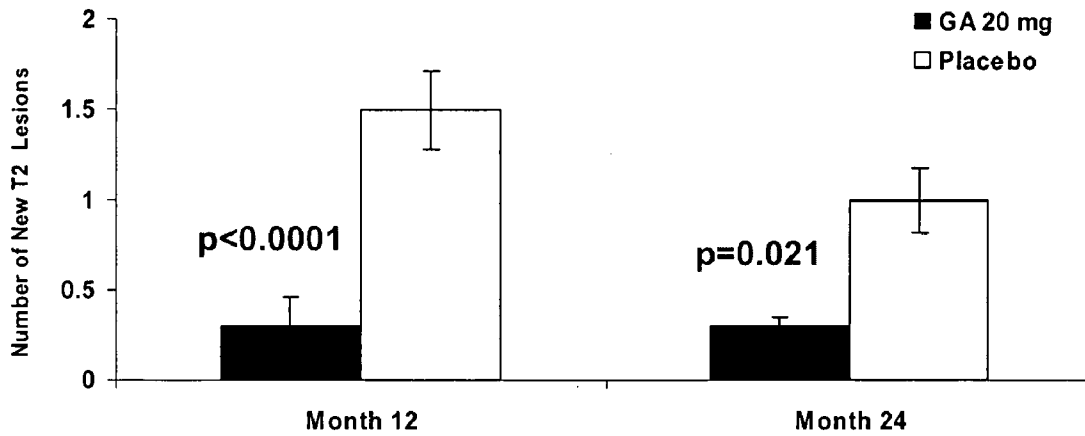


Figure 3

Total Number of New T2 lesions (LOV)



Values taken during the placebo-controlled phase

Visit	GA 20 mg	Placebo
Month 12	177	158
Month 24	127	96

Figure 4

Total Number of New T2 Lesions: Annual Comparison

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