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# Real-World Demographic, Clinical Characteristics, and Treatment Patterns among Males Treated with Trofinetide for Rett Syndrome

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## INTRODUCTION

- Rett syndrome (RTT) is a rare neurodevelopmental disease primarily associated with loss-of-function mutations in the transcriptional regulator methyl-CpG binding protein-2 (MECP2) gene [1].
- RTT presents predominantly in female individuals, yet recent developments in genetic testing have added support to clinical observations that RTT can occur in males [2,3].
- Trofinetide (TROF) is approved for individuals with Rett syndrome (RTT) regardless of sex aged ≥2 years based on efficacy and safety established among individuals aged 5-20 years in pivotal Phase 3 LAVENDER trial, open-label extension trials (LILAC, LILAC-2) and among 2-4 years in the Daffodil trial [4-7].
- Since TROF is indicated as a treatment for RTT among all individuals, it is important to understand the demographic and patient characteristics among males with RTT who initiated TROF in the real-world setting.

## OBJECTIVES

- To examine demographic and clinical characteristics among male individuals with RTT who initiated TROF versus those who did not initiate TROF.
- To examine time to non-persistence of TROF among male RTT individuals who initiated on TROF.

## METHODS

### Study Design & Data Source

- A retrospective cohort study was conducted using a tokenized linked medical and pharmacy databases from 01/01/2021 to 09/30/2024 (i.e., study period) (Figure 1):
  - Medical claims from IQVIA's Anonymized Patient Level Data
  - Pharmacy claims from a specialty pharmacy TROF prescription (RX) database

### Study Population & Time Period Definitions

- Individuals with ≥1 medical claim of RTT (ICD-10 code: F84.2) were included.
- The eligible population was stratified into two groups based on TROF treatment status (i.e., treated or untreated) between 01/01/2023, through 03/31/2024 (i.e., identification period).
  - Treated:** Individuals with ≥1 pharmacy claims for TROF during the identification period. Index date was the first TROF RX fill date.
  - Untreated:** Individuals who did not initiate TROF during the identification period.
    - Index date: an assigned index date using a risk set sampling approach that is set to the elapsed time (in days) from RTT diagnosis to TROF initiation of every 1 treated individual to 5 untreated (1:5 ratio) individuals. This approach creates comparable person-time between groups and avoids immortal time bias.
- Eligible individuals were further required to have ≥6-months of pre- and post-index continuous enrollment.
- Individuals with cerebrovascular disease or brain trauma anytime before RTT diagnosis were excluded.

### Study Measures: Baseline/Pre-index Characteristics

- Baseline demographics (i.e., age) was identified at index date; patient clinical characteristics or comorbidities were evaluated 6 months prior to index date; physician specialty (e.g., child neurologist, clinical neurophysiologists etc.) closest to TROF index among treated and closest to RTT diagnosis among untreated were examined.
- Differential diagnosis (e.g., non-specific developmental delay (NSDD), autism spectrum disorder (ASD) etc.), were examined any time before TROF index among treated and anytime before RTT diagnosis among untreated were examined.
- Baseline comorbidities such as epilepsy, gastrostomy etc., were assessed during pre-index.

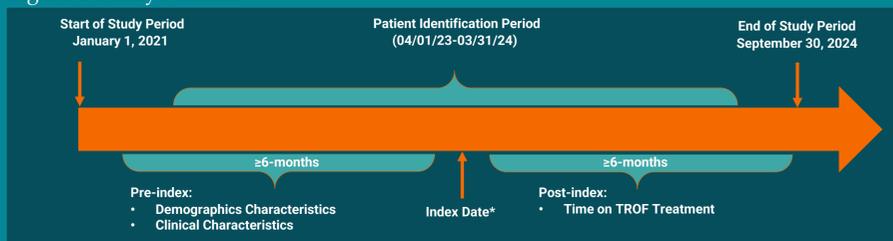
### Study Measures: Clinical Outcomes

- Among the treated group, time on TROF treatment (TOT) was evaluated from index date to last RX claim date plus 90-day gap, or last follow-up date, or study end date, whichever came first was examined.

### Statistical Methods

- Categorical variables such as physician specialty or comorbidities were reported as frequencies and percentages (%); continuous variables such as age was reported as mean, standard deviation (SD).
- Time on treatment was expressed using Kaplan Meier curves in months.

Figure 1: Study Schema

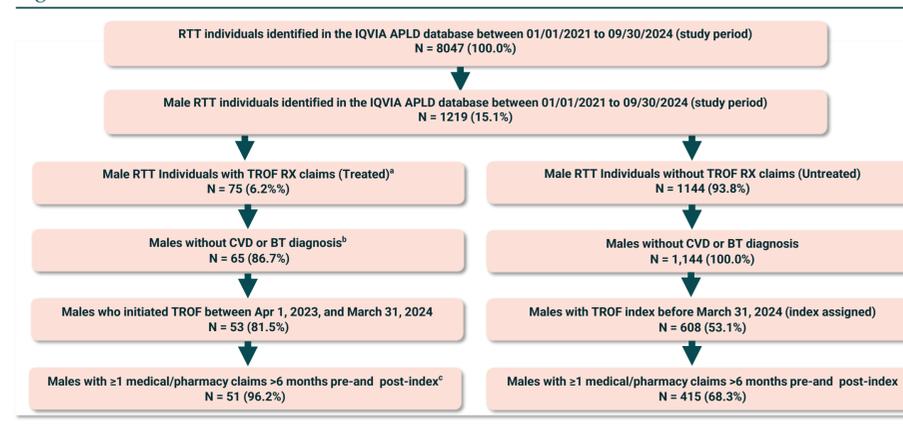


Abbreviations: RX, Prescription; TROF, Trofinetide  
Date of 1st TROF RX – treated group; Derived index date based on matched diagnosis-to-treatment – untreated group

## RESULTS

**Study Population:** Of 8,047 RTT individuals identified, 15.1% (n=1219) were males. Of those 1219 males with RTT, 6.2% (n=75) were treated with TROF and 93.8% were untreated. After the inclusion and exclusion criteria a total of 466 males formed the final study sample of which 10.9% (n=51) were treated in the treated group and 89.1% (n=415) formed the untreated group (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Attrition Table



Abbreviations: APLD, Anonymized Patient Level Data; BT, Brain Trauma; CVD, Cerebrovascular Disease; RTT, Rett Syndrome; TROF, Trofinetide.  
Note: The percentages were calculated based on previous step. \*1,467 female individuals; <sup>1</sup> individuals had CVD or BT prior to RTT dx; <sup>2</sup> individuals had <6 months of continuous enrollment pre- or post-index.

### Baseline/Pre-index Characteristics

Pre-index characteristics are reported in Table 1:

- The age for the treated males was a mean (SD) age of 18.8 (18.3) vs 17.7 (13.2) years compared to untreated males, respectively.
- Majority of individuals in both groups were managed by child neurologists (64.7% vs 12.7%; p<0.001), followed by nurse practitioners (9.8% vs 5.1%; p=0.19); however, lower for pediatricians (5.9% vs 23.6%; p<0.001), among treated vs untreated, respectively.

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics among TROF Treated vs Untreated Groups

Characteristics	Treated Group (n = 51)	Untreated Group (n = 415)	p-value
<b>Age at Index (years), mean ± SD</b>	18.8 ± 18.3	17.7 ± 13.2	0.91
<b>Age Categories at TROF, n (%)</b>			
2-4	12 (23.5%)	36 (8.7%)	<0.05
5-10	11 (21.6%)	111 (26.8%)	0.53
11-17	7 (13.7%)	102 (24.6%)	0.12
18-29	12 (23.5%)	99 (23.9%)	0.99
30-39	2 (3.9%)	35 (8.4%)	0.41
40-49	2 (3.9%)	15 (3.6%)	0.99
≥50	5 (9.8%)	17 (4.1%)	0.14
<b>Physician Specialty Type, n (%)</b>			
Unknown	0 (0.0%)	123 (29.6%)	<0.05
Known*	51 (100.0%)	292 (70.4%)	
Child Neurologists	33 (64.7%)	37 (12.7%)	<0.05
Nurse practitioners	5 (9.8%)	15 (5.1%)	0.19
Pediatricians	3 (5.9%)	69 (23.6%)	<0.05
Neurologists	3 (5.9%)	10 (3.4%)	0.42
Clinical Neurophysiologists	3 (5.9%)	7 (1.7%)	0.10

Abbreviations: SD, Standard deviation; \* Percentages were estimated among the known physician specialty; other specialty includes child and adolescent psychiatry, medical genetics, neurodevelopmental disabilities (psychiatry & neurology), neuromuscular medicine among treated with 1 each; among untreated - other specialty included behavioral health & social services (n=30), internal medicine (n=13), audiology (n=13), family medicine (n=10).

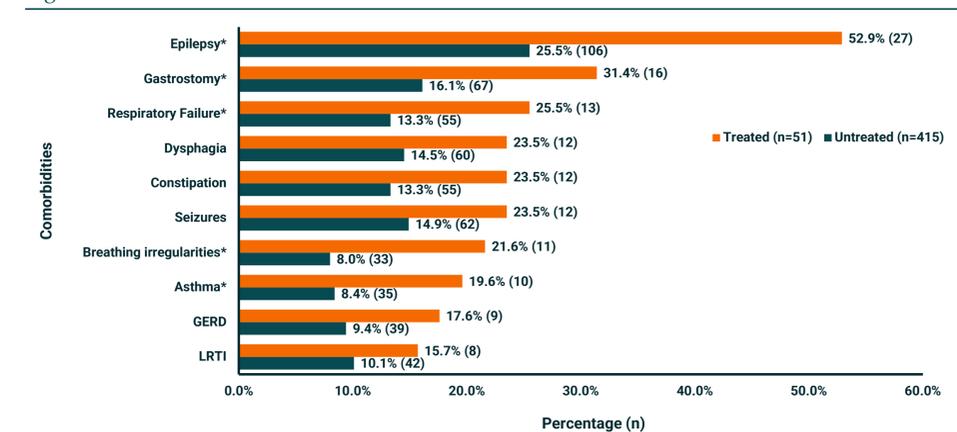
### Baseline Characteristics

- Treated male individuals had a higher rates of epilepsy (52.9% vs 25.5%; p<0.001), gastrostomy (31.4% vs 16.1%; p=0.01), and respiratory failure (25.5% vs 13.3%; p=0.03) vs untreated.
- Similar patterns were observed for other comorbidities, including dysphagia (23.5% vs 14.5%; p=0.14) and constipation (23.5% vs 13.3%; p=0.08) for treated vs untreated male RTT individuals (Figure 3).

### Clinical Outcomes

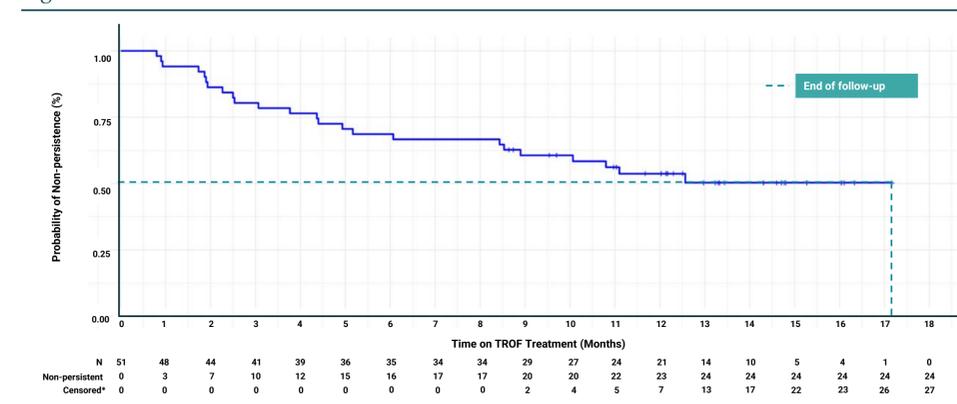
- Kaplan Meier analysis showed that approximately 80% of treated individuals were on TROF treatment for more than 3 months; 70% stayed on TROF for ≥ 6 months, respectively.
- Over half (>50%) continued TROF treatment through the end of study follow-up (~6.0-17.2 months) (Figure 4).

Figure 3: Baseline Comorbidities



Abbreviations: GERD, Gastroesophageal reflux disorder; LRTI, Lower respiratory tract infection  
\* Significantly different with a p-value <0.05  
Note: Only the top 10 comorbidities studied were presented for clarity. Comorbidities were evaluated 6-months pre-index (i.e., within 6-months prior to first TROF initiation among treated group and within 6-months prior to the assigned index date among the untreated group).

Figure 4: Time on TROF Treatment



Abbreviations: TROF, Trofinetide  
\* Individuals were followed until the last available RX claim date, end of follow-up or end of study period which ever comes first.

## CONCLUSIONS

**In this real-world analysis, TROF was used among males with RTT, although a substantial proportion (9 in 10) remained untreated; highlighting an ongoing opportunity to educate and treat among this RTT sub-population.**

**Provider specialty patterns suggest treated patients are frequently managed within pediatric neurology.**

**The most common baseline comorbidities among male individuals with RTT treated versus untreated with TROF were epilepsy, gastrostomy, and dysphagia.**

**Among males who initiated TROF, approximately 8 in 10 remained on treatment beyond 3 months; and 7 in 10 individuals remained on treatment beyond 6 months, respectively.**

**More than half continued on TROF treatment for >17 months, suggesting a high persistency of TROF in the real-world setting.**