

German Multiple Sclerosis Brain Bank (MS Brain Bank)

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Background:

- The aim of the German Multiple Sclerosis Brain Bank (MS-BB), as part of the Competence Network Multiple Sclerosis (KKNMS), is to collect, store and characterize autopsy-derived tissue samples from MS donors.
- On the basis of detailed immunopathological characterisation of autopsy-derived MS lesions, researchers in the competence network will be provided with MS tissue.
- In addition a limited clinical data set will be collected

MS donor-program

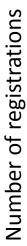
(Flyer about the MS BB)

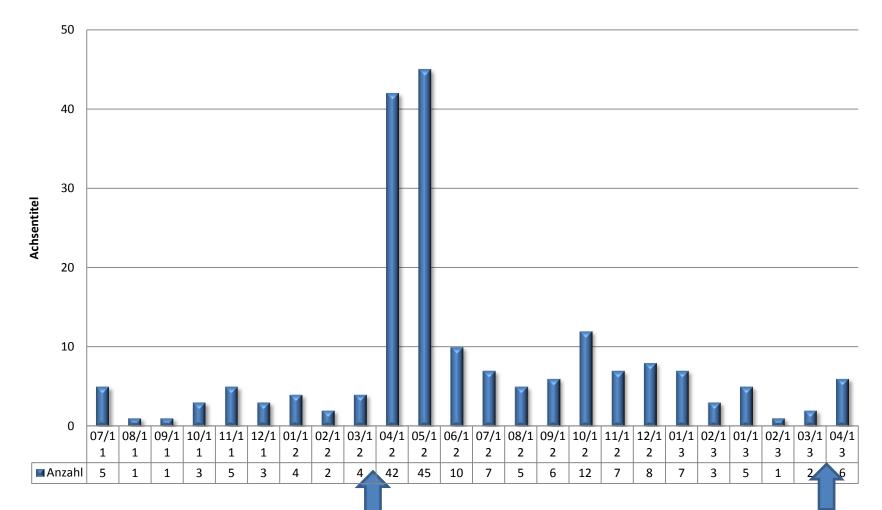
- A very important tool of the MS-BB is the MS-donor program, with the aim at motivating MS patients as brain donors.
- For this a flyer about the MS-BB, containing an integrated postcard that can be returned by the patients for registration or further information, was developed and distributed for example at various events.



The MS BB Donor Pass



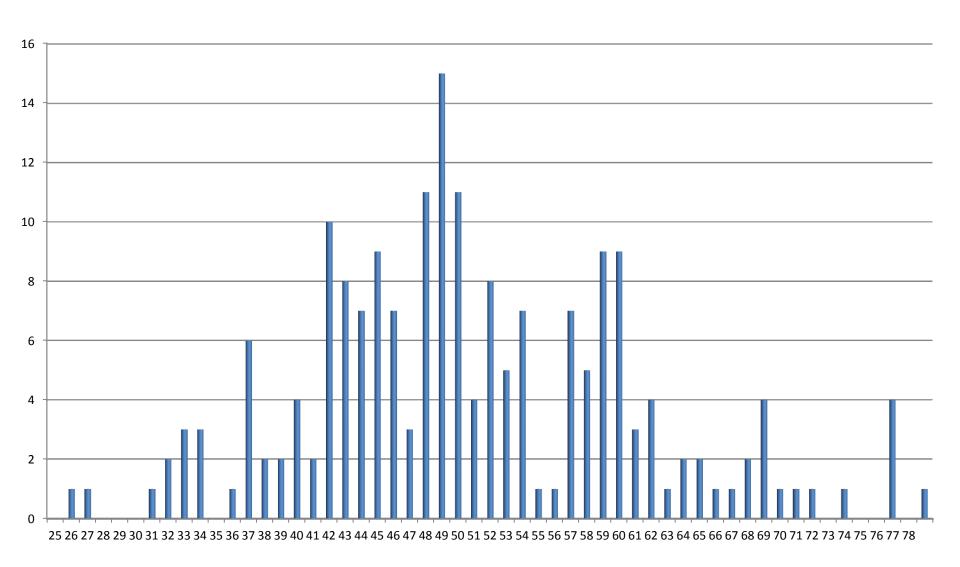




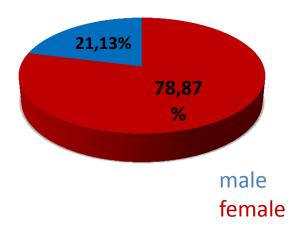
Newspaper article, March 2012

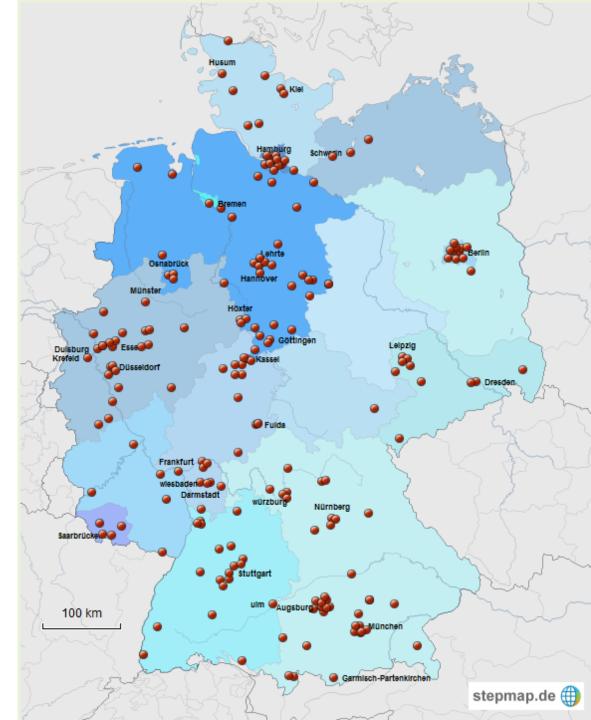
Interview, newspaper article, April 2013

Age distribution

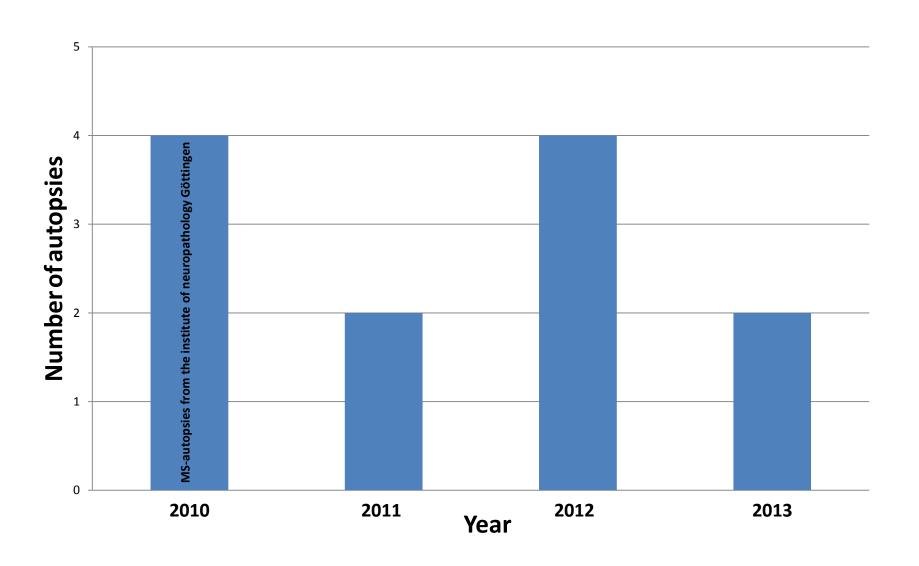


Geographical distribution of the donors





Number of autopsies 07/2011-04/2013



Challenges for the Donors Management

- More than 200 donors from all over Germany
- Most of them will be followed up for more than 30 years
 - Contact must be kept up with the donors for decades
 - Their contact information and informed consent must be up-to-date
 - Long-term binding to the MS Brain Bank project through newsletters, telephone calls, etc.

Solution -> Study Participant Management System