

# Epidemiology and Presentation of Inflammatory Myopathy

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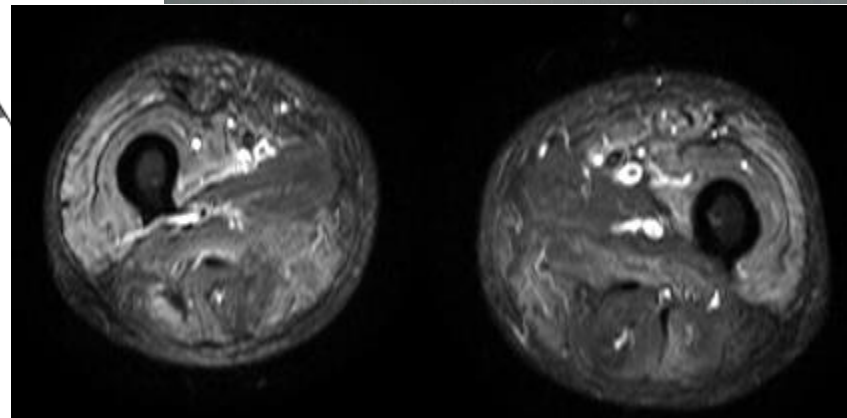
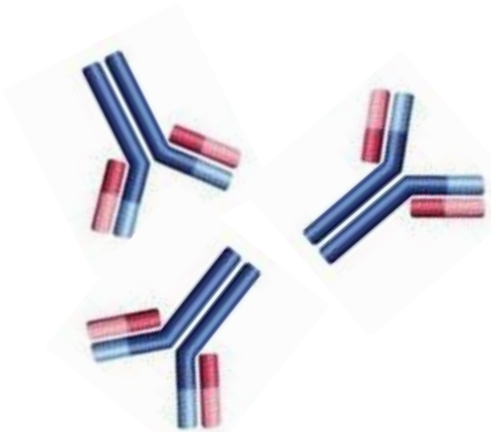
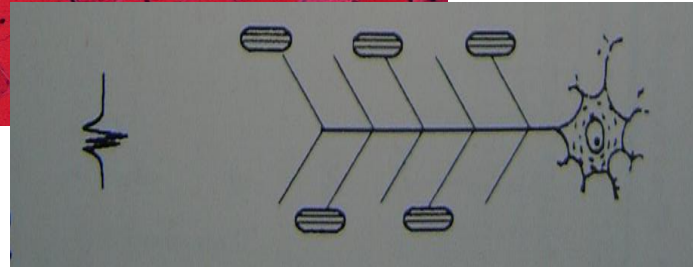
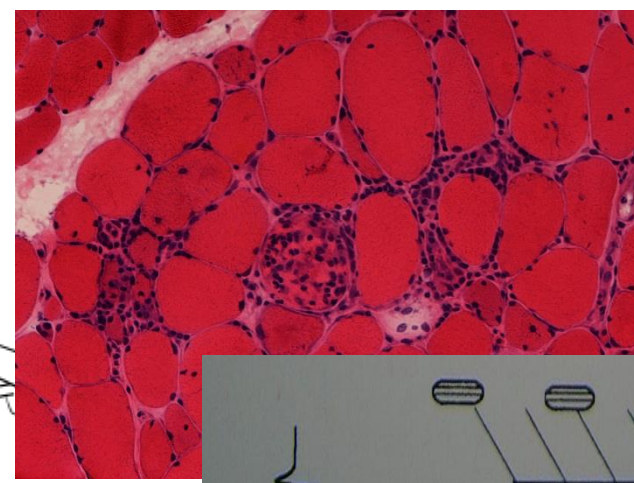
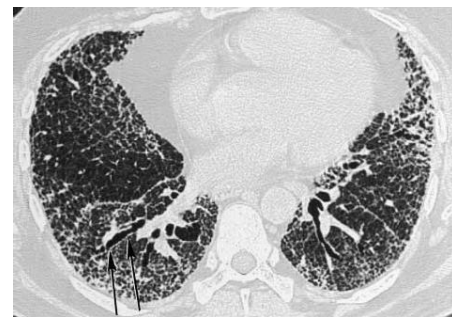
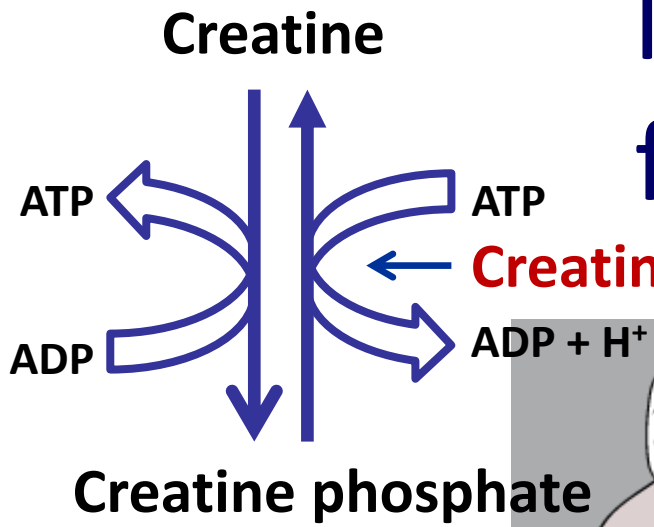
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# Myositis features



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# Epidemiology of Myositis / Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy

Annual incidence  
5-10/million

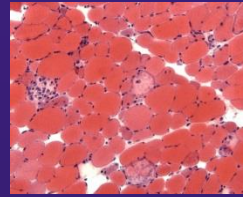
Prevalence  
~50-90/million

2 peaks of onset

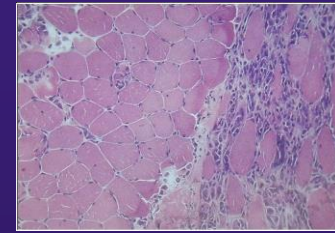
- Childhood (5-15 years)
- Midlife (30-50 years)

Females  
preferentially  
affected (~3:1)

*Necrotizing Myopathy*

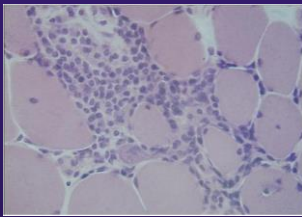


*Dermatomyositis*



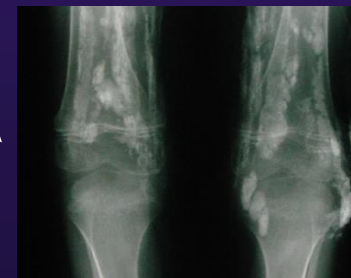
*Polymyositis*

*Inclusion Body Myositis*



*Idiopathic  
Inflammatory  
Myopathy*

*Malignancy*



*Myositis-CTD  
overlap*

*Juvenile  
dermatomyositis*



# Idiopathic inflammatory myopathy – what is it? (1)

Heterogeneous group of rare autoimmune diseases

Aetiology involves interactions between environmental and genetic risk factors

May also manifest in association with other connective tissue disorders

Extramuscular features can also occur

# Idiopathic inflammatory myopathy – what is it? (2)

Proximal weakness

Rash (dermatomyositis)

Myositis-specific/myositis-associated autoantibodies

Raised muscle enzymes

Inflammatory cell infiltrates in muscle tissue (myositis)

Electrophysiological abnormalities

# How do patients' present with IIM to rheum/neuro?

Insidious onset of proximal weakness

Myalgia

Fatigue

Dysphagia

Dyspnoea

Weight loss

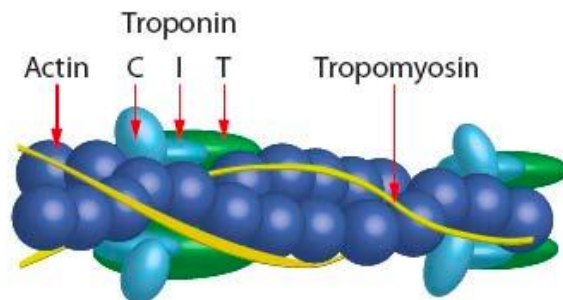
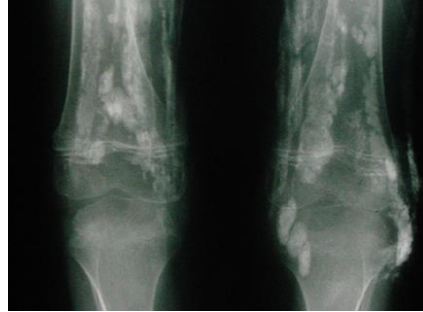
Skin abnormalities (including ulceration)

Raynaud's

Dry, cracked hands

Arthralgia/arthritis

# Extra-muscular features



Slides courtesy of IMACS, Prof Oddis & McHugh  
<http://www.cytoskeleton.com/tropomyosin-troponin-complex-cs-tt05>

# Don't forget that Arthritis can be a presenting feature of Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy

*Table 2. Arthritis in myositis subtypes. Data are n (%).*

Diagnosis	Arthritis at Any Time*	Arthritis at Disease Onset**	Current Arthritis# (≥ 1 swollen joint)
PM (46)	27 (59)	19 (41)	17 (40)
DM (40)	22 (55)	15 (38)	11 (28)
CAM (8)	2 (25)	1 (13)	0 (0)
IMNM (11)	4 (36)	1 (13)	2 (18)
IBM (1)	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (100)
Total (106)	56 (53)	39 (37)	31 (29)

- 39/106 (37%) arthritis at presentation
- 23/106 (22%) arthritis preceded weakness
- 27/29 Jo-1 had arthritis at anytime

# Heliotrope rash

- Violaceous to erythematous discrete or confluent macules confined to the upper eyelids.



# Gottron's papules

- Erythematous to violaceous papules and plaques over the extensor surfaces of MCP and IP joints & other large joints in a symmetric distribution.



- Discrete and confluent macular erythema over the lower anterior neck and upper anterior chest
- Discrete and confluent macular erythema in a shawl distribution



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# Nail changes



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# Bohan and Peter diagnostic criteria for polymyositis / dermatomyositis

<b>1</b>	Symmetrical weakness of limb-girdle muscles and anterior neck flexors	
<b>2</b>	Muscle biopsy evidence typical of myositis	
<b>3</b>	Elevation of serum skeletal muscle enzymes, particularly CK	
<b>4</b>	Typical EMG features of myositis	
<b>5</b>	Typical DM rash, including heliotrope and Gottron's papules	
	<b>For the diagnosis of PM:</b>	<b>For the diagnosis of DM:</b>
Definite:	All of items 1-4	Definite: Item 5 plus 3 of items 1-4
Probable:	3 of items 1-4	Probable: Item 5 plus 2 of items 1-4
Possible:	2 of items 1-4	Possible: Item 5 plus 1 of items 1-4

Exclusion criteria: congenital muscular dystrophies, central or peripheral neurological disease, infectious myositis, metabolic/endocrine myopathies and myasthenia gravis.

# New classification criteria for myositis

VARIABLE	SCORE POINTS	
	Without muscle biopsy data	With muscle biopsy data
18 ≤ Age of onset of first symptom < 40	1.3	1.5
Age of onset of first symptom ≥ 40	2.1	2.2
<b>Clinical Muscle Variables</b>		
Objective symmetric weakness, usually progressive, of the proximal upper extremities	0.7	0.7
Objective symmetric weakness, usually progressive, of the proximal lower extremities	0.8	0.5
Neck flexors are relatively weaker than neck extensors	1.9	1.6
In the legs proximal muscles are relatively weaker than distal muscles	0.9	1.2
<b>Skin variables</b>		
Heliotrope rash	3.1	3.2
Gottron's papules	2.1	2.7
Gottron's sign	3.3	3.7
<b>Other Clinical Variables</b>		
Dysphagia or esophageal dysmotility	0.7	0.6
<b>Laboratory Variables</b>		
Elevated serum levels of creatine kinase (CK) or, Serum lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) or, Serum aspartate aminotransferase (ASAT) or, Serum alanine aminotransferase (ALAT)	1.3	1.4
Anti-Jo-1 (anti-Histidyl-tRNA synthetase) autoantibody positivity	3.9	3.8
<b>Muscle Biopsy Variables</b>		
Endomysial infiltration of mononuclear cells surrounding, but not invading, myofibers		1.7
Perimysial and/or perivascular infiltration of mononuclear cells		1.2
Perifascicular atrophy		1.9
Rimmed vacuoles		3.1

Tjarnlund et al, Ann Rheum Dis 2013: vol 72, suppl 3, p60

<http://www.imm.ki.se/biostatistics/calculators/iim/>

# Performance of new criteria

PERFORMANCE OF NEW AND EXISTING CLASSIFICATION / DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR IIM							
Performance (%)	New classification criteria <sup>a</sup>		Bohan & Peter <sup>b</sup>	Tanimoto <i>et al.</i>	Targoff <i>et al.</i> <sup>b</sup>	Dalakas & Hohlfeld <sup>b</sup>	Hoogendijk <i>et al.</i> <sup>b</sup>
	Without muscle biopsy data	With muscle biopsy data					
<b>Sensitivity</b>	86	90	98	96	93	6	52
<b>Specificity</b>	84	90	55	31	89	99	97
<b>Correctly classified</b>	85	90	86	79	91	45	70
<b>Correct classification per subgroup (%)</b>							
<b>Amyopathic DM</b>	100	100	25	14	0	0	0
<b>DM</b>	98	100	100	96	99	7	83
<b>Hypomyopathic DM</b>	100	100	80	40	67	0	20
<b>IMNM</b>	100	100	100	100	100	0	10
<b>IBM</b>	68	94	97	97	91	1	1
<b>JDM</b>	98	96	100	96	98	5	86
<b>PM</b>	83	90	95	100	85	11	9
<b>Non IIM</b>	9	11	45	69	11	1	3

<sup>a</sup>Cut point for probability: 55%

<sup>b</sup>Definite and probable PM and DM

# Many causes of raised CK!

<b>1. Muscle trauma</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Muscle injury / Needle stick</li> <li>b) EMG</li> <li>c) Surgery</li> <li>d) Convulsions, delirium tremens</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Diseases affecting muscle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Myocardial infarction</li> <li>b) Rhabdomyolysis</li> <li>g) Infectious myositis</li> <li>c) Metabolic myopathies</li> <li>d) Carnitine palmitoyltransferase II deficiency</li> <li>e) Mitochondrial myopathies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) Dystrophinopathies</li> <li>h) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis</li> <li>i) Neuromyotonias</li> <li>h) Idiopathic inflammatory myopathy</li> </ul>
<b>3. Drug/toxin-induced myopathy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Lipid-lowering agents, especially statins</li> <li>b) Alcoholic myopathy</li> <li>c) Drugs of abuse: e.g. cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine</li> <li>d) Malignant hyperthermia / neuroleptic malignant syndrome</li> <li>e) Other meds: e.g. zidovudine, colchicine, chloroquine, ipecac</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Drug-induced CK elevation</b>	<p>Inhibition of excretion: e.g. barbiturates, morphine, diazepam</p>	
<b>5. Endocrine and metabolic abnormalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Hypothyroidism</li> <li>b) Hypokalemia</li> <li>c) Hyperosmolar state or ketoacidosis</li> <li>d) Diabetic nephrotic syndrome with oedema</li> <li>e) Renal failure</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Elevation without disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Strenuous, prolonged, and/or unaccustomed exercise</li> <li>b) Ethnic group (black &gt; white)</li> <li>c) Increased muscle mass</li> </ul>	

# Differential diagnosis of muscle weakness

Inherited myopathies	Muscular dystrophies: Duchenne's, fascioscapulohumeral, limb girdle, Becker's, Emery Dreifuss, distal, ocular Congenital myopathies: nemaline, mitochondrial, centronuclear, central core
Neurologic	Denervating conditions: spinal muscular atrophies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Neuromuscular junction disorders: Eaton-Lambert syndrome, myasthenia gravis Myotonic disease: dystrophia myotonica, myotonia congenita, PROMM Other: Guillain-Barre syndrome, chronic autoimmune polyneuropathy
Metabolic	Glycogen storage diseases: acid maltase deficiency, McArdle's, PFK Lipid storage myopathies: carnitine palmityltransferase II deficiency Nutritional: vitamin E deficiency, malabsorption Other: uraemia, hepatic failure, alcoholism, acute intermittent porphyria, diabetic plexopathy
Endocrine myopathies	Hyper/hypothyroidism, acromegaly, Cushing's syndrome, Addison's disease, vitamin D deficiency, hyper/hypocalcaemia, hypokalaemia
Drug induced myopathies	Statins, D-penicillamine, clofibrate, chloroquine, amiodarone, vincristine, zidovudine
Infections	Acute viral: influenza, hep B, echovirus, rickettsia, coxsackie, rubella, vaccine-associated Bacterial pyomyositis: <i>staphylococcus</i> , <i>streptococcus</i> , <i>clostridium perfringens</i> , leprosy Parasites: <i>toxoplasma</i> , <i>trichinella</i> , <i>schistosoma</i> , <i>cysticercus</i>
Other connective tissues disorders	Rheumatoid arthritis, systemic sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus
Miscellaneous	Periodic paralyses, carcinomatous neuromyopathy, acute rhabdomyolysis, myositis ossificans, microembolisation by atheroma or carcinoma

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# Myositis-specific autoantibodies

Myositis specific autoantibodies → Clinical phenotypes in adults and children

## Anti-synthetase syndrome

Fever                      Myositis  
 Raynauds                Arthropathy  
 Lung fibrosis            Mechanics hands  
 +/- rash

## Necrotizing myopathy

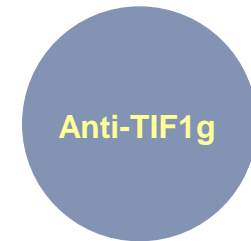
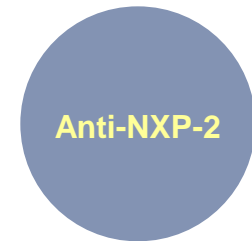
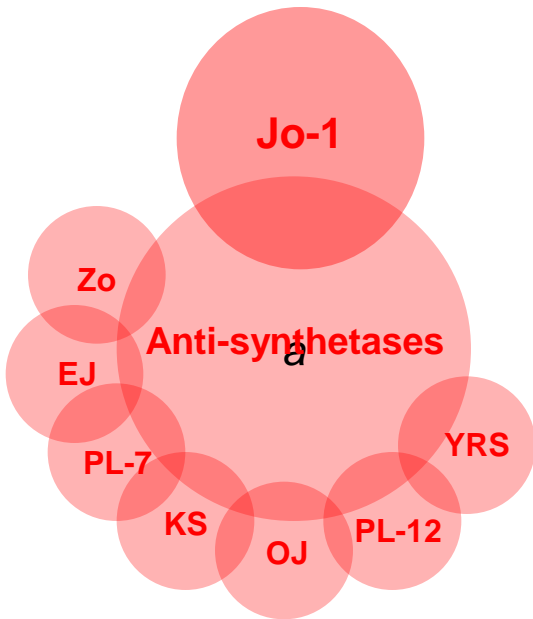
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## Amyopathic dermatomyositis

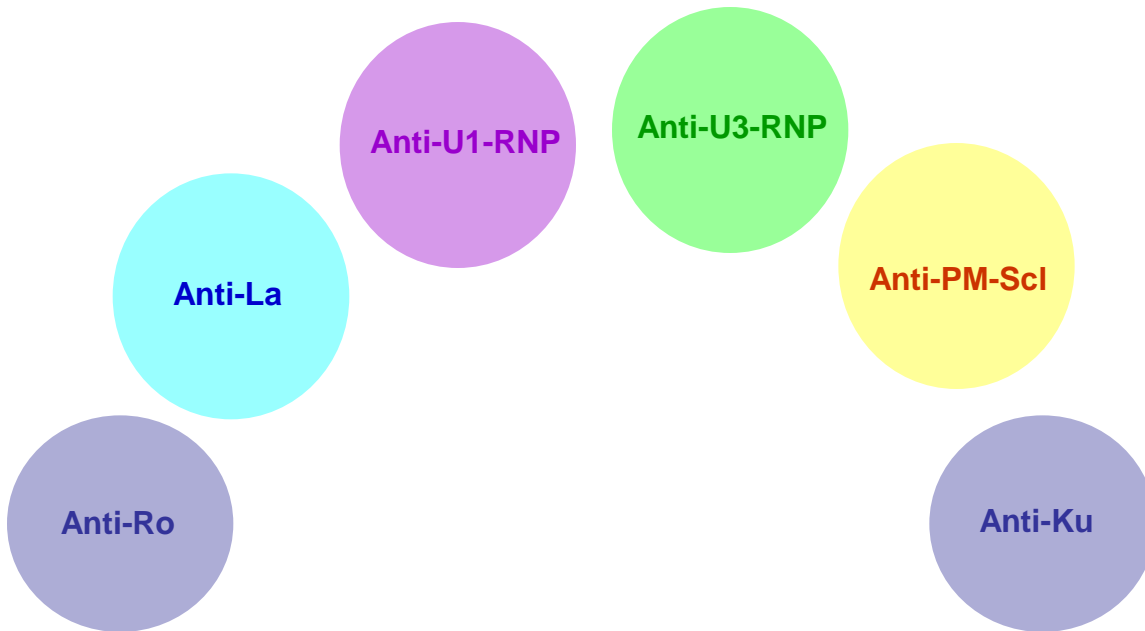
Rash *sine* myositis  
 Hypomyopathic  
 Rash precedes myositis

## Dermatomyositis

Rash  
 Malignancy  
 Calcinosis/vasculitis (children)



# Myositis-associated antibodies



## Overlap syndromes

SLE

SSc

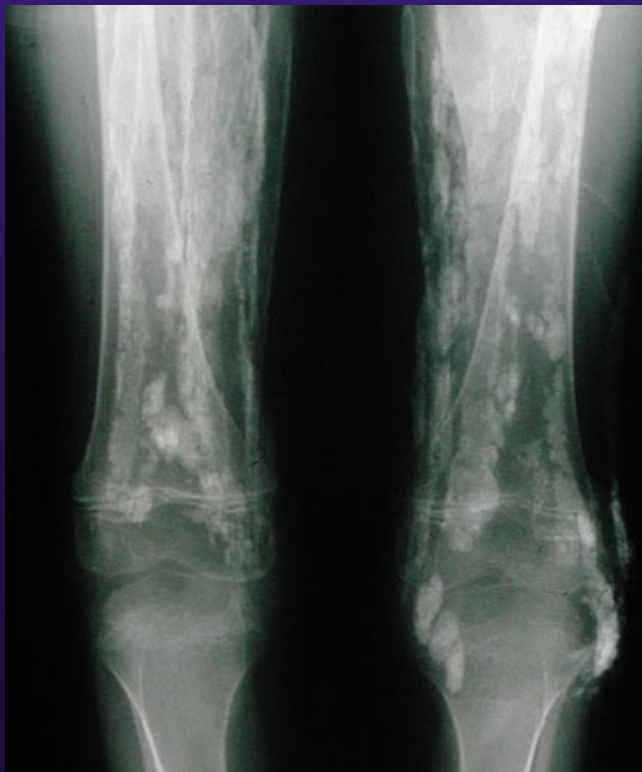
Sjogren's

MCTD

RA

Anti-phospholipid

# Juvenile dermatomyositis

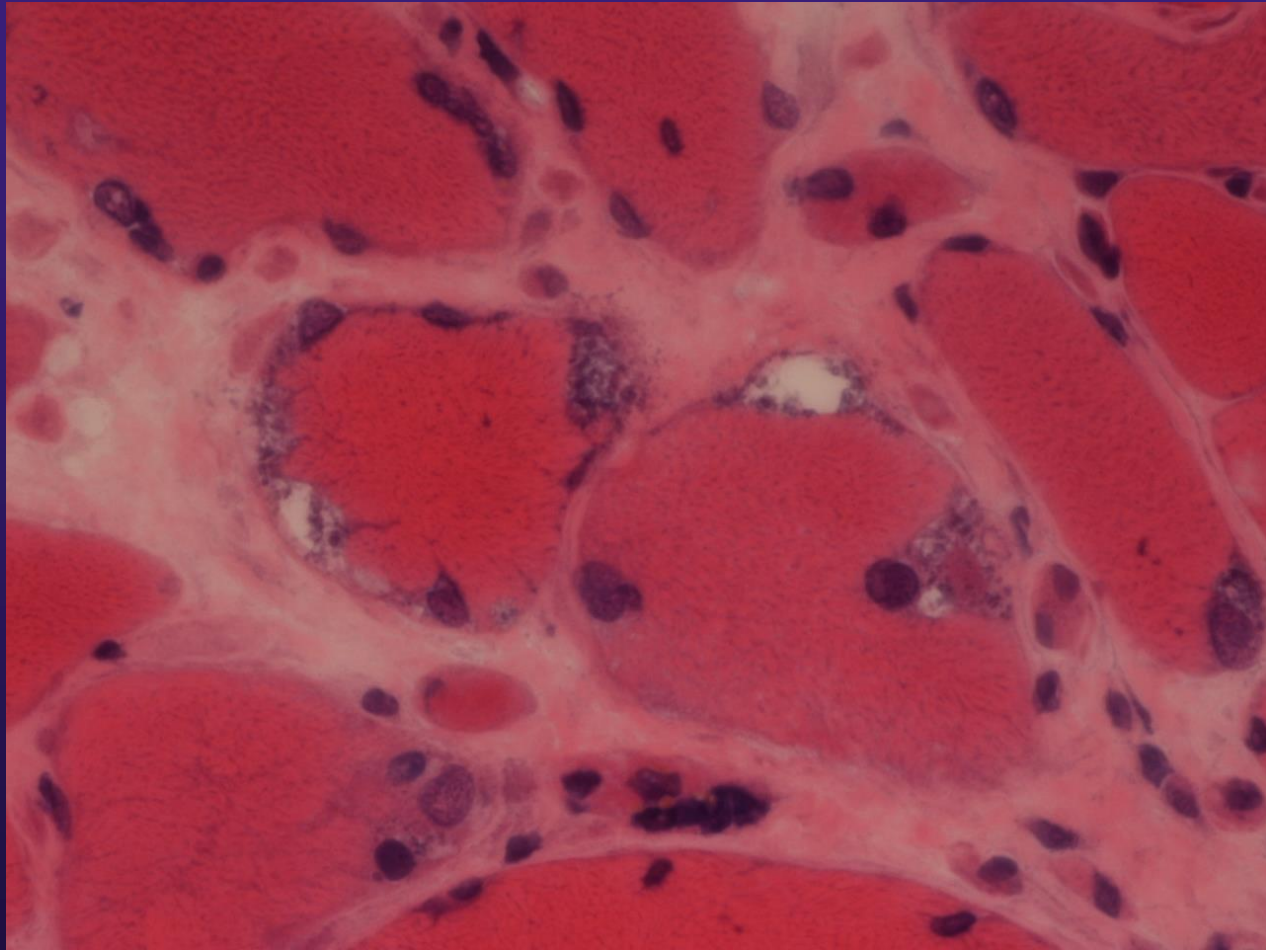


- 2 - 3 / 1,000,000 / year<sup>1-3</sup>
- Increased incidence with age
- Presenting symptoms
  - malaise, irritability
  - anorexia, weight loss
- Widespread vasculitis
- Calcinosis in late disease
- No link with malignancy

# Percutaneous Muscle Biopsy Forceps (Conchotome-type)



# R tibialis anterior muscle biopsy



## Recommended bloods, ideally 2 muscle enzymes

CK

LDH

Aldolase

Troponin

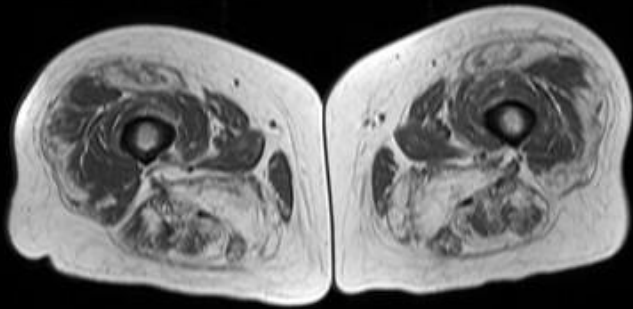
Ferritin (ILD)

Antibody screen

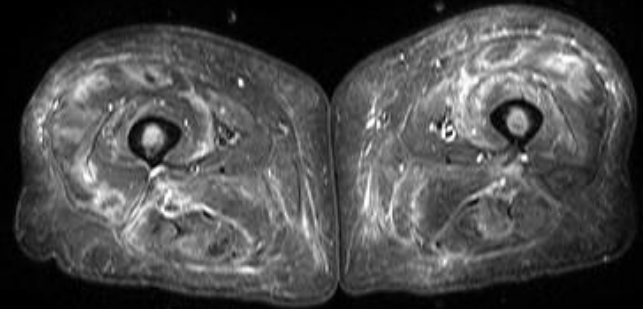
?Cancer markers

# Use of muscle MR

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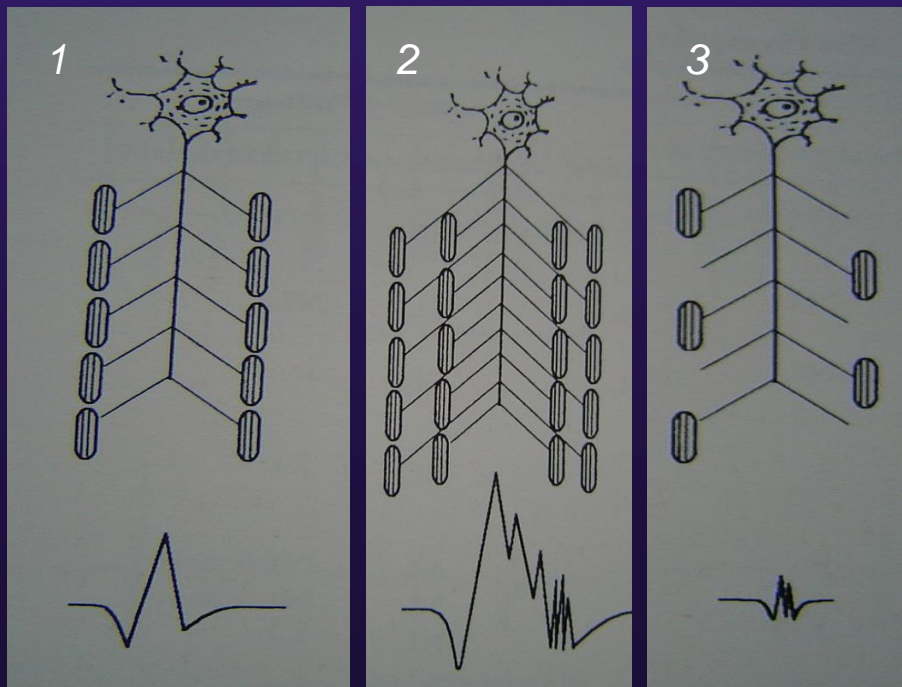


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# EMG

- Acute - Spontaneous activity with fibrillation potentials (acute damage to motor end plates & terminal motor nerves)
- Chronic – Short-duration, low amplitude polyphasic MAPs (loss of muscle fibres)



1 Normal

2 Neurogenic

3 Myopathic

Images courtesy of Dr Marshall



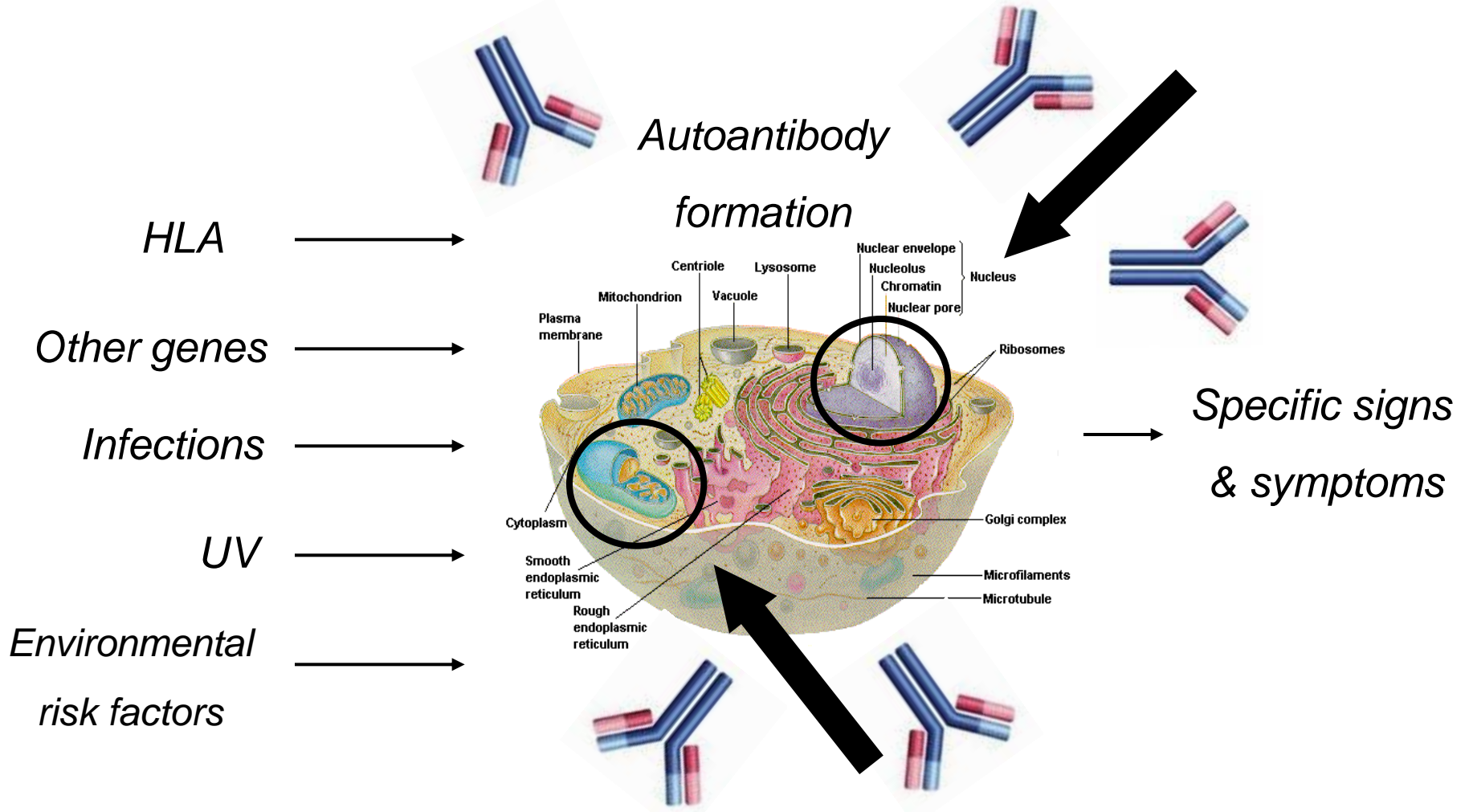
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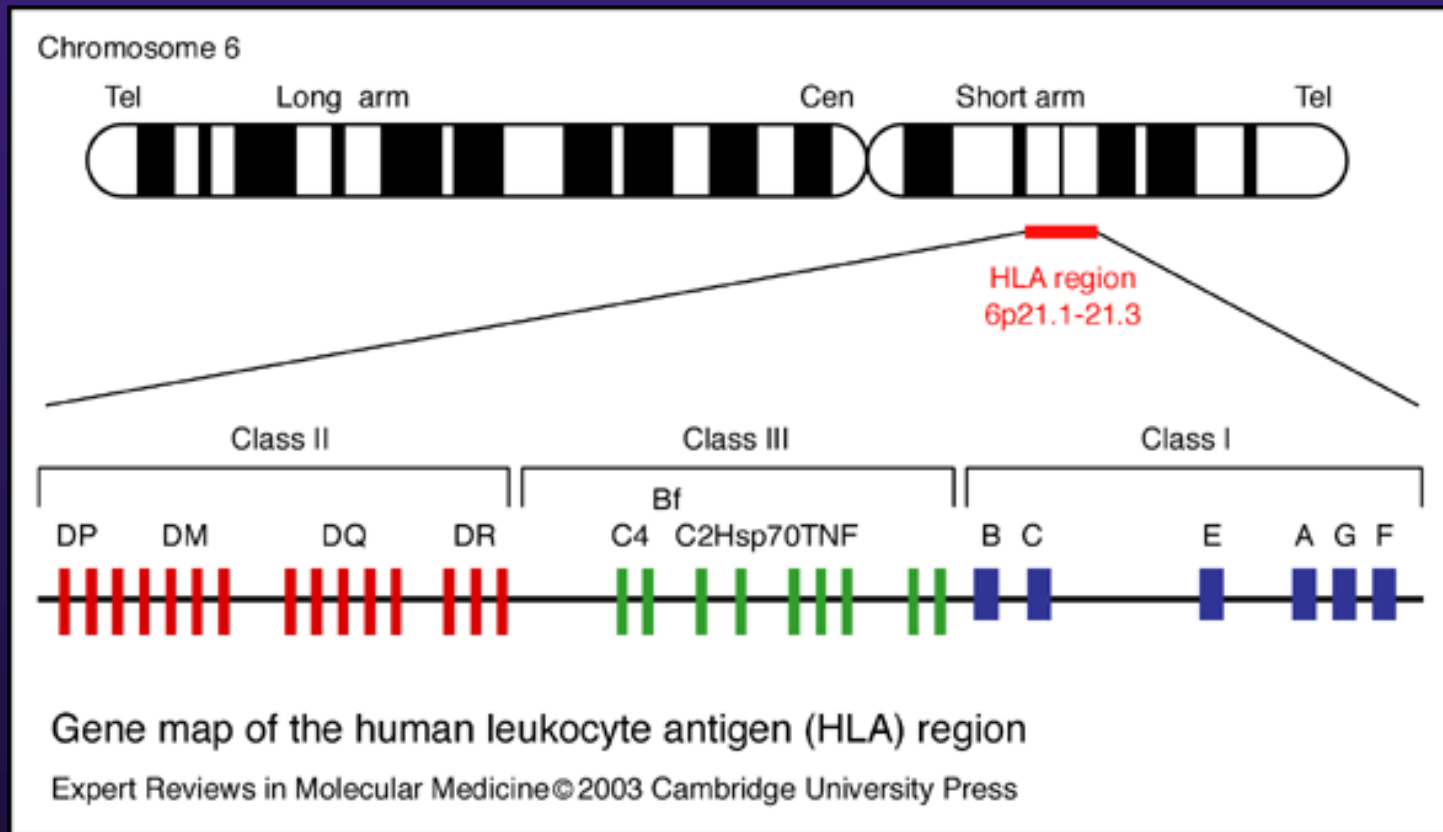
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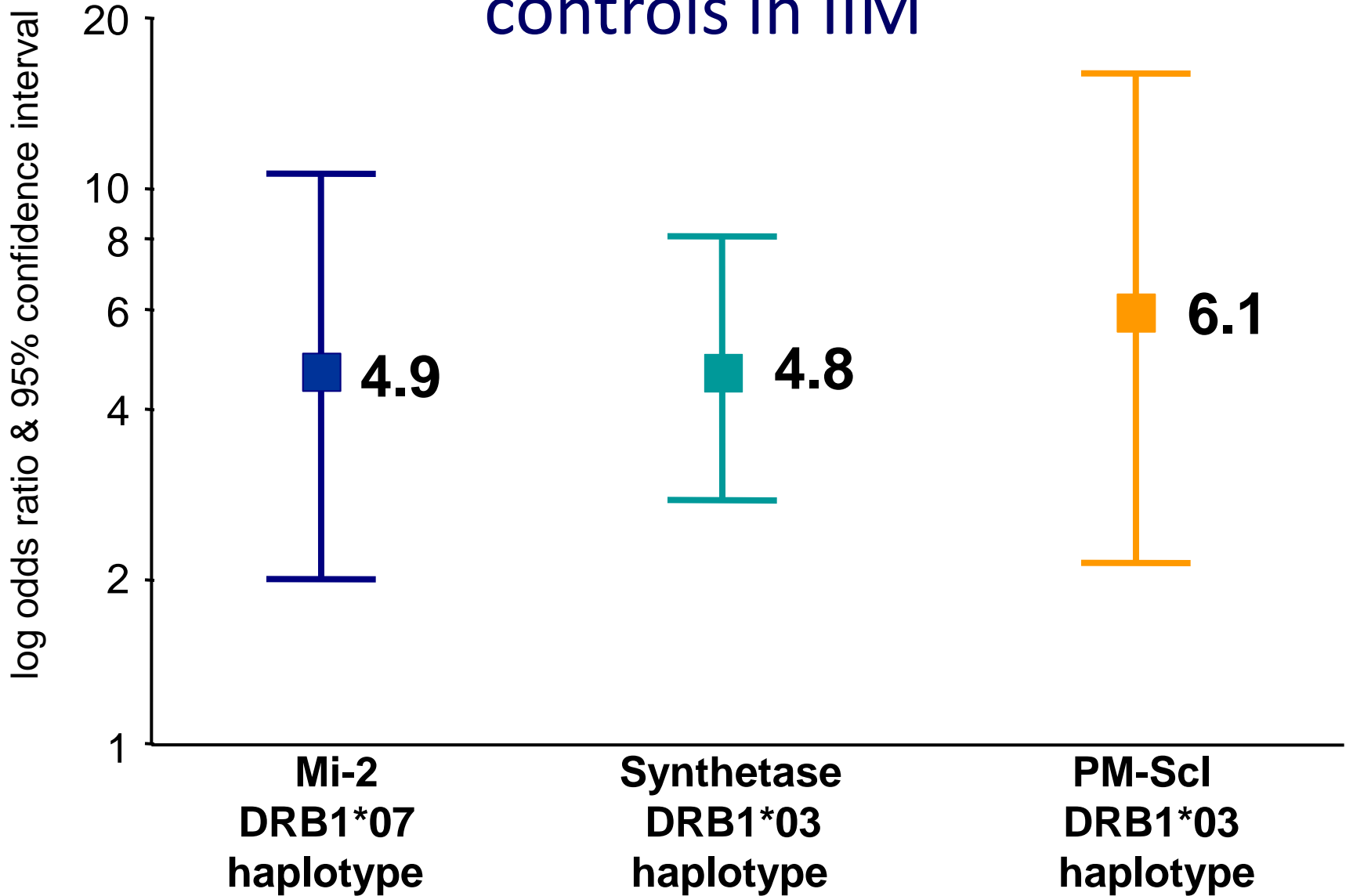
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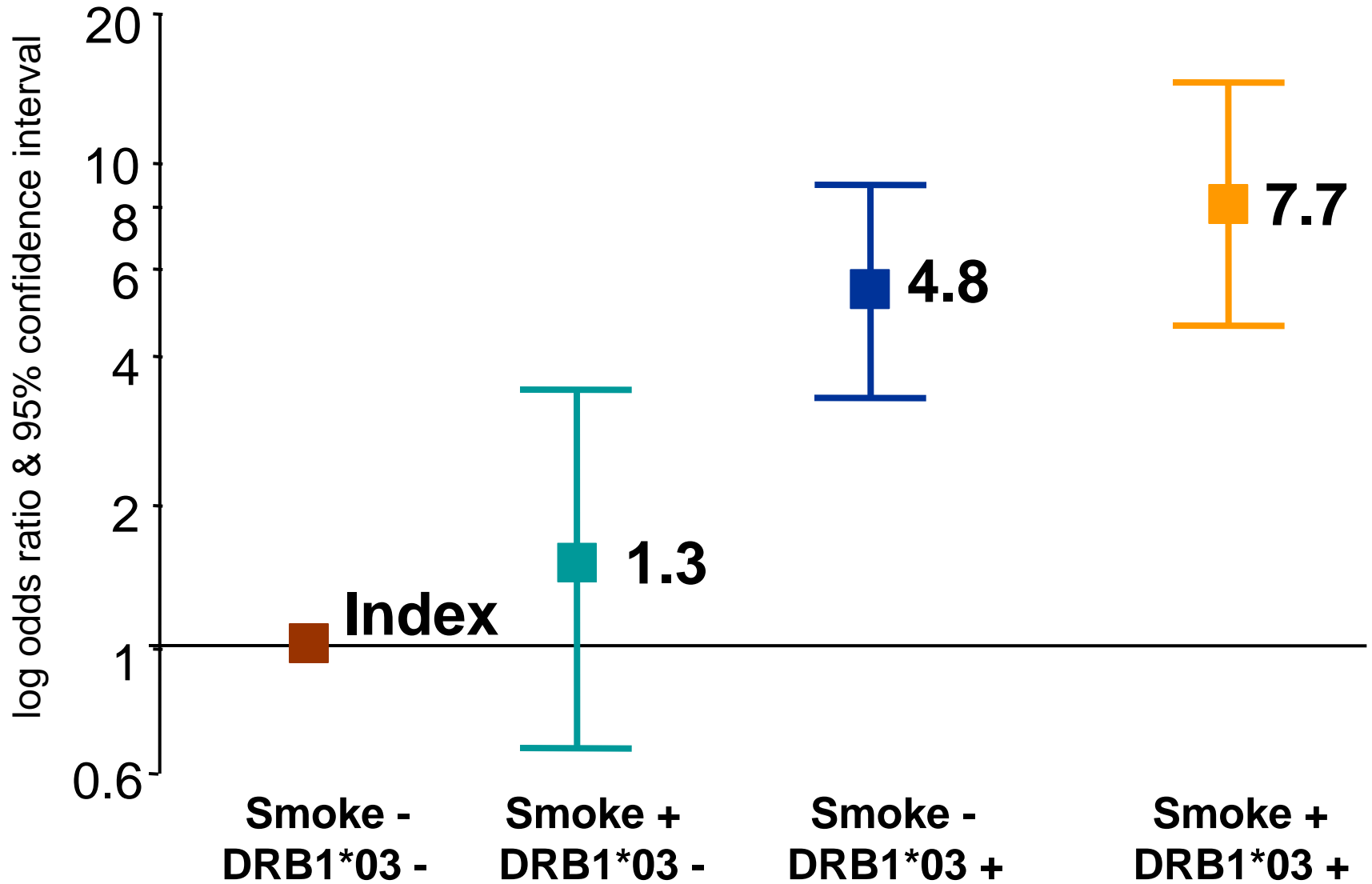
# HLA region



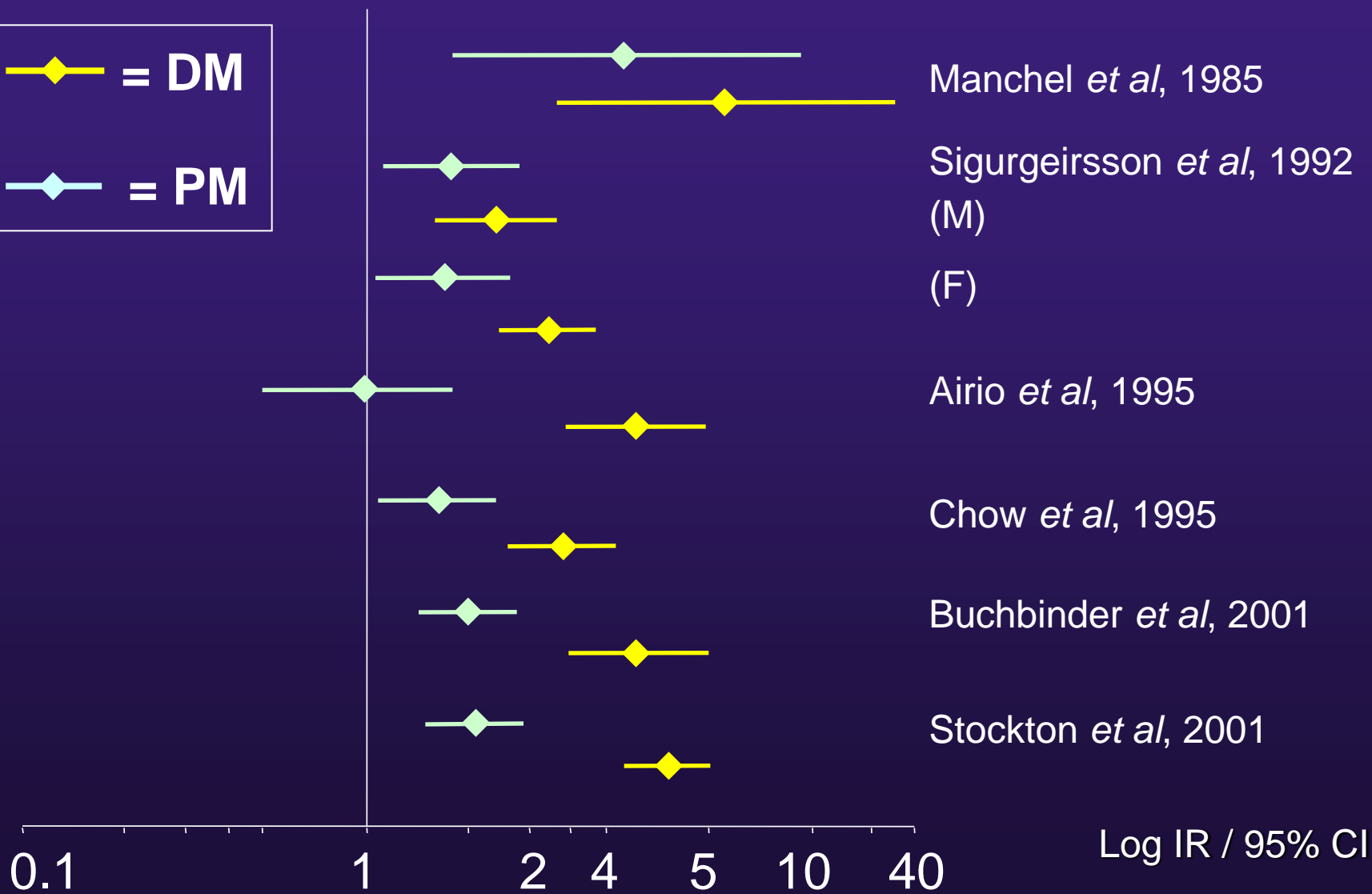
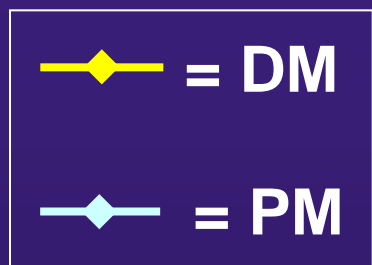
# HLA haplotype-antibody associations vs. controls in IIM



# Anti-Jo-1 status by smoking and HLA-DRB1\*03

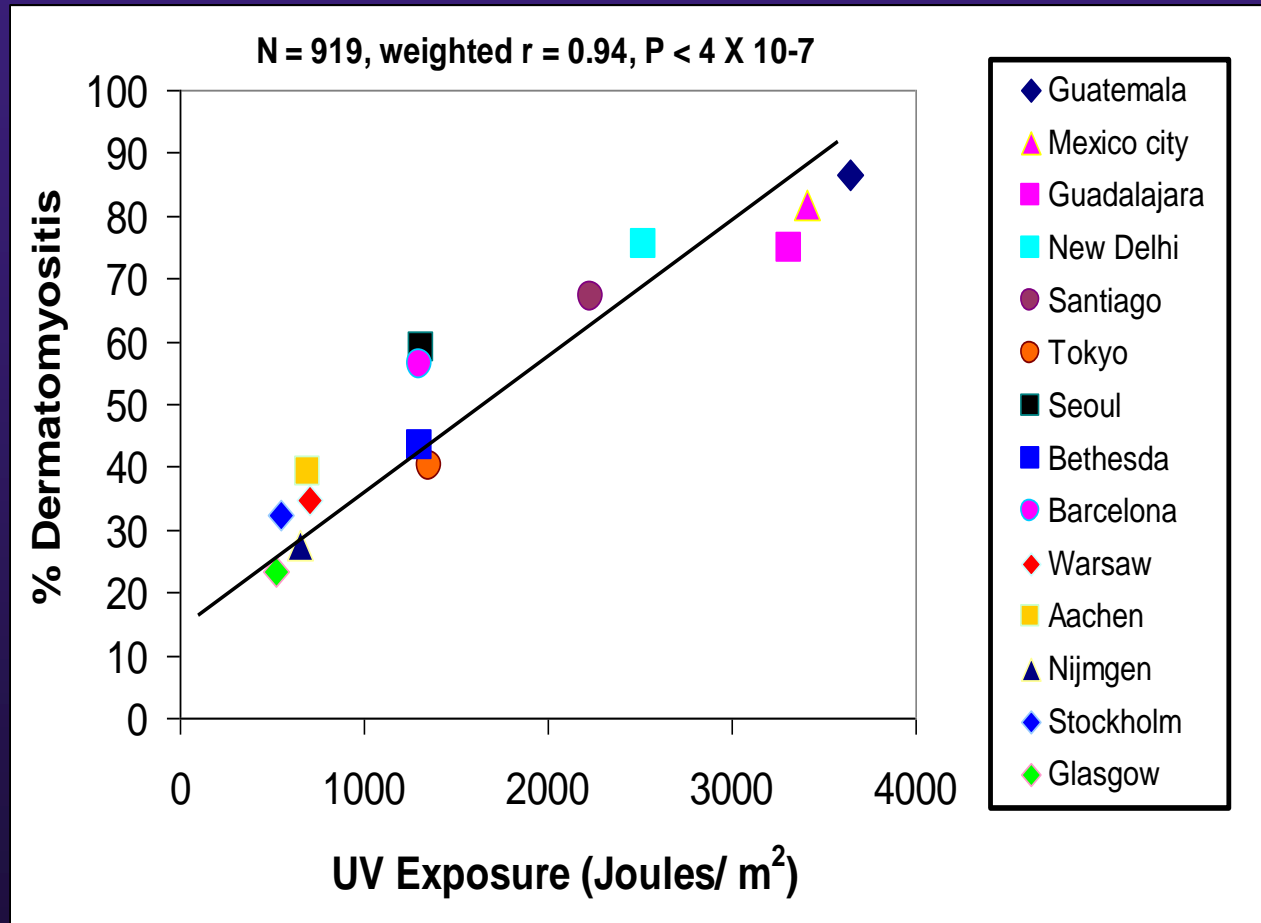


# Population based studies of Cancer Risk in PM/DM



Log IR / 95% CI

# Global ultraviolet radiation levels predict the global proportion of DM around the world



# Infectious agents

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Agent	Type	Details
<b>Viruses</b>	Enterovirus	Poliovirus Cocksackievirus type A/B Echovirus 11
	Retrovirus	Human immunodeficiency virus Human T-cell lymphotropic virus
	Hepatitis	B/C Cytomegalovirus
	Parvovirus	B19
	Adenovirus	
<b>Parasites</b>	<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>	
	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	
	<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	

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Adapted from Reed and Ytterberg, *Rheum Dis Clin N Am* 2002



# Non-infectious agents

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Agent	Exposure
<b>Drugs, foods &amp; dietary supplements</b>	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors Fibrates D-penicillamine Leuprolide acetate Hydroxyurea Adulterated rapeseed oil (toxic oil syndrome) L-tryptophan (eosinophilia myalgia syndrome) Ciguatera toxin
<b>Biologic agents</b>	Vaccines DTP, MMR, BCG, influenza, hepatitis A/B  Cytokines Interferon-alpha Interleukin-2  Hormones Growth hormone
<b>Occupational exposures</b>	Silica, cyanoacrylate glue
<b>Other exposures</b>	UV light, chimerism, graft versus host disease

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# Clinical features of anti-HMGCR (200/100) positive patients (45/750, 6%)

Features	
Age	52 ± 16 years
Female	58%
Statin exposure	30/45 (67%) (24/26, 92% >50 years)
CPK	9,718 ± 7,383 iu/l
Proximal weakness	96%
Irritable EMG	73%
Necrosis on biopsy	100%
Inflammation on biopsy	20%

*Anti-HMGCR Ab not found in majority of statin-treated subjects, including those with self-limited statin-associated myopathy*

*Mammen A et al. Arthritis Rheum 2011;63:713-721*

*Mammen A et al. Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2012;64:269-72*

# Eosinophilia myalgia syndrome (EMS)

- October 1989, 3 patients in New Mexico
  - Unexplained acute illness characterised by intense myalgia & peripheral blood eosinophilia, no evidence of infection/neoplastic condition that would account for findings
- November 1991, 1,543 cases reported to CDC
  - 31 deaths attributed to EMS
- L-tryptophan available over the counter since 1974, used for insomnia, depression, premenstrual symptoms
  - EMS sourced to an L-tryptophan product lot manufactured by Showa Denko
  - Administration of L-tryptophan from this lot induced inflammation of subcutaneous fascia/perimysium in mice

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# EuMyoNet

- Largest IIM initiative to enable EU wide case ascertainment

**MYO NET** GLOBAL MYOSITIS NETWORK  
Interdisciplinary Research Project on Inflammatory Myopathies, Myositis.

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International collaboration  
**research and treatment**  
registry for myositis specialists

[READ MORE ABOUT THE REGISTRY HERE](#) →

**MyoNet** is a global multicentre, interdisciplinary research project on inflammatory myopathies, myositis.

**MyoNet** involves neurologists, rheumatologists, neuropathologists, pediatric rheumatologists, basic scientists and statisticians, with expertise in genetics, proteomics, epidemiology and clinics.

**New participants** with an interest in understanding the pathogenesis of myositis are welcome to join MyoNet.

[READ MORE ABOUT MYONET](#) →

**REGISTRY FOR MYOSITIS SPECIALIST**  
International collaboration research and treatment registry.

This EuroMyositis registry has been created in order to obtain uniform, longitudinal data over adult and juvenile myositis cases in order to achieve increased knowledge on disease course and prognosis of myositis. In addition, this registry could be used as a tool in the clinic to assess patients.

# Useful sites

- Dr Chinoy's twitter feed & email

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- MYONET

[www.myonet.eu](http://www.myonet.eu)

[www.euromyositis.eu](http://www.euromyositis.eu)

- Manchester myositis research

[www.population-health.manchester.ac.uk/epidemiology/CIGMR/research/autoimmune/Autoimmunity/Myositis/](http://www.population-health.manchester.ac.uk/epidemiology/CIGMR/research/autoimmune/Autoimmunity/Myositis/)

- IMACS resources including muscle biopsy video

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/resources/imacs/diseaseactivity/index.cfm>

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/resources/imacs/othertools/index.cfm>

# Patient information

- Arthritis Research UK

<http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org/arthritis-information/arthritis-information-search-results.aspx?keywords=myositis>

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