

# Inclusion body myositis

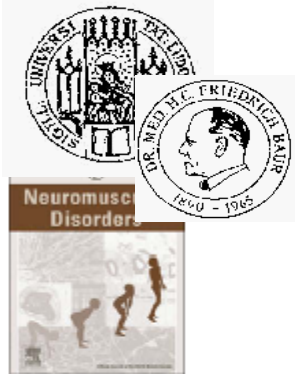
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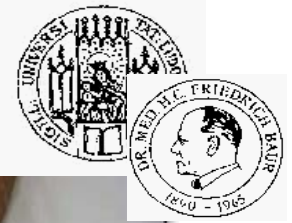
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- Late-onset progressive myopathy
- 80% <50 years
- >60% male
- proximal and distal muscle weakness
- muscle atrophy of quadriceps femoris and finger flexors



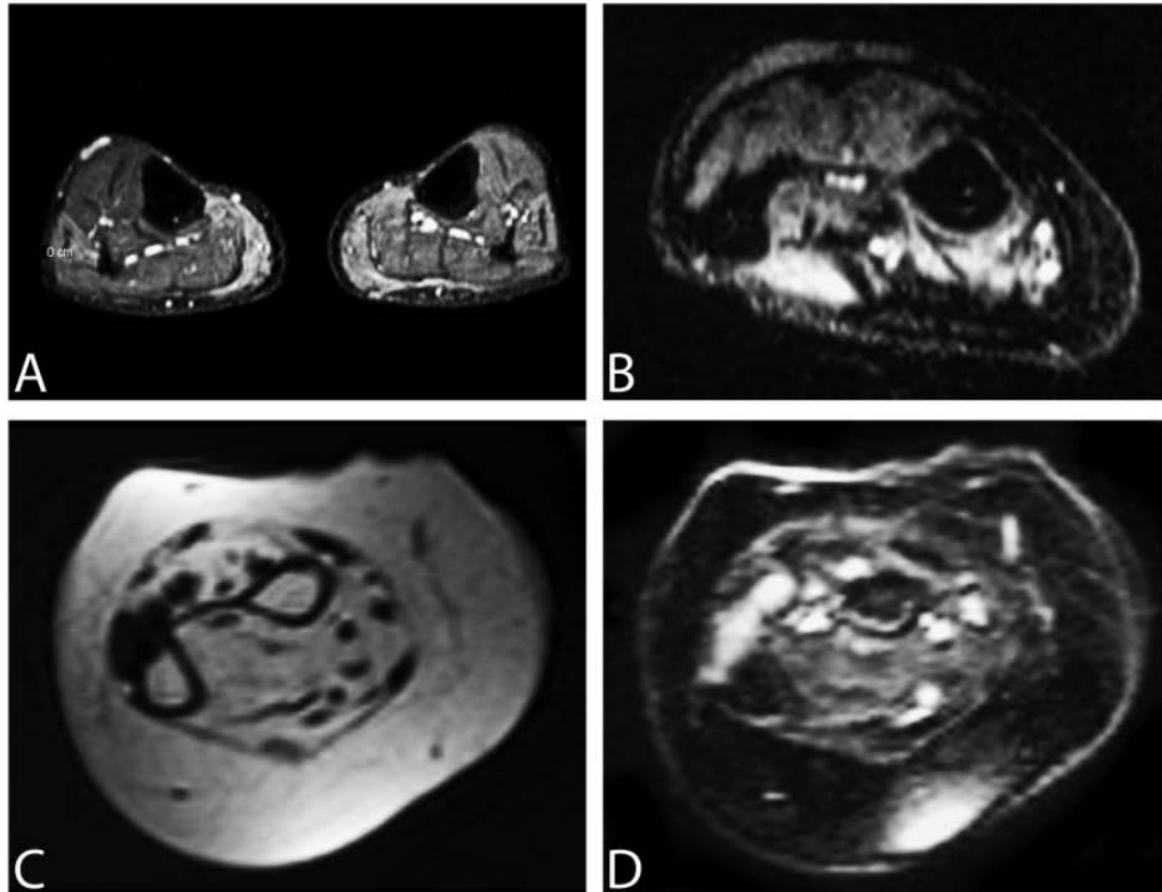
# IBM = progressive disease course



# MRI imaging sIBM

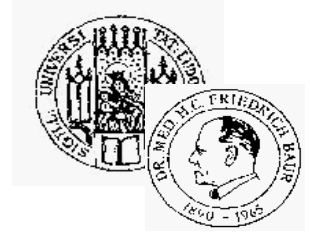


**Fig. 1** Images of inflammation (STIR) of the forearm and legs. Lower legs (**A**), showing inflammation in the medial part of the gastrocnemius muscle. Right forearm (**B**) showing inflammation in the extensor carpi ulnaris (ECU) muscle. Right forearm (**C**; T<sub>1</sub>-weighted) showing extensive fatty infiltration of all muscles, with sparing of the ECU. An STIR image (**D**) of the same patient shows exclusive inflammation of the ECU.

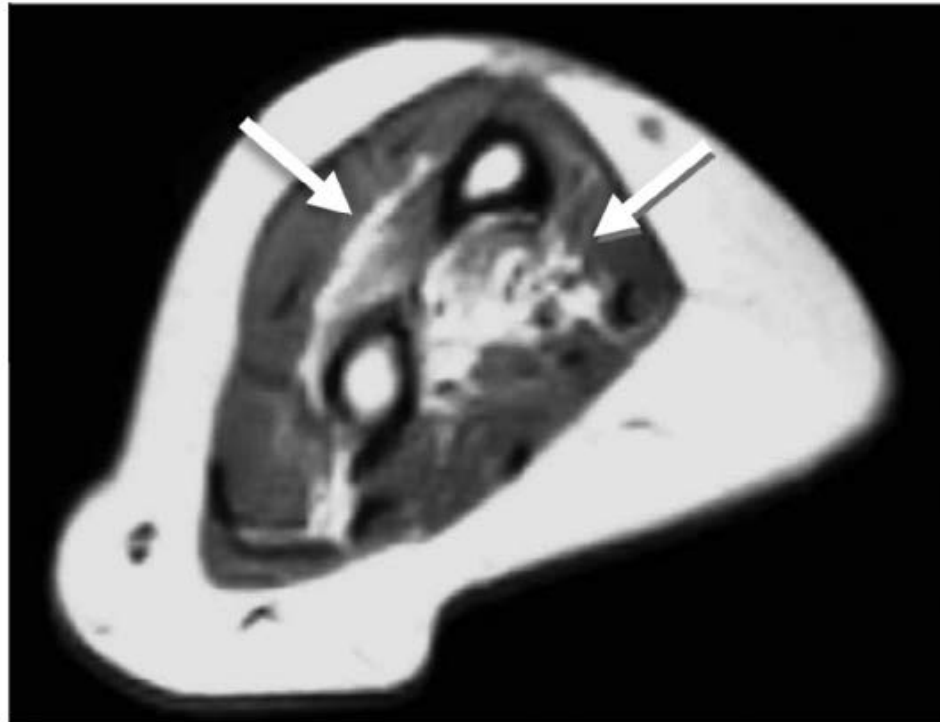


Cox et al. Rheumatology (Oxford). 2011



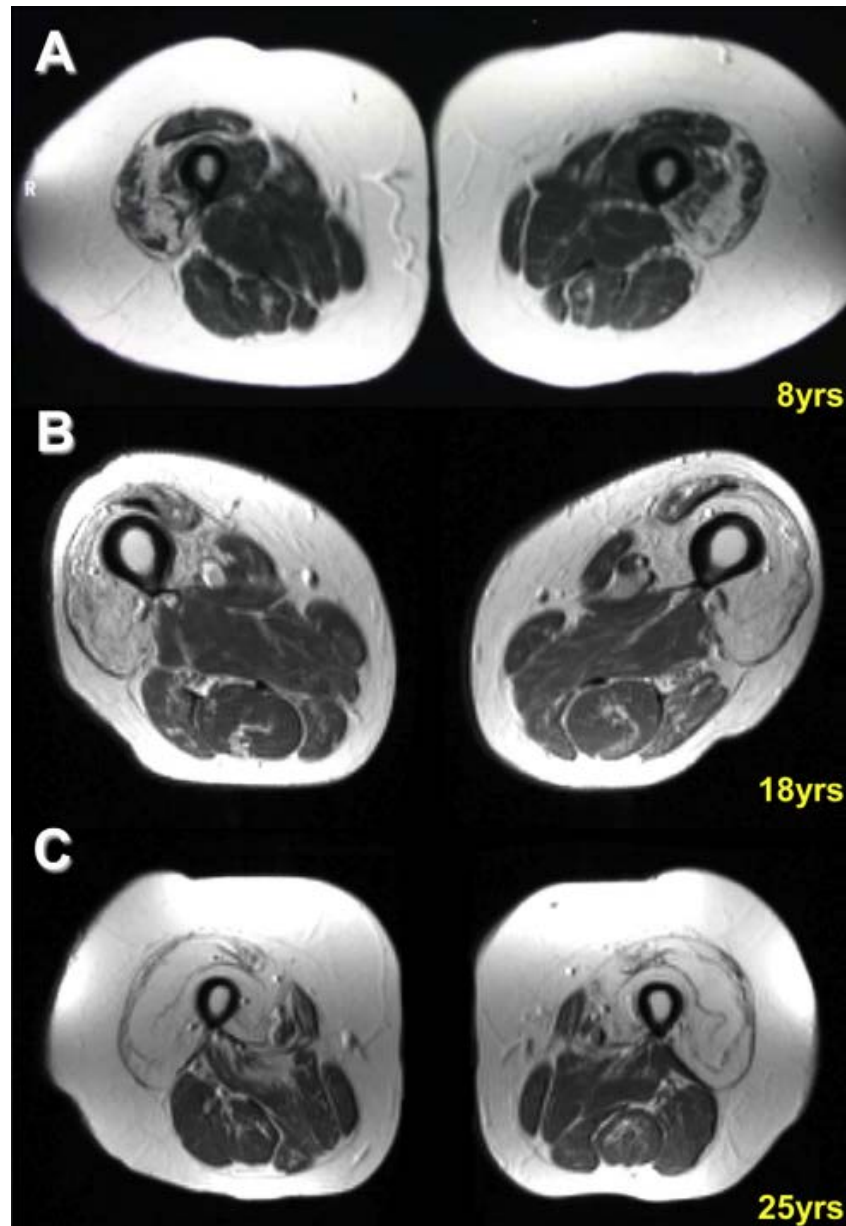


# IBM: Deep finger flexors

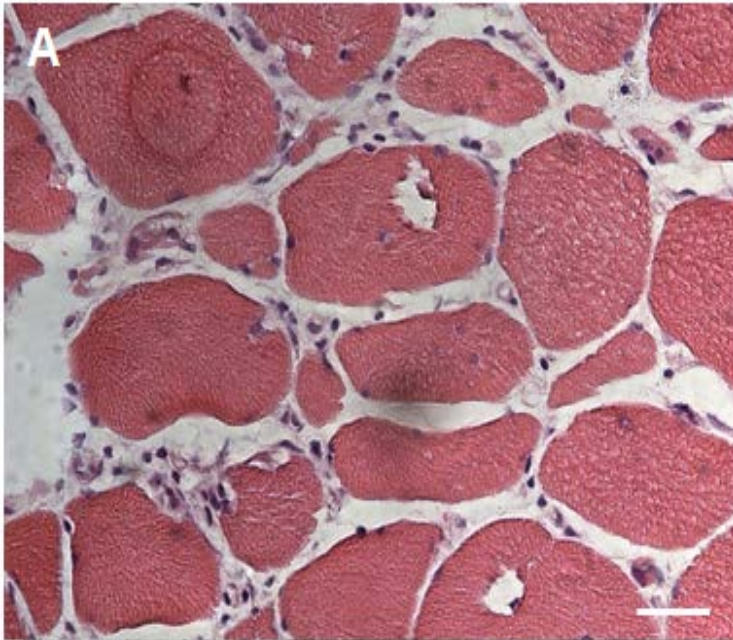
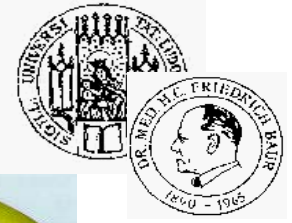


**Fig. 4.** Axial proton-density weighted MRI of the forearm in a patient with longstanding sporadic inclusion body myositis showing signal change in the deep finger flexor muscles (arrows).



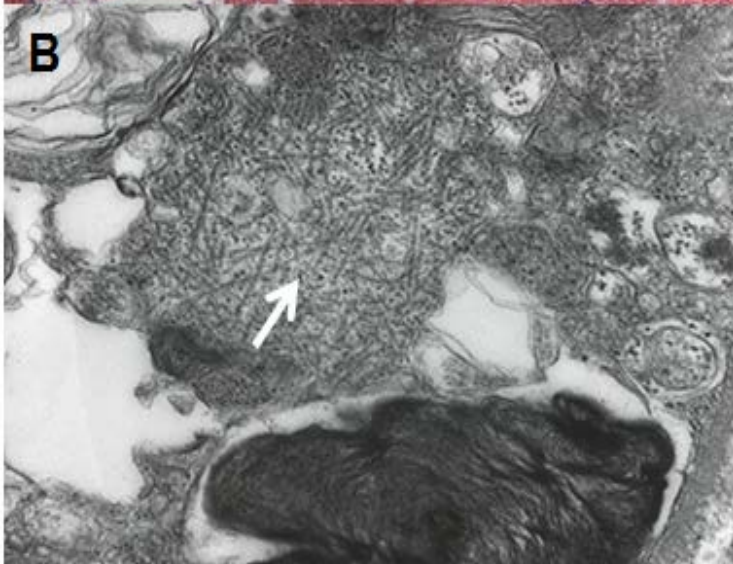


# Pathogenesis of sIBM



**Diagnostic  
Muscle biopsy  
criteria**

Infiltrate variable, endomysial,  
angulated atrophic fibers,  
»rimmed vacuoles«,  
eosinophilic inclusions



**Immunohistology**

CD8+T-cells  
protein aggregates in  
myofibres (amyloid, p62, TDP-  
43, ubiquitin)  
Increased cytochrome  
oxidase-negative

**EM**

helical filaments, fibrils  
autophagic vacuoles



# Griggs criteria IBM 1995

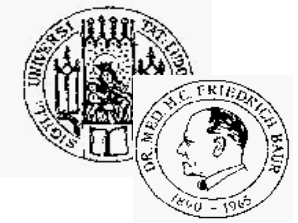


Table 1. Proposed Diagnostic Criteria for Inclusion Body Myositis<sup>a</sup>

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- I. Characteristic features—inclusion criteria
    - A. Clinical features
      1. Duration of illness > 6 months
      2. Age of onset > 30 years old
      3. Muscle weakness
        - Must affect proximal and distal muscles of arms and legs *and*
        - Patient must exhibit at least one of the following features:
          - a. Finger flexor weakness
          - b. Wrist flexor > wrist extensor weakness
          - c. Quadriceps muscle weakness (= or < grade 4 MRC)
    - B. Laboratory features
      1. Serum creatine kinase < 12 times normal
      2. Muscle biopsy
        - a. Inflammatory myopathy characterized by mononuclear cell invasion of nonnecrotic muscle fibers
        - b. Vacuolated muscle fibers
        - c. Either
          - (i) Intracellular amyloid deposits (must use fluorescent method of identification before excluding the presence of amyloid) *or*
          - (ii) 15–18-nm tubulofilaments by electron microscopy
      3. Electromyography must be consistent with features of an inflammatory myopathy (however, long-duration potentials are commonly observed and do not exclude diagnosis of sporadic inclusion body myositis).
    - C. Family history

Rarely, inclusion body myositis may be observed in families. This condition is different from hereditary inclusion body myopathy without inflammation. The diagnosis of familial inclusion body myositis requires specific documentation of the inflammatory component by muscle biopsy in addition to vacuolated muscle fibers, intracellular (within muscle fibers) amyloid, and 15–18-nm tubulofilaments.
  - II. Associated disorders

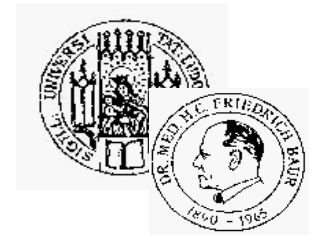
Inclusion body myositis occurs with a variety of other, especially immune-mediated conditions. An associated condition does not preclude a diagnosis of inclusion body myositis if diagnostic criteria (below) are fulfilled.
  - III. Diagnostic criteria for inclusion body myositis
    - A. *Definite* inclusion body myositis

Patients must exhibit all muscle biopsy features including invasion of nonnecrotic fibers by mononuclear cells, vacuolated muscle fibers, and intracellular (within muscle fibers) amyloid deposits or 15–18-nm tubulofilaments.

None of the other clinical or laboratory features are mandatory if muscle biopsy features are diagnostic.
    - B. *Possible* inclusion body myositis

If the muscle shows only inflammation (invasion of nonnecrotic muscle fibers by mononuclear cells) *without* other pathological features of inclusion body myositis, *then* a diagnosis of possible inclusion body myositis can be given if the patient exhibits the characteristic clinical (A1,2,3) and laboratory (B1,3) features.
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<sup>a</sup>Developed by J. Mendell, R. Barohn, V. Askanas, M. Dalakas, S. DiMauro, A. Engel, G. Karpati, and L. P. Rowland.



# sIBM

## Hilton-Jones Criteria 2008

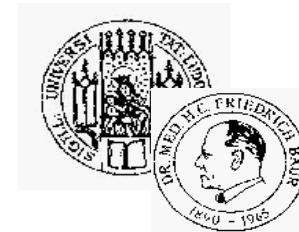
**Table 1**

Proposed modified IBM diagnostic criteria.

Pathologically defined IBM	Conforming to the Griggs criteria [5] – invasion of non-necrotic fibres by mononuclear cells, and rimmed vacuoles, and either intracellular amyloid deposits or 15–18 nm filaments	
Clinically defined IBM	Clinical features	Duration weakness > 12 months Age > 35 years Weakness of finger flexion > shoulder abduction <i>AND</i> of knee extension > hip flexion
	Pathological features	Invasion of non-necrotic fibres by mononuclear cells or rimmed vacuoles or increased MHC-I, but no intracellular amyloid deposits or 15–18 nm filaments
Possible IBM	Clinical criteria	Duration weakness > 12 months Age > 35 years Weakness of finger flexion > shoulder abduction <i>OR</i> of knee extension > hip flexion
	Pathological criteria	Invasion of non-necrotic fibres by mononuclear cells or rimmed vacuoles or increased MHC-I, but no intracellular amyloid deposits or 15–18 nm filaments

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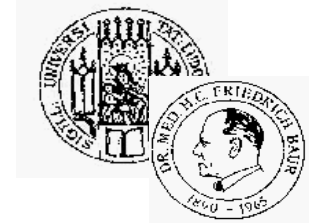
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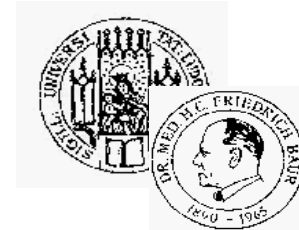
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**Table 1** Comparison of the main results of the Dutch and French–British sporadic IBM studies

	Dutch study (Cox <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	French/British study (Benveniste <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
Number of patients	64 total 46 deceased 15 surviving patients had a second evaluation	136 total 25 deceased
Design and methods	Prospective/cross-sectional: 15 surviving patients Retrospective (information obtained from records and/or treating physicians): all others	Cross-sectional ( <i>ad hoc</i> visit in clinic): 71 patients Retrospective (phone interview or medical records): 65 patients
Diagnostic criteria	Verschuuren <i>et al.</i> (1997); see Table 2	Hilton-Jones <i>et al.</i> (2010) (based on Griggs <i>et al.</i> , 1995); see Table 3
Distribution of patients across diagnostic categories	Definite sporadic IBM: 58/64 (91%)  Probable sporadic IBM: 6/64 (9%)	Pathologically defined sporadic IBM (Hilton-Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2010) and definite sporadic IBM (Griggs <i>et al.</i> , 1995): 40/136 (29.4%) Clinically defined sporadic IBM (Hilton-Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2010) and possible sporadic IBM (Griggs <i>et al.</i> , 1995): 45/136 (33.1%) Clinically defined sporadic IBM (Hilton-Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2010) with endomysial inflammation, but without invaded fibres: 51/136 (37.5%)
Percentage of patients with biopsy findings of		
Invaded fibres	100	62.5
Rimmed vacuoles	100	74
Gender ratio male/female <i>n</i> (%)	43/64 (67.2)	78/136 (57.4)
Median duration of follow-up (years)	12	8.6 (O. Benveniste, personal communication)
Age of onset (years) (mean $\pm$ SD or median)	57 $\pm$ 9	61
Time to wheel-chair (years) (mean $\pm$ SD or median)	16 $\pm$ 4	14
Mean decline of muscle strength per year (test/score, mean $\pm$ SD)	3.5 $\pm$ 1.6% (manual muscle testing) 5.4 $\pm$ 3.5% (quantitative muscle testing)	~4% (IWCI; estimated from Fig. 1, Benveniste <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
Life expectancy (years)	81 (normal)	Normal
Dysphagia (%)	12/15 (80) of surviving patients	62/136 (45.6) of entire cohort
Number of patients treated with immunosuppressive agent at any time (%)	21/64 (33) of patients received methotrexate during 48 weeks as part of a controlled trial (F. Cox, personal communication) 3/15 (20) of surviving patients used corticosteroids over a longer period of time; 6/15 (40) had received methotrexate during the trial (F. Cox, personal communication)	71/136 (52) were treated with any immunosuppressive therapy





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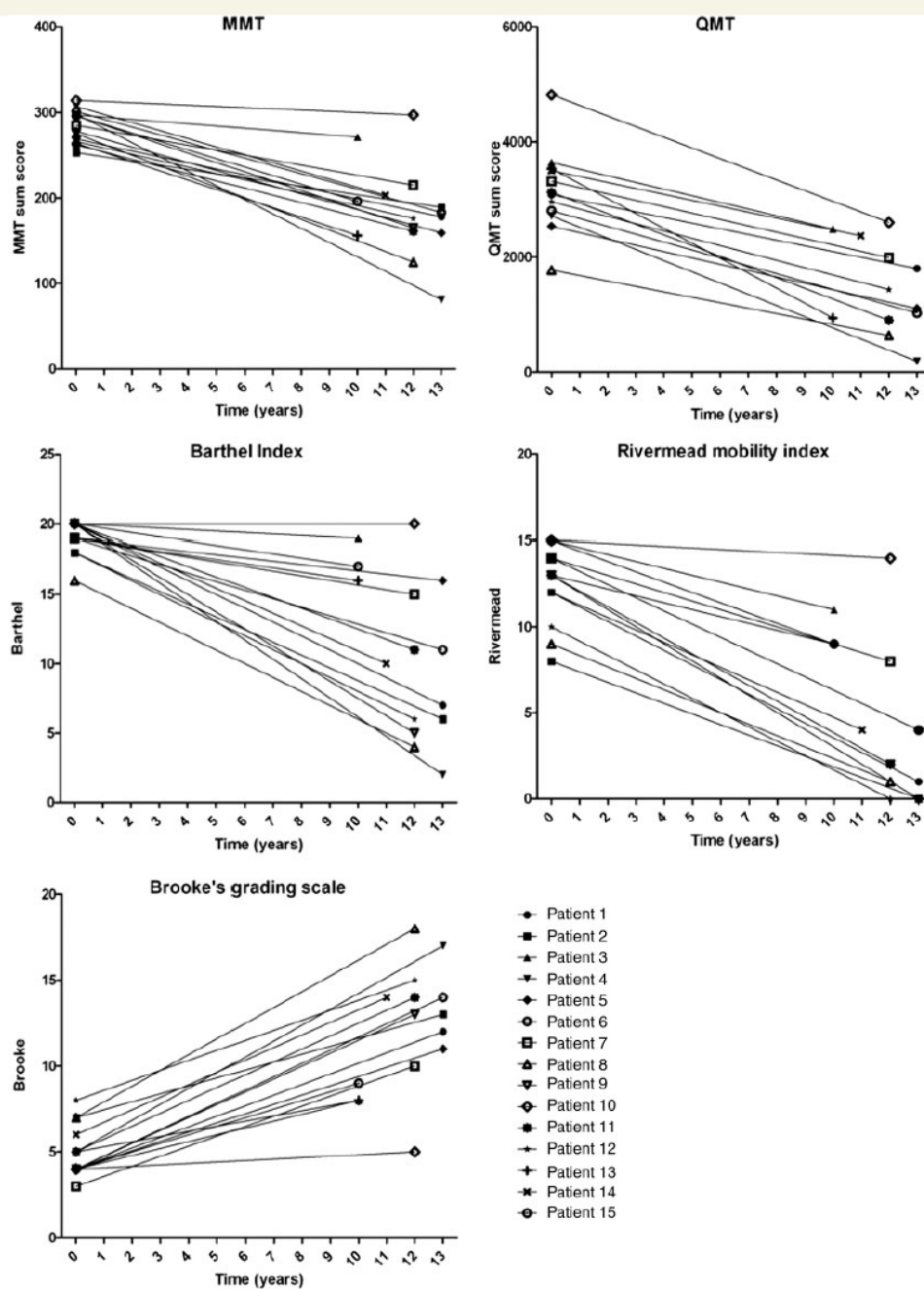
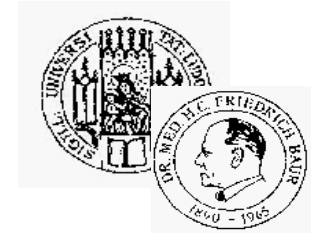
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**Table 1** Characteristics of patients

	Complete cohort	Deceased patients	Surviving patients	P-value <sup>†</sup>
Number of patients	64	46	15	
Male	43	31	11	0.76
Female	21	15	4	
Age at first visit (years)	68 ± 9	71 ± 8	60 ± 8	<0.001*
Male	66 ± 8	68 ± 8	60 ± 8	
Female	72 ± 10	75 ± 8	60 ± 9	
Age at second visit (years)	–	–	73 ± 8	–
Male	–	–	73 ± 8	
Female	–	–	73 ± 8	
Age at onset (years)	57 ± 9	58 ± 9	52 ± 9	0.03*
Symptom duration at first visit (years)	11 (5–15)	11 (6–16)	7 (4–11)	0.06
Symptom duration at second visit (years)	–	–	20 ± 5	–
sCK levels at first visit (U/l)				
Male	501 (254–717)	443 (259–658)	581 (207–1310)	0.37
Female	246 (173–466)	233 (175–454)	461 (178–771)	0.31
sCK levels at second visit (U/l)				
Male	–	–	228 (106–512)	–
Female	–	–	151 (41–317)	–
HLA positive (%)				
B8	56	48	80	0.100
DR3	64	61	73	1.000
DR53	6	2	20	0.081
First weakness (%)				
Quadriceps	63	59	80	0.247
Finger flexors	14	19	13	
Pharyngeal muscles	9	11	7	
Other	14	11	0	
Manual muscle testing first visit	265 (237–285)	257 (223–277)	285 (266–298)	<0.001*
Quantitative muscle testing first visit	2407 ± 887	2215 ± 817	2996 ± 913	0.003*
Functional grading scales first visit				
Barthel	19 (17–20)	18 (16–20)	20 (19–20)	0.013*
Rivermead	13 (9–14)	12 (9–13)	13 (12–14)	0.023*
Brooke's	6 (5–8)	7 (5–8)	4 (4–6)	0.001*

Numbers in brackets represent the interquartile range.





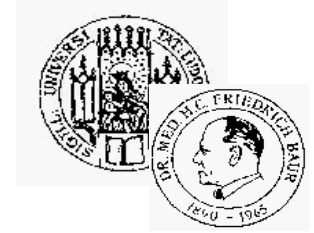
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- Brookes-Score best to monitor the follow-up

All types of immunosuppression therapy (IVIg, steroids, MTX) without evidence of a better long-term outcome



**Figure 1** Sum scores of manual muscle testing (MMT) and quantitative muscle testing (QMT) and functional grading scales (Barthel index, Rivermead mobility index, Brooke's functional grading scale) for the surviving patients at baseline and follow-up. All figures show a decline in strength and function in time. QMT was not performed in one patient at baseline and in 2 patients at follow-up.



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**Table 2** Causes of death in the Dutch population in the age category 80–85 years and the sporadic IBM cohort

	Dutch population age category 80–84 years (%)	Patients with sporadic IBM (%)	P-value	Corrected P-value <sup>†</sup>
Infectious diseases	1.4	2.2	0.66	NS
Neoplasms	23.8	4.3	0.002	0.03*
Diseases of blood/blood-forming organs	0.4	0	0.67	NS
Endocrine/metabolic diseases	3.6	0	0.19	NS
Mental and behavioural disorders	5.6	0	0.10	NS
Diseases of the nervous system	2.8	2.2	0.80	NS
Diseases of the circulatory system (myocardial infarction)	37.7 (7.8)	19.6 (4.3)	0.01	0.16
Diseases of the respiratory system (pneumonia)	11.5 (4.4)	41.3 (28.3)	0.0001*	0.001*
Diseases of the digestive system	4.2	0	0.16	NS
Diseases of the skin	0.3	0	0.71	NS
Diseases of the bone/connective tissue	0.7	0	0.57	NS
Diseases of the genitourinary system	2.8	0	0.25	NS
Cachexia	0.1	6.5	0.0001*	0.001*
External causes of injury and poisoning	2.1	6.5	0.04	0.51
Other/uncertain	3.0	17.4		

<sup>†</sup>Corrected P-value is calculated with a Bonferroni correction of 14. \*Significant value.

- - normal life expectancy
- - 13% with active dying help



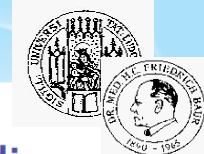
**Table 2** Characteristics of 136 patients diagnosed with sporadic IBM between 1990 and 2008 in two European clinical centres

Variable	Result
Gender, male ( <i>n</i> = 136)	78 (57.3)
Age at first symptoms, years ( <i>n</i> = 136)	61 (55–69)
First symptoms ( <i>n</i> = 136)	
Muscle weakness only	119 (87.5)
Swallowing troubles only	6 (4.4)
Muscle weakness and swallowing troubles	11 (8.1)
Previous diagnosis ( <i>n</i> = 136)	
None	94 (69.1)
Polymyositis	23 (16.9)
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	3 (2.2)
Dystrophy	4 (2.9)
Other	12 (8.8)
Delay between first symptoms and diagnosis, months ( <i>n</i> = 136)	59 (29–95)
Status at the last visit	
Duration since diagnosis, months ( <i>n</i> = 136)	31 (5–75)
Age, years ( <i>n</i> = 136)	72.5 (65–77)
Muscle weakness ( <i>n</i> = 136)	136 (100)
Severe proximal weakness <sup>a</sup> ( <i>n</i> = 134)	64 (48)
Severe distal weakness <sup>a</sup> ( <i>n</i> = 133)	53 (40)
Swallowing difficulties ( <i>n</i> = 136)	62 (45.6)
Creatine kinase, IU/l ( <i>n</i> = 87)	267 (135–621)
Grip test, kgN ( <i>n</i> = 76)	13 (10–17)
Walton ( <i>n</i> = 113)	5 (3–6)
RMI ( <i>n</i> = 88)	10 (7–12)
IWCI ( <i>n</i> = 71)	55 (35–70)
Current handicap for walking ( <i>n</i> = 136)	
None	33 (24.3)
One, two canes or rollator	52 (38.2)
Wheelchair	51 (37.5)

Data are median (IQR) or *n* (%).

<sup>a</sup> Severe muscle weakness defined by MRC < 3/5.

RMI = Rivermead Mobility Index.



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**Table 4** Description of treatment received by 71 patients with sporadic IBM

Variable	Result
Delay between first symptoms and first treatment, years ( <i>n</i> = 70)	3.7 (1.7–6.6)
Corticosteroids (prednisone)	65 (91.5)
Duration of treatment, months ( <i>n</i> = 63) <sup>a</sup>	37.1 (8.3–93.0)
Intravenous immunoglobulins	40 (56.3)
Duration of treatment, months ( <i>n</i> = 39) <sup>a</sup>	9.7 (2.5–70.1)
Azathioprine	19 (26.8)
Duration of treatment, months ( <i>n</i> = 17) <sup>a</sup>	25.5 (5.2–50.3)
Methotrexate	23 (32.4)
Duration of treatment, months ( <i>n</i> = 21) <sup>a</sup>	11.0 (7.2–27.9)
Cyclophosphamide	2 (2.8)
Combination of treatment <sup>b</sup>	
Corticosteroids only	19 (26.8)
Corticosteroids and other drugs	46 (64.8)
Other drugs only	6 (8.4)
Duration of treatment, months ( <i>n</i> = 69) <sup>c</sup>	40.8 (13.0–89.2)

Data are median (IQR) or *n* (%).

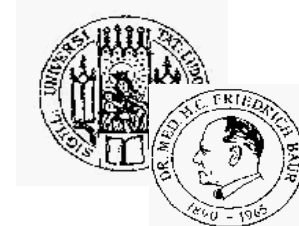
<sup>a</sup> Duration between initiation and either the date of last prescription or the date of last visit.

<sup>b</sup> All drugs received whatever the timing of prescription.

<sup>c</sup> Duration between initiation of first treatment and either the date of last prescription of any treatment or the date of last visit.

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**Table 3** Comparison of patients with definite IBM or possible IBM by Griggs' criteria, or clinically defined IBM according to Hilton-Jones' criteria

Characteristics of patients	Definite IBM (n = 40)	Possible IBM (n = 45)	Clinically defined IBM (n = 51)	P
Gender, male (n = 136)	27 (67.5)	23 (51.1)	28 (54.9)	0.28
Age at first symptoms, years (n = 136)	62.5 (54–72)	63 (56–69)	59 (55–68)	0.42
First symptoms (n = 136)				
Muscle weakness and swallowing difficulties	4 (10.0)	4 (8.9)	3 (5.9)	0.85
Muscle weakness only	35 (87.5)	38 (84.4)	46 (90.2)	
Swallowing troubles only	1 (2.5)	3 (6.7)	2 (3.9)	
Previous diagnosis (n = 136)				
None	26 (65.0)	32 (71.1)	36 (70.6)	0.50
Polymyositis	10 (25.0)	5 (11.1)	8 (15.7)	
Other	4 (10.0)	8 (17.8)	7 (13.7)	
Delay between first symptoms and sporadic IBM diagnosis, months (n = 136)	49 (25–82)	64 (38–99)	56 (27–111)	0.45
Status at the last visit				
Time since sporadic IBM diagnosis, months (n = 136)	20 (1–86)	25 (6–69)	42 (14–66)	0.28
Age, years (n = 136)	74 (65–79)	74 (66–78)	71 (64–76)	0.48
Muscle weakness (n = 136)	40 (100)	45 (100)	51 (100)	1.0
Severe proximal weakness <sup>a</sup> (n = 136)	20 (50.0)	21 (46.7)	23 (45.1)	0.89
Severe distal weakness <sup>a</sup> (n = 136)	14 (35.0)	14 (31.1)	25 (49.0)	0.16
Swallowing troubles (n = 136)	14 (35.0)	25 (55.6)	23 (45.1)	0.17
Creatine kinase, IU/l (n = 87)	272 (93–649)	229.5 (135–406)	359.5 (183.5–738)	0.31
Grip strength, kgN (n = 76)	12.6 (16.7–15.0)	14.8 (10.4–22.4)	13.9 (10.0–16.0)	0.26
Walton (n = 113)	6 (3–6)	5 (3–6)	4 (3–6)	0.11
RMI (n = 88)	9.5 (3–11)	10 (8–12)	10 (7–12)	0.37
IWCI (n = 71)	50 (40–65)	62.5 (35–75)	50 (35–67.5)	0.61
Current handicap for walking (n = 136)				
None	7 (17.5)	11 (24.5)	15 (29.4)	0.79
One or two canes	17 (42.5)	17 (37.8)	18 (35.3)	
Wheelchair	16 (40.0)	17 (37.8)	18 (35.3)	

Data are n (%) or median (IQR).

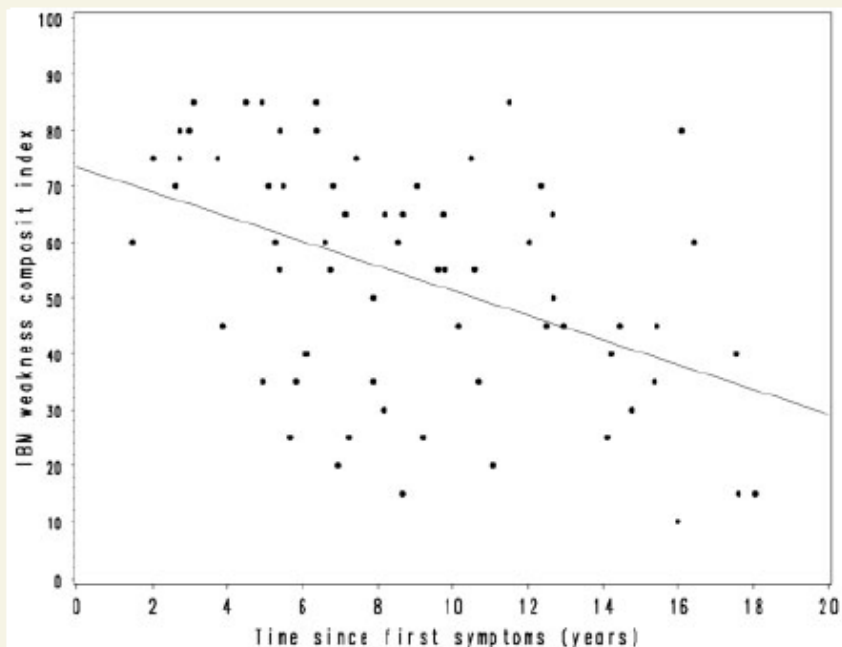
<sup>a</sup> Severe muscle weakness defined by MRC < 3/5.

RMI = Rivermead Mobility Index.



## Long-term observational study of sporadic inclusion body myositis

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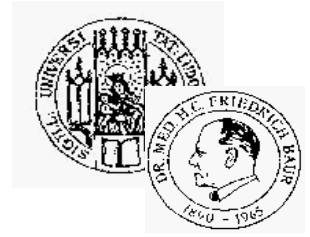


**Figure 1** Relationship between IWCI measured at the last visit and disease duration (years) since the first symptoms.

- IBM Weakness Composite index (IWCI)

**Table 1** Sporadic IWCI

Measured parameters	
Arms outstretched forwards (s)	
150	15
100	10
50	5
<50	0
Legs held outstretched at 45° supine (s)	
75	15
50	10
25	5
<25	0
Neck flexors, lying in bed	
Against resistance	10
Without resistance	5
Impossible	0
From lying in bed to standing	
Without support	10
With support	5
Impossible	0
Walk	
Normal	10
With cane(s) or walker	5
Impossible (wheelchair)	0
From sitting position in a chair to standing	
Without support	10
With support	5
Impossible	0
Force of finger flexors	
MRC = 5	10
MRC = 3 or 4	5
MRC = 0, 1 or 2	0
Force of the quadriceps	
Normal (MRC = 5/5)	10
Decreased (MRC = 3 or 4)	5
Weak (MRC = 0, 1 or 2)	0
Swallowing	
Normal	10
Moderate or intermittent difficulties	5
Severe or permanent difficulties	0
Total	/100



# sIBM

## Summary

### Dutch/FRENCH/UK studies 2011

- Longterm outcome independent of any therapy
- About 5% strength decline per year
- Life expectancy normal
- Quality of life massively reduced
- Time to wheelchair median 14 years

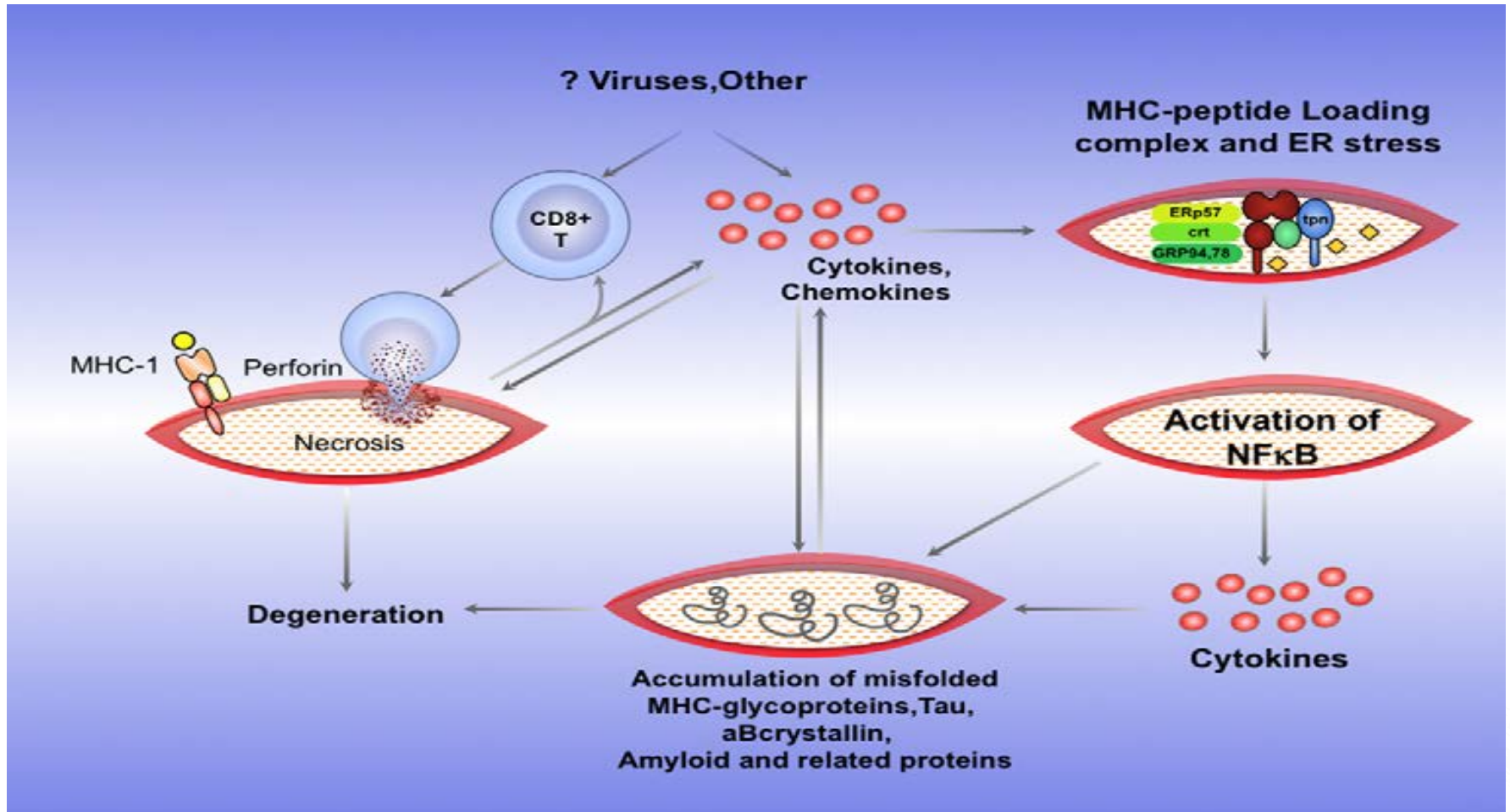
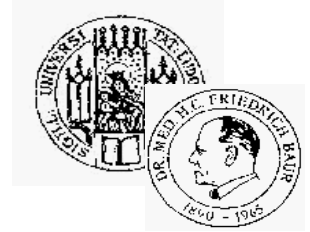


# Pathogenesis of sIBM

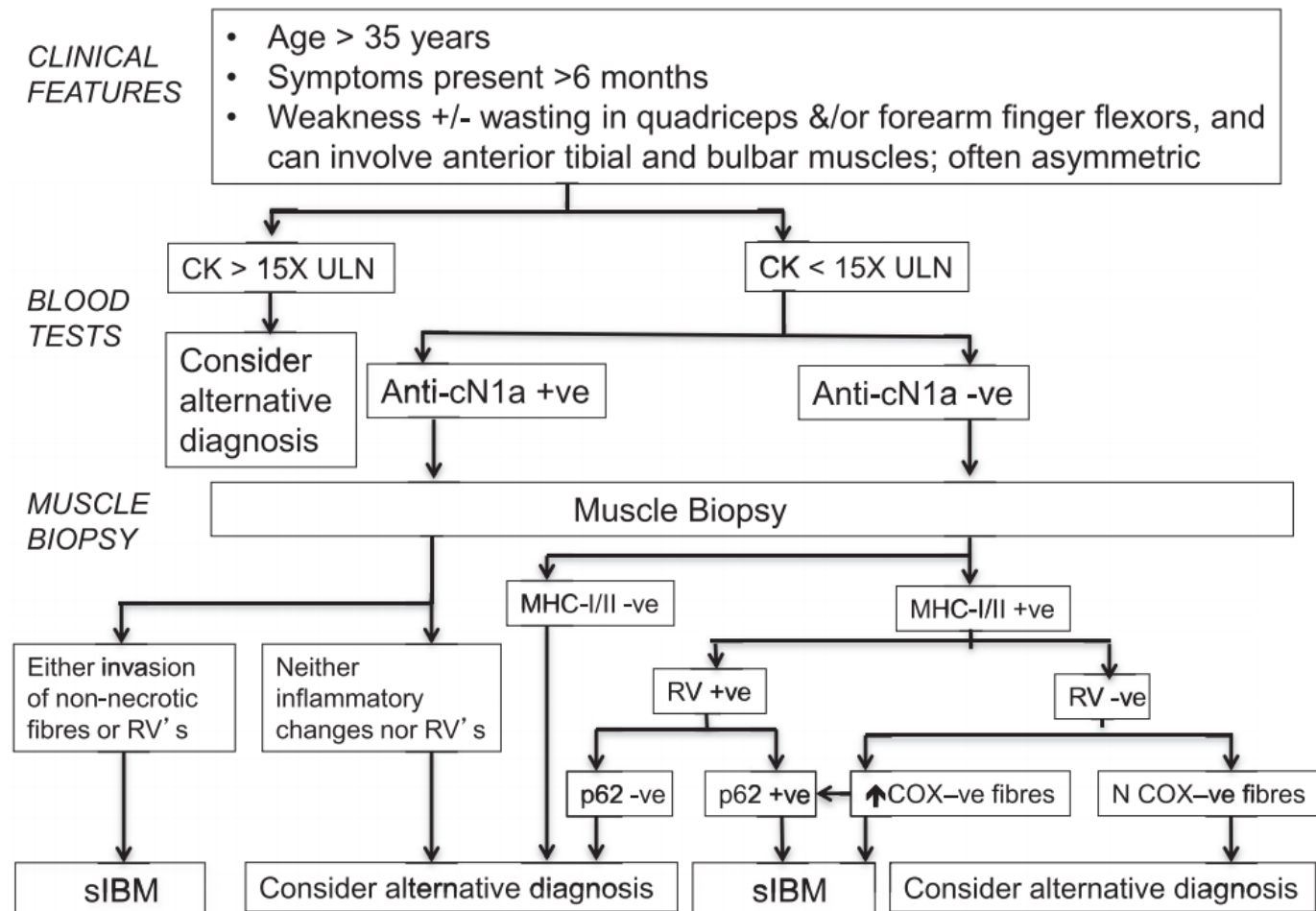
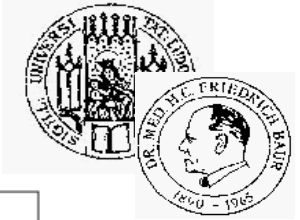
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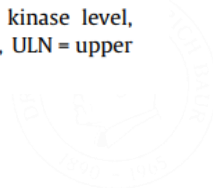
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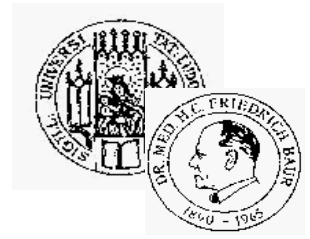


# Diagnostic algorithm sIBM



**Fig. 7.** Proposed diagnostic algorithm for sporadic inclusion body myositis. Anti-cN1a Ab = antibody to cytosolic 5'-nucleotidase, CK = serum creatine kinase level, COX = cytochrome oxidase, MHC = major histocompatibility complex, N = normal numbers, RV = rimmed vacuoles, sIBM = sporadic inclusion body myositis, ULN = upper limit of normal, -ve = negative, +ve = positive. Derived in part from Brady et al. [56].



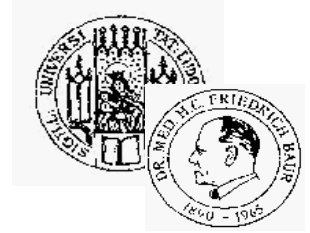


# Differential diagnoses

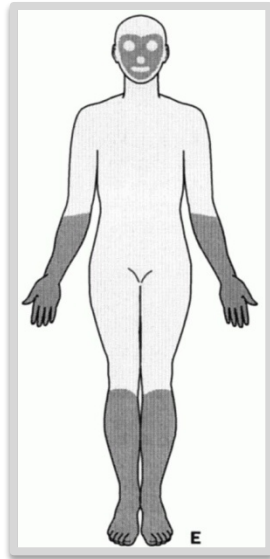


# Differential diagnosis

## Distal weakness



**Distal weakness**



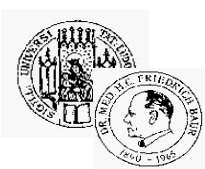
**IBM**

**Myotonic dystrophy type 1**  
Metabolic myopathies (GSD3)

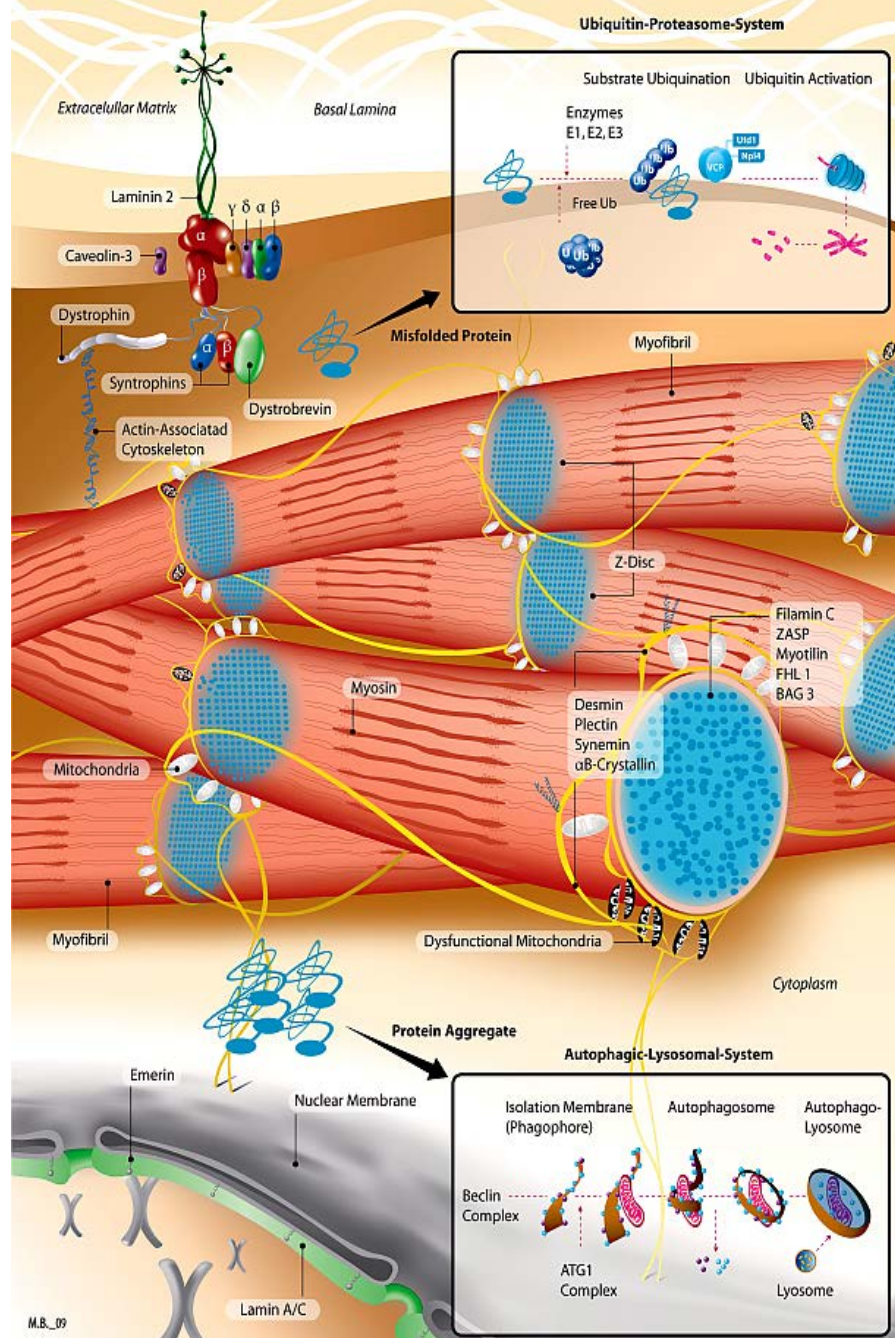
**Distal LGMDs**  
LGMD 1C, 2A, 2B, 2I, 2J  
Myofibrillar myopathies

**DD neurogenic  
neuropathies**





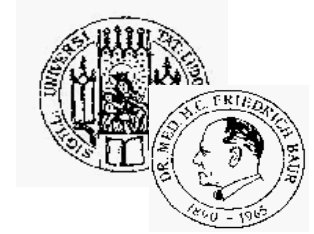
# Myofibrillar Myopathies



# Clinical differential diagnosis

## Myofibrillar Myopathies

### Distal myopathies



Disease	Muscle weakness	Heart	Lung	CK levels	Extramuscular
Desminopathy	distal>proximal	DCM, CB	insufficiency	n-5x	
aBCopathy	proximal>distal	DCM, CB		n-7x	cataracts
Filaminopathy	proximal>distal	DCM, CB	insufficiency	n-8x	neuropathy
Myotilinopathy	proximal>distal	DCM	insufficiency	n-5x	neuropathy, contractures
Bag3opathy	proximal	DCM	insufficiency	n-15x	rigid-spine, scoliosis, contractures
FHL1opathy	distal=proximal, axial hypertrophy, scapulo-peroneal CB		insufficiency	n-10x	rigid-spine, scoliosis, contractures
ZASPopathy	distal>proximal	DCM, CB		n-10x	neuropathy
Plectinopathy	distal>proximal			n-10x	epidermolysis bullosa simplex
Titinopathy	distal>proximal	DCM	insufficiency	n-10x	
Matrin3opathy	distal>proximal, axial		insufficiency	n-7x	

DCM = dilative cardiomyopathy; CB = conduction block

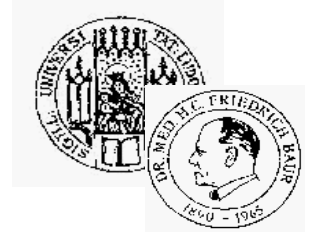
Modified from Schoser Aktuelle Neurologie 2009



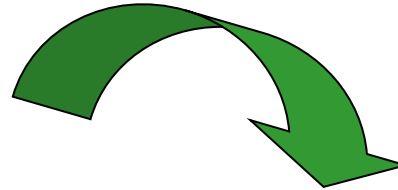
# Treatment options in myositis

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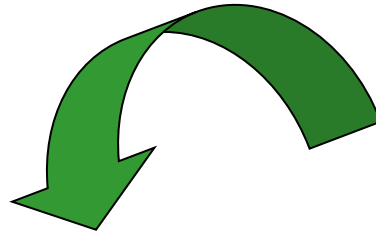
# Classic treatment of Myositis



**1.Option**  
**Corticosteroids (pulse or**  
**add on azathioprine**  
**CD-20 antibody**

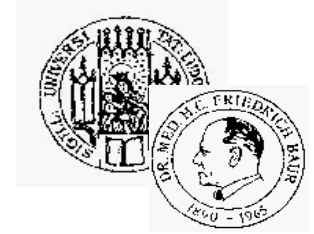


**2.Option**  
**MTX**  
**ivIG**



**3.Option**  
**cyclosporine**  
**mycofenolat mofetil**  
**cyclophosphamide**

# Non-drug treatment of Myositis



## Physiotherapy

Stabilisation of motor function  
Strength improvement in  
non-atrophic muscles

(Spector et al., 1997)

## Occupational therapy

Prophylaxis of contractures  
Stabilization of hand function in IBM

## Training

Alexanderson H, Lundberg IE et. al., Arthritis Rheum 2007;57:768-777

Chung YL, Alexanderson H et. al., Arthritis Rheum. 2007;57:694-702.



# Alternative novel therapeutical options in Myositis



## Intracellular signal pathways

Anti-CD52 (Alemtuzumab)  
Calcineurin-Inhibitors (Tacrolimus and Ciclosporin)  
TOR-Kinase via FK-506-binding-protein (Rapamycin)  
Inhibition of Purinbiosynthesis (Mycophenolat mofetil)

## B-Cell and autoantibodies

Rituximab  
IVIg

## Cytokine/Chemokine/Adhasionsmolecules

TNFalpha inhibitor (Etanercept - IBM, Infliximab)?  
Beta-Interferone – IBM?  
IVIg

## Complement inhibitor

IVIg  
Anti-C5 /Eculizumab - dermatomyositis?

## T-cell transmigration-inhibitor

Natalizumab – IBM??  
IVIg