

Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to patients with dystonia

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- Dystonia is defined as a movement disorder characterized by sustained or intermittent muscle contractions causing abnormal, often repetitive, movements, postures, or both.
- Dystonic movements are typically patterned and twisting, and may be tremulous.
- Dystonia is often initiated or worsened by voluntary action and associated with overflow muscle activation.



Differential diagnosis of hyperkinetic (rare) movement disorders

• 1. Phenomenology

• 2. Syndromological associations

• 3. Additional imaging/laboratory/genetic examinations

Phenomenology of dystonia

- Fixed dystonia
- Mobile dystonia
- Dystonic tremor/myoclonus
- Geste antagoniste

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According to age of onset

- I. Infant (<2 years)
- II. Childhood (3-12 years)
- III. Adolescence (13-20 years)
- IV. Younger adulthood (21-40 years)
- V. Older adulthood (>40 years)

According to body distribution

- Focal one muscle group or body segment
- Segmental 2 neighbouring muscle groups or body segments (e.g. head+neck)
- Multifocal 2 non-neighbouring muscle groups / body parts (e.g. neck + lower limb)
- Hemidystonia
- Generalized affection of most or all body segments

Temporal pattern

- I. Disease course
 - I. Static
 - II. Progressive
- II. Variability
 - I. Persistent symptoms
 - II. Action-specific
 - **III.** Diurnal fluctuations
 - IV. Paroxysmal dystonia

Dopa-responsive dystonia—clinical and genetic heterogeneity

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	Inheritance	Response to L-dopa	Dyskinesia	Other symptoms
GTP-cyklohydrolase 1 deficiency	AD	Excellent and persistent	Rare	Parkinsonism, brisk reflexes, scoliosis, anxiety, depression, OCD, sleep disorders
GTP-cyklohydrolase 1 deficiency	AR	Good, but high doses necessary	Rare	Spasticity, oculogyric crisis, excessive drooling, poor sleep, neonatal hyperphenylalaninemia
Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency	AR	Good but can be incomplete	Frequent	Type A – progressive hypokinetic-rigid syndrome Type B – complex encephalopathy – tremor, ptosis, autonomic dysfunction, spasticity, hypotonia, delayed milestones, mental retardation
Sepiapterine reductase deficiency	AR	Good but can be incomplete	Possible	Oculogyric crisis, autonomic dysfunction, delayed milestones, microcephalia, growth retardation, mental retardation, hypotonia, spasticity, parkinsonism, hyperreflexia
PTP synthase deficiency	AR	Excellent and persistent	None	Early epileptic seizures, spasticity, mild cognitive dysfunction

Basically all subtypes

• Lower limb onset, generalize, diurnal fluctuations

Wijemanne Nat Rev Neurology 2015

How to treat dopa-responsive dystonia

Initial doses of L-dopa	0.5-1.0 mg/kg/day divided into 3-6 doses		
Increasing of L-dopy	by 0.1-0.5 mg/kg/day according to tolerance		
Management of dyskinesias	Decrease L-dopa to last tolerated dose		
	• Delay further increases of dose until dyskinesia dissapear		
	Increase frequency of dosing		
Amantadine	If abovementioned points not effective		
Doses of amantadine	4-6 mg/kg/day		
Chronic doses of L-dopa	3-20 mg/kg/day according to tolerance		
Dopamine agonists	If L-dopa not tolerated or does not provide sufficient clinical benefit		

- Paroxysmal kinesigenic dystonia (PKD)
- Paroxysmal non-kinesigenic dystonia (PNKD)
- Paroxysmal exercise-induced dystonia (PED)
- Often normal neurological finding between attacks
- Non-epileptic

CLINICAL PRACTICE

The Clinical Syndrome of Paroxysmal Exercise-Induced Dystonia: Diagnostic Outcomes and an Algorithm

Associated features

 Dystonia isolated or associated with other movement disorder

Dystonia + marked orobulbar involvement	Dystonia + peripheral neuropathy		
Drug-induced (neuroleptics, antiemetics)	Niemann-Pick type C		
PKAN (PANK2 mutations)	Metachromatic leukodystrophy		
PLAN (PLA2G6 mutations)	Friedreich's ataxia		
Choreo-akantocatosis	Ataxia teleangiectasia		
Neuroferritinopathy	Spinocerebellar ataxies (esp. type 2/3)		
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome			
Dystonia + oculomotor abnormalities	Dystonia + retinitis pigmentosa		
Niemann-Pick type C	PKAN		
Huntington's disease	GM2 gangliozidosis		
Ataxia teleangiectasia, AOA1, AOA2	Metachromatic leukodystrophy		
Dystonia + deafness	Dystonia + progressive dementia		
Mitochondrial disorders	GM1 a GM2 gangliozidosis		
Mohr-Tranebjaerg syndrome	Glutaric aciduria		
Woodhouse-Sakati syndrome	Huntington's disease		
	Huntington phenocopies		

Schneider et al. 2010

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One phenotype many genes

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Paroxysmal Exercise-Induced Dystonia Within the Phenotypic Spectrum of *ECHS1* Deficiency

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Drug-induced dystonia (acute/tardive)

- Neuroleptics (antiemetics)
 - Therapy anticholinergics (biperiden) i.v.
- Antimalarics, late complications of L-dopa, dopamine agonists
- After overdosing carbamazepine, fenytoin
- No safe neuroleptics, no safe dosis, no safe period of exposition
- Low rate of remission even after discontinuation

Cerebral palsy

- Overdiagnosed + often an escape diagnosis!
 - No more examinations needed, no specific treatment available...
- Prenatal and perinatal period!
 - Even if perinatal problems still can have metabolic, mitochondrial or other disorder
- Many patients if properly diagnosed can have a treatable condition

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Treatable Inherited Rare Movement Disorders

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- **Reduction of toxic products** Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis, Dystonia/parkinsonism with manganese accumulation, Gaucher disease, Niemann Pick type C, Wilson disease
- Dietary interventions Abetalipoproteinemia, Cerebral creatine def, GLUT-1 def, Glutaric aciduria type 1, Homocystinuria, Maple syrup urine disease, Methylmalonic aciduria, Phenylketonuria, Propionic acidemia, Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex def, Refsum disease
- Vitamin supplements Abetalipoproteinemia, AADC def, Ataxia with vit E def, Biotin-thiamin responsive basal ganglia disease, Biotinidase def, Cerebral folate def, Cobalamin def, Coenzyme Q10 def, Homocystinuria, Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex def
- Trigger avoidance Alternating hemiplegia of childhood, Biotin-thiamin responsive basal ganglia disease, Episodic ataxia type 2, Glutaric aciduria type 1, Maple syrup urine disease, Methylmalonic aciduria, Paroxysmal kinesigenic / nonkinesigenic dyskinesia, Propionic acidemia, Rapid onset dystonia parkinsonism
- **Specific drugs** AADC drugs, Dopa-responsive dystonia, Episodic ataia type 2, GLUT-1 defficiency, Molybdenum cofactor defficiency, Paroxysmal kinesigenic dyskinesia

Therapy algorithm for dystonia

Consider deep brain stimulation

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Management of dystonia in Europe: a survey of the European network for the study of the dystonia syndromes

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Clinical Practice: Evidence-Based Recommendations for the Treatment of Cervical Dystonia with Botulinum Toxin

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Factors of DBS success

• <u>Selection of appropriate candidates!!!</u>

• Precise placement of electrodes

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Bilateral Deep-Brain Stimulation of the Globus Pallidus in Primary Generalized Dystonia

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Pallidal Deep-Brain Stimulation in Primary Generalized or Segmental Dystonia

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DBS for dystonia

Isolated generalized dystonia

Vidailhet 2005; Kupsch 2006; Bronte-Stewart et al, Mov Disord 2011

- Myoclonus dystonia Cif et al, Mov Disord 2004
- Cervical dystonia / Meige syndrome refractory to BoNT

Ostrem et al, Mov Disord 2007

- Selected secondary dystonias
 - X-linked parkinsonism-dystonia DYT3 (Lubag)

Evidente et al, Mov Disord 2010

- PKAN Timmermann et al, Brain 2010
- Cerebral palsy without cognitive deficit and only mild spasticity

Vidailhet et al, Lancet Neurol 2009

- Tardive dystonia

Trottenberg 2001

DBS for dystonia

- Isolated > Combined
- Mobile > Fixed
- No MRI abnormalities > MRI structural changes
- Axial > Limb
- Shorter > Longer duration (> fixed skeletal deformities)

DBS in status dystonicus

- Potentially life threatening situation, variable outcomes
- ICU management, sedation, ventilation?, usually pharmacotherapy as first line (benzodiazepines, propofol, barbiturates, anticholinergics, neuroleptics, levodopa, intrathecal morphine, intrathecal baclofen) Fasano, Mov Disord 2012
- In refractory cases acute DBS should be considered
 - Good results shown in DYT1, DYT6, PKAN, tardive dystonia, etc

Mariotti 2007; Jech 2009, Kovacs 2011, Fasano 2012

DBS in myoclonus dystonia

- GPi > VIM
 - Myoclonus 75.7% vs. 70.4%
 - Dystonia 60.2% vs 33.3%

Andrews 2010; Rughani 2013

• worsening of psychiatric symptoms?

Contarino 2011

DBS in hyperkinetic cerebral palsy

 In selected patients improvement of dystonia 24-49.5% (BFMDRS-m)

Vidailhet Lancet Neurol 2009; Keen J Neurosurg Ped 2014; Marks J Child Neurol 2013; Romito Eur J Neurol 2015;

- Inclusion criteria
 - Neonatal hypoxic or ischaemic encephalopathy, delayed milestones
 - No other cause of dystonia including metabolic and genetic disorders, focal vascular lesions, head trauma, neuroleptic treatment
 - Little or no spasticity (Ashworth scale <2 for each segment)
 - <u>No more than slight abnormalities seen on T1 MRI images</u>
 - No psychiatric disorders
 - Little or no cognitive impairment
 - Optimised treatment (tried highest tolerated doses of levodopa and anticholinergics)
 Vidailhet Lancet Neurol 2009

DBS for PD-related dystonia

STN vs. GPi stimulation

- dystonia responsive to levodopa?
- dystonia present only in OFF state?
- Camptocormia
 - Improvement 34.6-78.2%
 - Both STN and GPi used
 - Better if shorter duration (<1.5 years)
- Pisa syndrome
 - DBS generally less effective

Umemura 2010; Schulz-Schaeffer 2015; Chieng 2015

DBS for tardive dystonia

- 80+ patients reported (4pts STN, other Gpi)
- Mean improvement 74% on motor score of BFMDRS
- Usually rapid improvement (days weeks) phasic > tonic movement
- Long-term good effect of stimulation
- Very good cognitive and psychiatric tolerability (1pt worsening of depression, 1pt worsening of psychosis)

Side-effects of Gpi DBS

• Hardware and surgery related

- Stimulation related
 - Especially dysarthria
 - Occasionally hypokinetic gait disorder with freezing of gait
 - Stimulation dependant

Other targets

- STN DBS for dystonia associated with PD (off dystonia with good response to levodopa)
- STN for focal, segmental and generalized isolated dystonia
 - comparable results with Gpi stimulation in a limited number of studies
 - Without neuropsychiatric and cognitive side effects seen in PD

Ostrem 2011; Schjerling 2013, Mills 2015

• VIM/subthalamic area for dystonic tremor

Fasano 2014; Pauls 2014

• VIM for Myoclonus dystonia

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