





Juvenile Dermatomyositis

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Objectives

- Which are the different clinical and autoantibody phenotypes?
- How can we assess activity and damage in children with myositis, in research settings and in clinical practice?
- What new therapies can be used for refractory disease?

Juvenile idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (JIIM)

Rider L, et al. Rheum Dis Clin N Am 2013

 Heterogeneous immune-mediated, and rare (2 to 4/1million) disorders, characterized by:
 Chronic muscle inflammation
 Skin rashes
 Involvement of other organs (vascular, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and cardiac)

Diagnosis (Bohan & Peter, N Engl J Med 1975)

Skin involvement + at least 3:

Muscle weakness Elevated muscle enzymes Electromyography Muscle biopsy MRI findings * (modified by CARRA Registry investigators) *Rheumatology 2006*







Patient's case

This was a four year old girl at the time of the first visit to the hospital. She developed a red rash on her cheeks, chin, elbows, knees and metacarpophalangeal, as well as proximal interphalangeal joints. Her initial diagnosis was atopic dermatitis. A few months later she became gradually weak and fatigue. She refused climbing stairs, getting up of the floor, dressing, and playing. She did not have nasal voice, nor problems to swallow or to breath.

Blood tests showed: normal blood count and erythrocyte sedimentation rate, muscle enzymes (LDH, aldolase and CK) were moderately elevated with normal liver enzymes, ANA 1/640 speckled pattern, and negative anti DNA, Sm, Ro, La, anti RNP.

Other tests: MRI (muscle edema), capillaroscopy (micro-hemorrhages, and dilated capillaries)



Gottron's papules

Erythematous malar rash, heliotrope rash, and periorbital edema

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Provides additional evaluation to clinical exam

Represents a promising tool to estimate: total inflammatory burden (whole-body) tailor treatment monitor efficacy

Allows preoperative localization of muscle inflammation

Recognizes edema or inflammation in the skin, subcutaneous tissue, and fascia

MRI-based scoring system (4 point scale) indicates degree of muscle inflammation



Malattia C, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2014; 73(6):1083-90 Hilario Scand J Rheumatol 2014; 43(4):329-33 Tuen V, et al. Pediatric Rheumatology 2013; 11:15 Davis WR, et al. Rheumatology 2011; 50(12):2237-2244 Kimball A, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2000; 43(8):1866-1873

JDM nailfold findings

- 1. Micro-hemorrhages
- 2. Dilated capillaries
- 3. Dropout (decreased capillary density)







Capillaroscopic changes and disease activity

Table 3

Distribution of the patients with juvenile dermatomyositis according to capillaroscopic changes and disease activity

Capillaroscopic changes (mean)	Active disease (n = 26)	Inactive disease (n = 4)	р
N. micro-hemorrhages+	2.15	2.5	0.677
N. capillary dilation**	1.77	0.12	0.001*
N. megacapillaries**	0.18	0	0
N. bushy capillaries++	0.45	0.03	0.009*
Deletion score***	2.06	0.5	0.004*

*Student *t* test. *Sum of the number of hemorrhages/number of fingers with hemorrhage; **Sum of the number of changes/total number of fingers assessed; ***Sum of the deletion score/number of fingers with deletion.

Piotto, Len, Hilario, Terreri. Rev Bras Reumatol 2012, 52(5):722-732

Clinical phenotypes of JIIM

Juvenile Dermatomyositis

Most common (85%)

Gottron's sign, heliotrope rash, periungueal capillary changes, photosensitivity, calcinosis

Lowest CK

Lowest mortality



Juvenile polymyositis

Oldest, less frequent (4-8%) Severe onset, weight loss, cardiac involvement Highest CK, freq. wheelchair and hospitalizations



Overlap myositis

Less frequent (6-12%) Malar rash, arthritis, Raynaud, sclerodactyly, intestitial lung disease Intermediate CK Highest mortality



Hypomyopathic JDM

Unfrequent (1%), JDM skin rashes Subclinical or no muscle weakness

Mild elevation of muscle enzymes

Serologic classification of juvenile idiopathic inflammatory myositis

Table 1: Autoantibodies in JDM

Antibody	Autoantigen target	Known frequency in patients with JDM (%)	Unique features
Antisynthetase Myositis Sp	ecific Antibodies		Associated with myositis, interstitial lung disease, polyarthritis, Raynaud's phenomenon, fever, and mechanic's hand
Anti-ARS	Aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases	15	
Anti-Jo-1	Histidyl-tRNA synthetase	2-5	
Anti-PL-12	Alanyl-tRNA synthetase	1_3	
Anti-PL-7	Theonyl-tRNA synthetase	<1	
Anti-EJ	Glycyl-tRNA synthestase	<1	
Anti-OJ	Isoleucyl-tRNA synthetase	<1	
Anti-KS	Asparagynyl-tRNA synthetase	Unknown	
Anti-HA	Tyrosyl-tRNA synthetase	Unknown	Skin rash in addition to above
Anti-Zo	Phonylalanyl-tRNA synthetase	Unknown	
Nonsynthetase Myositis Sp	ecific Antibodies		
Anti-Mi-2	DNA Helicase	4_10	Classic cutaneous skin lesions, including Gottron papulas, heliotrope rash, periungual changes
Anti-p155/140	Transcriptional intermediary factor (TIF)-1 gamma protein	22-29	More severe skin disease, generalized lipodystrophy, and cancer in adults
Anti-p140 (Mj)	Nuclear matrix protein NXP2	13-23	Calcinosis and contractures
Anti-CADM140 or anti- MDA-5	Melanoma differentiation- associated gene 5	Reported in Japanese children with JDM, unknown elsewhere	Interstitial lung disease and elevated ferritan with concerns for macrophage activation
Anti-SRP	Signal recognition particle	1-3	Muscle fiber necrosis with minimal inflammatory cell infiltrate
Anti-SAE	Serum activating enzyme unit	Rare	Cutaneous manifestations and progressed to myositis with systemic features, including dysphagia
Anti-200/100		Unknown	Necrotizing myositis with statin exposure in adults
Myositis Associated Antibo	dies		
Anti-U1-RNP	U1 ribonucleoprotien (snRNP)	6	Features of sclerodermatous overlap
Anti-U3-RNP	U3 ribonucleoprotein (fibrillarin)	1	Features of sclerodermatous overlap
Anti-PM-Sd	Nucleolar multiprotein complex	57	Features of sclerodermatous overlap
Anti-Ro	52 or 60Kd ribonucleoproteins (hYRNA)	2	
Anti-La	Ribonucleoprotein	1	
Anti-Ku	P70/p80neterodimer, DNA- associated proteins	<1	
Anti-Topo	DNA topoisomerase I	Unknown	0

Myositis specific antibodies (MSA) Antisynthetase

Anti-ARS (1-5%) Anti-Jo-1 (2-5%)



Nonsynthetase

Anti-Mi-2 (4-10%)

Anti-p155/140 (22-29%)

Anti-p140 MJ (13-23%)

Anti MDA-5 (38% in japanese children)





Myositis associated antibodies (MAA) Anti -U1-RNP (6%) Anti- PM-Scl (5-7%)

Rider L, et al. Medicine 2013; 92(4):223-243 Espada G, et al. J Rheumatol 2009; 36(11):2547-2551 Tansley S, et al. Arthritis Research & Therapy 2014,16:R138

Patient's case (continuation)

According to her clinical phenotype, she would probably had anti-p155/140.

During the evaluation she cried when muscle strength was assessed: MMT8 (Kendall Manual Muscle Testing) 40.

Her initial therapy included: oral prednisone (2mg/kg/day), methotrexate 15 mg/m² per week, and hidroxychloroquine.

She improved her muscle strength very quickly, however the skin involvement progressed, and an erythematous and pruritic rash appeared on her chest and her back.









Measures of disease activity, damage and patient reported outcomes in myositis

Rider L, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2011; 63(0 11):S157

Physician and Patient/Parent Global Activity (0-10 cm VAS)

Tools

Childhood Health Assessment Questionnaire (CHAQ) Huber A, et al. J Rheumatol 2001; 28(5):1106-1111 The Child Health Questionnaire (CHQ)

MMT (Kendall Manual Muscle Testing) *Rider L, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2010; 62(4):465-472* CMAS (Childhood Myositis Assessment Scale) *Huber A, et al. Arthritis & Rheum 2004; 50(5):1595-1603*

DAS (Disease Activity Score) Bode RK, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2003; 49:7-15 MDAAT (Myositis Disease Activity Assessment Tool) Isenberg DA, et al. Rheumatology (Oxford) 2004; 43(1):49-54

MDI (Myositis Damage Index) Miller FW, et al. Rheumatology 2001; 40(11)1262-1273

CDASI (Cutaneous Dermatomyositis Disease Area and Severity Index) Yassaee M, et al. Brit J Dermatol 2010; 162(3):669-673

CAT (Cutaneous Assessment Tool)

Huber AM, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2008; 59(2):214-221

DSSI (Dermatomyositis Skin Severity Index)

Carroll CL, et al. Brit J Dermatol 2008; 158(2):345-350

IMACS and PRINTO

- Core sets measures of response to therapy
- Definitions of improvement

Core sets of response to therapy

IMACS

(International Myositis Assessment and Clinical Studies Group)

Miller FW, et al. Rheumatology2001; 40(11):1262-73

- Global Activity (physician and parent) VAS
- Strength (MMT)
- Function (CMAS/CHAQ)
- Lab (2 enzymes)
- Extra-muscular

PRINTO

(Paediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organisation)

Ruperto N, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2008; 59(1):4-13 Ruperto N, et al. Rheumatology 2003;42(12):1452-59

- Global Activity (physician and parent) VAS
- Strength (MMT/CMAS)
- Function (CHAQ)
- Global disease (DAS/MYOACT) activity
- HRQoL

Two differences between IMACS and PRINTO core sets: Inclusion of serum muscle enzymes Health related QOL is not included

Rider L, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2004; 50(7):2281-2290

Definition of improvement (DOI)

IMACS

Rider L, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2004; 50(7):2281-2290

PRINTO

Ruperto N, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2010; 62(11):1533-1541

"3 of any 6 of core set measures improved by >20%, with no more than 2 worse by >25%, which could not include MMT"

"Any 3 among the 6 core set variables improved by at least 20% vs. baseline, with no more than 1 of the remaining variables worsening by more than 30%, which cannot be muscle strength"

Evaluation of clinically inactive disease (CID)

The PRINTO criteria

Lazarevic D, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2013; 72:686-693

- MMT8 \geq 78(0-80)
- Phy Glo (PGA) VAS ≤ 0.2
- CMAS ≥ 48
- CK ≤ 150 U/L

JDM Research Group (UK)

Almeida B, et al. Arthritis & Rheumatology. 2015 DOI10.1002/art.39200

Propose that PRINTO criteria require modification:

- Use of PGA as an essential criterion or
- Adding items of skin disease activity

Definition of CID: 3 of 4 criteria

Where is the skin?

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3. Major organ involvement due to myositi

Gastrointestinal involvement due to myositis

If yes: Abdominal pain or GI ulceration due to

myositis (exclude peptic ulcer disease)
Pulmonary involvement due to myositis

Cardiac involvement due to myositis

Weight loss (>5%) due to myositis

If yes: Contractures due to myositi

eletal involvement due to myositis

C. Is patient having on-going follow up at this centre after

Yes

Yes

Yes No

Yes

Yes No

Yes

No

No

Yes

No

Not Available

No

Not Available Not Recorded

Not Done

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Musculos

If yes: Arthritis

If yes: Dysphagia

If yes: Dysphonia

interstitial lung disease

Fatigue due to myositis

Irritability due to myositis

Raynaud's phenoi

5 Other

Malignancy

4. Constitutional Fever (>38°C) due to myosi

Developing a provisional, international Minimal Dataset for Juvenile Dermatomyositis: for use in clinical practice to inform research

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McCann et al. Trials (2015) 16:268 DOI 10.1186/s13063-015-0784-0

STUDY PROTOCOL



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Development of an internationally agreed minimal dataset for juvenile dermatomyositis (JDM) for clinical and research use

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McCann L, et al, Trials 2015; 16:268



Long term outcome and prognostic factors

Patient's case (continuation)

She improved her muscle strength very quickly, however the skin involvement progressed, and an erythematous and pruritic rash appeared on her chest and her back.

Five years after the diagnosis, she developed nodular calcinosis in her hands and elbows.

Due to the persistence of activity of cutaneous manifestations mycophenolate mofetil was indicated.











Long-term outcome and prognostic factors

Ravelli A, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2010; 62(1):63-72

- Mean disease duration: 8 ± 5.2 years (Europe) and 7.4 ± 4.6 years (Latin America) Reduced (mild) muscle strength (40%)
- Persistent active disease: DAS (60.5%) and MYOACT (41.2%) more frequently the skin
- Cumulative damage MDI (69%) skin, gastrointestinal (disphagia), skeletal (joint contractures), endocrine (growth failure 19.3%)
- Impaired physical function CHAQ (40.7%), severe (6.5%)
- Decreased HRQOL physical (10.5%) and psychosocial (12.8%) domains
- Outcome predictors: insidious onset, chronic course, calcinosis and lipodystrophy, and female patients

Sanner H, et al. Rheumatology 2014; 53:1578-1585

At follow up (16.8 years), active disease (PRINTO criteria) 51%, (MYOACT total) 73% Predictors: age < 9 years at diagnosis, calcinosis, HLA-DRB1*0301

Huber A, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2014; 66(5):732-740

Mortality: overall 4.2%, JDM 2.4%

Causes: interstitial lung disease, gastrointestinal, multisystem

Variables with the highest importance: clinical subgroup, severity at onset, older age at diagnosis, weight loss, and delay to diagnosis



What new therapies can be used for refractory disease?

Therapeutic approaches

PRINTO study (n 294)

Hasija R, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2011; 63(11):3142-3152

Response to therapy: significant improvement during initial 6 months and continue up to month 12.
Differences among 4 main geographic areas (Western and Eastern Europe and South and Central America and North America)



CARRAnet JDM cohort (n 384)

Robinson A, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2014; 66(3):404-410

	Ever used %
Corticosteroids	95.7
Pulse corticosteroids	58.7
Methotrexate	92.5
Hydroxychloroquine	53
IV gammaglobulin	40.2
Mycophenolate mofetil	16.7
Cyclosporine	10.5
Rituximab	6.2
Etanercept	4.3
Infliximab	2.7
Adalimumab	1.6
Cyclophosphamide	1.4

Therapeutic approaches

CARRA Consensus Guidelines

Protocols for the initial treatment of moderately severe JDM *Huber AM, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2010; 62:219-225* **Consensus treatments for moderate JDM: beyond the first two months** *Huber AM, et al. Arthritis Care Res 2012; 64:546-553* Initial therapy: 3 options including steroids (oral and IV) + MTX (15mg/m²)

PRINTO

A randomized trial in new onset JDM:

prednisone vs. prednisone + cyclosporine vs. prednisone + MTX Ruperto N, et al. In press

n 139 pts.

Results:

Combination therapy (both) were superior than prednisone alone, at 6 months and after 24 months.

Adverse events: cyclosporine (51%)>MTX (28%)

Rituximab

Rituximab in the treatment of refractory adult and juvenile dermatomyositis and adult polymyositis: a randomized, placebo-phase trial

Oddis C, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2013;65(2):314-324



Primary endpoint: time to DOI

Secondary endpoints: •time to 20% improvement in the MMT8 on 2 consecutive visits. •response rate or proportion of patients achieving DOI, at week 8.

Conclusion: although there were no significant differences in the two treatment arms for the primary and secondary endpoints, 83% of refractory adult and juvenile myositis patients met the DOI.

Rituximab

Predictors of clinical improvement in Rituximab treated refractory adult/JDM and adult PM

Aggarwal R, et al. Arthritis Rheumatol 2014; 66(3):740-749

- 1. Auto Abs (anti Jo-1, Mi-2)
- 2. Lower physician global assessment damage
- 3. Myositis subtype: juvenile better than adult

Novel assessment tools to evaluate clinical and laboratory responses in a subset of patients enrolled in the Rituximab in Myositis trial

Rider L, et al. Clinical Exp Rheumatol 2014; 32:689-696

Additional assessments: MMT, CMAS, gait analysis, CDASI, DAS, SF-36, CHQ-PF50, PedsQL, 2 fatigue scales, Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI), CD20 counts, and MRI imaging
 Results: muscle improvement (17-64%), cutaneous (43%) only DLQI (skin less sensitive to change than muscle). MRI improvement (20%), PedsQL (fatigue and sleep subscales) improved (25-75%).

Depletion of peripheral blood B cells did not correlate with clinical response.

Patient's case (continuation)

Due to the persistence of activity of cutaneous manifestations mycophenolate mofetil was indicated, showing partial efficacy.

She consulted with a plastic surgeon for removal of the calcified nodules of her hands, although small, they were painful during daily activities.

She has a normal life (studying, dancing, going out with friends), however her HRQoL (psychosocial) is affected because of her skin involvement. She uses especial make up to cover the erythematous areas.

When I asked her to write about how she felt about her disease, she said:

"I am waiting for a magic drug to make my skin clear".

We worked together on a transition plan, and currently she is being followed by the adult team, who recently, put her on infliximab.









Muito Obrigada!

