

# Clinically Isolated Syndromes













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# **Clinically Isolated Syndromes**

#### Definition

#### **Clinical features**

- 1- Optic neuritis
- 2- Spinal cord syndrome
- 3-Brain stem syndromes
- 4-Less common CIS

#### **Risk factors for conversion to MS**

- 1-Demographic, environmental and genetic factors
- 2-Abnormal MRI imaging
- 3- Biomarkers
- 4-OCT

#### Management

- 1- Acute treatment
- 2- Disease modifying therapy
- 3- Vitamin D supplementation

# Definition

#### **CIS** definition

- A first neurologic symptom episode "ATTACK" of an acute inflammatory demyelinating event in the central nervous system lasting at least 24 hours in the absence of fever or infection *(Polman et al, 2011).*
- This definition also provides No DIS nor DIT by MRI Brain and Cervical Cord.

• Polman CH, Reingold SC, Banwell B, Clanet M, Cohen JA, Filippi M, Fujihara K, Havrdova E, Hutchinson M, Kappos L, Lublin FD, Montalban X, O'Connor P, Sandberg-Wollheim M, Thompson AJ, Waubant E, Weinshenker B, Wolinsky JS. Diagnostic criteria for multiple sclerosis: 2010 revisions to the McDonald criteria. Ann Neurol. 2011 Feb; 69(2):292-302.

# **Clinical features**

#### **Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)**



#### **Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS) : less common**

- Hemiparesis or homonymous hemianopia that may be mistaken for an acute stroke.
- Cognitive dysfunction
- Seizures, attributable to a demyelinating lesion in the cerebral cortex.

#### **Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)**

#### **ONSET:**

Could be "subacute" *(Miller et al. 2012)*, after which patients may progress to MS without showing evidence of relapses

#### **TYPES:**

• Monofocal episode: single neurologic sign or symptom.

• Multifocal episode: more than one sign or symptom.

• Miller DH, Chard DT, Ciccarelli O. clinically isolated syndromes. Lancet Neurol. 2012 Feb;11(2):157-69.

#### **Optic Neuritis : Common Symptoms**

- Monocular
   (Central Vision loss)
- Pain

(eye movement)

- Altered colour vision
- Uhthoff's symptom
- •Flashes

#### **Optic Neuritis : Common Symptoms**

# **Optic neuritis in multiple sclerosis**

#### Looking from a patient's eyes

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#### **An Egyptian Patient**



#### **Optic Neuritis: Physical signs**

- Decreased visual acuity
- VF defect

(Central/Altitudinal 29%)

- Dyschromatopsia
- Afferent Pupil Defect (RAPD)
- Optic disc swelling 35%

- Abnormal Contrast Sensitivity
- Abnormal VEP
- Altered Flicker Perception
- Altered depth perception
- Optic disc pallor

## **Optic Neuritis: Optic Disc**



#### **Optic Neuritis: VF defect**





#### **Optic Neuritis: Typical Vs Atypical**

Typical	Atypical
Acute or subacute attack	Progressive disease
<ul> <li>Mostly young adults (age 20-55 y)</li> <li>Unilateral visual acuity loss</li> <li>Improvement with/without treatment</li> <li>Continued improvement after corticosteroid withdrawn</li> <li>Mild pain that worsens with eye movement</li> <li>The optic disc appears normal or mildly swol</li> <li>Variable visual field defects may occur</li> <li>Altered perception of motion (the pulfrich phenomenon)</li> <li>Vision blurs when body temperature rises (Uhthoff's phenomenon)</li> <li>Bright, fleeting flashes of light (phosphenes)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Age group &lt; 12 and &gt; 50 y</li> <li>Bilateral visual loss</li> <li>No spontaneous visual improvement</li> <li>Deterioration after corticosteroid are discontinued</li> <li>Following loss of vision, painless to severe pain</li> <li>Severe swelling and hemorrhage in optic disc</li> <li>Variable signs and symptoms, depending on etiology</li> </ul>

#### **Optic Neuritis: D.D.**

- AION (Ischemic Optic Neuropathy)
- Vasculitic Disorders (i.e. SLE)
- Hereditary (i.e. Leber's)
- Toxic/Nutritional (ETOH)
- Infectious (i.e.Bartonella, Lyme)
- Inflammatory (i.e. Sarcoid)
- Neoplastic/Paraneoplastic (i.e. lymphoma)
- Compressive (i.e.Tumours, Grave's orbitopathy)
- Multiple Evanescent White Dot Syndrome [MEWDS]
- Acute Idiopathic Blind Spot Enlargement Syndrome [AIBSE]).

#### **Optic Neuritis: D.D.**

- NMO
- CRION
- ADEM
- anti-Myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein—associated (MOG) optic neuritis













#### Isolated Brain Stem Syndrome



# Risk factors for conversion to MS

#### Demographic and environmental risk factors

- Younger age of onset.
- Cognitive impairment.
- Vitamin D deficiency.
- Smoking.
- Increased EBV encoded nuclear antigen.



#### **GENETIC/IMMUNOGENETIC:**

Biomarkers specified via genomics and immunogenetic techniques.



## LABORATORY:

• All other biomarkers that can be measured in body fluids.



• Biomarkers provided by imaging techniques.

## A. GENETIC AND IMMUNOGENETIC BIOMARKERS

HLA-DRB1\*1501 TOB-1 Apo lipoprotein-E





#### **B. Laboratory Biomarkers**

- I. Biomarkers of Immunological Activation
- **II.** Biomarkers of Neuroprotection
- **III.** Biomarkers of BBB disruption
- **IV.** Biomarkers of demyelination
- V. Biomarkers of Oxidative Stress
- VI. Biomarkers of Axonal Damage
- VII. Biomarkers of Glial Activation Dysfunction
- **VIII.** Biomarkers of Remyelination Repair
- IX. Biomarkers of Therapeutic Response
- X. Prognostic Biomarkers
- XI. Emering biomarkers



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#### Chitinase 3-like 1: prognostic biomarker in clinically isolated syndromes.

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development of disability (hazard ratio = 3.8; P =  $2.5 \times 10(-8)$ ). High CHI3L1 levels were associated with shorter time to multiple sclerosis (P =  $3.2 \times 10(-9)$ ) using Poser criteria; P =  $5.6 \times 10(-11)$  for McDonald criteria) and more rapid development of disability (P =  $1.8 \times 10(-10)$ ). These findings validate cerebrospinal fluid CHI3L1 as a biomarker associated with the conversion to multiple sclerosis and development of disability and reinforce the prognostic role of CHI3L1 in patients with clinically isolated syndrome. We propose that determining cerebrospinal fluid chitinase 3-like 1 levels at the time of a clinically isolated syndrome event will help identify those patients with worse disease prognosis.





# Baseline number of brain lesions predicts progression to EDSS Score ≥3.0



The data presented for years 5, 10, 14, and 20 were obtained from different publications based on the same longitudinal study.

The exact relationship between MRI findings and the clinical status of the patient is unknown. Fisniku LK et al. *Brain.* 2008;131:808-817; Morrissey SP et al. *Brain.* 1993;116:135-146; O'Riordan JI et al. *Brain.* 1998;121:495-503; Brex PA et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2002;346:158-164.



#### **Conversion of CIS to CDMS**

Patients who present with clinically isolated syndrome (CIS) should be managed based on their risk of progression to MS:

In the Optic Neuritis Trial, risk at 10 years was:

– 56% for patients with ≥1 lesion

- 22% for patients with no lesions
- In patients with CIS and no lesions, risk of MS at 14 years was:
  - 19% for clinically definite (CD) MS

Brex et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2002;346:158-164. Optic Neuritis Study Group. *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2003;121:944-949.

#### **Conversion of CIS to CDMS**



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# Management

#### **Acute treatment**









## **ORAL STEROIDS FOR ON**



The ONTT was a prospective, randomized, multicenter placebocontrolled clinical trial designed to compare the benefits of treatment with

- (1) intravenous methylprednisolone (IVMP) (250 mg administered every 6 h for 3 days followed by oral prednisone [1 mg/kg/day] for 11 days);
- (2) oral prednisone (1 mg/kg/day); or

#### (3) oral placebo in 457 patients with acute optic neuritis.

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- The ONTT showed that treatment with standard-dose oral prednisone was associated with an increased rate of new attacks of optic neuritis.
- After 5 years, the recurrence rate was found to be higher in the oral prednisone (1 mg/kg) group (41%) than in those who received IVMP or oral placebo (25%).

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#### **Kasr Alaini Protocol of Manangement of CIS**



#### Kasr Alaini Protocol of Manangement of Multiple Sclerosis

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#### Kasr Alaini Protocol of Manangement of Multiple Sclerosis

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- A small randomized control trial conducted by Derakhshandi et al. 2013, suggested that supplementation with cholecalciferol 50,000 units weekly in patients with optic neuritis who were vitamin D deficient reduced the risk of conversion to MS and had favourable effects on a number of MRI outcomes.
- The PreVANZ study being conducted in Australia and New Zealand is a randomised, double-blind controlled trial investigating three different doses of vitamin D versus placebo in patients with CIS, irrespective of baseline vitamin D levels. Results are expected in 2017.



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