

# INCLUSION BODY MYOPATHIES

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# DISCLOSURE

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# INCLUSION BODY “MUSCLE DISEASES”

Group of muscle diseases characterized by the presence of vacuoles and inclusions within the muscle fibers

## **Inclusion Body Myositis**

- Inflammation in muscle
- Sporadic (sIBM)  
(not hereditary)

## **Inclusion Body Myopathy**

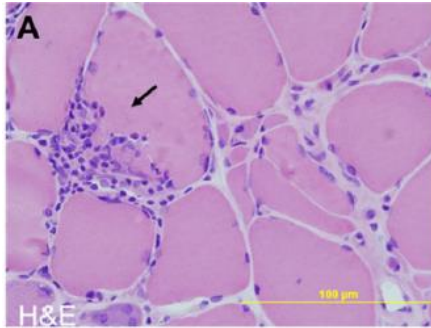
- No inflammation in muscle
- Hereditary (hIBM)

# Muscle biopsy

## sIBM

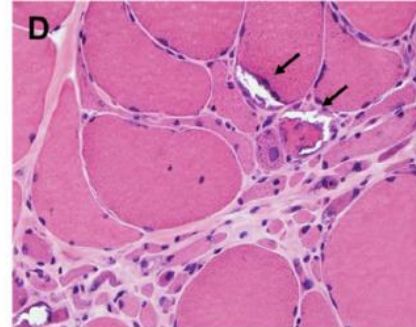
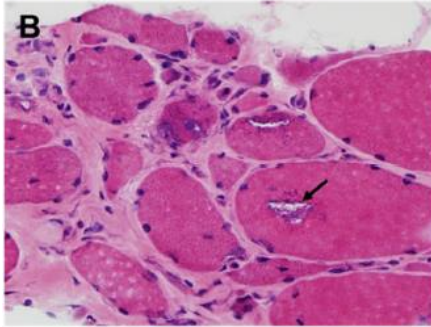
## hIBM

Arrow:  
Inflammation  
attacking a  
healthy muscle  
fiber



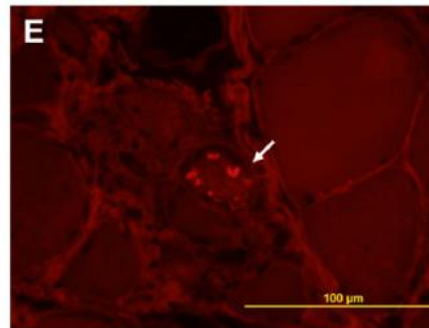
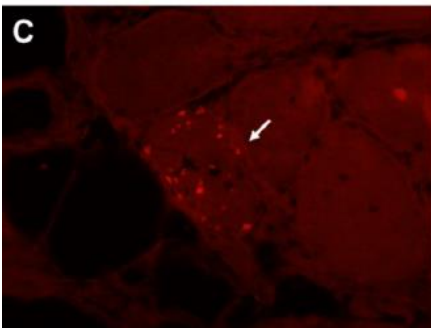
No inflammation in hIBM

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Rimmed  
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# Inclusion Body Myositis (sIBM)

## sIBM


- Most common acquired muscle disease after age 50
- Cause unknown: inflammatory + degenerative
- Early weakness of:
  - Finger and wrist flexors
  - Quadriceps
- CK (muscle enzymes): normal or increased < 15-fold

# sIBM



# Hereditary Inclusion Body Myopathy (hIBM)

## hIBM

- Can affect children and adults
- Distribution of weakness can be of various type, affecting:
  - Forearm and leg muscles
  - Shoulder and leg muscles
  - Shoulder and hip muscles
-  Quadriceps is spared in a specific form of hIBM
- Swallowing difficulty can occur
- CK (muscle enzymes): normal or increased

# Hereditary Inclusion Body Myopathy (hIBM)

## hIBM

- hIBM is a descriptive pathological diagnosis  
(= description of abnormalities seen on muscle biopsy)
- Has a genetic cause
- Several genes can cause hIBM



# Hereditary Inclusion Body Myopathy (hIBM)

## hIBM

- Depending on the specific gene responsible for the disease:
  - *One mutation (=gene defect) is sufficient to cause disease*
  - or*
  - *Two mutations are necessary to cause disease*
- The lack of muscle disease in other family members does not exclude hIBM

# hIBM

## hIBM: same gene can cause other diseases

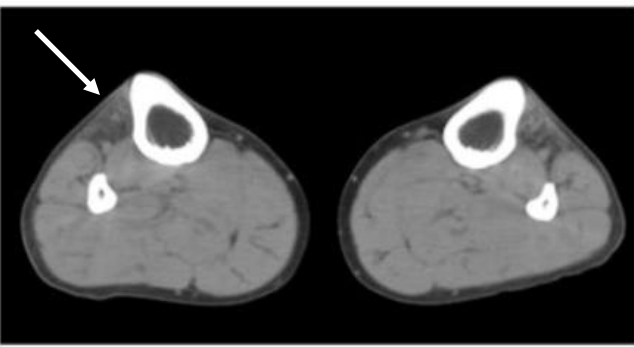
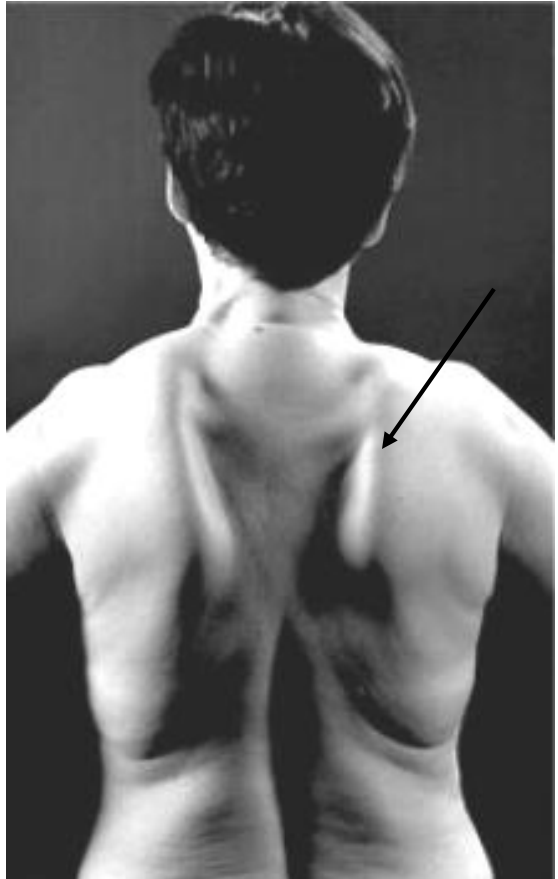
- Some of the genes that cause hIBM can cause also other diseases (ALS, dementia or Paget disease of bone)
- Measurement of a bone enzyme, called alkaline phosphatase, may suggest co-existence of Paget disease of bone, if elevated
- Family history is important: muscle weakness? Other diseases possibly caused by the same gene?

# IBMPFD: Valosin-containing protein (VCP)

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Paget disease of bone

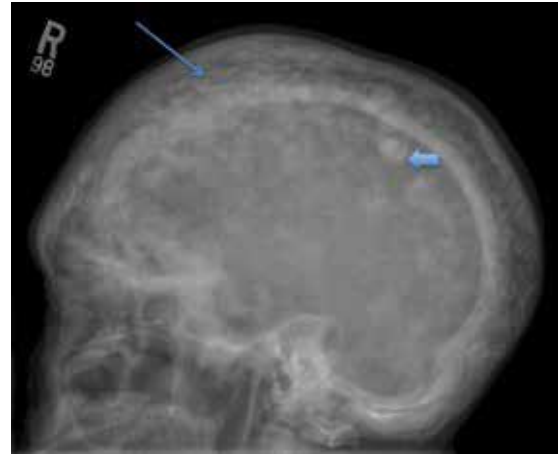
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Frontotemporal Dementia

# VCP- IBM: Clinical Features

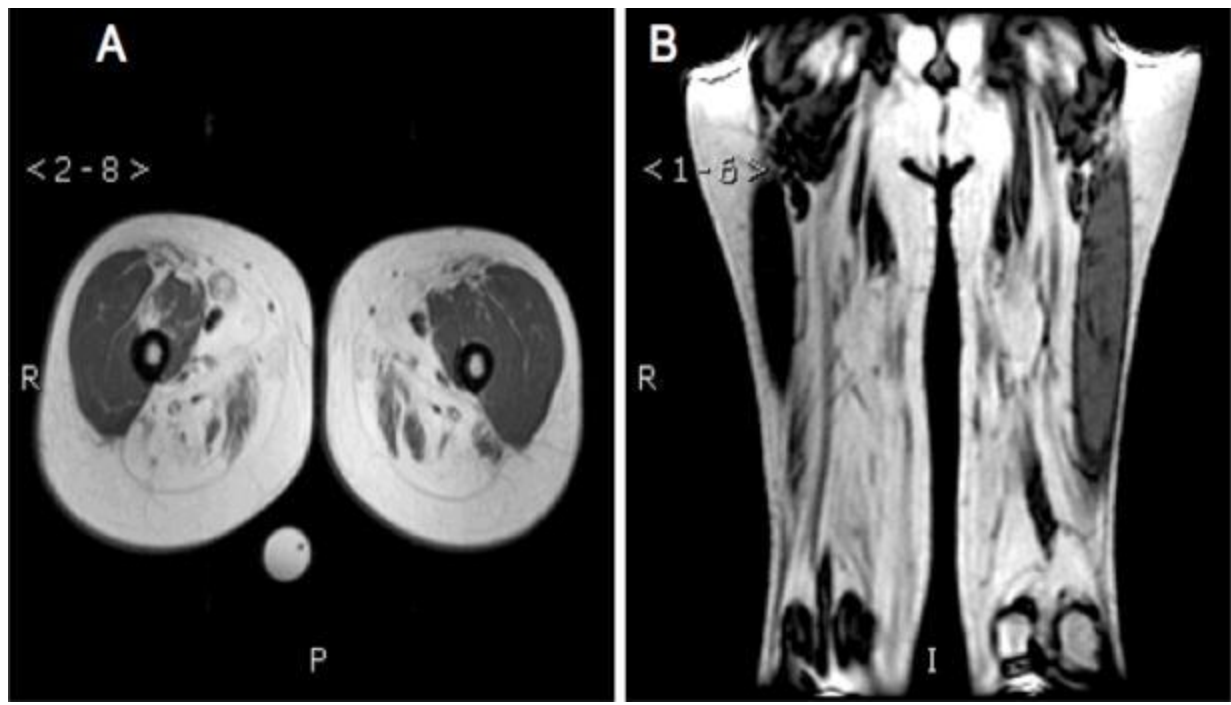


# VCP- IBM with Paget Disease of Bone

- Bone radiographs:

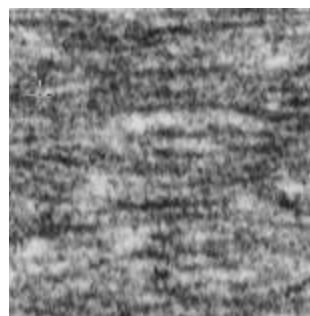
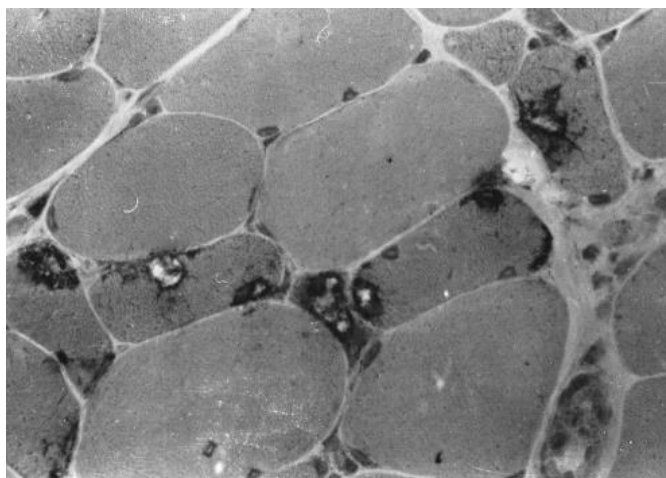


# GNE-hIBM: Muscle MRI



T1 weighted MRI

# GNE-hIBM: Muscle Biopsy

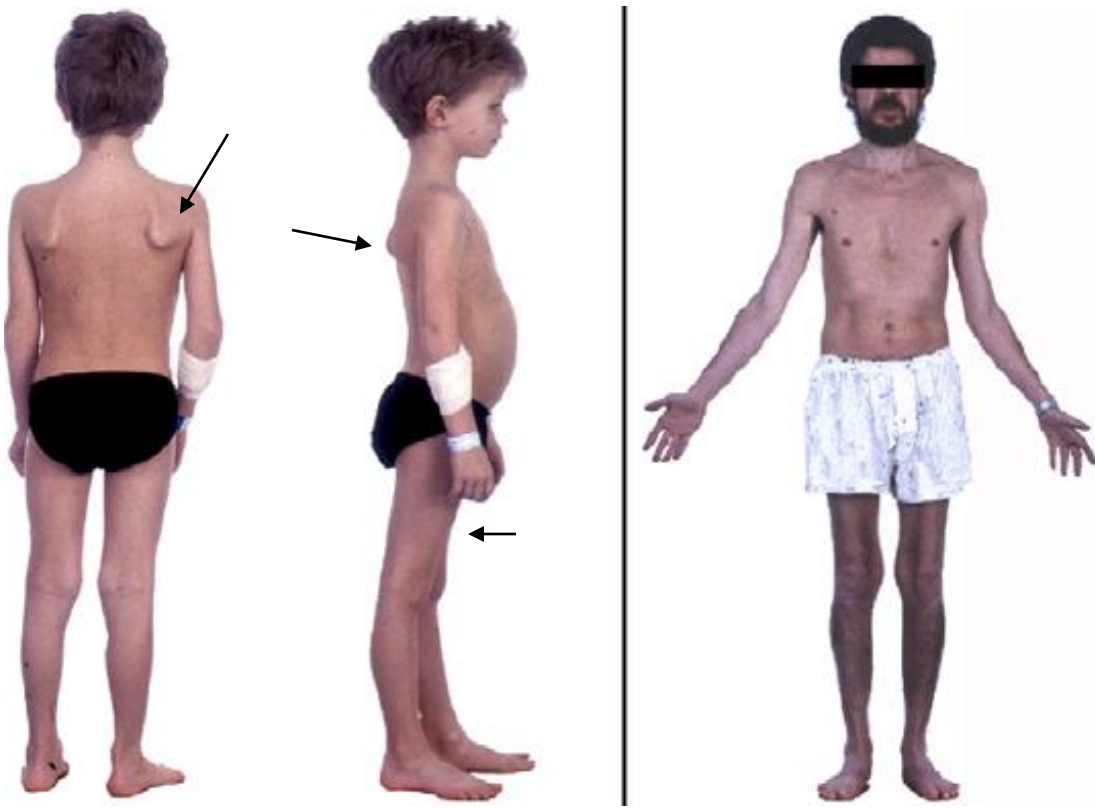


# GNE-IBM: Therapeutic Hopes

- Sialic acid – clinical trial
- *GNE* gene delivery

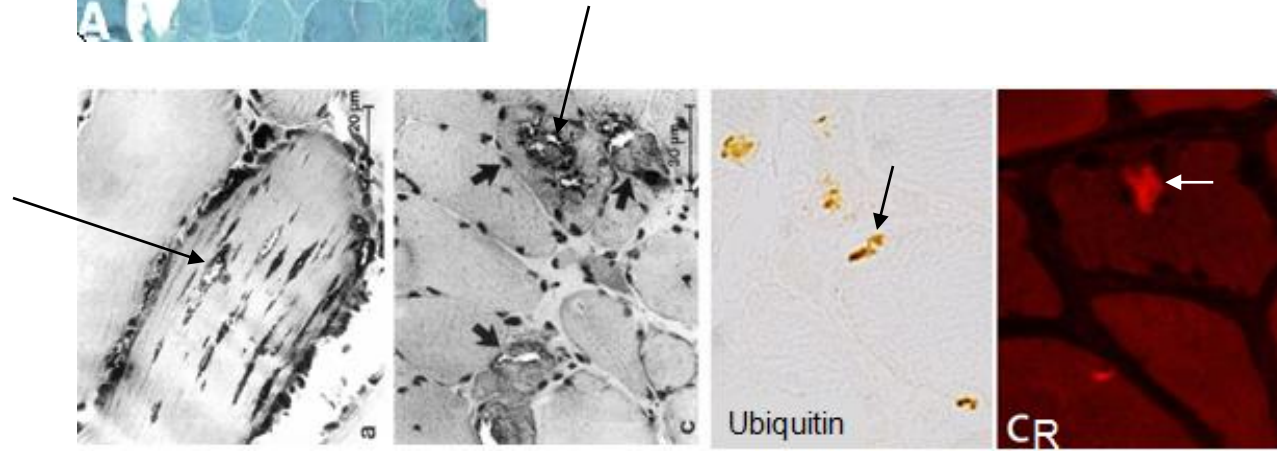
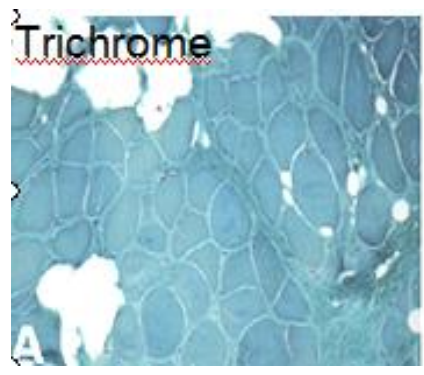


# MYH2-hIBM



# MYH2, AD

Biopsy at age 9 months

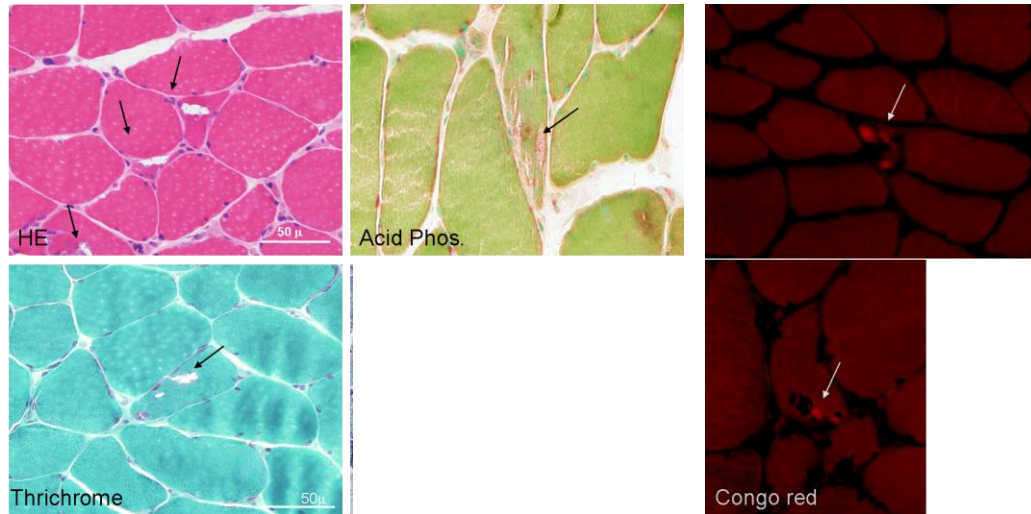


Biopsy at age 38 yrs

# Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 1D

## *DNAJB6*

### Muscle Biopsy



Features of hIBM

One of the genes that can cause hIBM features on muscle biopsy is classified as gene responsible of a specific form of limb girdle muscular dystrophy

# hIBM

## hIBM: Many genes – same muscle biopsy

- If the gene defect is identified, it is preferable to refer to the disease as myopathy (= muscle disease) secondary to the specific defective gene.
- For example, if a patient has a mutation in the gene *VCP*, it is preferable to say that patient has *VCP*-myopathy or *VCP*-IBM

# hIBM

## What can be done in hIBM?

- PT, submaximal exercise
- AFO
- Dietary modifications in case of swallowing difficulty
- Monitoring of the breathing to be sure nocturnal oxygen doesn't drop

Thank you