

# **Autoantibodies in the Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies**

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# Autoantibodies in IIM

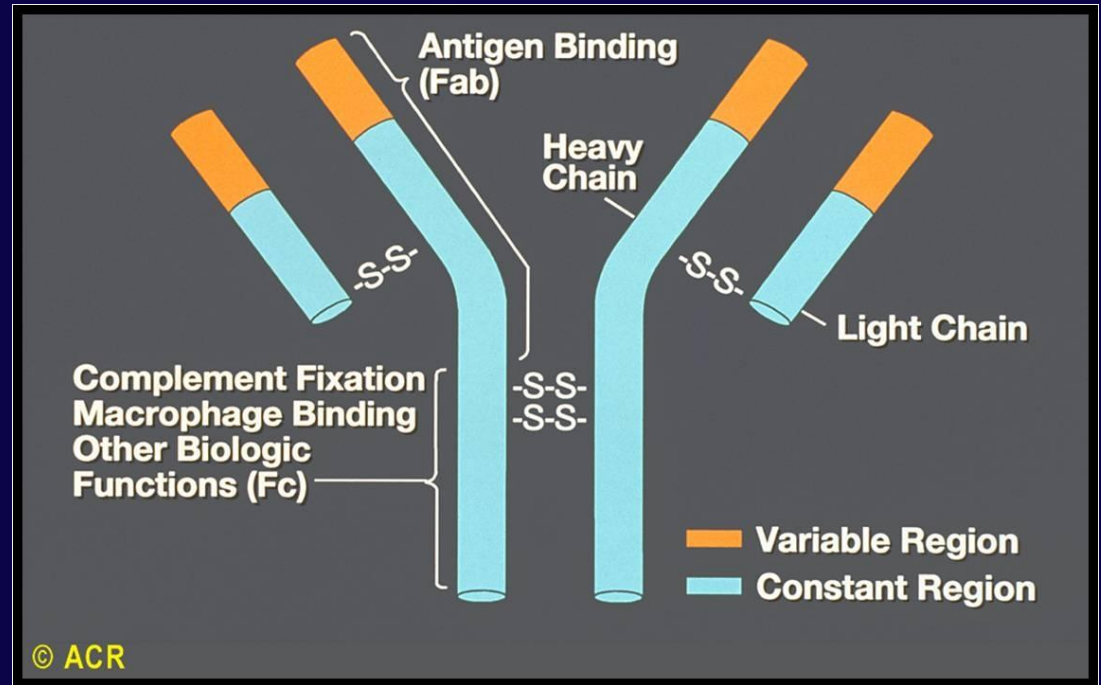
- **Antibodies and autoantibodies**
- **Myositis specific antibodies (MSA)**
- **Myositis associated antibodies (MAA)**
- **MSA and MAA in patients with IIM**
- **Time for questions and discussion**

# Immunology Summary

- **Innate immunity**
- **Adaptive immunity**
  - **Cellular**
  - **Humoral - antibodies**

# Antibodies

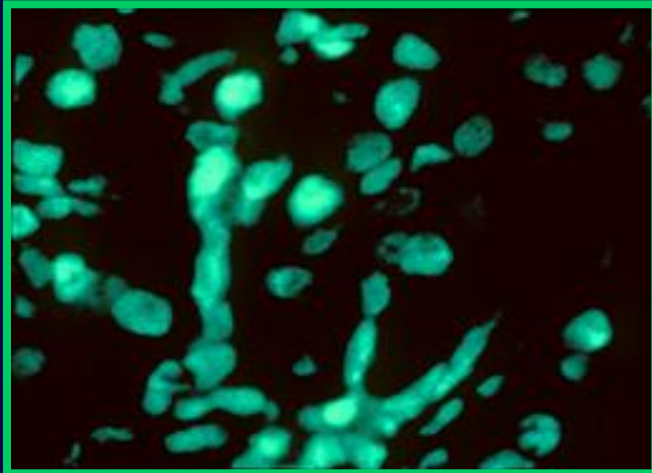
- Recognize and clear foreign molecules
- Isotypes
  - IgM
  - IgG
  - IgA
  - IgE
- Cleared through
  - Fc receptors
  - Complement receptors



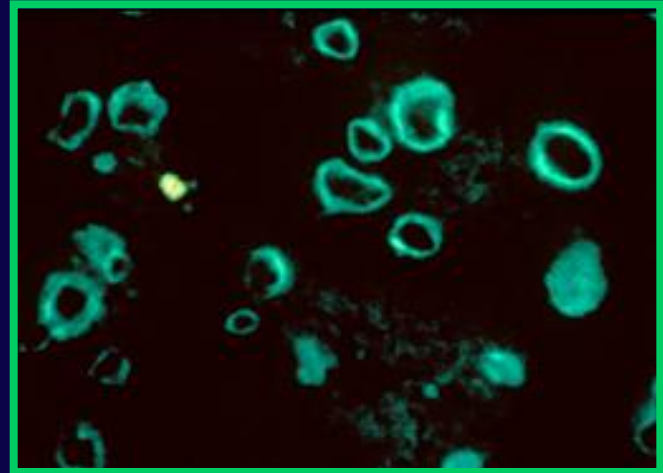
# Autoantibodies

- **Antibodies directed against normal cell parts**
- **May cause clinical features of disease**
  - **Systemic lupus erythematosus (ANA)**
  - **Wegener's granulomatosis (ANCA)**
- **May simply be markers of disease**
  - **Rheumatoid arthritis (RF)**

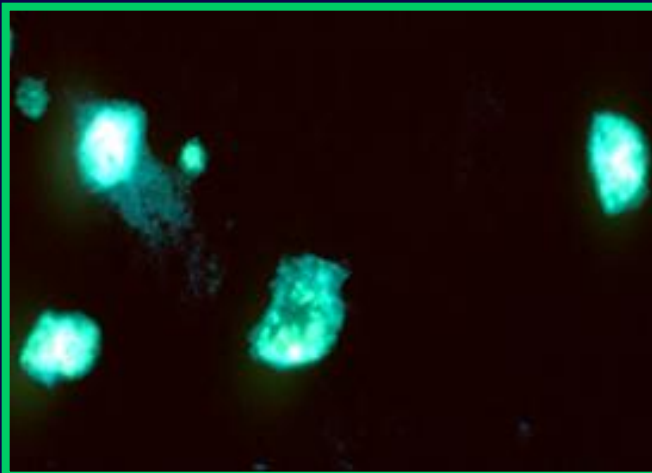
# ANA IIF Patterns



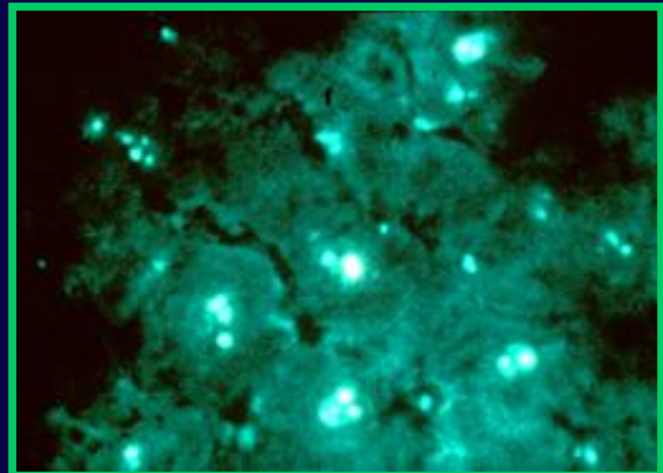
**Homogenous (diffuse)**



**Peripheral (rim)**



**Speckled**



**Nucleolar**

# Ways to Define Myositis

- **Clinical**

*What is happening with the patient?*

- **Serological**

*What autoantibodies are present?*

- **Histological**

*What does the biopsy show?*

- **Pathogenetic**

*What is causing the problem?*

# Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies (IIM)

- Polymyositis (PM)
- Dermatomyositis (DM)
  
- Inclusion body myositis (IBM)

- Isolated, adult
- Juvenile
- Malignancy
- Overlap

*Bohan & Peter, N Engl J Med 292: 344, 405, 1975*  
*Bohan et al., Medicine 56: 255, 1977*  
*Griggs, et al., Ann Neurol 38: 705, 1995*



# Clinical Features in IIM Patients: Clinical Categories

Finding n	Percent of patients					
	All 181	PM 48	DM 70	CTM 28	CAM 12	IBM 23
Fevers	37	40	46	39	36	4
Raynaud	35	37	40	57	0	4
Myalgias	60	68	71	56	50	26
Arthritis	47	54	56	64	8	9
Distal weakness	20	15	7	4	18	91
Asymmetry	14	10	4	7	10	61
Atrophy	20	17	3	7	8	96
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# Serologic Subgroups of IIM: Myositis-Specific Antibodies

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Synthetase</b>	<b>SRP</b>	<b>Mi-2</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	Arthritis, ILD fever, Raynaud's	Cardiac myalgias; black women	Classic DM
<b>Rate</b>	Acute	Very acute	Acute
<b>Severity</b>	Severe	Very severe	Mild
<b>Season</b>	Spring	Fall	Unknown
<b>Response</b>	Moderate	Poor	Good
<b>Prognosis</b>	Poor (70%)	Terrible (25%)	Good (~100%)
<b>Frequency</b>	20-25%	<5%	5-10%

# Antibodies to Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetases

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aminoacid</u>
Jo-1	Histidine
PL-7	Threonine
PL-12	Alanine
EJ	Glycine
OJ	Isoleucine
KS	Asparagine
Ha	Tyrosine
Zo	Phenylalanine

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# Antisynthetase Syndrome

- Inflammatory myositis
- Interstitial lung disease
- Mechanics hands
- Arthritis
- Raynaud's phenomenon
- Fever



# Anti-SRP

## Antigen

- Signal recognition particle
- Regulates protein translocation through ER

## Clinical features

- Acute onset necrotizing myopathy
  - Little or no inflammation
  - High CK
  - Severe weakness
  - Dysphagia
- Less ILD
- Often refractory to treatment

# Anti-Mi-2

## Antigen

- Helicase protein
- Nuclear transcription (forms the NuRD complex)

## Clinical features

- Adult and juvenile DM
- Typically manifest as skin disease with mild muscle involvement and good response to treatment



# MSA in Adult Patients (%)

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SRP	5	2	0
Mi-2	1	16	0

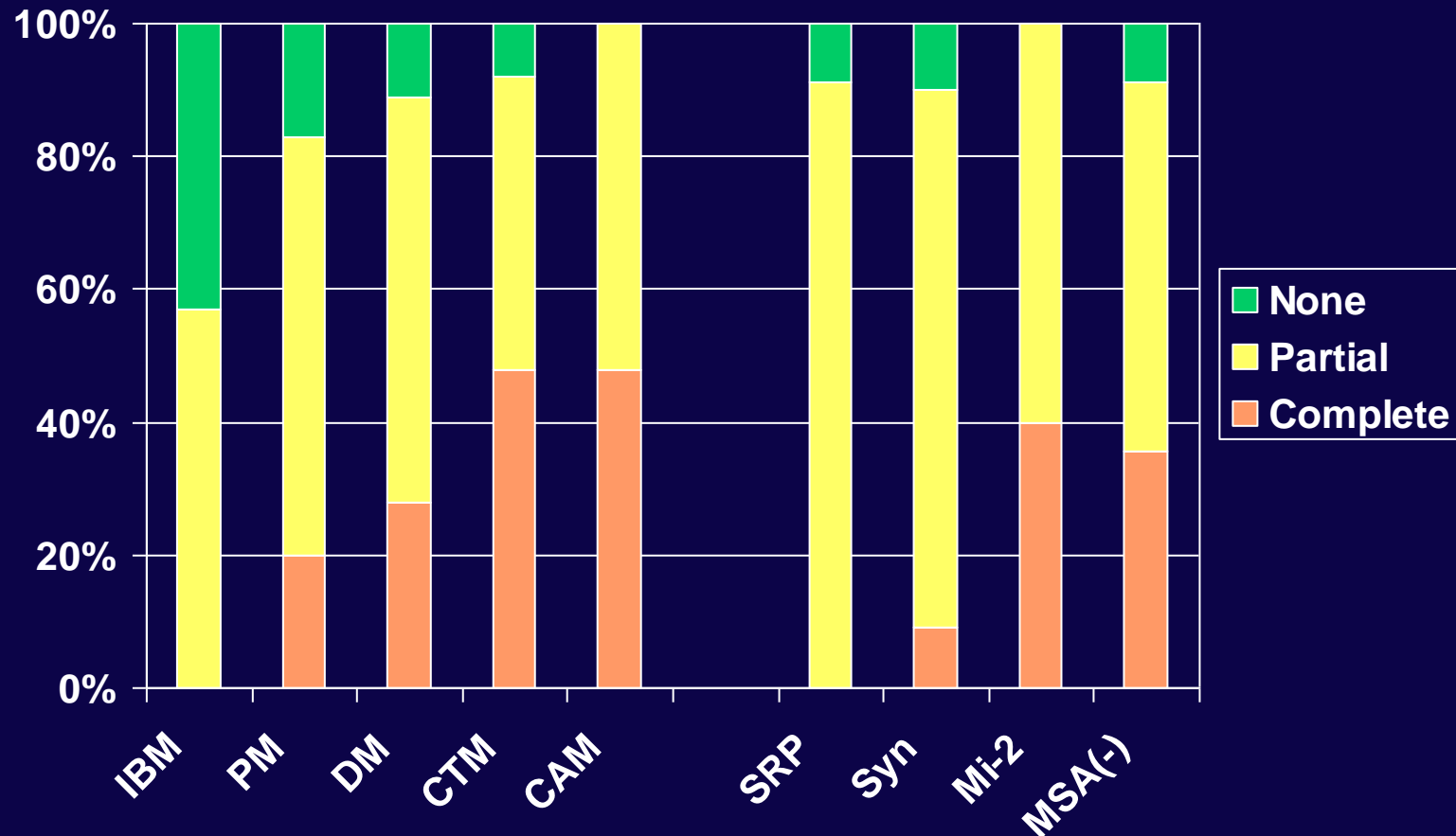
# Clinical Features in IIM Patients: Serologic Categories

Finding n	Percent of patients					
	Syn- thetase 47	SRP 7	Mi-2 10	MAS 2	Any MSA 66	No MSA 114
Fevers	87	0	10	0	63	23
Raynaud	62	29	30	0	52	26
Myalgias	84	100	60	50	81	49
Arthritis	94	0	20	0	70	34
Distal weakness	4	43	0	0	8	27
Asymmetry	4	0	0	0	3	21
Atrophy	4	14	0	0	5	28
Falling	4	33	0	0	6	27
ILD	89	0	0	0	64	9

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# Response to Steroids: IIM Subgroups



# Seasonality of IIM: Serologic Stratification

**All patients:** no seasonality

**Anti-Jo-1:** 23/31 onset Feb. - July  
average April

**Anti-SRP:** 7/7 onset Sept. - Feb.  
average Nov.

**Jo-1 (-), SRP (-):** no seasonality in 58 patients

# Anti-p155/140

## Antigen

- TIF 1- $\gamma$  (p155)
- Nuclear transcription and cellular differentiation

## Clinical features

- Cancer-associated myositis in adults
- Severe cutaneous disease in adult DM and JDM

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<u>Name</u> <i>n</i>	<u>Non-CAM</u> 266	<u>CAM</u> 16
Jo-1	22	0
SRP	3	0
Mi-2	6	12
155/140*	4	50

\*Odds ratio 23.2 (6.1 – 84.5)



# Anti-p140

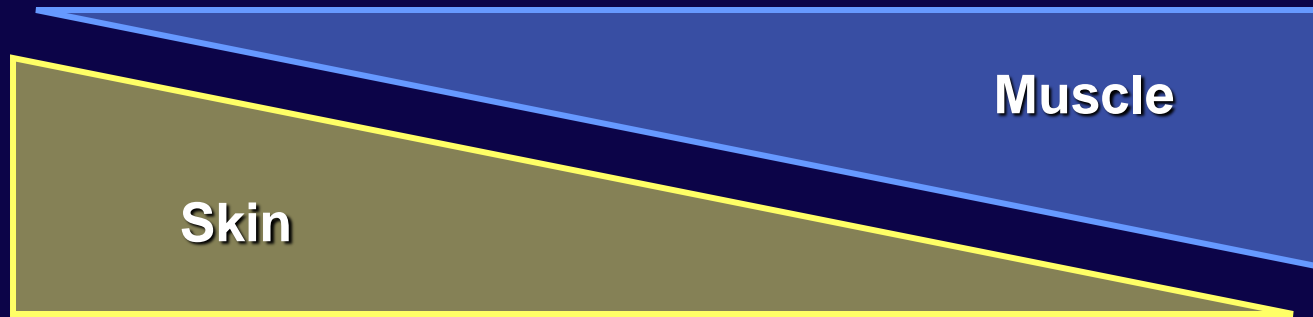
## Antigen

- Likely nuclear matrix protein (NXP-2)
- Nuclear transcription and RNA metabolism

## Clinical features

- JDM with calcinosis
- Found in ~20% of JDM

# Spectrum of Skin Involvement in Dermatomyositis



**Amyopathic  
dermatomyositis**

**Clinically  
amyopathic  
dermatomyositis  
(CADM)**

# Anti-CADM-140

## Antigen

- Intracytoplasmic MDA5
- Innate immune responses against viral infections

## Clinical features

- Clinically amyopathic dermatomyositis
- Rapidly progressive interstitial lung disease
- Reported in Japan

# Anti-SAE

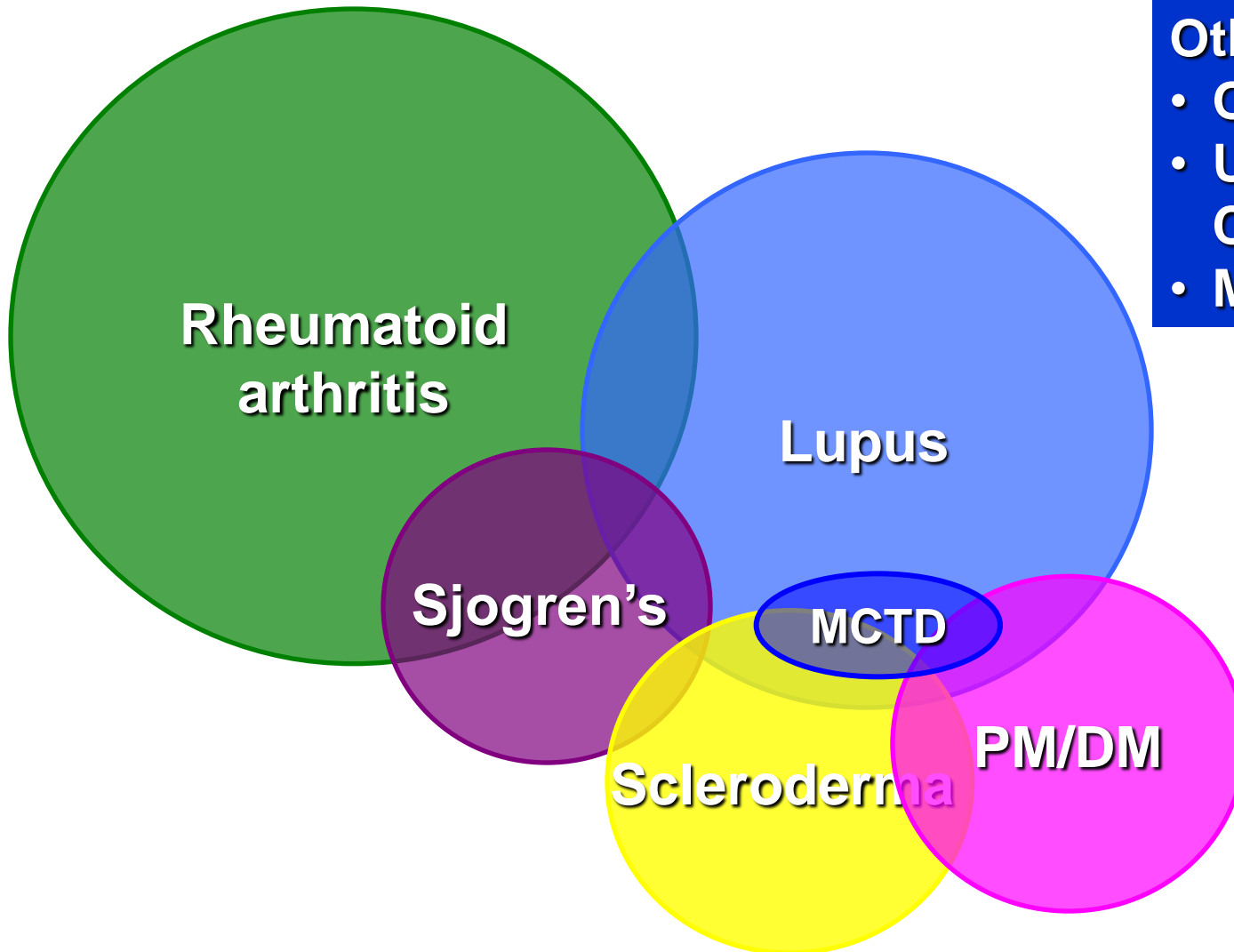
## Antigen

- Small ubiquitin-like modifier activating enzyme
- Post-translational modification of proteins

## Clinical features

- Adult DM, ~ 8%
- Present first with skin and then progressive muscle disease
- Little lung involvement

# Connective Tissue Diseases



Other terms:

- Overlap CTD
- Undifferentiated CTD
- Mixed CTD

# ENA Antibodies

Extractable nuclear antigens (ENA) – RNA/protein complexes

## Classic ENAs

- SSA/Ro
- SSB/La
- Sm
- U1-RNP

Sjögren's, SLE

Sjögren's, SLE

SLE

MCTD, SLE

## 2 additional antigens

- Jo-1
- Scl-70

Myositis with ILD

Scleroderma

## Other MAA

- U3-RNP
- Ku
- PM-Scl

# Why do MSA matter?

- Understand the cause of disease and/or mechanisms leading to specific clinical features
- Prognostication – do they predict:
  - Need for more or less treatment
  - Need for more or less evaluation
- If they cause disease they might be a target for treatment

# Time for questions