



# Joint webinar series



**'Diagnostic algorithm for childhood onset chorea' by  
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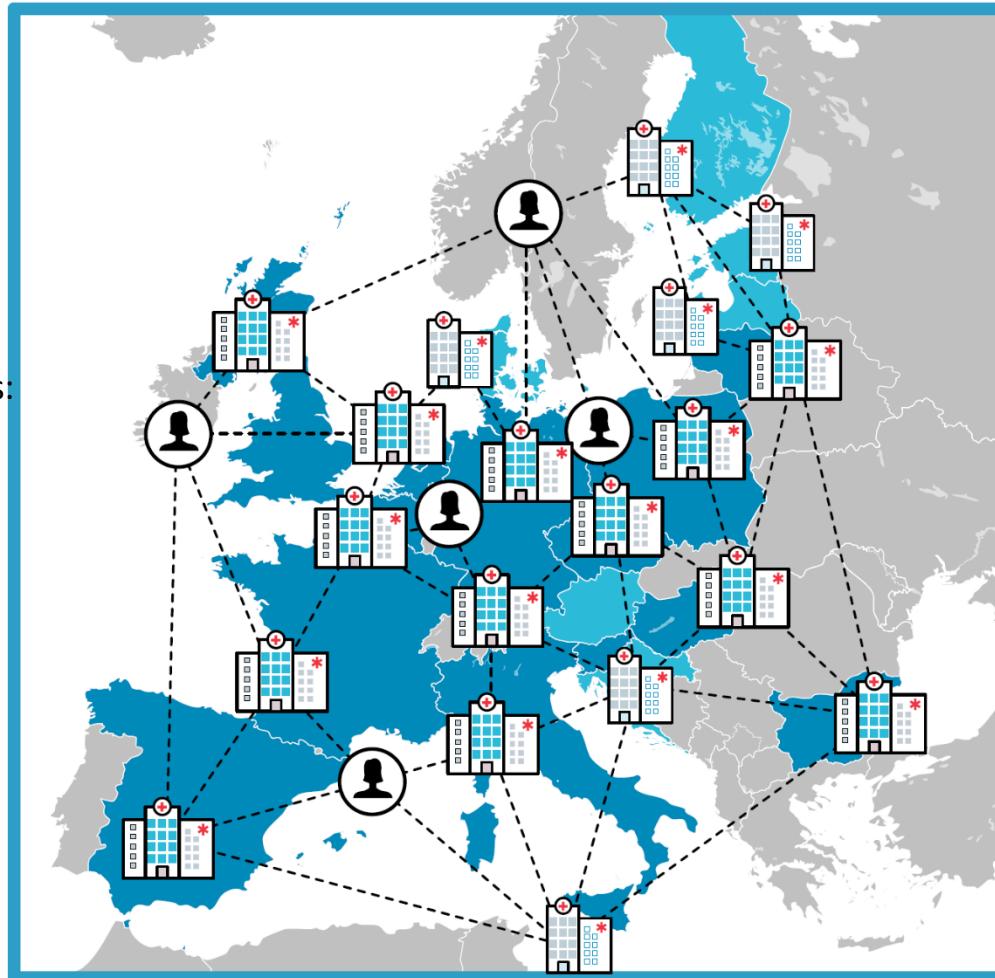


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4. Chorea and HD
5. FTD
6. Atypical Parkinsonism





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- Focus on : RARE neurological, neuromuscular and movement disorders
- 40-45min presentation
- 15min Q&A session at the end (please write your questions in the Q&A)
- Recorded Webinar and presentation to be found at the latest 2 weeks after on: <http://www.ern-rnd.eu/education-training/past-webinars/>
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- Post-webinar survey (2-3min): satisfaction, topic/speaker ideas for next webinars



# ePAG: european Patient Advocacy Groups

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*Research focus: childhood onset movement disorders with special interest in choreas, thiamine responsive disorders and deep brain stimulation*





# What is your professional background?

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- a) Neurologist
- b) Neuropediatrician
- c) Neurology resident
- d) Psychiatrist
- e) Nurse
- f) Physiotherapist
- g) Geneticist
- h) Patient or patient representative
- i) Pediatrician
- j) Other



# Webinar outline

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- Chorea
  - Definition, pathophysiology and physical examination
  - Diagnostic algorithm
    - Acquired causes
    - Genetic causes
      - Inborn errors of metabolism
      - Epileptic encephalopathies
      - Other genetic causes
  - Treatment



# Learning objectives

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By the end of this webinar you will be able to:

- discuss the **clinical features** of chorea
- identify the commonest causes of **acquires and genetic chorea**
- recognize the sign as part of **inborn errors of metabolism and epileptic encephalopathies**
- **outline the genetic approximation** in a child with suspected genetic chorea



# Definition

- **Chorea** consists of involuntary, continual, abrupt, rapid, brief, irregular movements that flow randomly from one body part to another
- Movements appear random due to variability in **timing, duration, direction, or anatomic location**
- Chorea can **partially** or temporarily be suppressed
- Chorea can involve trunk, neck, face, **tongue**, and **extremities**
- Chorea frequently can be camouflage by incorporating some of the movement into semipurposeful activities (**parakinesia**)
- The patients describe chorea as "**clumsiness**", "**motor impersistence**" or by reason of its effects "**frequent falling of objects from the hands**"



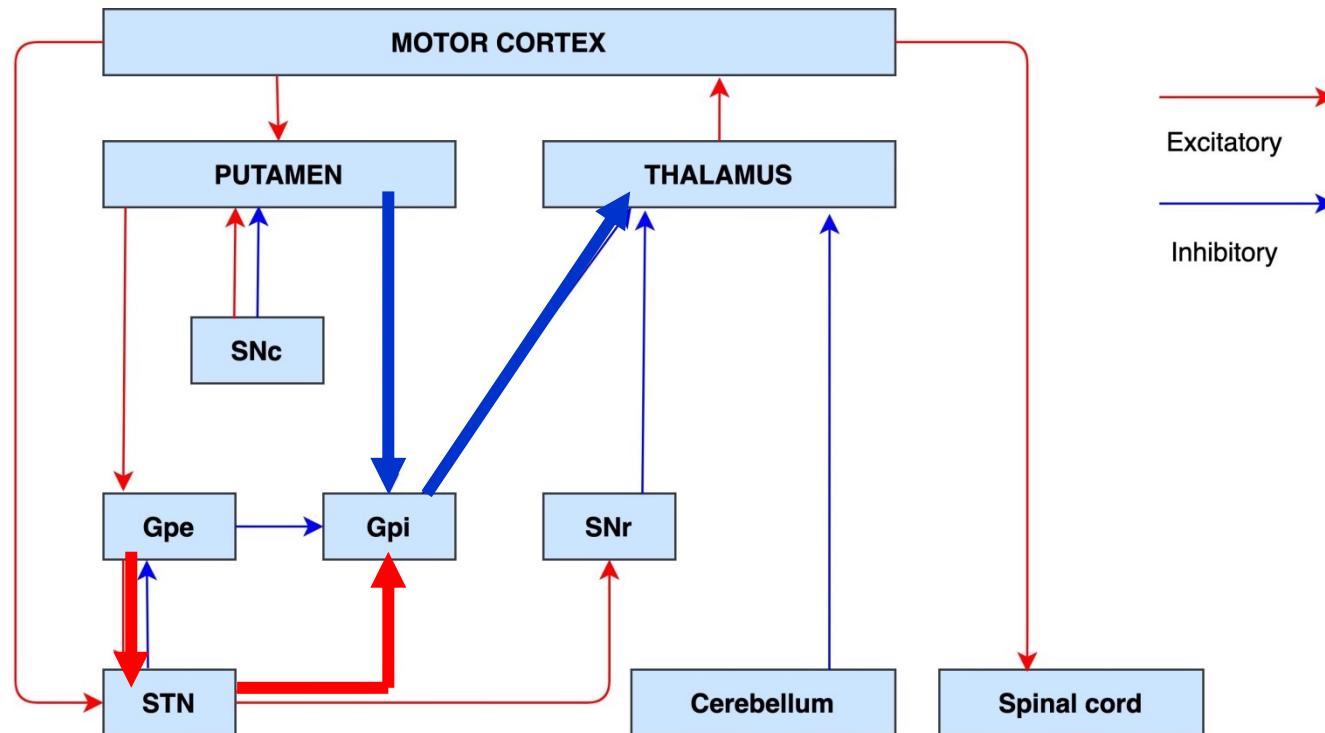
# Definition

- **Ballism** mainly affects proximal joints such as shoulder or hip leading to large-amplitude movements of the limbs
- **Athetosis** is a slow, continuous, involuntary writhing movement that prevents maintenance of a stable posture. Athetosis involves continuous smooth movements that appear random and are not composed of recognizable sub-movements or movement fragments
- **Chorea, athetosis and ballism** may overlap in the same patient and cannot be differentiated as mutually exclusive phenomena



# Pathophysiology of Chorea

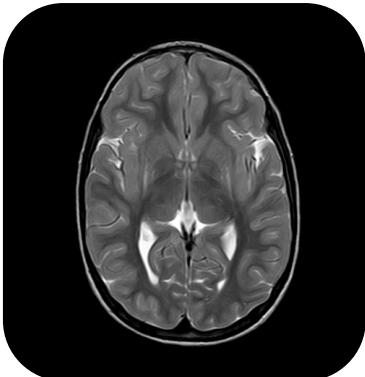
- Chorea is associated with disorders of the **cerebral cortex, basal ganglia, cerebellum, and thalamus**.





# Physical examination

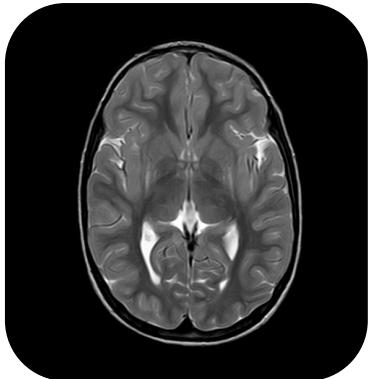
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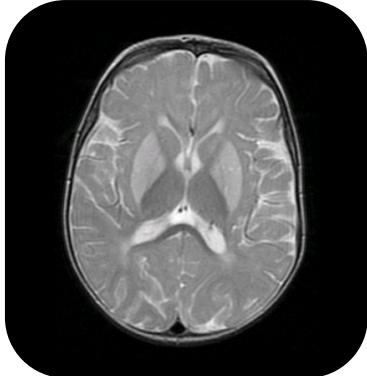
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CACNB4  
DLAT  
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KCNQ2  
PDHA1  
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ERN-RND and ERN-EuroNMD webinar: Paroxysmal dyskinesias: Giovanna Zorzi

12 May 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm





# Multiple choice questions – 1

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- Which of the following is **NOT** a cause of hemichorea?
  - a) Hyperglycemia
  - b) Sydenham chorea
  - c) Varicella Zoster vasculopathy
  - d) Oral contraceptives
  - e) All of the above causes hemichorea



# Distribution - focal / hemicoreia

## Hemichorea

Non-ketotic hyperglycemia  
Sydenham chorea  
Post-pump  
Lupus/antiphospholipid  
Churg-Strauss syndrome  
antiNMDAr encephalitis  
Tuberculosis  
Enteric fever  
Varicella Zoster vasculopathy  
Mumps  
Cerebral cysticercosis  
Moya-Moya  
Stroke  
Cerebral vasculitis  
Brainstem glioma  
Basal ganglia/thalamic astrocytomas  
Caudate cavernous angioma  
Oral contraceptives  
Wilson disease

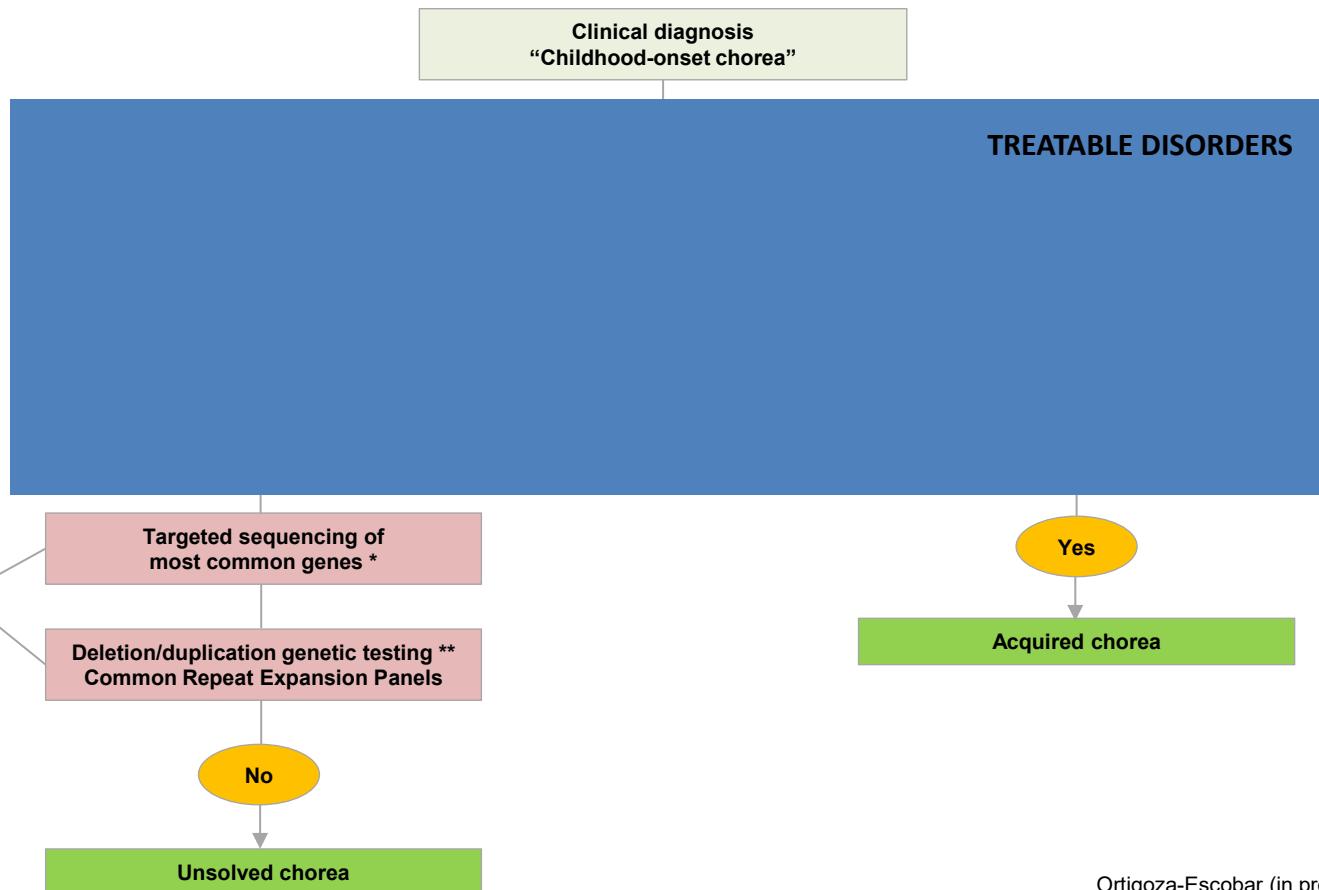


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# Chorea



Ortigoza-Escobar (in preparation)

\* Single gene targeted, multigene targeted (TruSightOne (analyses 63/77 chorea-related genes) or Expanded TruSightOne (analyses 72/77 chorea-related genes) sequencing), WES, WGS

\*\* quantitative PCR, long-range PCR, multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA), ArrayCGH or gene-targeted microarray



# Acquired Chorea



## Acquired chorea<sup>5</sup>

# Chorea

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### Structural / basal-ganglia lesions

- Athetotic cerebral palsy
- Bilirubin encephalopathy (kernicterus)
- Extrapontine myelinosis
- Mass lesions (tumors)
- Malformation of cortical development (e.g.. holoprosencephaly, etc)
- Post cardiac surgery
- Vascular chorea (Moya Moya disease stroke)

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### Parainfectious and autoimmune

- Acute necrotizing encephalitis
- Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome**
- Chorea gravidum
- NeuroBehcet disease
- NMDAr encephalitis**
- Multiple sclerosis/ADEM
- Paraneoplastic chorea
- Postinfectious or postvaccinal
- Sydenham's chorea**
- Systemic lupus erythematosus**
- CNS vasculitis

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### Infectious chorea

- Bacterial endocarditis
- Cysticercosis
- Diphtheria
- EBV/CMV infection
- HSV encephalitis
- HIV encephalopathy
- Legionella
- Lyme disease
- Mycoplasma
- Syphilis
- Parvovirus B19
- Scarlet fever
- Toxoplasmosis
- Viral encephalitis (mumps, measles, varicella)

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### Metabolic or toxic

- Hepatic/renal failure
- Hypocalcemia
- Hypo/hyperglycemia (Diabetes-Related Chorea)
- Hypo/hypernatremia
- Hypoparathyroidism
- Hyperthyroidism
- Poisoning (Bismuth, carbon monoxide, manganese, methanol, mercury, organophosphate, thallium, toluene)
- Vitamin B12 deficiency

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### Drug induced chorea

- Dopamine receptor blocking agents**
- Phenothiazines
- Butyrophenones
- Benzamides
- Antiparkinsonian drugs**
- L-dopa
- Dopamine agonist
- Anticholinergics
- Antiepileptic drugs**
- Phenytoin
- Carbamazepine
- Valproic acid
- Phenobarbital
- Psychostimulants**
- Amphetamines
- Cocaine
- Calcium-channel blockers**
- Cinnarizine
- Flunarizine
- Verapamil
- Others**
- Azithromycin
- Baclofen
- Cyclosporine
- Digoxin
- Lithium
- SSRIs
- Steroid/oral contraceptives
- Theophylline
- Tricyclic antidepressants

### \* Laboratories studies:

- CBC, ESR, CRP, glucose, blood gases, electrolytes, calcium, phosphate, PTH, TSH, FT4, T3, ALP, B12, ASLO, ANA, Anti-dsDNA, antiphospholipid antibodies, hCG pregnancy test
- LP: routine (protein, glucose, cell count/differential, GRAM staining, culture), IgG index, OCB, antineuronal antibodies (antiNMDAr, MOG, Anti-neurochondrin, LGI1, GABAB, Autoantibodies, etc).
- Consider 1) infectious testing, 2) prothrombotic risk factors testing (factor V Leyden, protein C, protein S, lipoprotein(a), antithrombin III, prothrombin gene mutation, homocysteine/MTHFR gene mutation and 3) heavy metal and drug screening based on clinical scenario

### \*\* EKG

### \*\*\* MRI brain w/ and without gad

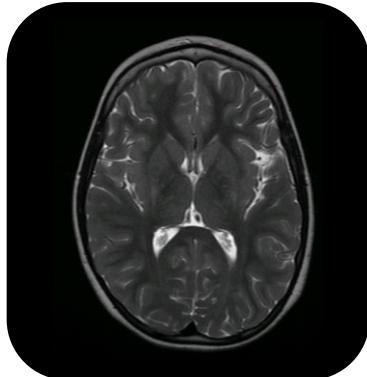
### \*\*\*\* Cardiac evaluation if Sydenham's chorea is suspected



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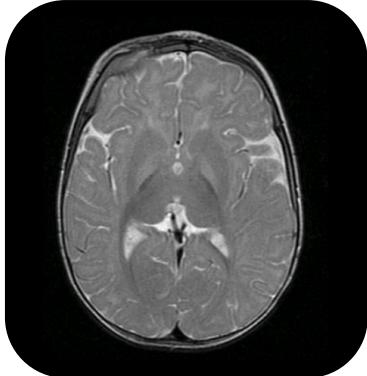




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# Genetic Chorea



# Chorea

## Genetic chorea<sup>4</sup>

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### Epileptic encephalopathies

Epileptic encephalopathy, early infantile, 1 – ARX  
Epileptic encephalopathy, early infantile – SCN2A, KCNQ2,  
Seizures, benign neonatal – KCNQ2, KCNQ3  
Epileptic encephalopathy, early 29 – AARS  
Epileptic encephalopathy, early 17 – GNAO1  
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### Inborn error of metabolism

Cerebral creatine deficiency - *SLC6A8*  
HSD10 mitochondrial disease - *HSD17B10*  
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome - *HPRT1*  
Menkes disease – *ATP7A*  
Methylmalonic acidemia and homocysteinemia, cblX type - *HCFC1*  
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Multiple congenital anomalies-hypotonia-seizures syndrome 1 - *PIGN*  
Combined oxidative phosphorylation deficiency 13 - *PNPT1*  
Glutaric aciduria, type I - *GCDH*  
Hyperphenylalaninemia, BH4-deficient – *QDPR* and *PTS*  
Leukodystrophy, hypomyelinating and Spastic paraplegia - *GJB2, HSPD1*  
Muscular dystrophy, limb-girdle, type 2S - *TRAPPCL11*  
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Myopathy with extrapyramidal signs – *MICU1*

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### Other choras

Dystonia-Parkinsonism, X-linked – *TAF1*  
McLeod syndrome - XK  
Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease and spastic paraplegia 2 – *PLP1*  
Rett syndrome – *MECP2*  
Alternating hemiplegia of childhood – *ATP1A3, ATP1A2*  
Basal ganglia calcification, idiopathic – *XPR1, PDGFB, PDGFRB, and SLC20A2*  
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Episodic kinesigenic dyskinesia 1 - *PRRT2, SCN8A*  
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Spinocerebellar ataxia 7 - *ATXN7*  
Paroxysmal nonkinesigenic dyskinesia 1 - *PNKD*  
Rett syndrome, congenital variant – *FOXG1*  
Ataxia-telangiectasia – *ATM*  
Ataxia-telangiectasia-like disorder - *MRE11*  
Ataxia, early-onset, with oculomotor apraxia and hypoalbuminemia - *APTX*  
Choreoacanthocytosis - *VPS13A*  
Congenital cataracts, facial dysmorphisms, and neuropathy - *CTDP1*  
Dyskinesia, limb and orofacial, infantile-onset – *PDE10A* and *PDE2A*  
Woodhouse-Sakati syndrome - *DCAF17*  
Sneddon syndrome – *CERC1*  
Spinocerebellar ataxia, autosomal recessive 1 – *SETX*  
Striatonigral degeneration, infantile – *NUP62*  
Nasu-Hakola disease - *TREM2, TYROBP*  
Pontocerebellar hypoplasia - *TSEN2, TSEN34 and CHMP1A*  
Dentatorubro-pallidoluysian atrophy - *ATN1*  
Huntington disease – *HTT*  
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\* HTT - Consensus holds that asymptomatic individuals younger than age 18 years who are at risk for adult-onset disorders should not have testing. Individuals younger than 18 years of age who are symptomatic usually benefit from having a specific diagnosis established/ \*\* The genes in shadow font are caused by Repeat Expansion



## 1 History and Physical examination

### Neurological symptoms

- Ataxia: APTX, ARSA, ATM, ATN1, ATP1A3, ATXN1, ATXN7, FBXL4, GCH1, HTT, MECP2, MICU1, MRE11, PLA2G6, POLG, OPA3, PLP1, SETX, TBP
- Behavioral abnormality/Autism spectrum disorder: ADA2, ADCY5, ARSA, ATN1, ATP1A3, ATP7A, ATP7B, CERC1, CP, DECAF17, DDC, DELAT, ERC2, ERC6, FOXG1, FTL, GCDH, GCH1, HSD17B10, HTT, KCNQ2, KCNQ3, MECP2, NKX2-1, PANK2, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PDE10A, PLA2G6, POLG, PRRT2, PTS, QDPR, SCN2A, SCN8A, TBP, TREM2, TYROBP, VPS13A, XPA, XPR1
- Developmental regression: ADA2, ARX, ATP7A, ERCC2, FOXG1, FTL, GCDH, HTT, MECP2, NUP62, POLG, PLA2G6, SCN2A, SCN8A, ST3GAL5, TREM2, VPS13A, XPA
- Diminished or absent deep tendon stretch reflexes: AARS, ARSA, ATP7A, ERRC2, ERCC6, PIGN, SETX, XPA
- Dystonia – parkinsonism: AARS, ADCY5, APTX, ARSA, ATM, ATP1A2, ATP1A3, ATP7B, CP, DCAF17, DDC, DLAT, FBXL4, FOXG1, FTL, GCDH, GCH1, GNAO1, GCDH, HCFC1, HPRT1, KCNQ2, MECP2, MICU1, MUT, NDK2, NKX2-1, NUP62, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PDHA1, PLA2G6, PLP1, PRRT2, PTS, SETX, SLC6A3, SPR, SUOX, TAF1 (*Philippines*), TBP, TSEN2, TSEN34, VPS13A
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- Infantile spasms: ARX, KCNQ2, SCN2A, SCN8A
- Intellectual disability: ARSA, ARX, ATN1, ATXN7, ATP1A2, ATP1A3, ATP7A, ATP7B, DCAF17, DLAT, ERRC2, ERCC6, FOXG1, FTL, GNAO1, HCFC1, HPRT1, HSD17B10, HSPD1, KCNQ2, KCNQ3, MECP2, MICU1, MUT, NXK2-1, NUP62, OPA3, PDE10A, PDHA1, PIGN, PLA2G6, PLP1, PRRT2, SCN8A, SPR, TBP, TRAPPC11, SCN8A, SLC6A8, SOUX, XPA
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- Myoclonus: ARX, ATN1, ATM, KCNQ2, KCNQ3, POLG, PRRT2, TAF1 (*Philippines*), TYROBP,
- Myopathy: POLG, VPS13A, XK
- Paroxysmal chorea: ADCY5, ATP1A3, ATP1A2, PKND, PRRT2, SCN8A
- Peripheral neuropathy: ADA2, AARS, APTX, ARSA, ATM, ATP7A, ATP7B, ATXN1, ERRC2, ERCC6, GJB2, KCNQ2, KCNQ3, MICU1, OPA3, PLP1, POLG, PRRT2, SCL2A1, SCN2A, SCN8A, SETX, XPA, VPS13A
- Pyramidal signs: ARSA, ATN1, ATP1A3, ATXN1, ATXN7, DDC, FTL, GCDH, GCH1, GJB2, HPRT1, HSPD1, HSD17B10, TBP, MECP2, NDK2, OPA3, PANK2, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PLA2G6, PLP1, SCL6A8, SPR, SETX, ST3GAL5, TAF1
- Seizures: ADA2, ARSA, ARX, ATM, ATN1, ATP1A3, ATP7A, CERC1, ERRC2, ERCC6, FBXL4, FOXG1, GJB2, GNAO1, HCFC1, HSD17B10, HSPD1, HTT, KCNQ2, KCNQ3, MECP2, MUT, NDK2, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PIGN, PLA2G6, POLG, PRRT2, SCN2A, SCN8A, SLC2A1, SLC6A8, ST3GAL5, SOUX, TBP, TYROBP, VPS13A, XPA, XPR1, XK
- Self-mutilation: HPRT1, SCL6A8, VPS13A
- Tremor: ADA2, ADCY5, APTX, ATM, ATP7B, ATXN7, CP, ERRC6, FTL, GCH1, GJB2, MECP2, MICU1, OPA3, PDE10A, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PIGN, PLA2G6, PLP1, POLG, SCN2A, SETX, SLC2A2, SPR, SLC6A3, TAF1 (*Philippines*), TRAPPC11, VPS13C

### Skin manifestations

- Alopecia: DCAF17
- Skin abnormalities: ADA2, ATP7A, ARX, ATM, CERC1, ERRC2, ERRC6, GJB2, KCNQ2, MECP2, MRE11, PANK2, PDGFB, PDGFRB, SCN2A, SETX, SLC2A1, ST3GAL5, SUOX, TRAPPC11, XPA, XPR1
- Sun sensitivity: ERRC2, ERCC6, SCN2A, XPA

## 1 History and Physical examination

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### Eye abnormalities

- Cataracts: *CTDP1, ERCC2, ERCC6, FBXL4, FTL, POLG, OPA3, TRAPPC11, VPS13A, XPA*
- Ectopia lenti: *SOUX*
- Eye movement abnormalities, including nystagmus: *AARS, APTX, ARX, ATM, ATN1, ATP1A2, ATP1A3, ATXN1, ATXN7, DLAT, ERCC2, ERRC6, FBXL4, HSPD1, MICU1, MRE11, NDK2, NUP62, OPA3, PDHA1, PDGFRB, PIGN, PLA2G6, PLP1, POLG, PRRT2, SCN8A, SETX, SLC2A1, SLC6A3, ST3GAL5, VPS13A*
- Optic atrophy: *ADA2, ARSA, ARX, ATXN1, ATXN7, ATP1A3, ERCC2, ERCC6, FTL, GJB2, HSD17B10, MICU1, MUT, NUP62, OPA3, PANK2, PLA2G6, PLP1, POLG, ST3GAL5, XPA*
- Retinopathy: *ATXN7, ERCC2, HSD17B10, OPA3*
- Kayser-Fleischner rings: *ATP7B*

### Others

- Anemia: *ADA2, ATP7B, CP, HPRT1, MUT, OPA3*
- Bone cysts *PDGFRB, TREM2, TYROBP*
- Cardiomyopathy/congestive heart failure: *ADCY5, FBXL4, HSD17B10, MUT, POLG, VPS13A, XK*
- Dysmorphic features: *ARX, ATP7A, DCAF17, ERRC2, ERCC6, HCFC1, NKX2-1, PDHA1, PIGN, SLC6A8, ST3GAL5, SOUX, XPA*
- Hearing impairment: *AARS, ATP1A2, ATP1A3, DCAF17, ERRC2, ERCC6, GJB2, HSD17B10, PLA2G6, POLG, PRRT2, TRAPCC11, XPA*
- Hypogonadism: *ATM, DCAF17, ERCC2, ERRC6, POLG, XPA*
- Hypospadias: *ARX, FBXL4, HCFC1, MECP2, PIGN*



# Multiple choice questions – 2

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Which biochemical alteration guides the diagnosis of **benign hereditary chorea (*NKX2-1*)?**

- a) Acanthocytosis
- b) Immunoglobulin deficiency
- c) Hypothyroidism
- d) Hypoalbuminemia
- e) Hyperuricemia



### 2 Laboratories studies

#### BLOOD

- Acanthocytosis: *PANK2, VPS13A, XK*
- Immunoglobulin deficiency: *ADA2, ATM, ERRC2*,
- Lymphopenia *ATM*
- Increased creatinquinase: *FBXL4, MICU1, PLA2G6, POLG, SETX, TRAPPC11, VPS13A, XK*
- Increased transaminases: *ADA2, ATM, ATP7B, FBXL4, POLG, TRAPPC11, VPS13A*
- Increased alpha-fetoprotein: *ATM, SETX*
- Lactic acidemia: *DLAT, FBXL4, HSD17B10, HSPD1, MUT, NADK2, PNPT1, PDHA1, POLG*
- Hyperammonemia: *FBXL4, MUT*
- Low insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1): *DCAF17*
- Hypothyroidism: *CP, DCAF17, NKX2-1*
- Hypoalbuminemia: *APTX*
- Hyperuricemia: *HPRT1*
- Reduced total homocysteine: *SUOX*
- Increased total homocysteine: *HCFC1*
- *CP*: Not detectable serum ceruloplasmin, serum copper concentration <10 µg/dL, serum iron concentration < 45 µg/dL, serum ferritin concentration is 850-4000 ng/mL and plasma ceruloplasmin ferroxidase activity is not detectable.
- *ATP7A*: low copper 0-55 µg/dL and low ceruloplasmin 10-160 mg/L
- *ATP7B*: serum ceruloplasmin < 20 mg/dl,
- *NDK2*: elevated plasma C10:2-carnitine, hyperlysinemia
- Hyperphenylalaninemia: *PTS, QDPR*

#### CSF

- *Increased lactate: DLAT, FBXL4, HSPD1, NDK2, PDHA1, PNPT1, POLG*
- *DDC*: normal CSF pterins profile, reduced HVA, 5-HIAA and MHPG, increased OMD and levodopa
- *GCH1*: normal or reduced CSF pterins, normal Phe, normal or reduced HVA and 5-HIAA
- *HCFC1*: elevated glycine and methylmalonic acid
- *NDK2*: elevated lysine
- *PTS*: increased Phe, increased neopterin, decreased biotin, HVA and 5-HIAA
- *QDPR*: increased Phe, normal neopterin, increased biotin, decreased HVA, 5-HIAA and folate
- *SLC6A3*: Raised HVA, normal 5-HIAA, HVA:5-HIAA ratio >4.0, normal CSF pterins
- *SPR*: low HVA and 5-HIAA and high levels of biotin and dihydrobiotin with the presence of sepiapterin

#### URINE

- *ATP7B*: 24-h urine Cu> 40 mcg
- *GCSH*: increased 3-hydroxy glutaric acid and glutaric acid
- *HCFC1, HSPD1, MUT*: increased urinary methylmalonic acid
- *HPRT1*: Urate/creatinine ratio > 2.0
- *HSD17B10*: elevation of 2-methyl-3-hydroxybutyrate and tiglylglycine
- *NDK2*: elevated lysine
- *OPA3*: Increased urinary excretion of 3-methylglutaconate and 3-methylglutaric acid.
- *SLC6A8* Males: Guanidinoacetate normal, Creatine normal to elevated and Creatine/creatinine ratio elevated  
Females Guanidinoacetate normal Creatine normal to elevated Creatine/creatinine ratio normal to mildly elevated
- *SUOX*: Urinary sulfite identified on a dipstick screening test. Elevated urinary thiosulfate and S-sulfocysteine and low urinary organic sulfate.



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# Chorea

## Basal ganglia abnormalities

Iron deposition: *CP, DCAF17, FTL, PANK2, PL2G6*

Caudate atrophy: *HPRT1, HTT, TREM2, TYROBP, VPS13A*

Hypoplastic globus pallidus *NKX2-1*

Hyperintensity: *ATP7B, DLAT, FBXL4, FTL, GCDH, KCNQ2, MICU1, MUT, NADK2, NDK2, NUP62, PDE10A, PDHA1, PNPT1, POLG, SCN2A, SCN8A, XK*

## Calcification

*ATP7A, ERCC2, ERCC6, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PTS, QDPR, SLC20A2, SOUX, XPA, XPR1*

## White matter abnormalities

Hypomyelination/defective myelination - *AARS, ARX, ATP7A, CTDP1, DDC, FBXL4, FOXG1, GNAO1, HCFC1, SCN2A, PLP1, PNPT1, PTS*

Leukoencephalopathy / Unspecific periventricular gliosis - *ARSA, ATM, CTDP1, DCAF17, DDC, FBXL4, GJB2, HSPD1, NADK2, POLG, PTS, QDPR, SCN2A, SLC6A8, ST3GAL5, TREM2, TYROBP*

## MR Spectroscopy

Lactate peak – *DLAT, FBXL4, HSD17B10, PNPT1, PDHA1, POLG*

Cerebral creatine deficiency - *SLC6A8*

Abnormal white matter N-acetyl aspartate (NAA) levels – *PLP1, MECP2, HSPD1*

Elevated citrate, glycine and creatine *AARS*

## Normal

*ADCY5, ATP1A3, ATP1A2, KCNQ3, DDC, GCH1, PDE2A, PKND, SLC6A3, SPR, TAF1, TRAPPC11*

## Others

Arachnoid cysts: *FBXL4*

Brain atrophy: *AARS, ARX, ATRX, ATXN7, ATN1, CTDP1, DDC, ERCC2, ERRC6, FBXL4, FOXG1, GJB2, GNAO1, HPRT1, HSD17B10, HTT, KCNQ2, MECP2, NADK2, PDHA1, PIGN, POLG, SCN8A, ST3GAL5, TBP, TYROBP, VPS13A, XPA*

Cerebellar atrophy: *APTX, ATM, ATXN1, ATXN7, CTDP1, ERCC6, HTT, MECP2, MRE11, OPA3, PIGN, PLA2G6, POLG, SCN2A, SCN8A, SETX, TBP*

Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy-like, including cystic leukomalacia: *SOUX*

Ischemic lesions: *CERC1, FBXL4*

Malformation of cortical development: *ARX*

Pontocerebellar atrophy - *ATXN1, ATN1, CHMP1A, HSPD1, SETX, TSEN2, TSEN34*

Sella turca cysts *NKX2-1*

Spinal cord atrophy – *CTDP1*

Thin corpus callosum - *ARX, AARS, CTDP1, FBXL4, FOXG1, GJB2, GNAO1, KCNQ2, MECP2, SCN8A, TYROBP*

Vascular tortuosity - *ATP7A*

Ventricular enlargement – *AARS, ARX, ATP7A, ERCC2, ERCC6, FOXG1, HTT, MECP2, NADK2, PDGFB, PDGFRB, PDHA1, PIGN, TSEN2, TYROBP, SLC6A8, SLC20A2, VPS13A, XPA, XPR1, XK*

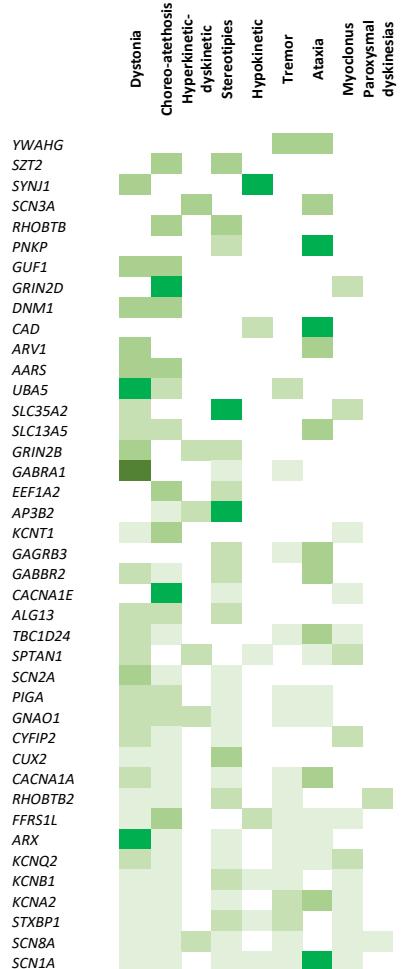


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*Epileptic encephalopathies*



# Chorea and Early Infantile Epileptic Encephalopathies (EIEE)

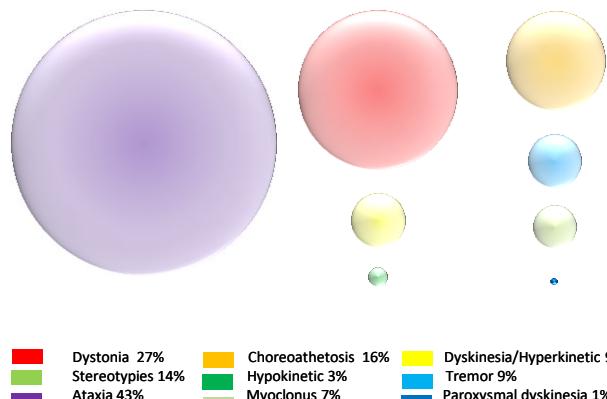


## Chorea and EIEE associated genes

*AARS, ALG13, AP3B2, ARX, CACNA1A, CACNA1E, CUX2, CYFIP2, DNM1, EEF1A2, FFRS1L, GABBR2, GABRA1, GNAO1, GRIN2D, GUF1, ITPA, KCNA2, KCNB1, KCNQ2, KCNT1, NTRK2, PIGA, RHOBTB2, SCN1A, SCN2A, SCN8A, SLC13A5, STXBP1, SZT2, TBC1D24*

Martinez-Esteve Melnikova A, Bonino M et al., (in preparation)

- 1713 out of 14462 articles reviewed
- 77 OMIM genes for EIEE
- Data of 2200 patients (age at seizure onset:media±SD:0,87±2,03 years, age range: neonatal period-18 years old) were included
- 724/2200 (32%) of the patients presented MD
- **16% patients presented choreoathetosis**

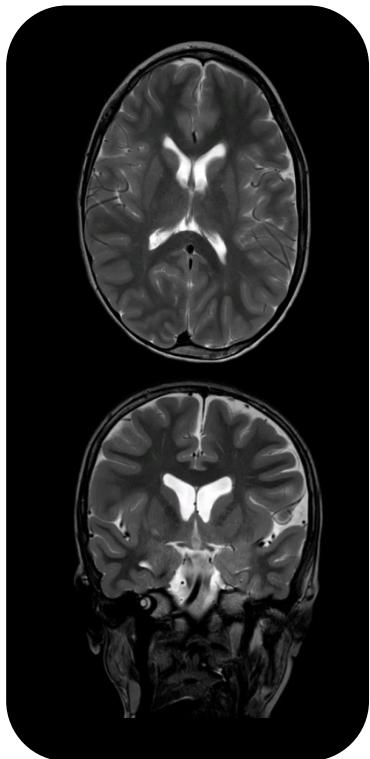


**Figure 2.** Distribution of movement disorders by gene and frequency. Genes with only one type of isolated movement disorders were not included: 1) dystonia (*PARS2* and *SLC25A22*), 2) choreoathetosis (*ITPA* and *NTRK2*), 3) hyperkinetic (*SLC1A2*), 4) stereotypies (*CDKL5*, *DOK7*, *HNRPNU*, *PLCB1* and *SIK1*), 5) ataxia (*ARHGEF9*, *FGF12*, *HCN1*, *PCHDH19* and *SCN1B*) and 6) myoclonus (*TRAK1*). The following genes without movement disorders were not included: *ADAM22*, *CNPY3*, *CPXL1*, *DENND5A*, *GAGRBR1*, *GLS*, *KCNT2*, *MDH12*, *NECAP1*, *PHACTR1*, *PIGP*, *PIGA*, *RNF13*, *SLC12A5*, *SLC25A12*, *ST3GAL3*, *WWOX*.

**Figure 1.** Distribution of movement disorders in 724 patients with EIEE

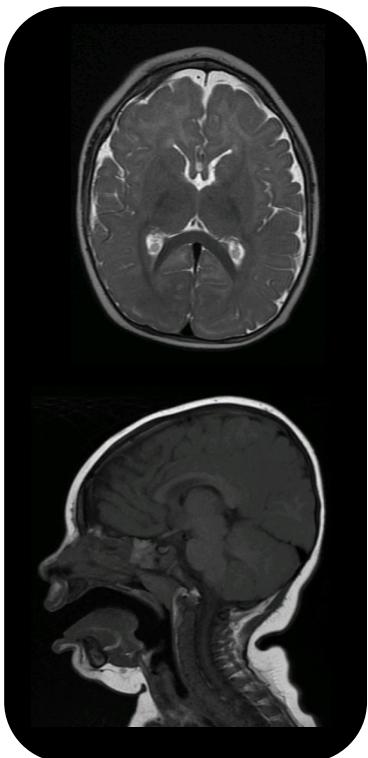


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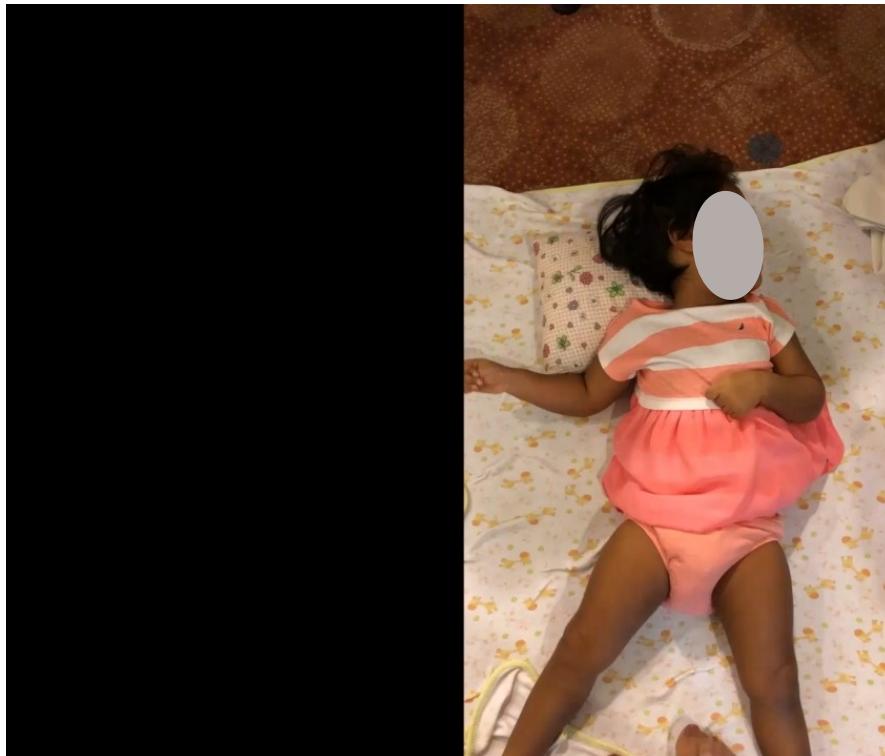


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# Multiple choice questions – 3

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In which of the following IEMs, chorea **is not a common symptom?**

- a) Disorders of purine and pyrimidine metabolism
- b) Disorders of monoamine metabolism
- c) Disorders of copper metabolism
- d) Disorders of peroxisomes
- e) Congenital disorders of glycosylation



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# Genetic Chorea

## *Inborn error of metabolism*



# Chorea and IEMs

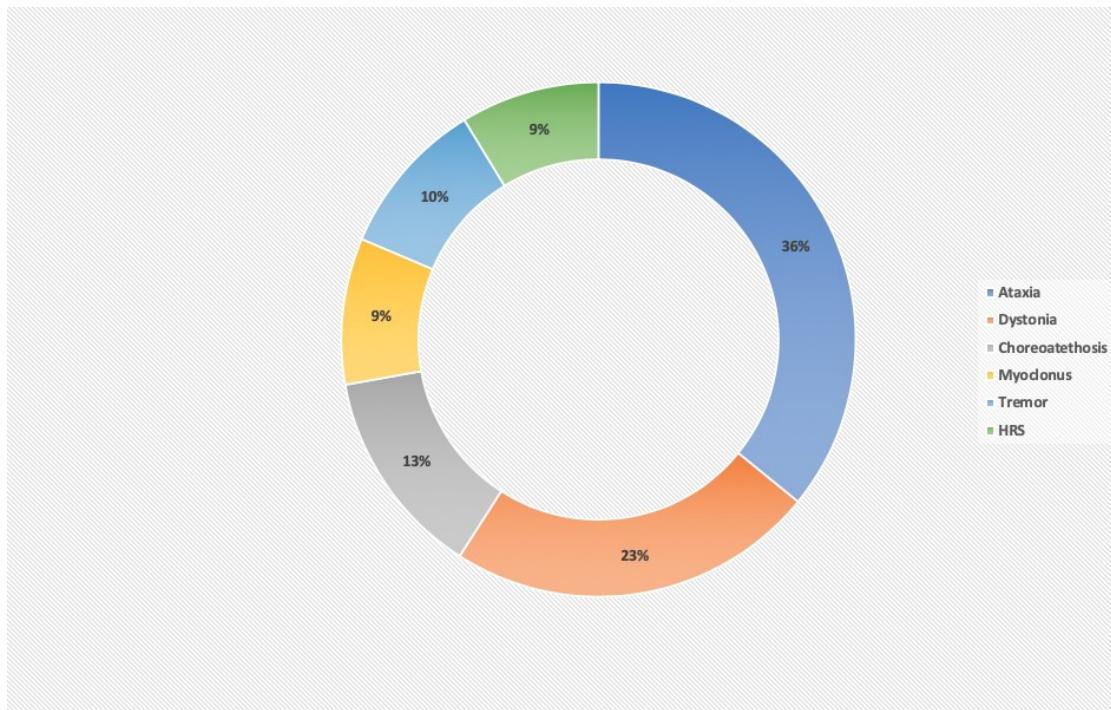
231 IEMs presenting with MD

MD in the context of IEMs are generally a **combination** of different MD

MD can be part of a more **diffuse clinical picture**

There are only a few studies that make an comprehensive description of the MD in the IEMs

**Six-step algorithm proposed**



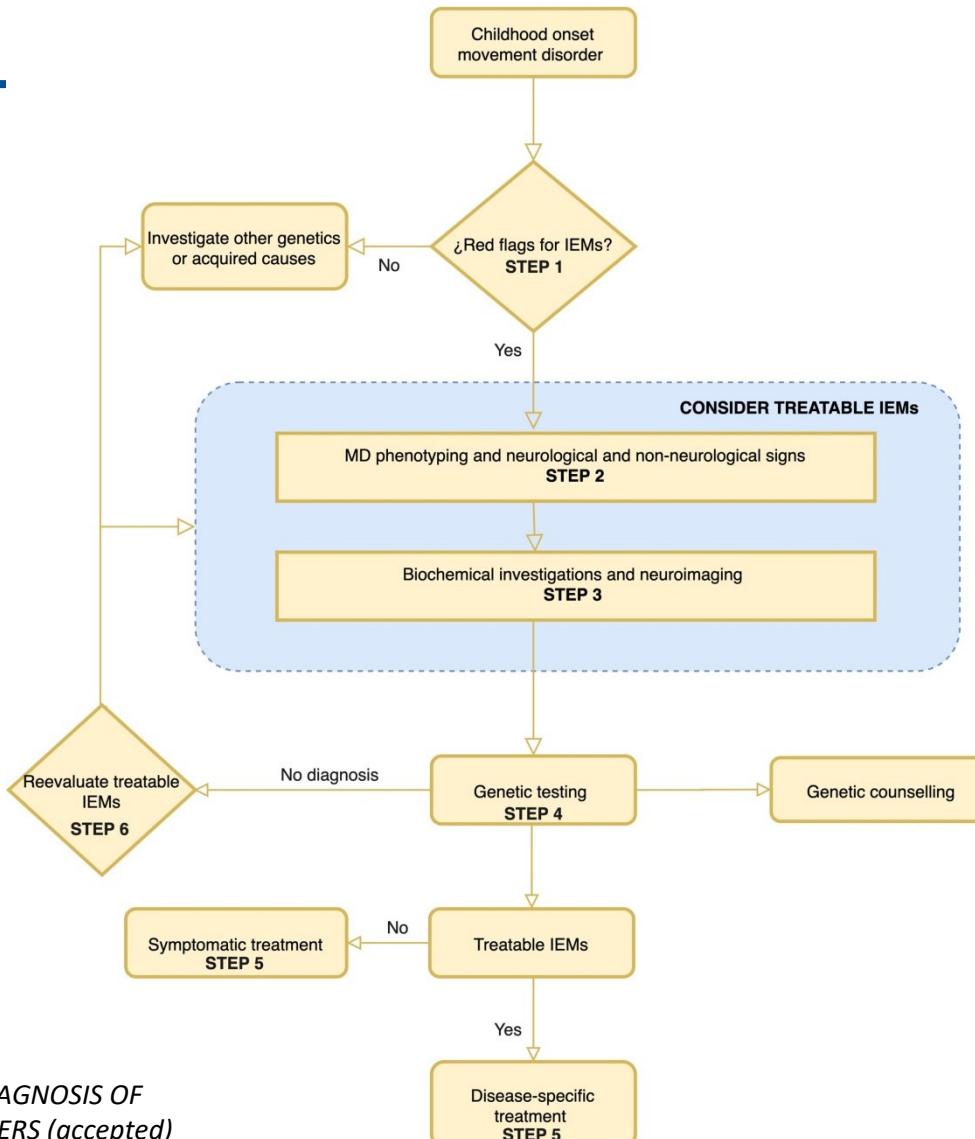
Ortigoza-Escobar et al., A PROPOSED DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM PRESENTING WITH MOVEMENT DISORDERS (accepted)



# Chorea and IEMs

## Red flags for IEMs presenting with MD

- **Diffuse clinical picture with several neurological and non-neurological signs**
- **Combination of different MD** (ataxia plus dystonia, dystonia plus parkinsonism, chorea plus dystonia and myoclonus with any other MD or neurological or non-neurological signs, other than seizures),
- **Acute or subacute onset**, remarkably if the onset is associated with encephalopathy/coma or if onset is precipitated by a concurrent febrile illness, starvation, physical exhaustion or after a high-protein ingestion,
- **Insidious onset in a patient with multiple previous non-systemic manifestations**,
- **Consanguinity** and/or recessive or X-linked inheritance pattern,
- **Distinct neuroradiological findings** for instance basal ganglia abnormalities, white matter involvement (hypomyelination/leukoencephalopathy) or cerebellar atrophy,
- **Atypical or progressively abnormal MD** that fails to respond to standard treatment,
- **MD that are not explained by classical etiologies** (e.g. structural brain lesion, infectious/para infectious or autoimmune disorders, toxic or drug induced MD and other well-known genetic or neurodegenerative MD, etc.)





# Chorea and IEMs

## IEMs presenting with Chorea

Hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyltransferase deficiency  
Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase deficiency  
Creatine transporter deficiency  
Aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase deficiency  
Dopamine transporter deficiency  
6-Pyruvoyl-tetrahydropterin synthase deficiency  
Sepiapterin reductase deficiency  
Dihydropteridine reductase deficiency  
Propionic acidemia  
Methylmalonic aciduria due to methylmalonyl-CoA mutase deficiency  
Glutaric aciduria type 1  
Glycine encephalopathy due to glycine decarboxylase deficiency  
Glycine encephalopathy due to aminomethyltransferase deficiency  
cblX disease  
Hereditary folate malabsorption  
Classic galactosemia  
Folate receptor alpha deficiency  
Molybdenum cofactor deficiency  
Wilson disease  
Aceruloplasminemia  
Glucose transporter 1 deficiency  
Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex deficiency  
Beta-ketothiolase deficiency  
Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis  
CLN2 disease

## Minimal biochemical investigation in IEMs presenting with Chorea

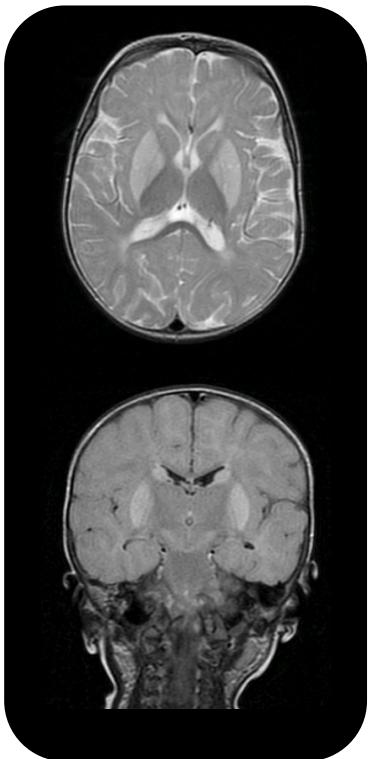
Blood: 1<sup>st</sup> Tier: blood count, ASAT/ALAT, glucose, lactate, pyruvate, uric acid, creatine, guanidino compounds, prolactin, amino acids, pterins, purine, total homocysteine, copper, ceruloplasmin, acylcarnitines, methylmalonic acid, folate, sterols, acetoacetate. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier: Galactose-1-P, GALT enzyme activity, TPP1 enzyme activity

Urine: 1<sup>st</sup> Tier: glucose, lactate, purine and pyrimidines, guanidino compounds, pterins, organic acids, sulfites, copper, acetoacetate

CSF: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier: amino acids, neurotransmitters, pterins, 5-Methyl-THF, pipecolic acid

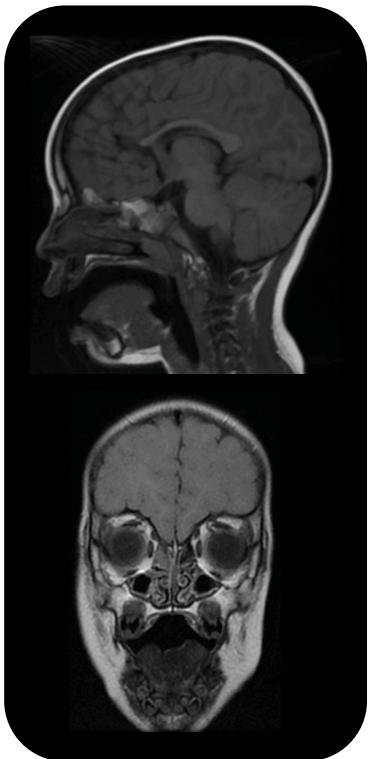


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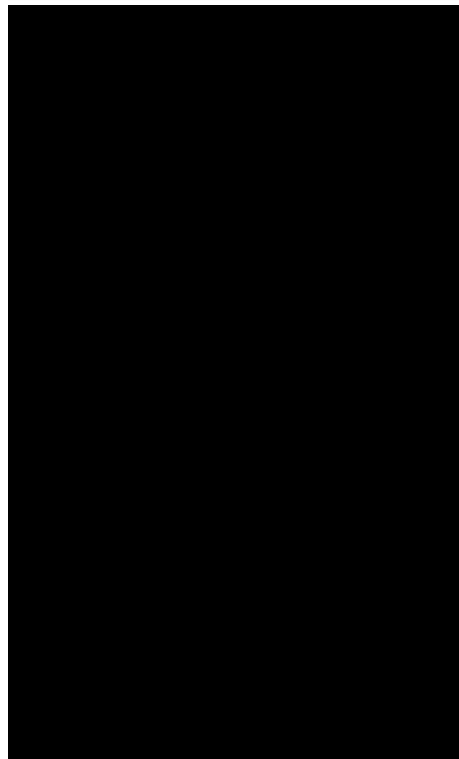
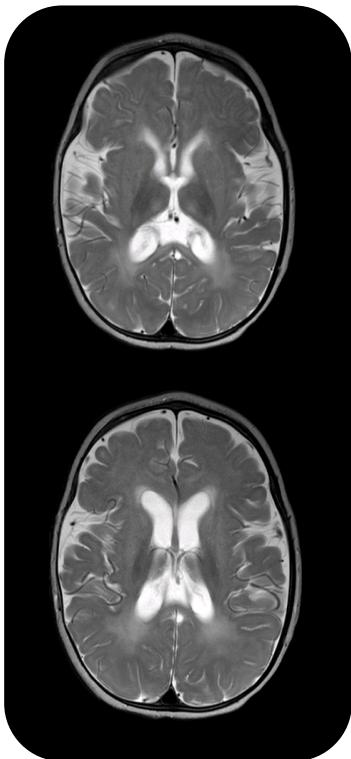


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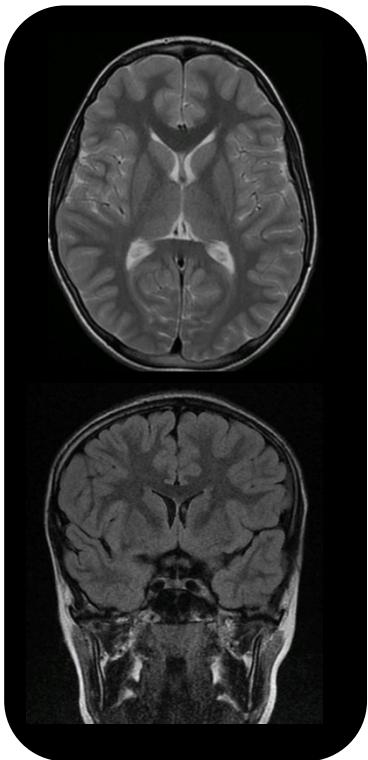


# Genetic Chorea

## *Other choreas*



# Genetic chorea

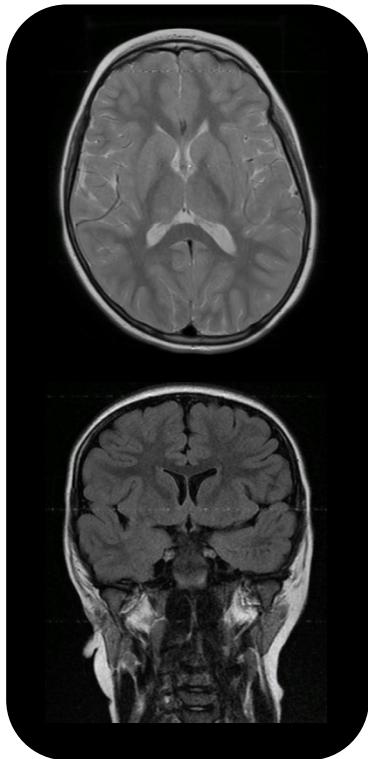


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PDE2A





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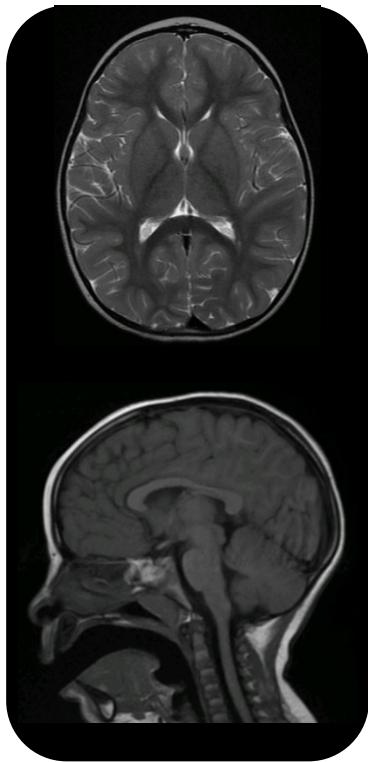


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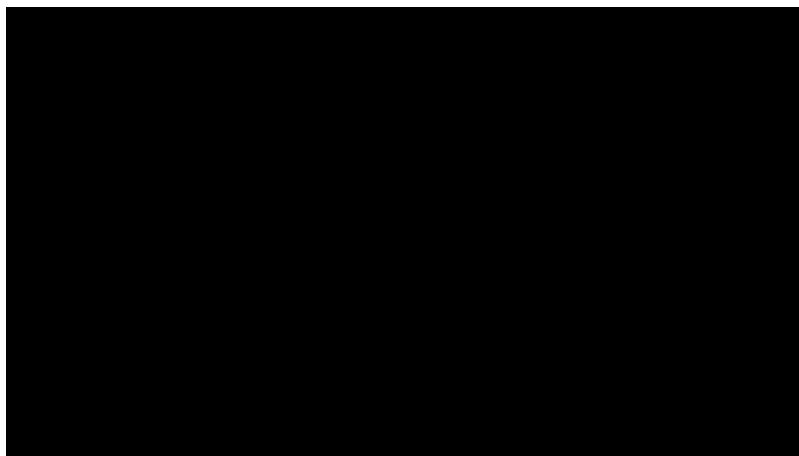
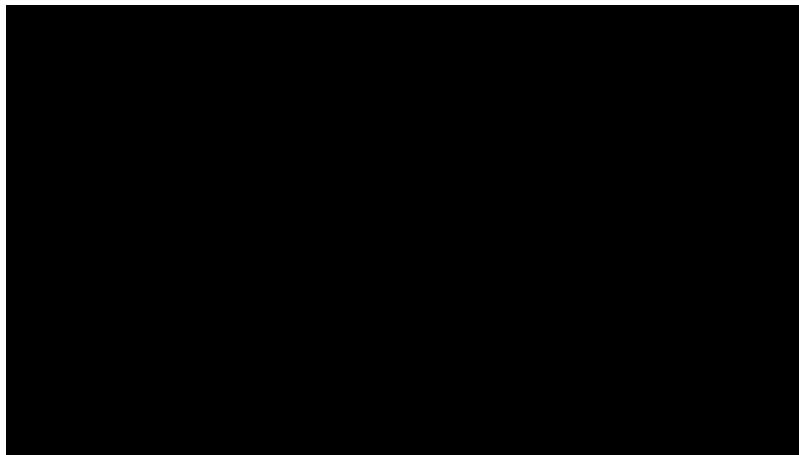




# Genetic chorea



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ADCY5  
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# Genetic chorea



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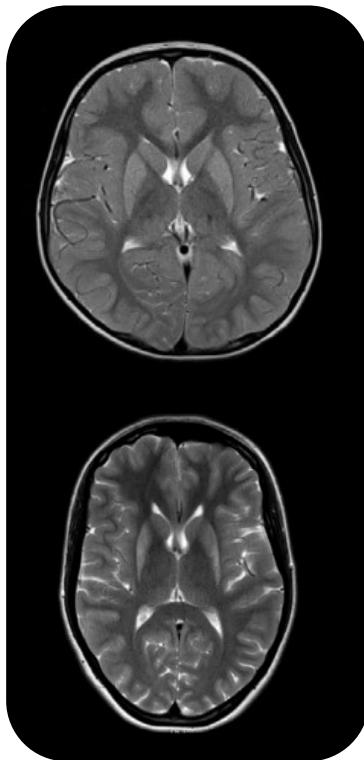


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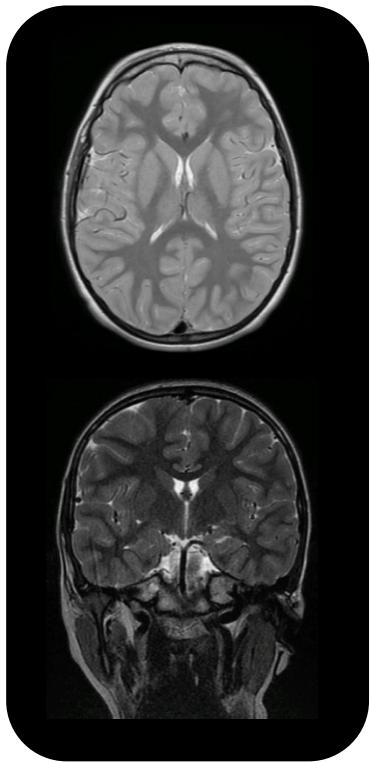


NKX2-1  
ADCY5  
**PDE10A**  
PDE2A

Diggle et al. Am J Hum Genet. 2016 Apr 7;98(4):735-43.



# Genetic chorea



NKX2-1  
ADCY5  
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**PDE2A**



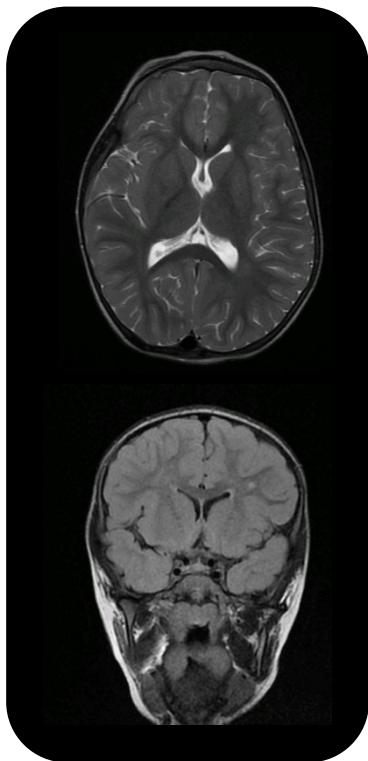


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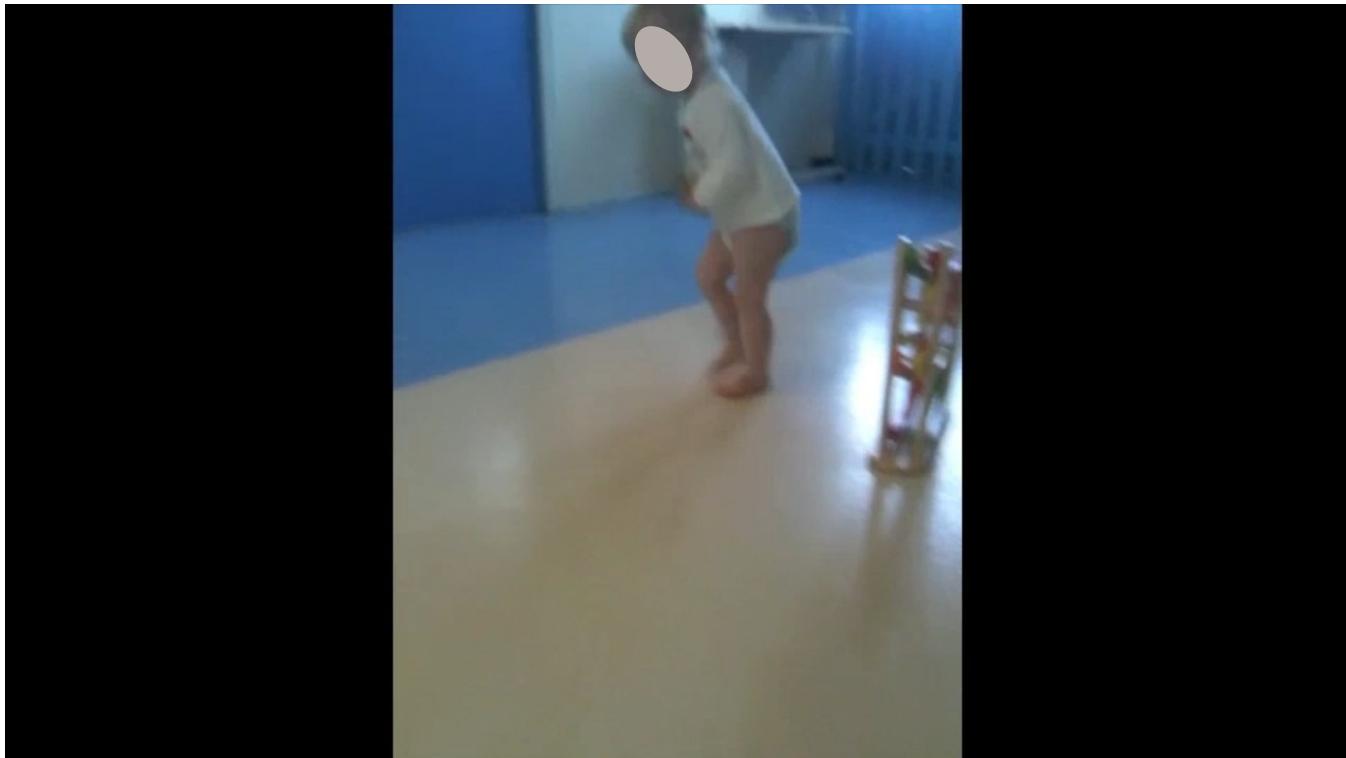


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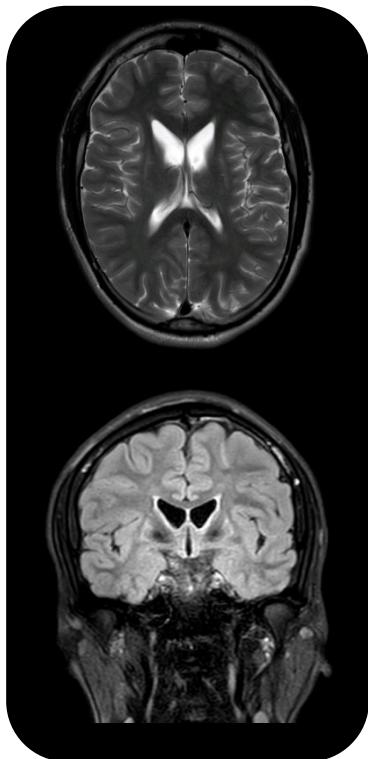
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# Genetic Chorea

*Chorea not chorea and unsolved choras*



# Not to forget ... CHOREA NOT CHOREA

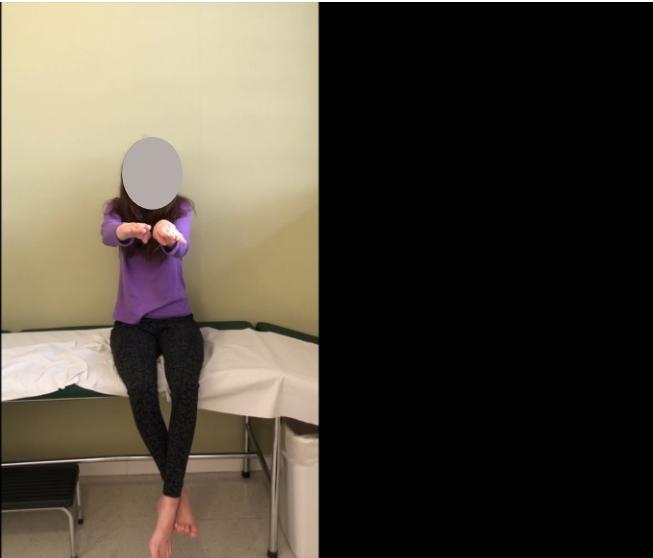


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# Not to forget ... UNSOLVED CHOREA



## UNSOLVED CASES\*

**Definition:** Rare disease cases with an inconclusive exome/genome

**Number:** 19,000 unsolved exomes/genomes

**Main activities:** Perform standardised collation and re-analysis

\*in collaboration with all ERNs,  
Undiagnosed Disease Initiatives  
and further associated partners

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## SPECIFIC ERN COHORTS

**Definition:** Disease group specific cohorts from four core ERNs (exome available)

**Number:** a) 2,000 WGS for more complete (non-)coding sequence & CNV/SVs etc.;

b) 500 long-read WGS;

c) >2,000 cases novel omics approaches

**Main activities:** Conduct "beyond the exome" approaches

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## ULTRA RARE RARE DISEASES

**Definition:** Phenotypically most special/ remarkable patients with a rare disease without an exome

**Number:** 1,200 exomes (300 per core ERN)

**Main activities:** Carry out phenotype jamborees and exome analysis

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## THE UNSOLVABLES

**Definition:** Highly recognisable clinically defined diseases / syndromes for which no disease gene was identified yet despite WES/WGS and considerable research invested

**Number:** 120 syndromes/ diseases

**Main activities:** apply all -omics tools to 'crack' the "Unsolvable"

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# Key Points /Conclusions

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- Chorea in children has a wide variety of etiologies, including acquired and genetic causes
- Type of onset and age of onset allow us to differentiate between genetic and acquired chorea
- MRI is essential in the study of a patient with chorea
- Algorithm available at

<http://www.ern-rnd.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Diagnostic-flowchart-for-Childhood-onset-Chorea.pdf>

- Identifying the cause is important in order to provide appropriate treatment and prognosis



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