Pathogenesis of Inflammatory Muscle Diseases

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The inflammatory myopathies are divided into three major and distinct subsets as polymyositis(PM), dermatomyositis(DM), and inclusion body myositis(IBM). This distinction is based on unique clinical, demographic, laboratory, histologic, therapeutic, prognostic, and immunopathologic criteria.

Although the causes of PM, DM, and IBM are unknown, autoimmune mechanisms are implicated, as supported by their association with other putative or definite autoimmune diseases or viruses, the evidence for a T cell-mediated myocytotoxicity or complement-mediated microangiopathy, the presence of various autoantibodies and their response to immunotherapies. But in IBM the immune-mediated process is weaker and IBM patients do not readily respond to immunotherapies, there are convincing immunopathological signs to suggest that a definite autoimmune component, similar to that seen in PM, also plays a role in the cause of IBM.

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Table 1. The inflammatory myopathies¹

Idiopathic

- Dermatomyositis (1)
- (2) Polymyositis
- (3) Inclusion body myositis

Associated with collagen vascular diseases

- Systemic lupus erythematosus (1)
- Mixed connective tissue disease (2)
- Scleroderma (3)
- (4) Sjögren's syndrome
- (5) Rheumatoid arthritis

Infective

- Viral (1)
- (2) Parasitic
- Bacterial
- Fungal

Miscellaneous

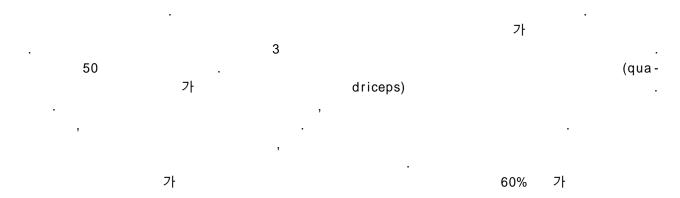
- (1) Eosinophilic myositis
- (2) Associated with vasculitis
- (3) Granulomatous
- (4) Graft versus host disease
- Macrophagic myofasciitis

Table 2. Clinical and Laboratory Features Associated with Inflammatory Myopathies^{2,6,8}

Characteristic	Polymyositis	Dermatomyositis	Inclusion Body Myositis	
Age of onset	>18 yr	Adulthood and childhood	>50 yr	
Sex	Female>male	Female>male	Male>female	
Development of muscle symptoms	Subacute	Acute	Slowly	
Predominant involvement of muscle weakness	Proximal muscles	Proximal muscles	Proximal and distal muscles	
Muscle wasting	Present in chronic forms	Not prominent	Nearly always pronounced in selected muscles (triceps, finger flexors, quadriceps)	
Myalgia	Sometimes	Often (especially in acute cases)	Never	
Rash or calcinosis	Absent	Present	Absent	
Familial association	No	No	Yes, in some cases ^a	
Creatine kinase	Increased (up to $50 \times \text{normal}$)	Increased (up to $50 \times \text{normal}$)	Normal or mildly increased (<10 x normal)	
Muscle biopsy	Endomysial inflammation	Perimysial and perivascular inflammation; membrane attack complex, immunoglo- bulin, complement deposition on vessels	Endomysial inflammation; rimmed vacuoles; amyloid deposits; electron microscopy: 15- to 18-nm tubulofilaments	
Cellular infiltrate	CD8 ⁺ T cells; macrophages	CD4 ⁺ T cells; B cells	CD8 ⁺ T cells; macrophages	
Response to immunosuppressive therapy Associated conditions	Yes	Yes	None or minimal	
Connective tissue diseases	Yesª	Scleroderma and mixed connective tissue disease (overlap syndromes)	Yes, in up to 20% of cases	
Other autoimmune diseases ^b	Frequent	Infrequent	Rare, but more frequently recognized	
Malignancy	No	Yes, in up to 15% of cases	No	
Viruses	Yes, with HIV, HTLV-I, ^c other viruses are uncertain	Unproven	Unproven (rare cases with HIV, HTLV-1)	
Drugs ^d	Yes	Yes, rarely	No	

a Systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic sclerosis, mixed connective tissue disease

d Drugs include penicillamine(polymyositis and dermatomyositis), zidovudine(polymyositis), and contaminated tryptophan(dermatomyositis-like illness). Other myotoxic drugs may cause myopathy but not an inflammatory myopathy.



b Crohn's disease, vasculitis, sarcoidosis, primary biliary cirrhosis, adult celiac disease, discoid lupus, ankylosing spondylitis, Behcet's syndrome, myasthenia gravis, acne fulminans, chronic graft-versus-host disease, dermatitis herpetiformis, psoriasis, Hashimoto's disease, granulomatous diseases, agammaglobulinemia, monoclonal gammopathy, hypereosinophilic syndrome, Lyme disease, Kawasaki disease, autoimmune thrombocytopenia, hypergammaglobulinemic purpura, hereditary complement deficiency, IgA deficiency.

c HTLV-I, human T cell lymphotropic virus type I.

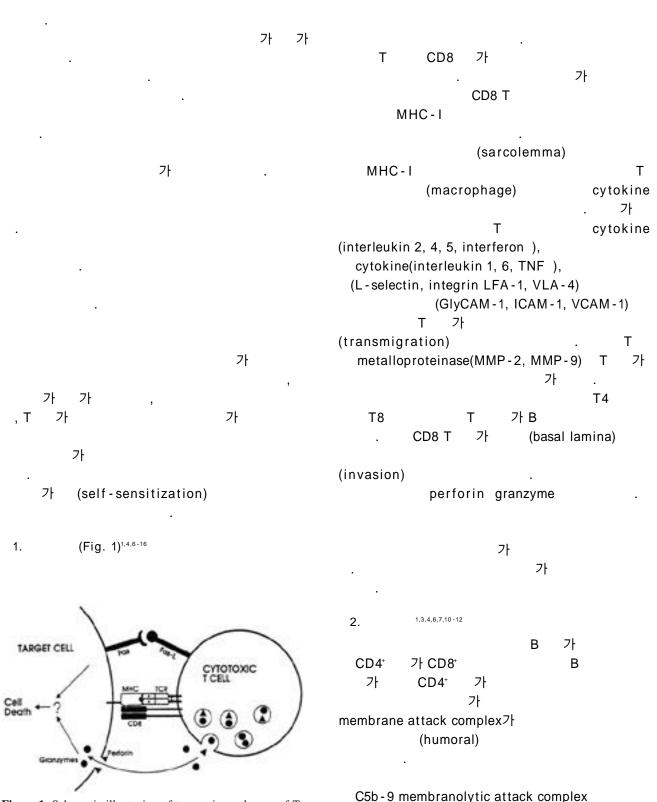


Figure 1. Schematic illustration of two major pathways of T-cell-mediated cytotoxicity. One pathway depends on the secretion of perforin- and granzyme-containing cytotoxic granules (black triangles and dots, respectively)(bottom). The other pathway depends on ligation of the Fas death-receptor expressed on the target cell (top). Prior to activation of the cytotoxic pathways, the T-cell receptor (TCR) of the CD8+ cytotoxic T cell reacts with an antigenic peptide bound to a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I molecule on the target cell.⁹

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Table 3. Autoantibodies in inflammatory myopathies $\!^8$

	Frequency	Conditions	
Muscle-specific antibody			
Antisynthetase			
Jo-1	18~20%	Polymyositis and dermatomyositis with interstitial lung disease, arthritis, Raynaud phenomenon, "mechanic's hands," moderate response to therapy	
Others (PL-7, PL-12, EJ, OJ)	3%	Same as Jo-1	
Nonsynthetase			
Signal recognition particle	4%	Polymyositis with acute onset/severe weakness, poor response to therapy	
Mi-2	15~20%	Dermatomyositis with good response to therapy	
Mas	1%	Polymyositis with alcoholic rhabdomyolysis; chronic hepatitis	
Associated with overlap syndrom	ies		
Antinuclear antibodies	16~32%	All myositis groups	
	24~62%	Dermatomyositis	
	16~40%	Polymyositis	
	72~77%	Overlap syndromes	
	19~23%	Inclusion body myositis	
Polymyositis-Scl	<8%	All myositis groups	
	25%	Scleroderma-myositis (North America)	
Anti-Ku	1%	Scleroderma-myositis (Japan)	
		Systemic lupus erythematosus without myositis (North America)	
U1 ribonuclear protein	12%	Mixed connective tissue disease, systemic lupus erythematosus	
SS-A/SS-B	90%	Sjögren syndrome	
	10%	Systemic lupus erythematosus	

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