

# Pediatric Rheumatology

## Interactive case series

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# Outline

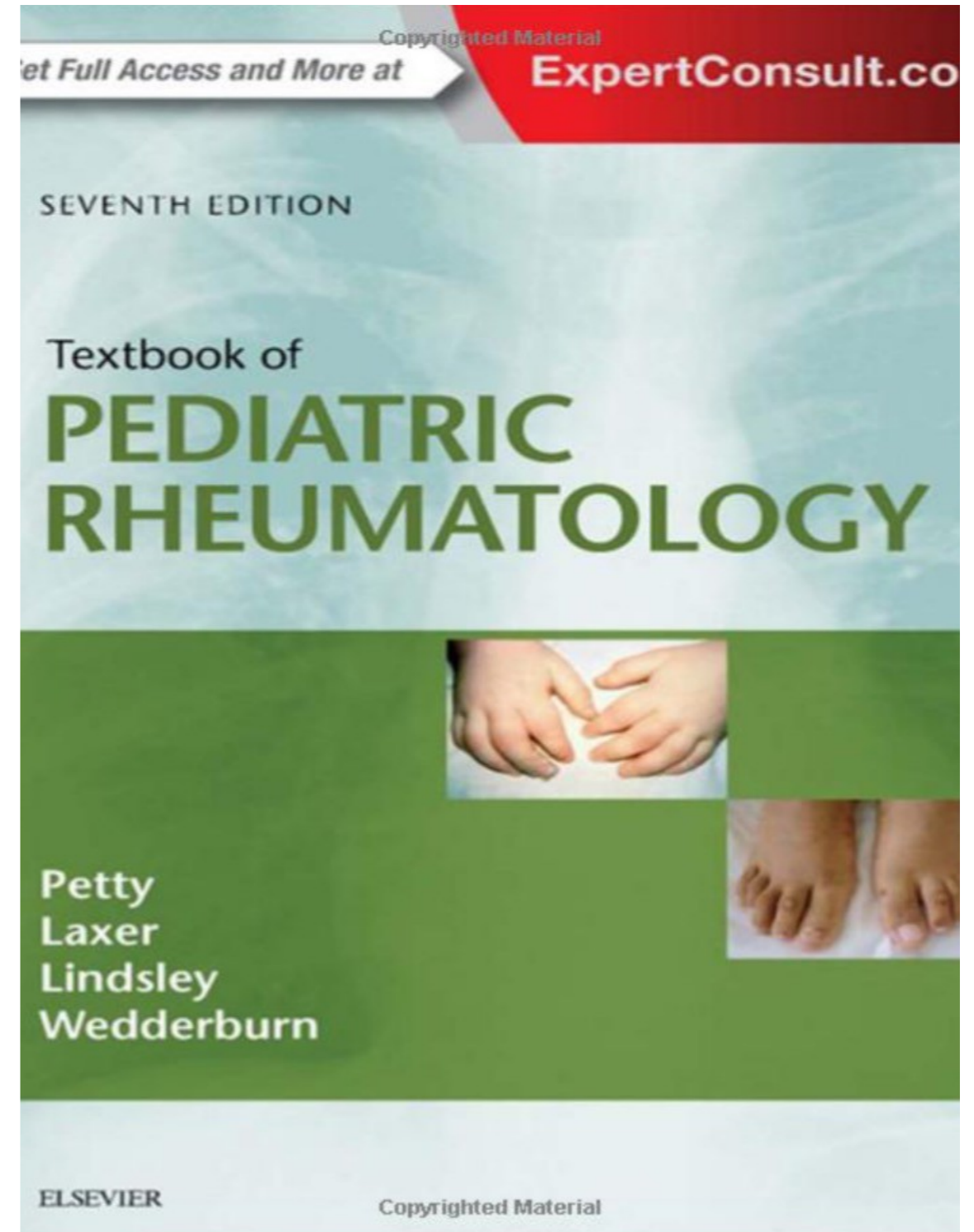
- Introduction
- Chronic Arthritis case/Complication
- Acute arthritis case/2
- Connective tissue case/vasculitis
- Auto inflammatory case /infrequent complication

# Major resources

## Board Review: Pediatric Rheumatology

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# Resources

- Protocols for the initial treatment of moderately severe JDM, CARRA consensus, Arthritis care Res, 2010, feb
- Revision of Jones criteria for the diagnosis of ARF in the era of Doppler echocardiography, AHA scientific statement, Circulation, 2015
- PSRA in children a distinct entity from ARF, Uzeil et al, Pediatric Rheumatology, 2011
- Juvenile idiopathic arthritis, Seminar, Lancet, 2007

# Arthritis/ 20-30% of pediatric ER, OPD



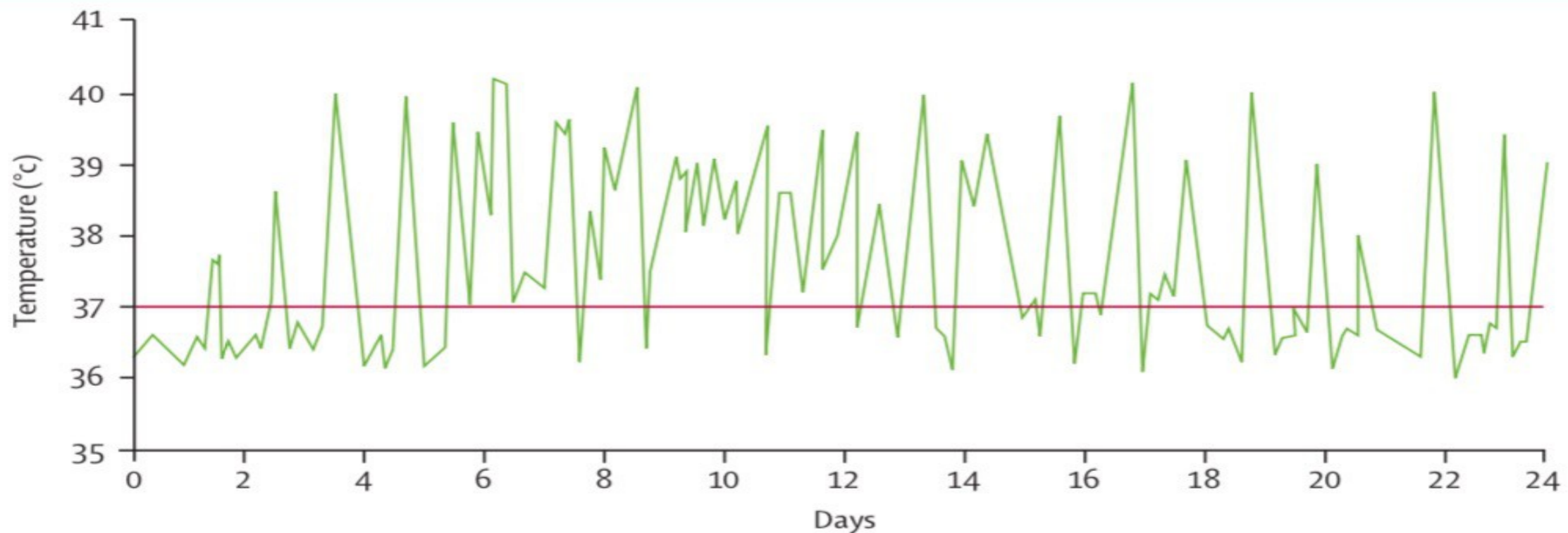
- JIA 10 times more common than ALL, Hemophilia, muscular dystrophy
- As frequent as juvenile DM
- 4 times more common than CF, Sickle cell anemia

[Pediatrics in Review](#)

[April 2006, VOLUME 27 / ISSUE 4](#)

# Case 1

A 6 years girl with  
this fever/ 3 weeks,no  
arthritis  
detected,what is the  
pattern?, what  
physical signs to  
anticipate



# Case 1/ Findings

- Fever, quotidian pattern, ill during febrile episodes
- Rash occasional , evanescent, mild liver/spleen enlarg.

IV Methylprednisolone 2mg/kg

Findings	25/3/2017	27/3/2017
Fever	++	+
WBC'S	23.5 K	12.3 K
Platelets	529 K	285 K
ESR	105	65
CRP	96	64
SGPT/SGOT	135/95	83/76
Ferritin	1300	--



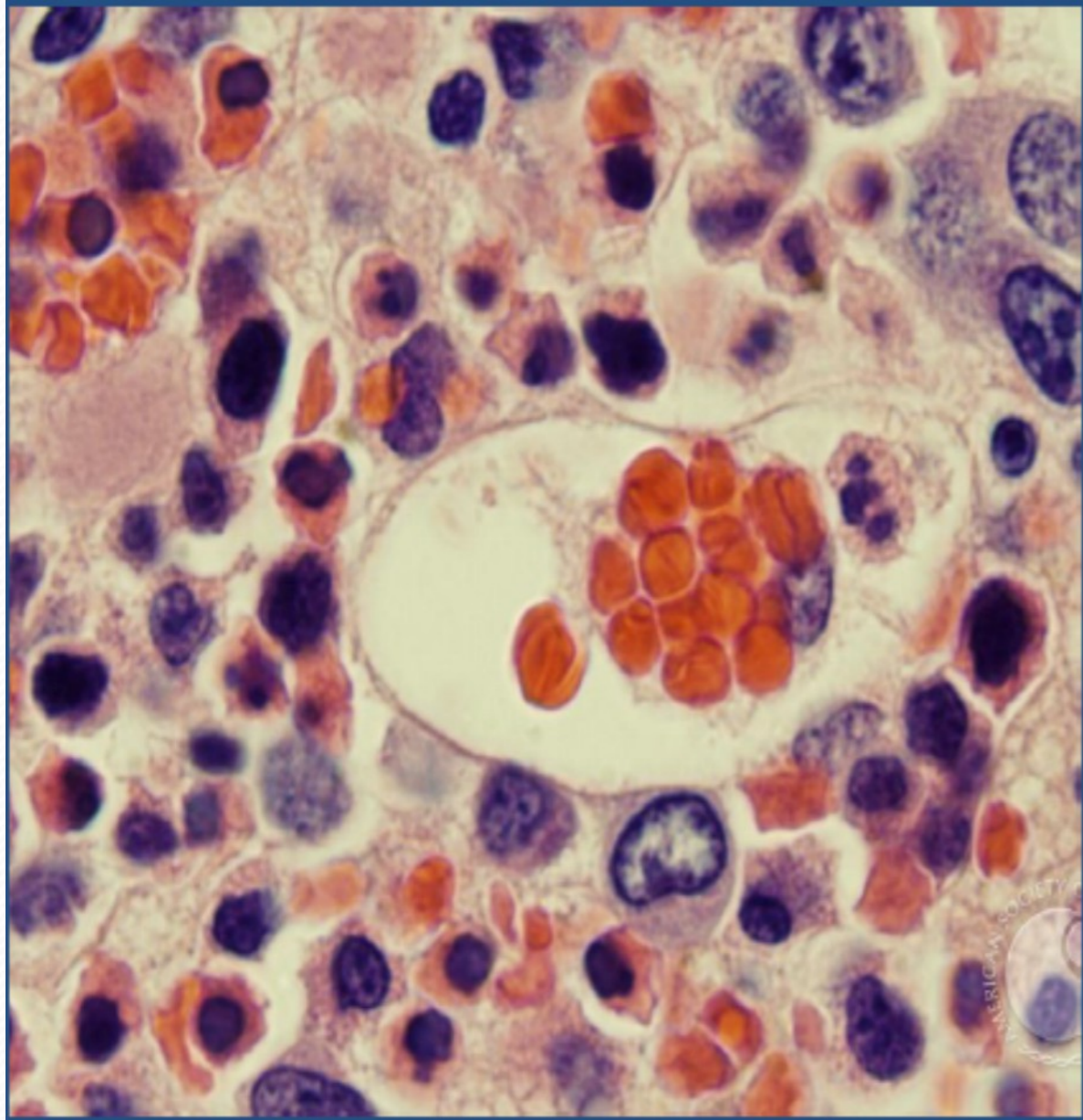


# Something went wrong !?



Findings	25/3/2017	27/3/2017	30/3/2107
Fever	++	+	++++
WBC'S	23.5 K	12.3 K	3.4 K
Platelets	529 K	285 K	115 K
ESR	105	65	10
CRP	96	64	172
Fibrinogen	-----	-----	1.8
PT/PTT	16/33	-----	19/49
Triglyceride			269
TG			
Ferritin	1300	--	2800

A febrile patient with known or suspected systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis is classified as having macrophage activation syndrome if the following criteria are met:



Variable	OR	P Value
Ferritin- > <b>684</b> ng/ml	>999.999	< 0.0001
Platelet count < <b>181</b> × 10 <sup>9</sup> / L	237.0	< 0.0001
Triglycerides > <b>156</b> Mg/dl	18.3	0.009
Fibrinogen < <b>360</b> Mg/dl	16.0	0.009
SGOT > <b>48</b> IU/L	10.0	0.029

# Management

- **Immunomodulatory dose / Pulse IVMP 30 mg/kg**
- **Cyclosporine A/ Parenteral 3-6 mg/kg IV**
- Anti IL 1
- Anti IL 6
- Anti CD20 /Rituximab
- Anti TNF Alpha/ Infliximab
- Intravenous Immunoglobulins 2 g/kg
- Etoposide

# Case 2

- An 8 year old boy, previously healthy, with:
- A three week history of right hip pain and one week history of pain in the right knee, no fever.
- Diagnosed with streptococcal tonsillitis a month ago.
- Rx: acetylsalicylic acid for 2 weeks/minimal improvement.
- Arthritis was found in both the Rt hip and the Rt knee.

# Case 2

## L abaratory

WBC'S	14.500 / Normal morphology
ESR	40 mm/hr
CRP	18 mg /l
ASOT	700 U/L
2D Echo	Normal

## Diagnosis/ Treatment

- ✓ Additive arthritis, preceding GAS infection, clinical and serology.
- ✓ Not fulfilling Jones criteria
- ✓ Dx: PSRA
- ✓ Recommendations :
  - Exclude carditis clinically and by echo
  - Treat with prophylactic penicillin for 1 year
  - Reevaluate with echo, if -ve stop Rx

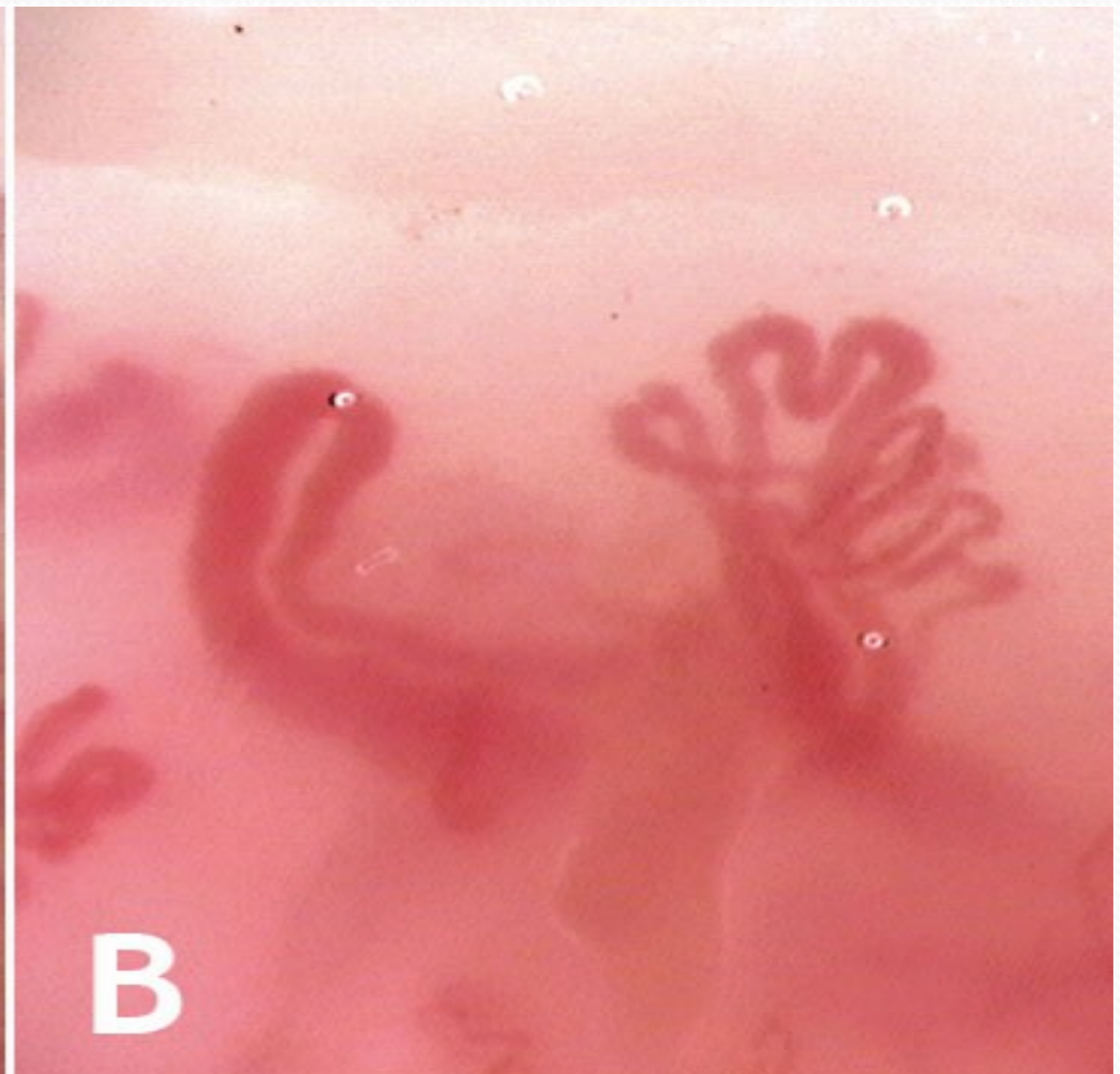
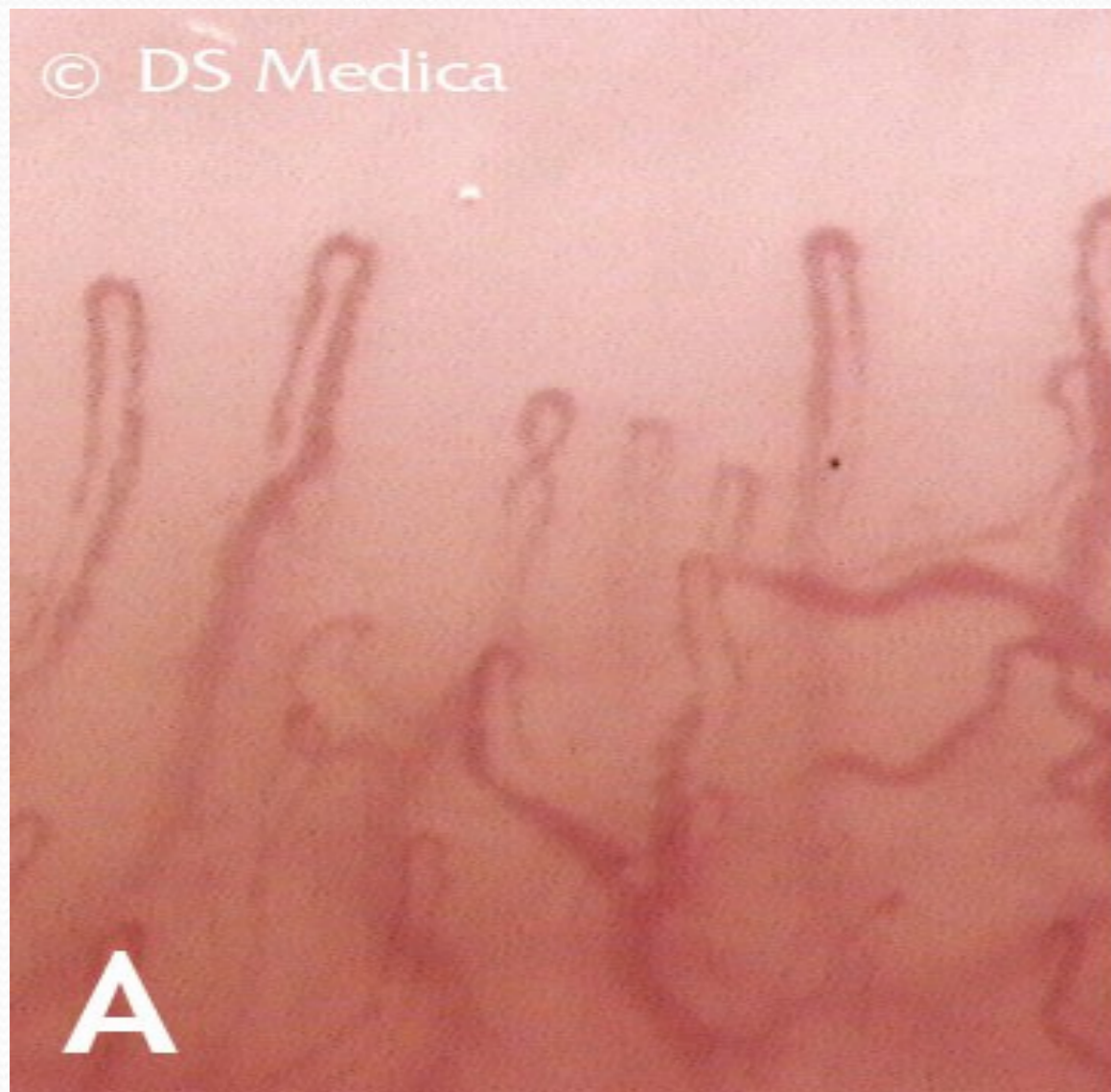
# Case 3/ A girl with rash

- An 8 years old girl, with unremarkable previous medical history, was brought because of *few weeks history of skin rash over cheeks and back of fingers.*
- Made worse by sun .
- She also complained of thigh and calf pain, and found difficulty set up from bed, and *very slow in climbing stairs*
- Fatigue, appetite loss and some weight loss were also reported

# Physical findings



# What is this sign? Significance





# Case 3

## Clinical

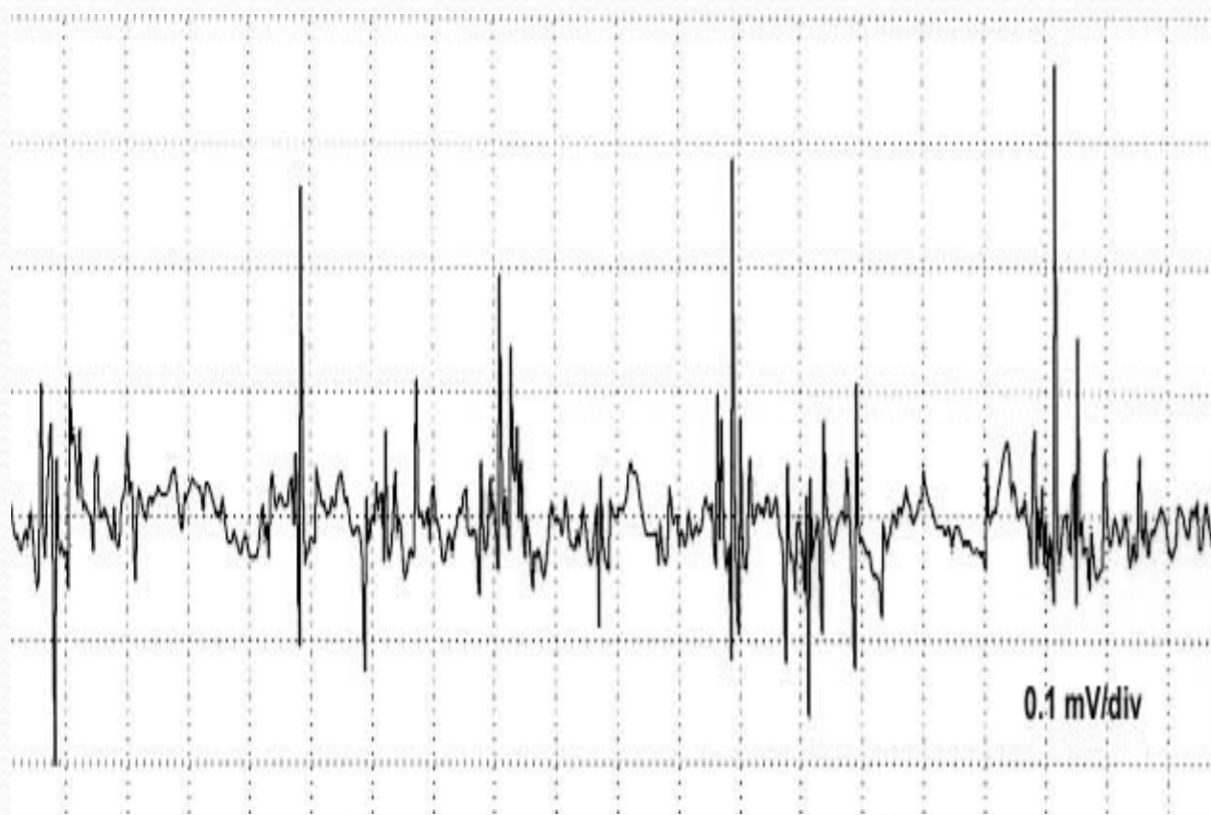
- In addition to skin findings, the girl showed
  - Symmetrical Hip girdle **weakness** , power 2/5
  - Neck flexor **weakness**, power 2/5
  - **Positive Gower's sign**
  - **Tender** calf and thighs, normal hand grip and distal power, normal joints

## Labaratory

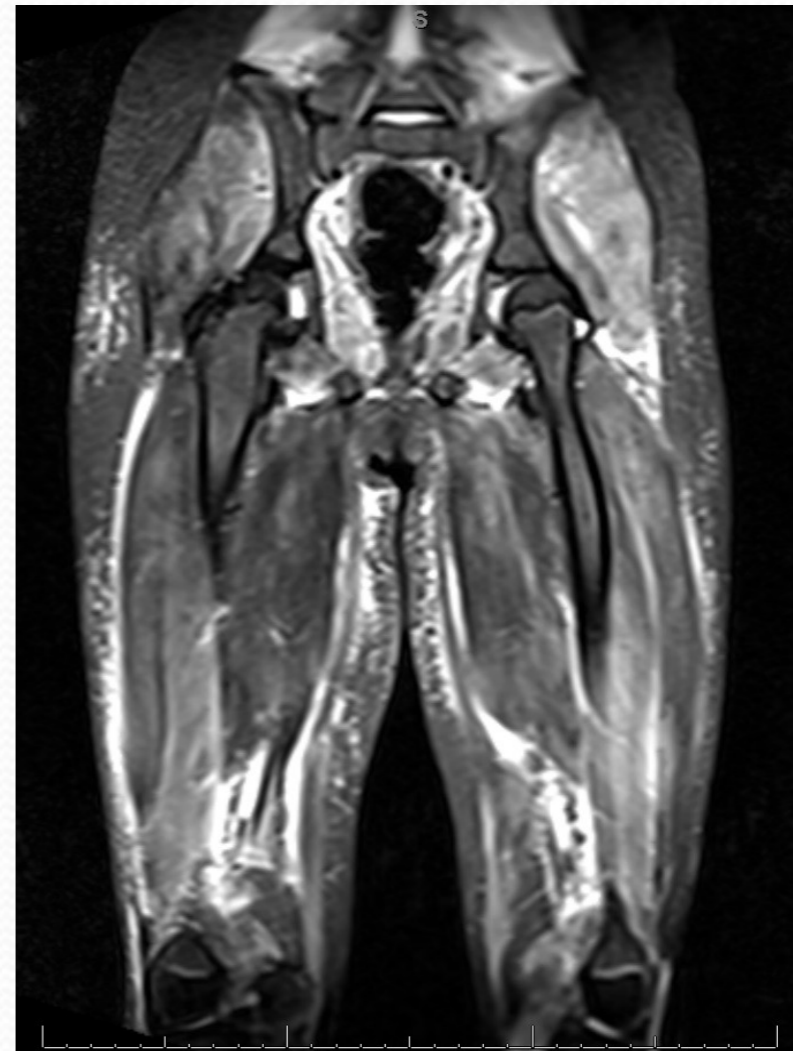
WBC'S	12300
Platelets	659 k
CRP	64 mg/l
ESR	70 mm/hr
ALT/AST	132/185
CK	925
LDH	587
ANA	1/320

# EMG/Muscle MRI

Myopathic EMG: Small amplitude, brief, polyphasic action potentials



Muscle MRI, Fluid signal



# Straightforward Dx of JDM/Definite, do we need Biopsy ?

## Bohan and Peter criteria for diagnosis of dermatomyositis

Symmetric weakness of the limb-girdle muscles and neck flexors

Muscle-biopsy evidence of necrosis, phagocytosis, regeneration, perifascicular atrophy, fiber size variation, perivascular inflammation

Elevation of serum muscle enzymes

Electromyography showing short, small, polyphasic motor units, fibrillations, positive sharp waves and insertional irritability, and bizarre, high-frequency, repetitive discharges

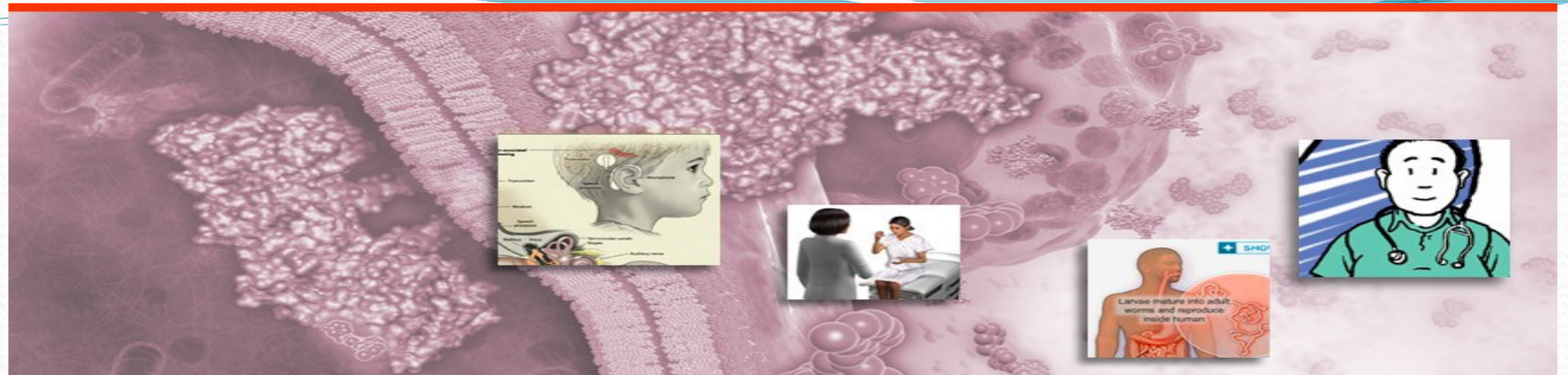
Typical cutaneous features—heliotrope rash, Gottron papules/sign

Patients are said to have “definite” JDM if they have rash + 3 other criteria

Patients are said to have “probable” JDM if they have rash + 2 other criteria

Patients are said to have “possible” JDM if they have rash + 1 other criteria

*Data from Bohan A, Peter JB. Polymyositis and dermatomyositis (first of two parts). N Engl J Med 1975;292(7):344–7.*



According to the authors of the latest Case Record of the Massachusetts General Hospital, which one of the following findings is considered to be pathognomonic for dermatomyositis?

- A. Gottron's papules.
- B. Heliotrope rash.
- C. Malar rash.
- D. Periungual erythema and edema.

# Protocols for initial treatment of moderately severe JDM

Arthritis Care & Research  
Vol. 62, No. 2, February 2010, pp 219–225  
DOI 10.1002/acr.20071  
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## Protocol A

### IVMP

30 mg/kg/day (maximum 1 gm) for 3 days

Continue once/week, optional

### MTX

Subcutaneous unless only oral possible

Lesser of 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or 1 mg/kg (maximum 40 mg) once/week

### Prednisone

2 mg/kg/day (maximum 60 mg) once/day for 4 weeks, then decrease by 20%†

## Protocol B

### IVMP

30 mg/kg/day (maximum 1 gm) for 3 days

Continue once/week, optional

### MTX

Subcutaneous unless only oral possible

Lesser of 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or 1 mg/kg (maximum 40 mg) once/week

### Prednisone

2 mg/kg/day (maximum 60 mg) once/day for 4 weeks, then decrease by 20%†

### IVIG

2 gm/kg (maximum 70 gm) every 2 weeks for 3 weeks, then monthly

IVMP once with each dose, optional

## Protocol C

### MTX

Subcutaneous unless only oral possible

Lesser of 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or 1 mg/kg (maximum 40 mg) once/week

### Prednisone

2 mg/kg/day (maximum 60 mg) divided twice/day for 4 weeks, then consolidate to once/day†



# Case 4

- A 5 and ½ years old female from West Bank.
- Generalized edema over the preceding 2 weeks.
- General weakness , started earlier 5 mo. Ago
- History of febrile convulsions, intermittent chronic diarrhea
- **Remarkable past hx. of RAP, fever and arthralgias**
- Underwent appendectomy at age of 3 years
- Result of consanguineous marriage, healthy parents and one brother
- **Maternal aunt with CRF secondary to amyloidosis and FMF**

# Case 4 findings

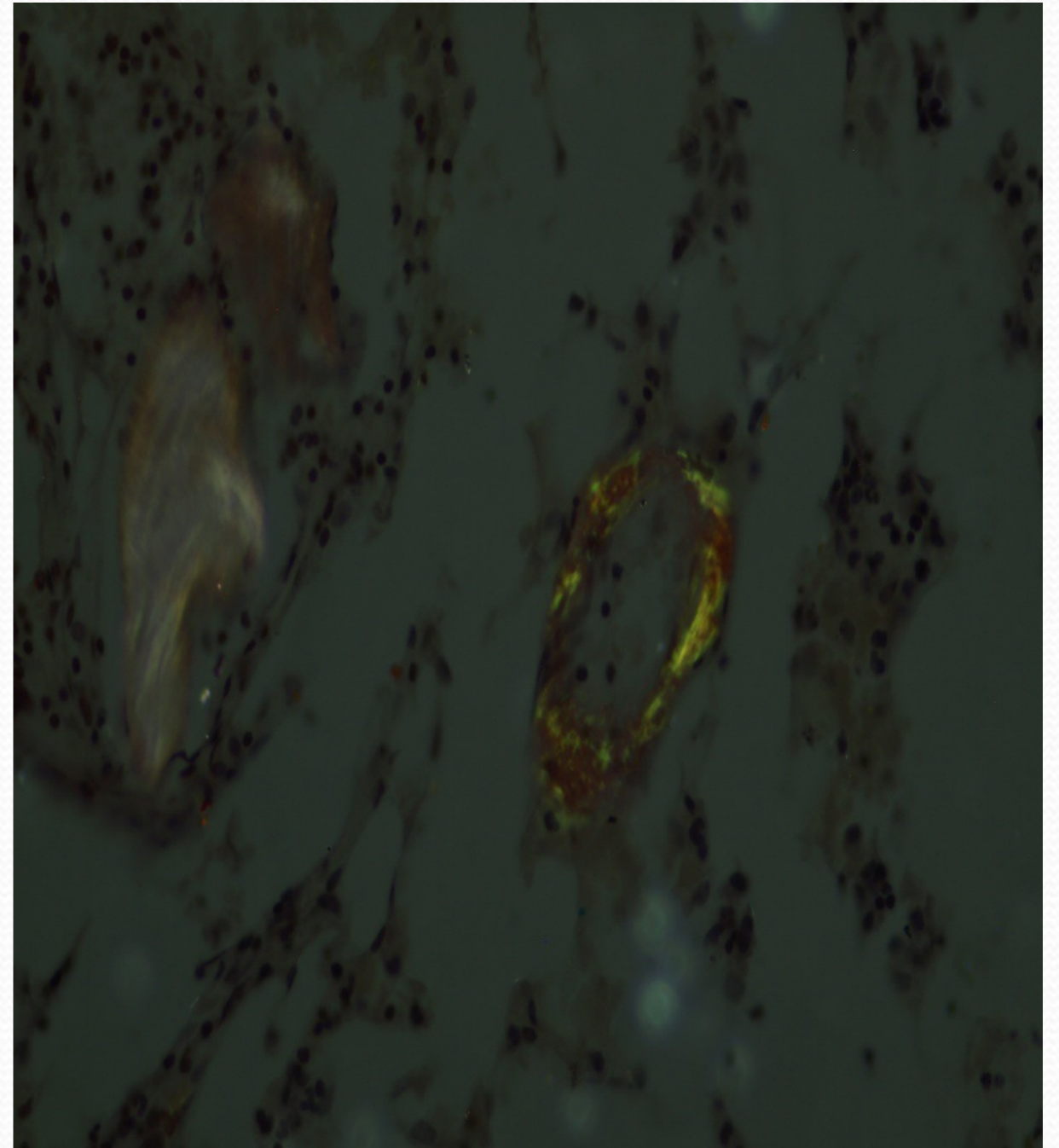
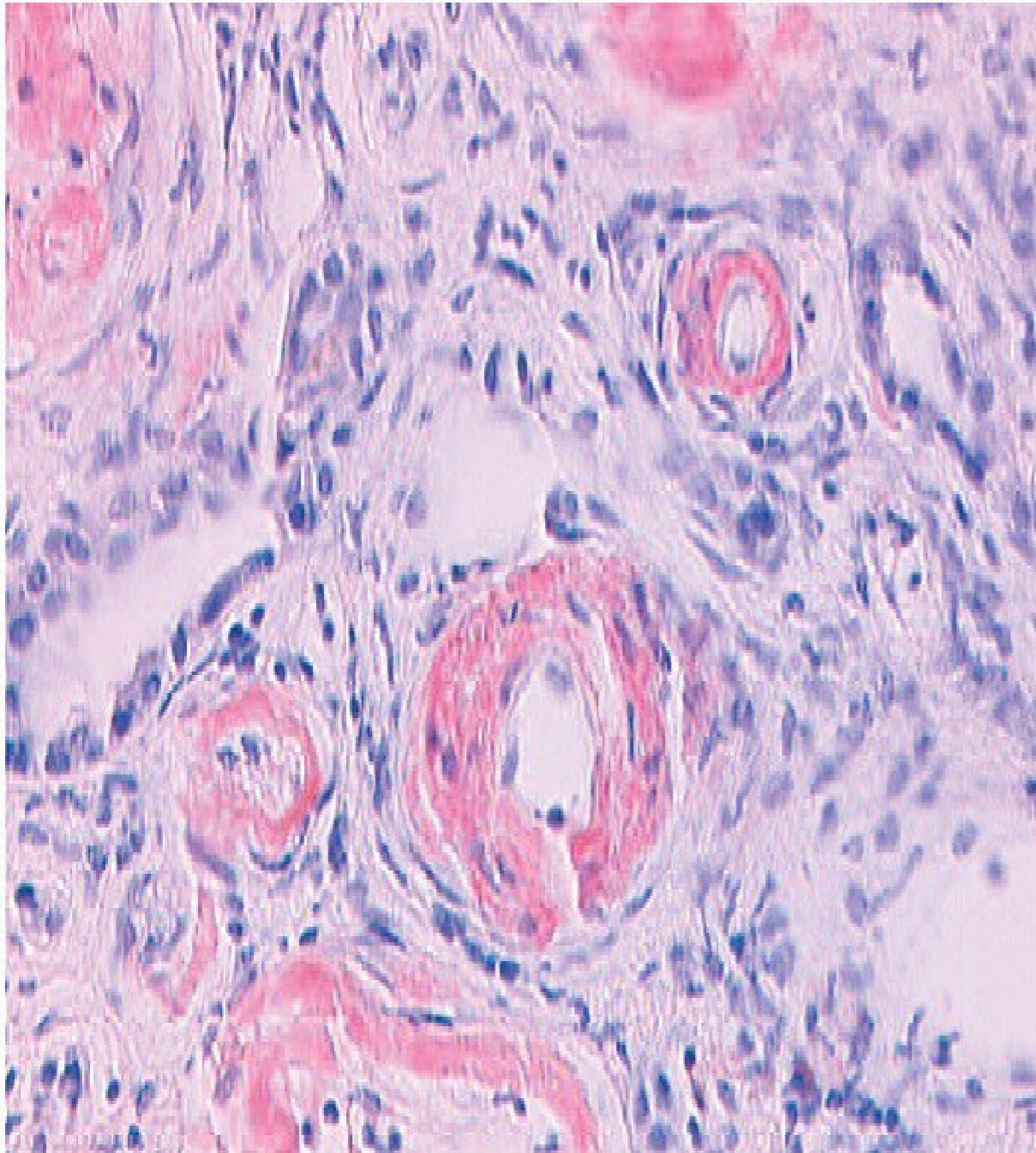
- Pale, asthenic patient, dehydrated, normal low BP- 10<sup>0</sup>%-25<sup>0</sup>%, Normal weight and height for age
- RIF surgical scar, LL edema +2
- Elevated WBC'S, PMN'S, and normal low Hct.
- Platelets initially normal then low normal.
- KFT, Liver enzymes: N, LDH elevated, ESR 40-50
- CRP: Negative/ Ca, K and Na : Low,
- ***Profoundly low albumin : ≤ 15-20, urine protein +3***
- ***Protein/creatinine : > 20***
- ***M694V homozygous FMF genotype***

# Laboratory & Imaging

- Normal heart by echocardiography
- U/S ;Enlarged echogenic both kidneys ,loss CM differentiation.
- CXR Normal
- *Markedly elevated TG and cholestrol*
- *TSH high, T<sub>4</sub> low*
- *SAA wasn't measured*



# Kidney Biopsy



# Working Diagnosis

- Reactive ( AA) Amyloidosis, complicating FMF, M694 V (+/+)
- Evidence of Renal, GI, Thyroid involvement
- Inadequately treated or Rx intolerance with colchicine, since 2 years
- Aggressive inflammation is running behind.

# Management / Discharge Plan

- Intravascular volume expansion with IV fluids, initially daily Albumin infusion then 2-3 times/wk
- Colchicine 2 mg/day PO divided
- IV solumedrol 2 mg /kg , then PO pred tapering dose
- Azathioprine 2.5 mg/kg
- L-thyroxine 50 mic/day
- Captopril 1 mg/kg, spironolactone 2 mg/kg
- ***Feb, 23, 2013***

*Discharged in relatively acceptable condition , no marked edema, urine protein +2, albumin of 2.2*

# 1 Week later/February,28,2013

- **Re admitted**, frequent emesis, diarrhea, BP 80/45 (<5 %), pale, cold edematous extremities, (Intravascular depletion state) and Ascitis.
- Hemoconcentration ( Hb 12.5), High WBC'S , PMN and platelets
- Albumin 0.9, urine +4 albumin, N KFT and GFR of 198 ml/min ( age N 80-170). Hypokalemia( k=2.2).

Evidence of intense inflammation; 3/3/2013

**SAA was 209 mg/L**

# What is next ?

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## **Amylodosis case**

March 1, 2013, 10:36 AM

Dear colleagues:

I would like to share you with the challenge managing a 6 years old girl , referred to our facility couple of months ago, with :

1. Oedema, high grade proteinuria/albuminuria( nephrotic range) and kidney Bx consistent with AA amyloidosis.
2. She has clinical background of recurrent abdominal pain and strongly positive FHx of FMF and homozygous M694V mutation, for which she was on colchicine over the last year or two , but suboptimal dose and sometimes without complete adherence.
3. Patient had also protracted chronic diarrhea for around 2-3 months/year in the last 2 years that get worse with colchicine, but showing normal growth indices and chronic anemia, GI Bx wasn't done so far
4. She has also intermittent fever, apathy, anorexia and nervousness
5. Her kidney function is normal, inflammatory markers are modestly elevated, thyroid function is depressed.
6. Patient persisted to have diarrhea and recurrent vomiting so that we couldn't go up to optimal colchicine dose, and her GI disturbance is constantly troublesome.

Besides supportive Rx , repeated albumin infusions, fluid and electrolytes corrections , colchicine oral divided to reach 1mg/day now , l-thyroxine replacement, steroids reducing course after 2mg/kg /day for two weeks, antibiotics to decontaminate the gut, we added azathioprine since 2 weeks and patient is still having refractory GI disease profoundly hypoalbuminemic and oedematous with high grade prteinuria

We are planning to add biological treatment, Anakinra or Infliximab, have any one tried that?  
We want to tap your collective wisdom and experience in the best next option for this girl?  
Does any one has a similar experience and what is your preferred choice?  
Your input is highly needed and appreciated

Regards

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# “One of the youngest patients, I have ever heard to develop amyloidosis “

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Dear Zeyad

Pat Woo forwarded me your email about this unfortunate young girl with AA amyloidosis complicating FMF. I would strongly support her receiving anakinra ~2mg/kg/day. We have documented a number of excellent responses to anakinra in patients with FMF who cannot be controlled by colchicine alone.

Do you have access to measuring the plasma SAA concentration? There may be a window of opportunity to save her kidney function if her inflammatory disease can be completely suppressed with urgency. We would recommend measurement of her SAA 2 weekly during the first 2 months of anakinra therapy, and then monthly thereafter.

If you cannot get the SAA measured locally, we'd be happy to do this for you in our lab, requiring one ml of serum that can be transported at room temperature over 2-3 days. CRP measurements are a reasonable surrogate in this situation, but it is vital to measure SAA as well, at least initially.

Kind regards

Philip Hawkins

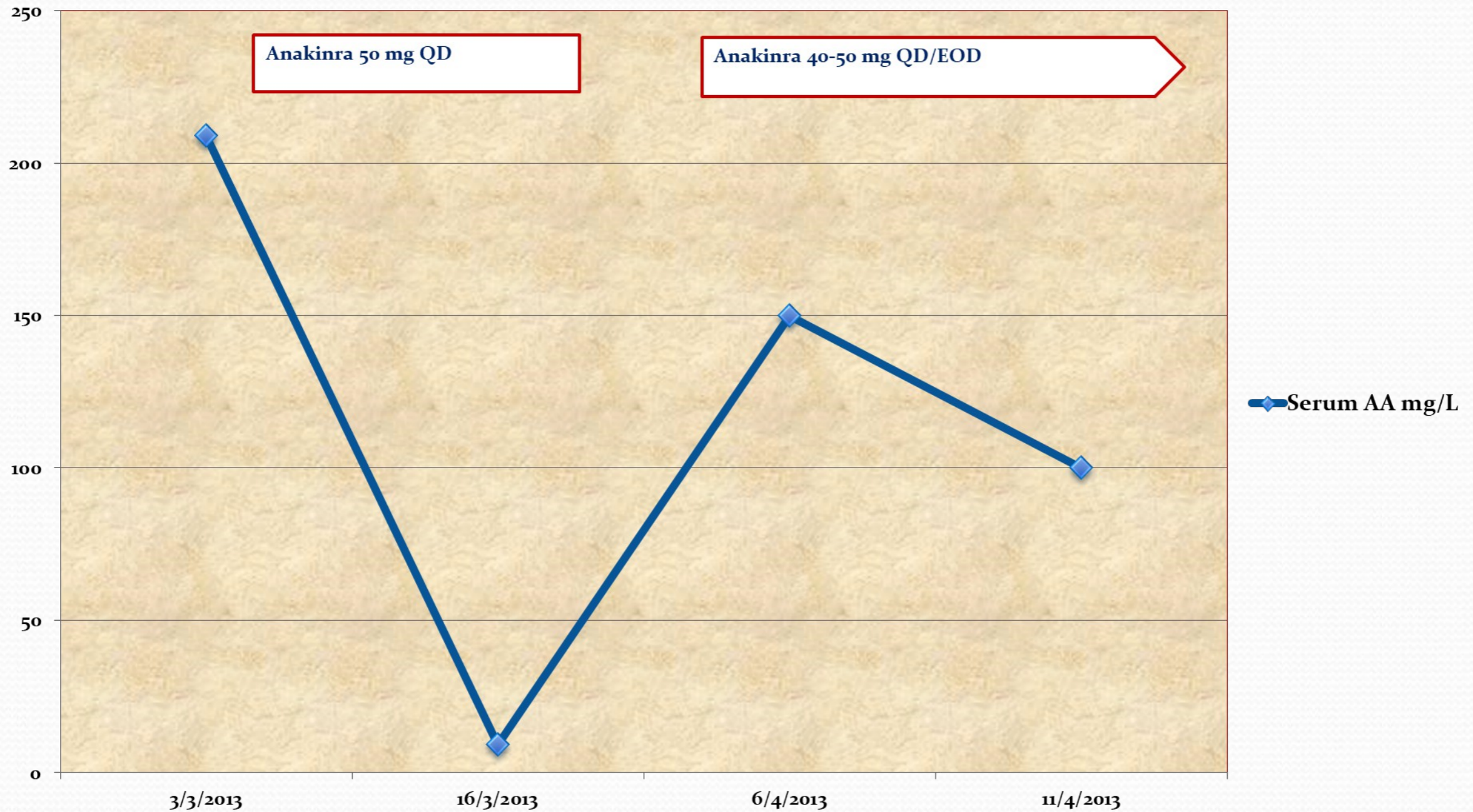
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# Anakinra successfully suppress inflammation



# ≥2 Major or 1 major and 2 minor

**Table 1.** Tel-Hashomer diagnosis criteria

Major criteria	Minor criteria
Recurrent febrile episodes with serositis (peritonitis, synovitis or pleuritis)	Recurrent febrile episodes
Amyloidosis of AA type without a predisposing disease	Erysipelas-like erythema
Favorable response to regular colchicine treatment	FMF in a first-degree relative



# FMMF Diagnosis/Livneh criteria

- $\geq 1$  major criteria, or  $\geq 2$  minor criteria, or  $\geq 1$  minor criterion plus  $\geq 5$  supportive criteria,.
- Typical attacks are defined as recurrent ( $\geq 3$  of the same type), febrile (rectal temperature of  $38^{\circ}\text{C}$  or higher, and short (lasting between 12 hours and 3 days)
- Incomplete attacks :
  - 1) Temperature
  - 2) Duration
  - 3) no signs of peritonitis
  - 4) localized
  - 5) The arthritis

**Table 2A.** Livneh criteria set for the diagnosis of familial Mediterranean fever\*

<b>Major criteria</b>	<b>Supportive criteria</b>
<p><i>Typical attacks of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peritonitis (generalized)</li><li>2. Pleuritis (unilateral) or pericarditis</li><li>3. Monoarthritis (hip, knee, ankle)</li><li>4. Fever alone</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Family history of FMF</li><li>2. Appropriate ethnic origin</li><li>3. Age <math>\leq 20</math> years at disease onset</li><li>4-7. <i>Features of attacks</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Severe, requiring bed rest</li><li>5. Spontaneous remission</li><li>6. Symptom-free interval</li><li>7. Transient inflammatory response, with one or more test result(s) for white blood cell count, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, serum amyloid A, and/or fibrinogen</li></ol></li><li>8. Episodic proteinuria/hematuria</li><li>9. Unproductive laparotomy or removal of white appendix</li><li>10. Consanguinity of parents</li></ol>
<p><b>Minor criteria</b></p> <p><i>1-3. Incomplete attacks involving 1 or more of the following sites:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Abdomen</li><li>2. Chest</li><li>3. Joint</li></ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Exertional leg pain</li><li>5. Favorable response to colchicine</li></ol>	

# Anti IL1 indications in FMF

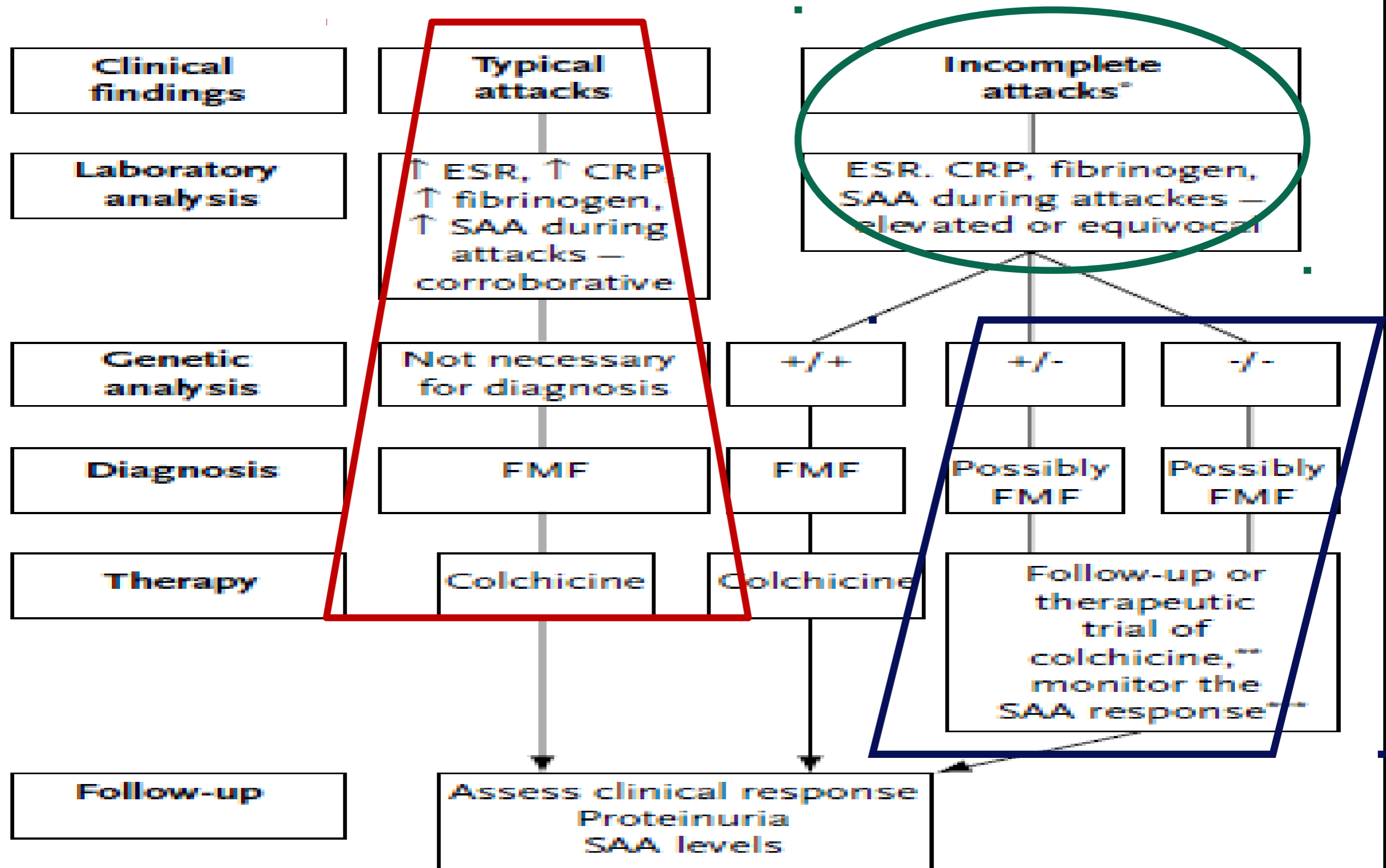
**Despite adequate and optimal colchicine**

- Incomplete control of disease activity .
- Failure to suppress SAA
- FMF associated Vasculitis
- Severe side effects or intolerance to colchicine
- Amylodosis

**Interleukin-1 Targeting Drugs in Familial Mediterranean  
Fever: A Case Series and a Review of the Literature**

Ulrich Meinzer, MD, PhD,\* Pierre Quartier, MD, PhD,†

**Figure 1. Diagnostic algorithm**



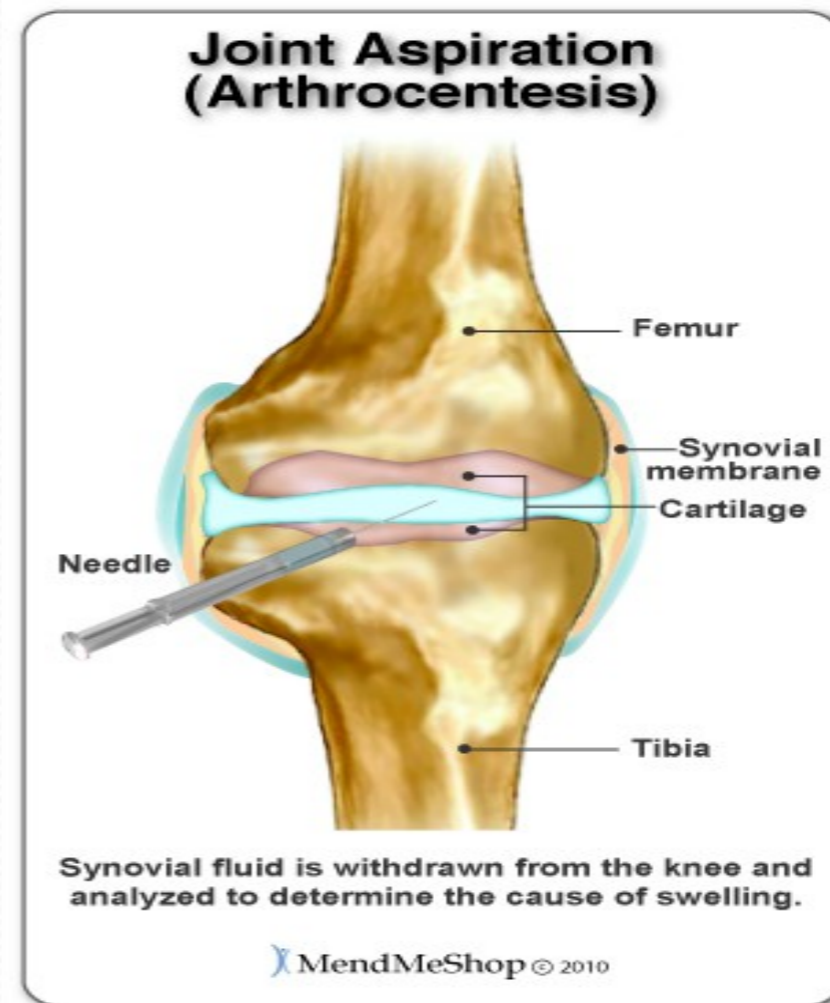
# Case 5

- An 8 years old girl presented to the ER with 2 days of left knee pain and fever; admitted to the pediatric ward; Pyrexia ,Lt knee arthritis.
- Ill looking, febrile , very tender , swollen joint
- Streptococcal tonsillitis one month ago.
- CBC was normal, the ESR was 90 mm/hr and the ASLO was 800 IU/mL.

What is the diagnosis

? What to do next? What is your treatment

# WBC'S 50,000/PMN'S 70 %



# Case 5/ 3<sup>rd</sup> in hospital

- Left Knee arthritis disappeared
- Right hip started to show LOM
- US showed effusion in the hip
- Echocardiography is normal
- So fleeting or migratory arthritis +  
Fever, and GAS infection evidence

## Case 5 summary: RF

- ✓ Fever and monoarthritis, aspirate joint and treat as septic knee
- ✓ Once arthritis became fleeting, with serological dx of GAS
  - then she is fulfilling Jones criteria (One major and 2 minor)
- ✓ The girl should start long-term secondary antibiotic prophylaxis.



# Revised Jones Criteria 2015

## A. For all patient populations with evidence of preceding GAS infection

Diagnosis: initial ARF

2 Major manifestations or 1 major plus 2 minor manifestations

Diagnosis: recurrent ARF

2 Major or 1 major and 2 minor or 3 minor

## B. Major criteria

### Low-risk populations\*

Carditis†

- Clinical and/or subclinical

Arthritis

- Polyarthritits only

Chorea

Erythema marginatum

Subcutaneous nodules

### Moderate- and high-risk populations

Carditis

- Clinical and/or subclinical

Arthritis

- Monoarthritis or polyarthritits
- Polyarthralgia‡

Chorea

Erythema marginatum

Subcutaneous nodules

## C. Minor criteria

### Low-risk populations\*

Polyarthralgia

Fever ( $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

ESR  $\geq 60$  mm in the first hour and/or CRP  $\geq 3.0$  mg/dL§

Prolonged PR interval, after accounting for age variability (unless carditis is a major criterion)

### Moderate- and high-risk populations

Monoarthralgia

Fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

ESR  $\geq 30$  mm/h and/or CRP  $\geq 3.0$  mg/dL§

Prolonged PR interval, after accounting for age variability (unless carditis is a major criterion)

**Thank  
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