Biomarkers in Prodromal Parkinson's disease

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Marker	Level of evidence ^a	Sensitivity	Specificity
Olfaction	High (population-based studies, ³⁸ prospective studies ²⁹)	High (>80% of early PD)	Low (up to one-third of elderly population has olfactory loss)
REM sleep behavior disorder	High (3 cohort studies ⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰)	Low (50% of PD patients have RBD, one-half of these precede disease)	High (up to 65% risk of disease at 10 years)
Autonomic symptoms	High for constipation, ^{77,78} low/ moderate for other symptoms	Moderate-high (most early PD patients have symptoms)	Low (one-third of general population has symptoms)
Cardiac autonomic markers (RR variability, MIBG scintigraphy	Low (no prospective studies, one negative RBD study)	Unknown for RR variability; high for MIBG (most PD patients are abnormal)	Unknown
Depression	Moderate (case-control studies, conflicting cohort studies)	Low (30%-40% of PD patients have depression)	Low (one-third of general population has)
Visual abnormalities: saccadic abnormalities; retinography; optical coherence tomography; color vision	Moderate for color vision (prospective RBD study ²⁹), low for others	Unknown—most PD patients have abnormalities—unclear if present early in PD	Unknown
Cognitive impairment	Low	Unknown—subtle cognitive changes difficult to detect	Unknown—subtle cognitive changes may be nonspecific

TABLE 1. Summary of Clinical Markers of Premotor PD

Research aims: To solve the puzzle



Identifying populations at risk



Imaging- Structural

- MRI- "Swallow Tail Sign"
- Lost in 92% of PD
- 1/35 controls
- 10/13 RBD



DeMarzi, Ann Neurol, 2016

G2019S mutation carriers use the brain differently to solve motor imagery problems



NMNC - 18

Van Neunen et al. Brain 2013

FMRI Resting State functional connectivity



NMNC - 32

Quantification of DaT uptake using VBM analysis







p<0.05; Corrected for multiple comparison



C = First-degree relatives, carriers NC = First-degree relatives, non carriers





Artzi et al. PLOS 2017

Non Carriers > carriers



Alpha- synuclein

- Submandibular salivary gland
 - 8/9 idiopathic RBD had positive biopsy
- Skin biopsy
 - 20/25 (80%) early PD were positive
 - 10/18 (56%) iRBD



Doppler, et al, Acta Neuropath, 2017



Vilas, Lancet Neurol. 2016

Substansia Nigra hyperechogenicity



Liepelt-Scarfone et al 2015 ; Yilmaz et al 2016

PD

Subtle motor measures in the prodromal stage



Impaired motor measures in carriers of the G2019S-LRRK2 mutation



Non manifesting non-carriers (NMNC) =64 Non manifesting carriers (NMC) = 122

Mirelman et al. Movement Disorders 2016

Stride time variability under challenging conditions



Mirelman et al., Movement Disorders 2016

REVIEW



MDS Research Criteria for Prodromal Parkinson's Disease

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What about Genetic risk cohorts?

<u>Risk markers</u>

- Male sex
- Regular pesticide exposure
- Occupational solvent exposure
- Nonuse of caffeine
- Smoking
- First-degree relative with PD
- Known gene mutation
- SN hyperechogenicity

Prodromal markers

PSG-proven RBD or Positive RBDQ

Dopaminergic PET/SPECT

Possible sub threshold parkinsonism (UPDRS >3 exc. tremor)

Olfactory loss

Constipation

Excessive daytime somnolence

Symptomatic hypotension

Severe erectile dysfunction

Urinary dysfunction

Depression



Phenoconversion

- 10 / 231 participants were diagnosed with incident PD during follow- up (4 after 3 years and another 6 after 5 years).
- 6 were children of patients with PD and 4 were siblings of patients.
- All 10 phenoconvertors were carriers of the G2019S-*LRRK2* mutation
- 8 out of these 10 subjects had reached the 80%

Change over time



Mirelman et al Movement Disorders 2018

Free-living Measures from Wearables



Stride regularity a potential marker of disease



Summary and take home message



Differences on a group level can be found in many clinical and motor measures



Differences are more pronounced when subjects are challenged, unmasking compensatory function



Need to investigate specific thresholds with the highest predictive validity



Explore the comparability of studies in specific populations to iPD



Thank you for your attention

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