



# Differential diagnosis of jerky movement disorders.

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# What are jerky movements?

Medline plus

Jerky movement is a condition in which a person makes fast movements that they cannot control and that have no purpose. These movements interrupt the person's normal movement or posture.



So anything hyperkinetic!



## Why does Tourette's Syndrome (TS) represent the borderland between neurology and psychiatry?

1. the tics of TS are psychogenic in origin
2. the tics of TS have some "voluntary" but unwanted aspects
3. TS is accompanied by psychiatric co-morbidities
4. the tics in TS can not be discerned from functional or psychogenic movement disorders
5. all of the above answers are correct
6. b,c,d,e are correct
7. a, b,and c are correct
8. b and c are correct

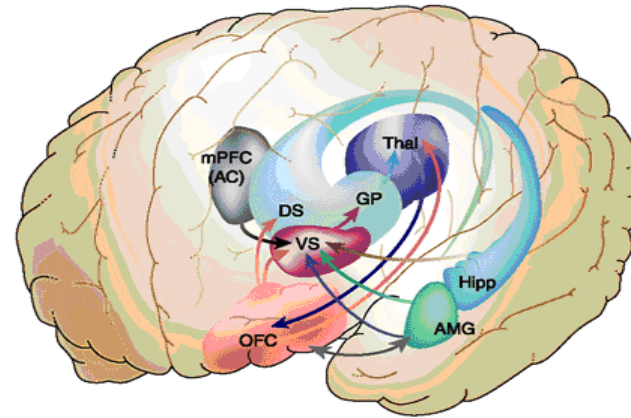




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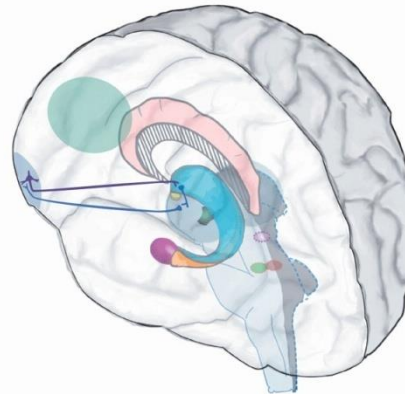
# Movement disorders as motion disorders

## Intrinsic relationship between motor-limbic emotional CSTC brain systems



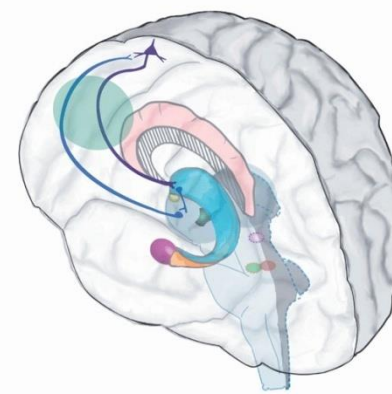
Hypothetical CSTC Loop for impulsivity/Compulsivity

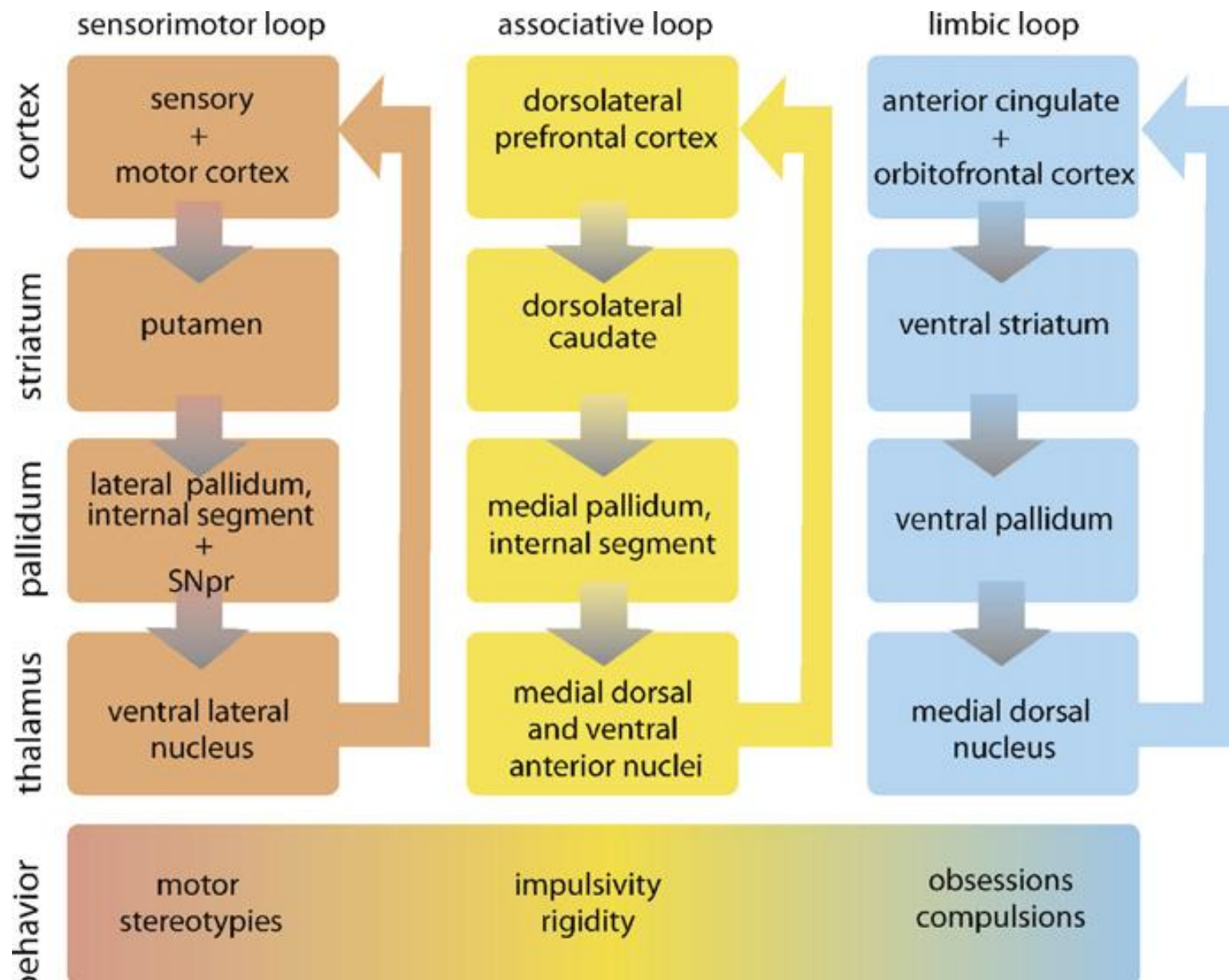
OFC → Bottom of Caudate → Thalamus → OFC



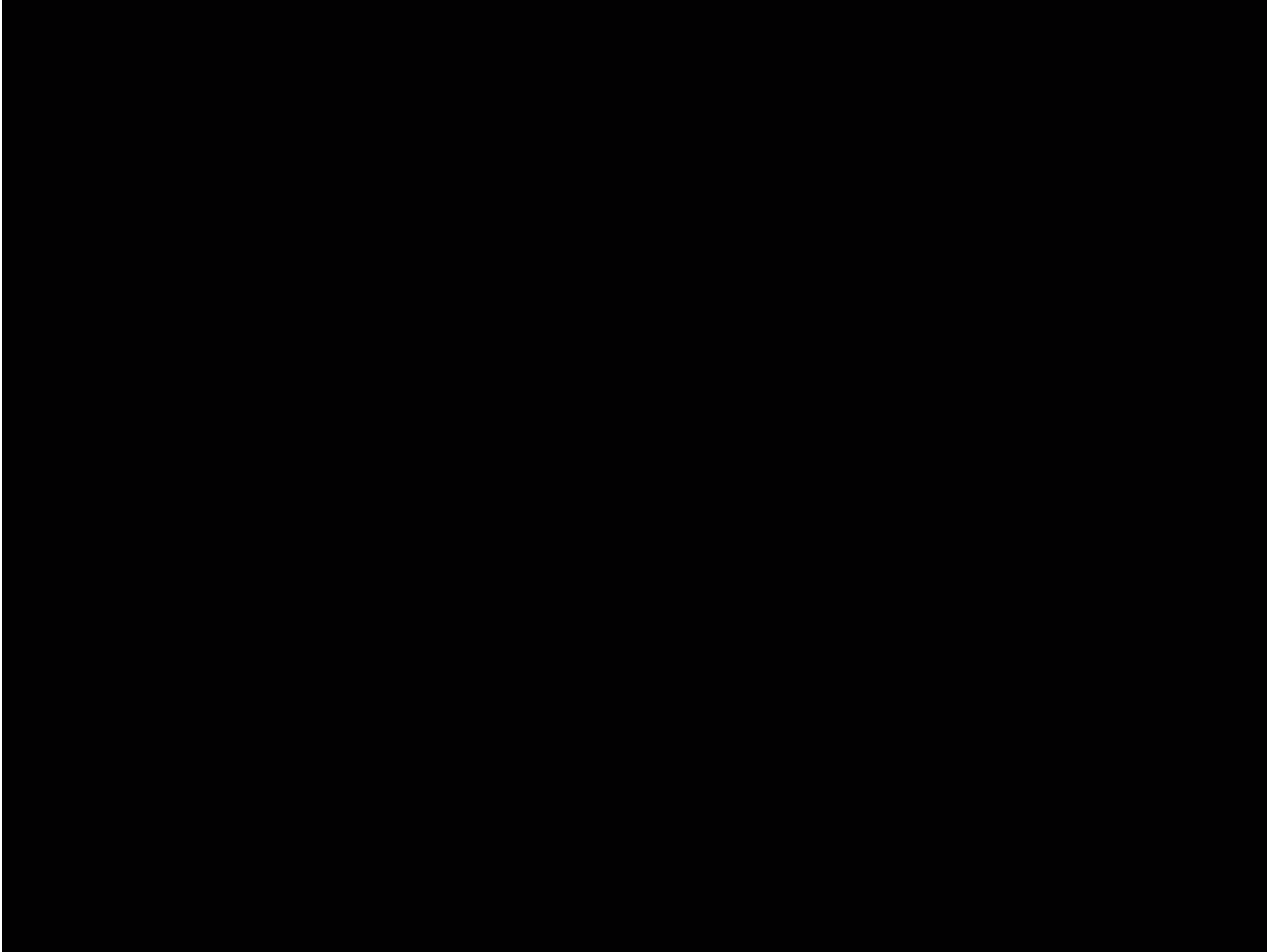
Hypothetical CSTC Loop for Motor Activity

Prefrontal Motor Cortex → Putamen (Lateral Striatum) → Thalamus → Cortex



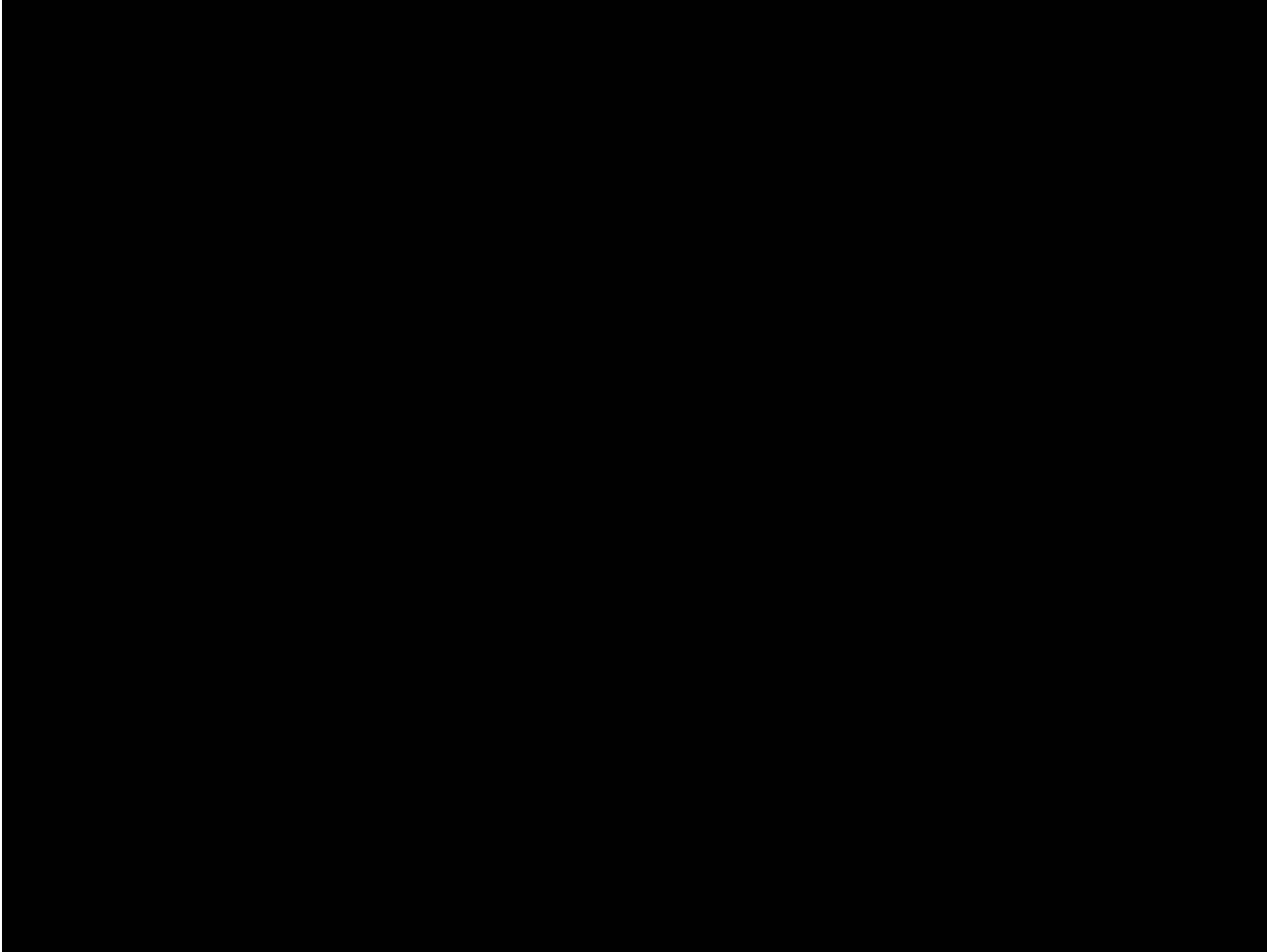


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# A cursing brain: The histories of Tourette's syndrome

Howard Kushner, 2000

La maladie des tics

“convulsive” tics:

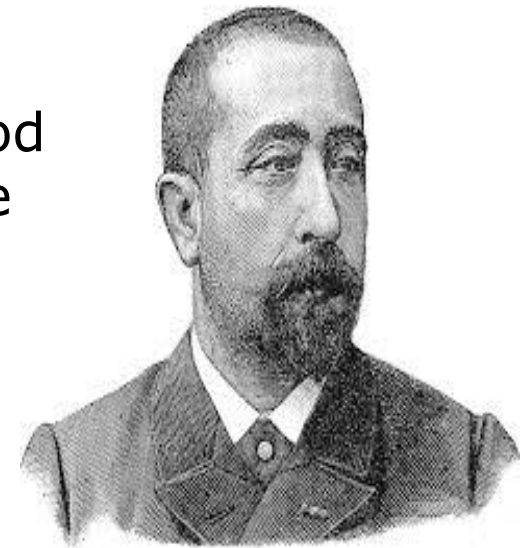
- Hereditary
- Developed in childhood
- Progressive in course
- Degenerative
- Chronic



Jean Itard, 1825

Archives generales de Medicine,  
case report

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Georges Gilles de la  
Tourette 1885



# 1885: Maladie des tics convulsives

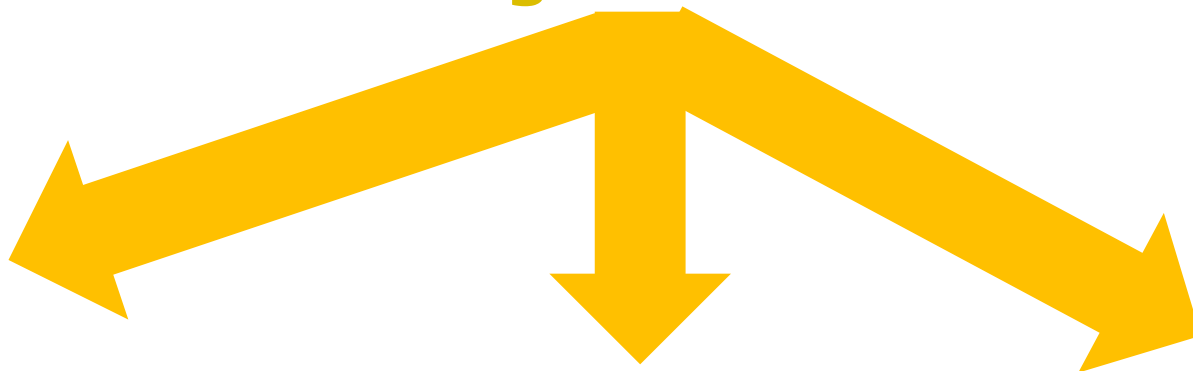
## Description of 9 case reports including the Marquise de Dampierre

délire de toucher  
délire de l'ordre  
folie du pourquoi,  
folie du doute  
onomatomania;  
arhythmomania

1. M, 24 yrs, CMT
2. M, 20 yrs, jumping when brushed, no vocal tics
3. M, 20 yrs, TS & coprolalia, jumping, remittent course
4. M, 11 yrs, CMT
5. M, 14 yrs, CMT+ self-injury due to tics
6. M, 15 yrs
7. M, 11 yrs, TS
8. M, 15, TS+coprolalia
9. **F, 84 yrs, The Marquise de D., TS**



# Differential diagnosis Tourette's disorder



Hysteria  
Psychogenic/ functional  
movement disorders

Myoclonus/  
dystonias

Choreas /  
rheumatic causes



# Differential diagnosis: symptom characteristics

## PM: all influenced by stress, fatigue!

	<b>Tic</b>	<b>Myoclonic Dystonic movement</b>	<b>Sydenhams Chorea movement</b>	<b>Psychogenic movement</b>
Characteristic	Brief, sudden	rapid jerky, alone or in combination with sustained contractions / postures	Jerky, brief	Tremor, tic, dystonia, myoclonus, gait disorder
Voluntariness	Unwanted, <b>not</b> in- voluntary	involuntary	involuntary	Variable; Sometimes not involuntary
Rhythm	Non-rhythmical	Rhythmical/ sustained	Non rhythmical	Often rhythmical
Localisation	Face, shoulder, follows homunculus	Central/ upper body parts body	Distal limbs	A-symmetric, localized
Suppressibility/ intentionality	Yes	No	No	No
Pre-monitory sensations	Yes	No	No	no
Natural course	Decrease with adolescence	Stable	Transitory	Unfavourable (40% worse)
Complexity, intensity	Variation	Variation	Variation	Variation

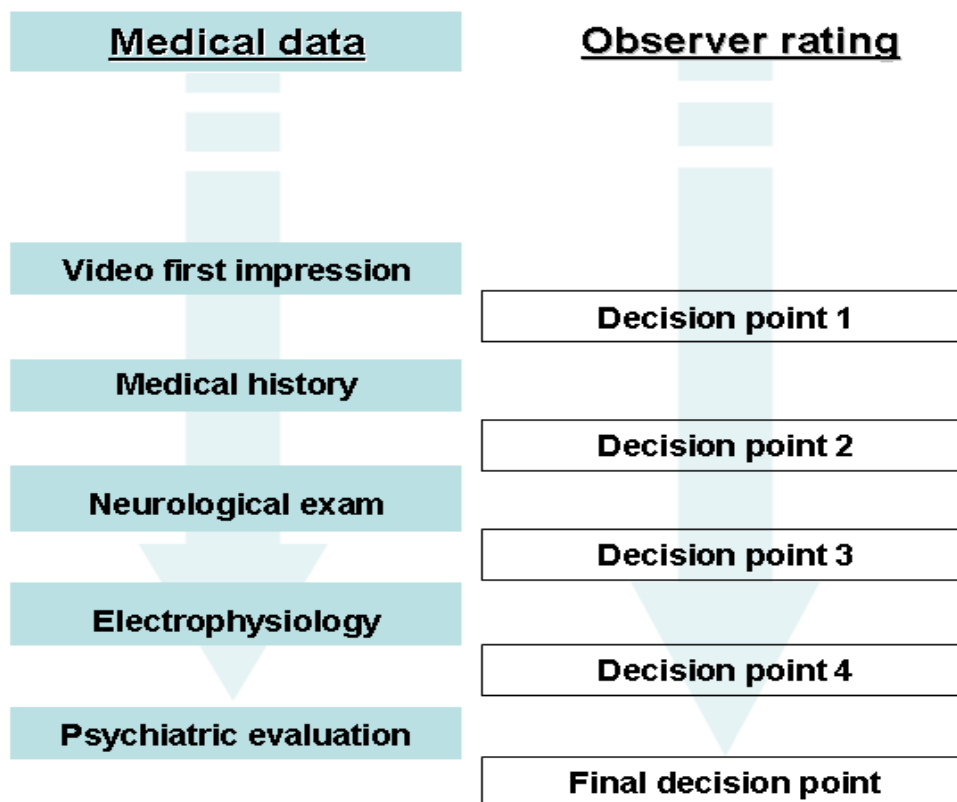
# Differential diagnosis: epidemiology

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Age at onset	4-6 years	Variable; 7-20 years	5-15 years***	Mostly adulthood
Male: female	2.5:1	Dystonia: depends on type of dystonia**, mostly 1: 1.9	Males < females	Males < females
Prevalence	1% TS lifetime 9% tics in children	2-50 cases per 1 milj.*	? Rare	? Frequent up to 3%
Course	75% < tic intensity after age 18	No epidemiol. Studies available	Benign, remission in 2-4 months	Unfavorable; 40% deteriorative
Familiarity	Yes, one third of patients	Autosomal dominant, maternal imprinting in DYT 11 mutation carriers	1 family study; familial involvement	?
Heritability	30%-45%	Genetically heterogeneous; DYT genes 100%	Yes, some****	?
Auto-immunity	Yes; but not unequivocal	no	Yes, clearly	No
Neuro-imaging findings	Yes; <asymmetry putamen volumes CSTC circuit dysbalance	Cerebellar hyperactivation, VL thalamus activation	Anti-basal ganglia antibodies CSF Basal ganglia, putamen neuronal loss	Motor system inhibition
Psychiatric co-	Yes; OCD, ADHD!	Yes, especially in SCGE	Yes, OCD!	Association with

# The eye of the beholder: Inter-rater agreement between experts on various movement disorders

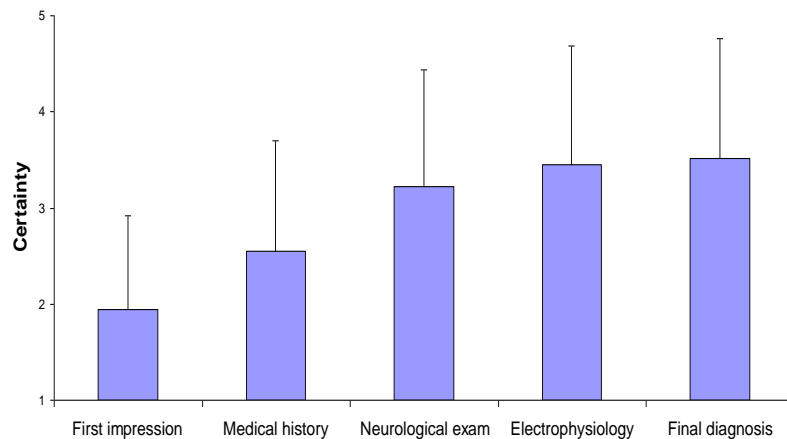
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**60 cases on video, rating in four steps by 39 experts (neurologists)**



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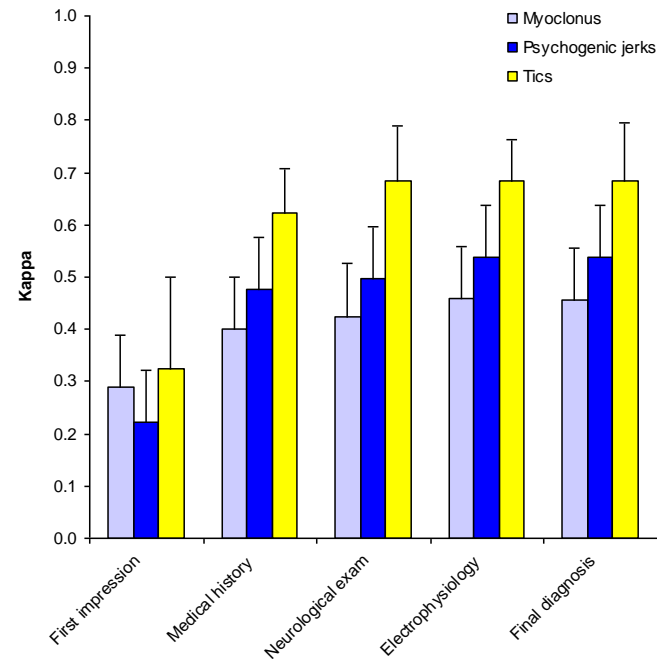
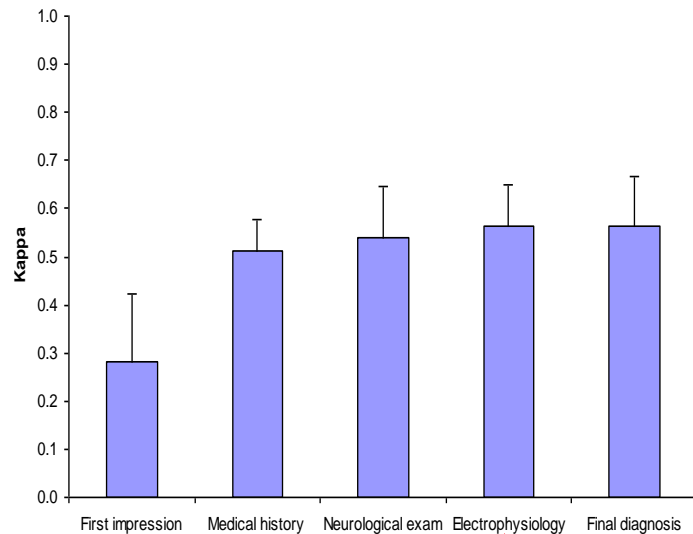


- Absolute agreement on final diagnosis: 20% of cases.
- Moderate agreement (>75%): 2/3 of cases.
- Interrater agreement after step 1: moderate ( $\kappa = 0.56$ )



# Inter-rater agreement between experts on tics, myoclonus and psychogenic movement disorders

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Readiness potential





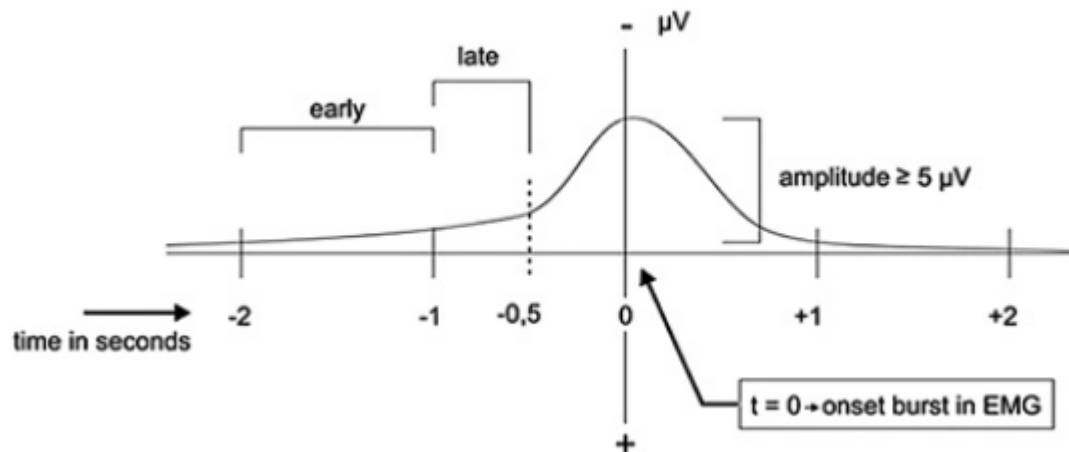
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Van der Salm et al., 2012

BP measurements prior to spontaneous jerks and voluntary wrist extension

**Table 1** Overview of clinical characteristics

	#	Age	Gender M:F	Disease duration
Psychogenic	29	52 (25–74)*	19:10	5 (0.5–40)
Tourette	14	34 (21–65)	12:2	22 (5–58)
Myoclonus	5	38 (24–59)	1:4*	18 (1–53)
Control subjects	25	46 (21–76)	16:9	–



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**Table 2** Overview of BP findings

	Total included	Spontaneous jerky movements			Intended wrist extension BP (%)	
		BP (%)	Onset BP	Early BP (%)		Late BP (%)
Psychogenic	29	25 (86)*	1195 * (700–2410)	22 (76)*	3 (10)	12 (41)*
Tourette	14	6 (43)	915 * (510–1700)	4 (29)	2 (14)	13 (93)
Myoclonus	5	0 (0)	*	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (100)
Control subjects	25	—	—	—	—	25 (100)*

The total number of participants and BPs is reported per condition (spontaneous jerks or intended wrist extension task) with the percentage between brackets. Median is reported (range) for onset of BP (msec).

\*Indicates significant differences.

BP, Bereitschaftspotential.

Bereitschaftspotential absence prior to intended movements: 0.59 sensitivity, 0.98 specificity in Psych movement diagnosis



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# Weissbach et al., 2013

## Review: Psychiatric comorbidity in Myoclonic dystonia

**Table 2**

Frequency of psychiatric symptoms in level 1 study, general population and own study.

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MAD	39%	23%	34%	0.043	15%–18%
Alcohol abuse	21%	19%	21%	0.724	9%
4 symptoms	2%	0%	1%	0.001	–
3 symptoms	2%	0%	1%		–
2 symptoms	27%	8%	21%		–
1 symptom	37%	35%	36%		–
Any symptom	71%	42%	62%		–

AD = anxiety disorders, MAD = major affective disorders, MC = manifesting mutation carriers; NMC = non-manifesting carrier; *p*-value for manifesting mutation carriers vs. non-manifesting mutation carriers of level 1 data.



# Psychiatric comorbidity in Persistent and remitted Sydenham (n=50)

*J. Moreira et al. / Parkinsonism and Related Disorders 20 (2014) 233–236*

	Total	Persistent SC	Remitted SC	p values
<b>No Current Psychiatric Diagnosis</b>	23 (46%)	7 (46.7%)	16 (45.7%)	0.63
<b>Any Current Psychiatric Disorder</b>	27 (54%)	8 (53.3%)	19 (54.3%)	0.63
Depressive Disorders	9 (18%)	5 (33.3%)	4 (11.4%)	0.03*
Major depression	7 (14%)	4 (26.7%)	3 (8.6%)	0.18
Dysthymia	2 (4%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.51
Bipolar Disorder	1 (2%)	1 (6.7%)	0	0.30
<b>Any Anxiety Disorder</b>	20 (40%)	5 (33.3%)	15 (42.9%)	0.53
Social phobia	12 (24%)	4 (26.7%)	8 (22.9%)	0.77
Simple phobia	6 (12%)	1 (6.7%)	5 (14.3%)	0.65
GAD	8 (16%)	3 (20%)	5 (14.3%)	0.68
Panic disorder	3 (6%)	1 (6.7%)	2 (5.7%)	1.00
OCD	12 (24%)	4 (26.7%)	8 (22.9%)	0.77
BDD	2 (4%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.51
Trichotillomania	1 (2%)	0	1 (2.9%)	1.0
Adjustment disorder	1 (2%)	0	1 (2.9%)	1.0
Psychosis	1 (2%)	1 (6.7%)	0	0.30
ADHD	4 (8%)	2 (13.3%)	2 (5.7%)	0.50
Alcoholism	2 (4%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (2.9%)	0.51
Nicotine dependence	6 (12%)	3 (20%)	3 (8.6%)	0.35
Illicit drug dependence	2 (4%)	2 (13.3%)	0	0.09



# Psychiatric comorbidities in tics

Cath et al., 2011

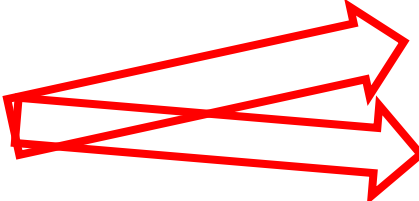
Reference	Co-morbid disorder	%
Freeman et al., 2007; CDC, 2009	ADHD	56%
Freeman et al., 2007	OCD/OCB	22%/33%
Freeman et al., 2007	Anger control problems	28%
Freeman et al., 2007	Sleep disorder	18%
Abwender et al., 1996; Erenberg et al. 1986	Learning problems (math, spelling, reading)	22%
Freeman et al., 2007	Mood disorder	17%
Freeman et al., 2007	Anxiety disorder	17%
Mathews et al., 2004; Freeman et al., 2007	Self injurious behavior	15%-60%
Burd et al., 2009; Cath et al., 2013	Autism spectrum disorder	5%- 12%



# So what does this relationship represent? Cause, consequence or pleiotropy?

Movement disorder  Anxiety/ OCD

Anxiety/OCD  Movement disorder

Shared underlying etiology  Anxiety/OCD  
Movement disorder

Family/ twin studies  
Longitudinal studies: what comes first?





REVIEW

# Relationship between movement disorders and obsessive—compulsive disorder: beyond the obsessive—compulsive—tic phenotype. A systematic review

Lieneke A Fibbe,<sup>1</sup> Danielle C Cath,<sup>2</sup> Odile A van den Heuvel,<sup>1,3</sup>  
Dick J Veltman,<sup>1</sup> Marina A J Tijssen,<sup>4</sup> Anton J L M van Balkom<sup>1</sup>

*J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 2012;**83**:646–654. doi:10.1136/jnnp-2011-301752

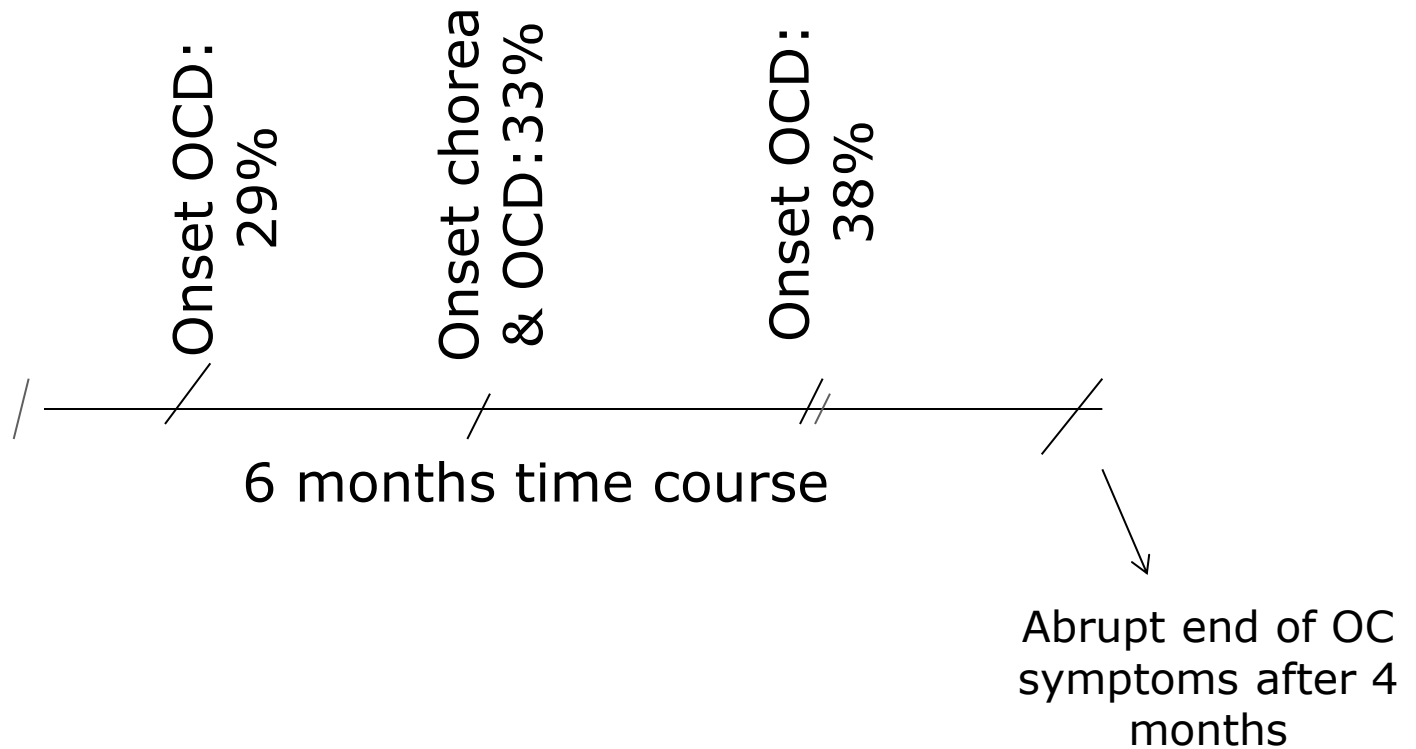
Case control studies  
Family studies  
Prospective studies



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Asbahr 1998: N=50  
Sydenham chorea



# Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum Disorders and Rheumatic Fever: A Family Study

Ana Gabriela Hounie, David L. Pauls, Maria Conceição do Rosario-Campos, Marcos Tomanik Mercadante, Juliana Belo Diniz, Maria Alice De Mathis, Maria Eugênia De Mathis, Priscila Chacon, Roseli Gedanke Shavitt, Mariana Curi, Luiza Guilherme, and Eurípedes Constantino Miguel

Biological Psychiatry 2007

**Table 6.** Morbid Risks for Individual Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum Disorders in Relatives of RF and Control Probands According to the Presence of an Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum Disorder in the Proband

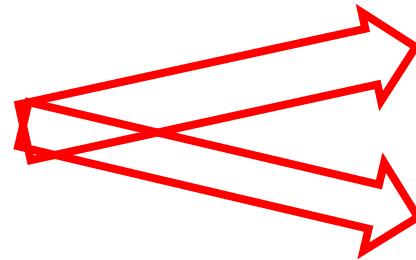
	FDR of RF+OCSD (n=44)		FDR of RF-OCSD (n=207)		Controls -OCSD (n=130)		p
		%		%		%	
OCD	0	0%	6	2.9%	0	0%	.10 (F)
Subclinical OCD	2	4.5%	9	4.3%	6	4.6%	.99 ( $\chi^2$ ) <sup>a</sup>
OCD+subcOCD	2	4.5%	15	7.2%	6	4.6%	.55 ( $\chi^2$ ) <sup>b</sup>
TS	1	2.3%	1	.5%	1	.8%	.35 (F)
CTD	2	4.5%	8	3.9%	1	.8%	.14 (F) <sup>c</sup>
TTD	2	4.5%	2	1%	1	.8%	.15 (F)
TS+CTD	3	6.8%	9	4.3%	2	1.5%	.16
TS+TCD+TTD	5 a	11.4%	11	5.3%	3 b	2.3%	.055 ( $\chi^2$ ) <sup>d</sup>
BDD	4/32 a	12.5%	5/156 b	3.2%	1/92 c	1.1%	.019 (F) <sup>e</sup>

OCSD, obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorder (includes OCD, tic disorders and BDD); FDR, first-degree relatives; RF, rheumatic fever; OCD, obsessive-compulsive disorder; TS, Tourette syndrome; CTD, Chronic tic disorder; TTD, transient tic disorder; BDD, body dysmorphic disorder;  $\chi^2$ , chi-square test; F, Fisher test.



# Sydenhams chorea: pleiotropy most likely

Shared underlying  
etiology



Anxiety/OCD

Sydenhams chorea

Family/ twin studies

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Weissbach et al., 2013; Foncke et al., 2008

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In M-D, OC & anxiety symptoms perfectly co-segregate with manifesting symptoms



# Myoclonus dystonia: Cause, consequence or pleiotropy?

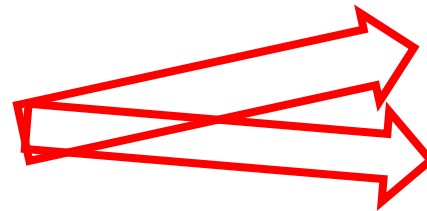
M-D



Anxiety/ OCD

Shared underlying etiology cannot be ruled out due to Maternal imprinting: multigenerational family study needed

Shared underlying  
etiology



Anxiety/OCD

M-D

# The complex relationship between tics and OCD

## • GTS/ tics:

- 1:1000/ 5%
- Male:female = 2:1
- 20-60% OCD
- Up to 25% GTS,CT, OCD in first degree relatives
- Age at onset: 5-7 yrs

## • OCD

- 2-3%
- Male: female= 1: 1.5
- 15-25% tics
- Up to 10% tics in first degree relatives; OR= 5
- age at onset: bimodal (age 7-8 and age 14)



# Family studies: Risk of tics, OCD or ADHD in relatives of GTS patients

Pauls et al. 1993; Stewart et al. 2006, O'Rourke 2009

Diagnosis	Relatives: Men	Relatives Women	Total
GTS proband			
<b>GTS</b>	15%	3.4%	8.7%
CT	21.5%	13.8%	17.3%
<b>OCD</b>	7.2%	15.2%	11.5%
<b>Total</b>	43.0%	31.8%	±37.5%

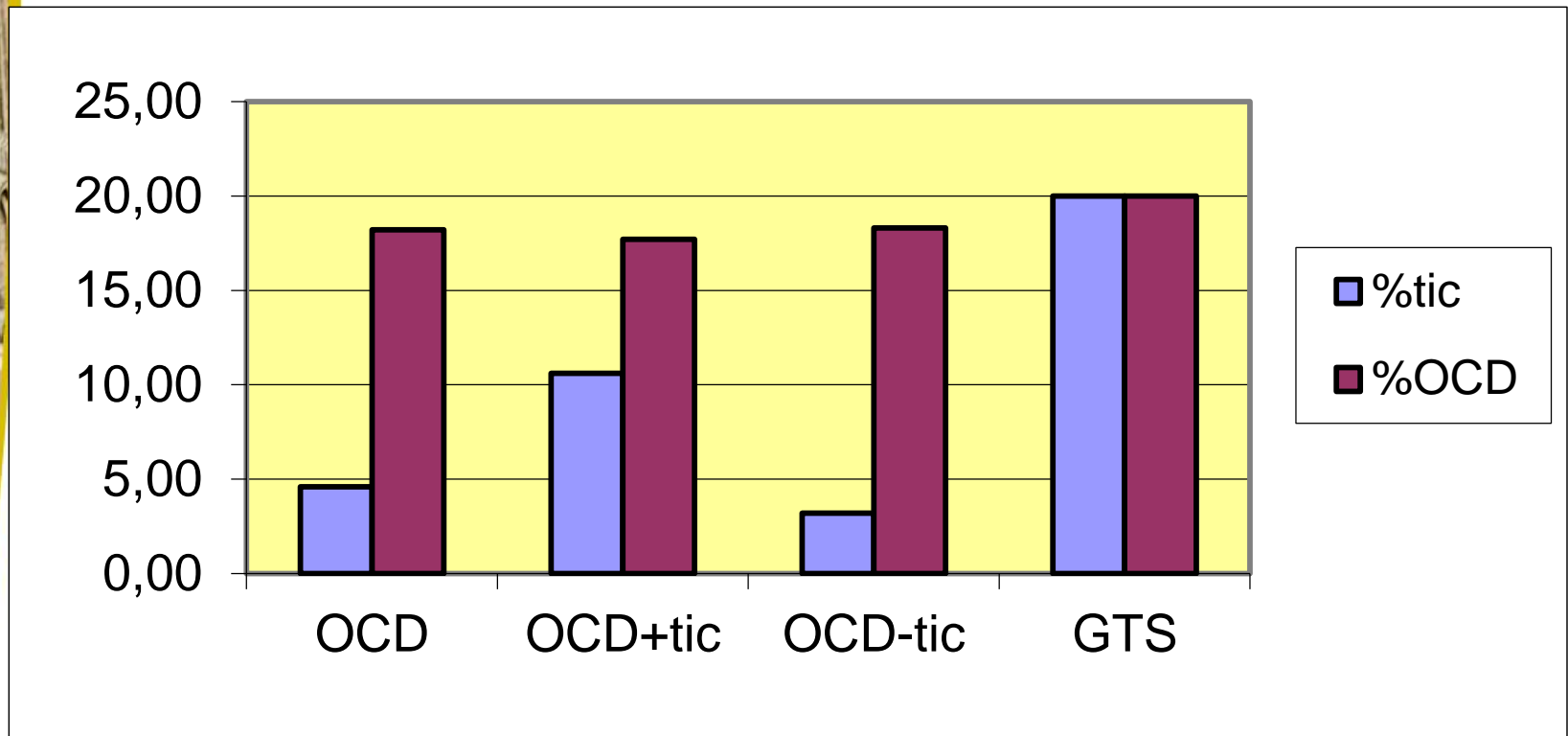


# Genetic relationship between GTS & OCD: family studies

## Tic-free versus tic-related OCD/ GTS

Pauls et al., 1995

n=100 probands, 466 relatives, 33 controls & 150 relatives



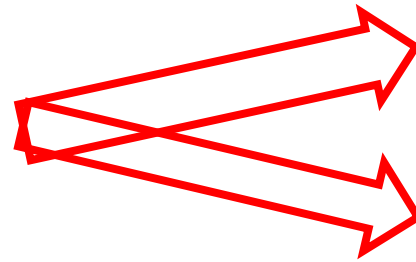
**% affected relatives of OCD & GTS patients**





# Relationship GTS and OCD: pleiotropy most likely *within* families

Shared underlying etiology



OCD

Tics

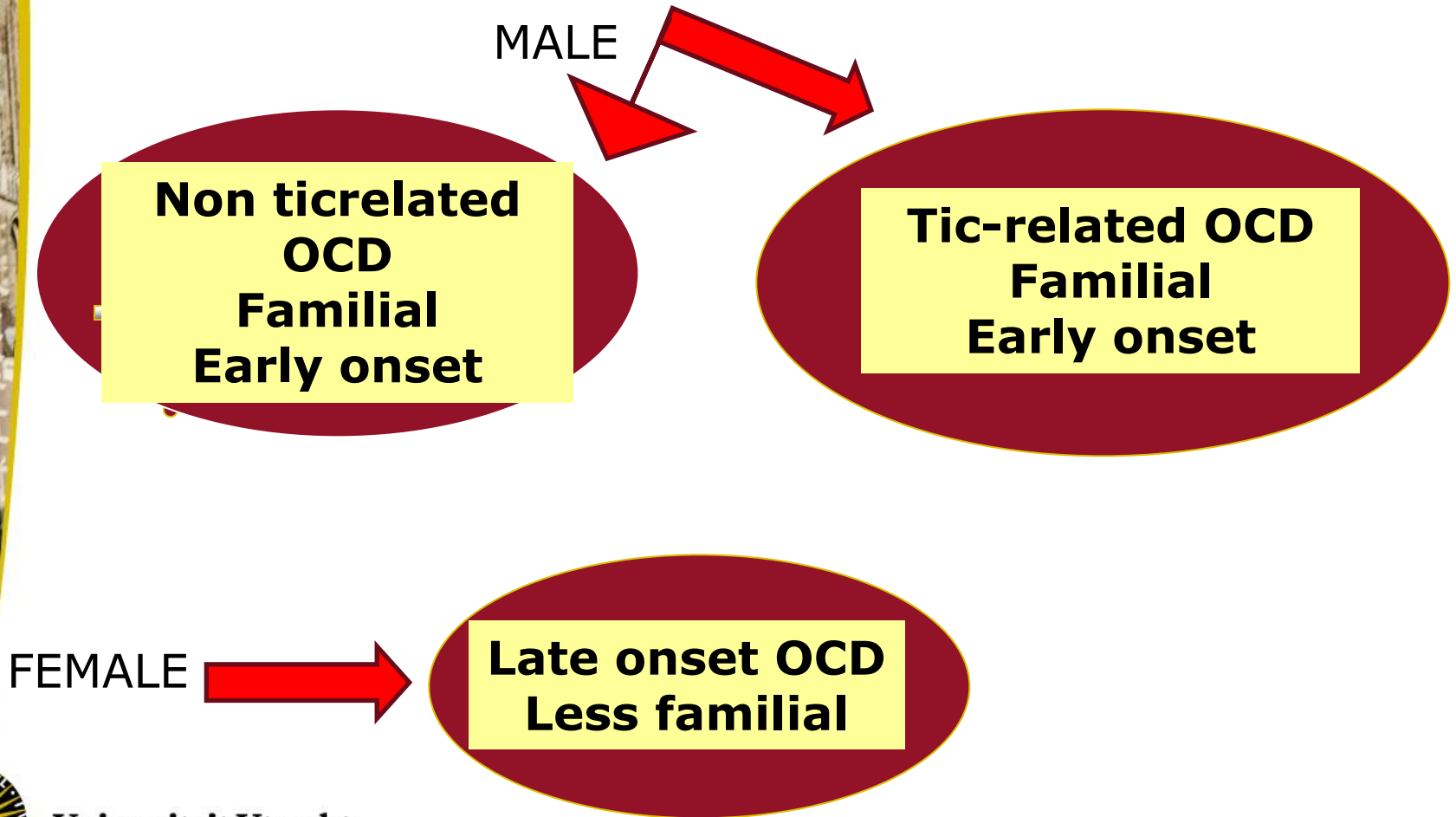
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# Summary of OCD family studies

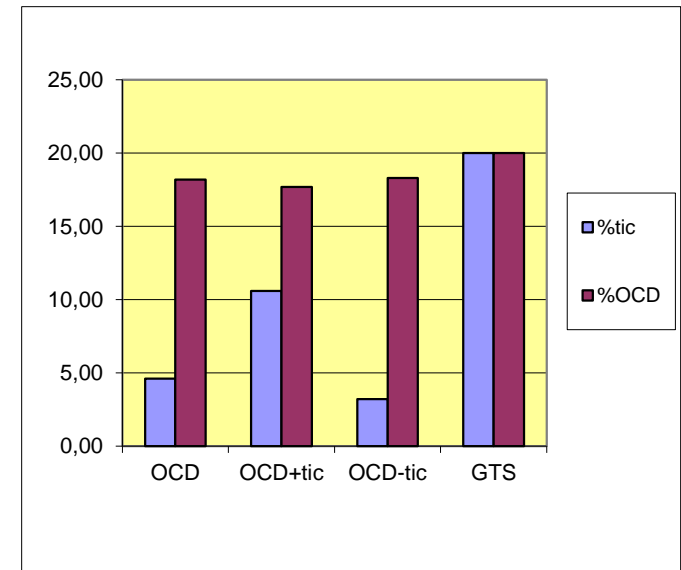
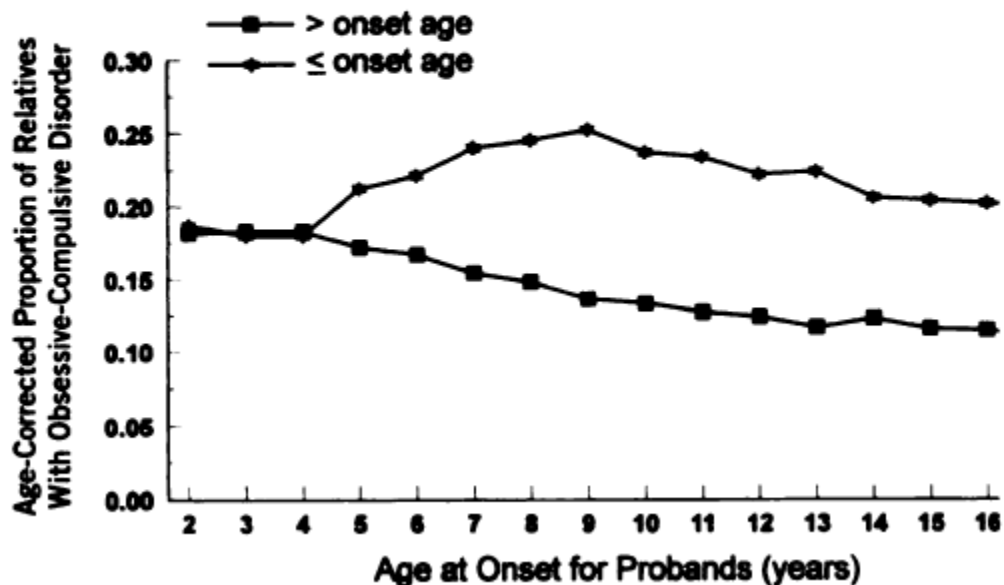
Pauls et al. 1995; Grados et al. 2001;

Lower age at onset OCD ↓ > OCD relatives  
> tic relatives



# More complex genetic relationship *within OCD families*

**FIGURE 2. Risk of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Among Relatives of 100 Proband With Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder at Ages Less Than or Equal to Proband's Ages at Onset and Ages Greater Than Proband's Ages at Onset**



In line with this notion: Lea Davis et al., 2013

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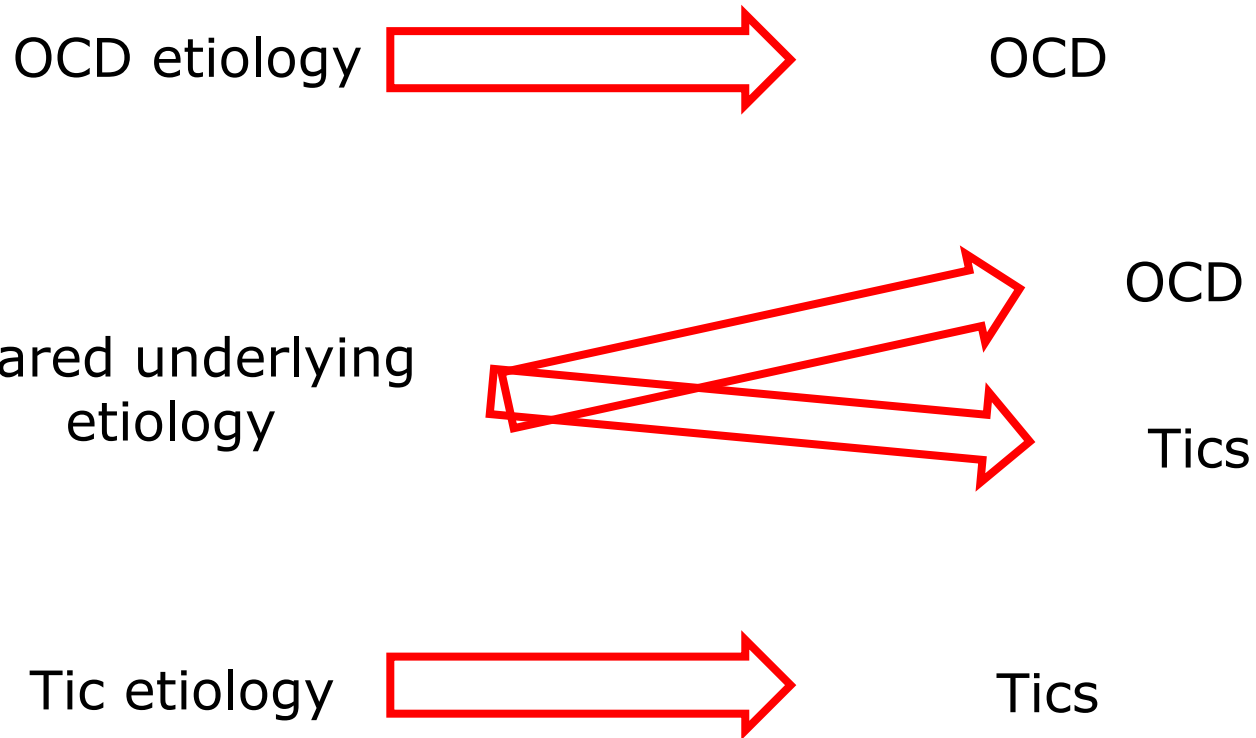
PLOS GENETICS

# Partitioning the Heritability of Tourette Syndrome and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Reveals Differences in Genetic Architecture

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# OCD and tics: complex genetic relationship



Family/ twin studies  
Longitudinal studies: what comes first?



## To conclude:

- Tics are easy to recognize, the hardship is in the co-morbidities
- Differential diagnosis with other hyperkinetic movement disorders AND with psychogenic tics (use BP?)
- All hyperkinetic movement disorders have some intrinsic relation with anxiety disorders and OCD
- Relationship with OCD is straight forward within TS families, Complex within OCD families
  
- Working in Hyperkinetic movement disorders means; working together between neurologists and psychiatrists!



# Tourette's Syndrome has first been described by:

1. George Gilles de la Tourette
2. Jean Martin Charcot
3. Jean Marc Gaspard Itard
4. Pierre Janet
5. Sigmund Freud





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# The most important characteristics of a tic are:

1. a-rhythmical character
2. Suppressability
3. Voluntaryness
4. premonitory urges preceding the tic
5. onset in childhood
6. onset in head/ face, caudal spread
7. all of the aspects mentioned here-above





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# The most important co-morbidities of tics are:

1. ADHD and bipolar disorder
2. ADHD and Obsessive-compulsive disorder
3. Obsessive-compulsive disorder and depression
4. Sleep disorders
5. Dystonia





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# The proportion of variance in tics explained by genetic factors is:

1. Between 20%-30%
2. Between 30%-50%
3. Between 50%-70%
4. > 70 %





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# The most frequent natural course of childhood tics into adulthood is:

1. progression into severe tics
2. development of disabling psychiatric co-morbidities
3. Improvement of tic severity and decrease of tic impact on quality of life
4. development of disabling co-morbid other hyperkinetic movement disorders





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# The most robust (mostly replicated) neuro-imaging volumetric findings in TS are:

1. Decreased asymmetry of putamen volumes in TS versus controls
2. Decreased activity in secondary motor areas during finger tapping tasks
3. Cortical thinning and reduced grey matter volumes in limbic regions in adult TS, suggesting a failure in neural compensation to control tics
4. Increased caudate nuclei volumes in TS, with a positive correlation between tic severity and caudate volumes





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# Which of the following statements is best supported by evidence from RCTs?

1. Behaviour therapy has the best treatment effect at longer term follow-up
2. Pharmacotherapy with clonidine has the best treatment effect of tics with least side-effects
3. Antipsychotic drugs have the best treatment effect but pose challenges with respect to side-effects
4. Progressive relaxation strategies provide the most effective treatment of tics at longer term follow-up
5. Botulin toxin injections are currently the best treatment options for isolated tics in the area of the face and neck.





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