

IMAGING IN NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE

Berlin, Germany, November 9th-11th, 2025

Programme

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12:30 - 14:00 Conference registration opens ♥ Ground Floor Foyer Setting up posters ♥ First Floor Foyer (Wandelhalle)

14:00 - 14:15 Opening address ♥ Lecture Hall

Linda Heskamp, *UMC Utrecht, Netherlands* Jordi Diaz-Manera, *Newcastle University, UK*

14:15 - 16:15

Educational sessions

Muscle MRI in clinical trials

Raum B. v. Langenbeck

Moderators: Pierre Carlier and Doris Leung

14:15 - 14:55 Reproducible MRI protocols for multiple studies

Donnie Cameron, Radboud University Medical Centre, Netherlands

14:55 -15:35 Vendor-independent programming to boost imaging use in multicenter studies

Andreia Gaspar, *Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal*

15:35 - 16:15 Tips and tricks for imaging processing

Francesco Santini, *University of Basel, Switzerland*

Ultrasound of muscles and nerves

Moderators: Anna Pichiecchion and Ozge Findik Sener

14:15 - 14:35 Brachic plexus and upper limb

Afarine Madani, *Erasme University Hospital, Belgium*

14:35 - 14:55 Lower limb nerves

Marie Faruch, *Toulouse University Hospital, France*

14:55 - 15:15 Advanced ultrasound for muscle

Carlo Martinoli, *University of Genoa, Italy*

15:15 - 15:35 Advanced ultrasound for nerves

Stephan Goedee, UMC Utrecht, Netherlands

15:35 - 16:15 Practical demonstration of the Canon ultrasound machine

16:15 - 16:45

Networking break • Ground Floor Foyer

16:45 - 17:30

The ins and outs of skeletal muscle

Raum B. v. Langenbeck

Moderators: Werner Stenzel and David Berry

16:45 - 17:10 Basic muscle physiology:

Pompe disease

Belgium

Anne Schänzer, *Justus-Leibig University Giessen, Germany*

17:10 - 17:35 Clinical pathophysiology of neuromuscular disorders: LGMD Willem de Ridder, *Antwert University Hospital*,

Exotic contrasts

Moderators: Valentina Mazzoli and Madison George

16:45 - 17:10 Biophysical modelling of muscle microstructure

Martijn Froeling, UMC Utrecht, Netherlands

17:10 - 17:35 CEST metabolic imaging of muscle

Feliks Kogan, Stanford University, USA

17:35 - 18:35

Keynote lecture 1 ♥ Lecture Hall

Treating NMD's - The future perspective on imaging

Andrew Blamire, *Newcastle University, UK* Moderators: Linda Heskamp and Jordi Diaz Manera



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Monday, November 10th

08:00	Conference desk opens 9 Ground Floor Foyer
09:00 - 11:00	Special focus session 1: Q Lecture Hall Novel contrasts in imaging Moderators: Hermien Kan and Lara Schlaffke
09:00 - 09:25	Opportunities and challenges with sodium imaging Teresa Gerhalter, Medical University of Graz, Austria
09:25 - 09:50	Muscle fibrosis imaging with MRI: opportunities and challenges Aurea Bach, <i>University of Oxford, UK</i>
09:50 - 10:15	Optoacoustic imaging in muscle imaging Lina Tan, Kinder-und Jugendklinik, Germany
10:15 - 11:00	Oral Presentations on Novel Contrasts in Imaging ♥ Lecture Hall
	O1.1 Non-invasive assessment of histological changes in dystrophic and developing skeletal muscles in GRMD and control dogs Using Bi-component T2 Relaxometry Mapping Ericky Caldas de Almeida Araujo, <i>Institute of Myology, France</i> O1.2 Conventional and in-magnet cardiopulmonary exercise testing of patients with neuromuscular disease to investigate peripheral causes of exercise intolerance Melissa Hooijmans, <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands</i> O1.3 Mapping skeletal muscle mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation in ehalth
	and SMA using a novel technique OXCEST MRI Puneet Bagga, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA
	O1.4 Magnetization transfer imaging in late-onset Pompe disease Michele Giovanni Croce, University of Pavia, Italy
11:00 - 11:30	Networking break ♥ Ground Floor Foyer
11:30 - 12:30	Poster session 1 ♥ First Floor Foyer (Wandelhalle) Click here for details of Poster Session 1
12:30 - 13:30	Exhibition and lunch break • Ground Floor Foyer
13:30 - 15:30	Special focus session 2: Q Lecture Hall Changing diagnostic patterns and outcome measures in MRI Moderators: Jodi Warman and Kristl Claeys
13:30 - 14:00	MRI as an outcome measure: correlation with function Doris Leung, Kennedy Krieger Institute, USA
14:00 - 14:30	MRI in myopathies: diagnosis, follow-up and opportunities for new techniques Fengdan Wang, <i>Peking Union Medical College Hospital, China</i>
14:30 - 15:30	Oral presentations on Changing diagnostic patterns and outcomes in MRI
	O2.1 Towards an automated approach to muscle MRI segmentation, quantification and analysis for the characterisation and diagnosis of neuromuscular diseases Jose Verdu Diaz, <i>Newcastle University, UK</i>





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O2.2 Comparison of manual vs. Artificial Intelligence-based muscle segmentation for evaluating disease progression in patients with CMT1A David Bendahan, *CRMBM*, *France*

O2.3 Quantitative muscle MRI for imaging denervation-induced muscle changes in patients with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) Lara Schlaffke, *BG Universitätsklinikum Bergmannsheil gGmbH / FH Dortmund, Germany*

O2.4 The utility of quantitative MRI parameters in monitoring disease progression in patients with Muscular dystrophy type 2

Viktória Kokošová, University Hospital Brno, Czechia

Quantitative muscle MRI in LGMDR1: Insights from a prospective longitudinal cohort study

Robert Rehmann, Berufsgenossenschaftliches Universitätsklinikum Bochum Bergmannsheil, Germany

15:30 - 16:00 Networking break ♥ Ground Floor Foyer

16:00 - 17:00 Keynote lecture 2: ♥ Lecture Hall

Muscle and nerve MRI, from research to clinical application

Simonetta Gerevini, Asst Papa Giovanni XXIII, Italy

Moderators: Jordi Diaz Manera and Jodi Warmar

17:00 - 18:00 Round table discussion: ♥ Lecture Hall

Unmet needs for pharmaceutical trials

Moderators: Jordi Diaz Manera and Jodi Warman

Paolo Bettica, Italfarmaco, Italy

Elena Hernandez Martinez, EMA, Netherlands

Kieren Hollingsworth, Newcastle University, UK

Markus Karlsson, AMRA, Sweden

Erik Niks, LUMC, Netherlands

Harmen Reyngoudt, Institute of Myology, France

Gerard Sheehan, Sarepta, USA

Krista Vandenborne, University of Florida, USA

18:00 - 19:30 Networking drinks reception ♥ Ground Floor Foyer

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08:00	Conference desk opens ♥ Ground Floor Foyer
09:00 - 11:00	Special focus session 1: Vecture Hall
	Whole body imaging Moderators: Volker Straub and Frank Nab
09:00 - 09:30	Disease monitoring with whole body MR neurography Hans Katzberg, <i>University of Toronto, Canada</i>
09:30 - 10:00	Whole body MRI outcome measures in OPMD Jodi Warman, Ottowa Hospital Research Institute, Canada
10:00 - 11:00	Oral presentations on whole body imaging ♥ Lecture Hall
	 O3.1 Motor Unit Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MUMRI) as a novel biomarker in Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Matthew Birkbeck, Newcastle University, UK O3.2 Fasciculations detection in the legs of healthy volunteers using DTI Karleen Oonk, Umc Utrecht, Netherlands O3.3 MRI quantification of upper extremity muscle fat fraction in Dystrophinopathies: implications for mobility status stratification Kelly Rock, University of Florida, USA O3.4 Rethinking diaphragm ultrasound: diaphragm thickening reflects lung volume
	not contractile effort Jeroen van Doorn, Radboud University Medical Center, Netherlands O3.5 Bilateral analysis of upper limb endpoints in ambulant and non-ambulant Duchenne muscular dystrophy patients Michel Michaëls, Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands
11:00 - 11:30	Networking break ♥ Ground Floor Foyer
11:30 - 12:30	Poster session 2 ♥ First Floor Foyer (Wandelhalle) Click here for details of Poster Session 2
12:30 - 13:30	Exhibition and lunch break ♥ Ground Floor Foyer
13:30 - 15:30	Special focus session 2: Q Lecture Hall Technological innovations Moderators: Ferdinand Knieling and Susi Rauh
13:30 - 14:30	Oral presentations on technological innovations ♥ Lecture Hall
	O4.1 Non-invasive MRI monitoring of glycogen accumulation in a mouse model of Pompe disease Nirbhay Yadav, <i>Johns Hopkins University, USA</i> O4.2 Mapping Lung Function in Late-onset Pompe Disease using Label-free Functional MRI Lina Tan, <i>Kinder- & Jugendklinik, Germany</i> O4.3 Comprehensive muscle tissue evaluation via whole-body MR Fingerprinting Constantin Slioussarenko, <i>Institute of Myology, France</i>





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	O4.4 Assessing isometric muscle strength using shape and fiber orientation models Salim Bin Ghouth, NYU Langone Health, USA O4.5 Open MRI Pipeline for muscle strain calculation
	Marta Brigid Maggioni, University of Basel, Switzerland
14:30 - 15:00	Advanced MRI neurography Christoph Mooshage, <i>University Hospital Heidelberg, Germany</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Ultrafast MRI imaging Nicole Seiberlich, <i>University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, USA</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Prize giving and closing of Conference ♥ Lecture Hall Linda Heskamp, UMC Utrecht, Netherlands Jordi Diaz-Manera, Newcastle University, UK



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11:30 - 12:30	Poster session 1 ♥ First Floor Foyer (Wandelhalle)
	P1.01 Volume of fasciculation measured on diffusion-weighted MRI correlates with muscle weakness in older adults Gabrielle Baxter, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, USA
	P1.02 Intraepineurial fat fraction: A novel MR Neurography-based biomarker in Transthyretin amyloidosis polyneuropathy David Bendahan, <i>CRMBM France</i>
	P1.03 Deciphering of skeletal muscle involvement in cystinosis with whole-body muscle MRI Edouard Berling, <i>Raymond Poincaré University Hospital, France</i>
	P1.04 Rotator Cuff Using a Fresh Cadaveric Pig Model David Berry, <i>University of California, San Diego, USA</i>
	P1.05 From Histology to Simulation: Open-Source Muscle Phantoms for Diffusion MRI Modeling David Berry, <i>University of California, San Diego, USA</i>
	P1.06 Pre- and post-skeletal muscle biopsy quantitative magnetic resonance imaging reveals correlations with histopathological findings Alice De Lorenzo, <i>BG Universitätsklinikum Bergmannsheil, Germany</i>
	P1.07 Withdrawn
	P1.08 MYO-RESO: Quantitative muscle MRI as biomarker of muscle involvement in myotonic dystrophy type I Sebastian Ariel Figueroa Bonaparte, <i>Hospital Universitario Germans Trias i Pujol, Spain</i>
	P1.09 Quantitative muscle MRI in inclusion body myositis (IBM): A prospective cohort study Johannes Forsting, <i>Bg University Hospital Bergmannsheil</i> , <i>Ruhr-University Bochum</i> , <i>Germany</i>
	P1.10 Evaluation of cell diameter distribution in a cross-sectional cohort and its correlation with muscle force. Martijn Froeling, Umc Utrecht, Netherlands
	P1.11 Effect of gradient non-linearity correction on whole leg Diffusion Tensor Imaging Martijn Froeling, <i>Umc Utrecht, Netherlands</i>
	P1.12 A Non-invasive Exploration of the Pathophysiology of Chronic Exertional Compartment Syndrome Madison George, Stanford University, USA
	P1.13 Muscle diffusion tensor imaging in Late-Onset Pompe Disease
	Giulia Guicciardi, <i>University of Pavia, Italy</i>





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P1.15 Determinants of qMRI variation in skeletal muscle: Effects of sex, age and mucle volume Linda Heskamp, <i>Umc Utrecht, Netherlands</i>
P1.16 Whole-body DTI for assessing fasciculation and muscle microstructure in ALS in 10 minutes Linda Heskamp, <i>Umc Utrecht, Netherlands</i>
P1.17 Dynamics not Magnitude of exercise hyperemia correlate with aerobic muscle metabolic performance Melissa Hooijmans, <i>Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands</i>
P1.18 Advancing clinical trials in myotonic dystrophy type 1: refining radiological, clinical and patient-reported outcome measures Louise Iterbeke, <i>KU Leuven, Belgium</i>
P1.19 Quadriceps Fatiguability and Recovery after Exercise Through the Menstrual Cycle Carly Jones, <i>Stanford University, USA</i>
P1.20 Progression of Miyoshi muscular dystrophy in thigh muscles monitored by quantitative MRI lvica Just, <i>Medical University of Vienna, Austria</i>
P1.21 Tracking Muscle DegeneraP1.21 tion and Disease Activity in FSHD Using Qualitative Longitudinal MR Imaging Teresa Gerhalter, <i>Medical University of Graz, Austria</i>
P1.22 Multi-parametric 1H MRI of lower leg muscle in patients with Becker muscular dystrophy Yvonne Mileder, <i>Tu Graz, Austria</i>
P1.23 Baseline quantitative whole-body muscle MRI and functional outcomes from a prospective natural history study in adults with FSHD1 Matthias Opsomer, <i>KU Leuven, Belgium</i>



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11:30 - 12:30	Poster session 2 ♥ First Floor Foyer (Wandelhalle)
	P2.01 Personalized progressive resistance training and towards muscle profiling in patients with neuromuscular diseases Lisa Pomp, <i>Umc Utrecht, Netherlands</i>
	P2.02 Associations between MRI muscle structure and tensiomyography contractile parameters in older adults Katarina Puš, <i>Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia</i>
	P2.03 Investigating the effect of pulse-width in NMES with dynamic MRI in the forearm muscles Sabine Räuber, <i>University of Basel, Switzerland</i>
	P2.04 The "muscle toolbox": A multi-center multi-parametric natural history study in children with neuromuscular diseases using a harmonized protocol Susi Rauh, <i>Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands</i>
	P2.05 Deep automatic and interactive segmentation in MRI of pathological skeletal muscles Louis Rigler, <i>Institute of Myology, France</i>
	P2.06 MRI quantification of lower body muscle fat fraction is associated with NSAD functional decline in men with Becker muscular dystrophy Kelly Rock, <i>University of Florida, USA</i>
	P2.07 Determining the repeatability of the rapid qDESS sequence in the quantification of muscle-water T2 of the upper leg Gabriel Rossetto, <i>Newcastle University, UK</i>
	P2.08 Use of a rapid qDESS sequence to measure skeletal muscle T2 during intense exercise compared with MESE and spectroscopy Gabriel Rossetto, <i>Newcastle University, UK</i>
	P2.09 MyoQMRI 2.0 - A comprehensive open-source pipeline for quantitative muscle imaging Francesco Santini, <i>University of Basel, Switzerland</i>
	P2.10 Quantitative muscle MRI to assess muscle tissue preservation during a 10-Day extended fast: A Single-case pilot study Lara Schlaffke, BG Universitätsklinikum Bergmannsheil gGmbH / FH Dortmund, Germany
	P2.11 Agreement between 3D ultrasound and DTI for assessing tibialis anterior muscle architecture - a pilot study Lara Schlaffke, BG Universitätsklinikum Bergmannsheil gGmbH / FH Dortmund, Germany
	P2.12 Spatial heterogeneity of strain from dynamic magnetic resonance imaging using automated anatomically relevant partitioning of individual calf muscles Shantanu Sinha, <i>University of California San Diego, USA</i>



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P2.13 Body Mass Index related differences in strains and co-activation in calf
muscles using compressed sensing accelerated 4D Flow Magnetic Resonance
Imaging Shantany Sinha, University of California San Diago, USA
Shantanu Sinha, <i>University of California San Diego, USA</i> P2 14 A simulation framework for dynamic phase contrast MPI of the muscle
P2.14 A simulation framework for dynamic phase-contrast MRI of the muscle Maaike Smit, <i>Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), Netherlands</i>
P2.15 Evaluation of quantitative muscle MRI and intelligent phenotyping housing
system as advanced and objective phenotyping methods in a mouse model of
calpainopathy Lara Schlaffke, BG Universitätsklinikum Bergmannsheil gGmbH / FH Dortmund, Germany
P2.16 Cross-manufacturer comparison of quantitative muscle MRI in healthy
volunteers
Johanna Thomä, BG University Hospital Bergmannsheil Bochum, Germany
P2.17 Development of a quantitative muscle ultrasound protocol for murine models
of neuromuscular disorders
Jeroen van Doorn, Radboud University Medical Center, Netherlands
P2.18 Respiratory muscle shear wave elastography to assess respiratory muscle
function in congenital myopathies Jeroen van Doorn, Radboud University Medical Center, Netherlands
P2.19 Spatiotemporal relationship between hamstring muscle activation and strain
rate during dynamic knee flexion: A combined multi-channel electromyography and
3D time-resolved phase contrast study
Luuk Vos, <i>Amsterdam Umc, Netherlands</i>
P2.20 Correlations between muscle fat fraction MRI and instrumented gait
assessments in Dysferlinopathy patients
Ian Wilson, Newcastle University, UK
P2.21 Blood flow restriction training induced morphology changes in M. quadriceps
femoris – a prospective pilot study Lionel Butry, <i>BG University Hospital Bergmannsheil Bochum, Germany</i>
P2.22 Exploring foundation models for multi-class muscle segmentation in
neuromuscular disorders: Accuracy and uncertainty in MR Imaging Domenico Aquino, Fondazione IRRCS Instituto Neurologico C. Besta, Italy
P2.23 T1 mapping of the sciatic nerve: A quantative approach in healthy subjects
and CIDP patient
Carlo Asteggiano, Department of Brain and Behavioural Sciences, University of Pavia Italy