Physical activity in patients with MG – results from a Danish cohort



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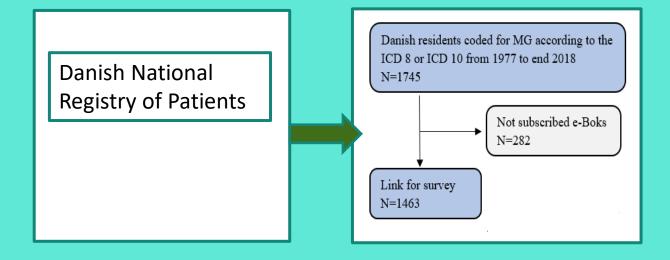
Background

- Exercise is safe and beneficial but no recommendations
- Previous concerns about "overuse damage," exercise in inflammatory diseases
 - Does this still influence patients and clinicians?
- General fatigue –influence energy and motivation for exercise?
- Lifelong, everyday physical activity is essential to gain health benefits
- Sedentary is a risk factor for all-cause mortality and morbidity

Physical activity levels in everyday life



Types of fatigue?





SGPALS

Saltin-Grimby Physical Activity Level Scale*

IPAQ short form

Hvis du skulle anføre din fysiske aktivitet i fritiden, herunder transport til og fra arbejde sidete år, i buillen grunnen mener du så, du skal plasarse	e inden for det
sidste år, i hvilken gruppen mener du så, du skal placeres	Sæt kun ét
 kryds Næsten helt fysisk passiv eller let fysisk aktiv i mindre end 2 timer pr. uge (f.eks. læsning, fjernsyn, biograf) 	
 Let fysisk aktiv fra 2-4 timer pr. uge (f.eks. spadsereture, cykelture, let havearbejde, husligt arbejde, let motionsgymnastik) 	
3) Let fysisk aktivitet i mere end 4 timer pr. uge eller mere anstrengende fysisk aktivitet i 2-4 timer pr uge (f.eks. hurtig gang og/eller hurtig cykling (hvor man overhaler andre), tungt havearbejde, hård motionsgymnastik, hvor man sveder eller bliver forpustet).	
4) Mere anstrengende fysisk aktivitet i mere end 4 timer eller regelmæssig hård træning og evt. konkurrencer flere gange pr. uge.	

Hvor mange dage har du **de sidste 7 dage** udført **meget anstrengende** fysiske aktiviteter som løftet tunge ting, gravet, aerobics eller cyklet hurtigt?

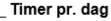
_Dage pr. uge



Ingen meget anstrengende aktiviteter>

Gå til spørgsmål 3

Hvor meget tid tilbringer du som regel med **meget anstrengende** fysiske aktiviteter på en af disse dage?



Minutter pr. dag



Ved ikke/ikke sikker

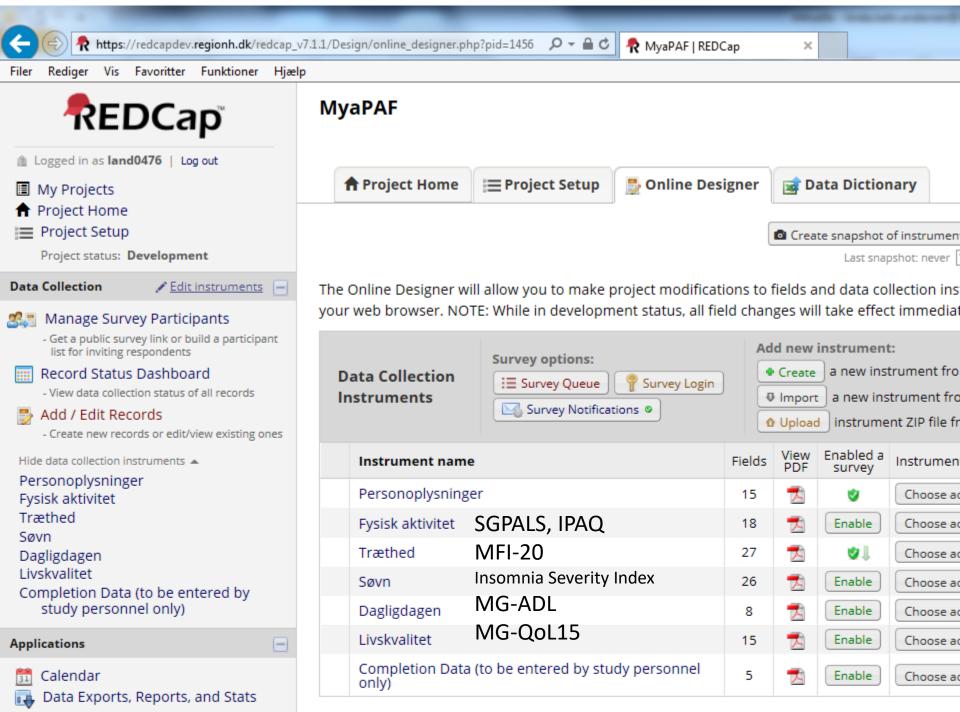
MFI-20: Multidimensional Fatigue Inventory

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Five domains (each domain with a score from 4-20)

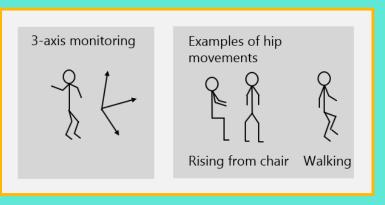
Physical fatigue General fatigue, Reduced activity Reduced motivation Mental fatigue





Data Import Tool





ActiGraph

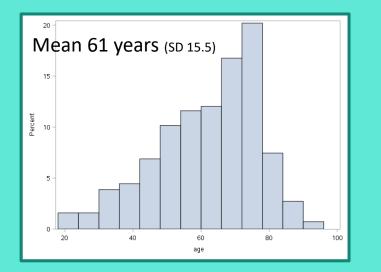
- acceleration and duration of hip movements
- 24 hours/day, 7 days unless showering, swimming
- worn at the right side of the waist, min 10 hrs of recording/day

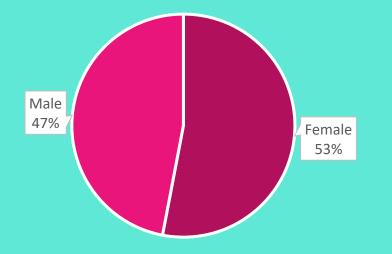
69 patients (gMG) were randomly recruited from the clinic from November 2018-February 2020. Verified MG diagnosis

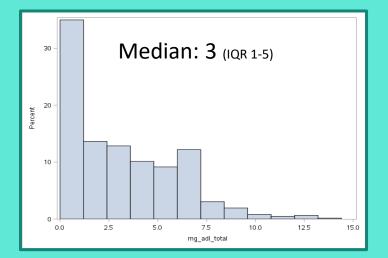
Exclusion criteria

- comorbidity that could interfere with measuring, e.g., non-ambulant
- pregnancy
- current participation in clinical trials
- communication issues

Demographics of the Danish cohort (n=779)



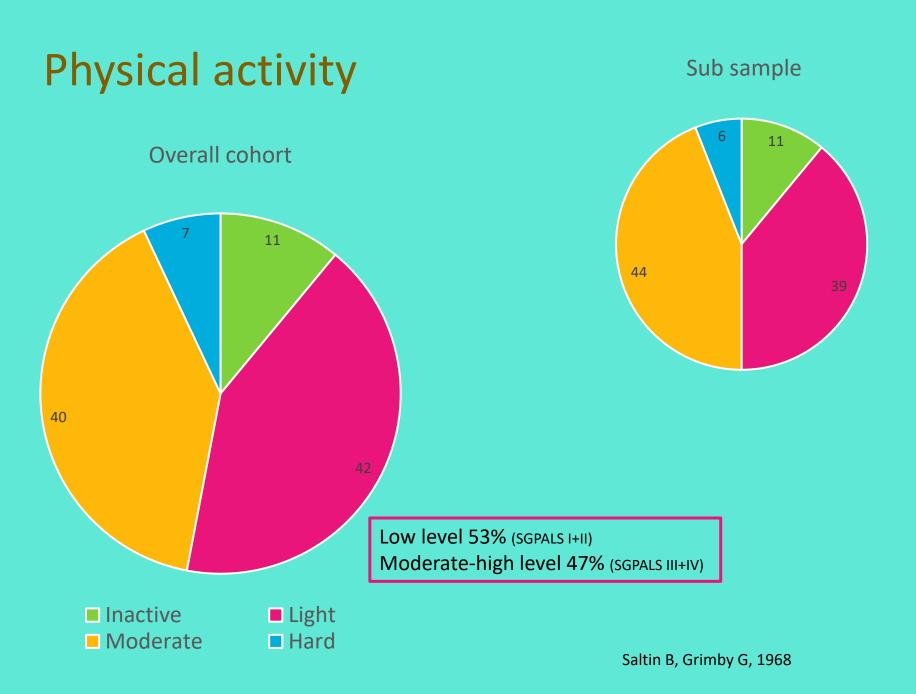




Sub-sample (n=486)

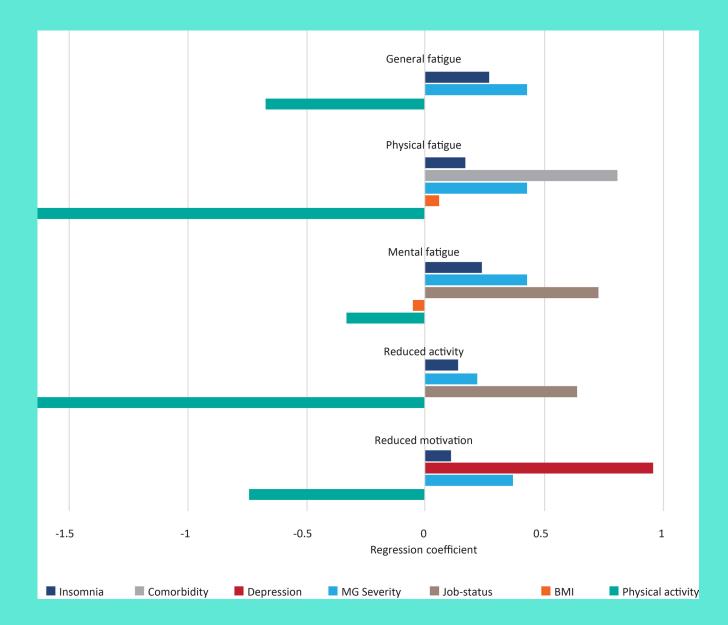
Patients regularly seen by a neurologist AND on medical treatment for MG.

	Overall (n=779)	Sub-sample (n=486)
Age	60.8 (15.5)	62.5 (14.9)
Female	413 53%	245 50%
BMI	27.2 (5.7)	27.6 (6.1)
Disease duration	13.6 (12.4)	11.6 (11.0)
Thymectomy	235 30%	130 27%
MG-ADL total	3 (1-5)	3 (1-5)



	LOW (n=386)	Moderate-high (n=345)	<i>p</i> - værdi
Age	62.3 (15.4)	58.5 (15.4)	<.01
Women	52%	53%	0.77
BMI	27.9 (6.4)	26.4 (4.9)	<.01
MG duration	14 (12.2)	14 (12.2)	0.97
Comorbidity	69%	58%	<.01
MFI-20			
Physical fatigue	14 (11-17)	11 (7-14)	<.01
General fatigue	13 (11-16)	12 (8-15)	<.01
Reduced activity	13 (11-16)	10 (8-13)	<.01
Reduced motivation	10 (8-12)	8 (6-11)	<.01
Mental fatigue	10 (7-12)	8 (6-12)	<.01
MG-ADL	3 (1-6)	2 (1-4)	<.01
MG-Qol15	12 (3-25)	7 (2-14)	<.01
ISI	9 (5-14)	7 (3-12)	<.01

Associations of fatigue and physical activity



	ActiGraph	Survey	
	n=69	n=691	
Age	58.9 (17.3)	60.5 (15.5)	
BMI	27.5 (6.5)	27.1 (5.9)	
Women	64% (44)	53% (365)	
MG duration	8.0 (8.9)	13.8 (12.6)	
MG-ADL	2 (0-6)	3 (1-5)	
ActiGraph		AG% did not most	
Sedentary min/day	654 (596-694)	46% did not meet WHO	
Light min/wk	2037 (1643-2371)	WIIO	
Moderate min/wk	157 (91-292)		
Vigorous min/wk	0 (0-3)		
Steps pr. day	9299 (5562-13,255)		
IPAQ	57% <10.000		
Sitting min/day	steps/day	420 (300-600) / 48% did	not
Walking min/day		225 (90-525) meet W	
Moderate min/wk		150 (15-360)	
Vigorous min/wk		60 (0-210)	

WHO, above 18 yrs ≥150 minutes of moderate-intensity or ≥75 minutes of vigorous-intensity or an equivalent combination

Factors associated (p<.05) with physical activity and inactivity

	ſ	MG-ADL		Age
ActiGraph (n=64*)	β	95%Cl _β	β	95%Cl _β
Sedentary min/day	6.1	0.0; 12.1		
MVPA min/wk		(-4.0	-6.3; -1.6
Steps per day		(-90.8	-168.0; -13.5
<u>IPAQ (n=691)</u>				
Sitting min/day	2.5	0.9; 4.0	-0.5	-0.8; -0.2
Walking min/wk	-3.6	-6.5; -0.4		
MVPA min/wk			0.7	0.1; 1.3

* Five patients did not complete the MG-ADL

Sex, BMI, MG duration not significant

The Danish National Health Survey, 2021 (SGPALS)

Køn 🔺	Mænd		Kvinder		Total		
Alder 🔺	Andel med hård eller moderat fysisk aktivitet i fritiden	Antal svarpersoner	Andel med hård eller moderat fysisk aktivitet i fritiden	Antal svarpersoner	Andel med hård eller moderat fysisk aktivitet i fritiden	Antal svarpersoner	
16-24 år	42,8 %	6.660	28,5 %	9.160	35,6 %	15.820	
25-34 år	34,2 %	6.550	21,0 %	9.500	27,6 %	16.050	
35-44 år	31,7 %	8.160	19,9 %	11.170	25,7 %	19.330	
45-54 år	30,4 %	13.030	18,4 %	16.060	24,4 %	29.090	
55-64 år	23,2 %	15.120	12,5 %	17.820	17,8 %	32.930	
65-74 år	18,0 %	15.570	10,5 %	17.100	14,1 %	32.670	
75+ år	11,7 %	11.330	6,1 %	12.760	8,6 %	24.090	
Total	28,0 %	76.420	16,7 %	93.560	22,2 %	169.980	

The Danish National Health Survey, 2021 (IPAQ)

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Alder 🔺	Andel der ikke opfylder WHOs anbefaling for fysisk aktivitet	Antal svarpersoner	Andel der ikke opfylder WHOs anbefaling for fysisk aktivitet	Antal svarpersoner	Andel der ikke opfylder WHOs anbefaling for fysisk aktivitet		
16-24 år	46,7 %	6.550	52,9 %	9.060	49,8 %		
25-34 år	51,8 %	6.460	57,2 %	9.440	54,5 %		
35-44 år	53,5 %	8.080	59,3 %	11.050	56,4 %		
45-54 år	51,2 %	12.870	56,0 %	15.930	53,7 %		
55-64 år	57,1 %	14.960	62,4 %	17.650	59,7 %		
65-74 år	60,8 %	15.380	62,5 %	16.790	61,7 %		
75+ år	71,0 %	10.990	76,9 %	12.020	74,3 %		
Total	55,3 %	75.290	60,7 %	91.930	58,1 %)	

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Pattern of Habitual Physical Exercise in Myasthenia Gravis Patients

2019

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Free-Living Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour in Autoimmune Myasthenia Gravis: A Cross-Sectional Study

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- Less active than controls
- Sedentary time dominant
- No correlations between physical activity and MG severity

- 27 ptt, Dynaport Move monitor, 7 days
- Data compared to WHO database
- 22% met recommendations of moderat-vigorous activity, 22% met 10,000 steps/day.
- No correlations between physical activity levels/steps per day and MG severity
- 33 ptt, generalized MG, Dynaport Move monitor, 7 days
- Data compared to ccelerometer manufacturer database
- 30% met MVPA (WHO)
- No corr PA levels and MG severity

- 85 ptt, web-based questionnaire
- 62% met recommendations (Australian)

Perspectives

Cross-sectional - causality/dose-response? Future studies needed

Inactivity? Barriers to physical activity? Qualitative study design

Future exercise studies with, e.g., fatigue as a primary outcome. Factors to consider: Sample? Type of exercise? Supervised? Intensity? Duration?

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