


Co-morbidity of Migraine and Temporomandibular Disorders:  
From Clinical side to the Bench

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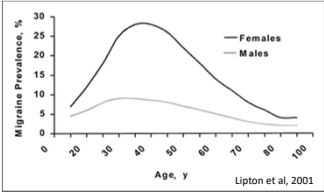
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Migraine

- It is the most prevalent and disabling of all neurological diseases - approx. 12-15% of the population globally. Over 30 million US residents, and over 1 billion adults globally
- Ranks the 6<sup>th</sup> most prevalent of all disorders, and 2<sup>nd</sup> most disabling (years lived with disability – YLD), after low-back pain (Global Burden of Disease, 2015)
- Huge socio-economic problem – cost US economy more than \$20 billion a year (2004)
- More prevalent in women than men – 15-18% women, 6-9% men – 2.5-3:1 ratio



Lipton et al, 2001

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The International Classification of Headache Disorders

Migraine without aura

- A. At least 5 attacks fulfilling B through D
- B. Headache attacks lasting 4 to 72 hours (untreated or unsuccessfully treated)
- C. Headache has at least two of the following four characteristics:
  - 1. Unilateral location
  - 2. Pulsating quality
  - 3. Moderate or severe pain intensity
  - 4. Aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity
- D. During headache at least one of the following:
  - 1. Nausea and/or vomiting
  - 2. Photophobia and phonophobia
- E. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

Headache Classification Committee of the International Headache Society (IHS). 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Cephalgia, 2018, 38 (1): 1-211.

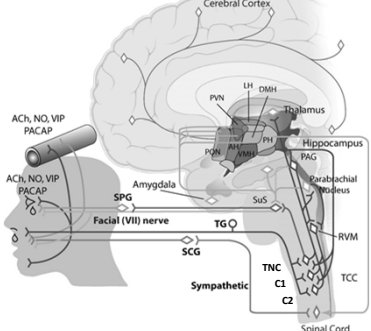
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Migraine – associated symptoms

- Extracranial and extracephalic cutaneous allodynia and hyperalgesia
- Cranial autonomic symptoms – lacrimation, nasal congestion, conjunctival injection
- Food craving
- Yawning
- Urination
- Tiredness
- Cognitive dysfunction – difficulty concentrating, fuzzy
- Affective dysfunction – sad or euphoric mood


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Pathophysiology – anatomy of migraine



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Temporomandibular disorders (TMD)



- Constellation of clinical problems involving the masticatory musculature and/or TMJ and associated structures (Romero-Reyes and Uyanik, 2014, J Pain Res; Okeson, 2014, Bell's Oral and Facial Pain).
- Symptoms: Pain with mastication, headache, earache, jaw ache or pre auricular pain or joint pain, joint sounds and limitation of opening
- Prevalence of TMD is 5-12% (NIDCR) with an incidence 3.9% per annum (Slade GD et-al, 2013 OPERRA study), at least 10 million people in the US. The most prevalent of the chronic orofacial pains.

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International Classification of Orofacial Pain

**Primary Myofascial Pain**

A. Myofascial pain fulfilling criteria B-D

B. Occurring in one or more episodes, 1 or unremitting

C. Reported in the jaw, temple, ear and/or in front of ear, with both of the following:

1. confirmation on examination of location(s) in the temporalis and/or masseter muscle(s)
2. provoked by either or both of:
  - a) palpation of the temporalis and/or masseter muscle(s)
  - b) maximum unassisted or assisted jaw opening

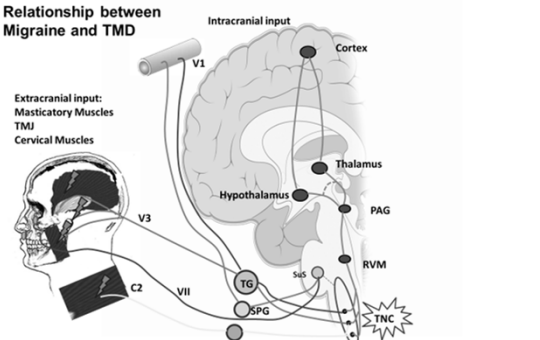
D. Modified by jaw movement, function or parafunction (e.g. tooth-grinding or clenching)

E. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

International Classification of Orofacial Pain (ICOP). 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Cephalalgia, 2020, 40 (12): 129-221.

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Relationship between Migraine and TMD



Romero-Reyes M & Uyanik, 2014

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Migraine Co-morbidities

**Migraine is commonly co-morbid with other pain disorders**

1. Temporomandibular Disorders (TMDs)
2. Inflammatory bowel disorders (IBDs)
3. Fibromyalgia

These are all more common in women

**Migraine is commonly co-morbid with brain disorders (neurological/psychiatric)**

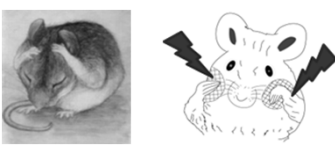
1. Depression
2. Anxiety
3. PTSD and other stresses
4. Epilepsy
5. Sleep disorders

**Certain things can also exacerbate migraine headache**

1. TMDs
2. Traumatic brain injury
3. Sex (more common in females)

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CGRP, migraine, TMD and its role in the co-morbidity of migraine and TMD



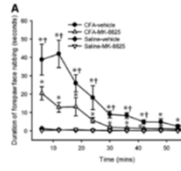
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Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) and TMD

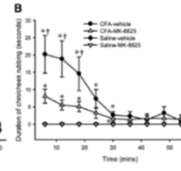
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- Spontaneous nociceptive facial grooming behaviours and neuronal activation in the Sp5 mediated by masseteric-CFA are attenuated by a rodent specific CGRP receptor antagonist (Romero-Reyes et al, 2015 Exp Neurol)

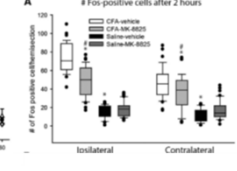
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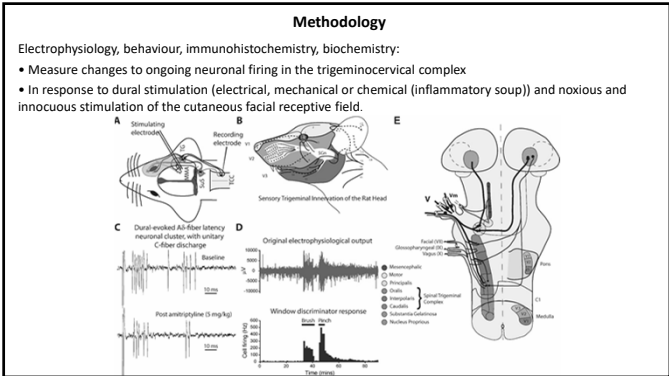
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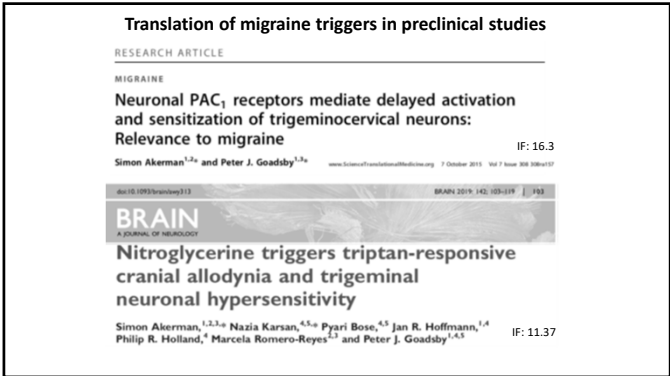
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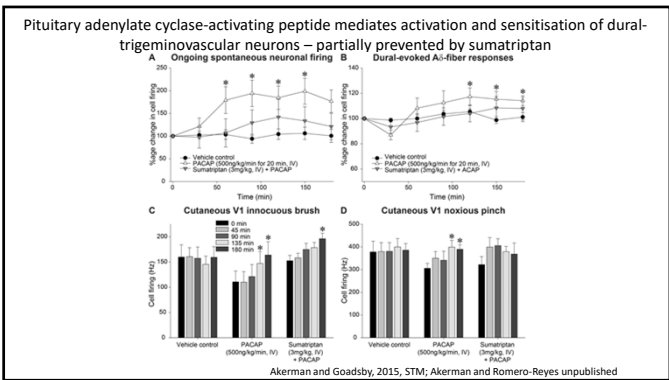
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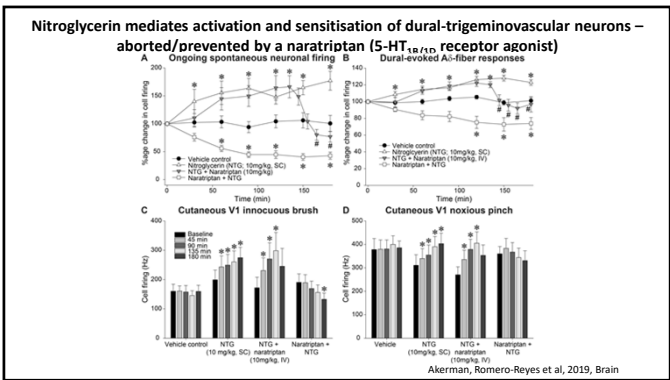
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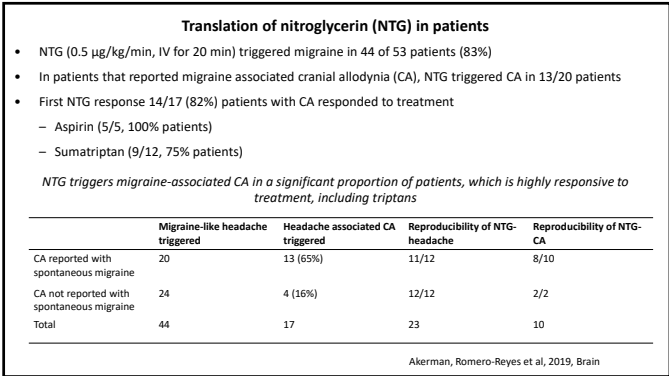
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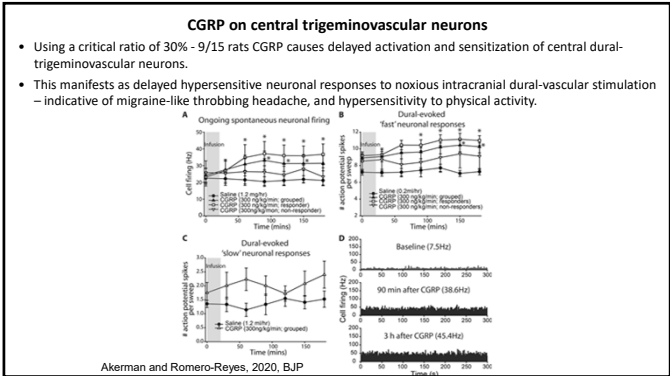
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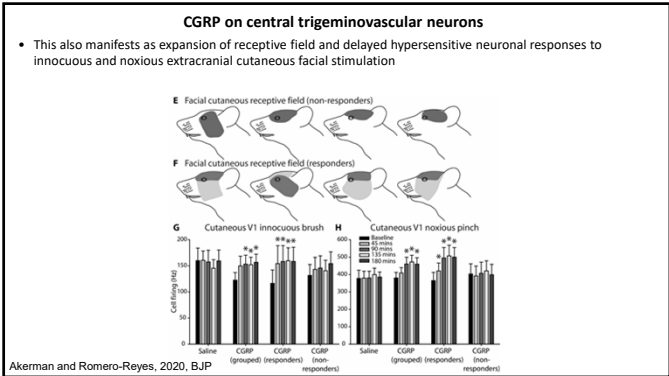
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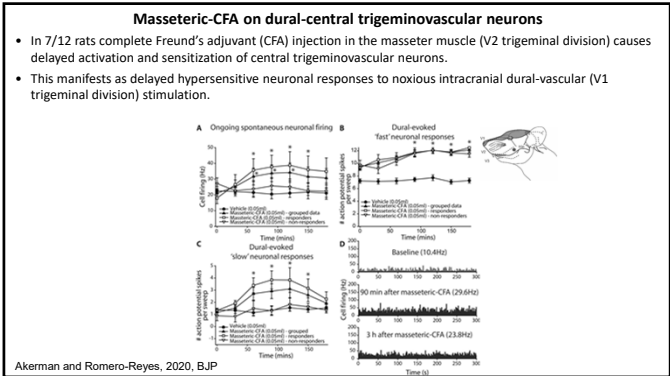
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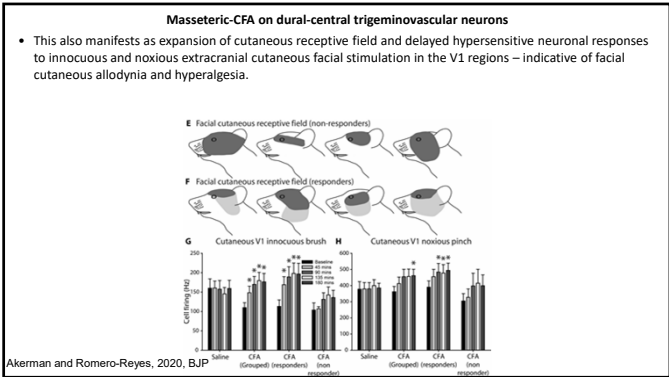
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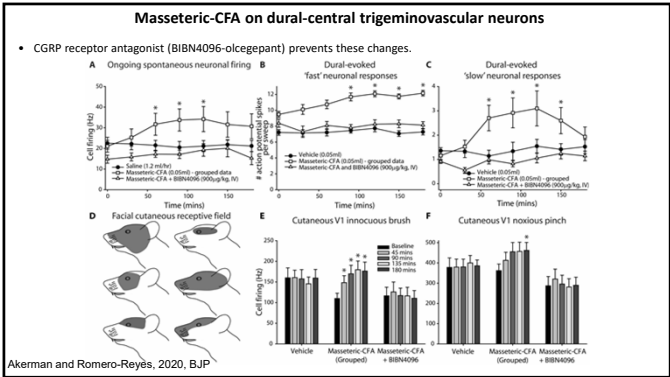
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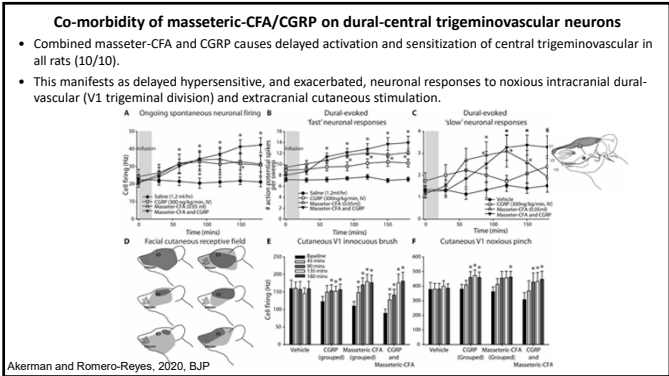
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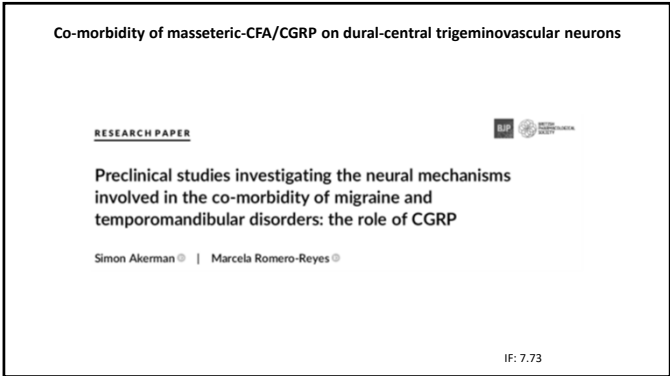
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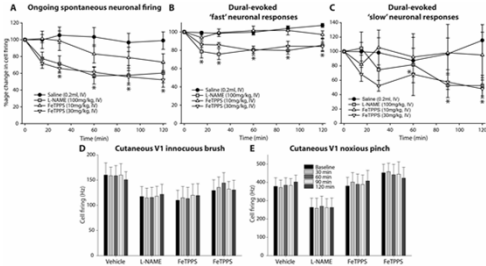
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### RNOS – acute migraine-like dural trigeminovascular activation

- A nitric oxide synthase inhibitor (L-NAME) and a PN decomposition catalyst (FeTPPS), both inhibit migraine-like dural nociceptive responses
- There is no effect of normal somatosensory responses

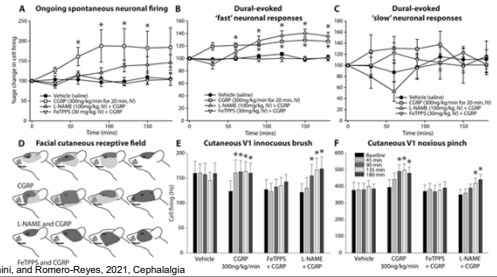


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### RNOS – acute migraine-like dural trigeminovascular activation

- FeTPPS prevents CGRP-mediated activation and sensitisation of migraine-like dural nociceptive responses, and cranial somatosensory hypersensitivity
- L-NAME has no significant effect

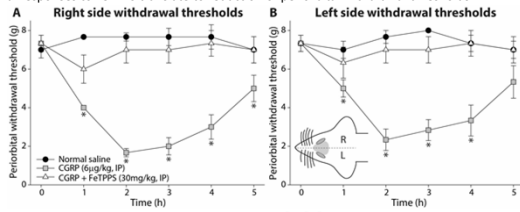


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### RNOS – acute migraine-like dural trigeminovascular activation


- Neuronal responses to FeTPPS translate to reduction of periorbital withdrawal thresholds



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