

4 years of the GLIM criteria: Strengths and weaknesses: where are we?

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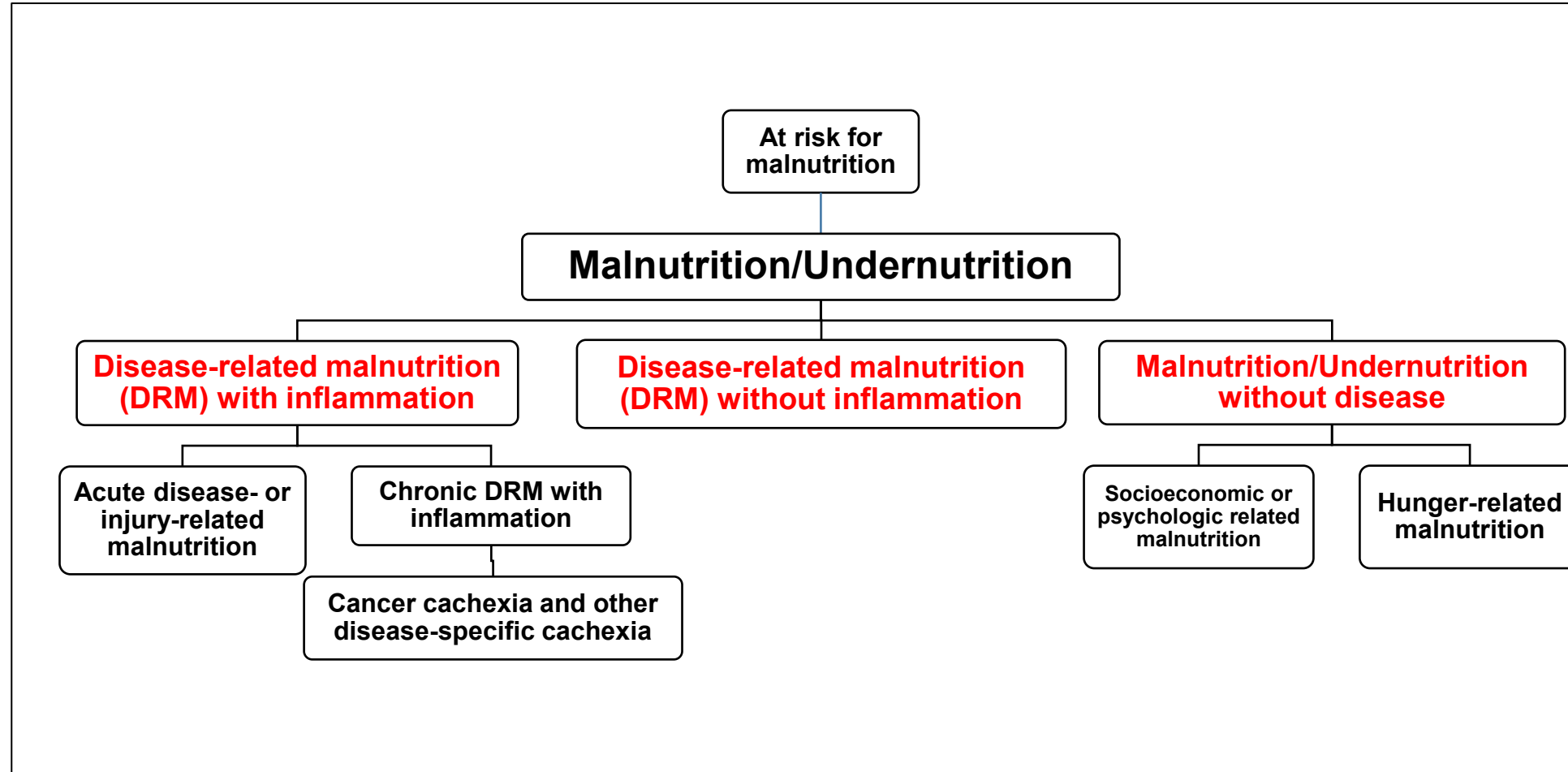
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ESPEN Guidelines on Definitions and Terminology

Malnutrition diagnosis template



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Several efforts to find a malnutrition diagnosis tool for global acceptance

- Subjective Global Assessment (SGA) 1987
- Patient-Generated (PG)-SGA 1995
- Mini Nutritional Assessment (MNA) 1999

Serious lack of consensus

- Cachexia (by Evans) 2008
- Protein Energy Wasting (kidney) 2008
- ESPEN 2010
- Cancer cachexia (by Fearon) 2011
- AND/ASPEN 2012
- ESPEN 2015





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GLIM criteria for the diagnosis of malnutrition – A consensus report
from the global clinical nutrition community[☆]

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The GLIM procedure for the diagnosis of malnutrition



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Risk screening

At risk for malnutrition

Use validated screening tools



**Diagnostic
Assessment**

Diagnostic Criteria

Phenotype

- Weight loss
- Low BMI/underweight
- Reduced muscle mass

Etiology

- Decreased food intake or absorption
- Disease burden/inflammatory condition

All five criteria have to be assessed



Diagnosis

Meets criteria for malnutrition diagnosis

Requires the combined fulfilment of at least 1 Phenotypic criterion and 1 Etiologic criterion



**Severity
grading**

Determine severity of malnutrition

Severity determined based on phenotypic criteria





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GLIM bibliometry Jan 2019 - April 2023

GLIM original paper bibliometry (Scopus)

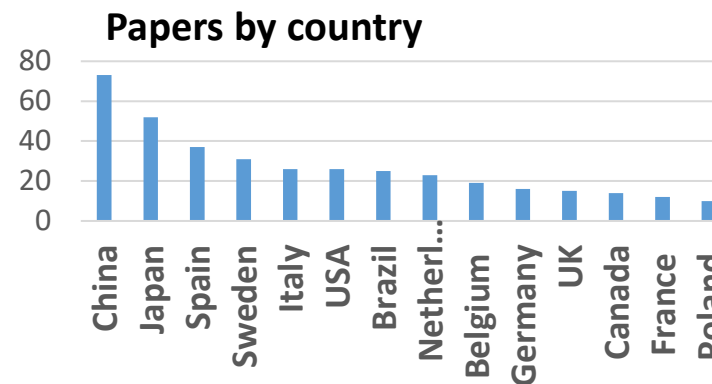
Clinical Nutrition	Publ. Feb 2019:	1035 citations
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		1678 citations

>400 papers in PubMed –

”Global Leadership Initiative on Malnutrition OR GLIM” as search term

>250 validation/application studies

- Criterion validity
- Predictive validity





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Current GLIM missions



- **Validation studies**
 - **Criterion validity – compared to standard**
 - **Predictive validity – ability to predict negative outcomes**
- **Implementation**
- **Criterion specification**
 - **Muscle mass methodology and cut-offs**
 - **How to define disease burden/inflammation?**
- **ICD coding for ICD-11 (WHO)**
- **GLIM up-date every 4-5 years**



GLIM criterion validity – a meta-analysis

- 20 studies, >10.000 patients
- Cancer (7), hospitalized (8), CKD (2), ICU (2), CVD (1)
- 13 countries
- 15 used either SGA or PG-SGA as semi-gold comparator

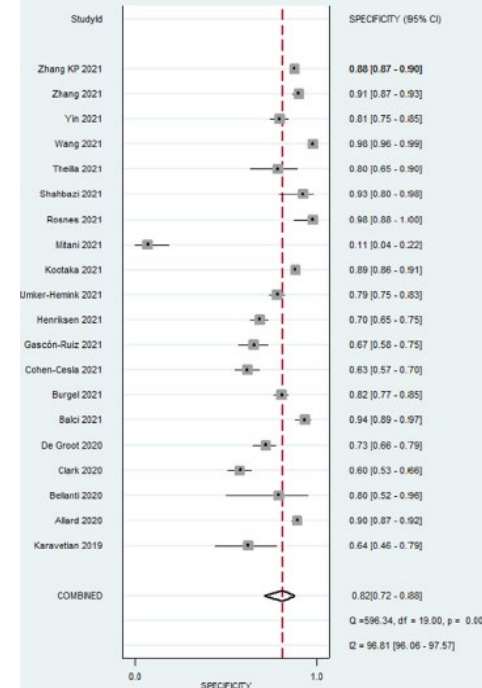
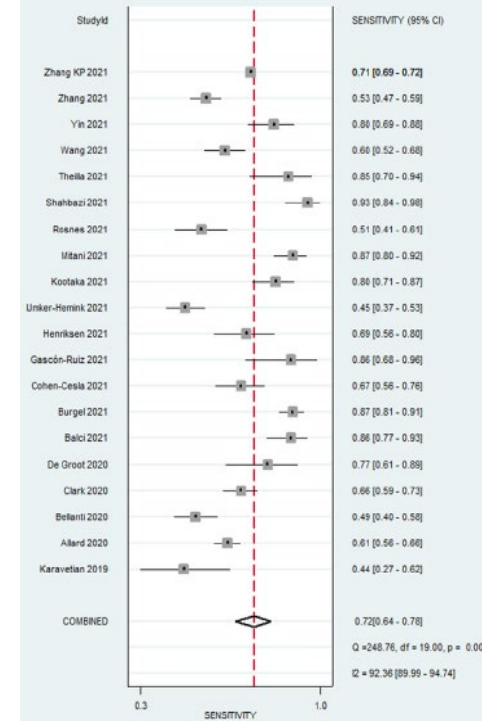
Results

- Amalgamated sensitivity 0.72 (true positives)
- Amalgamated specificity 0.82 (true negatives)

Conclusion:

The GLIM criteria “have the potential to be used as the gold standard for diagnosing malnutrition”

Huo et al. Clin Nutr 2022



GLIM predicitive validity in cancer - a meta-analysis

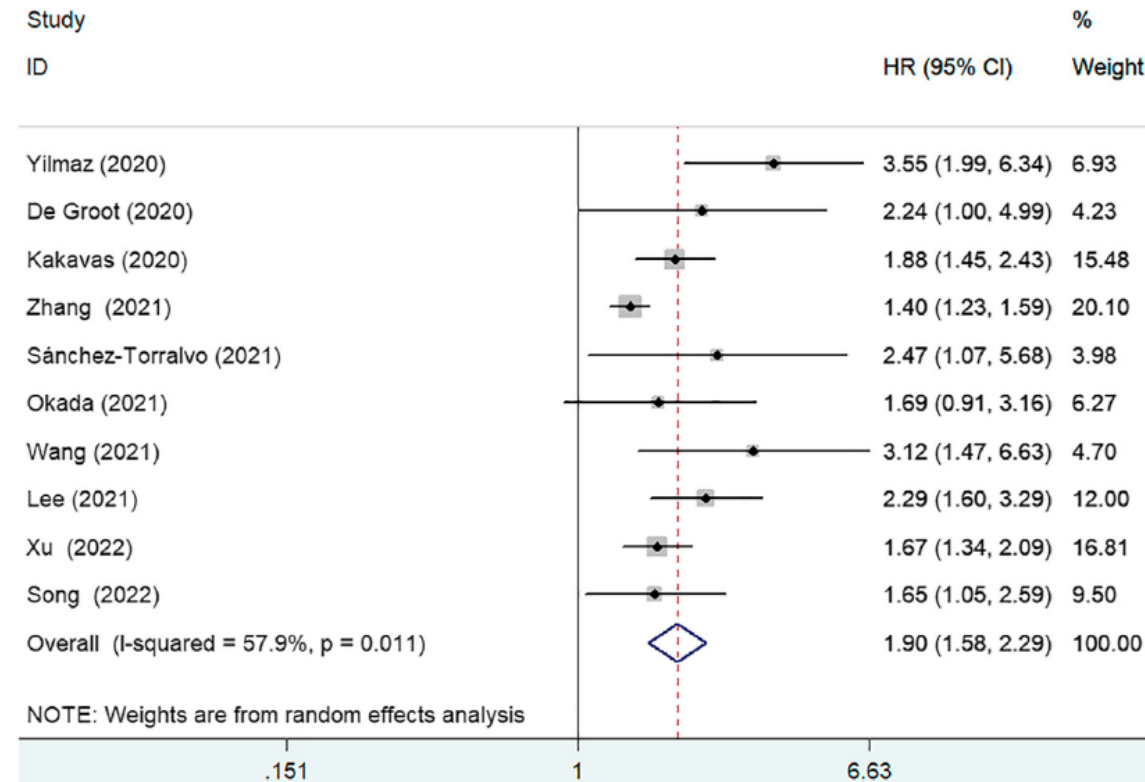
- 12 studies, 7.000 patients
- 7 countries
- Overall survival – main outcome
- Malnutrition prevalence 12%-88%

Results

HR 1.90 (95%CI 1.56-2.29) for OS if normal nutrition acc. to GLIM

Conclusion:

The GLIM criteria “have the potential to improve survival stratification in patients with cancer ”





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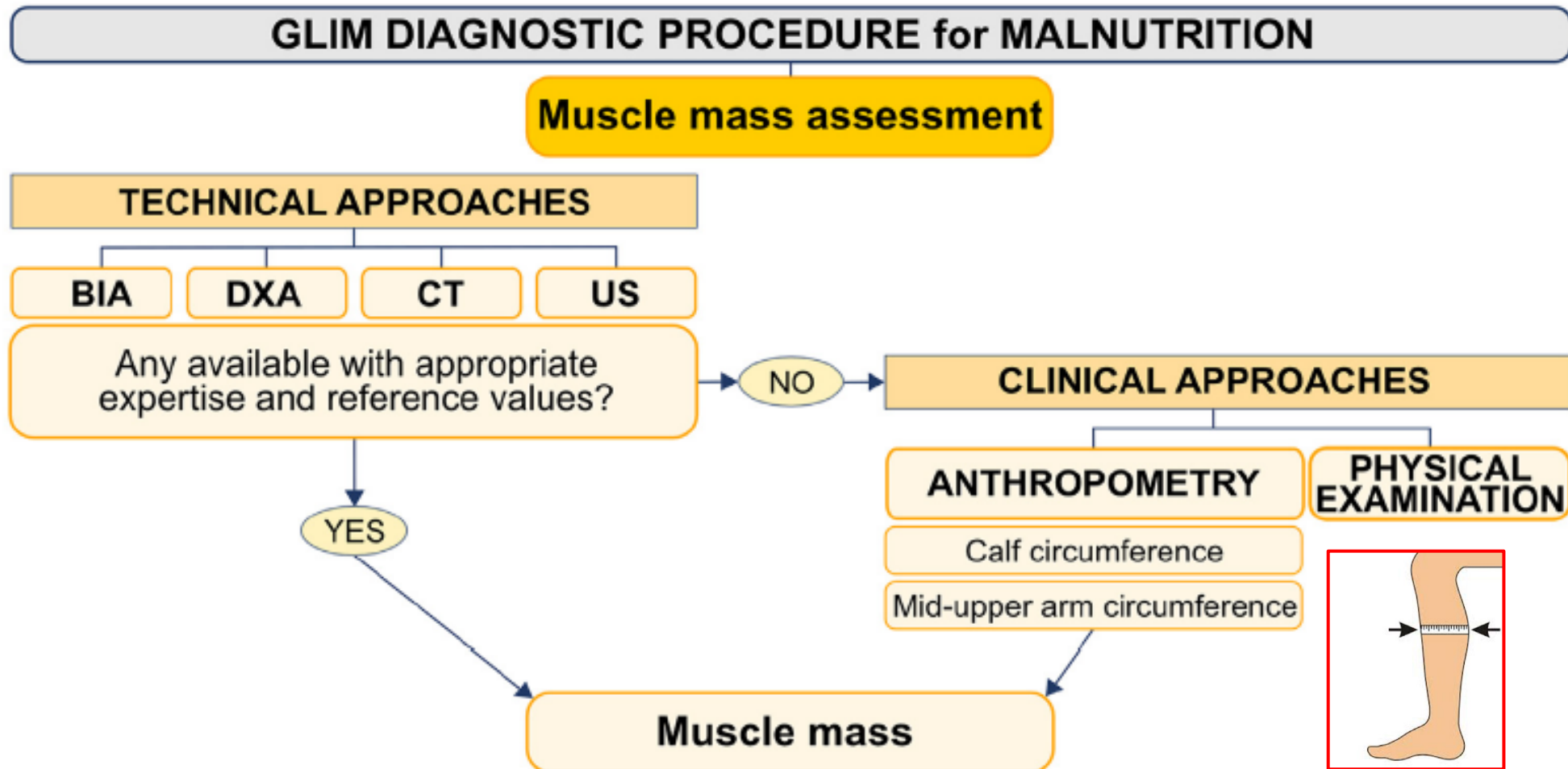
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GLIM Body Composition Initiative 2019-2022





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GLIM Inflammation Criterion Working Group

Co-chaired by Gordon Jensen & Tommy Cederholm



- Statement 1: The occurrence of **acute or chronic disease, infection or injury** that is often associated with inflammatory activity may fulfil the GLIM disease burden/inflammation criterion...
- Statement 2: The **listed acute conditions**; e.g. critical illness, major infection, ARDS, SIRS, ...
- Statement 3: The **listed chronic conditions**; e.g. CHF, COPD, Crohn's, RA, CKD, liver cirrhosis, AD...
- Statement 4: The **listed diseases that have no clear or less perceived inflammatory components**, will not fulfil the inflammation criterion; e.g. depression, GI strictures, dysphagia post-stroke...
- Statement 5: **Laboratory markers** indicating inflammation, like **se-CRP**, may **support** the confirmation...
- Statement 6: **Acute** inflammation is indicated by **CRP-levels 30-100 mg/l** (moderate), **>100 g/l** (severe)
- Statement 7: **Chronic** inflammation is indicated by serial measures of **CRP-levels >3-5 g/l**.
- Statement 8: Clinical judgement decides when laboratory markers are indicated...



In preparation





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