

Table 2

Core inclusion and exclusion criteria in the diagnosis of polymyalgia rheumatica

Core inclusion criteria

- Age > 50, duration > 2 weeks
- Bilateral shoulder/pelvic girdle ache (or both)
- Morning stiffness > 45 minutes
- Evidence of acute phase response (raised ESR & CRP)

Core exclusion criteria

- Active infection
- Active cancer
- Active giant cell arteritis