

Table 2b. Grouping of clinical features of Parkinson's disease according to diagnostic utility

GROUP A: Features characteristic of Parkinson disease
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resting tremor • Bradykinesia • Rigidity • Asymmetric onset
GROUP B: Features suggestive of alternative diagnoses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features unusual early in the clinical course • Prominent postural instability in the first 3 years after symptom onset • Freezing phenomena in the first 3 years • Hallucinations unrelated to medications in the first 3 years • Dementia preceding motor symptoms or in the first year • Supranuclear gaze palsy (other than restriction of upward gaze) or slowing of vertical saccades • Severe, asymptomatic dysautonomia unrelated to medications • Documentation of a condition known to produce Parkinsonism and plausibly connected to the patient's symptoms (such as suitably located focal brain lesions or neuroleptic use within the past 6 months)

