

**sTable 1: Current Infectious and Environmental Factors Implicated in the Etiology of Sarcoidosis**

Factors	Proof
<b>1. Occupational Hazards</b>	
<i>Indoor air (molds, bacteria, microbial contaminant)</i>	- Epidemiologic and Immunologic proof[1]
<i>Healthcare Workers</i>	- Epidemiological proof [2-4]
<i>Inorganic dust exposure from construction work</i>	- Epidemiological proof[5, 6]
<i>Metal dust, metalworking fluid, aerosols from Metal Industries</i>	- Epidemiological proof [7, 8]
<i>Insecticides, Pesticides, Mold/ Mildew, Silicates exposure (Agricultural workers)</i>	- Epidemiological proof[9, 10]
<i>Silicates from Mining</i>	- Epidemiological proof [11]
<i>Organic Dust, Wood Dust, Metal Dust, Wood Burning (Naval and Military Personnel)</i>	- Epidemiological proof[12, 13]
<i>Heavy dust exposure, Nanoparticles, carbon (Fire fighters)/Rescue workers</i>	- Epidemiological proof[14-16]
<b>2. Organic Particles</b>	
<i>Brominated diphenyl ethers polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated dibenzodioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, pesticides, phthalate esters, and other hydrocarbons. From the explosion and collapse of the World Trade Center (WTC)</i>	- Analyses of total settled dust and smoke that settled immediately after the explosion and fire and the concurrent collapse of the two World Trade Center (WTC) structures[15]
<b>3. Inorganic Particles</b>	
<i>Nanoparticles</i>	- Experimental Models of Sarcoidosis [16-18] - Saroid-like granulomas developing after exposure to nanoparticles[6, 19-21] - Immune Response [22]
<i>Construction Materials, Soot, paint (leaded and unleaded), Fibers (e.g., mineral wool, fiberglass, asbestos, wood, paper, and cotton) Metals, Radionuclides, and Ionic species.</i>	- Data from World Trade Center [15]
<b>4. Infectious Agents</b>	
<b>Bacteria, Fungi and Parasites</b>	
• <i>Mycobacteria</i>	- Nucleic acid[23-27] - Cell Constituent [28] - Immune Response and Circulating Antibodies [24, 27, 29-37] - Success of Anti-mycobacterial therapy[35-37] - Experimental Disease Models[38-47] - Proteomics[48] - Meta-analysis[29, 49] - Similarities in Transcriptome Profile of Sarcoidosis to Tuberculosis infection[50-53]
• <i>Propionibacteria</i>	- Success of Antibiotics[54-56] - Experimental Disease Models[57-65] - Meta-analysis [66] - Bacterial Culture[67-69] - Immune Response, Immunohistochemistry[60, 70-79] - Microbial Components [80, 81] - Nucleic Acid[65, 80-84]

• <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	- Immunological proof[85-87]
• <i>Rickettsia helvetica</i> ,	- Nucleic acid[86, 88, 89]
• <i>Leishmania species</i>	- Nucleic acid[88, 90]
• <i>Molds</i>	- Immune response and elevated N-acetylhexosaminidase (NAHA) in homes of Sarcoidosis patients[88, 91-94]
• <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>	- Nucleic acid and Immunohistochemistry[95]
<b>Viruses</b>	
• <i>Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)</i>	- Antibodies, Association between Immunosuppression therapy and increased risk for the development of EBV in Sarcoidosis patients [96, 97]
• <i>Human herpesvirus 6 (HHV6)</i>	- Antibodies[98]
• <i>Human herpesvirus 8 (HHV8)</i>	- Antibodies[99]
• <i>Human T-lymphotropic virus 1 (HTLV1)</i>	- Antibodies[100]
• <i>Cytomegalovirus (CMV)</i>	- Antibodies[101, 102]

**sTable 2: 2017 JMHW revised criteria to diagnose isolated cardiac sarcoid (ICS)<sup>[103, 104]</sup>**

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1. No clinical findings characteristics of sarcoidosis observed in any organs other than the heart

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  2. 67Ga scintigraphy or 18F-FDG PET without abnormal tracer accumulation in any organs other than the heart

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  3. A chest CT scan reveals revealing no shadowing along the lymphatic tracts in the lungs or no hilar and mediastinal lymphadenopathy (minor axis >10 mm)

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  4. Either a histological or a clinical diagnosis

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**sTable 3: Potentially Dangerous Clinical Scenarios Related to Pulmonary Sarcoidosis**

Condition	Mechanism	Treatment	Percentage of pulmonary sarcoidosis patients
<i>Fibrocystic sarcoidosis</i>	The fibrosis is the result of granulomatous inflammation in a subset of sarcoidosis patients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No known specific treatment</li> <li>• Anti-granulomatous therapy may be beneficial in preventing further development of fibrosis</li> </ul>	10 – 20%
<i>Sarcoidosis-associated pulmonary hypertension</i>	Predominantly from fibrotic distortion of the pulmonary vasculature. Other mechanisms include pulmonary venous hypertension from cardiac sarcoidosis or from corticosteroid-induced diabetic/atherosclerotic cardiomyopathy, pulmonary hypoxemia from parenchymal sarcoidosis, granulomatous inflammation of pulmonary arteries and veins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulmonary vasodilators, oxygen.</li> <li>• Anti-granulomatous therapy may be beneficial in a minority of patients.</li> </ul>	5%, with most a subset of fibrocystic sarcoidosis patients
<i>Bronchiectasis, severe airway distortion</i>	Fibrotic distortion of airways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance mucociliary clearance</li> <li>• Intermittent appropriate antibiotics</li> <li>• Possibly consider roflumilast</li> </ul>	5% - 10%, with most a subset of fibrocystic sarcoidosis patients
<i>Mycetoma</i>	Colonization of fungus in devitalized, fibrotic sarcoidosis lung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical excision</li> <li>• Anti-fungal agents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– given systemically</li> <li>– Injected into mycetoma cavities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1%, with most a subset of fibrocystic sarcoidosis patients.