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Diagnostic Exercise

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Clinical History: 1-year-old, male, Aberdeen Angus, bovine (Bos taurus). Clinical signs: muscle weakness, apathy, anorexia, tachypnea, instability of the pelvic limbs with dragging of the toes, tremors of muscles in the thighs, neck, and head, ear dropping, lateral recumbence, and death after a clinical course of approximately 30 hours.

Laboratory Findings: CK in the day of the death was 30,000 µ/L. Reference value >350 µ/L

Necropsy Findings: Please see the gross image below
Follow-up questions:

1. Description
2. Morphologic diagnosis
3. Four differentials

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