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**Table 2: Recommended initial investigations for persistent widespread pain**

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Complete blood count and differential count  
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate  
Rheumatoid factor  
Antinuclear antibodies  
Thyroid-stimulating hormone  
Creatine phosphokinase  
Alkaline phosphatase  
Serum calcium and phosphorous  
Serum protein electrophoresis

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