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Clinical spectrum of genetic pediatric movement disorders

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Objectives

- Review basic classification of pediatric hyperkinetic movement disorders.
- Describe the definition and phenomenology of dystonia, chorea and myoclonus.
- Become familiar with genetic pediatric movement disorders through video cases.

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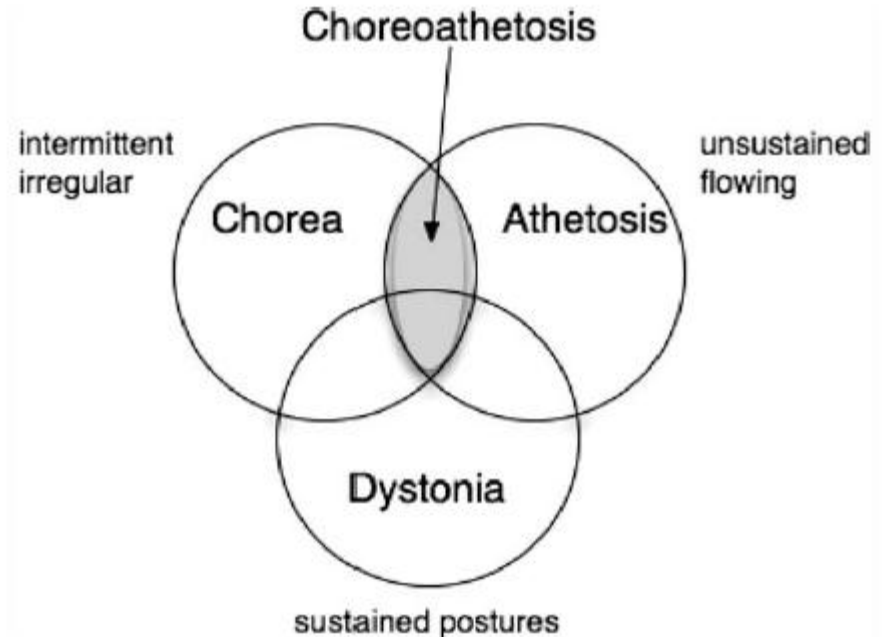
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Hyperkinetic movement disorders

- Benign
- Acquired
- Genetic
 - Isolated
 - Neurometabolic/Complex

Hyperkinetic movement disorders

- Dystonia
- Chorea
- Athetosis
- Myoclonus
- Ballismus
- Tremor
- Tics
- Stereotypies



Dystonia

- Dystonia is characterized by sustained or intermittent muscle contractions causing abnormal, often repetitive, movements, postures, or both.
- Dystonic movements are typically patterned, twisting, and may be tremulous.
- Dystonia is often initiated or worsened by voluntary action and associated with overflow muscle activation.

Dystonia phenomenology

- Dystonic tremor
 - A spontaneous oscillatory, rhythmical, although often inconstant, patterned movement.
 - Null point when tremor is relieved by allowing the abnormal dystonic posture to fully develop.
- Overflow
 - unintentional muscle contraction of other regions which accompanies primary dystonic movement.
- Mirror dystonia
 - unilateral movement usually in the more severely affected side, when contralateral movements or actions are performed.
- Geste antagoniste (sensory trick)
 - Voluntary actions that specifically correct the abnormal posture or alleviate the dystonic movements.

Dystonia classification

Axis I. Clinical characteristics

Clinical characteristics of dystonia

Age at onset

- Infancy (birth to 2 years)
- Childhood (3–12 years)
- Adolescence (13–20 years)
- Early adulthood (21–40 years)
- Late adulthood (>40 years)

Body distribution

- Focal
- Segmental
- Multifocal
- Generalized (with or without leg involvement)
- Hemidystonia

Temporal pattern

- Disease course
 - Static
 - Progressive
- Variability
 - Persistent
 - Action-specific
 - Diurnal
 - Paroxysmal

Associated features

Isolated dystonia or combined with another movement disorder

- Isolated dystonia
- Combined dystonia

Occurrence of other neurological or systemic manifestations

- List of co-occurring neurological manifestations

Axis II. Etiology

Nervous system pathology

Evidence of degeneration

Evidence of structural (often static) lesions

No evidence of degeneration or structural lesion

Inherited or acquired

Inherited

- Autosomal dominant
- Autosomal recessive
- X-linked recessive
- Mitochondrial

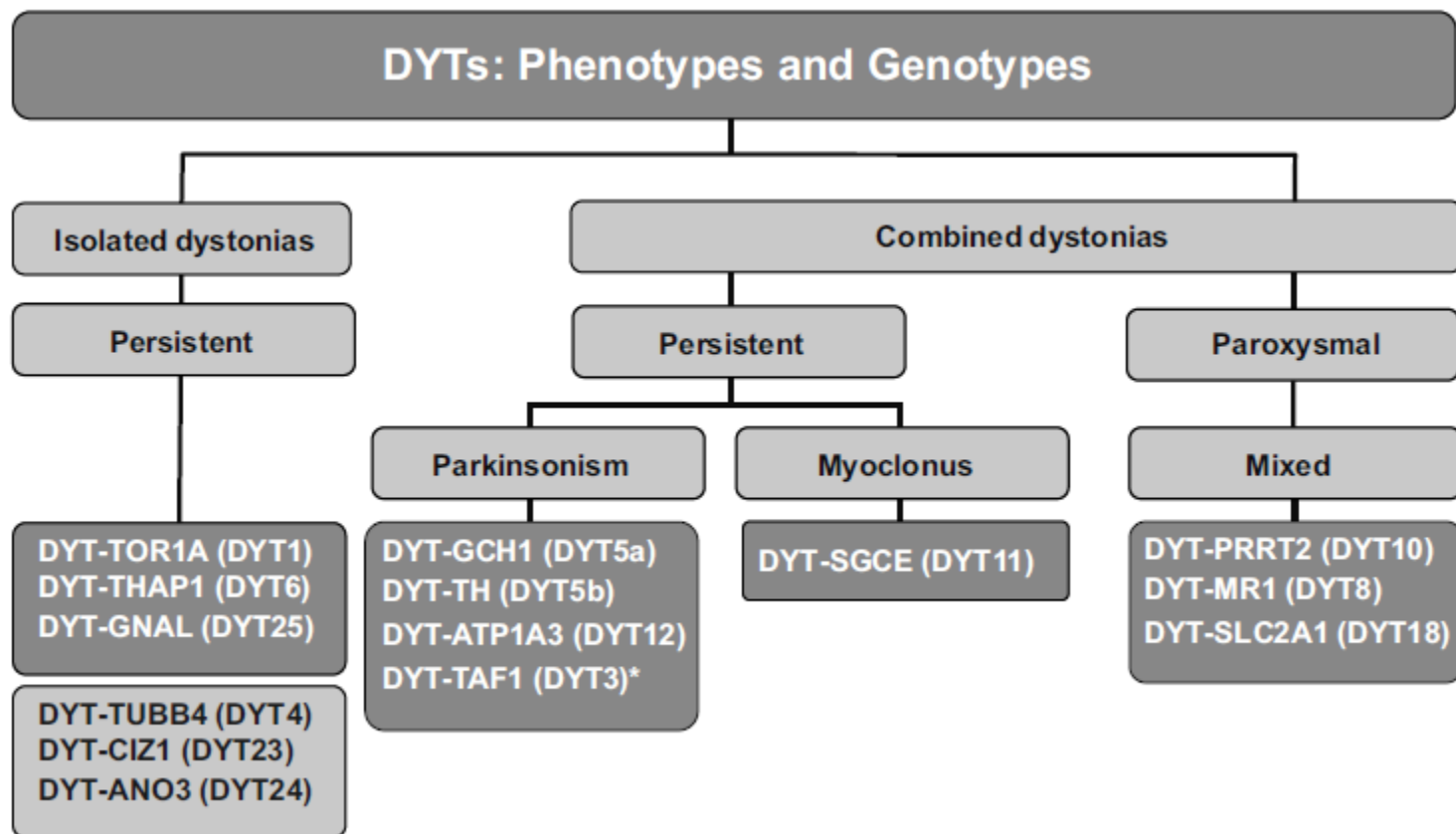
Acquired

- Perinatal brain injury
- Infection
- Drug
- Toxic
- Vascular
- Neoplastic
- Brain injury
- Psychogenic

Idiopathic

- Sporadic
- Familial

Dystonia genes



Genetic dystonia in childhood

TABLE 7-2 DYT Classification of Primary Genetic Dystonia in Childhood

DYT Number	Paroxysmal/ Nonparoxysmal	Clinical Presentation	Pattern of Inheritance	Causative Gene
DYT1	Nonparoxysmal	Early-onset primary generalized idiopathic torsion dystonia	Autosomal dominant	<i>TOR1A</i>
DYT5a	Nonparoxysmal	Dopa-responsive dystonia	Autosomal dominant	<i>GCH1</i>
DYT5b	Nonparoxysmal	Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency	Autosomal recessive	<i>TH</i>
DYT8	Paroxysmal	Paroxysmal nonkinesogenic dyskinesia	Autosomal dominant	<i>MR1</i>
DYT10	Paroxysmal	Paroxysmal kinesogenic dyskinesia	Autosomal dominant	<i>PRRT2</i>
DYT11	Nonparoxysmal	Myoclonus dystonia	Autosomal dominant	<i>SGCE</i>
DYT12	Nonparoxysmal	Rapid-onset dystonia-parkinsonism	Autosomal dominant	<i>ATP1A3</i>
DYT18	Paroxysmal	Paroxysmal exercise-induced dyskinesia	Autosomal dominant	<i>SLC2A1</i>
DYT23	Nonparoxysmal	Myoclonus dystonia	Autosomal dominant	<i>CACNA1B</i>
DYT26	Nonparoxysmal	Myoclonus dystonia	Autosomal dominant	<i>KCTD17</i>



Video cases

DYT1-TOR1A

- Oppenheim's dystonia
- Most common form of genetic dystonia
 - 90% of generalized dystonia in Ashkenazi Jewish (AJ) population
 - 40-60% of generalized dystonia in non AJ population
- Childhood onset (~ age 13), range 1-28 y.
- Almost always (95%) starts in a limb
- 2/3 will progress to generalized or multifocal dystonia
- 20% remain focal dystonia
- Increased rate of recurrent major depression
- Good response to THP and sustained benefit from bilateral GPi DBS

DYT1-TOR1A

- Majority of cases are caused by a 3-base pair deletion (GAG) in exon 5 of *TOR1A*.
- *DYT1* is inherited in an autosomal dominant fashion.
- However, there is reduced penetrance of 30%.
- *TOR1A* encodes a nuclear envelope heat shock protein in the AAA+ ATPase family (torsinA).
- THAP1 (*DYT6*) binds to the *TOR1A* promoter and decreases its expression.

Video case

DYT6-THAP1

- Age of onset ~16.1 – 24 y. (5-38 y.)
- 50% present as cranial or cervical dystonia
- Prominent laryngeal involvement
- Frequent progression to involve multiple body regions
- Autosomal dominant inheritance with 60% penetrance
- Two homozygous families have been described
- Founder effect in the Amish-Mennonites
- > 50 mutations described across populations
- Explains 1-2% of all idiopathic dystonia cases

Video cases

Dopa responsive dystonia

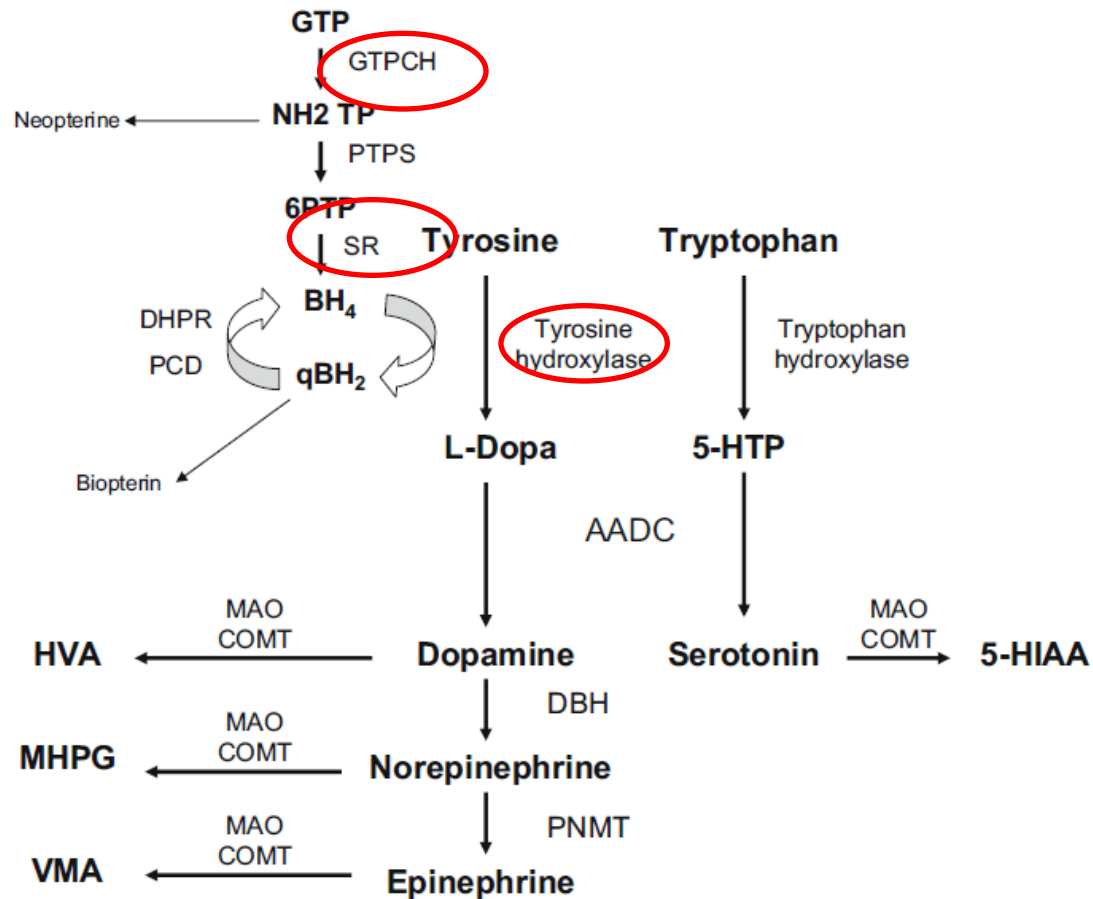
GTPCH1

- Clinical presentation
 - Mean age of onset 5-8.5 y. (0-54)
 - Male: Female 1 : 2.5-4
 - Limb onset dystonia leg>> arm, equinovarus posturing
 - Brisk DTRs and ankle clonus
 - Diurnal fluctuation
 - Improvement on low dose L-dopa
 - Mild Parkinsonism in particular in adult onset
- Non motor symptoms
 - Depression, anxiety, OCD possibly due to low 5-HT levels
 - Excessive sleepiness, nightmares
 - Normal to borderline intellectual functioning

DYT5-GTPCH1

- Treatable form of genetic dystonia
- AD form
 - Most common DRD
 - Prevalence 0.5 to 1 per million
 - Penetrance 38% vs 87% ; Male: Female 1 : 2.5-4
 - > 100 mutations in gene including large indels of chr. 14q22.1–14q22.2
- AR form
 - More severe phenotype with spasticity and oculogyric crisis
 - Neonatal hyperphenylalaninemia
 - Possibly requires higher doses of L-dopa

The dopamine pathway



Treatment and diagnosis

GTPCH1

- L-dopa trial
 - < 6 yo: 1-10 mg/kg/day
 - > 6 yo: 50 mg TID x 1 week and slowly increase to 200 mg TID
 - Response should be evaluated after 1 month
 - Typical patients have good response with 50–200 mg levodopa daily
 - Dyskinesias /fluctuations infrequent in *GTPCH1*
 - Safe during pregnancy | Trender-Gerhard, J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 2009
- Lumbar puncture and/or genetic testing

Video cases

DYT12-ATP1A3

- *ATP1A3* encodes the Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase alpha 3 subunit
- Mutations in *ATP1A3* cause a spectrum of disorders
 - rapid onset dystonia parkinsonism (RDP)
 - alternating hemiplegia of childhood (AHC)
 - cerebellar ataxia, areflexia, pes cavus, optic atrophy, and sensorineural hearing loss (CAPOS) syndrome
 - epileptic encephalopathy
 - relapsing encephalopathy with cerebellar ataxia
 - rapid adult onset ataxia
 - CAPOS with hemiplegic migraine

RPD

- Rapid-onset dystonia parkinsonism
- Sudden onset of dystonic posturing, postural instability and/or bradykinesia over hours to days
- Onset can be triggered by exercise, ETOH, trauma, infection, stress
- Rostro-caudal progression with marked cranial involvement
- Associated with psychiatric disease
- Autosomal dominant transmission

Genotype-phenotype correlation

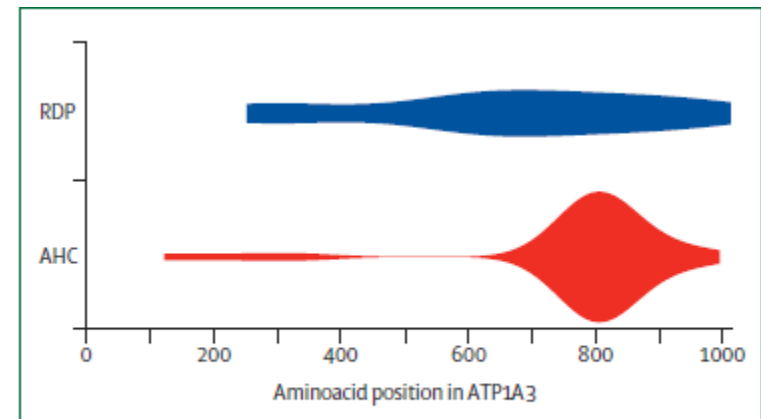
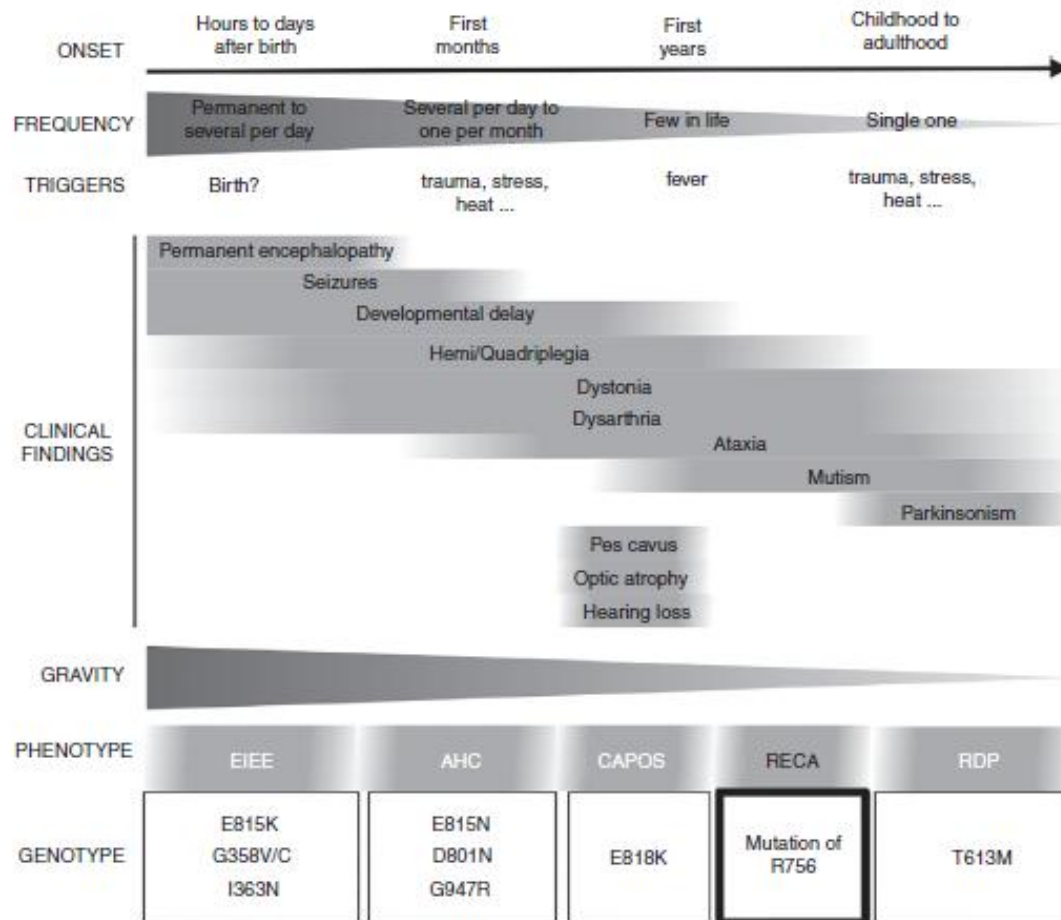
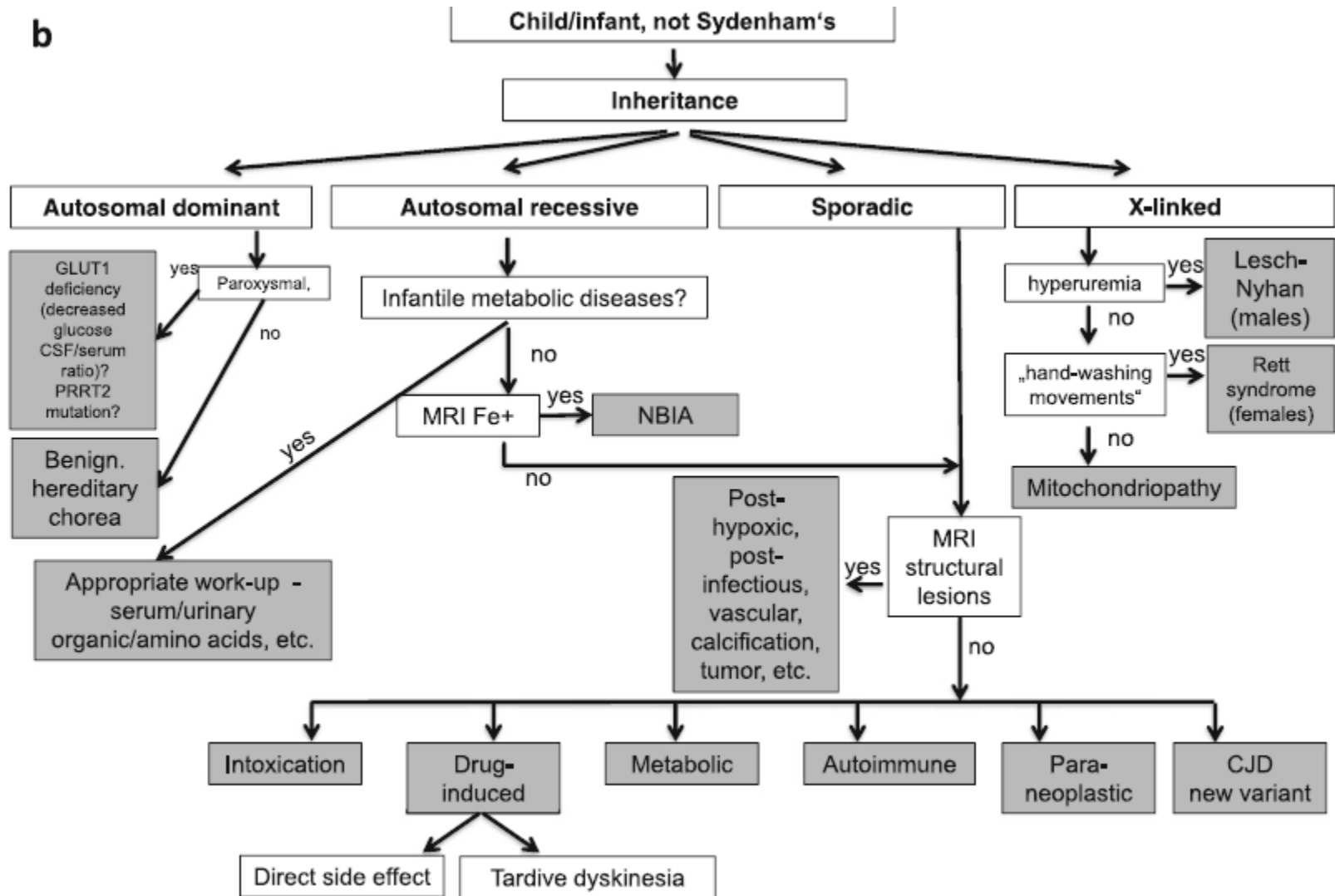


Figure 3: Density plot showing the distribution of AHC and RDP mutations in ATP1A3

Chorea

- Chorea refers to brief involuntary movements of limbs, trunk, neck, or face that rapidly travel from region to region in an irregular, flowing, nonstereotyped pattern.

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Video cases

Benign Hereditary Chorea

- Autosomal dominant disorder or sporadic mutation
- The most common cause is *TITF1/TTF1/NKX2.1* gene mutations or large chr. 14q13.3 deletions
- Neurological presentation
 - Onset 2.5- 3 y.
 - Motor delay and hypotonia followed by hyperkinetic movements; chorea, dystonia, myoclonus, ataxia
 - Non progressive
 - MRI brain may show anatomical variants

Clinical Spectrum of Benign Hereditary Chorea

Lung

Neonatal/Infant respiratory
distress syndrome
Recurrent pulmonary infection
Obstructive airways disease
Chronic interstitial lung disease
Increased risk of lung
cancer

Thyroid

Congenital hypothyroidism
Thyroid agenesis

**Brain-
Lung-
Thyroid** 30%

Other associated features

Malignancy
Urinary tract abnormalities
Hypo-/Oligo-dontia
Short stature
Webbed neck
Joint hypermobility
Hypoparathyroidism
Sensorineural hearing loss
Skeletal abnormalities

Brain

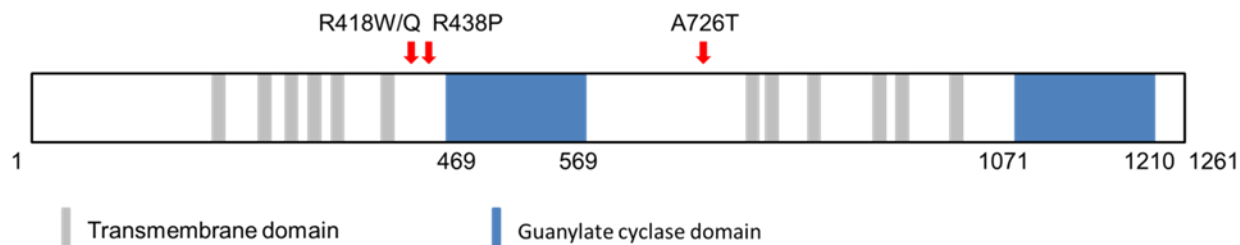
Hypotonia
Motor developmental delay
Chorea, Myoclonus, Dystonia, Ataxia
Dysarthria
Cognitive impairment
Psychiatric illness: ADHD, OCD, psychosis

When to suspect *TITF1*

- Childhood onset of hypotonia in association with a hyperkinetic movement disorder plus
 1. Hypothyroidism, neonatal respiratory distress or recurrent respiratory infections (B-T-L triad)
 2. Isolated non-progressive chorea with onset < 5 yo
 3. Childhood onset non-progressive ataxia
 4. Dominant family history of thyroid disease, chorea, ataxia, motor delay, ADHD or psychosis
 5. Mild dysmorphic features: short stature, oligodontia, hypospadias, bulbous nose, CHD
 6. MRI findings of cystic pituitary gland, empty sella, agenesis of corpus callosum

ADCY5

- Mutations in *ADCY5* are the second cause of “Benign Hereditary Chorea”.
- *ADCY5* encodes an adenylyl cyclase, which is mainly expressed in the striatum.
- Autosomal dominant inheritance or de novo mutations.
- Over 8 mutations and 27 cases reported.



Clinical features

- Onset ~ 0-2 y.
- Motor and speech delay, axial hypotonia
- Mixed hyperkinetic movement disorder with characteristic facial chorea-myoclonus
- Pyramidal signs
- Impaired vertical gaze
- Normal or decreased cognition
- Paroxysmal worsening, triggered by stress
- Characteristic hypotonic facial and wide-based, staggering gait with adducted knees
- Phenotype is not benign; CP mimicker

Clinical features

Clinical Features	No. of Cases (Where Reported)	% (n = 20)	% (Where Reported)	Our Series	Clinical Features	No. of Cases (Where Reported)	% (n = 20)	% (Where Reported)	Our Series
Presentation					Duration of episodic exacerbation				
Birth to 6 months	4/19	20	21	3/7	Minutes to hours	8/10	40	80	6/7
7 months to 2 years	7/19	35	37	3/7	Hours to days	1/10	5	10	0/7
>2 years	8/19	40	42	1/7	Constant	1/10	5	10	1/7
Syndrome					Exacerbating factors				
CWEDD	5/20	25	25	5/7	Action	8/16	40	50	6/7
MD	1/20	5	5	1/7	Stress	10/16	50	63	4/7
IOIC	1/20	5	5	1/7	Awakening	3/16	15	19	0/7
COPCD	2/20	10	10	0/7	Drowsiness	7/16	35	44	6/7
FDFM	6/20	30	30	0/7	Improvement with				
EOADCD	2/20	10	10	0/7	Clonazepam	4/15	20	27	4/7
BHC	3/20	15	15	0/7	Clobazem	2/15	10	13	2/7
Gene mutation					Carbamazepine	1/15	5	7	1/7
c.1252C>T	10/20	50	50	5/7	Propranolol	1/15	5	7	NT
c.1252C>G	1/20	5	5	1/7	Acetazolamide	2/15	10	13	NT
c.1253G>A	1/20	5	5	1/7	Trihexyphenidyl	3/15	15	20	0/7
c.2176G>A	6/20	30	30	0/7	Tetrabenazine	2/15	10	13	NT
c.2088+1G>A	2/20	10	10	0/7	Caffeine	1/15	5	7	1/7
Phenomenology					Action	1/15	5	7	0/7
Chorea	18/19	90	95	6/7	<hr/>				
Facial dyskinesia	11/20	55	55	5/7					
Axial hypotonia	8/16	40	50	6/7					
Dystonia	14/17	70	82	6/7					
Myoclonus	3/11	15	27	2/7					
Spasticity	6/20	30	30	3/7					
Intellectual disability	2/20	10	10	2/7					
upward gaze palsy	7/13	35	54	4/7					
Motor regression	6/20	30	30	2/7					
Epilepsy	1/19	5	5	0/7					

DBS therapy in ADCY5

Mutation	c.2080_2088del, p.K694_M696	c.1252C>T (p.R418W)	c.1252C>T (p.R418W)
Gender	Male	Female	Female
Ethnic background	Caucasian/Puerto Rican	Caucasian	Caucasian
Initial symptom	Continuous generalized choreoathetosis	Sleep myoclonus	Episodic choreiform movements with dystonic posturing
Age of onset	5 months	12 months	13 months
Age at exam or report	3 years	8 years	32 years
Development	Significantly delayed: cannot sit or roll over, significant head lag 5 months after DBS: began making midline movements and purposeful vocalization	Sat: 18 months Walked: 3 years Delayed speech	Sat: 18 months Walked with assistance: 2.5 years Delayed speech
Cognitive function	Significantly delayed	Normal	Low average
Other features	Diffuse hypotonia	Hypotonia, myoclonus	Hypotonia
Initial movements	Continuous hyperkinetic movements (choreoathetosis, ballism)	Myoclonus followed by hyperkinetic movements (dystonia and choreoathetosis)	Choreoathetosis episodic with dystonic posturing
DBS target	Bilateral GPi	Bilateral GPi	Bilateral GPi
Pre-DBS severity scale (patients 2-3: BFM)	Not applicable	BFM 45 BFM Disability 3	BFM 75.5 BFM Disability 25
Post-DBS severity scale (patients 2-3: BFM)	Not available	BFM 38 (6 months postoperative) BFM Disability 3 (6 months postoperative)	BFM 38 BFM Disability 24 (3 years postoperative)
Duration post-DBS	10 months	8 months	3 years
Post-DBS	Mild improvements in choreoathetosis, sleep, and mild gains in developmental milestones Improvement in prior failure to thrive	Mild improvements in myoclonus, dystonia, clarity of speech and ambulation	Episodic choreoathetoid and dystonic movements improved; can use a communication board more effectively, and steer electric wheelchair with joystick

- Our patient had significant clinical improvement of dystonia, speech, sialorrhea and gait which translated into improved BFM motor and disability scores at one year and 3 years post op.
- Positive responses to stimulation up to 3 years, however long-term efficacy not yet demonstrated

Myoclonus

- Myoclonus is characterized by a sudden, jerky, shock-like movement.
- Positive myoclonus is generated by contraction of muscles due to excitatory inputs.
- Negative myoclonus is defined as the sudden loss of muscle tone (e.g., asterixis).

Table 1. Classification of myoclonus

Etiology	Phenomenology
Physiologic	Distribution
Hypnic jerks	Focal
Hiccups	Segmental
Anxiety-induced	Multifocal
Exercise-induced	Generalized
Essential	Stimulus
Sporadic	Spontaneous
Hereditary	Action
Epileptic	Reflex (stimulus-induced)
Childhood epilepsies	Timing
Progressive myoclonic epilepsies	Rhythmic
Symptomatic	Irregular
Metabolic (hepatic, renal, electrolyte disturbances)	Periodic
Toxicities	Pathophysiology
Storage diseases	Cortical
Trauma (posthypoxic)	Focal
Neoplastic/paraneoplastic (opsoclonus-myoclonus)	Multifocal
Infections	Generalized
Dementia (Creutzfeldt-Jakob)	Subcortical
Other neurodegenerative	Thalamic
Atypical parkinsonism	Brainstem
Other basal ganglia degeneration	Reticular
Spinocerebellar degeneration	Hyperexplexia (startle)
	Palatal
	Spinal
	Segmental
	Propriospinal
	Peripheral

Video case

Myoclonus Dystonia

- Median age of onset 5-8 y (1.5-18 y)
- Usually presents as truncal and upper limb myoclonus with cervical dystonia and/or writer's cramp
- In early childhood can present with upper body myoclonus and dystonia OR lower limb dystonia with later onset myoclonus
- Ataxia
- Psychiatric symptoms
 - OCD, anxiety-related disorders, and alcohol dependence
(Peall KJ et al, Ann Clin Transl Neurol. 2015)

DYT11-SGCE

- *SGCE* mutations explain 50% of individuals with definite M-D
- Single gene mutation vs contiguous gene syndrome
- Autosomal dominant inheritance with variable penetrance
- Penetrance is nearly complete when transmitted by the father because *SGCE* is maternally imprinted and preferentially expressed from the paternal allele

SGCE plus syndromes

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Table 4 Clinical characteristics of cases with contiguous gene deletions involving *SGCE*

Cases	Deletion size (Mb)	Genes involved	Clinical characteristics
This study			
Case 1	2.3	<i>PPP1R9A, PEG10, SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2, BET1, GNG11, TFP12, GNG1, CALCR, HCTR-6, KIAA 1861, CCDC132, HEPACAM2, SAMD9, SAMD9L</i>	Short stature, language delay
Case 2	2.3	<i>PPP1R9A, PEG10, SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2, BET1, GNG11, TFP12, GNG1, CALCR, HCTR-6, KIAA 1861, CCDC132, HEPACAM2, SAMD9, SAMD9L</i>	Short stature
Case 3	2	<i>PEG10, SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2, BET1, GNG11, TFP12, GNG1, CALCR, HCTR-6, KIAA 1861, CCDC132, HEPACAM2, SAMD9, SAMD9L, CDK6</i>	Intrauterine growth retardation, microcephaly short stature, joint laxity
Case 4	1.9	<i>SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2, BET1, GNG11, TFP12, GNG1, CALCR, HCTR-6, KIAA 1861, CCDC132, HEPACAM2, SAMD9, SAMD9L, CDK6</i>	Microcephaly, short stature, cognitive impairment
Case 5	0.7	<i>PEG10, SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2</i>	Short stature, psychosis
DeBerardinis et al.			
Case 1	9–16.5	<i>SGCE</i> (and contiguous genes, not further defined)	Intrauterine growth retardation, microcephaly short stature, dysmorphic facies, language delay
Asmus et al.			
Case 1	1.63	<i>PEG10, SGCE, COLIA2</i>	Short stature, joint laxity, dental caries, joint laxity, blue sclerae, cerebral cavernous malformations
Case 2	4.99	<i>PEG10, SGCE, COLIA2, PEX1, KRIT1</i>	Dysmorphic facies, dental caries, cognitive impairment, split-hand split-foot syndrome
Case 3	8.78	<i>PEG10, SGCE, COLIA2, PEX1, KRIT1, DLX5</i>	
Saugier-Veber et al.			
Case 1	1.88	<i>SGCE, CASD1, COLIA2, BET1, GNG11, TFP12, GNG1, CALCR, HCTR-6, KIAA 1861, CCDC132, HEPACAM2, SAMD9, SAMD9L, CDK6</i>	Intrauterine growth retardation, microcephaly, short stature, joint laxity, cognitive impairment
Dale et al.			
Case 1	0.17	<i>SGCE, CASD1</i>	Language delay, cognitive impairment
Case 2	0.17	<i>SGCE, CASD1</i>	Nil
Case 3	0.17	<i>SGCE, CASD1</i>	Psychosis

B Silver Russell syndrome 2e to maternal uniparental disomy

Myoclonus Dystonia

- Treatment
 - Clonazepam
 - Zonisamide Hainque E Neurology. 2016 May 3;86(18):1729-35
 - Bilateral GPi DBS therapy
- New myoclonus dystonia genes:
 - KCTD17 Mencacci NE et al, AJHG 96, 938–947, June 4, 2015
 - More severe dystonia phenotype
 - CACNA1B Groen JL et al Human Molecular Genetics, 2015, Vol. 24, No. 4

Conclusion

- This presentation highlights the clinical and genetic complexity of hyperkinetic pediatric movement disorders.
- Genetic diagnosis is important for family counseling and therapeutic considerations.
- Utility of whole exome sequencing in sporadic cases with a complex neurological phenotype in particular in the field of movement disorders.

Questions?

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