

A UNIQUE IL2RA MUTATION PRESENTING AS NEONATAL DIABETES, CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM AND SEPSIS

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Introduction: To evaluate the neonate for a common cause of neonatal diabetes, congenital hypothyroidism and sepsis and to explore for the best modality of management, including a possible role for sulphonylureas .

Case Presentation

- First child, born of 3rd degree consanguineous marriage.
- Birth and early neonatal period uneventful
- Presented on Day 16 of life with refusal of feeds, excessive crying, fever, dehydration and rapid breathing.
- On examination was febrile with a Heart Rate of 120 per minute, respiratory rate 80 per minute, Oxygen Saturation of 80% and low pulse volume

Investigations	Result
ABG	6.8
SODIUM	147 meq/lt
POTASSIUM	5.5 meq/lt
SERUM CREATININE	1.7 mg/dl
C-REACTIVE PROTEIN	Negative
BLOOD CULTURE	Negative
RBS	22 mmol/lt (400 mg/dl)
HBA1C	10%
T4	0.3 mcg/dl
TSH	>150 mciu/ml

- Diagnosed as DKA and started on insulin drip and iv fluids and 25 mcg thyroxine.
- After resolution of ketosis started on Inj Aspart 30/70 , 2 units morning and 1 unit at night prior to breast feeds.
- This resulted in persistent hypoglycemia and insulin dose was gradually reduced and eventually changed to Glargine 1 unit at bedtime.
- Since hypoglycemia persisted, the dose was reduced to 0.5 unit Glargine and eventually stopped.
- The Blood Glucose shot up to 23 mmol/lt within 2 hours and Glargine was restarted and titrated to 0.2 units in morning and 0.1 unit at night.
- Repeat TSH was > 150 mciu/ml after 15 days.
- Parents confirmed compliance and so dose was increased to 50 mcg/day
- Ultrasound neck – Normal position, size and echotexture of thyroid.

- Diagnosed as Neonatal Diabetes - GLIS3 mutation?
- Sanger sequencing negative for GLIS 3.
- Genetic evaluation for other genes ongoing.

- Readmitted on Day 52 with fever and loose stools.
- Oral thrush, sclerema and abdominal distension.
- CRP – 10 mg/lt.
- S.Creat – 1.5 mg/dl
- Blood culture- sterile
- Started on iv antibiotics, antifungals, albumin and FFP.
- Gradually developed respiratory distress and sclerema
- Bilateral lung crepts and neurological status was dull
- Started on infusions of dopamine, adrenaline and insulin along with mechanical ventilation and thyroxine was continued.

Investigations	Result
ABG	6.8
CHEST X-RAY	Left upper zone consolidation
POTASSIUM	2.6 meq/lt
SERUM CREATININE	1.5 mg/dl
C-REACTIVE PROTEIN	75 MG/LY
BLOOD CULTURE	Negative
2D ECHO	Moderate to severe LV Dysfunction ? Secondary to sepsis
HBA1C	6.4%
T4	0.3 mcg/dl
TSH	>150 mciu/ml

Developed severe metabolic acidosis and gradually deteriorated Eventually had refractory hypoxemia and shock and expired.

Targeted Next-Gen Sequencing of neonatal diabetes was ongoing. Identified a homozygous deletion of exons 2-8 of IL2RA gene. (IL2RA partial gene deletion, c.65-?_819+?del.) Both parents heterozygous. Risk of transmission to next child – 1 in 4.

DISCUSSION

- Immunodeficiency 41 with lympho-proliferation and autoimmunity; IMD 41. Also called CD 25 deficiency.
- An autosomal recessive complex disorder of immune dysregulation.
- Affected individuals present in infancy with recurrent viral, fungal, and bacterial infections, lymphadenopathy, and variable autoimmune features, such as autoimmune enteropathy and eczematous skin lesions.
- Immunologic studies show a defect in T-cell regulation.
- Only other case reported worldwide with neonatal diabetes.
- 8-year-old boy presented at age 6 weeks with diarrhea, insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, and respiratory insufficiency due to CMV infection.
- During childhood, he developed autoimmune enteropathy with villous atrophy, eczema, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, hypothyroidism, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, and autoimmune granulocytopenia.
- Identified compound heterozygous truncating mutations in the IL2RA gene. Each unaffected parent was heterozygous for 1 of the mutation
- Defective IL-10 expression from CD4 lymphocytes ? Secondary to IL2 receptor mutation.
- Rescued with IL-15 and high concentrations of IL-2.

Survival is difficult in view of recurrent severe infections and extremely limited availability of IL-15 and IL-2.

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