

# PERSISTENT MÜLLERIAN DUCT SYNDROME IN TWIN BROTHERS CAUSED BY A NOVEL MUTATION IN THE AMHR2 GENE



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- ✓ Persistent Müllerian Duct Syndrome (PMDS) is a rare form of recessive autosomal inherited sex development disorder.
- ✓ Normally masculinized XY males can present with bilateral cryptorchidism or unilateral cryptorchidism associated with an inguinal hernia.
- ✓ Most frequent genetic causes are mutations in Anti-Müllerian Hormone (AMH) & AMHR 2 genes, situated respectively on chromosome 19 (13.3p19) & chromosome 12 (13.q12).

**Our aim is to report the different clinical (genital) presentation of a novel mutation in the *AMHR 2* gene in monozygotic diamniotic twin boys**

Healthy Turkish, consanguineous parents  
 Two older female siblings with unexplained retinitis pigmentosa  
 Eventless MCDA twin pregnancy  
 Delivery at 36 weeks of pregnancy with normal birth weight and length  
**Bilateral cryptorchidism without penile abnormalities**  
 Ultrasound: intra-abdominal testes suspected

## Examination at referral (14 months old)



Normal scrotum  
 Normal penile length  
 No inguinal hernia  
 Synophris and slight hypertrichosis

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Body weight (kg)                  | 7.93<br>(-0.86 SDS) |
| Body length (cm)                  | 79.5<br>(+0.18 SDS) |
| Serum testosterone* (µg/L)        | 5.98                |
| Serum dihydrotestosterone* (µg/L) | 0.50                |



Underdeveloped scrotum  
 Normal penile length  
 No inguinal hernia  
 Synophris and slight hypertrichosis

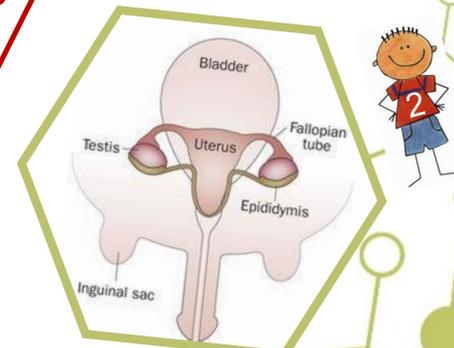
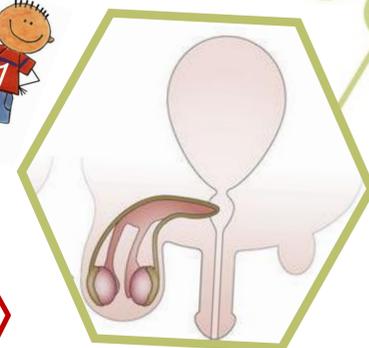
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| Body weight (kg)                  | 7.93<br>(-0.86 SDS) |
| Body length (cm)                  | 79.5<br>(+0.18 SDS) |
| Serum testosterone* (µg/L)        | 6.21                |
| Serum dihydrotestosterone* (µg/L) | 0.56                |

\* After hCG administration

46, XY karyotype

Likely pathogenic homozygous variant in *AMRH 2* gene: c.1473>G p.(Asp491Glu)

**A novel, similar mutation in the Anti-Müllerian Hormone Receptor 2 gene showed a crossed testicular ectopia and female type of Persistent Müllerian Duct Syndrome in non-identical twin boys.**



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