

# Infantile Hypercalcemia – Still A Diagnostic And Therapeutic Enigma



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## INTRODUCTION:

- A female born from uneventful pregnancy
- Normal delivery, on term
- Weight 3600 gr, Length 52 cm.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> month:

- blood in stools (Cow's milk allergy ?)
- irritable, decreased appetite,
- slow weight gain (300 g/month)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> month:

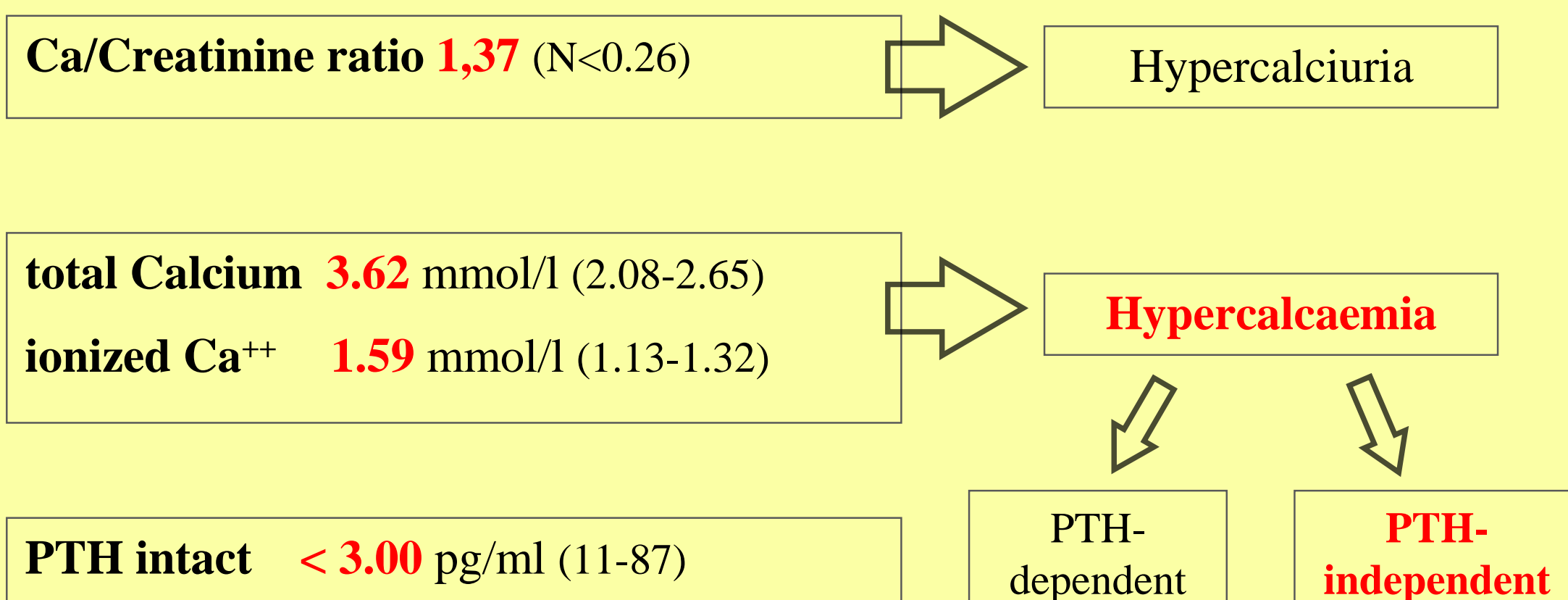
- erythrocyturia + leucocyturia (UTI ?)

## ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND:



Bilateral Nephrocalcinosis

## INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS:



## IDIOPATHIC INFANTILE HYPERCALCEMIA

There was no history of familial hypercalcemia, subcutaneous fat necrosis or vitamin D intoxication.

No syndromic or dysmorphic features were found.

In the context of the new etiological causes a defect in 24-hydroxylase activity was suspected. A molecular genetic testing for mutation in the CYP24A1 gene was done in a referent center but showed negative results. At presentation, lower phosphate serum levels of 1.0 mmol/l were noticed to be present too. During the follow-up the phosphate levels slowly increased up to the lower limits of 1.6 mmol/l with TmP/GFR of 1.32, calcium levels are still on the upper limits and there is no significant progression of the nephrocalcinosis and no impairment of the renal function.

**Initial treatment:** 10 days on i.v. infusions + urbason + furantril

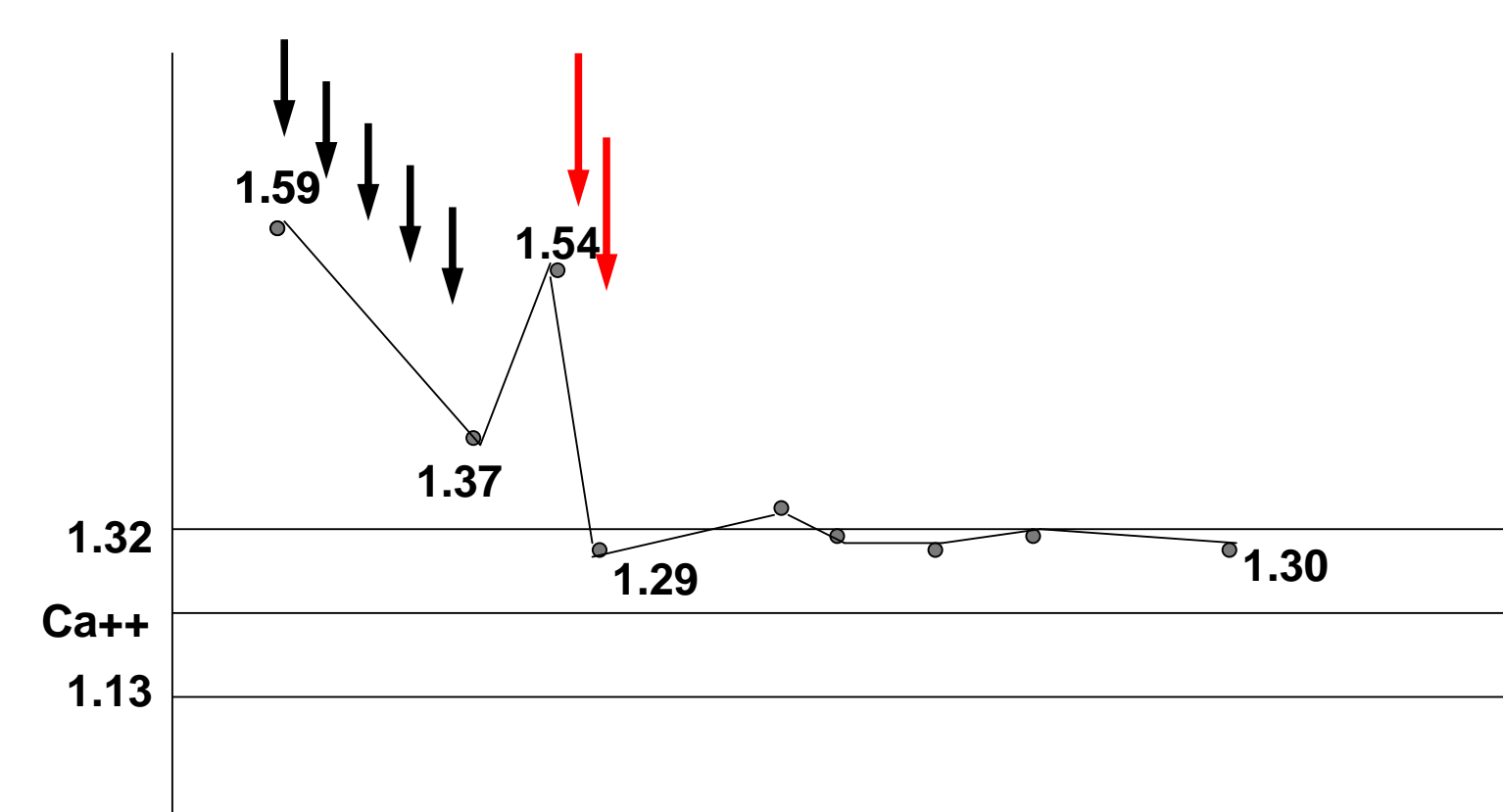
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ionized Ca<sup>++</sup> **1.59** → **1.37** mmol/l (1.13-1.32)

**PAMIDRONATE:** 2 days with doses of 1 mg/kg i.v.:

total Calcium **3.62** → **2.68** → N.A. → **2.73** mmol/l (2.08-2.65)

ionized Ca<sup>++</sup> **1.59** → **1.37** → **1.54** → **1.29** mmol/l (1.13-1.32)



### High PTH

#### Primary Hyperparathyroidism

- Parathyroid adenomas/carcinomas
- Familial Isolated Hyperparathyroidism
- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia
- HYP-JT
- Neonatal Severe Hyperparathyroidism (homozygous inactivating CaSR mutations)

#### Tertiary Hyperparathyroidism

- Chronic Renal Failure
- Maternal Hypocalcaemia

### Normal PTH

- Familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia (FHH) (heterozygous inactivating CaSR mutations)

### Low PTH

- Williams-Beuren Syndrome
- Jansen's Metaphyseal Chondrodysplasia
- Malignancy: ↑ PTHrP
- Hypervitaminosis D
  - Vit D intoxication
  - Subcutaneous Fat Necrosis
  - Idiopathic Hypercalcemia of Infancy

## VITAMIN D

Група	Показател	Биологичен материал	Резултат	Измерителна единица	Референтна област	Метод
Labor	Limbach, Heidelberg	Germany				
	1,25(OH) <sub>2</sub> Vitamin D3	S	135	ng/l	45 - 270	CLIA/Chemiluminescence
Служебни						
Забележка	да се върнат 11лв на пациента					
Специфични протеини, витамини						
	25-OH-vitamin D	S	> 70	ng/ml	> 20 ng/ml	ESLA
	При нива на 25-OH-Витамин D < 20 ng/ml - състоянието се определя като дефицит, а при нива от 21 - 29 ng/ml, като недостатъчност. Препоръчва се ниво на 25-OH-Витамин D > 30 ng/ml. (US National Kidney Foundation, US National Osteoporosis Foundation) както за добро костно здраве така и за добро общо здраве. Популационно базираните референтни граници не трябва да се приемат като критерии за започване или изключване на заместително или допълващо лечение с витамин D					

25-OH Vitamin D **> 70** (N 20-70 ng/ml)  
1,25-(OH)<sub>2</sub> Vitamin D **135** (N 45-270 ng/l)

→ **Hypervitaminosis D**

## CONCLUSIONS:

The case is an example of the still uncovered mysteries of calcium and vitamin D metabolism. In many cases infantile hypercalcemia is still a diagnostic and therapeutic enigma.

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