



# Clinical case of family neonatal diabetes with *KCNJ11* gene mutation

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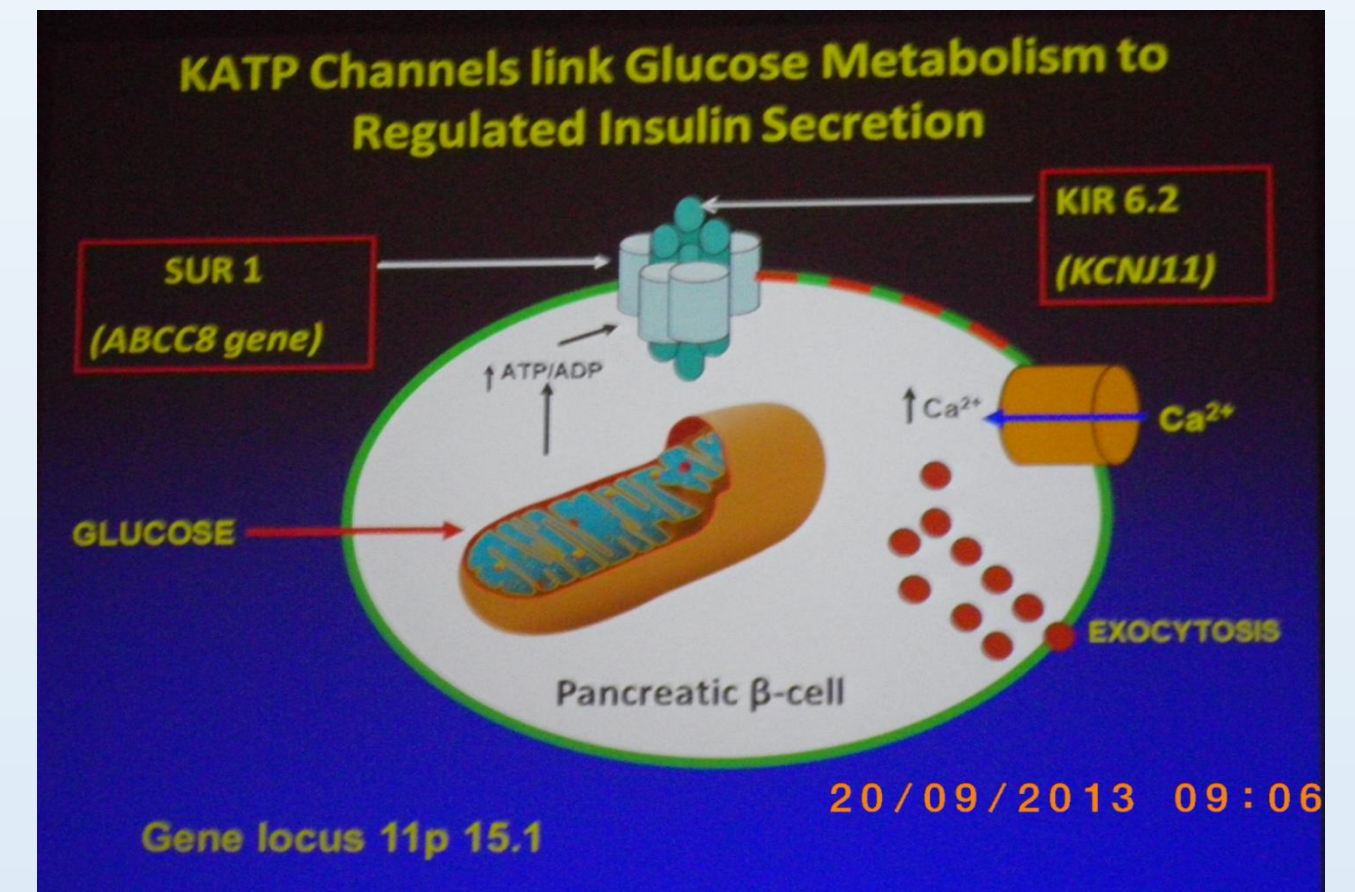
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**Background:** Neonatal diabetes is a rare pathology occurring in around 1 in every 200,000-400,000 live births. The most common cause of permanent neonatal diabetes (PNDM) is heterozygous activating mutations in the *KCNJ11* gene encoding the pore-forming Kir6.2 subunit of the pancreatic beta cell KATP channel.

## CLINICAL CASE

**Method:** We studied a family (mother and child) with PNDM diagnosed within the first 6 months of life. Carbohydrate metabolism was studied by iPro- 2 monitoring, HbA1c, C-peptide and insulin levels during 8 months of SU therapy. The *KCNJ11* gene was sequenced by Sanger.

**Objective and hypotheses:** To determine the dynamic of carbohydrate metabolism in family transferred from insulin to sulphonylureas (SU).



**Dynamics of carbohydrate metabolism child A, 8 months. 6 months follow-up in patients receiving 1.5 mg / day of glibenclamide**

Date, time	HbA1c	insulin	C-peptid	Glycaemic	TSH	MAU
03.09.13	13,8	0,5	0,09	13,8 [2,6-28,6]	4,1	
03.03.14	5,15	3,74	1,52	6,0 [3,3-10,2]	3,2	2,5
reference values	5-7 %	2,6-27,5 mkME/ml	0,5-2,5 ng/ml	3,3-5,5 mmol/l	0,5-3,5 mME/L	<30 mg/l

**Dynamics targets the child's mother N., 28 years in patients receiving 15 mg / day of glibenclamide**

Date, time	HbA1c	Insulin	C-peptid	Glycaemic	TSH	MAU
03.09.13	8,9	0,05	0,009	11,6 [2,8-18]	2,5	12,5
03.03.14	6,5	8,9	2,35	7,8 [5,4-14,5]	2,15	5,6
reference values	5-7 %	2,6-27,5 mkME/ml	0,5-2,5 ng/ml	3,3-5,5 mmol/l	0,5-3,5 mME/L	<30 mg/l

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**Patient Name:** [Redacted]  
Date of Birth: 17/06/2013  
Gender: Female  
Lab. No.: EX1309086  
Sample Received: 07/08/2013  
Sample Type: Whole Blood  
Our Ref. No.: MY9282AK  
Referred by: Dr N Shulga, c/o Dr E Globa, Ukrainian Scientific Center of Endocrine Surgery, Kiev, Ukraine  
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**GENETIC TESTING FOR NEONATAL DIABETES**

**Reason for Request:** Alisa was diagnosed with diabetes at birth. There is a family history of diabetes affecting her mother who was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 3 months. Mutation analysis of the *KCNJ11*, *ABCC8* and *INS* genes has been undertaken.

**Test methodology:**

- Analysis of coding and flanking intronic regions of the *KCNJ11* gene (NM\_000525.3) by Sanger sequencing.
- Analysis of all coding regions and exon/intron boundaries of the *INS* gene (NM\_000207.2) by Sanger sequencing.
- Analysis of all coding regions and exon/intron boundaries of the *ABCC8* gene (U63421 and L78208) by Sanger sequencing.

Result:	Heterozygous mutation identified
<b>Mutation details:</b>	Gene : <i>KCNJ11</i> Location : Exon 1 DNA Description : c.602G>A Protein Description : p.Arg201His (p.R201H) Consequence : Missense

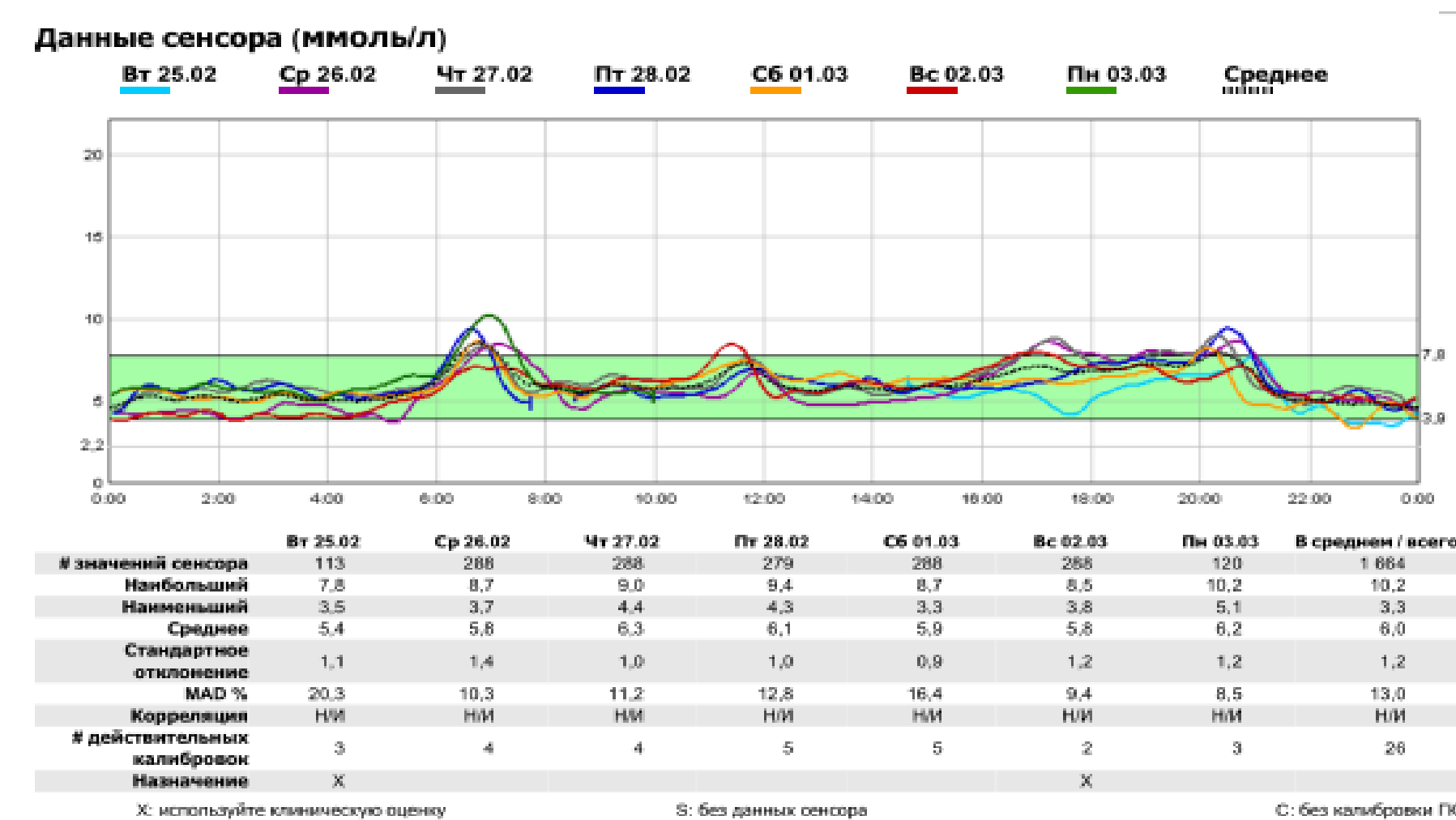
**Interpretation:** Alisa is heterozygous for a *KCNJ11* missense mutation, p.R201H. This mutation is predicted to be pathogenic and the result confirms a diagnosis of neonatal diabetes due to a mutation in the Kir6.2 subunit of the K-ATP channel (Gloyn *et al* 2004 N Engl J Med 350, 1838-1849). Transfer to sulphonylurea therapy has been successful for all patients with this mutation and results in improved glycaemic control (Pearson *et al* 2006 N Engl J Med 355, 467-477). Each of this patient's offspring will be at 50% risk of inheriting this mutation and developing neonatal diabetes.

This report depends upon, (i) - correct identification of all the samples, (ii) - all biological relationships being correctly presented, (iii) - accurate diagnosis of the affected individual(s). Please note that this testing was undertaken as part of a research study.

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Comparison of daily glycaemia levels during 7 days for patient, received treatment.



**Results:** A mutation in *KCNJ11*, R201H was identified in both patients. Transfer from insulin to SU tablets was done in child and mother at the age of 2 months and 28 y.o. accordingly. At the start of transfer process in child the daily dose of SU was divided into 6 doses (0,27 mg/kg/day), every feeding, but after 8 months of SU treatment frequency of dosing is reduced to 4 doses with decreasing of SU daily dose (0,17 mg/kg/day). The child's mother at 28 y.o. stopped insulin (45 units/day) and went on to SU in dose 15 mg/day. After 8 months of SU treatment HbA1c improved in both patients (in child 5.15% vs 13.9%, in mother 6,5% vs 8,9%, accordingly). Daily monitoring (iPro- 2) in child showed a marked reduction in the fluctuations as well as an overall lower level of glycaemic control (13,8 [2,6-26,6] mmol/l before SU treatment to 6,0 [3,3-10,2] mmol/l – after). C-peptide level increased from 0,09 ng/ml to 0,5 ng/ml in child, and from 0,009 ng/ml to 0,35 ng/ml in mother after 8 months of SU treatment accordingly.

**Conclusion:** Patients with diabetes, manifested within the first 6 months of life have to perform genetic testing for determination of the pathogenetic treatment. Daily dose of SU given for child during 8 months decreased by 37% on a background of improving of carbohydrate metabolism, HbA1c. A good response on SU treatment was observed even after 28 years of insulin therapy