

# Clinical management of Mitchell-Riley syndrome due to RFX6 gene mutations: aggressive support results in improved outcome

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## CONTEXT

Homozygous mutations in the transcription factor *RFX6* cause the Mitchell-Riley syndrome associating neonatal diabetes, pancreatic hypoplasia, gallbladder agenesis, duodenal atresia, and severe chronic diarrhea. Nine cases have been reported so far and the condition has a poor prognosis with five of nine patients who died before the age of 6 months. We report here on the clinical management and outcome of two new cases from two independent families.

## RESULTS

### Patient 1

### Patient 2

	Patient 1	Patient 2
<b>Pregnancy and delivery</b>	Severe SGA and duodenal atresia	Severe SGA and duodenal atresia
<b>Family Background</b>	Numerous cases of diabetes, with or without insulin. Some cases of milk intolerance. Parents first cousins, from a settled travellers family.	No cases of diabetes. Parents first cousins, from Martinique.
<b>Birth weight (term) and sex</b>	1290 g (37 weeks of gestation), M	1390g (35 weeks of gestation), F
<b>Current age</b>	2 years and 6 months	8 years
<b>Diabetes</b>		
<b>Age at insulin initiation, modality, dose and HbA1c</b>	1d, intra-veinuous, pump since 6 months, 0.8 to 1 UI/kg/d, HbA1c <6%	1d, intra-veinuous, pump from 3 to 19months old, then sub-cutaneous 0.6 UI/kg/d, HbA1c between 7 et 8,6%
<b>Abnormal pancreas</b>	Agenesis of tail and body	Hypoplasia of body
<b>Digestive</b>		
<b>Malformations</b>	Duodenal atresia, , gallbladder agenesis, normal biliary tract. Hepatomegaly and splenomegaly, normal biliary tract.	Duodenal and jejunal atresia, gallbladder agenesis, normal biliary tract
<b>Complications</b>	Moderate hepatic cytolysis (2 to 3 N) without cholestatic disease	Necrotising enterocolitis at day 50, fast for 3 months. No cholestatic disease.
<b>Chronic diarrhea</b>	Yes, even without enteral nutrition. Severe if enteral support > 50% of caloric intake	Yes, until the age of 12 months
<b>Digestive histology</b>	Normal	Normal
<b>Parenteral nutrition</b>	Yes, 100% of supplies, 10 hours/24	Yes until the age of 12 months. Weaning to a normal diet
<b>Exocrine function</b>	Normal fecal elastase	Normal fecal elastase
<b>Hématology</b>	No	Neonatal pancytopenia, spontaneous remission at day 7. G6PD deficiency. Chronic anemia requiring regular iron perfusion
<b>Neurodevelopment</b>	Slightly delayed	Presently normal
<b>Growth</b>	Presently at the mean for weight, -1 SDS for height	Presently at the mean for height, -1DS for weight
<b>RFX6 Mutation</b>	<b>Homozygous mutation exon 4 : c.541C&gt;T (p.Arg181Trp) recently described in another family</b>	<b>Homozygous mutation exon 14 : c.1517T&gt;G (p.Val506Gly) never described previously</b>

## CONCLUSIONS

These patients demonstrate that an aggressive supportive management of patients with RFX6 mutations can result in an improved outcome in comparison with previous reports. The understanding of RFX6 role will open new therapeutic avenues, particularly the use of drugs that interfere with the gut endocrine system.

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