



PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY IN SEPTO-OPTIC DYSPLASIA SYNDROME PRESENTATION OF 2 CASES

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Introduction

Septo-optic dysplasia (SOD) is a rare, congenital condition that can be caused by mutations in HESX1, OTX2, SOX2, SOX3 genes. Symptoms of SOD include: optic nerve hypoplasia, hypopituitarism and midline brain abnormalities such as absence of septum pellucidum and/or corpus callosum.

Hypopituitarism in SOD usually manifests as growth hormone deficiency followed by central hypothyroidism as well as deficiency of gonadotropins.

Precocious puberty is a rare finding among patients with SOD, though it appeared among 2 of our patients.

Materials

2 girls diagnosed with SOD at the age: **Patient No 1 - 3rd year of life** and **Patient No 2 – first year of life**.

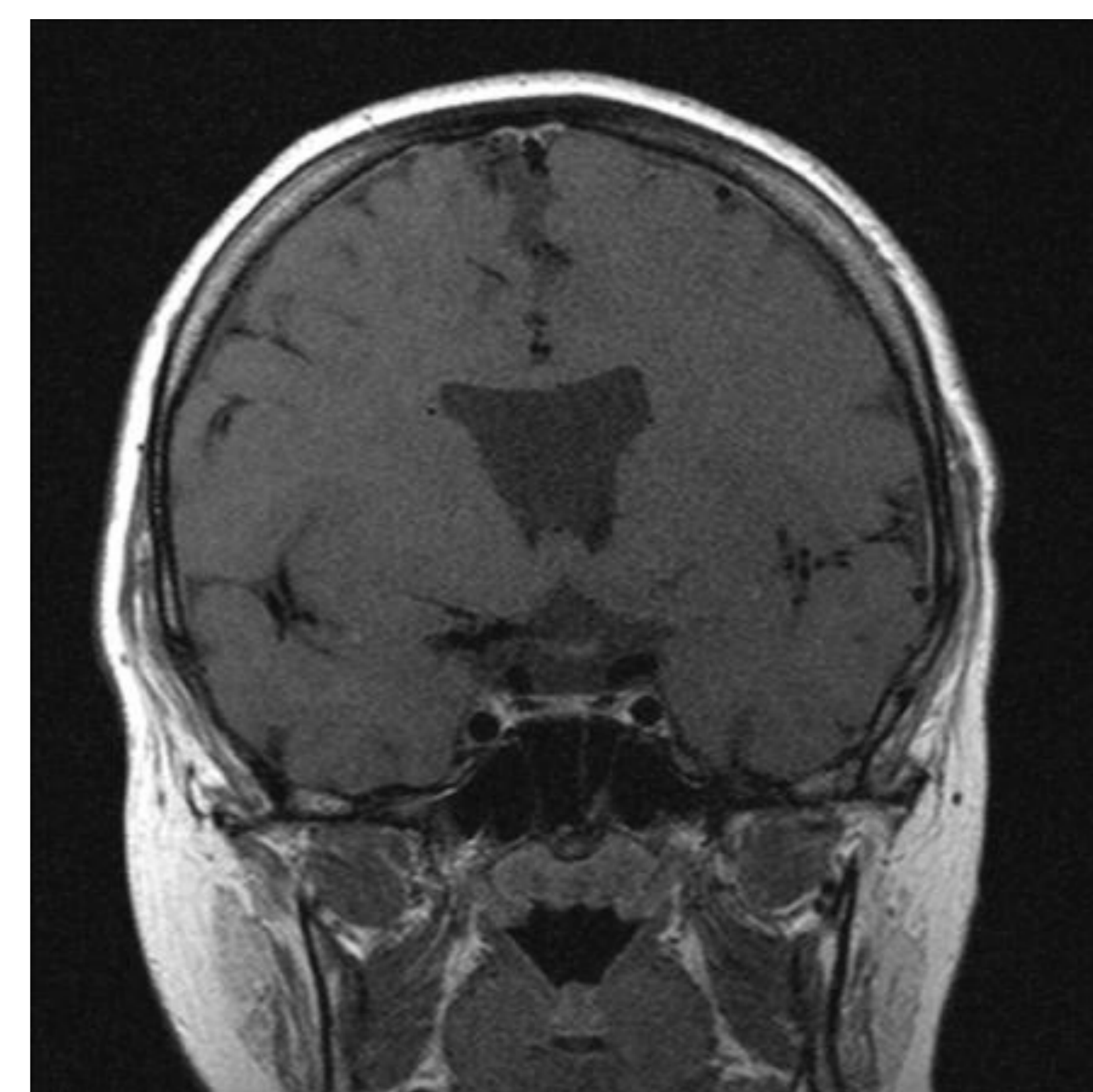
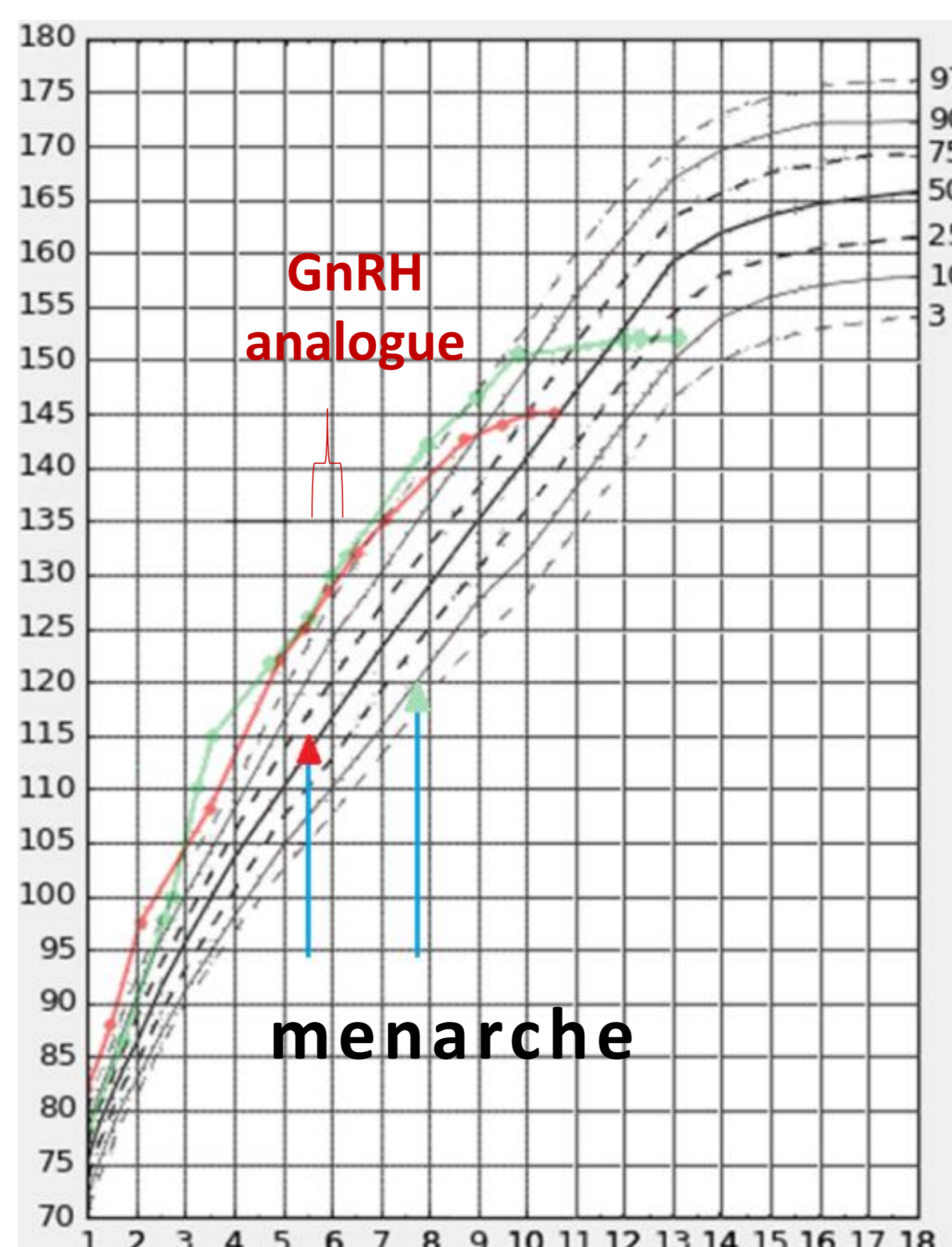
At the moment girls are **10,5** and **13** years old.

Both patients had:

- hypernatremia observed since neonatal period
- Diagnosis: diabetes insipidus
TREATMENT → **DESMOPRESSIN**
- blindness caused by bilateral optic nerve hypoplasia
- developmental delay
- lack of septum pellucidum (MRI)
- obesity, tall stature and since 1st year
- accelerated bone age
- TSH insufficiency TREATMENT → **L-THYROXINE**
- GH deficiency
- ACTH insufficiency excluded

Patients did not receive:

- Growth Hormone treatment
- Hydrocortisonum



Puberty signs:

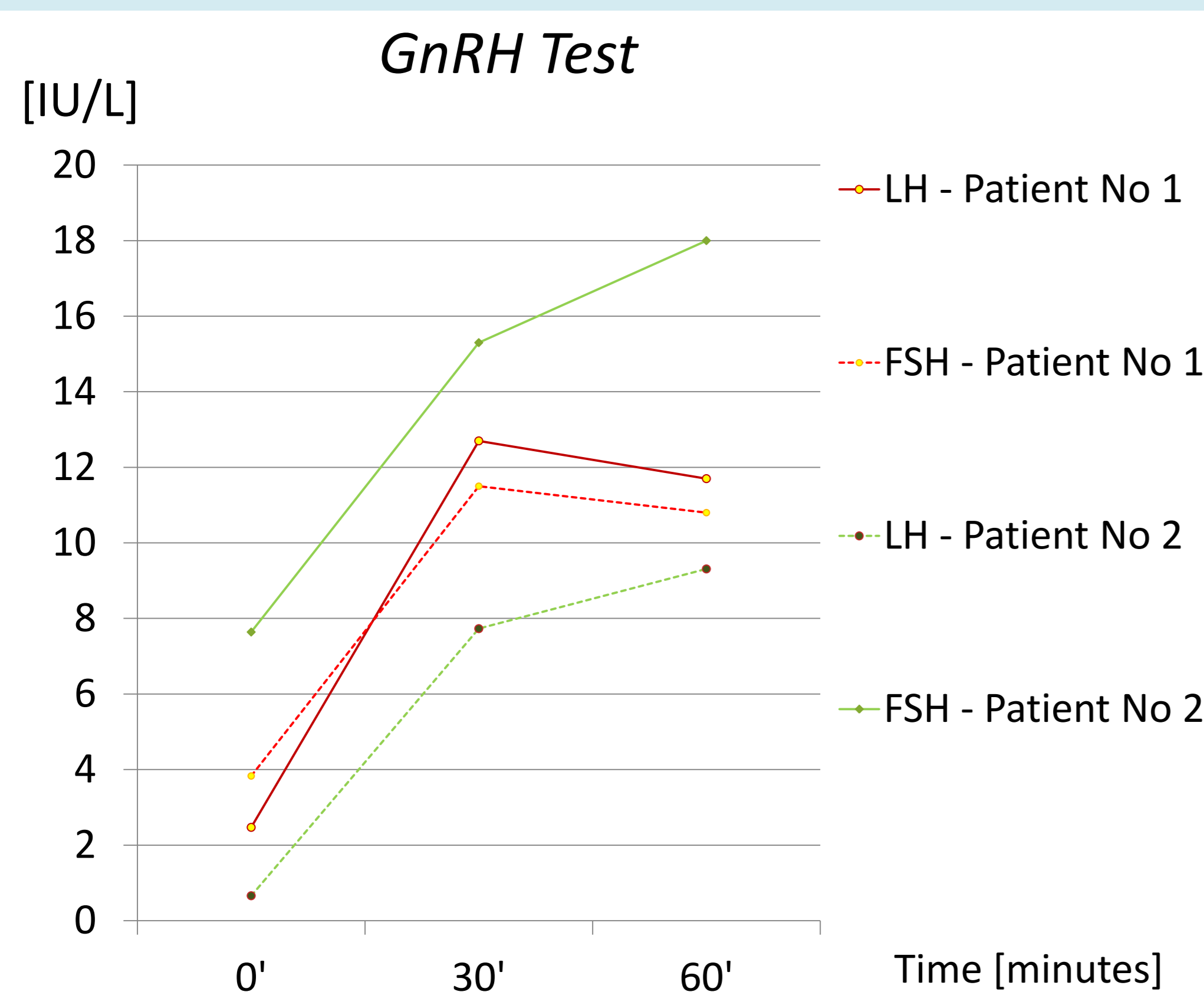
- thelarche: 5 yrs
 - menarche: **5,5** and **8 yrs**
 - accelerated bone age: **3 yrs** and **2,6 yrs**
 - Labs: pubertal levels of gonadotropins in GnRH test, high levels of estradiol
- Diagnosis: central precocious puberty

Patient No 1 received TREATMENT → **LONG-ACTING GnRH ANALOGUE** because of rapid progression of puberty.

Medication was withdrawn within less than 6 months due to recurrent urticaria.

Patient No 2 was not treated with GnRH analogue.

Results



Hormone	Patient No 1	Patient No 2	Ranges
IGF-1 [ng/mL]	21	37	82-262
E2 [pg/mL]	31,9	77,6	<8
PRL [ng/mL]	7,04	9,77	2,7 – 19,7
TSH [ng/dl]	0,24	0,03	0,4-6,0
fT4 [pmol/L]	0,78	0,72	1,8-4,1
Cortisol – baseline [ug/dl]	5,2	3,3	5-20
Cortisol in 60' ACTH stimulation test [ug/dl]	26,6	24,2	

Conclusions

In most cases SOD is associated with multiple pituitary hormone deficiency, including gonadotropins. This report implicates the necessity for long-term monitoring as pituitary insufficiency may evolve over time and does not rule out precocious puberty.

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