

# A novel variant HNF1A gene (HNF1A-MODY) in a patient presenting with hyperglycaemia and glucosuria

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## INTRODUCTION

- HNF1A-MODY (MODY3) is a common subtype of the Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY), a monogenic autosomal dominant disease presenting as a nonketotic diabetes with onset usually during adolescence, or early adulthood
- HNF1A-MODY is less common among children as the hyperglycaemia usually manifests after 10th year of life

## AIM

We describe a young girl presented with hyperglycaemia and glucosuria

## METHOD

**Presentation:** An 8.5-year-old girl presented with abdominal pain, nausea, elevated serum blood glucose (BG) 288mg/dl (16mmol/l), glucosuria (++++)

**Clinical course:**

- Pre-and post-prandial Bmstix returned to normal range, urine was negative for glucose

**Treatment:** intravenous N/S 0.9%, no insulin

**Laboratory tests on admission:**

- Oral glucose tolerance tests (OGTT) (table 1)
- Blood gas: pH 7.44, HCO<sub>3</sub>, 22.4mmol/L, BE - 2.3mmol/L
- Urine: glucosuria, no ketones; later normal

## RESULTS

**Initial diagnosis:** newly developing type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

**Further screening:**

- Autoantibody screen: Anti-GAD, IA2, ICA negative

**Previous history:**

- one of dizygotic twins, born at 36 wks gestation
- Unrelated parents
- Growth on the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, prepubertal

**Family history:**

- Father, 51 years old, on treatment for arterial hypertension and presumed type 2 Diabetes (T2D) for the last decade
- mother and twin brother healthy

Patient was discharged home on glucose self-monitoring (BMstix), OGTT periodically (table 2), and follow up in clinic

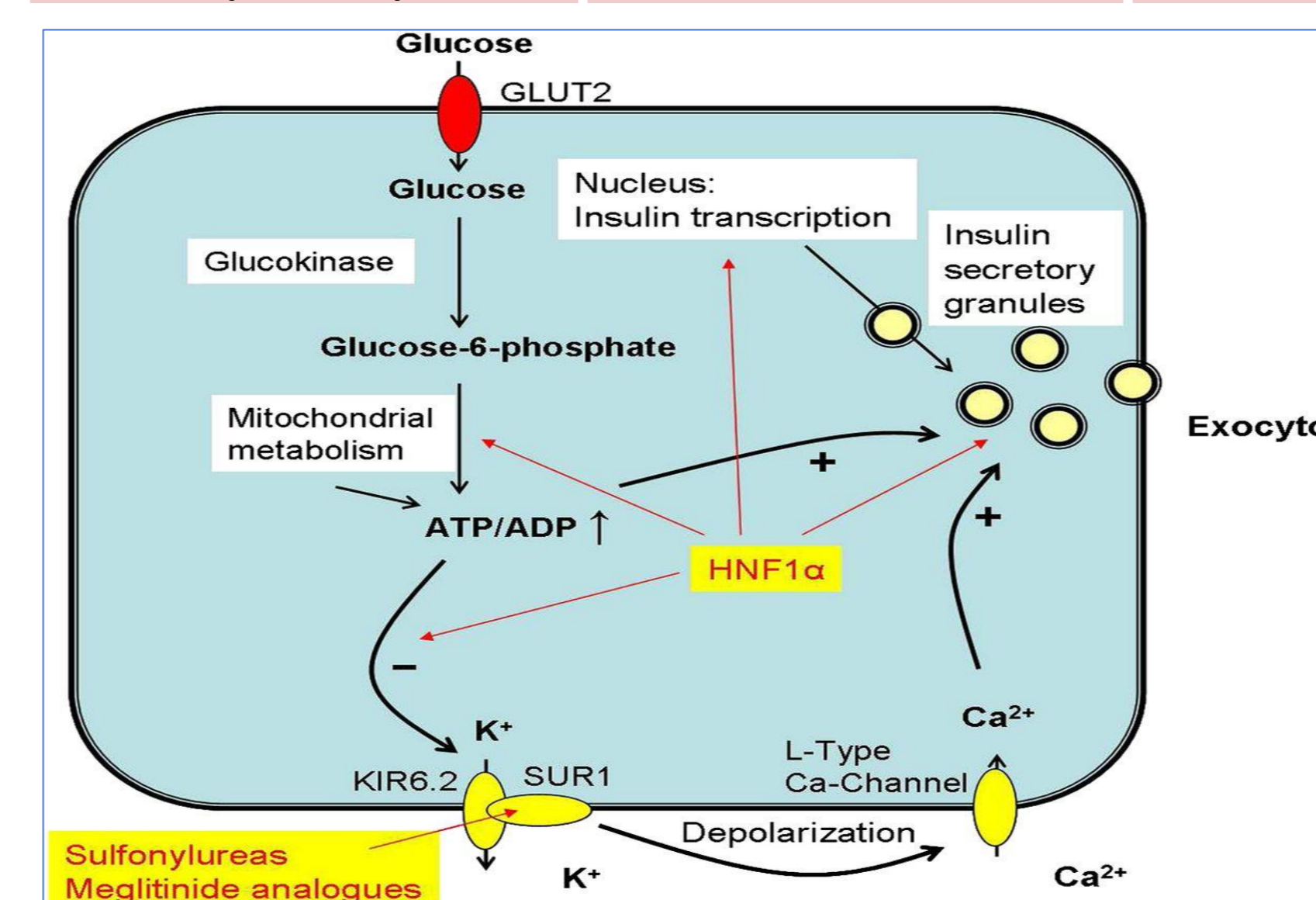
**Genetic testing:** both patient and her father are heterozygous in HNF1A gene for a novel variant c.454>C (p.T152P) that was confirmed by Sanger Sequencing exon 2 of HNF1A gene

Table 1. OGTT on first presentation

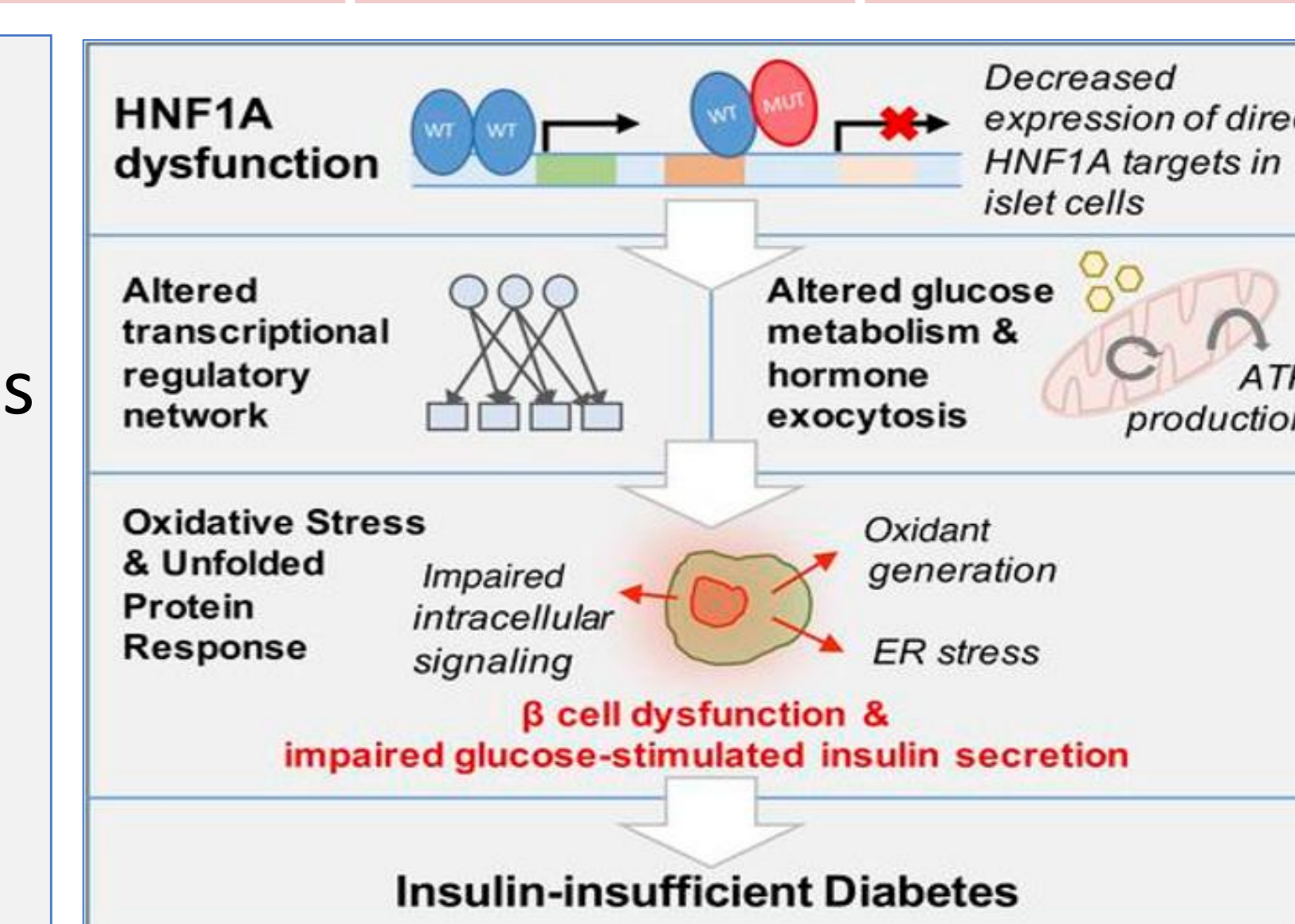
Time (mins)	0'	60'	120'
BG (65-100mg/dl) (3.6-5.5mmol/l)	84 (4.6)	191 (10.6)	230 (12.7)
Insulin (2.6-24.9μIU/ml)	5.6	21	34.4
C-peptide (1.1-4 ng/ml)	1.4	4.4	5.7
HBA1c (4-6%)	6		

Table 2. Latest OGTT

Time (mins)	0'	60'	120'
BG (74-106 mg/dl) (4.1- 5.8 mmol/l)	93 (4.6)	136 (7.5)	163 (9)
Insulin (2.6-25 μIU/ml)	3.9		
C-peptide (1.1-4ng/ml)	1.1		
HBA1c (4-6%)	6		



HNF1A is expressed in pancreatic β cells and hepatocytes. While the underlying mechanism is not well understood, the mutations relate to reduced insulin secretion in response to rising blood glucose levels.



## CONCLUSIONS

- **HNF1A-MODY patients could easily be misclassified as T1D or T2D**
- **Most patients will need pharmacological treatment as they show progressive deterioration in glycaemic control**
- **Patients are extremely sensitive to sulfonylureas**
- **Molecular genetic diagnosis of the MODY subtype is of utmost importance for clinical diagnosis, disease progression, prognosis and family counselling**

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