

PRIMARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM DUE TO A DELETION OF THE CDC73 GENE^{p2-74}

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INTRODUCTION

Primary hyperparathyroidism (PHPT), often caused by a single adenoma (80%–85%) or hyperplasia or adenomas involving multiple glands, is the major cause of hypercalcemia. PHPT is common and occurs in individuals of all ages, but its prevalence is lower in young adults. Parathyroid tumors and PHPT can be caused by germline (hereditary PHPT) or somatic mutations of tumor suppressor genes (e.g. multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1 and CDC73) and proto-oncogenes. Approximately 5%–15% of PHPT cases occurring in a familial setting, either in an isolated form (familial isolated hyperparathyroidism) or associated with other syndromal features (MEN1-2A, familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia). In 15-20% of sporadic parathyroid carcinomas a mutation in the *CDC73* gene (*HPT2*) is identified, which is why some authors consider it a tumor suppressor gene.

AIM

To present a patient with a parathyroid adenoma carrying a deletion of the *CDC73* gene in heterozygous state

METHOD

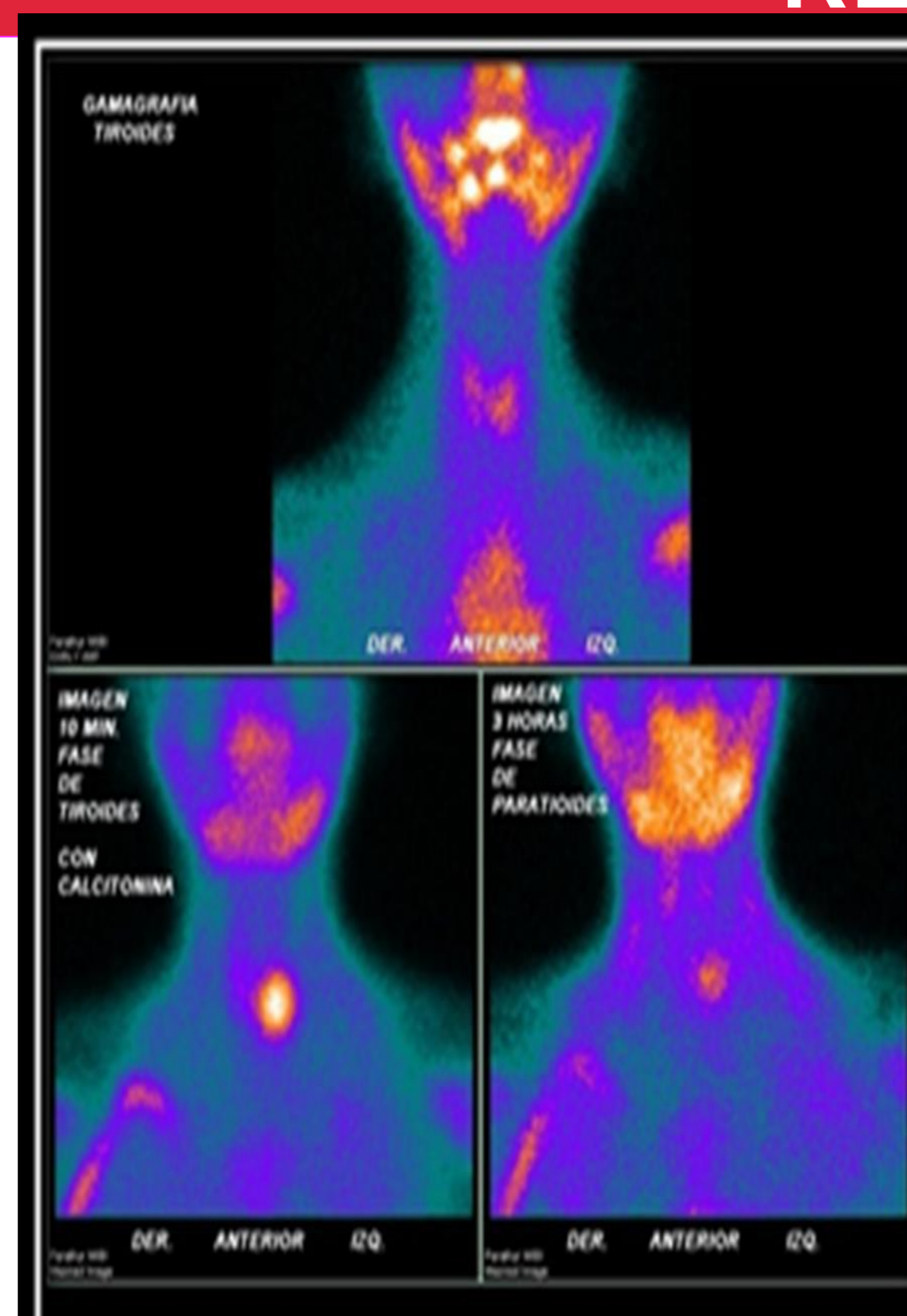
We investigated the pathogenic mutations in the *CDC73* gene and analyzed their relationship with the phenotype in the patient with PHPT and parathyroid adenoma using Multiplex-ligation dependent probe amplification (MLPA).

A 17-year-old Female presented with pathological fracture of the middle third of the humerus with polyuria, polydipsia, radiographs with generalized osteopenia and osteolytic lesions and nephrocalcinosis. Bone densitometry -4 SD. Scintigraphy with sestamibi showed an oval mass in the left lower lobe, probable left atypical parathyroid adenoma. Months later she became psychotic. 5 years later the tumor relapsed in the neck, showed a cervical nodule reported as a metastasis of parathyroid adenoma; with no evidence of parathyroid injury. With calcium 13 mg/dl (vn 8.5-10.5 mg/dl), PTH > 2000 pg/ml (vn 10-55 pg/ml) GENETIC study reported a HETEROZYGOUS DELETION OF THE *CDC73* GENE. Mother without genetic alterations. No family history of hyperthyroidism. Satisfactory clinical evolution.

CONCLUSIONS

PHPT is the main cause of hypercalcemia. Although the most common disease is sporadic PHPT, due to a single adenoma, there are heritable forms in 10% of cases. Patients with parathyroid carcinoma should undergo a careful review of their family history and should be offered a genetic study of the *CDC73* Gene.

RESULTS



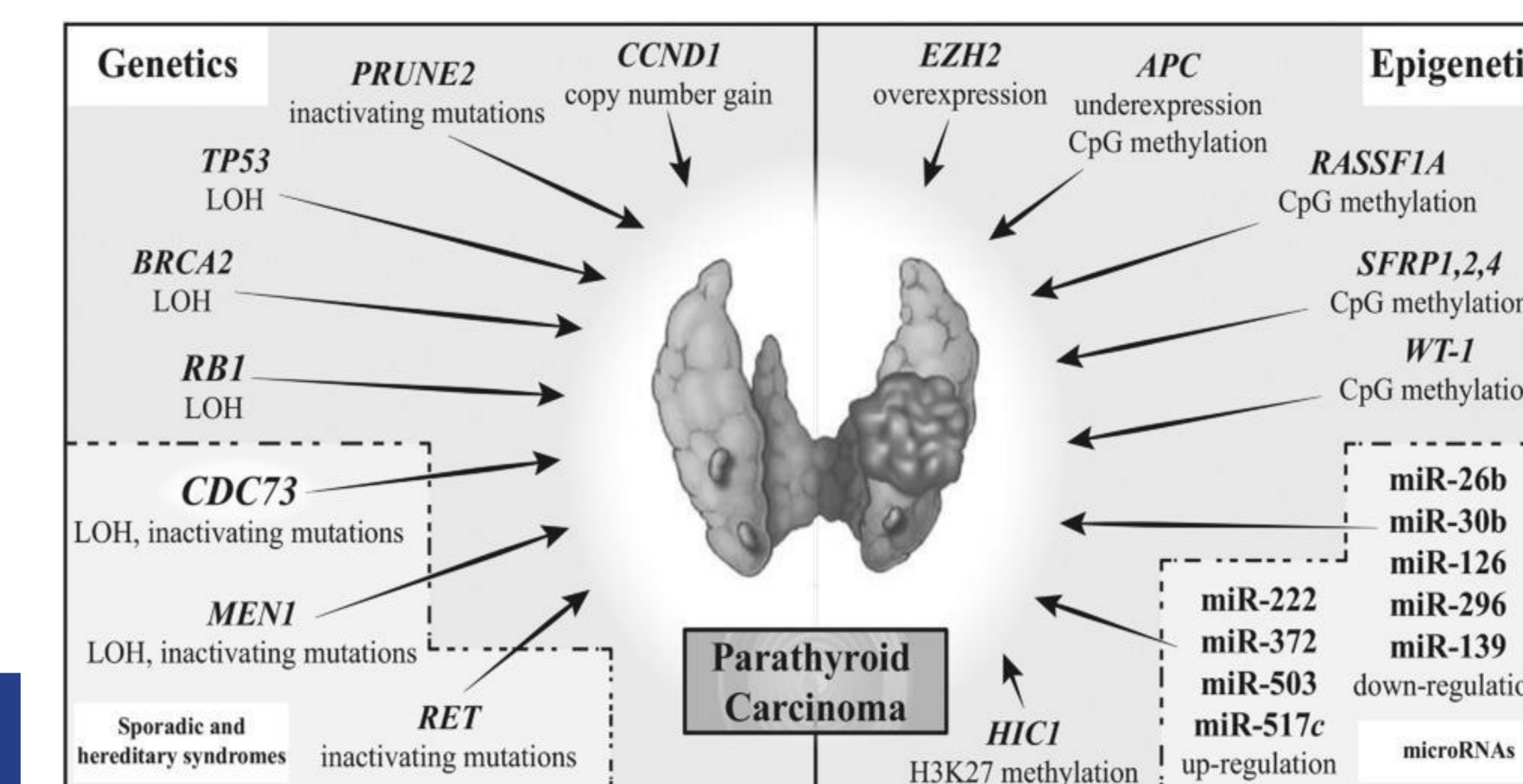
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Fracture of the middle third of the humerus

Laboratories

Laboratories	Normal value
Calcium 17 mg / dl	8,5-10.5 mg/dl
Ionic calcium 4.24 mmol / l	1,1-1,3 mmol/l
PARATHORMONE 1834 pg./ml	10-55 pg./ml
Phosphorus 3.6 mg/ dl	4-7 mg /dl
Alkaline phosphatase 2037 UI/l	44-147 UI/l



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