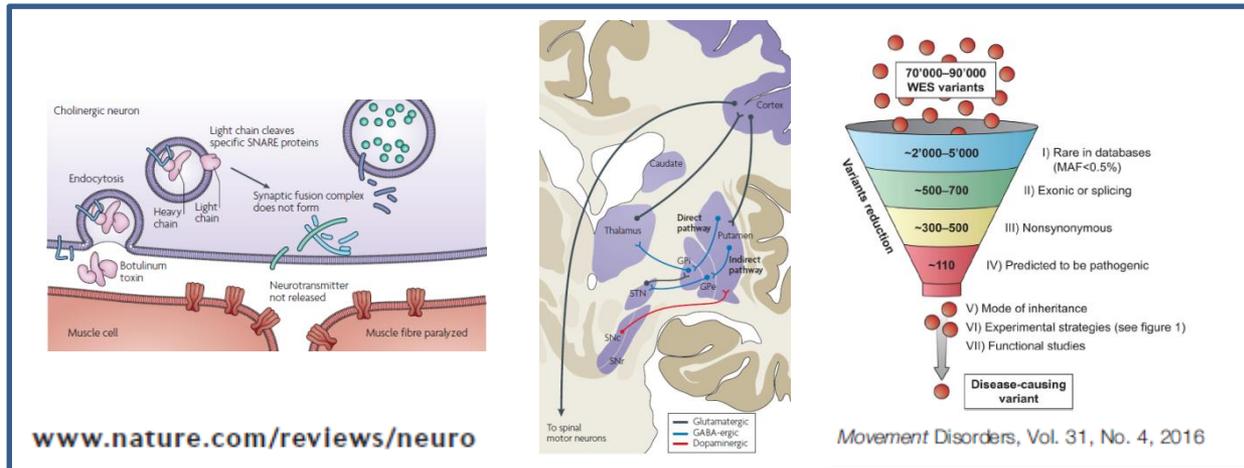


Dystonias: Genetics and Treatment



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learning objectives

- Phenomenology and Classification of Dystonias
- Genetics in Dystonias
- Pathophysiology in genetic/inherited Dystonias
- Treatment options in inherited/genetic Dystonias

webinar outline



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- **Introduction:**

(paroxysmal movement disorders/dyskinesias/dystonias not included)

dystonia/definition

classification

dystonia genetics

- **Clinical presentation of inherited dystonias:**

case series /phenomenology

- **Treatment options in inherited dystonias:**

DBS, oral medication, BoNT

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- Dystonia is defined as a movement disorder characterized by sustained or intermittent muscle contractions causing abnormal, often repetitive, movements, postures or both.
- Dystonic movements are typically patterned and twisting, and may be tremulous.
- Dystonia is often initiated or worsened by voluntary action and associated with overflow muscle activation.

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Axis I. Clinical characteristics

Clinical characteristics of dystonia

Axis II. Etiology

Isolated Dystonias

(Dystonia only, primary dystonia)

Combined Dystonias

(disorders where dystonia frequently co-exists with other movement disorders, dystonia plus syndromes)

Complex Dystonias

(dystonia dominates the clinical picture but this occurs in the context of complex phenotype including symptoms other than movement disorders)

Diurnal

Paroxysmal

Associated features

Isolated dystonia or combined with another movement disorder

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- Combined dystonia

Occurrence of other neurological or systemic manifestations

- List of co-occurring neurological manifestations

Idiopathic

- Sporadic
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Monogenic variants in dystonia: an exome-wide sequencing study

NGS Studies in dystonia up to march 2020:

3 Studies: 2 studies had used whole-exome sequencing (WES) and 1 study had used whole-genome sequencing (WGS) in a small cohort of individuals with dystonia.

- The first WES study detected disease-causing variants in 6 of **16 cases** (38%) with early-onset generalized dystonia.
- The second WES reported a diagnostic yield of 20% in **189 individuals** with dystonia.
- The third WGS study in a cohort of mostly isolated dystonia-affected **probands (111 families)**, established a molecular diagnosis in 13 (12%) cases.

No study comprehensively investigated the role of monogenic disorders in the aetiology of dystonia, provided a framework for translating findings into genetic testing recommendations, or prioritised novel disease-causing genes.

This study: 708 patients from 33 movement disorder and neuropaediatric specialty centres across Europe (Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Switzerland). Each individual with dystonia was diagnosed in accordance with the dystonia consensus definition. Index cases were eligible for this study if they had no previous genetic diagnosis and no indication of an acquired cause of their illness.

	Subcohort by dystonia clinical category*		Entire dystonia cohort (N=708)
	Isolated dystonia (N=459)	Combined dystonia (N=249)	
Demographics			
Sex			
Female	269 (59%)	137 (55%)	406 (57%)
Male	190 (41%)	112 (45%)	302 (43%)
Ancestry			
European	450 (98%)	213 (86%)	663 (94%)
Middle Eastern	4 (<1%)	20 (8%)	24 (3%)
Turkish	3 (<1%)	6 (2%)	9 (1%)
Asian	2 (<1%)	6 (2%)	8 (1%)
South American	0	4 (2%)	4 (<1%)
Age			
0-12 years	44 (10%)	72 (29%)	116 (16%)
13-20 years	32 (7%)	34 (14%)	66 (9%)
≥21 years	383 (84%)	143 (57%)	526 (74%)
Positive family history†	138 (30%)	47 (19%)	185 (26%)
Dystonia clinical characteristics			
Age at onset			
0-12 years	115 (25%)	163 (65%)	278 (39%)
13-20 years	69 (15%)	28 (11%)	97 (14%)
≥21 years	275 (60%)	58 (23%)	333 (47%)
Body distribution			
Generalised	112 (24%)	137 (55%)	249 (35%)
Segmental	105 (23%)	64 (26%)	169 (24%)
Focal	242 (53%)	48 (19%)	290 (41%)
Diagnosed with idiopathic dystonic cerebral palsy‡	7 (2%)	49 (20%)	56 (8%)
Additional clinical characteristics			
Other movement disorder(s)			
Myoclonus	..	68 (27%)	68 (10%)
Parkinsonism	..	36 (14%)	36 (5%)
Choreiform movements	..	37 (15%)	37 (5%)
Ataxia	..	73 (29%)	73 (10%)
Spasticity	..	92 (37%)	92 (13%)
Non-movement disorder-related symptoms			
Developmental delay or hypotonia	58 (13%)	125 (50%)	183 (26%)
Intellectual disability	43 (9%)	75 (30%)	118 (17%)
Speech disorder	19 (4%)	70 (28%)	89 (13%)
Seizures or epilepsy	22 (5%)	40 (16%)	62 (9%)
Other neurological features	43 (9%)	83 (33%)	126 (18%)
Leading motor phenomenology§			
Dystonia-predominant manifestation	56/71 (79%)	158/249 (63%)	214/320 (67%)
Brain MRI abnormality¶	50/348 (14%)	106/219 (48%)	156/567 (28%)
Previous genetic testing			
Single-gene analysis	177 (39%)	56 (22%)	233 (33%)
Gene-panel analysis	37 (8%)	40 (16%)	77 (11%)
Chromosomal microarray analysis	31 (7%)	62 (25%)	93 (13%)
Unknown	74 (16%)	67 (27%)	141 (20%)

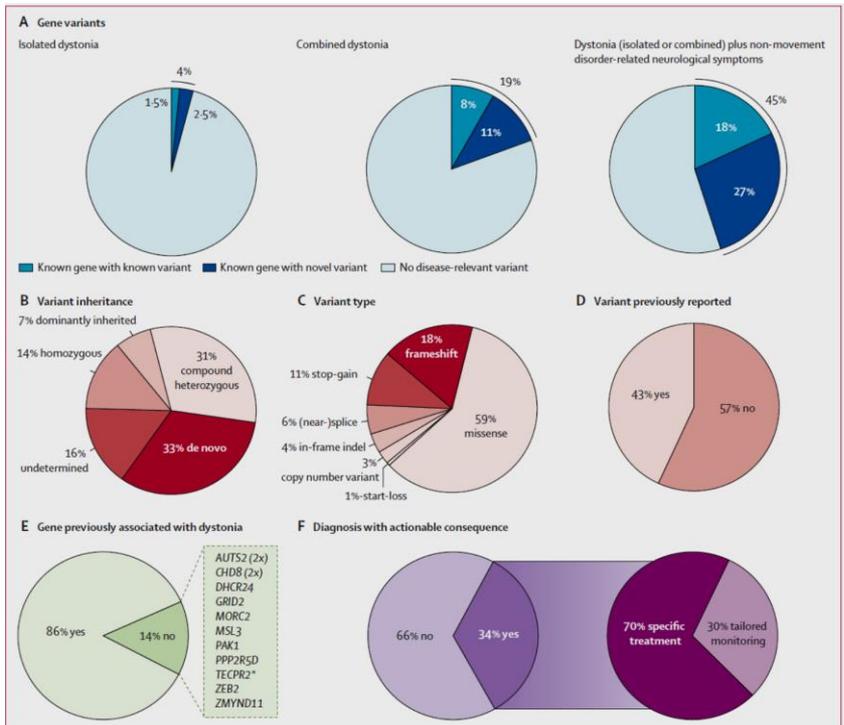
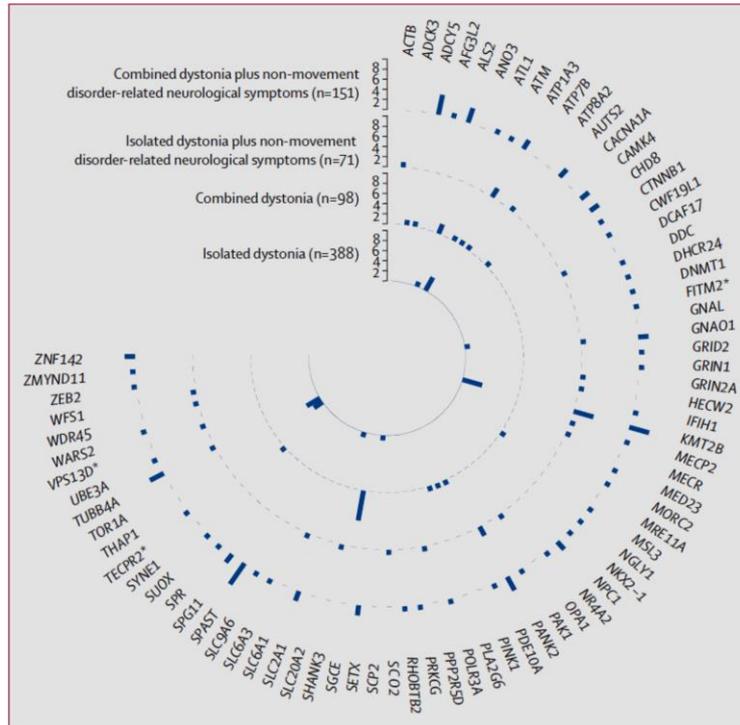
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Monogenic variants in dystonia: an exome-wide sequencing study

Molecular diagnostic results for the dystonia cohort

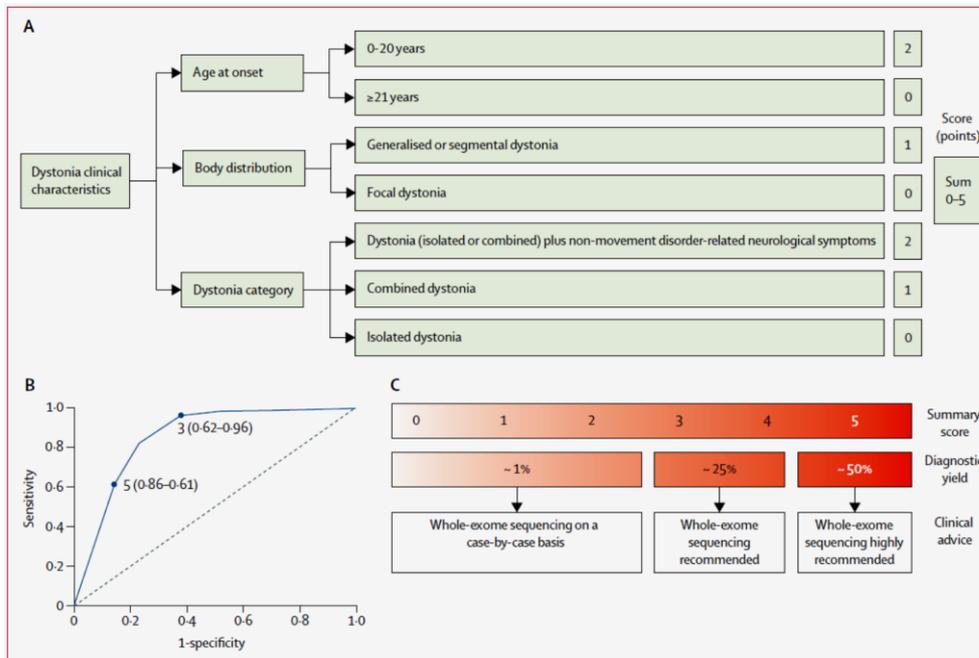
- A) Proportions of individuals with diagnostic gene variants** for different dystonia clinical categories, represented by 388 (isolated dystonia), 98 (combined dystonia), and 222 (isolated or combined dystonia with coexisting non-movement disorder-related neurological symptoms) individuals. Known gene with novel variant includes genes with compound heterozygous variants if at least one identified variant was novel.
- B) Distribution of variants by inheritance pattern.**
- C) Distribution of variants by variant type.** Percentages shown for variant inheritance and variant type do not total 100 because of rounding.
- D) Numbers of variants previously reported.** Of the 160 variants identified, 91 were not found in ClinVar11 or the published literature. Additional variant characteristics can be found in the appendix (p 16).
- E) Proposed novel associations between known disease genes and dystonia.** 13 individuals had diagnostic variants in 11 genes (green box) whose dystonia manifestations were interpreted as expansions of the previously appreciated gene-specific phenotypes. For the remaining 66 variant-harboring genes, dystonia or (dystonic) tremor has already been documented to be part of the associated disease spectra.
- F) Fraction of 135 whole-exome sequencing-based diagnoses that pointed towards a clinical management or treatment implication.**





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Proposed algorithm to predict diagnostic success rate of whole-exome sequencing in individuals with dystonia

- (A) Schematic overview of the proposed scoring system.** We selected as scoring parameters clinical predictors of a diagnostic whole-exome sequencing finding, as determined by multiple logistic regression analysis. The assigned scoring points add up to yield a summary score, ranging from 0 to 5.
- (B) Receiver operating characteristic curve plot** for the proposed score with indication of the specificities and sensitivities at the thresholds postulated in part C. A summary score threshold of 3 points implies a small number (4%) of individuals are erroneously excluded from whole-exome sequencing and an acceptable number (38%) are erroneously included.
- (C) Summary scores (0–5), proportions of the subgroups with a diagnostic variant (diagnostic yield), and proposed recommendations for the clinical application of whole-exome sequencing in individuals with dystonia.**

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TOR1A dystonia (DYT1)

Prevalence: 1:160.000 (1:9.000 Ashkenazi)

Disease-causing mutation: TOR1A (torsin family 1, member A). Deletions impair TOR1A activity, may produce a mutant protein that lacks a single glutamic acid residue (then: potential gain-of function or dominant negative interactions).

Genetic modifiers for incomplete penetrance and symptom variability are unknown.

Phenotype: symptoms begin in a single limb and tend to generalize throughout the body, although they may remain focal.

Ozelius, L.J. et al. (1997) The early-onset torsion dystonia gene (DYT1) encodes an ATP-binding protein. *Nat. Genet.* 17, 40–48. Goodchild, R.E. et al. (2005) Loss of the dystonia-associated protein TorsinA selectively disrupts the neuronal nuclear envelope. *Neuron* 48, 923–932, Opal, P. et al. (2002) Intrafamilial phenotypic variability of the DYT1 dystonia: from asymptomatic TOR1A gene carrier status to dystonic storm. *Mov. Disord.* 17, 339–345

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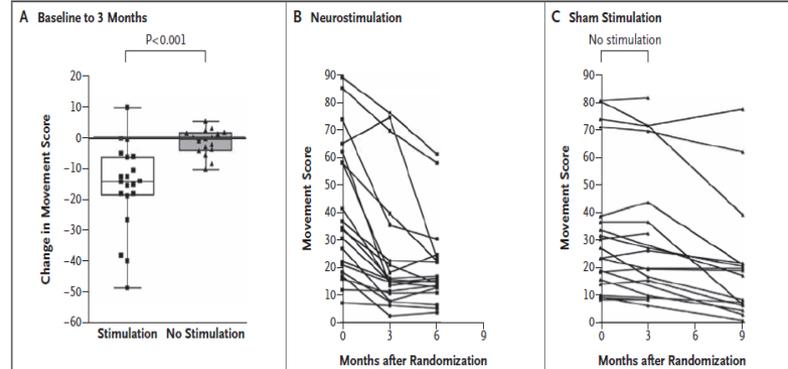
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Pallidal Deep-Brain Stimulation in Primary Generalized or Segmental Dystonia



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Study design:

Study population: 40 patients with primary segmental/generalized dystonia; DBS; randomly assigned to DBS or sham stimulation for 3 months.

Primary end point: Change from baseline to 3 months in the severity of symptoms (subscore on the Burke-Fahn-Marsden Dystonia Rating Scale).

Two investigators unaware of treatment status assessed the severity of dystonia by reviewing videotaped sessions.

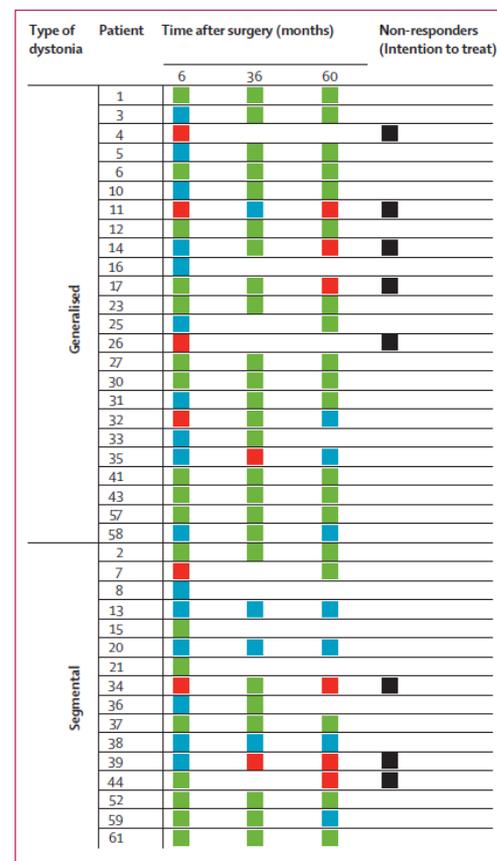
All patients received open-label neurostimulation; blinded assessment was repeated after 6 months of active treatment.

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	Before surgery		6 months		3 years	
	Total, N	n (%)	Total, N	n (%)	Total, N	n (%)
Anticholinergics	40	9 (23%)	40	3 (8%)	31	1 (3%)
Benzodiazepines	40	14 (35%)	40	11 (28%)	31	7 (23%)
Antispastics	40	4 (10%)	40	2 (5%)	31	0
Neuroleptics	40	4 (10%)	40	0 (0%)	31	0
Tetrabenazine	40	5 (13%)	40	2 (5%)	31	1 (3%)
Levodopa/dopa decarboxylase inhibitor	40	2 (5%)	40	1 (3%)	31	0 (0%)
Analgesics	40	4 (10%)	40	1 (3%)	31	1 (3%)
Antidepressants	40	7 (18%)	40	1 (3%)	31	3 (10%)
Intrathecal baclofen	40	2 (5%)	40	0 (0%)	31	0
Botulinum toxin injection within past 4 months	40	14 (35%)	40	5 (13%)	31	3 (10%)



The response is denoted for each patient by a colour-coded symbol. Green indicates an improvement of more than 50%, blue 25–50%, and red less than 25% or worsening on the Burke–Fahn–Marsden dystonia rating scale motor score compared with baseline. A non-responder was defined as a patient showing less than 25% improvement or worsening on the motor score at the last available visit.

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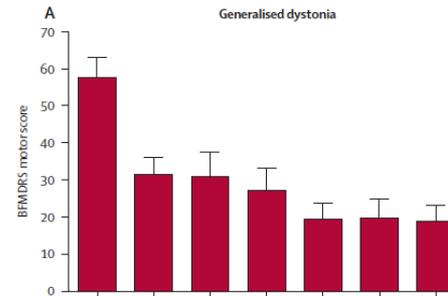
15 years after Gpi - DBS



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Treatment Failure DBS-Gpi in Dystonias

Pallidal deep brain stimulation (GPI-DBS) is effective for isolated dystonia, but 10-20% of patients show improvement below 25-30%.

Causes of insufficient response to GPI-DBS in isolated dystonia/cross-sectional study:

22 patients from 11 centres were included (8 men, 14 women; 9 generalized, 9 segmental, 3 focal, 1 bi-brachial dystonia; mean (range): age 48.7 (25-72) years, disease duration 22.0 (2-40) years, DBS duration 45.5 (6-131) months). Mean BFMDRS-score was 31.7 (4-93) preoperatively and 32.3 (5-101) postoperatively. Half of the patients (n=11) had poor lead positioning alone or in combination with other problems (combined with: other disease n=6, functional dystonia n=1, other problems=2).

Other problems were disease other than isolated inherited or idiopathic dystonia (n=5), fixed deformities (n=2), functional dystonia (n=3), and other causes (n=1). Excluding patients with poor lead location from further analysis, non-isolated dystonia accounted for 45.5%, functional dystonia for 27.3%, and fixed deformities for 18.2%.

In patients with true isolated dystonia, lead location was the most frequent problem.

After exclusion of lead placement and stimulation programming issues, non-isolated dystonia, functional dystonia and fixed deformities account for the majority of GPI-DBS failures in dystonia.



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AE, *1966; 49 years

Disease onset: 11.yrs., UEx right; initial symptom: "Irregular tremor" UEx right, ~20.Lj. „tremor“ right LEx, since ~ 35.Lj.; BoNT without satisfying results (cervical dystonia), Anticholinergics not tolerated.

No other complaints or symptoms

Medical history: normal delivery, normal development, motor milestones

Med./Allergies: none

Family history: no movement disorders

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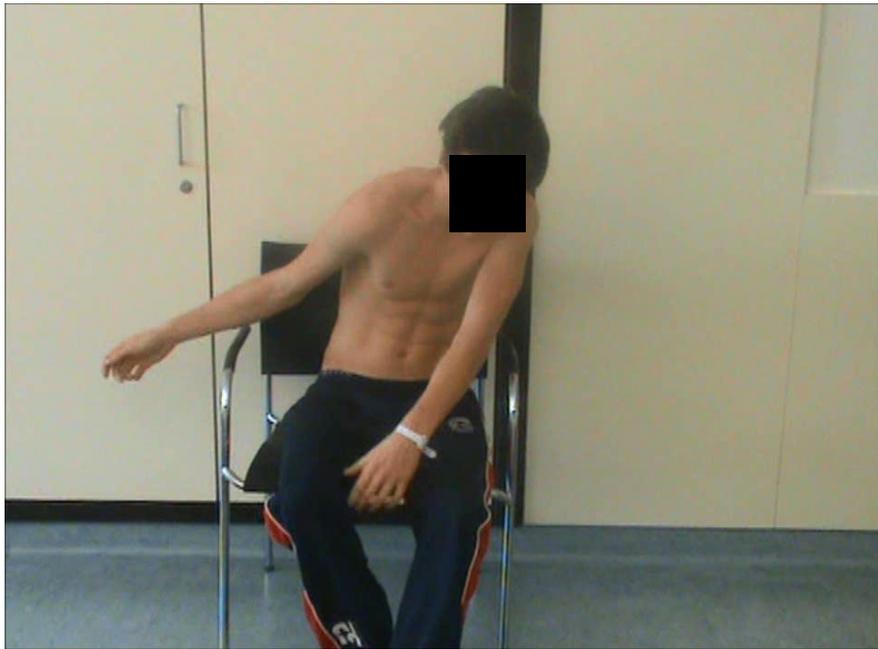
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DYT6 dystonia

autosomal dominant inherited, reduced penetrance (40%).

Mutational spectrum: >100 different mutations including missense, nonsense, and frameshift mutations in Thanatos associated domain containing, apoptosis associated protein 1 (THAP1).

Phenotype: dystonia / tremor

dystonia usually manifests in childhood or early adulthood, mean age at onset 9 years.

Tendency to generalize, broad phenotypic spectrum.

DYT6 dystonia often involves the upper half of the body, including laryngeal adductor-type dystonia, which occasionally culminates in aphonia.

Djarmati A, Schneider SA, Lohmann K, et al. Mutations in THAP1 (DYT6) and generalised dystonia with prominent spasmodic dysphonia: a genetic screening study. *Lancet Neurol* 2009;8:447–452. Fuchs T, Gavarini S, Saunders-Pullman R, et al. Mutations in the THAP1 gene are responsible for DYT6 primary torsion dystonia. *Nat Genet* 2009;41:286–288. Klein C. Genetics in dystonia. *Parkinsonism Relat Disord* 2014;20(suppl 1):S137–S142. Blanchard A, Ea V, Roubertie A, et al. DYT6 dystonia: review of the literature and creation of the UMD Locus Specific DataBase (LSDB) for mutations in the THAP1 gene. *Hum Mutat* 2011;32:1213–1224.

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Short- and long-term outcome of chronic pallidal neurostimulation in monogenic isolated dystonia

	DYT6	DYT1
No.	8	9
Distribution, generalized/segmental/focal	5/3/0	8/0/1
Sex, M/F	7/1	3/6
Family history, positive/negative/unknown	4/3/1	5/4/0
Age at onset, y		
Mean (SD)	10.0 (3.3)	11.2 (6.6)
Range	6-15	2-23
Years until first DBS		
Mean (SD)	27.0 (10.8)	20.1 (11.1)
Range	11-46	5-41
BFMDRS scores, preoperative		
Motor, mean (SD) (n = 55)	37.0 (15.9)	43.8 (30.7)
Disability, mean (SD) (n = 30)	7.8 (2.7)	14.3 (7.8)
Responder rate motor BFMDRS, n (%)		
Early follow-up (1-16 mo)	4/7 (57.1)	7/7 (100)
Late follow-up (22-92 m)	6/7 (85.7)	5/8 (62.5)

Abbreviations: BFMDRS = Burke-Fahn-Marsden Dystonia Rating Scale; DBS = deep brain stimulation.
 * Significant values.

Brüggemann et al., Neurology 2015



	DBS in patients with DYT 6 dystonia	
2010 Groen et al.,	n=4, FU=6 Monate,	Improvement=33%
2010 Zittle et al.,	n=2, FU=2-7 Jahre,	Improvement=Moderate
2011 Jech et al.,	n=1, FU=32 Monate,	Improvement=85%
2012 Panov et al.,	n=3, FU=3 Jahre,	Improvement=48%
2012 Franca et al.,	n=1, FU=2 Monate,	Improvement=59%
2012 Miyamoto et al.,	n=1, FU=years,	Improvement=Moderate
2013 Miri et al.,	n=1, FU= 1 year,	Improvement=78%

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GNAL gene mutation (DYT25)

Rare cause of dystonia (app. 0.5 – 1%); onset : 7 - 63 yrs.

Phenotype: cranio-cervical region affected (generalization in 10%); dystonic head tremor, laryngeal onset or development of spasmodic dysphonia. Useful diagnostic clue: hyposmia

Genetics: >30 different GNAL mutations, highly but not fully penetrant; GNAL encodes guanine nucleotide-binding protein, alpha activating activity polypeptide, olfactory type Ga(olf), a protein involved in olfactory signal transductions and in dopamine (D1) signaling. G α olf is enriched in the striatum where it couples D1 dopamine (D1R) and A2A adenosine (A2AR) receptors to downstream effector molecules.

Coupling to A2AR leads to activation of adenylyl cyclase type 5 (AC5) encoded by ADCY5;

Mice deficient in GNAL are anosmic and displayed motor hyperactivity.



Isolated Dystonia

Isolated dystonias

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DYT- <i>THAP1</i> ⁶⁵	Adolescent-onset dystonia of mixed type	602629	AD	<i>DYT6</i>
DYT- <i>GNAL</i> ⁶⁶	Adult onset cranial-cervical dystonia	615073	AD	<i>DYT25</i>

DYT 24

Mutations in the Anoctamin 3 gene (*ANO3*):

gene is highly expressed in the striatum; role in calcium signaling and mediating neuronal excitability.

Age at onset: from early childhood to the forties.

Predominant phenotype:

tremulous cervical dystonia (cranial and laryngeal dystonia to a variable degree); mild dystonia of the arms in some cases; generalized dystonia never observed until todate.

Tremor: present in all identified patients, mostly as head and arm tremor; sometimes myoclonic jerks of the head or the arms (electrophysiological studies-subcortical).

DYT24 may be distinguished by crancio-cervical onset from DYT1 and by tremor from DYT6.



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DYT25	DYT/GNAL	adult onset cranio-cervical dytonia	AD

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<i>DYT-PRKRA</i> ⁶⁷	Rare form of usually generalized dystonia, parkinsonism inconsistent	612067	AR	<i>DYT16</i>
<i>DYT/PARK-GCH1</i> ²⁴	GTP cyclohydrolase I deficiency (mild form) ²⁵ : childhood-onset dopa-responsive dystonia, adult-onset dystoniaparkinsonism Additional clinical manifestations: diurnal fluctuation.	128230	AD	<i>DYT5a</i>
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	Very severe form: infantile-onset dystonia and parkinsonism, oculogyric crises, severe global developmental delay, truncal hypotonia, limb spasticity, autonomic dysfunction		AR	None
<i>DYT/PARK-ATP1A3</i> ²²	Rapid-onset dystonia-parkinsonism, chorea in later life ^b	128235	AD	<i>DYT12</i>
<i>DYT/PARK-TAF1</i> ^{23a}	Dystonia-parkinsonism	314250	X-linked	<i>DYT3</i>
<i>DYT-SGCE</i> ⁶⁹	Myoclonus-dystonia	159900	AD	<i>DYT11</i>
<i>CHOR/DYT-ADCY5</i> ⁷⁰	See Table 5	600293	AD	None

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REVIEWS

Dopa-responsive dystonia—clinical and genetic heterogeneity

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Cause of dystonia	Inheritance	Age at onset	Site of dystonia onset	Distribution of dystonia	Diurnal variation	Levodopa response	Additional clinical features
GTP-CH-I deficiency ¹⁹	Autosomal dominant with low penetrance	Mean 8.5 years, range 0.2–48 years	Lower limbs	Generalized	Yes	Excellent and sustained response to low doses; minimal wearing off or levodopa-induced dyskinesia	Normal initial motor development, parkinsonism, brisk lower limb reflexes, scoliosis, anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and sleep disturbances
GTP-CH-I deficiency ¹⁰¹	Autosomal recessive	Can manifest at <6 months	Legs	Generalized	Yes, but might not be obvious	Excellent sustained response, but high doses required	Spasticity, excessive drooling, oculogyric crises, poor sleep, neonatal hyperphenylalaninaemia
Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency ²	Autosomal recessive homozygotic or compound heterozygotic	Between a few weeks after birth and 5 years	Lower limbs	Segmental or generalized	Yes	Good response but can be delayed or incomplete; frequent levodopa-induced dyskinesia	Progressive hypokinetic-rigid syndrome with dystonia (type A), complex encephalopathy (type B), tremor, ptosis, autonomic disturbance, spasticity, hypotonia, delayed motor developmental milestones, intellectual disability
Sepiapterin reductase deficiency ⁴	Autosomal recessive	Between birth and 6 years	Lower limb and trunk	Generalized	Yes	Good response but can be only partial; possible levodopa-induced dyskinesia	Oculogyric crises, symptoms of dysautonomia symptoms (such as hypersalivation), developmental delay, microcephaly or growth retardation, hypotonia, intellectual disability, sleep disorders, parkinsonism, hyperreflexia
PTP synthase deficiency ²⁸	Autosomal recessive	Birth to early childhood	Legs	Generalized	Yes	Marked and sustained positive response to levodopa; no levodopa-induced dyskinesia	Early childhood seizure, spasticity, mild cognitive deficits

Abbreviations: GTP-CH-I, GTP cyclohydrolase 1; PTP, 6-pyruvoyl tetrahydropterin.

Classic DRD

Presentation:

- Levodopa-responsive limb-onset dystonia
- Diurnal variation

Differential diagnoses:

- GTP-CH-I deficiency (autosomal dominant and recessive forms)
- Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency
- Sepiapterin reductase deficiency
- PTP synthase deficiency (rare)
- Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3 (single case reported)

DRD with parkinsonism

Presentation:

- Levodopa-responsive dystonia
- Parkinsonism
- With or without diurnal variation

Differential diagnoses:

- GTP-CH-I deficiency (autosomal dominant and recessive forms)
- Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency
- Sepiapterin reductase deficiency
- PTP synthase deficiency
- Hereditary spastic paraplegia (SPG11 mutation, single case reported)
- Ataxia telangiectasia (single case reported)
- Young-onset PD
- Genetic forms of PD with dystonia: *Parkin*-associated PD (PARK2), *LRRK2*-associated PD (PARK8), *PINK1*-associated PD (PARK6), *DJ1*-associated PD (PARK7), *SNCA*-associated PD (PARK1, PARK4), rapid onset dystonia parkinsonism (DYT12), rare (PARK9, PARK14)

Early-onset atypical DRD

Presentation:

- Onset in infancy or early childhood
- Oculogyric crisis
- Hypotonia
- Focal or generalized dystonia
- Parkinsonism

Differential diagnoses:

- GTP-CH-I deficiency (autosomal recessive)
- Tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency
- Sepiapterin reductase deficiency
- PTP synthase deficiency
- Aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase deficiency
- Seizure disorder
- Metabolic disorder
- Mitochondrial disorder
- Hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathies
- Cerebral palsy

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Dopa-responsive dystonia (DRD; DYT5a)

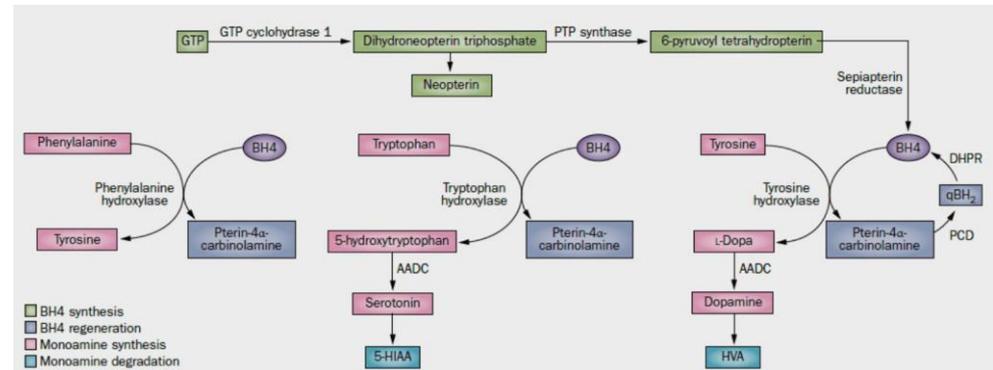
Childhood-onset with diurnal fluctuation/SEGAWA:

heterozygous mutations GCH1 gene (GTP cyclohydrolase 1), encoding the rate-limiting enzyme in the biosynthesis of dopamine via the biopterin pathway; >100 different mutations (missense, nonsense, frameshift, and splice-site) all over the gene, and whole-exon or whole-gene deletions. Penetrance: ~50% (higher in women than in men).

Phenotype: dystonia and/or parkinsonian features (rarely associated with a dopaminergic deficit in DAT SPECT). Non-motor features (e.g. sleep disturbances, mood disorders, or migraine) are frequent. GCH1 variants: risk factor for PD.

Recessively inherited (biallelic) mutations in GCH1, infantile onset: more severe motor phenotype and developmental delay.

Treatment: Enzymatic defect in the levodopa biosynthesis, life-long response to levodopa. *Prenatal treatment* with levodopa in a homozygous GCH1 mutation carrier prevented severe phenotype (dopamine signaling important for intra-uterine (brain) development).



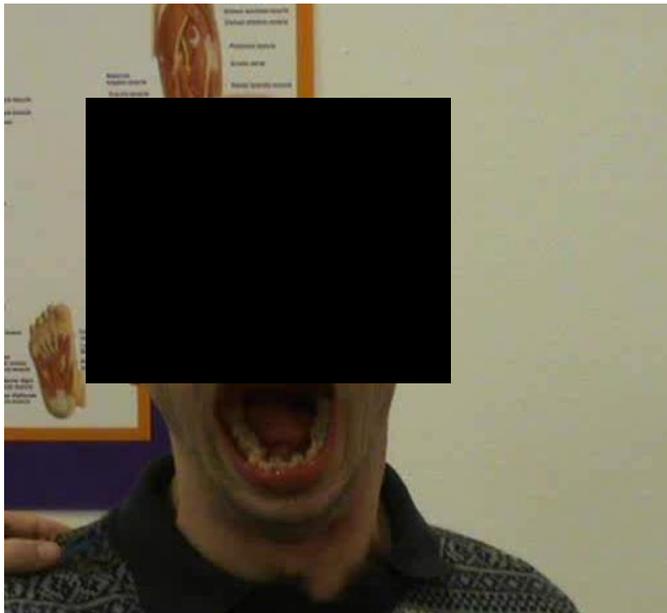
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Rapid onset Parkinsonism dystonia (DYT12)

autosomal dominant; reduced penetrance; mutations in ATP1A3 primarily described in rapid-onset dystonia parkinsonism (RODP; DYT12), may cause alternating hemiplegia of childhood (AHC); Mutations in the ATP1A3 gene (ATPase Na⁺ /K⁺ transporting subunit alpha 3), encoding an ionic pump. RDP-causing mutations reduce protein levels of ATP1A3 but do not affect the enzymatic activity per se.

Genetics: > 20 different missense mutations; ~ 50% *de novo* or from parents with mosaics; *mutational hot spot* at protein position D801;

Heterozygous missense mutations of the ATP1A3 gene were found to cause CAPOS syndrome.

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NOVEL ATP1A3 MUTATION IN A SPORADIC RDP PATIENT WITH MINIMAL BENEFIT FROM DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION

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Rapid onset dystonia-parkinsonism (RDP) is a rare, autosomal dominantly inherited movement disorder, characterized by abrupt or subacute onset of both dystonic symptoms and parkinsonism

Scale	Possible range	Baseline	Post-surgery 7 d	Post-surgery 3 mo	Post-surgery 12 mo
Eyes	0-8	0.5	0	0	0
Mouth	0-8	1	1	0.5	0.5
Speech/swallowing	0-16	6	2	3	2
Neck	0-8	3	1	0.5	0.5
Right arm	0-16	12	12	9	9
Left arm	0-16	9	9	9	9
Right leg	0-16	9	9	9	9
Left leg	0-16	9	6	6	9
Trunk	0-16	6	9	2	2
Total	0-120	55.5	49	39	41

Phenotype: acute onset is usually associated with a trigger such as fever, physical exertion, or emotional stress. Dystonic symptoms - rostro-caudal gradient, asymmetry of symptoms; strong involvement of the bulbar region; often accompanied by bradykinesia as a parkinsonian feature. Additional features: developmental delay, cognitive and psychiatric disturbances, epilepsy and unusual manifestations like adult-onset limb dystonia or exercise-induced dystonia.

Treatment: minor response to levodopa; to a certain degree to benzodiazepine and clonazepam therapy.

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Myoclonus dystonia syndrome (MDS)

Disease onset: 1.-2. decade.

Phenotype: alcohol responsive truncal and upper limb myoclonus with cervical dystonia and/or writer's cramp; evidence of prominent co-morbid psychiatric disorders, specifically compulsivity, anxiety disorders and excessive alcohol use.

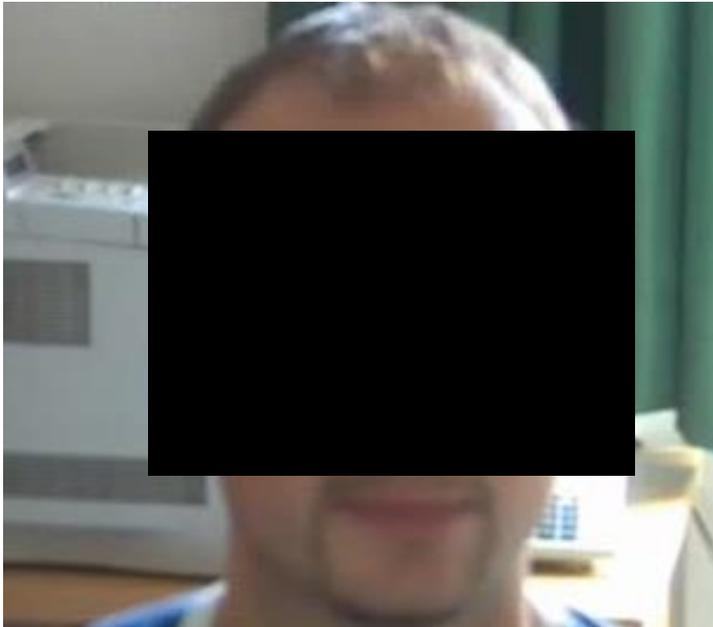
Genetics: Mutations in the epsilon-sarcoglycan gene (SGCE); autosomal dominant; variable penetrance due to *maternal imprinting*; >80 different mutations (loss of-function mutations due to frameshift, splice site, nonsense mutations, or deletions of whole exons or even the entire gene);

SGCE encodes the epsilon-sarcoglycan protein, a single pass transmembrane protein forming part of the dystrophin-associated glycoprotein complex.

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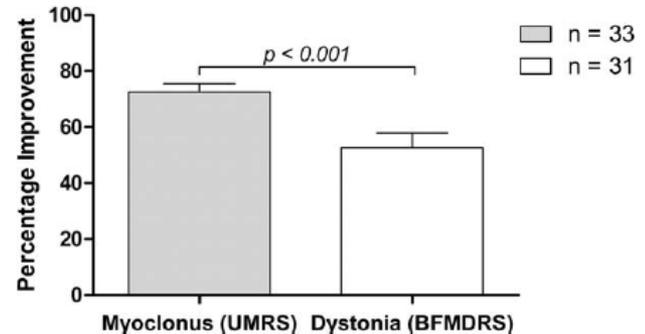
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Surgical Treatment of Myoclonus Dystonia Syndrome

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Relative Improvements in Myoclonus and Dystonia In Patients Treated with Deep Brain Stimulation



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Autosomal Dominant Familial Dyskinesia and Facial Myokymia *Arch Neurol.* 2012;69(5):630-635

Single Exome Sequencing Identifies a Mutation in Adenylyl Cyclase 5

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Genetics: familiar cases rare, often *de novo* mutations; ADCY5 encodes an enzyme that is responsible for the synthesis of cAMP (plays a role in signaling, functionally linked to Gαolf).

Mutations in ADCY5 cluster within regions encoding the C1 or C2 domain of the protein.

Phenotype: wide range of clinical manifestations including childhood-onset paroxysmal or persistent choreatic and/or dystonic features, developmental delay in some cases.

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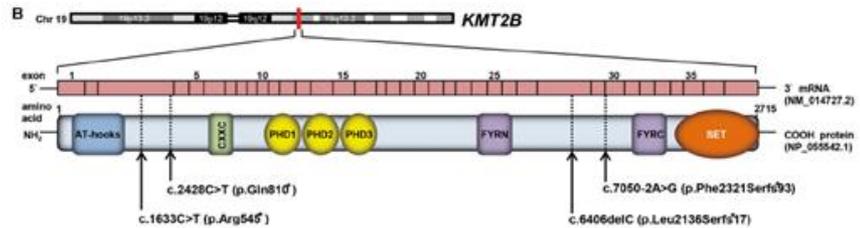
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REPORT



Haploinsufficiency of *KMT2B*, Encoding the Lysine-Specific Histone Methyltransferase 2B, Results in Early-Onset Generalized Dystonia

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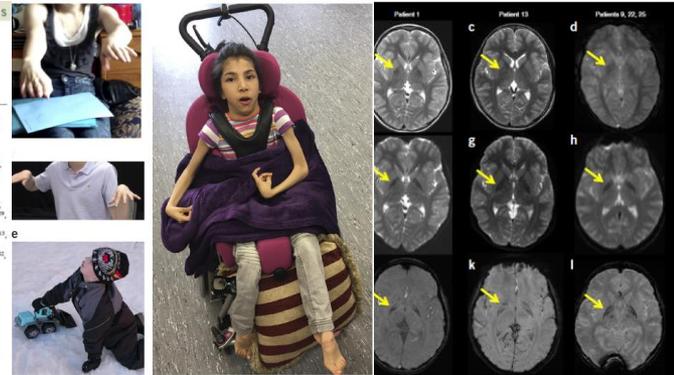


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Mutations in the histone methyltransferase gene *KMT2B* cause complex early-onset dystonia

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Histone lysine methylation, mediated by mixed-lineage leukemia (MLL) proteins, is now known to be critical to the regulation of gene expression, genomic stability, cell cycle and nuclear architecture. Despite MLL proteins being postulated as essential for normal development, little is known about the specific functions of the diverse MLL lysine methyltransferases. Here we report heterozygous variants in the gene *KMT2B* (also known as MLL4) in 27 unrelated individuals with a complex progressive childhood-onset dystonia, often associated with a typical facial appearance and characteristic brain magnetic resonance imaging findings. Over time, the majority of affected individuals developed prominent cervical, cranial and laryngeal dystonia. Milder clinical forms, including the restriction of independent ambulation in some cases, was observed following deep brain stimulation (DBS). These findings highlight a clinically recognizable and potentially treatable form of genetic dystonia, demonstrating the crucial role of *KMT2B* in the physiological control of voluntary movement.



Haploinsufficiency of *KMT2B*, Encoding the Lysine-Specific Histone Methyltransferase 2B, Results in Early-Onset Generalized Dystonia

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Treatment: DBS – Gpi since 2003 (13 years)
BoNT (adjuvant) cervical and Uex left

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Defined: dystonia dominates the clinical picture but this occurs in the context of complex phenotype including symptoms other than movement disorders

Metabolic disorders with dystonia
Mitochondriopathies
NBIA's
Spastic Paraplegias
Other rare causes for focal or generalized dystonias (z.B. TUBB4A)



AT (Ataxia Teleangiectasia) Synonym: Louis-Bar Syndrom

Prevalence: ca. 1 : 40 000 – 1 : 100 000, 1-2% of Caucasians are heterozygous, most common childhood-onset ataxia,

Genetics: autosomal recessive, ATM gene, Chrom 11, Serin-Proteinkinase

Phenotype: Ataxia, Teleangiectasias, sensori-motor axonal Neuropathy

Autoimmune Screening: IG subclass deficiency, AFP increased

Immunodefizienz: 60 – 80% , T-Cell deficiency (30%),

Infections: pulmonal/ chron. bronchitis , no oportunistic Infections

Risks for malignancies 30% cancer (85%

Leukaemias/Lymphomas (ALL, CLL), increased risk for brest cancer in heterozygous)

Endokrinology: diabetes mellitus, senilis precox, hypogonadism

Lab-findings

Alpha Fetoprotein **16 ng/ml** (0,0 – 7 ng/ml)

Otherwise unremarkable.

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Patient MK, born 1994, male

Onset of symptoms ~ 2012 (18 years)

Initial symptoms: cervical dystonia,

FU: progression of CD, dystonia LEx (08/2014)

Acute worsening of symptoms 10/2014, involvement of the trunc, massive cervical pain

Birth, childhood, motor and cognitive milestones normal,

Infectious disease („flu“ symptoms – severely sick),

No Hypersensitivity

No illicit drugs, no medication

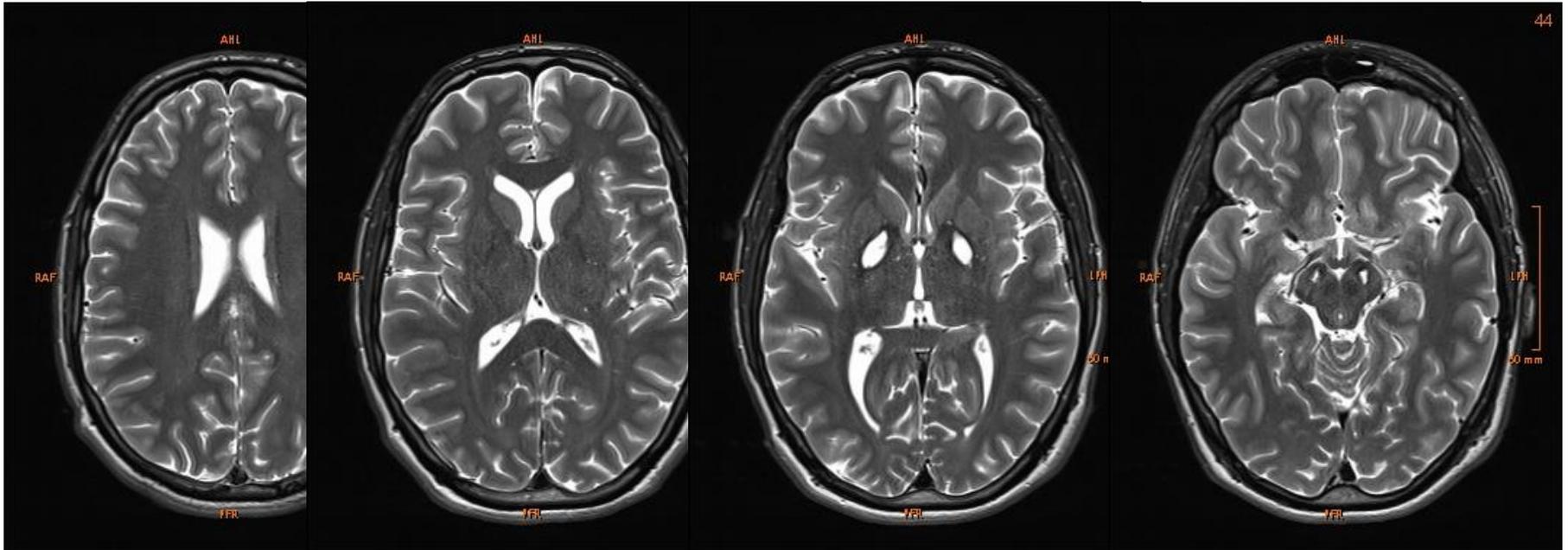
Co-Morbidity: ITP

Profession: informatics

Family history: unremarkable, (parents, 1 sister)

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MR-Diagnosis: Leigh or Leigh-like Syndrome

Genetic finding: Mutation in the short-chain enoyl CoA Hydratase (2nd step of the mitochondrial lipid oxidation) ECHS1 c.[518C>T];[817A>G], p. [Ala173Val];[Lys273Glu]

Complex Dystonia

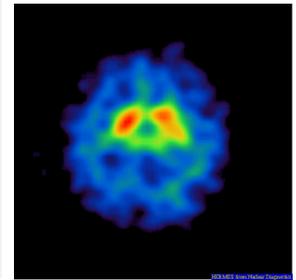
Defined: disorders that usually present with other phenotypes but can have predominant dystonia

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NBIA's
Spastic Paraplegias (HSP)
Other rare causes of focal/generalized dystonia



Abnormalities of Dopaminergic Neurotransmission in SCA2: A Combined ^{123}I - βCIT and ^{123}I -IBZM SPECT Study

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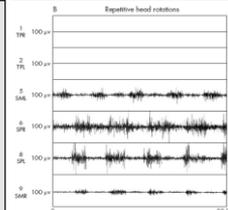
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Table 1 Clinical and electrophysiological findings in six SCA2 patients with cervical dystonia

Patient No	CAG repeats	Clinical presentation	EMG activity during spontaneous head position	EMG pattern during head rotation	Genetically induced EMG changes
1	40	Phasic head movements	Tonic activity both SP + SC	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition	Tonic both SP Activation
2	43	Lateroflexion (left) elevation shoulder	Tonic activity both SP + SC	4-5 Hz bursts	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition Tonic SCR Activation
3	40	Rotation (left) and lateroflexion (right)	Tonic activity SPR	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition	Tonic SPL Activation
4	38	Rotation (left) and lateroflexion (right)	Tonic activity both SP	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition	Tonic SPL Activation
5	37	Lateroflexion (right)	Tonic activity SPR	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition	Tonic SPL Activation
6	39	Lateroflexion (right) Intermittent head tremor	Tonic-tremulous activation SPR	Disturbed reciprocal inhibition	Tonic both SP Activation

SC, sternocleidomastoid muscle; SP, splenius capitis muscle; SPL, left splenius capitis muscle; SPR, right splenius capitis muscle.
CAG repeats represent the length of the expanded allele on chromosome 12. Polymyography of the neck included simultaneous recordings of three muscle pairs.



key points/conclusions



Genetic diagnosis should be „state of the art“ in young onset dystonia patients with segmental and generalized dystonia.

Genetic diagnosis in dystonias may result in new treatment options.

Clinical presentation (focal, segmental, multi-focal, generalized) defines therapeutic procedures in most cases.

BoNT remains treatment of choice in focal and most segmental dystonias.

