

**XIX Corso di Aggiornamento
Post-Specialistico in Endocrinologia,
Diabetologia ed Endocrinologia
Ginecologica**

III SESSIONE - IPOFISI

**Patogenesi e inquadramento
dell'eccesso di GH**

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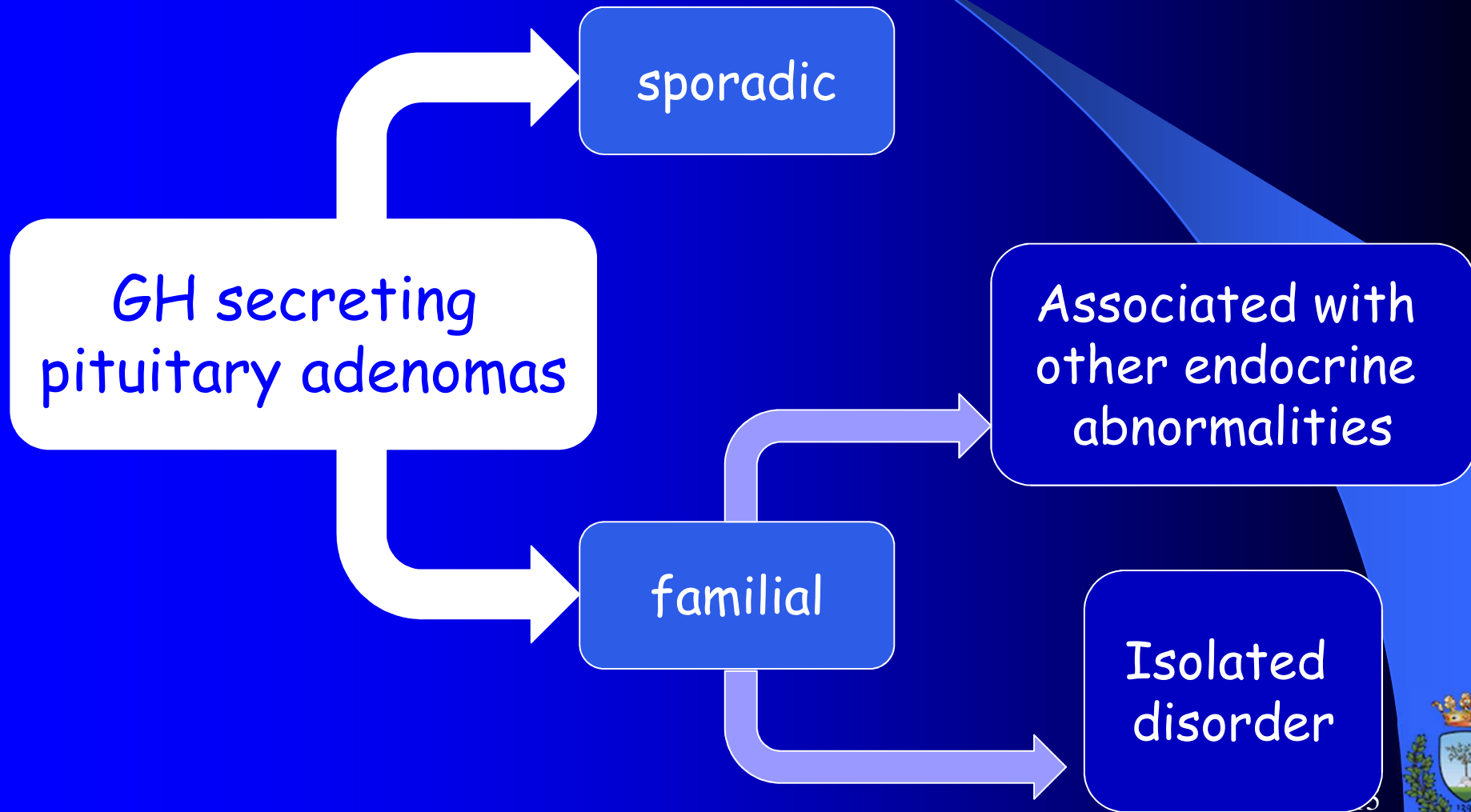




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Pathogenesis



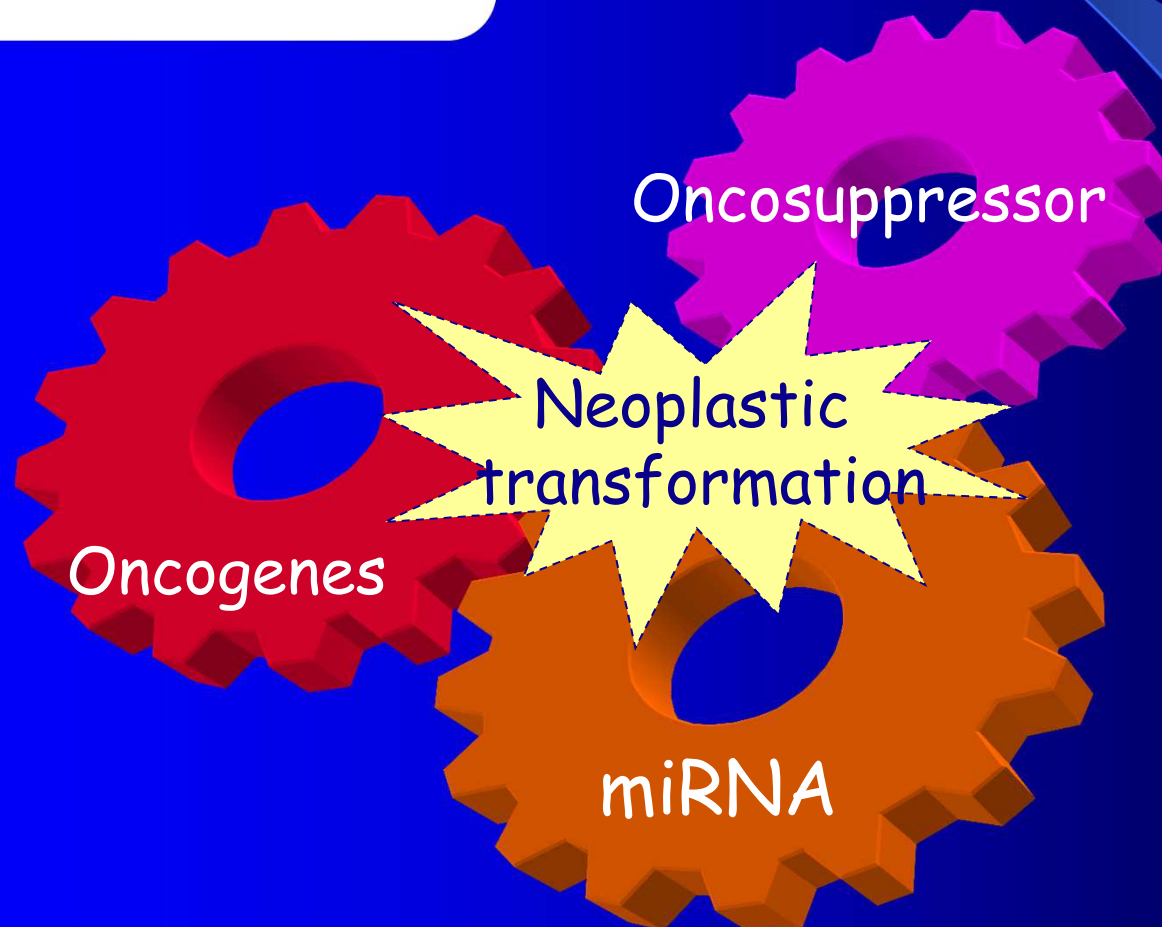


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GH secreting
pituitary adenomas

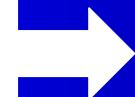
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pituitary adenomas



familial

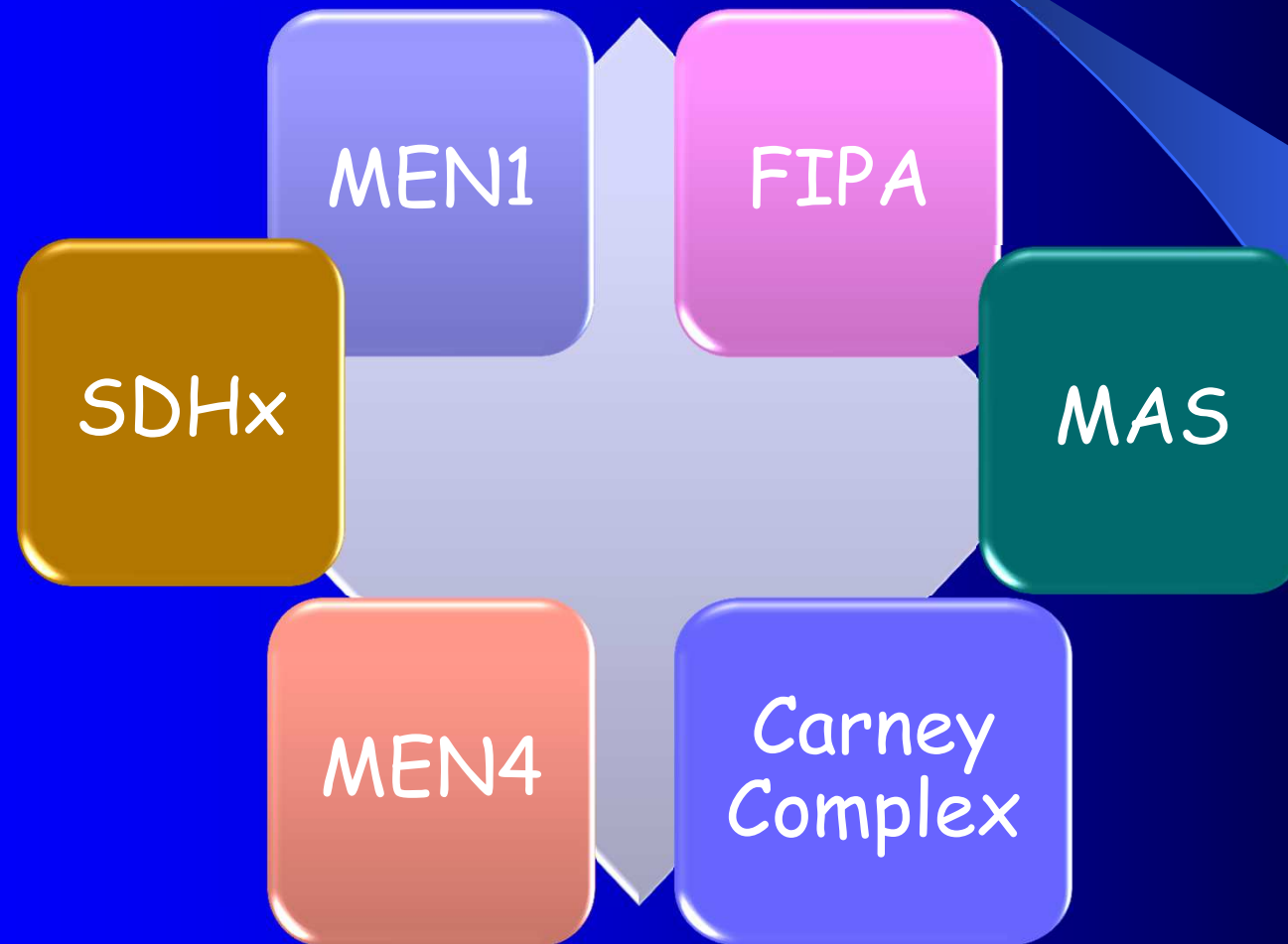
| Familial syndrome | Responsible gene | Clinical characteristics | Other endocrine abnormalities | Non-endocrine abnormalities |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FIPA | <i>AIP</i> in 20% Unknown in the majority of cases | Young patients (<40 years old at diagnosis) Usually macroadenomas, with extrasellar extension Less frequently controlled by surgery or SSA | None | None |
| MEN type 1 | <i>MEN1 (menin)</i> 11q13 in 75–80% <i>CDKN1B</i> in a minority | | Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors Parathyroid adenomas Precocious puberty Thyrotoxicosis Cushing's syndrome | Polyostotic fibrous bone dysplasia Café-au-lait skin pigmentation |
| McCune–Albright syndrome | <i>GNAS</i> 20 q13 | | | |
| Carney complex | <i>PRKAR1A</i> 17q22–24 | | Primary pigmented nodular adrenocortical disease (PPNAD) Thyroid nodules (benign/malignant) | Myxomas Skin pigmentation Gonadal tumors |



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Conditions with germline mutations





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Familial Isolated Pituitary Adenomas: FIPA

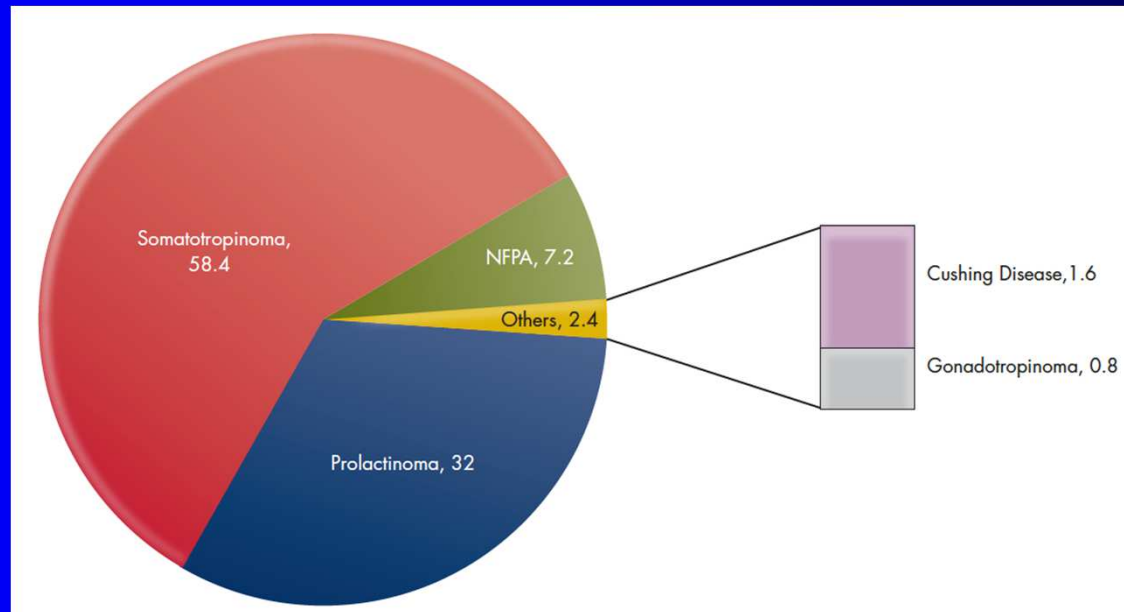
pituitary adenomas occurring in a familial setting without MEN1 or Carney complex mutations, including somatotropinomas, prolactinomas, and nonsecreting pituitary adenomas



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FIPA

30 homogeneous tumor phenotype
14 prolactinoma
12 somatotropinoma
2 NFA
2 Cushing's



Beckers A, Aaltonen LA, Daly AF, Karhu A. Endocr Rev. 2013;34:239-77

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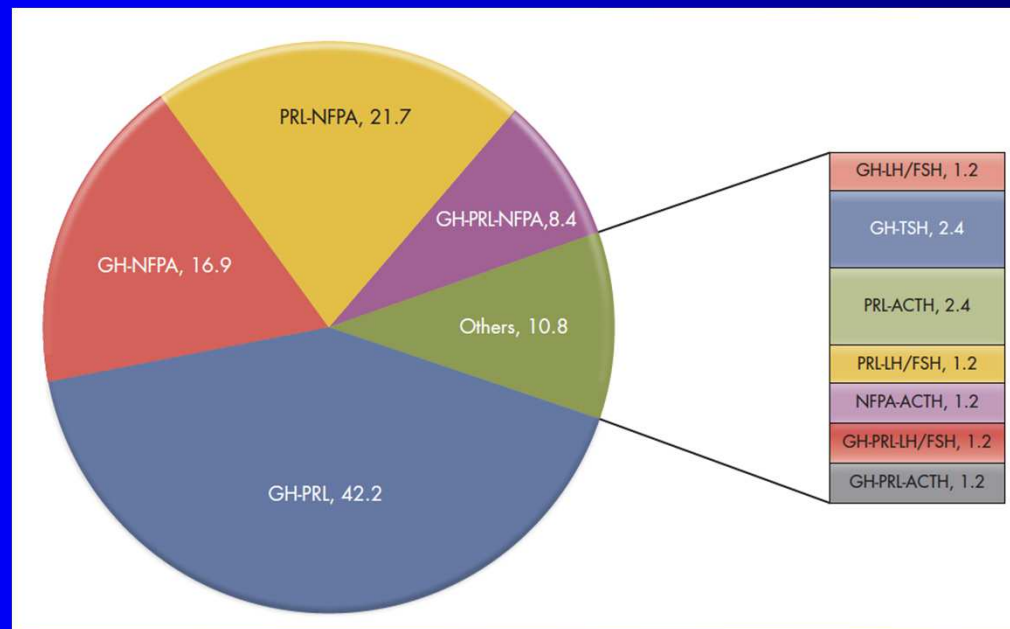
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FIPA

34 heterogeneous phenotype families
up to 3 different tumour types possible
at least one PRLoma/GHoma per family

J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2006 Sep;91(9):3316-23



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FIPA vs Sporadic

FIPA younger at diagnosis

FIPA PRLomas and NFA more frequently invasive

Subgroups

Multigenerational FIPA families adenomas diagnosed earlier in 2nd generation (30) vs 1st generation (50)

Homogeneous somatotropinomas younger at diagnosis, more frequent extension vs heterogeneous somatotropinomas



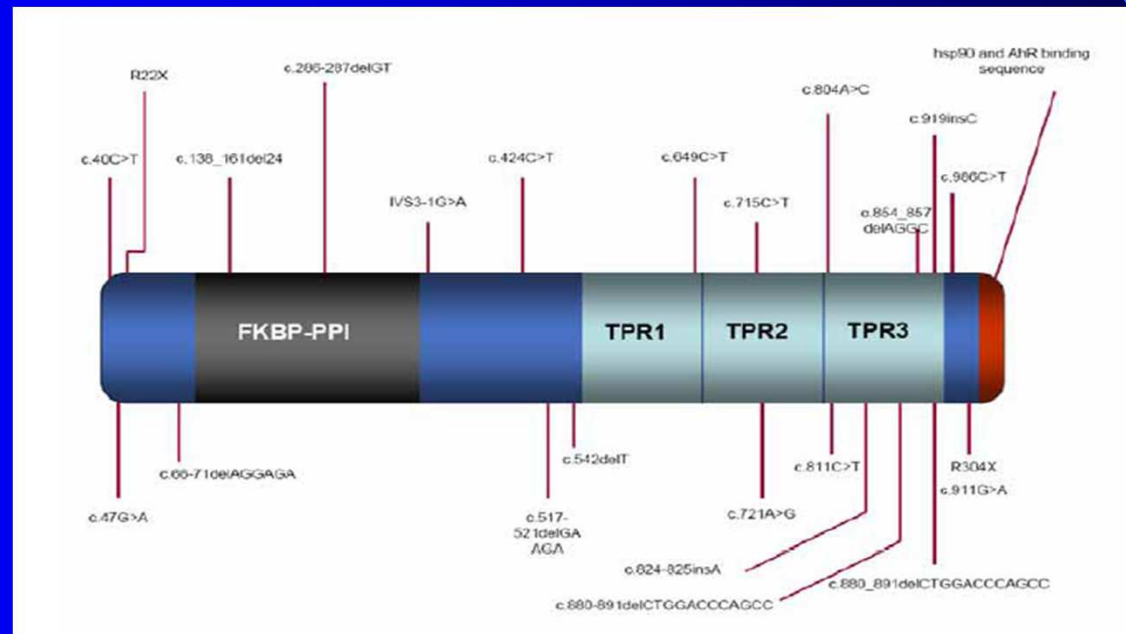
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AIP

Pituitary Adenoma Predisposition Caused by Germline Mutations in the *AIP* Gene

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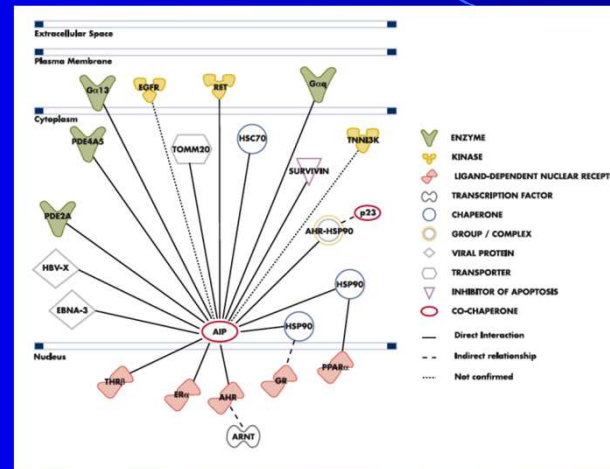
Science, May 2006



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Beckers et al. Endocr Rev. 2013;34:239-77

| AIP's interacting partner | Possible role |
|---------------------------|---|
| PDE4A5 | Increased cAMP; pro-proliferative, therefore, unlikely |
| PDE2A | Reduced cAMP; anti-proliferative |
| Survivin | Increases survivin's stability, inhibiting apoptosis, therefore, unlikely |
| RET | Prevents RET's interaction with surviving thus reducing its proto-oncogenic effect |
| Integrins | Stability of cell-extracellular matrix adhesion; convergence of cell cycle pathways at cell surface |

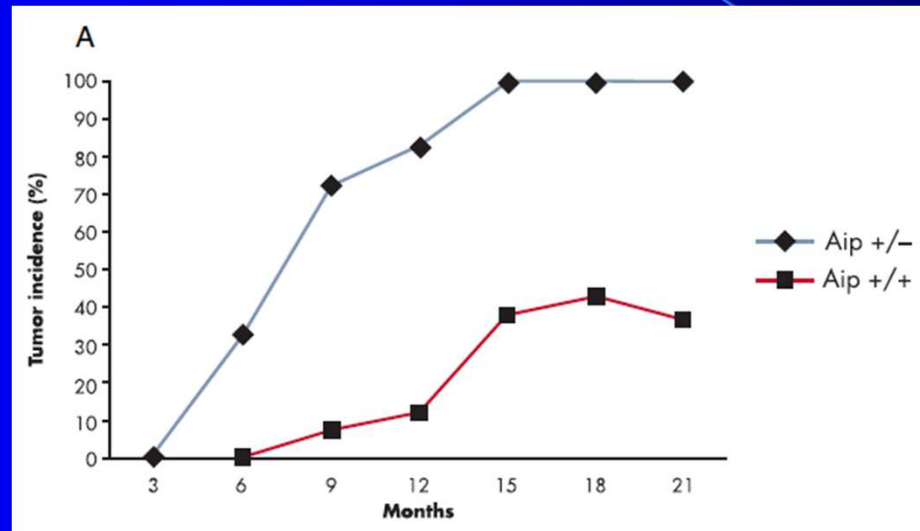


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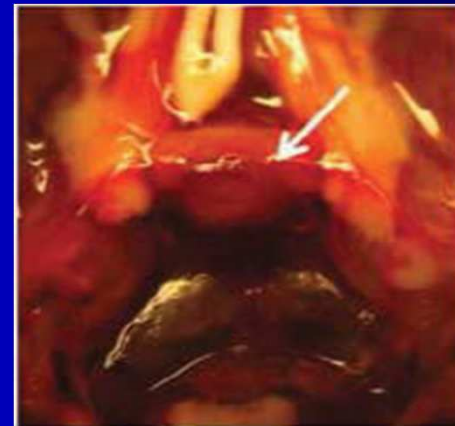
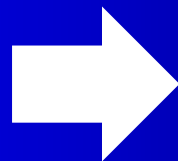
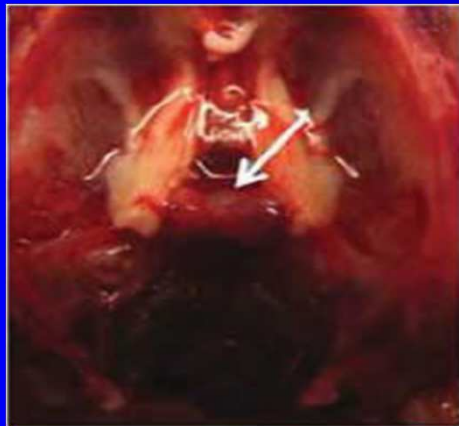


AIP

Animal model



AIP mutated animals develop pituitary adenomas





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AIP

In humans

- 70 mutations (215 patients)
- R304X : 35 patients
- Q14X : 19 patients (only Finnish origin)
- R304Q : 10 patients
- R271W : 10 patients
- several variants (R16H?)



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Prevalence of *AIP* mutations

| | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| Barlier A et al., JCEM 2007 | 105 Patients with sporadic adenoma | 0% |
| Stratakis CA et al., Clin Genet 2010 | 76 pediatric Cushing's | 1,3% |
| Cazabat L et al., EJE 2007 | 154 patients with GH secreting pituitary adenomas | 3% |
| Daly AF et al., JCEM 2007 | 158 patients (FIPA) | 15% |
| Tichomirova MA et al. EJE 2011 | 163 patients macroadenoma and <30 yr | 11.7% < 30yr 20% <18 yr |
| Stratakis CA et al., Clin Genet 2010 | 11 pediatric FIPA | 27,2% |
| Rostomyan L et al., Endocrine Abstracts, 2013 | 113 patients with pituitary gigantism | 33% |





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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Endocrine Care

Clinical Characteristics and Therapeutic Responses in Patients with Germ-Line *AIP* Mutations and Pituitary Adenomas: An International Collaborative Study

AIM

determine the clinical characteristics
responses to therapy

in pts with *AIP^{mut}*-and
pituitary adenomas

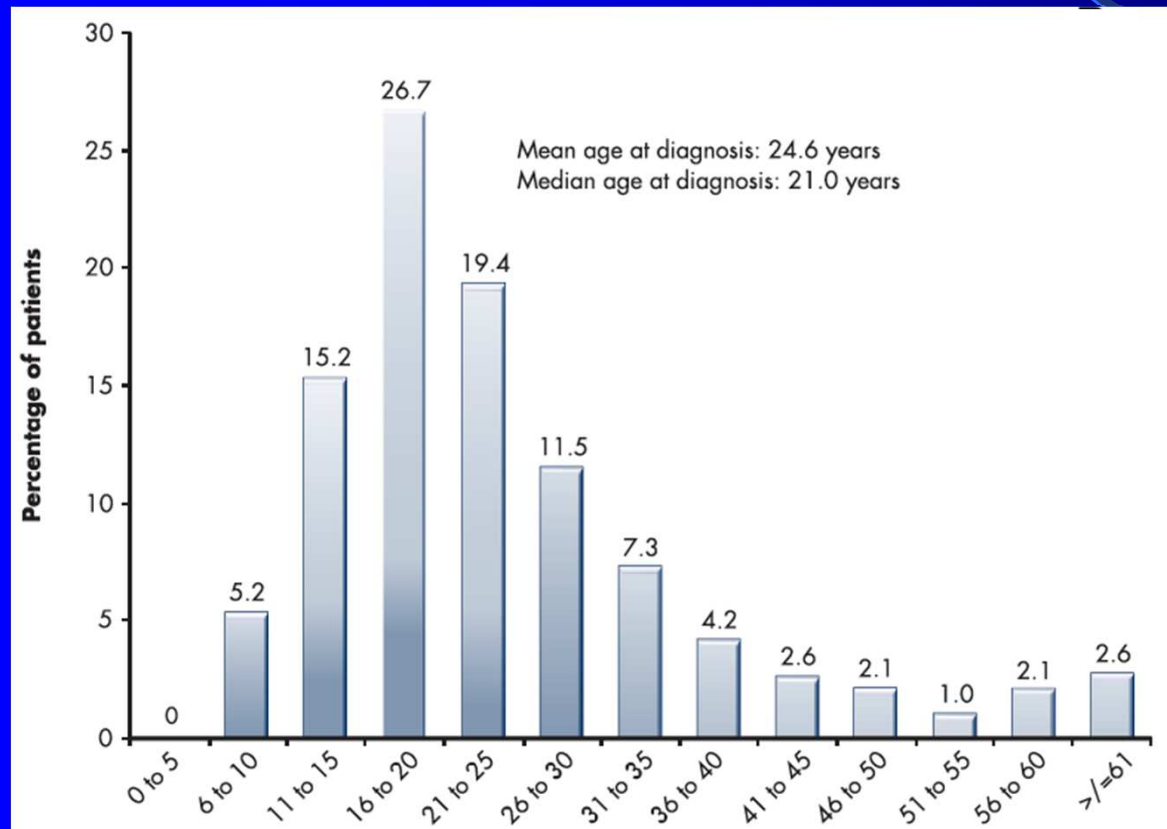
with particular interest to somatotropinomas



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AIP^{mut} Pituitary Adenomas



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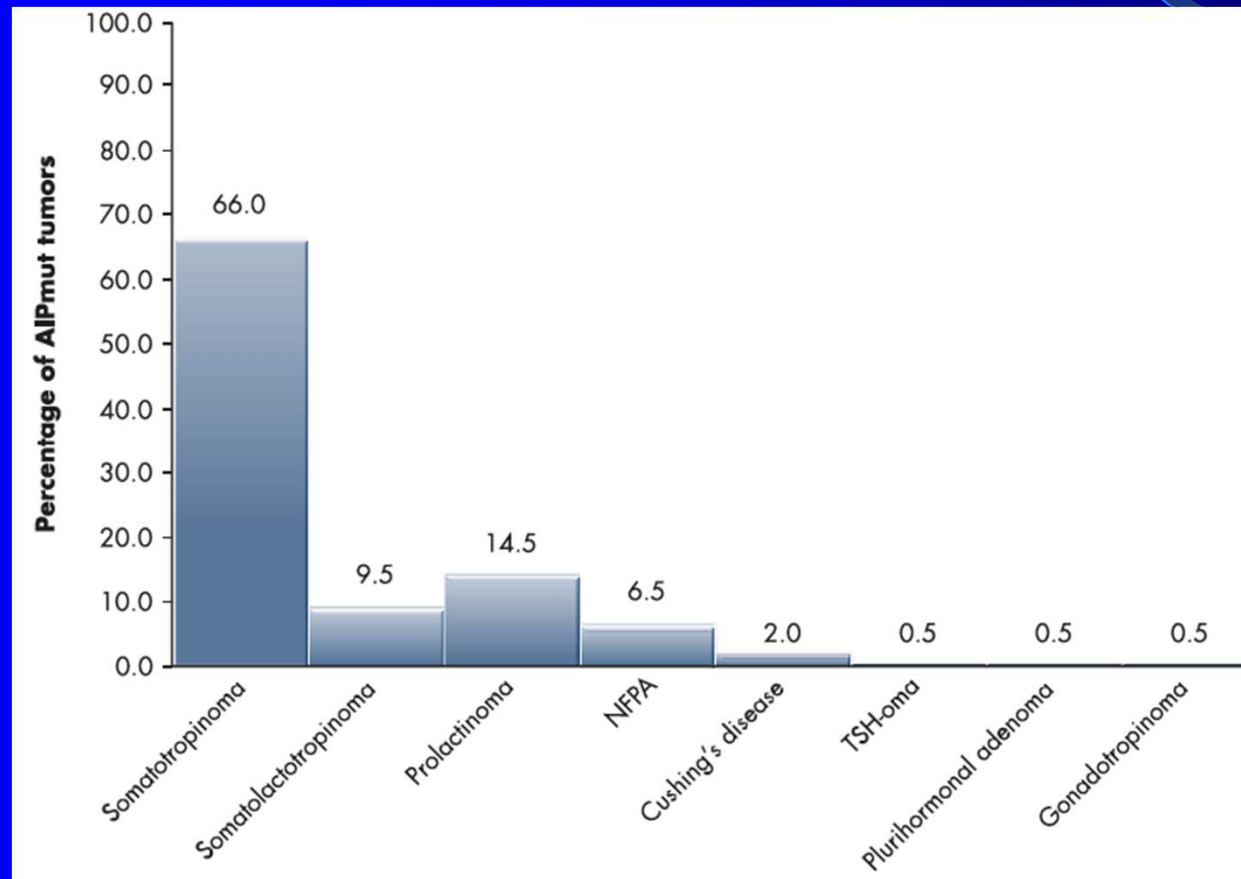
Younger age
at
presentation



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AIP^{mut} Pituitary Adenomas



All tumor types represented



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Clinical characteristics of *AIP*^{mut} Pituitary Adenomas

| | All (n=96) | GH-oma (n=75) | PRL-oma (n=13) | NFA (n=7) | TSH-oma (n=1) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sex (% male) | 61M/35F (63.6%) | 46M/29F (61.3%) | 10M/3F (76.9%) | 4M/3F (57.1%) | 1M/0F (100%) |
| Age at diagnosis (yr) | 23.0 (8.0-74.0) | 22.5 (8.0-60.0) | 22.0 (12.0-39.0) | 31.0 (12-74) | 39.0 |
| Age at first symptoms (yr) | 18.0 (4.0-67.0) | 17.8 (4.0-50.0) | 18.0 (12.0-39.0) | 31.0 (12-74) | 39.0 |
| Delay in diagnosis (yr) | 2.0 (0.0-19.0) | 2.0 (0.0-19.0) | 0.0 (0.0-6.0) | 0.0 (0.0-7.0) | 0.0 |
| Maximum tumor diameter (mm) | 25.0 (6.0-85.0) | 22.5 (7.0-60.0) | 31.0 (6.0-85.0) | 27.5 (14-35) | 30.0 |
| Macroadenoma (%) | 93.3% | 93.1% | 92.3% | 100% | 100% |
| Extrasellar extension (%) | 79.5% | 65.1% | 91.7% | 85.7% | 0.0% |
| Invasion (%) | 56.3% | 51.7% | 69.2% | 57.1% | 0.0% |

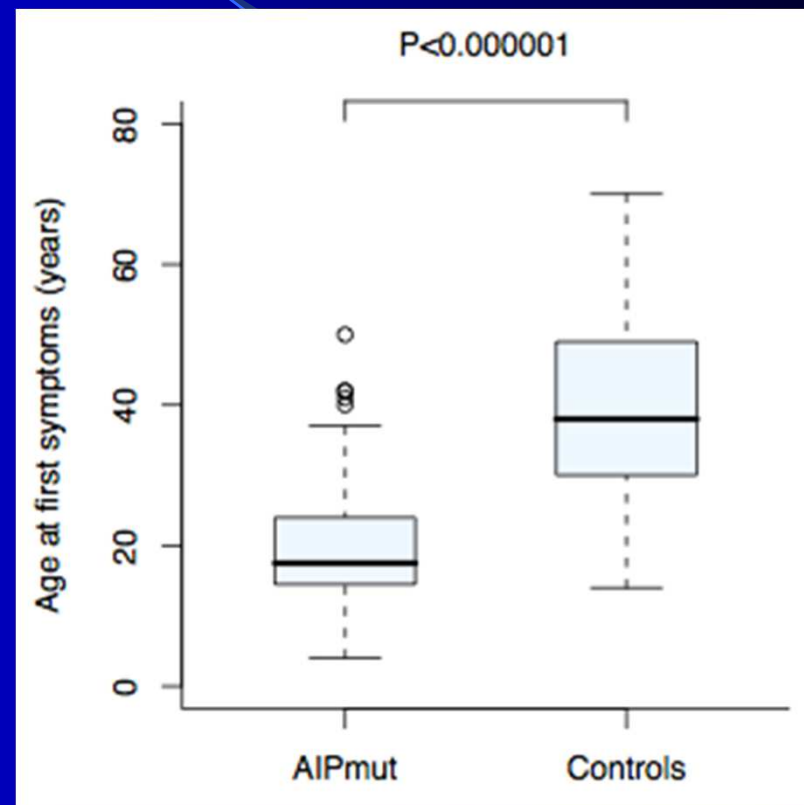
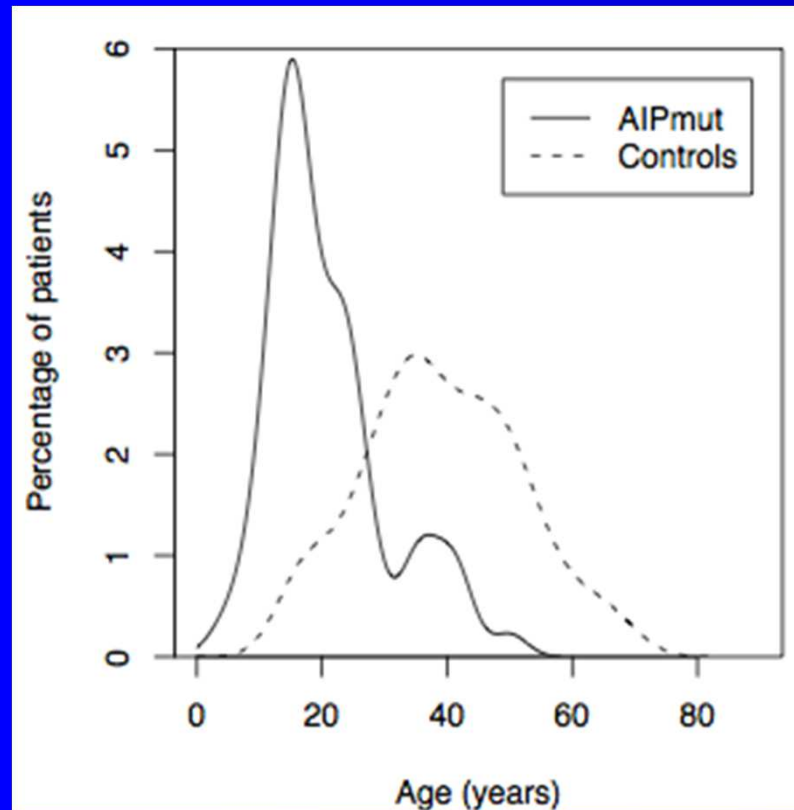
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AIP^{mut} acromegaly: Age at First Symptoms



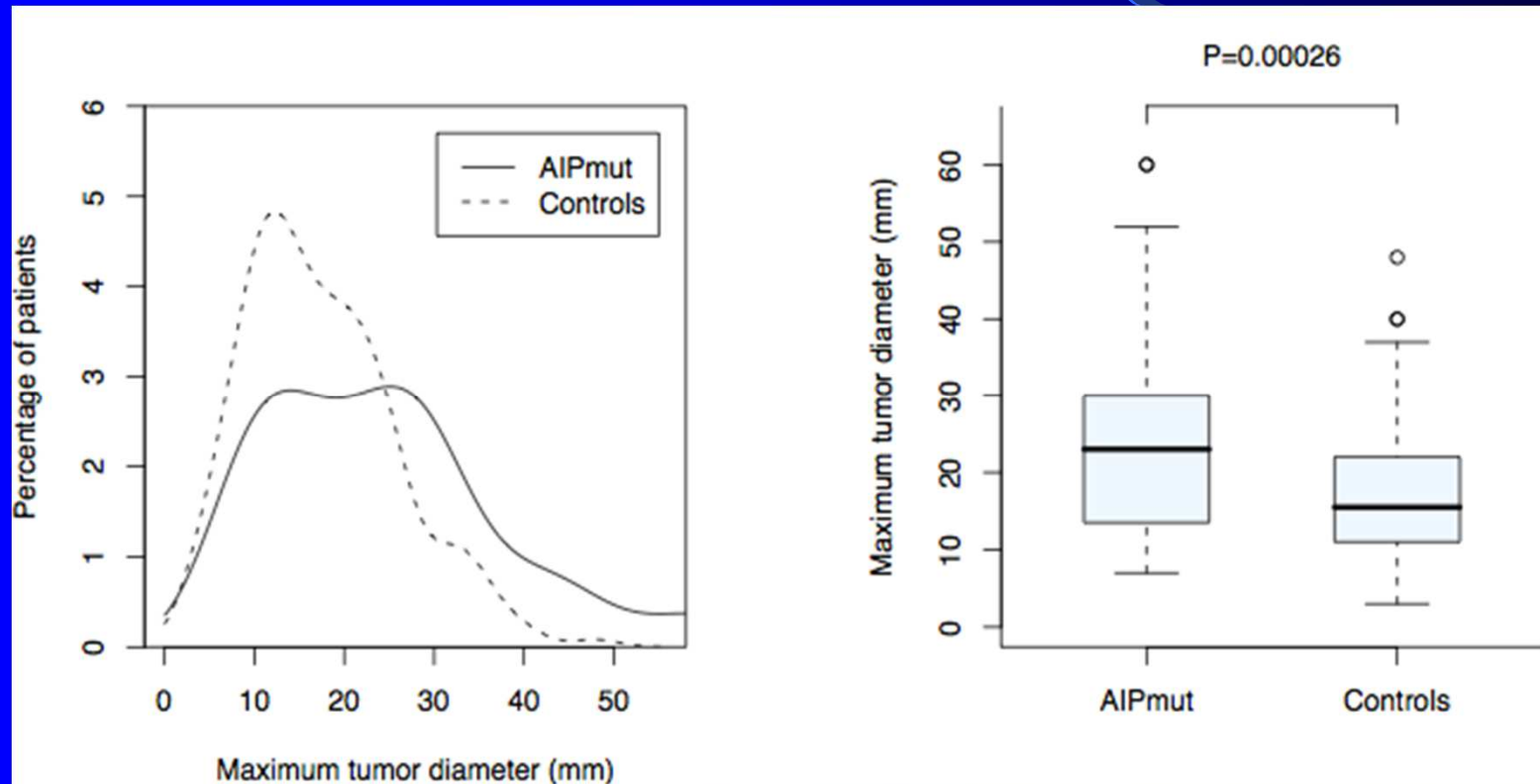
Younger age at first symptoms



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AIP^{mut} acromegaly: Max Tumor Diameter



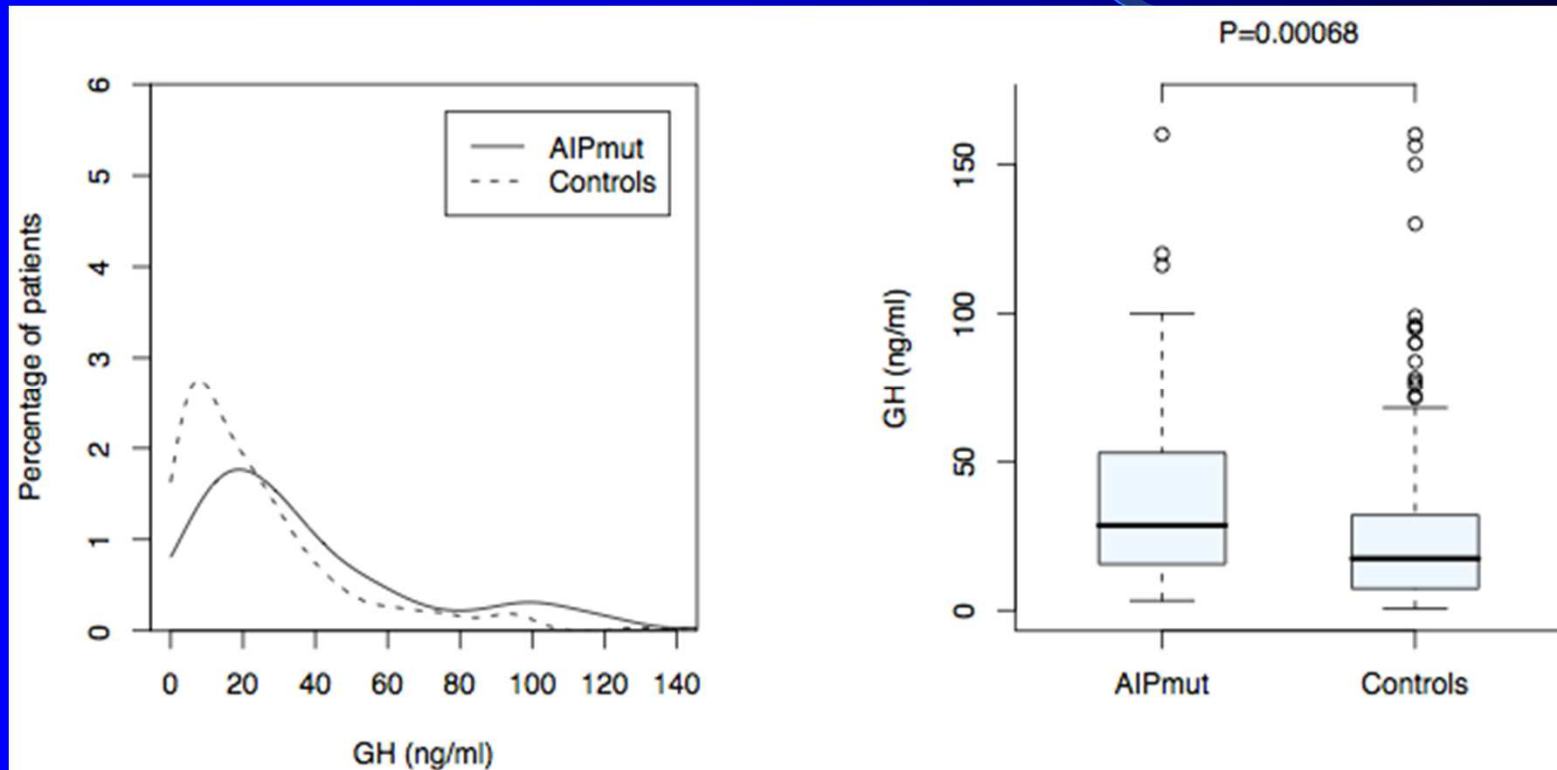
Greater tumor diameter



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AIP^{mut} acromegaly: GH Secretion



More robust GH secretion



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Treatment of *AIP^{mut}* Somatotropinomas

| | <i>AIP^{mut}</i> (n=71) | Control (n=232) | <i>P</i> value |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Disease control (%) * | 70.4 | 80.5 | 0.06 |
| Re-operation (%) | 21.9 | 5.5 | 0.00069 |
| Use of radiotherapy (%) | 41.4 | 24.7 | 0.15 |
| SA-induced reduction in GH (%) (n=38) | 40 | 75 | 0.00037 |
| SA-induced reduction in IGF-I (%) (n=38) | 47.4 | 56 | 0.028 |
| SA-induced tumor shrinkage (%) (n=38) | 0 | 41.4 | 0.000001 |

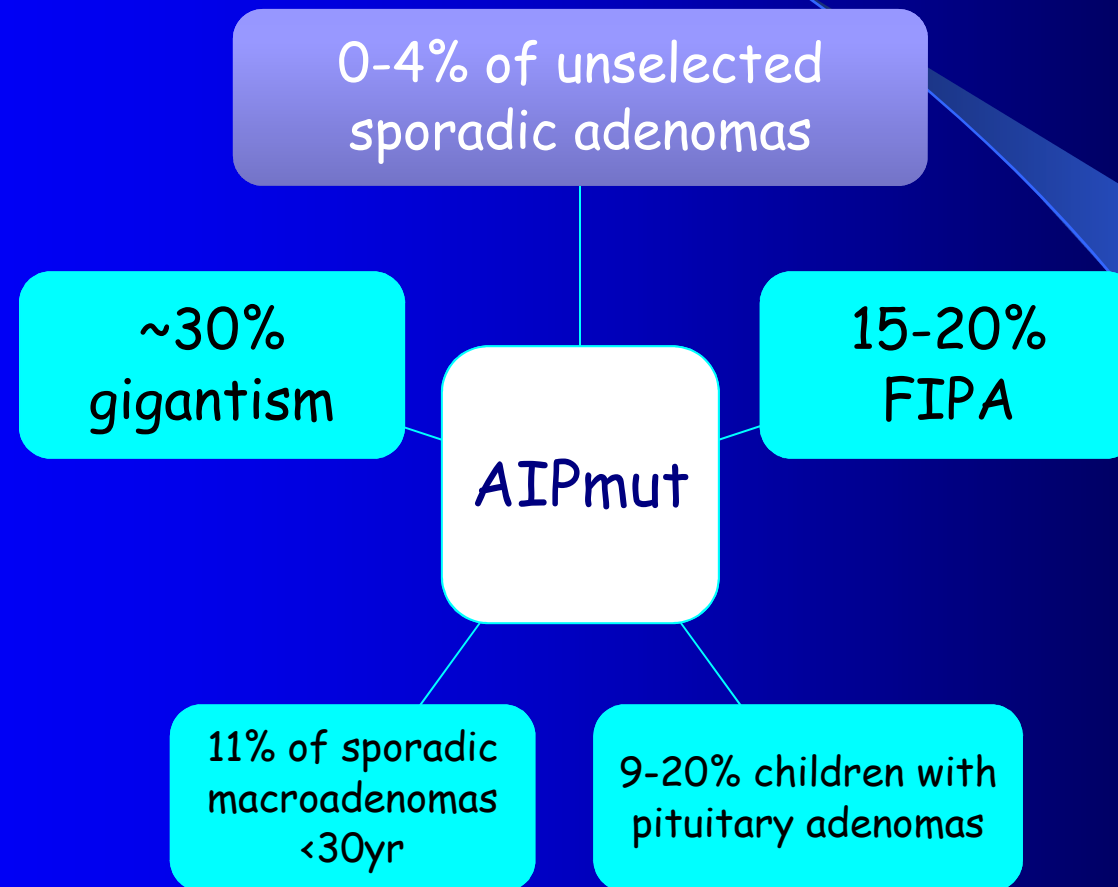
More difficult to treat



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At risk groups for *AIP*^{mut}



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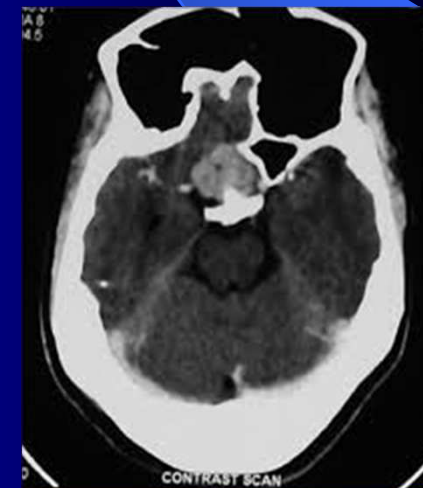
Birth weight: 3600 g



5 yrs and 3 mo
height 129 cm



6 yrs
height 135 cm



DIAGNOSIS



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6 yrs
FIRST SURGERY

Pituitary adenoma
with prevalent GH
staining

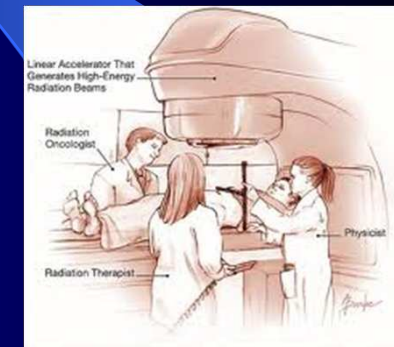
Persistent
disease

7 yrs
SECOND SURGERY

Biochemically
persistent
disease

8 yrs
external
radiotherapy

Biochemically
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disease



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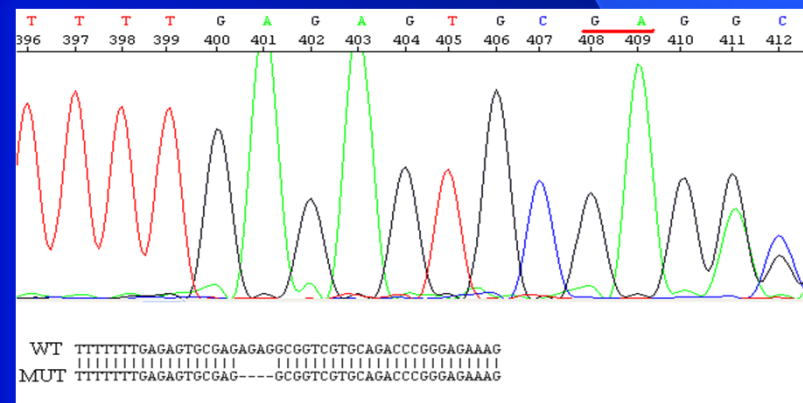
Biochemically persistent disease

Medical therapy

Satisfactory control

AIP mutation ?

Final height: 166 cm
Oligo-amenorrhea
Central hypothyroidism



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OGGETTO: Esito dell'analisi genetica della Sig.ra per la ricerca di mutazioni germinali nel gene AIP.

La Sig.ra ha eseguito una analisi genetica al fine di accertare la presenza o meno di una mutazione germinale a carico del gene AIP in quanto riscontrata affetta da adenoma ipofisario.
Previo consenso della paziente è stato effettuato un prelievo di 20 ml di sangue venoso periferico per lo studio mutazionale. L'analisi genetica, effettuata sul DNA costituzionale estratto dai linfociti del sangue venoso periferico della Sig.ra, è stata eseguita mediante amplificazione per PCR (Polimerase Chain Reaction) con primers specifici, seguita da sequenziamento automatico del DNA (dall'esone 1 all'esone 6).

Risultati:
L'analisi genetica eseguita sul DNA costituzionale della Sig.ra, nelle condizioni sopra descritte, ha rilevato la presenza di:
- un polimorfismo in omozigosi in posizione 228 nell'esone 5 del gene AIP (isoforma 1, CCDS8168), che determina la sostituzione di un aminoacido Glicina in un aminoacido Lisina (Gln228Lys; CAG/AAG), privo di significato patologico;
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Conditions with germline mutations



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MEN4



Table 1. Clinical and molecular characteristics of the identified *CDKN1B/p27* variants

| <i>CDKN1B</i> mutation | Clinical phenotype of proband | Relative affected | Mutation description | <i>CDKN1B</i> status in the tumor | Localization of p27 mutant | Reference |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| W76X | 1°HPT, GH-pituitary tumor | 2 | truncated protein | no LOH | cytoplasm | [10] |
| K25fs | 1°HPT, ACTH-pituitary tumor, carcinoid tumor of uterine cervix | 0 | frameshift longer protein | LOH | | [11] |
| ATG-7G>C | 1°HPT (1 parathyroid tumor) bilateral adrenal mass nonfunctioning | 0 | reduction in protein expression <i>in vitro</i> | no LOH | | [12] |
| P95S | 1°HPT (2 parathyroid tumors), ZES | 0 | reduced binding of the mutant protein with Grb2 | ND | | [12] |
| Stop>Q | 1°HPT (3 parathyroid tumors) | 3 | longer protein, very unstable | ND | | [12] |
| P69L | 1°HPT, bronchial carcinoids, papillary thyroid carcinoma, pituitary macroadenoma and bilateral multiple lung metastasis | ND | unstable protein, impaired CDK2 binding | ND | nuclear/cytoplasmic | [13] |

1°HPT = Primary hyperparathyroidism; ZES = Zollinger-Ellison syndrome; LOH = loss of heterozygosity; ND = not determined.



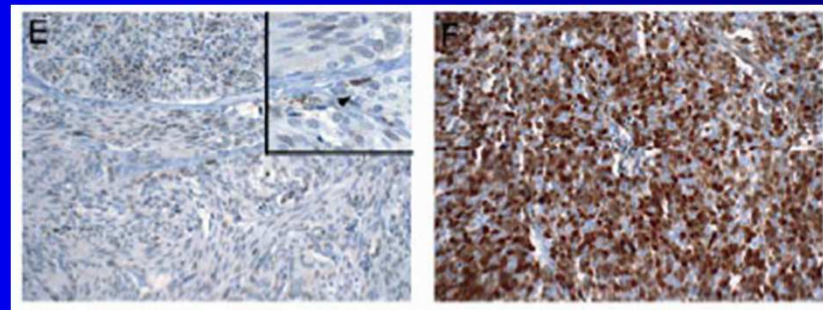
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bronchial carcinoid



P69L mutation-positive patient

sporadic patient (wild-type p27)

Loss of p27 protein in tumors of affected patients





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p27 is a new tumor susceptibility gene for multiple neuroendocrine tumors

Marinoni et al. Neuroendocrinology 2011;93:19–28



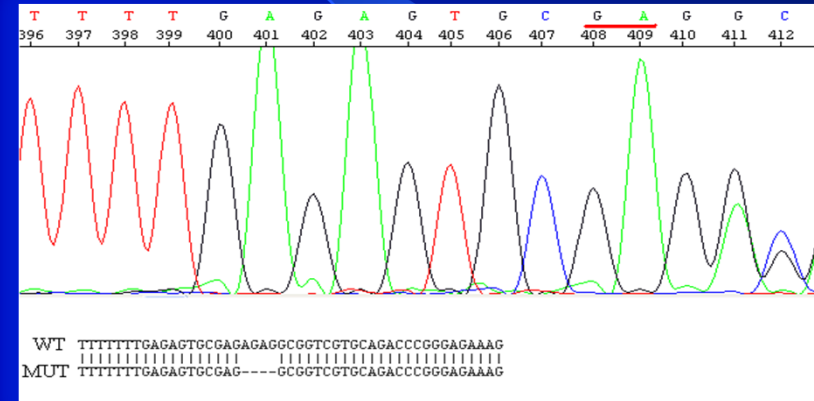
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p27
mutation ?



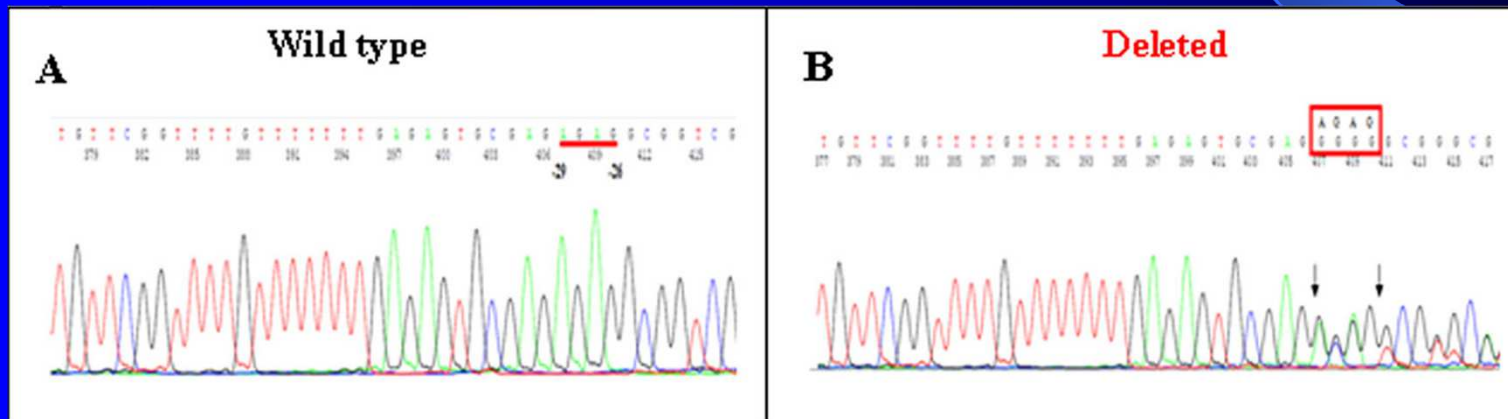
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Wild type

Deleted



Deletion in the CDKN1B 5'-UTR region
(c.-29_-26delAGAG)

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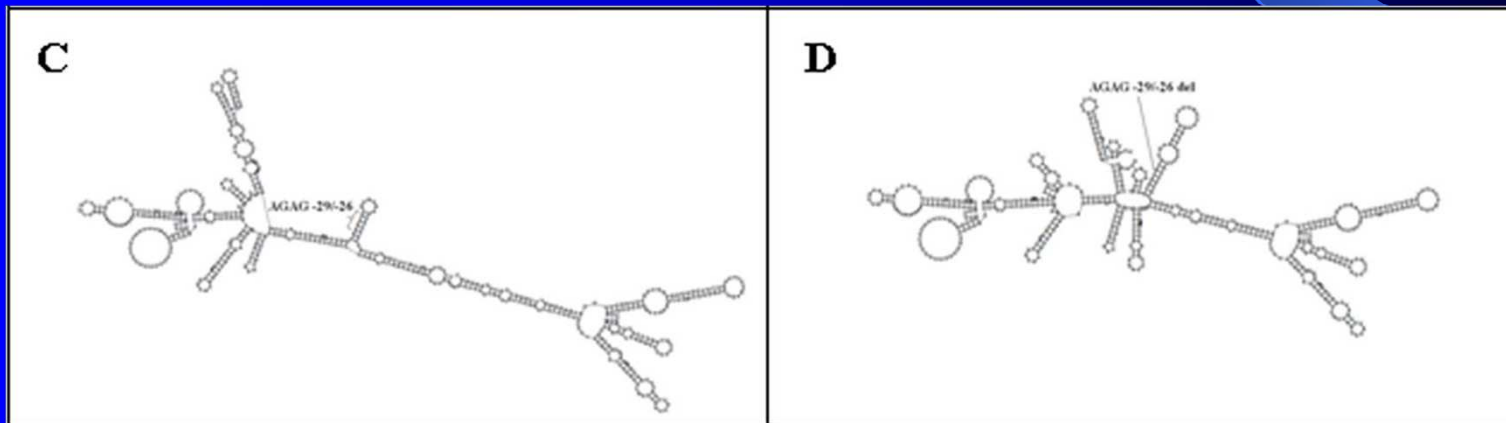
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Wild type

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Predicted secondary structure of the 5'-UTR (-575/-1)
CDKN1B mRNA

www.rna.tbi.univie.ac.at/cgi-bin/RNAfold.cgi



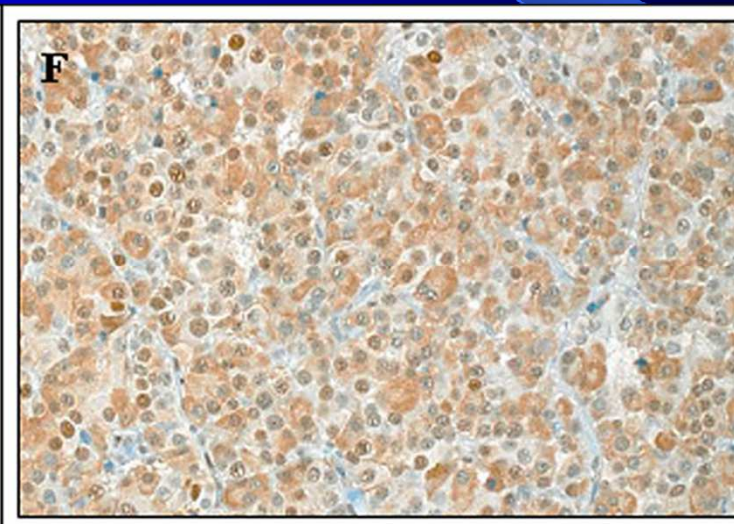
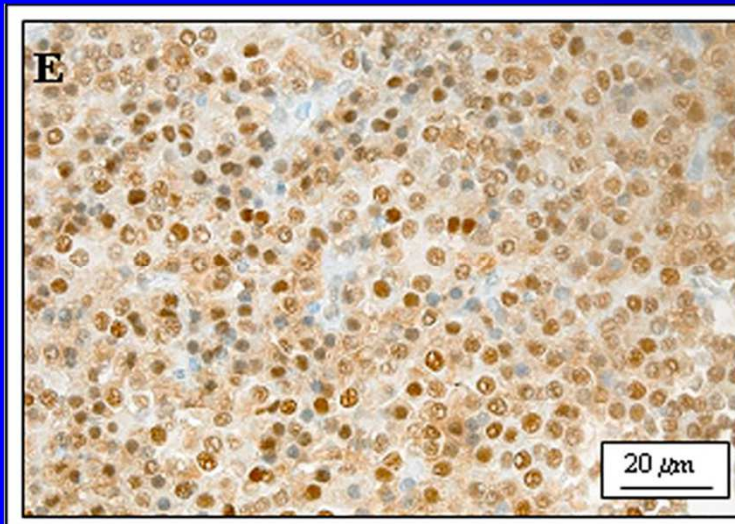
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Immunohistochemical staining for p27Kip1

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These findings indicate that the identification of functional alterations of newly discovered genetic derangements need to be fully characterized and always correlated with the clinical manifestations. However, the presence of other mutations (somatic or germ line) cannot be excluded, possibly contributing to the development of an aggressive and early onset acromegaly in our patient.



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Others?

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EDITORIAL

A giant? Think of genetics: growth hormone-producing adenomas in the young are almost always the result of genetic defects

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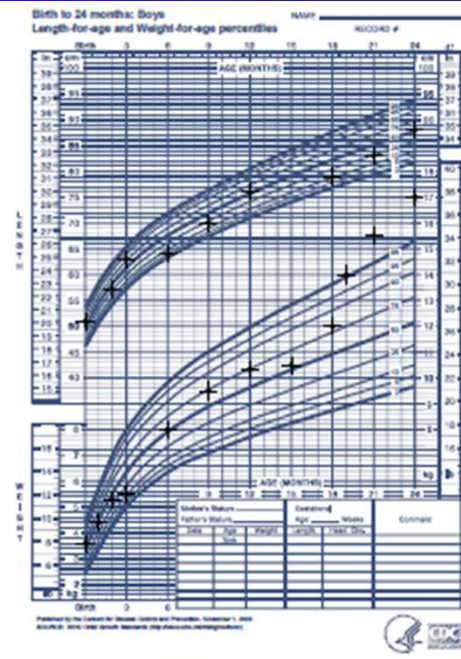


Other!!

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Gigantism and Acromegaly Due to Xq26 Microduplications and GPR101 Mutation



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X-LAG

X-linked acrogigantism

pediatric disorder

"adult" acromegaly

Xq26.3 genomic duplication
GPR101 duplication
early-onset gigantism

recurrent GPR101
mutation



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Table 1. Clinical Characteristics of 43 Patients with Gigantism with and without Xq26.3 Microduplications.

| Characteristic | Xq26.3 Microduplication (N = 14) | No Xq26.3 Microduplication (N = 29) | P Value |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Female sex — no. (%) | 10 (71) | 7 (24) | 0.007 |
| Median age at onset of rapid growth (range) — yr | 1.0 (0.5 to 2.0) | 16.0 (5.0 to 18.0) | <0.001 |
| Median age at diagnosis (range) — yr | 3 (1 to 22) | 21 (5 to 34) | <0.001 |
| Median height at diagnosis (range) — cm | 116 (99 to 175) | 187 (171 to 209) | <0.001 |
| Median standard-deviation score for height at diagnosis (range) | +3.8 (+1.9 to +7.1) | +3.3 (+2.1 to +5.8) | 0.45 |
| Elevated levels of growth hormone and insulin-like growth factor 1 at diagnosis — no. (%) | 14 (100) | 29 (100) | 1.00 |
| No suppression of growth hormone during oral glucose-tolerance test — no. (%) | 14 (100) | 29 (100) | 1.00 |
| Median factor increase in insulin-like growth factor 1 at diagnosis (range) — multiple of ULN | 4.4 (2.4 to 5.2) | 2.1 (1.4 to 5.3) | 0.005 |
| Elevated prolactin level at diagnosis — no. (%) | 13 (93) | 6 (21) | <0.001 |
| Median maximum tumor diameter (range) — mm | 16 (10 to 39) | 20 (9 to 41) | 0.16 |
| Adenoma or hyperplasia — no. (%) [†] | | | |
| Both adenoma and hyperplasia | 2 (14) | 0 | |
| Adenoma only | 10 (71) | 29 (100) | — |
| Hyperplasia only | 1 (7) | 0 | |
| Type of syndrome — no. (%) | | | |
| Sporadic | 9 (64) | 29 (100) | — |
| Familial | 5 (36) [‡] | 0 | |
| Siblings with normal growth — no./total no. (%) | 9/11 (82) | 29/29 (100) | — |



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Research

A Beckers, M B Lodish et al.

X-linked acrogigantism syndrome

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X-linked acrogigantism syndrome: clinical profile and therapeutic responses

- early and rapid growth (2-3 months of age)
- median height and weight $> +3.9$ SDS
- increased overall body size
- acromegalic symptoms
- increased appetite
- marked GH/IGF1 hypersecretion (usually also prolactin)
- pituitary macroadenoma or hyperplasia



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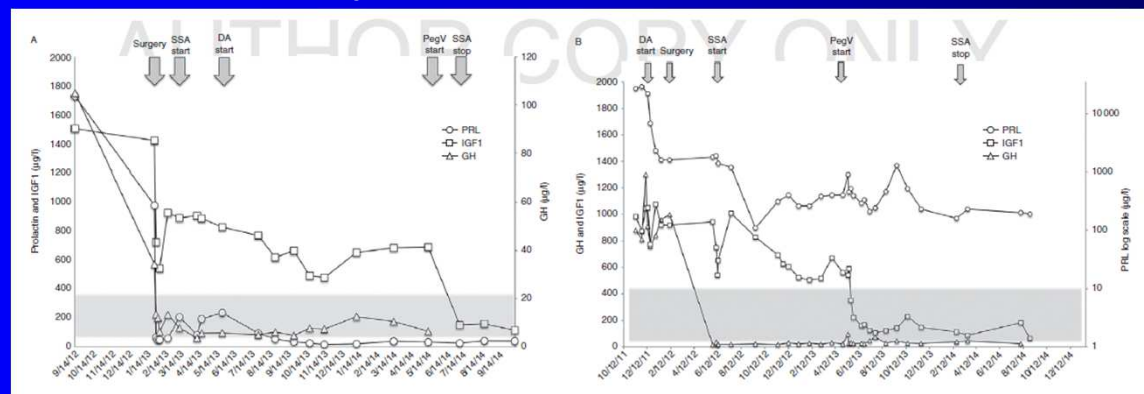
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- lack of control with somatostatin analogs despite SSTR2 expression
- postoperative adjuvant pegvisomant → control of IGF1



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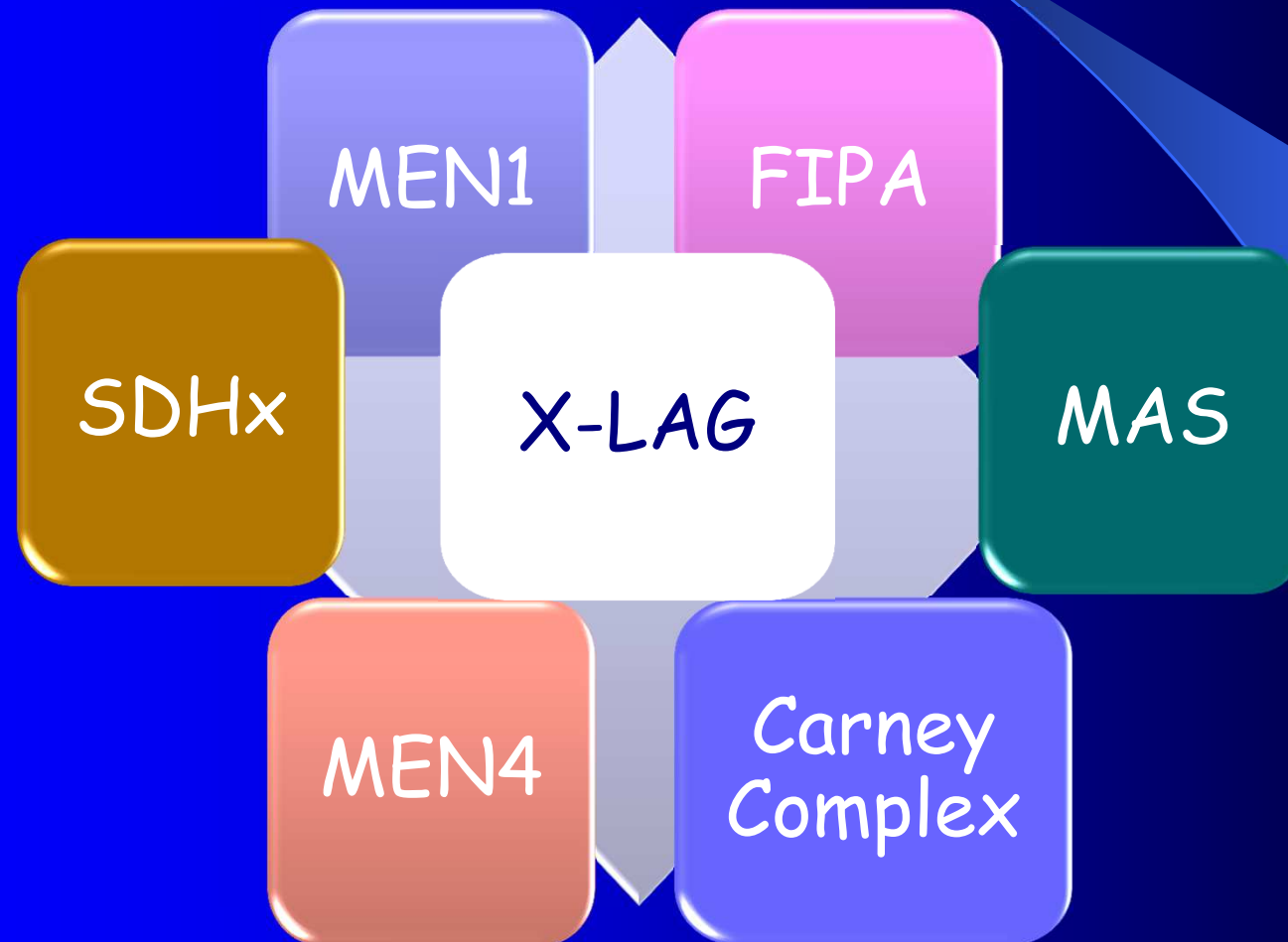
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