A CASE OF INTENTIONAL VIRILIZATION OF A YOUNG FEMALE TODDLER. THE MEDICAL AND LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

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A five- months- old female, born with normal female genitalia, developed clitoromegaly. Physical examination showed a 3 cm length x 0.8 cm width clitoris and Tanner 2 pubic hair/1 breasts.

She lived with her biological grandmother and step grandfather. The grandmother worked, while step grandfather was the primary caregiver, during the day.

Laboratory testing showed very elevated levels of both total and free testosterone (above 1500 ng/dL: 52 nmol/L ) (402.5 pg/mL), respectively LH and FSH levels were pre-pubertal, 17-hydroxyprogesterone, 11 Deoxycorticosterone, DHEA, ACTH, cortisol, anti-mullerian hormone (AMH), and tumor markers (HCG, AFP) levels were normal.

Karyotype was 46XX with FISH negative for SRY. Pelvic MRI showed a uterus with no pelvic masses.

When asked about possible exposure to hormones, the step grandfather, aged 52 years, stated that he was on testosterone creams and that he was probably accidentally exposed her by holding her after rubbing the cream on his shoulder. Education as to how to avoid exposure was provided. Testosterone levels dropped to 158 ng/dL (5.4 nmol/L) by 3 months after the first visit but went up few months later to 975 ng/dL (33.8 nmol/L) with growth acceleration, clitoral growth of 4.5 cm in length and labial fusion, muscular appearance and acne.

At this time, she was hospitalized for 6 weeks and Children’s Protective Services were contacted. The step grandfather was not allowed to see her.

The testosterone dropped to a normal level of 3.8 ng/dL (0.13 nmol/L). The child was later adopted by extended family members.

The child’s testosterone level remained undetectable after discharge but her voice remained very deep. She went through clitoroplasty. Her clitoral size was reduced surgically to 2.5 cm length. Her acne has resolved and her mood was pleasant.

Law enforcement investigation of the step-grandfather revealed several containers of testosterone products in the home, as well as pornography and multiple used condoms. He was arrested and convicted of committing serious bodily injury to a child, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Discussion Virilization of pre-pubertal girls should prompt a detailed medical work up to rule out a virilization form of Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) or androgen producing tumors. If medical pathologies are ruled out, environmental exposure to testosterone should be suspected.

While all of the reported pediatric virilization cases due to hormonal exposure were accidental, this is the first report of intentional and criminal exposure.
Case Presentation A 6.4 year old girl presented with acne, pubic hair and body odour.

Diagnosis of CPP was performed on the basis of clinical signs of central puberty (breast Tanner 2 and pubic hair Tanner 2), increased basal gonadotrophine hormones (LH 4.6 IU/L, FSH 3.7 IU/L, E2 109 pmol/L) and growth spurt (height on 1.6 SDS). Her bone age was assessed to be 7 years.

Brain Magnetic Resonance (MRI) did not disclose any abnormality. Treatment with GnRHα was given subcutaneously once a month (tripirelone in a dose 3.75 mg). Girl’s dyzogenic twin sister developed signs of puberty at the age of 8 years. At presentation, she had breast Tanner 3 and pubic hair Tanner 1. Her bone age was 8.6 years, her height was on 0.8 SDS. Laboratory assessment confirmed CPP (LH 1.07 IU/L, FSH 3.9 IU/L, E2 187 pmol/L) and after additional endocrinological and neuroradiological work-up, suppression of CPP started. Precocious puberty was well controlled by pharmacological therapy and both sisters reached their final height (163.8 and 159.1 cm) in accordance with midparental height (MPH 165 cm, 0.6 SDS).

As CPP was diagnosed in both dyzogenic twin sisters, we sought for a genetic cause.

Coding regions of the MKRN3 gene and exon-intron boundaries were analyzed using Sanger sequencing. Pathologic heterozygous variant NM_005664.3:c.475_476insC (NP_005655.1:p.Ala162Glyfs) of MKRN3 gene was identified in both siblings.

Conclusion We want to highlight the importance of genetic analysis in cases of familial CPP, providing grounds for genetic counseling in later life.

203 TRANSIT BILATERAL CATARACT IN TWO NEWLY DIAGNOSED TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITIDES IN PEDIATRIC POPULATION

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Introduction Cataract is a rare manifestation of ocular complication at an early phase of type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) in the pediatric population. The prevalence of early diabetic cataract in the population varies between 0.7 and 3.4% of children and adolescents with T1DM. The occurrence of diabetic cataract in most pediatric patients is the first sign of T1DM or occurs within 6 months of diagnosis of T1DM.

Case 1: A 15.9-year-old girl presented with newly diagnosed T1DM with hyperglycemia of 21.6 mmol/L, ketonemia of 6.3 mmol/L, significant ketonuria and glucosuria, but without diabetic ketoacidosis (pH 7.344, bicarbonate 17.1 mmol/L). She had a 2 months history of polydipsia, polyuria, nycturia and 11 kg weight loss. Laboratory findings at admission include: hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) 16.9%, C-peptide of 0.2 nmol/L and positive antibodies, but without signs of ketoacidosis (pH 7.411, bicarbonate 21.6 mmol/L). Treatment with basal/bolus regimen was started. On 9-day of the hospitalization patient began to complain of impaired vision. Biomicroscope examination showed bilateral center nuclear cataract with visual acuity of 0.8 on both eyes. On 25-day patient had normal visual acuity, with full transparency of lens.

Conclusion Early diabetic cataract although a rare complication of T1DM population, requires an initial screening as well as continuous surveillance as a measure of prevention since it is the leading cause of visual impairment in pediatric T1DM patients, especially in patients with long-term symptoms of T1DM and high levels of HbA1c. Additional studies are needed to further explain the etiological cause and therefore improve the prevention and treatment of diabetic cataract in population of children and adolescents.

204 CASE REPORT OF RESISTANCE TO THYROID HORMONE WITH MUTATION TO THE THYROID β RECEPTOR GENE

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Background Thyroid hormones are important for energy metabolism, the metabolism of nutrients and inorganic ions, thermogenesis, and for stimulation of growth and development of various tissues Case The baby girl, was born at 39/40 uncomplicated pregnancy, presented to prolong jaundice clinic at 19th days old, Newborn bloodspot screening at 5 days was normal. She sleeps a lot and often cries when tired.

Developmentally appropriate The blood test showed the TSH (35.7 mIU/L) and FT4 (2.87 mIU/L). Her thyroid function was monitors and remained the same for 3 months However at 4 months of age she had TSH 1.2 mIU/L and T4 25.4 mIU/L, Free T3 16.3 mIU/L. She had the fluorescent sequencing analysis which showed Thyroid hormone resistance (RTH). Heterozygous mutation in TR beta – c.1286G>A (p. Arg429Gln). The diagnosis helps to provide the genetic counselling for the family.

Conclusion Resistance to thyroid hormone (RTH) 1:40,000 live births is a rare inherited syndrome characterized by diminished response of the target tissue to thyroid hormone caused, in the majority of cases, by mutation of the thyroid hormone receptor beta (THRB) gene. The diagnosis of RTH is challenging for the clinician. It should be considered in a patient presenting with unexplained elevated serum free T4 (T4), unsuppressed TSH levels and decreased serum free T4/T3 ratio. The treatment decision depends on the individual characteristics of each patient. Patients with hypothyroid and hyperthyroid symptoms may require treatment with thyroid hormone and with agents such as beta blockers, antithyroid drugs and thyroid hormone analogues.