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## Interesting mimickers of cerebral palsy

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# Cerebral palsy

*Cerebral palsy (CP) describes a group of **permanent** disorders of movement and posture, causing activity limitation, that are attributed to **nonprogressive** disturbances that occurred in the **developing fetal or immature brain** (BAX 2005)*

*Accompanied with*

- disturbances of sensation, perception
- cognition, communication
- behavior
- epilepsy
- secondary musculoskeletal problems

# CASE 1

6-year-old child

- Delayed attainment of milestones
- Difficulty in walking with progressive decline over 8 months

**Birth details:** Non- consanguineous marriage, G3P2A1, Elder sib, 9 year old is a girl child, alive and healthy. Second G was spontaneous abortion

Natal: FT, 2 Kg, IUGR, cried immediately

Symptomatic neonatal hypoglycemia documented once at 12 hours of life

NICU stay: 8 days

# Case details

## Development:

- Global developmental delay
- Toe walking 2 years
- Speaking 3 years
- At 6 years:
- Walks independent, partially dependent for ADL
- SQ 75%

## Spasticity:

- Only present in lower limb
- Upper limb and trunk normal
- No diurnal variation



# Development

## Global developmental delay

Motor: Sitting at 12 months, walking with support on toes at 18 months, independent walking at 2 years

Fine motor: Spoon and cup handling by 2 years

Socio cognitive: Responding to name after a year, following one step command at 18 months, pretend play by 3 years

Language: One word with meaning 18 month, two word sentence at 3 year

## Current status (6years):

walks independently with toe walking and scissoring

Speaks in sentences

Partially dependent for ADL

Below average intelligence with a SQ of 75%

Hyperactivity and inattention

# Gait and spasticity

- Stiffness of both lower lower limbs noted during second year of life
- Upper limbs and trunk were normal, he can independently get up and down the bed.
- No diurnal variation
- No history of seizures

Last 8 months: child had been progressive stiffness and frequent falls

Family: None affected

# Examination

- Weight: 14 kgs (<3<sup>rd</sup> centile)
- Height: 103 cm (<3<sup>rd</sup> centile)
- Head circumference: 46.5 cm (< 3<sup>rd</sup> centile)
- Bilateral calf hypertrophy
- Gower signs was negative
- Spasticity in both lower limbs with brisk DTRS
- Clonus on right ankle, Left ankle had contracture

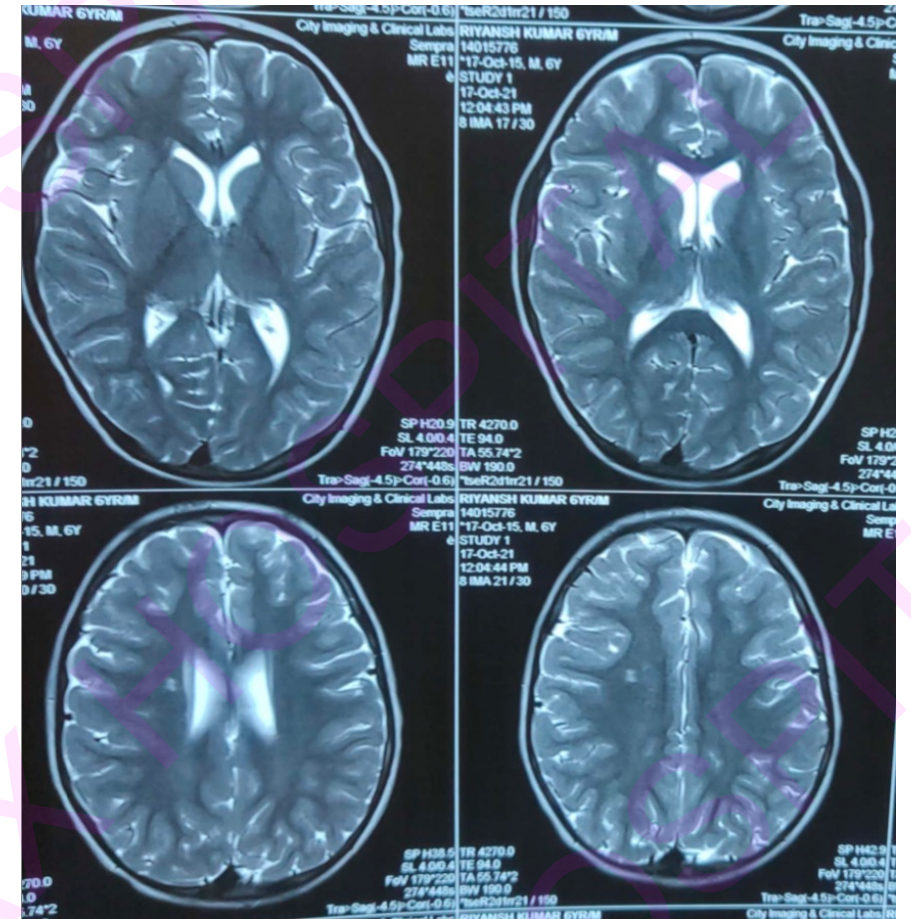


# Examination



# Investigations

- MRI brain: No specific shadows in right frontal region
- MRI spine: Normal
- Total CPK: 326
- SGPT: 184



# Case summary

- Progressive spastic paraparesis
- Motor delay with progression
- Intellectual disability
- Microcephaly
- Calf hypertrophy
- Non-specific MRI brain changes



# Differentials

| Disorders   | Points in favour                         | Points against  |
|---|--|---|
| Cerebral palsy  | Global delay<br>Spastic paraparesis      | Progressive<br>MRI brain not suggestive                   |
| Muscle dystrophy (DMD/ BMD)   | Motor delay with calf hypertrophy        | CPK is not very high<br>Other muscle hypertrophy not seen |
| Metabolic disorder:<br>Hyperargininemia   | Spastic paraparesis which is progressive | No aversion to protein rich food<br><br>No seizures       |
| Genetic:<br>a. Primary dystonia (Segawa disease)<br><br>b. Hereditary spastic paraparesis | Progressive spastic paraparesis          | No diurnal variation                                      |

# Metabolic Investigations

Blood lactate: 28.9 mg/dl (4.5-19.8)

Blood ammonia: 155 mcg/dl (18.7-102)

## Result:

TMS Screening of this baby revealed.

- Normal level of acylcarnitines
- Elevation of arginine. (see below table).

## Possible Differential Diagnosis:

- Urea cycle disorder (UCD).

|                 |               |                    |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Tyrosine        | 39.58         | 18.9 - 166         |
| Citrulline      | 46.37         | 3.31 - 51.5        |
| Ornithine       | 24.39         | 23.0 - 216         |
| <u>Arginine</u> | <u>245.72</u> | <u>2.00 - 54.1</u> |
| Glycine         | 180.68        | 102 - 662          |
| Alanine         | 197.14        | 72.5 - 619         |

|               |                     |               |  |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Sample ID     | : SAN0088700        | SSDPL         | : HSP0059003                                       |
| Registered Dt | : 01-Dec-2021       | Reported Dt   | : 06-Dec-2021                                      |
| GE / GENDER   | : 6 Y(s) / Male     | Ref.Institute | : BLK Hospitals (Max Healthcare Institute Limited) |
| Ref Dr.       | : DR.RAJNI FARMANIA | Collected Dt  | : 29-Nov-2021                                      |
| Specimen Type | : Urine             |               |  |

## Urine Organic Acids (GC/MS)

Clinical History:  
Microcephaly, hyperactivity, spasticity, spastic paraparesis.

Method:  
Gas Chromatography /Mass spectrometry (GC/MS) - Semi quantitative analysis(1,2).

Urine Organic Acids - Compound Table

| S.no | Compound Name | Relative Peak Area of Compound with respect to Internal Standard - Margoric acid |         |                 |                |
|------|---------------|--|---------|-----------------|----------------|
|      |               | Result   | Cut-off | Reference Range | Fold Elevation |
| 1    | Uracil-2      | 19.87%   | 19.65%  | 0.00-7.00 %     | 2.84           |
| 2    | Orotic-3      | 66.63%   | 2.50%   | 0-1.50 %        | 44.42          |

Result:  
Urinary organic acidogram shows mild to moderate elevation of (For fold elevations see compound table)

- Uracil, orotic acid

Interpretation:  
Significant increase in orotic acid along with uracil is observed in ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) deficiency. Increase in orotic acid (50±several 100 fold) is observed in orotic aciduria and also in Argininemia, citrullinemia, argininosuccinic aciduria. Normal to mildly elevated level (3- 50 fold) of orotic is also observed in Hyperornithinemia Hyperammonemia & homocitrullinuria (HHH) syndrome and in Lysinuric protein intolerance.(LPI) (3, 4).

In this sample there is moderate elevation of orotic acid and mild elevation of uracil.

Impression:  
• Urea Cycle Disorders (UCD).

# Urea cycle defect

**Table 2**

Urea cycle disorders and expected investigation results

| Urea cycle disorder   | Gene | Inheritance         | Plasma amino acids         | Urine organic acids          |
|---|------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Carbamoylphosphate synthetase I deficiency                        | CPS1 | Autosomal recessive | ↓ Arginine<br>↓ Citrulline | ↓/Normal urinary orotic acid |
| Ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency                             | OTC  | X linked            | ↓ Arginine<br>↓ Citrulline | ↑ Urinary orotic acid        |
| Argininosuccinic acid synthase deficiency or citrullinemia type I | ASS1 | Autosomal recessive | ↑ Arginine<br>↑ Citrulline |                              |
| Argininosuccinase acid lyase deficiency or argininosuccinaciduria | ASL  | Autosomal recessive | ↑ Arginine<br>↑ Citrulline |                              |
| Arginase deficiency   | ARG1 | Autosomal recessive | ↑↑ Arginine                |                              |
| N-acetylglutamate synthase deficiency                             | NAGS | Autosomal recessive | ↓ Arginine<br>↓ Citrulline | ↓/Normal urinary orotic acid |

*UMP Synthase* → UMP

Aspartate  
↓  
ASS  
arginosuccinate

- Plasma amino acid and urinary organic acid levels indicated as being low (↓) or high (↑) relative to the reference range.

# Differentiating different urea cycle defect

| Deficiency                     | Disorder   | Clinical Feature   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| N-Acetylglutamate synthase     | Hyperammonemia that may be accompanied by high plasma concentrations of alanine and glutamine      | Lethargy; persistent vomiting; poor feeding; hyperventilation; enlarged liver; seizures              |
| Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase | Hyperammonemia; citrullinemia; respiratory alkalosis   | Lethargy; coma; seizures; vomiting; poor feeding; hyperventilation; hepatomegaly                     |
| Ornithine transcarbamylase     | Hyperammonemia; respiratory alkalosis; elevated orotic acid in urine                               | Seizures; vomiting; poor feeding; hyperventilation; hepatomegaly                                     |
| Arginosuccinate synthetase     | Citrullinemia  | Lethargy; coma; seizures; vomiting; poor feeding; hepatomegaly                                       |
| Arginosuccinate lyase          | Elevated arginosuccinic acid in urine  | Lethargy; seizures; vomiting; poor feeding; hyperventilation; hepatomegaly                           |
| Arginase                       | Markedly elevated plasma arginine, lactate, and CSF glutamine, and modestly elevated blood ammonia | Delayed development; protein intolerance; spasticity; loss of muscle control; seizures; irritability |

CSF indicates cerebrospinal fluid.

Vangala, Subrahmanyam & Tonelli, Alfred. (2007). Biomarkers, metabonomics, and drug development: Can inborn errors of metabolism help in understanding drug toxicity?. The AAPS journal. 9. E284-97.



# Final diagnosis

|  |              |              |                                |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Lab No. : 121225177  | Age: 10 Days | Gender: Male | Collected : 5/7/2015 2:47:00PM |
| A/c Status : P   |              |              | Received : 5/7/2015 2:57:26PM  |
|  |              |              | Reported : 9/7/2015 4:05:45PM  |
|  |              |              | Report Status : Final          |
| Test Name  | Results      | Units        | Bio. Ref. Interval             |
| NEWBORN SCREENING, EXTENDED  |              |              |                                |
| IMD PANEL, QUANTITATIVE, BLOOD *Amino Acids*Organic Acids* Fatty Acid oxidation disorders (Tandem Mass Spectrometry) |              |              |                                |
| AMINO ACIDS @  |              |              |                                |
| Alanine  | 277.27       | μmol/L       | <1270                          |
| Arginine   | 285.44       | μmol/L       | <132                           |
| Citrulline   | 58.82        | μmol/L       | <70                            |
| Glycine  | 327.00       | μmol/L       | <505                           |
| Leucine  | 146.00       | μmol/L       | <385                           |
| Methionine   | 33.27        | μmol/L       | <77                            |
| Ornithine  | 49.45        | μmol/L       | <278                           |
| Phenylalanine  | 64.81        | μmol/L       | <165                           |
| Tyrosine   | 128.00       | μmol/L       | <550                           |
| Valine   | 129.00       | μmol/L       | <306                           |
| FREE CARNITINE (C0) @  | 84.72        | μmol/L       | 8 - 100                        |
| ACYLCARNITINES @   |              |              |                                |
| Acetylcarnitine (C2)   | 53.40        | μmol/L       | 8 - 150                        |
| Propionylcarnitine (C3)  | 2.00         | μmol/L       | <6                             |
| Butyrylcarnitine (C4)  | 0.51         | μmol/L       | <2                             |
| Isovalerylcarnitine (C5)   | 0.48         | μmol/L       | <1.70                          |
| Glutaryl carnitine (C5DC)  | 0.53         | μmol/L       | <0.84                          |
| C5OH   | 0.46         | μmol/L       | <0.68                          |
| C5:1   | 0.03         | μmol/L       | <0.24                          |
| Hexanoylcarnitine (C6)   | 0.15         | μmol/L       | <0.72                          |
| Octanoylcarnitine (C8)   | 0.50         | μmol/L       | <0.51                          |
| Decanoylcarnitine (C10)  | 0.14         | μmol/L       | <0.40                          |
| Lauroyl carnitine (C12)  | 0.21         | μmol/L       | <0.94                          |
| Myristoylcarnitine (C14)   | 0.70         | μmol/L       | <0.70                          |
| Palmitoylcarnitine (C16)   | 6.47         | μmol/L       | <12.50                         |
| Octadecanoylcarnitine (C18)  | 1.68         | μmol/L       | 0.60 - 3.50                    |

Impression  
Arginine raised.  
Advised- Arginase activity in blood.

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## DNA TEST REPORT - MEDGENOME LABORATORIES

|                      |  |                            |                                |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gender:              | Male   | Order ID/Sample ID:        | 356099/7386780                 |
| Date of Birth / Age: | 6 years  | Sample Type:               | Blood                          |
| Referring Clinician: | Dr. Rajni Farmania,<br>Max Healthcare Institute<br>Limited,<br>New Delhi | Date of Sample Collection: | 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 |
|                      |  | Date of Sample Receipt:    | 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 |
|                      |  | Date of Order Booking:     | 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 |
|                      |  | Date of Report:            | 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 |
| Test Requested:      | Whole Exome Sequencing   |                            |                                |

## CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS / SYMPTOMS / HISTORY

Baby *Riyansh Kumar*, born of a non-consanguineous marriage, presented with clinical indications of microcephaly, spasticity, global developmental delay, calf hypertrophy, and hypoglycemia. Laboratory investigation showed elevated CPK levels. His brain and spine MRI were normal. He is suspected to be affected with Hereditary spastic paraplegia and has been evaluated for pathogenic variations.

## RESULTS

**PATHOGENIC VARIANT CAUSATIVE OF THE REPORTED PHENOTYPE WAS DETECTED**

| Gene# (Transcript)              | Location | Variant                        | Zygosity   | Disease (OMIM) | Inheritance            | Classification |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| ARG1 (+)<br>(ENST00000356962.2) | Intron 4 | c.490-2A>G<br>(3' Splice site) | Homozygous | Argininemia    | Autosomal<br>recessive | Pathogenic     |

<sup>§</sup>Genetic test results are reported based on the recommendations of American College of Medical Genetics [1].

## ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: NO VARIANT(S) OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE (VUS) DETECTED

All the genes covered in the whole exome assay have been screened for the given clinical indications. To view the coverage of all genes [Click here](#)

# Literature review



# Arginase deficiency

- Hyperargininemia is a rare AR metabolic disorder caused by the deficiency of the enzyme arginase I.
- Incidence of 1 in 2 million live births.
- The common phenotype is quite distinct from that of other urea cycle disorders
- Hyperammonemic encephalopathy is uncommon.
- Manifest with insidious onset of spastic paraplegia, cognitive deficiency, and epilepsy during childhood.
- Because of the slow progression of signs, the typical presentation of hyperargininemia can be mistaken for cerebral palsy

*Clinical Features and Neurologic Progression of Hyperargininemia. Pediatric Neurology 46 (2012).*

# Pathophysiology

- Majority of neurotoxicity of arginase deficiency is suspected to result from alternative conversion of arginine that leads to activation of Nitric oxide synthase.
- Increased levels of Nitric oxide and causing oxidative damage, and **guanidino compounds** including guanidine and guanidinosuccinic acid.
- Correlated with epileptogenic effects and cognitive decline due to **disruptions in the GABA neurotransmission**

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)**Table 2. Neurodevelopmental features, neurologic presentation, and progression of disease in 16 patients with hyperargininemia**

| Patient Number | Age at Diagnosis (yr) | Age at Acquisition of Gait (mo) | First Neurologic Sign    | Onset of LLS/Age at Loss of Gait (yr) | Spasticity of the Upper Limbs | Other Neurologic Features         | Spoken Language* | Worsening of Language Function | Sphincter Control (yr) | Urinary Incontinence or Urgency | Cognitive Skills/Mental Retardation |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1              | 10                    | 12                              | 36 mo, LLS               | 5                                     | Severe                        |                                   | Sentence         | Loss of spoken language, 7 yr  | 2                      | I, 5 yr                         | F/severe                            |
| 2              | 12                    | 17, abnormal                    | 17 mo, LLS               | 4                                     | Severe                        | Choreic movements                 | Sentence         | Loss of spoken language, 10 yr | 2-3                    | I, 12 yr                        | F/severe                            |
| 3              | 7                     | 11                              | 21 mo, LLS               | 3                                     | Moderate                      |                                   | No               |                                | No                     |                                 | F/severe                            |
| 4              | 7                     | 11                              | 22 mo, LLS               | 3                                     | Mild                          |                                   | No               |                                | No                     |                                 | F/severe                            |
| 5              | 12                    | 13                              | 15 mo, LLS               | 5                                     | Mild                          |                                   | No               |                                | <2                     |                                 | F/severe                            |
| 6              | 14                    | 13                              | 16 mo, LLS               | 6                                     | No                            |                                   | Sentence         | Decrease of vocabulary         | <2                     |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 7              | 15                    | 12                              | 33 mo, seizure           | 4/13                                  | Mild                          |                                   | Sentence         | No                             | 2-3                    |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 8              | 6                     | 30, abnormal                    | 3 mo, seizure            | 2.5/No                                | No                            |                                   | Sentence         | No                             | 2-3                    |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 9              | 14                    | 17                              | 4 yr, LLS                | 9                                     | No                            |                                   | Sentence         | Decrease of vocabulary         | 2-3                    |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 10             | 5                     | 16                              | 36 mo, LLS               | 6                                     | No                            |                                   | Sentence         | Decrease of vocabulary         | No                     |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 11             | 6                     | 16                              | 18 mo, LLS               | 7                                     | No                            |                                   | Sentence         | No                             | 2-3                    |                                 | S, F/moderate                       |
| 12             | 6                     | 14, abnormal                    | 14 mo, LLS               | 13                                    | No                            | Hyperactivity, ataxia             | Sentence         | No                             | 2-3                    | U, 10 yr                        | S, F/moderate                       |
| 13             | 18                    | 12                              | 24 mo, upper limb tremor | 10/14                                 | No                            | Ataxia                            | Narrative        | Decrease of vocabulary         | <2                     | U, 22 yr                        | R, S, F/mild                        |
| 14             | 21                    | 8                               | 4 yr, seizure            | 5/16                                  | Mild                          |                                   | Narrative        | Decrease of vocabulary         | 2-3                    |                                 | R,S,F/ mild                         |
| 15             | 21                    | 12                              | 10 yr, LLS               | 13                                    | No                            | Involuntary tremor of upper limbs | Narrative        | No                             | 2-3                    |                                 | R, S, F/mild                        |
| 16             | 27                    | 28                              | 7 yr, LLS                | 27                                    | No                            |                                   | Narrative        | No                             | 2-3 yr                 |                                 | R, S, F/mild                        |

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## Abstract

Arginase deficiency is a rare autosomal recessive urea cycle disorder (UCD) caused by mutations in the *ARG1* gene encoding arginase that catalyses the hydrolysis of arginine to ornithine and urea. Patients have hyperargininaemia and progressive neurological impairment but generally suffer fewer metabolic decompensations compared to other UCDs. The objective is to describe the clinical features, biochemical profile, neuroradiological findings and experience of managing children with arginase deficiency. Twenty-year retrospective review of patient medical records at a single metabolic centre was performed. Six patients from three unrelated families were identified. Mean age at first symptom was 3.3 (1.5–9.0) years, while mean age at diagnosis was 8.8 (0.16–15.92) years. Four patients developed spastic diplegia and two of six with spastic quadriplegia with classical features including hyperreflexia, clonus and toe walking. This resulted in gait abnormalities that have been monitored using the GAITRite system and required Achilles tendon release in five children. Generalised tonic-clonic seizures and/or absences were present in three of six children and were controlled with anticonvulsants. All patients had moderate learning difficulties. Neuroimaging showed cerebral/cerebellar atrophy in four patients and basal ganglia abnormalities in two. Arginine levels were universally elevated throughout follow-up despite protein restriction, essential amino acid supplementation and ammonia scavengers, and neurological outcome was generally poor. Two patients died following severe metabolic decompensation in adolescence. Children with arginase deficiency continue to present a management challenge of what appears to be an inexorable course of neurocognitive impairment. Further insight into disease mechanisms may provide insight into novel treatment strategies.

## KEYWORDS

arginase deficiency, hyperammonaemia, metabolic decompensation, trial end points, urea cycle disorder

## Management of arginase deficiency

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Ross<sup>1</sup>

Dietary restriction of protein

Providing essential aminoacids

Preventing metabolic decompensations of hyperammonemia with scavengers

# Learning points: Case 1

- Spastic paraplegia has many differentials other than cerebral palsy
- History and MRI will give the clue that it's a mimic
- Metabolic disorders though rare, are worth suspecting and investigating
- Appropriate management since early age might improve the disease course.



## Case 2

- A 9-month-old boy presented with:
  - Delayed attainment of motor milestones
  - Normal socio-cognitive milestones
  - No history of seizures

**Birth details:** Non- consanguineous marriage, G6 P2 A4

Antenatal- gestational diabetes mellitus, hypothyroid, PIH

Natal: PT36 week, 2.4Kg, cried immediately, NNJ not requiring phototherapy.



# Case 2

**Family:** First sib, 11-year-old girl, alive and healthy

Four 1<sup>st</sup> TM miscarriages

Distant cousin, the girl had a history of neuro regression from the age of 4 years and expired at 11 years of age

**Development: Predominant motor delay**

- Motor: able to hold head partially, not able to roll over (dev age around 4 months)
- Socio cognitive: Response to name present, stranger anxiety present (around 8 months)
- Language: babbling present
- Vision and hearing: normal

## Clinical video:

Alert, active

Abnormal hand movement

Rigidity



# Differentials:

- Dyskinetic cerebral palsy
- Metabolic disorder: Glutaric aciduria, Mitochondrial (Leigh's disease)
- Other genetic disorder

## Investigations:

MRI brain: Normal

Blood: Normal complete blood count,  
Thyroid profile, Vitamin B12

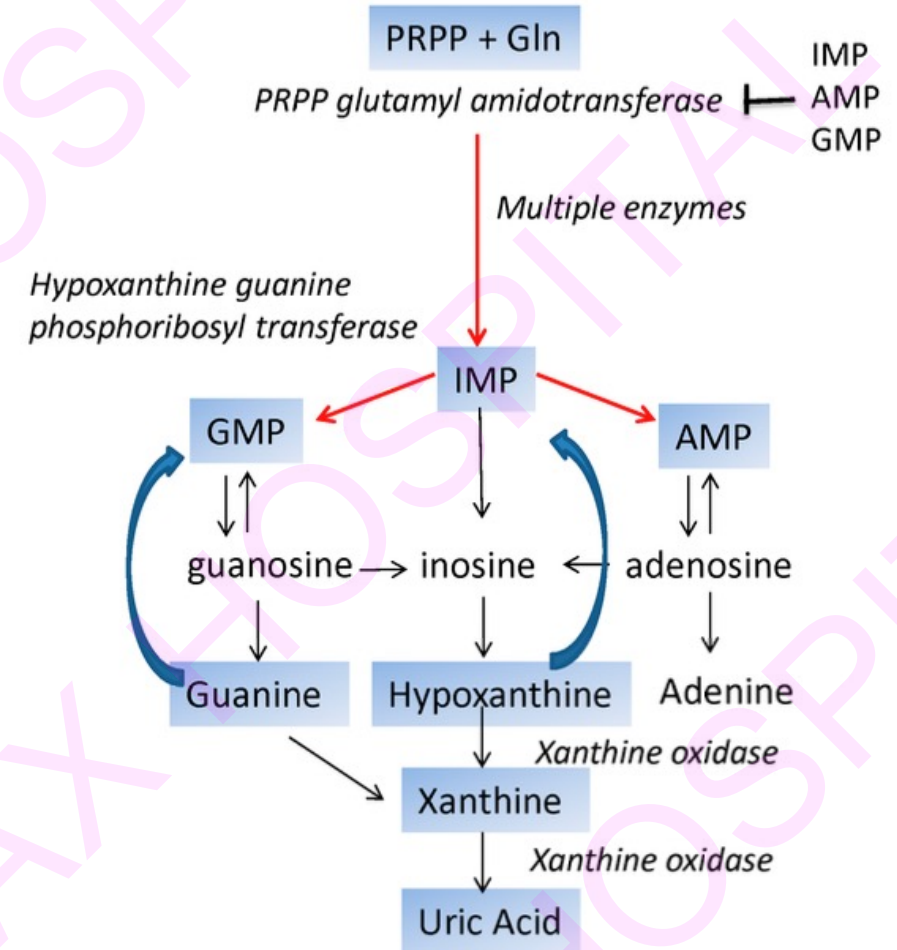
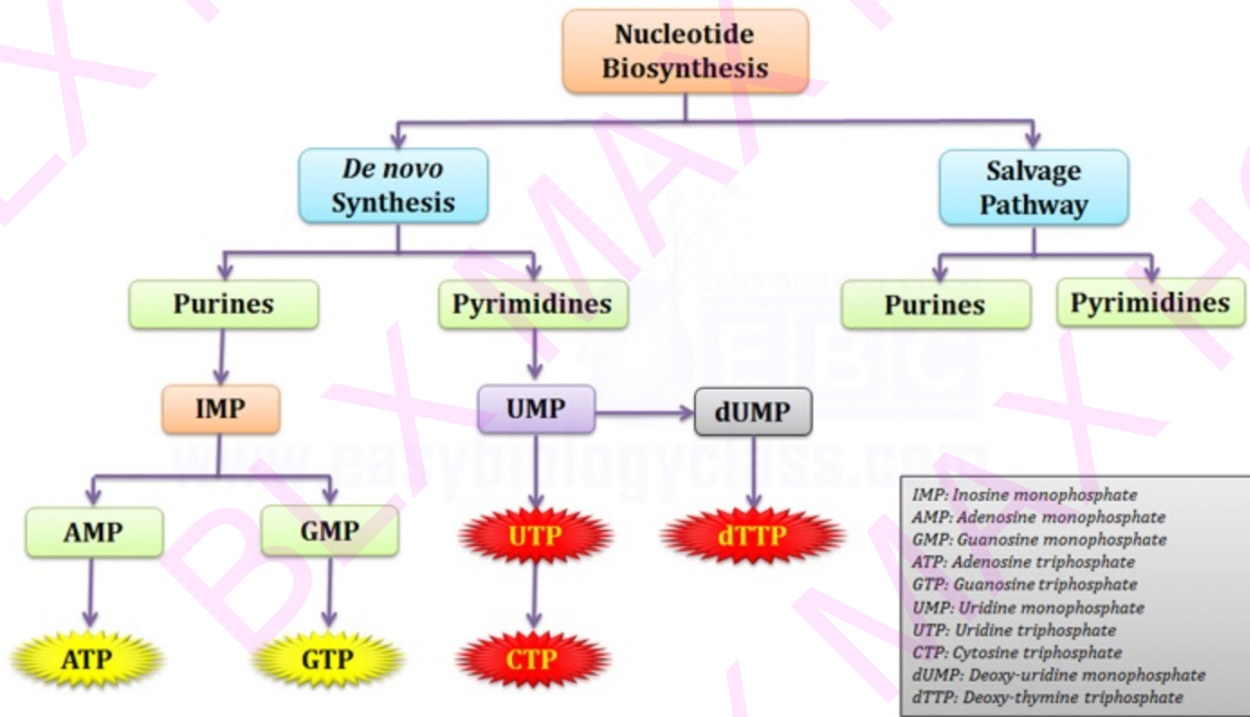
**High uric acid (8 mg/dl)**

# Differentials for uric acid abnormality

|   | Disorder                       | Symptoms   | Serum uric acid | Excretion of uric acid in urine (uric acid/creat ratio)                                    |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Xanthine oxidase deficiency    | Hematuria and calculus in bladder  | Low uric acid   | Low excretion  |
| 2 | Molybdenum cofactor deficiency | Severe neurodevelopmental delay with seizures                            | Low uric acid   | Low uric acid excretion<br>Increased excretion of xanthine, hypoxanthine and sulfocysteine |
| 3 | Hereditary renal hypouricemia  | Hematuria and calculus   | Low             | Increased  |
| 4 | Lesch Nyhan syndrome           | Motor delay<br>Dystonia<br>Renal calculus and failure<br>Self mutilation | Increased       | Increased  |

Jasinge et al. BMC Res Notes (2017) 10:454  
DOI 10.1186/s13104-017-2795-2

# Purine metabolism





## DNA TEST REPORT - MEDGENOME LABORATORIES

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|----------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| [REDACTED]           |  | Order ID/Sample ID:        | 206914/442509                   |
| Gender:              | Male   | Sample Type:               | Blood                           |
| Date of Birth / Age: | 10 months  | Date of Sample Collection: | 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 |
| Referring Clinician: | Dr. Rajni Farmania,<br>Blk Super Speciality<br>Hospital, New Delhi | Date of Sample Receipt:    | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 |
|                      |  | Date of Order Booking:     | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 |
|                      |  | Date of Report:            | 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020   |
| Test Requested:      | Clinical Exome   |                            |                                 |

## CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS / SYMPTOMS / HISTORY

Baby *Mehan Rustagi*, born of a non-consanguineous marriage, presented with clinical indications of motor delay, speech and socio-cognitive delay, extrapyramidal signs in the form of rigidity and dystonia. His MRI and TMS were normal and laboratory investigations showed elevated ammonia, lactate, prolactin and uric acid. His mother has history of four missed abortions. There is a history of neuroregression in two children in the extended family who expired at the age of 11 years. Baby *Mehan Rustagi* is suspected to be affected with Lesch-Nyhan syndrome or neurotransmitter defect and has been evaluated for pathogenic variations.

## RESULTS

**PATHOGENIC VARIANT CAUSATIVE OF THE REPORTED PHENOTYPE WAS DETECTED**

| Gene (Transcript) #                     | Location | Variant                                 | Zygosity   | Disease (OMIM)          | Inheritance           | Classification    |
|---|----------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>HPRT1 (+)</b><br>(ENST00000298556.8) | Intron 5 | c.403-2A>G<br>( <b>Splice variant</b> ) | Hemizygous | Lesch-Nyhan<br>syndrome | X-linked<br>recessive | <b>Pathogenic</b> |



# Pathophysiology of neurological dysfunction

Relative deficiency of GTP lead to decreased dopamine receptor activation is the probable mechanism

Areas of high dopamine concentration: Caudate, putamen, Nu. accumbens are most affected

# Neurological features in Lesch Nyhan Syndrome

- Hypotonia, developmental delay
- Extrapyrarnidal features (action dystonia) after 8 months
- Choreoathetoid movements and ballismus in first few years
- Self mutilation after 2-3 years

Epub 2007 Aug 16.

# Lesch-Nyhan syndrome presenting with acute renal failure in a 3-day-old newborn

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PMID: 17701224 DOI: [10.1007/s00467-007-0588-x](#)

## Abstract

Acute renal failure developed during the first 3 days after birth in a newborn subsequently diagnosed with hypoxanthine-guanine-phosphoribosyl-transferase (HPRT) deficiency. Fluid infusion and allopurinol therapy normalised renal function and serum uric acid levels. Only a few cases of acute renal failure due to acute hyperuricemic nephropathy related to HPRT deficiency have previously been reported in infants, and there are no reported cases in newborns as young as 3 days old.

Topaceous gout are unusual presenting features of this rare condition. This child also had transient neonatal hypothyroidism, which is not a recognized manifestation of the syndrome.

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## Learning points: Case 2

- Normal MRI brain in a child with the developmental delay with pyramidal or extrapyramidal signs must be investigated
- Uric acid is an important and simple screening test in cases of developmental delay.

# Case 3

## CLINICAL INFORMATION/HISTORY

Shivani is a 3 years old girl, who presented with global developmental delay, features of autism, socio-cognitive delay, motor delay, prefer right hand over left, do not recognize parents and able to walk did not climb stairs. She has been evaluated for the gene variation related to the phenotype.

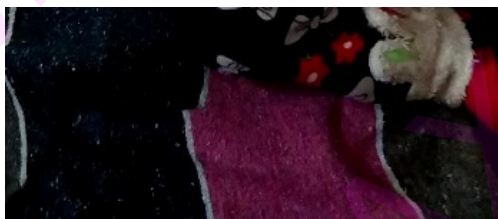
## RESULT SUMMARY

**Pathogenic variant causative of the reported phenotype was identified**

\*Correlation with clinical profile and family history is required

## FINDINGS RELATED TO PHENOTYPE

| Gene & Transcript              | Variant                   | Location | Zygosity     | Disorder (OMIM)           | Inheritance       | Classification |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>MECP2</i><br>NM_001110792.2 | c.353G>A<br>(p.Arg118Gln) | Exon 2   | Heterozygous | Rett syndrome<br>(312750) | X-linked Dominant | Pathogenic     |





All children with motor delay with abnormal tone are non cerebral palsy

# Clinical pointers for CP Mimics

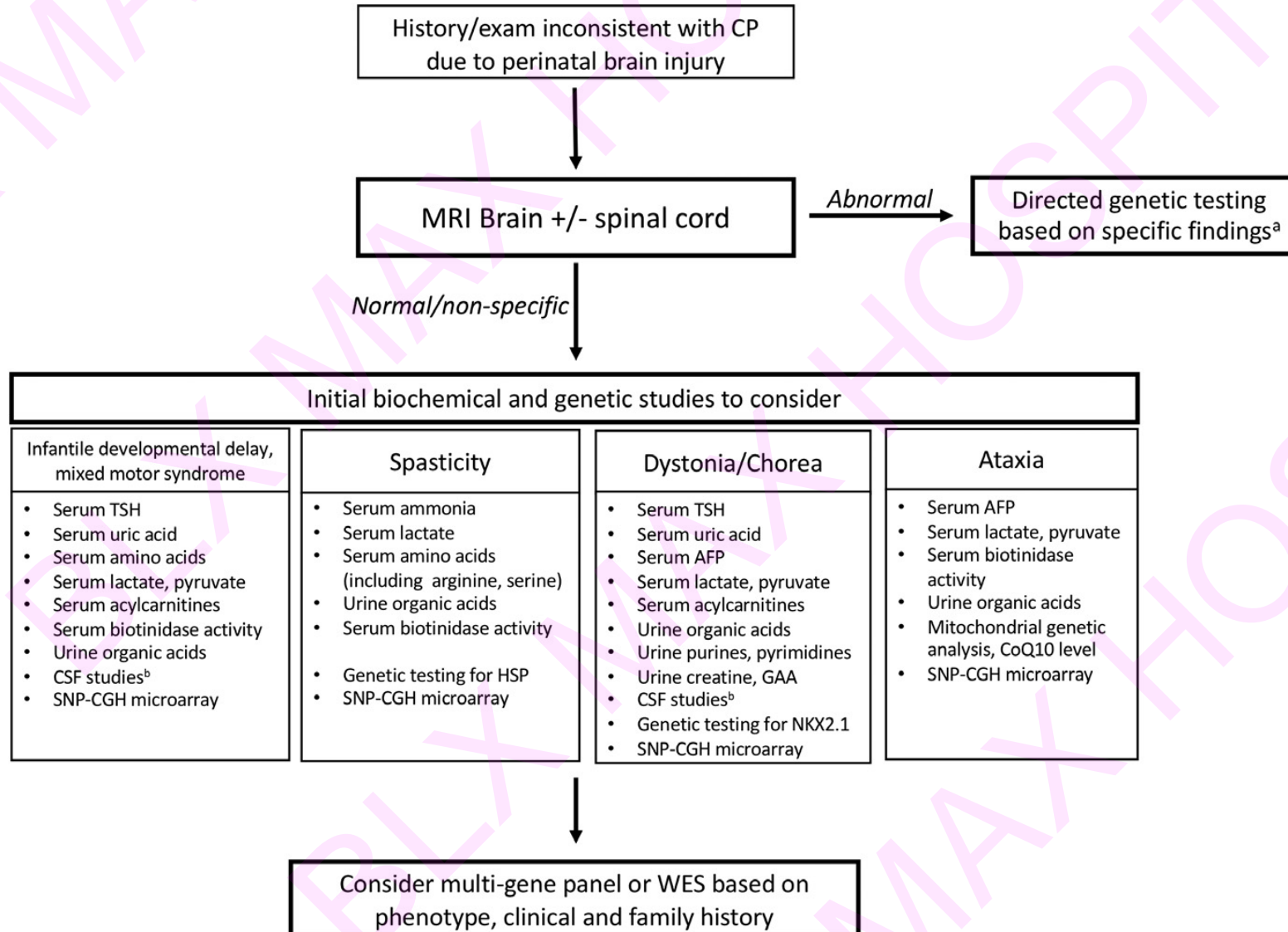
- Absent history of any perinatal risk factor for brain injury
- Family history of a sibling with similar neurological symptoms
- Motor symptom onset after an initial period of normal development
- Developmental regression
- Progressive neurological symptoms
- Paroxysmal motor symptoms or marked fluctuation of motor symptoms
- Clinical exacerbation in the setting of a catabolic state (e.g., febrile illness)
- Isolated generalized hypotonia
- Prominent ataxia
- Signs of peripheral neuromuscular disease (reduced or absent reflexes, sensory loss)
- Eye movement abnormalities (e.g., oculogyria, oculomotor apraxia, or paroxysmal saccadic eye-head movements)

# Suspected metabolic genetic disorder by most prominent motor symptoms

| Disorders with prominent spasticity  | Disorders with prominent dyskinesia  | Disorders with prominent ataxia   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hereditary spastic paraplegias</li> <li>- Arginase deficiency</li> <li>- COL4A1-Related spastic CP</li> <li>- Biotinidase deficiency</li> <li>- Aicardi-Goutières syndrome</li> <li>- Sulfite oxidase deficiency/ Molybdenum cofactor deficiency<sup>22</sup></li> <li>- Leukodystrophies, such as metachromatic leukodystrophy,<sup>23</sup> adrenoleukodystrophy,<sup>24</sup> Sjorgen Larsson syndrome<sup>25</sup></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dopa-responsive dystonia</li> <li>- Sepiapterin reductase deficiency</li> <li>- Glutaric aciduria type 1</li> <li>- Glucose transporter deficiency type 1</li> <li>- Neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation</li> <li>- Cerebral creatine deficiency syndrome</li> <li>- Lesch Nyhan syndrome</li> <li>- Cerebral folate deficiency</li> <li>- ADCY5-related dyskinesia</li> <li>- PCDH12-related dyskinesia<sup>34</sup></li> <li>- NKX2-1 related ataxic dyskinetic CP<sup>35</sup></li> <li>- TSEN54 Gene-related pontocerebellar hypoplasia type 2<sup>36</sup></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glucose transporter deficiency type 1</li> <li>- Ataxia telangiectasia</li> <li>- Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease</li> <li>- Hereditary ataxias</li> <li>- Joubert syndrome</li> <li>- Mitochondrial cytopathies (mainly 8993 mutation)<sup>42</sup></li> <li>- Pontocerebellar hypoplasia<sup>36</sup></li> <li>- Cockayne syndrome<sup>43</sup></li> <li>- Niemann-Pick disease type C<sup>44</sup></li> <li>- Angelman syndrome<sup>12</sup></li> <li>- Gangliosidosis type 1 , juvenile and adult forms<sup>45</sup></li> <li>- Non-ketotic hyperglycinemia<sup>3</sup></li> <li>- Maple syrup urine disease<sup>3</sup></li> <li>- NKX2-1 related ataxic dyskinetic CP<sup>35</sup></li> </ul> |

CP- cerebral palsy

# Approach



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# Key take aways

- All cases of motor delay are not always cerebral palsy
- Investigate cases where history is atypical
- Most prominent type of motor symptoms should be identified
- MRI may give direct clue to diagnosis
- Judiciously investigate cases for metabolic and genetic etiology



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