

A Child With Combined Immunodeficiency, Alopecia and Mucocutaneous Granulomas

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Clinical Presentation and Treatment

Initial presentation: 3 y/o Alopecia universalis, 10 nail dystrophy,
recurrent infections: otitis media, diarrhea , >8 pneumonias

Low immunoglobulin levels, poor vaccine responses

-- **IVIG at 1gm/kg/month**, but continued viral infections

7 y/o: PJP pneumonia/intubation (**IV pentamidine**)

Diminished proliferative response (PWM)

Adequate T-cell numbers

7- 9 y/o: Ulcerating/scarring skin granulomas

Airway and bone granulomas

--nasal & tracheal masses (**4 surgical excisions**)

--Wrist mass with bony extension

Elevated CD20+, CD19/38+Br (**Rituximab; hydroxychloroquine**)



Lab Results

Immunoglobulins (mg/dL)

IgG	543 [641 - 1353] ↓
IgA	<10 [66 - 295] ↓
IgM	<14 [40 - 180] ↓
IgE	<1 ↓

Vaccine titers (mg/dL)

Diphtheria toxin IgG	<0.01 [>0.1] ↓
Tetanus toxoid IgG	<0.01 [>0.1] ↓
<i>S. pneumoniae</i> IgG	0/14 protective ↓

Lymphocyte proliferation

Mitogens (PHA, ConA)	normal
Mitogens (PWM 10)	Low
Mitogens (PWM 100)	normal
Antigens (Candida, DT)	normal

NK cell function	normal
DHR Stimulation Index	192
Toll-Like Receptor Function	normal

Lymphocyte Phenotyping ALC = 4046 cells/mm³

CD3 ⁺	2225 (55% ↓)
CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	1643 ↓ (40.6%)
CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	405 (10% ↓)
CD19 ⁺	728 (18%)
CD20 ⁺	769 (19%) ↑
CD3-16 ⁺ CD56 ⁺	1052 (26%) ↑
CD4 ⁺ CD45RA ⁺	1214 (39%) ↑
CD4 ⁺ CD45RO ⁺	343 (11%) ↓
CD19 ⁺ 27 ⁺	34 (2.26%)
CD19 ⁺ CD27-IgM+IgD+	527 (89.7%) ↑
CD19 ⁺ CD20 ⁺	586 (99.8%) ↑
CD19 ⁺ CD38+Br IgM+Br	97 (16.6%) ↑

Additional Diagnostic Labs

Thyroglobulin Ab	92	↑
Thyroid Peroxidase Ab	28	↑
ANCA IgG	1:40	↑

Differential Diagnosis

Clinical Summary:

- Hypogammaglobulinemia (4 isotypes), poor vaccine responses, B cell activation
- Poor but not absent T cell proliferation
- Normal NK cell function
- Autoimmune thyroiditis, granulomatous lesions (ulcerative skin & lymphoid), alopecia

Differential diagnosis:

- CVID
- AID deficiency
- Atypical ADA deficiency
- Atypical Jak 3 or IL7ra deficiencies
- Netherton syndrome
- Good Syndrome
- LRBA deficiency
- CTLA 4 deficiency
- Coronin 1A

Whole exome sequencing (WES) performed:

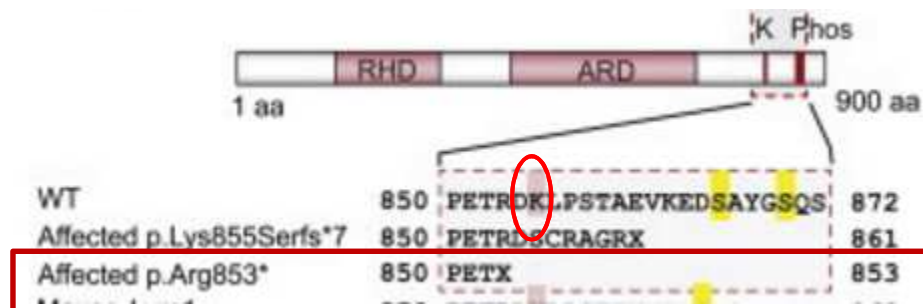
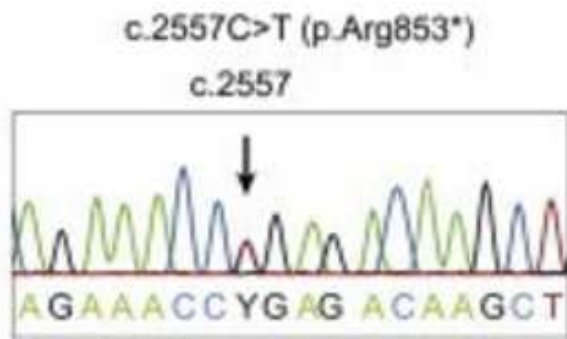
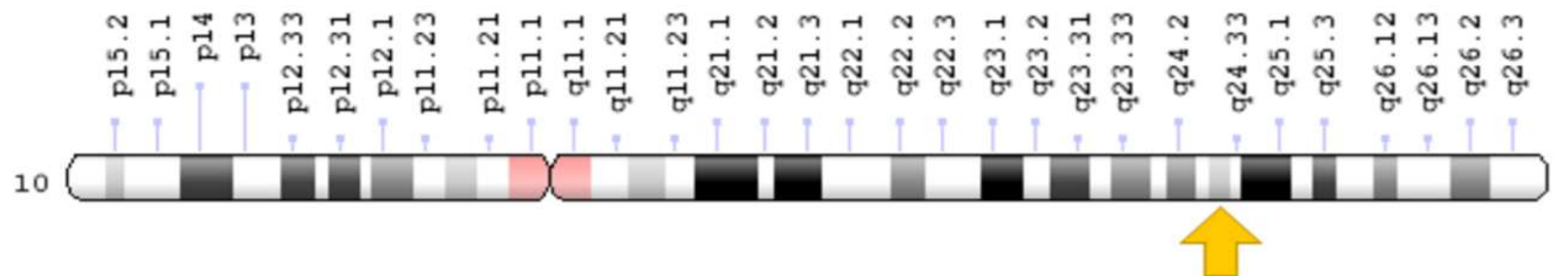
- AK2 het variant (VUS)
- **NFKB2 heterozygous variant**

Genetic Diagnosis by WES: NFKB2 Heterozygous Variant

▼ Chromosomal Location

Cytogenetic Location: 10q24, which is the long (q) arm of [chromosome 10](#) at position 24

Molecular Location: base pairs 102,394,110 to 102,402,529 on chromosome 10 (Homo sapiens Annotation Release 108, GRCh38.p7) ([NCBI](#))



NFKB2 Cohort Reports & Management

Cohort Description:

Immune: Hypogammaglobulinemia and Recurrent infections^{1,2,3,4}

Endocrine: Adrenal insufficiency^{1,2}, **Thyroiditis**², Growth delay²

Autoimmune disease: Alopecia^{2,3}, **Nail Dystrophy**²

Our Patient: Ulcerative granulomatous lesions skin/bone/airway; PJP

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Clinical Management:

Ig replacement

Thyroid replacement

Mineralocorticoid replacement

Growth hormone

Immunosuppressive therapy

Bone marrow transplant with T cell impairment?