

The NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program: Expansion to National and International Networks

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# Personalized Medicine Starts with a Diagnosis

- 1. The NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program (UDP)
  - Background
  - Discoveries & Common Diseases
  - Diagnoses/Mysteries
  - Treatments
- 2. Expansion to National and International Networks
- 3. Sharing



- Goals:
  - To assist patients with unknown disorders reach an accurate diagnosis
  - To discover new diseases that provide insight into human physiology and genetics

# **Intramural UDP Operations**

- Applicants submit medical records
- Referring physician sends summary letter
- UDP Director triages submitted records
- Intramural NIH consultants review records
  - Many different specialties involved
  - Research oriented; not financially driven
- UDP Director makes final disposition
- Patients/physicians receive a standard letter; advice conferred in ~25% of cases
- If accepted, 1-week inpatient CC admission

# **UDP Numbers**

- Medical Records: >4000
- Admitted & Evaluated: ~1100
- Children:
- Neurological:
- Some diagnosis:
- Publications

~40% ~50% ~30% >80

# **UDP Investigations**

- 1. Customized (Personalized) patient phenotyping to rule out known diseases.
- 2. Genetic studies
  - a. Commercial testing
  - **b.** SNP arrays
  - c. Exome sequencing
- 3. Functional studies (assays, model systems)



# 10 year-old boy and 5 year-old girl



- Facial dysmorphisms, hypotonia, delays, hearing loss, nystagmus, seizures
- MRI: Diffuse atrophy, especially periventricular
- Labs normal, including transferrin IEF
- Urine glycan screening by MALDI (Dr. Miao He, Emory) confirmed hex4 band seen on TLC.

# **Oligosaccharide TLC**



# **Urine glycan MALDI profile**



#### Dr. Miao He

# **Deficiency of Glucosidase I?**

- In N-linked glycoprotein synthesis, Glc<sub>3</sub>Man<sub>9</sub>GlcNac<sub>2</sub> is transferred to polypeptides in the ER.
- Glucosidase I is the first trimming enzyme, removing the terminal glucose.
- Further trimming allows for creation of complex oligosaccharide on N-linked glycoproteins
- Glucosidase I deficiency is Congenital Disorder of Glycosylation IIb (1 patient).

# **Mutation Analysis of Glucosidase I Gene**

Both affected children are compound heterozygous for:

Exon 1: c.65C>A, p.A22E; c.329G>A, p.R110H
Exon 2: c.370C>T, p.124Q>X



They are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> patients in the world with CDG IIb.

# **CDGIIb Patients**

- Hypogammaglobulinemia IgG 142 (504-1465 mg/dL)
  IgA 18 (27-195 mg/dL)
  IgM 25 (24-210 mg/dL)
- Why?
- IgG, lacking oligosaccharides in patient, is rapidly degraded.

# Hypo/agammaglobulinemia Evaluation: IgG Half-life in RAG1 SCID Mice



Dr. Sergio Rosenzweig

Despite hypogammaglobulinemia, CDGIIb patients do not get infections!

# WHY?

# CDGIIb cells could be infected with virus, but once infected, they produced much less virus.



Dr. Sergio Rosenzweig

# And the virus produced is 50-80% less infective, as gauged by the ability to produce a secondary infection.



Dr. S. Rosenzweig

#### Dr. Sergio Rosenzweig

# Viral susceptibility model





# 52 Year old woman with increased muscle without increased strength

- No drugs; normal growth hormone
- EMG myopathic; normal initial muscle biopsy



# 52 Year old woman with increased muscle: **Amyloid Myopathy Bone marrow: 10% plasma cells**

**Thick vessel wall** 

#### Congo Red Stain Protein aggregate





# **Outcome (Dr. Irini Manoli)**

- Became short of breath, fatigued.
- Referred to country's amyloidosis experts at the Mayo Clinic.
- Underwent stem cell transplant in June, 2009; slightly rocky course.
- Began feeling better within weeks.
- Gradually recovering, with normalization of muscle mass.

## Brothers age 13 & 14; parents first cousins





- One lost milestones at 18 mo & died at age 13.
- Other seen at NIH.
  - 14 mo: Ataxic; later myoclonic
  - 8 years: Seizures; stopped walking and talking.
- MRI: Cerebellar atrophy; small pons & medulla
- Labs negative; abn muscle mitochondria & cyt C oxidase

# MRI Imaging: Spastic Ataxia-Neuropathy Syndrome



Proband

**Mother** 

**Father** 

# Whole exome sequencing:

Model: Parents first cousins Brothers homozygous Parents heterozygous

Operation None 1000 genome SNP chip linkage Homo recessive Homo rec/not in db130

<u>Variants</u> 120,469 59,482 53,087 11 3

## <u>Homozygous T>C causing p.Tyr616Cys</u> in the AFG3L2 gene.

# AFG3L2

- Mitochondrial m-AAA protease functions in axon formation; 2 isozymes
  - AFG3L2 and paraplegin (SPG7) hetero complex
  - AFG3L2 homo complex
- AFG3L2: Dominant Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA28); no myoclonus or epilepsy
- Paraplegin: Recessive Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (SPG7)
- First patient with bi-allelic muts in AFG3L2
- Expands the SCA28 phenotype to include progressive myoclonic epilepsy.

# Hereditary Diffuse Leukodystrophy with Spheroids

Described in 1984 in a large Swedish pedigree

Pathological features

#### Enlarged ventricles as a result of WM loss

- Diffuse astrogliosis
- Axonal loss
- Axonal spheroids
- Clinical Features:
  - Presenile dementia
  - ✓ Depression
  - Parkinsonism
  - Spasticity





# Loss of CSF1R kinase activity causes Hereditary Diffuse Leukoencephalopathy with Spheroids



Rademakers R, Baker M, et al. Nature Genetics, 2011.

# **UDP Families with HDLS**





#### **Courtesy of Camilo Toro, MD**

# UDP\_283 Age 44



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## UDP 283 Daughter (age 26) - Probably youngest patient ever



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# CSF1R – A Receptor Protein Tyrosine Kinase Responds to MCSF in Myeloid Cells.



## Microglia derive from myeloid cells. Neuronal-Microglial Signaling 1. Study this interaction when CSF1R is mutated. 2. Look for other mutations in the CSF1R pathway.



Neuron


46 y.o. man with progressive neurological deficit (Left spastic hemiparesis and PBA) Negative family history Vacationed in Mexico as a child Age 14: Severe febrile illness weeks after trip to Mexico-- N/V, myalgia and diarrhea. Age 15: Numbress and tightness of left leg **Cystic lesions on cranial CT lead Diagnosed as neurocysticercosis** Two courses of Praziquantel—No help **Off-balance with sports** Progressive left spastic foot drop Recent Pseudobulbar affect (PBA) No seizures





Multiple cystic and contrast enhancing brain lesions



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#### Evaluation (04/08/2016)

- Deep phenotyping
- Completely normal retina exam
- CSF:
  - No WBC
  - Normal Protein
  - Normal IgG Index
  - No Oligoclonal Bands (OCB)
  - Normal CSF lactate/CSF AAs/Neurotransmitters/CDC CC serology
- mtDNA sequencing -- Negative
- Quintet Exome Sequencing [CTC1, AGS (I-VII) genes, PDGFBR, PDGFB, SLC20A2, CSF1R, Leukodystrophy genes, etc.]
- Quartet WGS via UDN did not yield a good candidate







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# Mutations in SNORD118 cause the cerebral microangiopathy leukoencephalopathy with calcifications and cysts

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nature

## SNORD118-LCC is primarily a microangiopathy





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#### Small nucleolar RNAs (snoRNAs)

**Definition:** Small RNAs that guide chemical modifications of other RNAs, mainly rRNA, tRNA, and snRNA.

Two main classes of snoRNAs •C/D box (methylation) •H/ACA box (pseudo-uridylation) Mature rRNA Contains ~115 methyl group modifications 95 pseudo-uridylation reactions Important for ribosome biogenesis Implicated in some disease states Paternal deficiency of HBII-85 C/D box small nucleolar RNA cluster implicated in forms of Prader-Willi Syndrome But...mutations in snoRNAs had never been known to directly cause a Mendelian disorder









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There are still other undiscovered causes of Leukoencephalopathy, Calcifications and Cysts.

#### 51 year-old woman with seizures



#### 21 year-old male with seizures, hydrocephalus, & many cystic lesions



### Rare Diagnoses - 1

- Kearns-Sayre with cerebral folate deficiency
- Neuroaxonal dystrophy with spheroids
- Call-Fleming syndrome (vascular strokes)
- CSF tetrahydrobiopterin deficiency
- Spastic paraplegia due to SPG7 mutations
- Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia with SPG4 muts
- Stargardt's due to ABCA4 mutations
- Noonan syndrome due to *PTEN* mutation
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis with SOD1 mut
- GM1 gangliosidosis due to GLB1 mutations
- Progressive supranuclear palsy
- Joubert syndrome

### Very Rare Diagnoses - 2

- Telomerase deficiency
- IgG4 sclerosing fibrosis
- Anti-synthetase syndrome
- NOD2 mutations (father & child)
- FOXG1 mutation in 2 year old
- Dejerine-Sottas syndrome/hypertrophic neuro
- POLG1 in late-onset ataxia
- DNAH1 ciliopathy
- SLE with cerebellar ataxia and anti-GWB Abs
- Smith-Magenis syndrome with RAI1 mutation
- Pitt-Hopkins syndrome with TCF4 mutation
- Amyloid myopathy
- Dystonia, dysarthria due to ND3 mito mut

#### Very Very Rare Diagnoses - 3

 Myoclonus epilepsy without renal failure – due to SCARB2 mutations (5 in world)
Ichthyosis Follicularis with Atrichia and Photophobia (IFAP) with MBTPS2 mutations (6 families in world)

- Neurodegeneration with brain iron due to c19orf12 mutations (20 families)
- ALS-Frontotemporal Dementia due to c9orf72 expansion

- Cytosolic PEPCK deficiency due to PCK1 muts

- KDCT7 in two sibs with ataxia, Sz (2 families)

Nephrolithiasis & 24-hydroxylase deficiency (few families)

#### Very Very Rare Diagnoses - 4

 Congenital Disorder of Glycosylation type 2b (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cases in world)

- Adducted Thumb-Clubfoot Syndrome & CHST14 mutations (1<sup>st</sup> case in U.S.)
- Spinocerebellar ataxia, myoclonic epilepsy & AFG3L2 muts (1<sup>st</sup> AR case)
- Autosomal Dominant Leukodystrophy & LMNB1 duplication (~10 in world)
- Adenylosuccinate lyase def. (~60 cases)
- Hereditary Muscular Neuropathy type 6 due to IGHMBP2 muts (oldest pt. known)
  Fatty acid 2-hydroxylase def. (~50 cases)

- Spermine synthetase mutations with developmental delays (Snyder-Robinson)
- XP with dementia due to ERCC1 mutation
- Delays and seizures due to PIGT mutations and GPI anchor deficiency
- Stargardt syndrome, Pelger-Huet anomaly, and others with chromosome 1 isodisomy
- Movement disorder due to PLA2G6 mutations
- Osteopetrosis due to LRP5 mutation
- Mowat-Wilson syndrome due to ZEB2 mut
- Fahr's disease due to PDGFRB mutations
- Spasticity & leucodystrophy due to DARS mut
- Leucodystrophy due to AARS2 mut

- EMARRD (Early myopathy, AReflexia, Respiratory distress, Dysphagia) due to *MEGF10* mutations

- Neurodegeneration due to BTK mutation

- Cognitive & motor decline with C19orf12 muts
- Waardenburg type 2 due to SOX10 deletion
- SLE with cerebellar ataxia and anti-GWB Abs
- GM2 gangliosidosis and Sanfilippo disease
- TEMPI syndrome with erythrocytosis muts
- Choreo-acanthocytosis due to VPS13A
- Aicardi-Goutierres due to RNASEH2B muts
- SPG11, NPC1, STIM1, GARS, A-T, NGLY1, MNGIE, CAV3

- Kohlschutter-Tonz syndrome (Sz, neurological regression) due to ROGDI mutations
- Delays, hypotonia, strabismus due to biallelic UNC80 mutations
- CVID, aplastic anemia due to a CTLA4 mut
- Myofibrillar myopathy with de novo BAG3 mut
- X-linked intellectual disability, facial dysmorphisms due to *RLIM* mutation
- Desminopathy
- Fatal Creutzfeldt-Jacob; PrPSc/PrP27-30
- Oculodentodigital Dysplasia due to GJA1 (connexin 43) mutations

Chorea, hypomyelination-de novo TUBB4A mut

- Spasticity, dementia, leukoencephalopathy due to homozygous POLR1C (RNA Pol III) muts
- Dementia, dystonia, brain atrophy due to chromosome 19 telomere fraying
- Microcephaly, delays, dysmorphisms with de novo SPTAN1 mutations
- Brain atrophy, delays, visual defects, seizures with an X-linked *MED12* mutation
- Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis due to perforin defect
- Chorea, hypomyelination with TUBB4A mut
- Hemiplegic migraine, cerebellar ataxia, myopathy with CACNA1A mutation

### <u>Recent Diagnoses</u>

- Leukodystrophy & spheroids with CSFR1 muts
- Leucoencephalopathy, Calcifications, and Cysts due to SNORD118 mutations
- Oculodentodigital Dysplasia due to GJA1 mutation
- Dysmorphisms & delays due to TRAF7 mutation
- Microcephaly, dysmorphisms, autism spectrum due to CTNNB1 de novo
- Dysmorphisms & delays due to KMT5B de novo
- Vomiting, ITP, delays due to DDX3X mutation
- Neu-Laxova Syndrome 2 due to PSAT1 muts.

### <u>Recent Diagnoses</u>

- Tremor and spasticity due to GAN de novo mutation
- Connective tissue and GI disorder due to TUBB2B de novo
- Mitochondrial disorder due to MTATP6 mutation
- Kleefstra Syndrome due to EHMT1 de novo



#### 56 y-old woman with itchy, painful rash for 5y







### Rash worse with retinoid + PUVA 2 y ago



### **Scalp Lesions**



















## UDP #2179 - 7 year old with hypotonia







Sciatic Nerves

#### Brachial Plexus

#### 34 year old man with inflammatory lesions







# Individualized Treatment
#### UDP 4003: 6 year old boy with:



Mild delays in fine motor, speech
Abnormal Glycan screen of urine
Compound heterozygous, damaging mutations in CAD

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# CAD is a multifunctional <u>CYTOPLASMIC</u> enzyme in the pyrimidine synthetic pathway.



CAD deficiency results in decreased orotic acid, uridine, and UDP. N-linked glycosylation requires UDP-sugars to produce glycoproteins and glycolipids. Hence, CAD deficiency is a novel type of Congenital Disorder of Glycosylation.

#### In fibroblasts, UDP4003 shows lower levels of UDPsugars and UTP; rescued by uridine feeding.





Pyrimidine de novo biosynthesis was suppressed in UDP patient (UDP-4003).

3 other cases; treat with Xuriden.

B. Ng, H. Freeze

# **Conclusions: Phenotyping and Sequencing in Precision Medicine**

- Strong phenotyping is critical.
- Half of UDP diagnoses are NOT based on NGS; ¼ of UDN diagnoses are NOT.
- Functional studies are rate-limiting for new disease discovery.
- Sharing of sequence and phenotypic data is essential.
- Undiagnosed patients are desperate.

# **Increasing Access: The UDN**

- UDP, 7 Clinical Sites, Coordinating Center, 2 Sequencing Cores, Metabolomics Core, Model Organisms Screening Center, Central Repository
- Central NHGRI IRB; Reliance Agreements
- Formal data sharing agreements
- Consent: PII to be shared within UDN, de-identified data with others.
- First patients: August 2015.



Seven clinical sites, a coordinating center, two DNA sequencing cores, a metabolomics core, a model organisms screening center, and a central biorepository



# NIH The UDN Gateway



Click "Apply" button on any UDN website for more information



#### http://undiagnosed.hms.harvard.edu/apply/

# **Other UDPs in the USA:**

U. Alabama-Birmingham Emory Mayo U. Utah Others...

# Worldwide Access: UDNI

Undiagnosed Diseases Network International(UDNI): White Paper for Global Actions to Meet Patient Needs *Molecular Genetics and Metabolism 116:223-5, 2015.* 



Undiagnosed Diseases Network

#### Website:

http://www.udninternational.org/

UNDI Conferences in: Rome Budapest Vienna Tokyo Stockholm (Klee Membership)

#### **UDPs in Other Countries Including:**

- Japan (AMED;IRUD)
- Western Australia
- Austria (Vienna)
- Italy
- China (Shanghai)
- Stockholm, Sweden

# 22 year old woman with dystonia – diagnosed by sharing



- Abnormal pen gripping
- Right foot deformity and twisting with gait
- Involuntary tongue
  - movements
    - ✓ Speech
    - Swallowing
    - Nutrition
- Histone lysine
  - methyltransferase deficiency



Pharmaceutical Company Interest in Personalized Medicine

- Study UDP new disease patients' genetic defects
- Find new pathways and druggable targets for common diseases
- Assured that the pathway is functional in humans and pathological when defective

#### 5 year old boy with congenital anomalies, hypotonia, delays, coagulopathy







 Parents are 1st cousins once removed.
 There are two normal sibs
 SNP array shows 26 Mb of homozygosity unique to the patient (72 genes).
 One gene fits clinical picture: *CHST14*.
 Patient homozygous for G>C in exon 14.



**R216P** 

6. CHST14 encodes dermatan-4sulfotransferase 1; DS is fibrinolytic.
7. Hematoma treatment with DS/other?

#### UDP 10237-25 year old man with contractures and skin ulcerations



#### **Upper Extremities**



#### **Lower Extremities**



# Left lower extremity







Marcus Chen, MD

#### **UDP 10237**

- No diagnosis, but because the calcifications could be stimulating an inflammatory reaction, Dr. Lisa Rider (Rheum) suggested topical sodium thiosulfate.
- The thiosulfate salt of calcium is 250-10,000 times more soluble than the phosphate salt.

## Sodium Thiosulfate – July 2014 (1 month)



#### Sodium Thiosulfate – August 2014 (2 months)



#### Sodium Thiosulfate – October 2014 (4 months)



# **UDP 7309**



- 38 year-old woman with:
- Ichthyosis
- Dysmorphic face
- •Brittle hair
- Contractures
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Developmental delay
- Short stature
- In-utero grown retardation
- Neurosensory hearing loss





## **UDP 7309**



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# UDP 7309: Disease-associated variants

#### <u>GENE</u>

KLHL40 TTN SMO GUSB WDR81 PSAT1

## **PHENOTYPE**

Nemaline myopathy Myopathy, MD Basal cell CA MPS VII Ataxia Neu-Laxova syndrome 2



- CSF and plasma amino acid analyses showed extremely low L-serine levels, confirming that the mutations are functionally deleterious and verifying the diagnosis.
- The patient was treated with L-serine in substrate amounts, i.e., 4 g/day.
- The ichthyosis resolved.

## 5 Adult Siblings with these Clinical Symptoms and Signs:

- Intermittent claudication of calves, thighs, buttocks
- Chronic ischemic pain of the feet
- Joint pain in the hands
- Arterial calcification of lower extremities
- Spared coronary arteries

#### **Femoral-Popliteal Artery Calcification**








#### Parents were 3<sup>rd</sup> Cousins SNP Array: Chromosome 6q14.3-6q21

Parents

Affected

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Region of Identical Homozygosity

**Dr. Tom Markello** 

# Linkage Region

- Region of homozygosity: 22.4MB
- 7977 total SNPs without a single A/B genotype in any locus
- 92 genes, about 902 exons
- No structural genes of the extracellular matrix
- One good candidate gene: *NT5E*, encoding CD73, an ecto-5'-nucleotidase

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### **NT5E Encodes CD73**



Adenosine

### **NT5E Sequencing Analysis**



Family 2 (Kleta)



Family 3 (Nussbaum)





c.1073G>A, C>Y c.1069dupA/c.662C>A











S. Ziegler



NT5E Normalized to 18s



Drs. C. St. Hilaire, M. Boehm

## Enzyme Activity in Mutagenized Constructs



<sup>&</sup>amp; C.1609dupA

#### Vectors containing patient *NT5E* mutations transfected into HEK293 cells

St. Hilaire C, Ziegler SG, et al. NEJM 2011.

# Increased Fibroblast Staining for Alkaline Phosphatase

#### Control

#### Affected

Affected + Adenosine



# Adenosine treatment of cells reduces alkaline phosphatase staining.

St. Hilaire C, Ziegler SG, et al. NEJM 2011.

### Rescue of Cell Calcification by a CD73 Lentivirus, Adenosine, or an Alkaline Phosphatase Inhibitor (Levamisole)



St. Hilaire C, Ziegler SG, et al. NEJM 2011.

