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Pitfalls in PID: Expect the unexpected

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# Faculty Disclosure

X	No, nothing to disclose
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## PITFALLS IN PID: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

- First daughter of non-consanguineous parents, no relevant family history.
- 2 months old (positive findings):
  - **Lymphoproliferation** (cervical lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly) +
  - autoimmune pancytopenia** (Bone marrow aspirate: hypercellular, Coombs test +)  
without response to IVIG.
  - **CMV: viruria +, IgM -, IgG +, whole blood PCR negative** (Mother: CMV - ). No other infectious triggers detected.
  - Positive antithyroid autoantibodies and other signs of autoimmunity (ASMA +, anticardiolipin IgG and IgM).



Starts treatment with steroids + gancyclovir with a good response.

# Question 1: What's your initial diagnosis?

- a) Possible SCID
- b) Possible immune dysregulation: ALPS**
- c) Possible immune dysregulation: HLH
- d) Lymphoma

# Immunological assessment

## Antibody-mediated immunity

*	2 mo	5 yo
IgG (mg/dL)	<b>1970</b> (> 2 DS)	752 (normal)
IgA (mg/dL)	<b>242</b> (> 2 DS)	70 (normal)
IgM (mg/dL)	<b>400</b> (> 2 DS)	<b>750</b> (> 2 DS)
IgE (UI/ml)	-	<5 (<2 DS)
% CD19 (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	13%: <b>525</b> (1080-2544)	3%: <b>93</b> (411-658)
% CD19+ CD27+		<b>2.97%</b>
% CD19+ CD27+ IgD+		<b>1.83%</b>
% CD19+ CD27+ IgD-		<b>1.14%</b>
% CD19+ CD10+		<b>49%</b>
% CD19+ CD21+		75% <b>CD21low:</b> 45%
Anti-HBS	-	
Anti-HAV	-	
ATT (UI/ml)	0,9	
IgG Anti-Measles	-	
IgG Anti-Rubella	+	
Antipneumococcus (mg/L)	<3	
Allohaemagglutinins		<b>1/1</b>

## Cell-mediated immunity

T Cell Subsets	2 mo	5 yo
ALC (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	4046 (2920-8840)	3102 (2400-5810)
% CD3 + (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	58% : <b>2346</b> (3302 – 4050)	92%: 2853 (2054-3169)
% CD4+ (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	32.5% : <b>1314</b> (2059 – 2932)	52%: 1613 (1129-1581)
% CD8+ (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	23%: 930 (850-1394)	34%: 1054 (711-1121)
%CD3+ HLA DR+	41% (7.9-16.7%)	<b>25%</b> (9.7-20.6%)
% CD4+ CD45RA+		19% (65-80.6%)
%CD4+ CD45RO+		<b>91%</b> (31.8-51.4%)

## NK- mediated immunity

NK	2 mo	5 yo
% CD16/56 (/mm <sup>3</sup> )	21%: 850 (336-897)	<b>3%: 93</b> (246-461)

## ALPS criteria

ALPS criteria	2 mo	1 y 9 m	2 y 6 m
% αβ DNTs	2.76% (B220: 65%)	3.04% (B220: 52%)	-
Vitamin B12 (pg/ml)	-	>2000 (supplemented)	-
sFasL (pg/ml)	<b>347</b> (<200 pg/ml)	-	-
Fas-mediated Apoptosis	-	Normal	-
Fas sequencing (germline)	-	Normal	-
Fas sequencing (somatic)	-	-	Normal

## ALPS-like syndromes

ALPS-like syndromes	3 yo
Monocyte count	No persistent monocytosis
LRBA expression	Normal
CTLA-4 expression	Normal
CD25 expression	Normal

# Follow-up

- Multiple relapses of autoimmune cytopenias.
- 1 yo 4 m: Acute toxoplasmosis (IgM +). Normal fundus.
- 1 yo 9 m: **Autoimmune hepatitis**
- 2 yo: **Acute right facio-brachio-crural paresis + acute bilateral coriorretinitis** (under low dose hydrocortisone).

\*CNS biopsy: CD8+ lymphohistiocytic infiltrate with calcifications.  
**PCR EBV and HHV-6 +**

**\*Persistent positive serology for *T. gondii*  
(IgM and IgG)**



- 5 yo: Persistent thrombocytopenia refractory to immunosuppression (IV Ig, sirolimus, steroids, rituximab) and antiviral treatment (CMV viremia)



Starts HLA typification: identical brother, with persistent mild hepatitis (unknown etiology)

**Genetic diagnosis  
Possible genes?**

*PIK3R1, PIK3CD, STAT3, CTLA4, LRBA, NFKB1, NFKB2, TNFSF6, TNFRSF13C, CASP8, CASP10, FADD, TNFRSF13B, CD27, FOXP3, KRAS, NRAS, RAG1, RAG2, STAT1, TPP2, CD25*

Starts treatment for CMV and Toxoplasmosis.

Continues with valgancyclovir prophylaxis until 5 yo

Starts sirolimus and G-CSF → Normal blood counts.

# Question 2: What would be your therapeutical strategy?

- 1) Continue immunosupresion and wait for genetic diagnosis.
- 2) Don't wait for genetic diagnosis: HSCT with HLA-identical brother
- 3) Don't wait for genetic diagnosis: HSCT with MUD.
- 4) Don't wait for genetic diagnosis: HSCT with haploidentical donor

**WES:**

Heterozygous variant in **CARD11**  
(deletion + inframe insertion in exon 6)

c.732\_733insATGGAGGAGGAATGTAAG  
(p.L245delinsMEEECKL)

Sanger sequence of CARD11 (brother and parents): normal.

**Confirmed by Sanger sequencing**

# Question 3: How do you interpret these results?

- 1) The variant is not relevant for the clinical picture.
- 2) The variant could correspond to *CARD11* CID.**
- 3) The variant could correspond to *CARD11* LOF dominant negative
- 4) The variant could correspond to *CARD11* GOF (BENTA disease)

# Follow-up

- The patient persisted with severe thrombocytopenia and multiple infectious complications (esophageal candidiasis, BK cystitis, HHV-6 reactivation).



Develops respiratory distress (CT: bilateral micronodules) and acute encephalitis (CT: multiple hypodense bilateral lesions)



Deceased due to multiorgan failure

**PCR + for *Toxoplasma gondii* in whole blood and BAL**