Supplementary Information

Tartrate resistant acid phosphatase deficiency causes a bone dysplasia with autoimmunity and a type I interferon expression signature

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

Patient ascertainment.

Patients were ascertained based on a clinical suspicion of a diagnosis of SPENCD (see Table 1). Samples were collected for mutation analysis and further investigations as appropriate. Family members and controls samples were recruited accordingly.

Description of patient 5.

Patient 5 was identified with SPENCD at the age of 14 years following a molecular diagnosis in her brother (patient 4). She was under clinical review because of apparently idiopathic short stature, and her only history of immunological disease was of Raynaud's phenomenon. This patient shows a lesser elevation of interferon induced gene transcripts on qPCR, non-elevated titres of ANA and anti-dsDNA antibodies, but a high level of interferon alpha in serum. These data illustrate intrafamilial variability, and possibly suggest that elevated levels of interferon alpha precede the development of serological indices of autoimmunity.

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Supplementary Figure 1. Reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR) analysis.



Panel depicts RT-PCR of five patients (P1; homozygous deletion of *ACP5* gene, P4; c.266C>T / T89I, P5; c.266C>T / T89I, P6; c.667C>T / Q223X, P2; c.369C>A / Y123X + c.721 G>A / D241N) and two controls (C008, C009). P represents patient. B is a water blank. RT-PCR was performed using a OneStep RT-PCR kit (Qiagen) with primers specific for *ACP5* cDNA (F: AGGGAGGGAATAAAGGCTCA; and R: TCACATACGTGGGCATCTGT), and *RNaseH2A* as a control gene (F: GCTCCTGCAGTATTAGTTCTTG; and R: TACGTGTGGTTCTCCTTAAACA). *RNaseH2A* PCR product size 1019bp, *ACP5* PCR product size 1256bp. Note complete absence of *ACP5* in P1 compared to normal levels of *RNaseH2A* for the same patient. Note also the reduced levels of *ACP5* in P2 and P6 compared to normal levels of *RNaseH2A*.

Supplementary Figure 2. Sequence alignment of human TRAP with homologues from eukaryotic species.

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Rn	R	F	Q	Е	Т	F	Е	D	V	Rn	L	С	G	н	D	н	Ν	L	Q
Ss	R	F	Q	Е	Т	F	Е	D	V	Ss	L	С	G	Н	D	Н	Ν	L	Q
Xt	R	F	Κ	Т	Т	F	Е	S	V	Xt	L	С	G	н	Е	н	Ν	М	Q
Dr	R	F	Q	Е	Т	F	Е	D	V	Dr	L	С	G	н	D	н	Ν	L	Q
At	Ν	F	Е	Q	S	F	S	Ν	I	At	М	Ν	G	н	D	н	С	L	Q

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Mm	А	G	Ν	F	М	D	Ρ	S	V	Mm	Ι	А	Е	н	G	Р	Т	R	С
Rn	А	G	Ν	F	М	D	Ρ	S	V	Rn	Ι	А	Е	н	G	Р	Т	R	С
Ss	А	G	Ν	F	М	D	Ρ	S	Κ	Ss	Ι	А	Е	н	G	Ρ	Т	Н	С
Xt	А	G	Ν	F	М	Е	Ν	S	Q	Xt	V	А	Е	н	G	Р	Т	Ν	С
Dr	А	G	Ν	F	М	D	Ρ	D	V	Dr	Ι	S	Е	н	G	Р	Т	D	С
At	А	G	S	к	А	W	R	G	D	At	Ι	G	Н	н	G	D	Т	Κ	Е

Amino acids altered by *ACP5* missense mutations are boxed in red. Homologues were identified on the NCBI Entrez Protein Database and aligned using CLUSTALW2. Species abbreviations and sequence identifiers are as follows: Hs: *Homo sapiens* (NP_001104505); Mm: *Mus musculus* (NP_031414.1); Rn: *Rattus norvegicus* (NP_062017.1); Ss: *Sus scrofa* (NP_999374.1); Xt: *Xenopus* (*Silurana*) *tropicalis* (NP_001008210.1); Dr: *Danio rerio* (NP_999938.1); At: *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NP_198072.1).



Supplementary Figure 3. Microarray analysis in patients with TRAP deficiency.

Whole transcriptome microarray expression analysis was undertaken in three patients, and compared to the data derived from three age-matched control samples. Panel depicts a subset of 18 genes that were four or more fold up-regulated in patients, with a significance level for the comparisons of p<0.0005 and a false discovery value of <0.2. Fifteen of these genes are known to be interferon stimulated, characteristic of a type I interferon signature.

Supplementary Figure 4. Plasma osteopontin levels in TRAP deficient patients and controls.



Panel depicts mean levels of osteopontin (ng/ml) in patients and controls. Plasma osteopontin activity was measured with a Quantikine® human osteopontin quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay (R&D Sytems). Each sample was measured in duplicate at 2 or 3 dilutions of plasma, and the mean taken of non-conflicting results. Patients and controls were age (Mann-Whitney U test p=NS) and sex (chi-squared test p=NS) matched. Levels of osteopontin in patients and controls were not significantly different (Mann-Whitney U test p=NS). C001 is an unaffected sibling of patients 2 and 3, carrying no *ACP5* mutations.

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6	Patient 7	Patient 8	Patient 9	Patient 10
Sex	Female	Female	Male	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female
Country of origin†	France	Austria	Austria	Turkey	Turkey	Pakistan	India	Portugal	Mali	Egypt
Consanguinity (parental relationship)	No	No	No	Yes (first	Yes (first	Yes (first	Yes (uncle-	Yes (first	Unknown	Yes (first
				cousins)	cousins)	cousins)	niece)	cousins)		cousins)
Relationship to other patients	None	Twin sister of	Twin brother	Brother of 5	Sister of 4	None	None	None	None	None
		3	of 2							
Birth weight in kg (gestation in	2.9 (40) (2 nd -	2.58 (39) (9 th)	2.35 (39) (2 nd)	2.75 (39) (9 th -	2.66 (40) (2 nd -	2.87 (39)	2.8 (40) (9 th)	Unknown	2.2 (40) (0.4 th)	Unknown
weeks)(centile)	25 th)			25 th)	9 th)	(25 th)				
Age at clinical presentation in months	36 mo	<12 mo	40 mo	22 mo	14 yr	8 mo	2 yr	3 yr	6 yr	4 yr
(mo)/years (yr)										
Features at initial presentation	Seizures	Delayed motor	Thrombocyto-	Spasticity,	Short stature	Short stature	Recurrent	Recurrent	Nephropathy	Leg pain
		development	penia	vasculitic skin			infections	infections		
				rash						
Current age in years	27	7	7	11	14	11	8	28	16	11
Skeletal abnormalities										
Last recorded height	4	3	1	3	3	5	3	2	6.5	3
(standard deviations										
below the mean)										
Metaphyseal dysplasia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platyspondyly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of patients and their clinical disease.

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6	Patient 7	Patient 8	Patient 9	Patient 10
Nervous system involvement										
Spasticity	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Mild cognitive delay	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Intracranial calcification	Yes	No	Not assessed	Yes	Not assessed	Yes	Yes	Not assessed	No	Not assessed
Neuropathy	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Autoimmunity										
Raynaud's phenomenon	Yes (RP)	No	No	Yes	Yes (RP)	No	No	No	No	No
(RP) or vasculitis				(vasculitis)						
Antinuclear antibodies	Yes (1:1280)	Yes (1:640)	No	Yes (1:640)	No	Yes (>1:320)	Yes (strongly	Yes (1:1280)	Yes (1:1600)	Yes (1:640)
(titer)							positive on			
							immunoblot)			
Anti-dsDNA antibodies	No	Yes (1:320)	No	Yes (100 Farr	No	Yes (1:1280)	Yes (strongly	Yes (>500	Yes	Yes
(titer)				IU/ml)			positive on	Farr IU/ml)	121 (n<100)	33 (n<20)
							immunoblot)		ELISA	ELISA
Thrombocytopenia	No	Yes	Yes (requiring	No	No	No	Yes	Yes (requiring	Yes	No
			steroid					splenectomy)		
			therapy)							
Autoimmune hemolytic	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (requiring	No	No	Yes	No
anemia						therapy with				
						rituximab)				

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6	Patient 7	Patient 8	Patient 9	Patient 10
Hypocomplementemia	No	Yes	No	Yes	Not assessed	No	Not assessed	Not known	Yes	No
(C3 and C4)										
Renal involvement	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
		(proteinuria;					(proteinuria;		(class V lupus	(microglobulin
		class IV lupus					class III lupus		nephritis on	-emia)
		nephritis on					nephritis on		biopsy)	
		biopsy)					biopsy)			
Non-erosive arthropathy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
(>2 joints)										
Fulfils American College	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
of Rheumatology criteria										
for diagnosis of lupus										
Treated hypothyroidism	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Sjögren's syndrome	Yes (chronic	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	sialadenitis									
	with polyclonal									
	B cell and									
	lymphocytic									
	infiltrates -									
	grade IV									
	Chisholm)									

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6	Patient 7	Patient 8	Patient 9	Patient 10
Myositis	Yes (necrosis	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	and									
	inflammatory									
	infiltrates on									
	muscle biopsy									
	and elevated									
	muscle									
	enzymes 10 x									
	normal)									
History of recurrent infections	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (three	Yes (two	No	No
							episodes of	episodes of		
							lobar	lobar		
							pneumonia;	pneumonia in		
							cutaneous	childhood)		
							herpes			
							simplex,			
							tuberculosis)			

Characteristic	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6	Patient 7	Patient 8	Patient 9	Patient 10
Other	Hypertension;	Libman-Sacks	None	None	None	Persistent	None	Vitiligo	Myelitis.	Rheumatic
	intestinal tract	endocarditis;				hypogamma-			Anticardiolipin	fever with
	dysmotility;	possible				globulinemia			syndrome	hypogamma-
	intracranial	cerebral infact				following				globulinemia;
	aneurysm;					rituximab				IGF1 + 2.5SD;
	acute									BMD + 1.5SD
	pancreatitis									
Described in previous publication	Yes (1)	No	No	Yes (1)	No	Yes (2)	Yes (3,4)	Yes (5)	No	No
(reference number)										

†As reported by the parents of the patients

	IFNa2	IFN beta	IFN	IFN	IFN
	(Introna)	(Biogen)	patient 6	patient 1	patient 2
	20iu/ml	200iu/ml	6iu/ml	16iu/ml	12iu/ml
Serum antilFNa2	>160**	<10	>160	>160	>160
Serum	<10	>160	<10	<10	10
anti beta					
Serum	>160	>160	>160	>160	>160
anti alpha/beta					

Supplementary Table 2. Interferon neutralization assay.

**Titer as the reciprocal of the dilution which completely inhibits the IFN activity

A neutralization assay was performed on serum from patients 1, 2 and 6, together with an interferon alpha and beta reference. Samples were incubated with serial fold dilutions of anti-interferon alpha, beta and alpha/beta serum. This was then analysed in a standard cytopathic reduction assay and a neutralization titre was determined as a reciprocal of the antibody dilution that suppressed the interferon activity.⁶

Supplementary Table 3. Genes significantly up-regulated fourfold or more in a microarray analysis of TRAP deficient patients versus controls.

Gene name	Gene	Reference	Fold change	<i>p</i> -value	<i>q</i> -value	References*
	symbol	sequence	(patients vs.	(patients vs.	(patients vs.	
			controls)	controls)	controls)	
Interferon alpha-inducible protein 27	IFI27	NM_001130080	42.3	0.000136	0.115	7,8,9
Interferon-induced protein 44-like	IFI44L	NM_006820	28.1	0.000110	0.100	8,10
Radical S-adenosyl methionine domain	RSAD2	NM_080657	16.7	0.000357	0.169	7,8,10,11
containing 2; Viperin						
2'-,5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 3, 100kDa	OAS3	NM_006187	15.3	0.000018	0.057	8,9
2'-,5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 1, 40/46kDa	OAS1	NM_016816	12.0	0.000010	0.040	8,9,10
Sialic acid binding Ig-like lectin 1	SIGLEC1	NM_023068	10.3	0.000001	0.012	12
Viral DNA polymerase-transactivated protein	LOC26010	NM_001100422	9.4	0.000028	0.074	
6						
Interferon-induced protein with	IFIT3	NM_001031683	8.8	0.000190	0.123	13,14
tetratricopeptide repeats 3						

Gene name	Gene	Reference	Fold change	<i>p</i> -value	<i>q</i> -value	References*
	symbol	sequence	(patients vs.	(patients vs.	(patients vs.	
			controls)	controls)	controls)	
Ubiquitin specific peptidase 18	USP18	NM_017414	8.7	0.000009	0.040	15
2'-,5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 2, 69/71kDa	OAS2	NM_002535	8.2	0.000099	0.099	8,9,10
Myxovirus (influenza virus) resistance 1,	Mx1	NM_001144925	7.5	0.000300	0.146	8,9,10,11
interferon-inducible protein						
Serpin peptidase inhibitor, clade G	SERPING1	NM_000062	7.4	0.000087	0.099	10
Cytidine monophosphate (UMP-CMP) kinase	CMPK2	NM_207315	7.0	0.000087	0.099	
2						
Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 2	CCL2	NM_002982	5.7	0.000389	0.179	9
Interferon-induced protein 35	IF135	NM_005533	5.4	0.000076	0.099	9
Lymphocyte antigen 6 complex, locus E	Ly6E	NM_002346	5.2	0.000190	0.123	8
2'-,5'-oligoadenylate synthetase-like	OASL	NM_003733	5.0	0.000092	0.099	16
Ras and Rab interactor 2	RIN2	NM_018993	4.3	0.000047	0.094	

*References provided are to studies demonstrating stimulation by interferon and/or up-regulation in autoimmune phenotypes.

Supplementary Table 4. Assessment of circulating inducers of type I interferon activity in TRAP deficient patient sera compared to patients with idiopathic lupus.¹⁷

Patient	Serum interferon	Innoculum (ul)	Interferon alpha
	alpha titer (IU/ml)	to PBMC	(IU/ml)
			produced in cell
			culture
Lupus 1	37	50	60
Lupus 2	35	50	250
Lupus 3	75	25	16
Patient 1	25	50	<2
Patient 2	18	50	<2
Patient 6	50	50	<2

25 / 50 ul aliquots of lupus / SPENCD patient serum were incubated with 475 / 450μ l of freshly isolated peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC)(1.5×10^6 /ml) at 37° Centigrade for 18 hours. Supernatants were then removed and type I interferon activity measured as described in the Methods section.

Patient	Interferon gamma level (pg/ml)
1	N.D.
2	N.D.
3	N.D.
4	N.D.
5	N.D.
6	N.D.

Supplementary Table 5. Interferon gamma levels in TRAP deficient patients.

Interferon gamma levels were assayed in six patients using a quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay (Quantikine Human IFN-g Immunoassay, R&D Systems), with a sensitivity of 8 pg/ml. All results were below the limit of detectability (N.D.) of the assay.

Supplementary Table 6. Expression of ACP5 in different human cell types.

Cell type	Fold relative to pDC	
PBMC	1	
Мо	7	
M1	69	
DC	81	

PBMC = peripheral blood mononuclear cells; Mo = monocytes; M1 = macrophages; DC = dendritic cells; pDC = plasmacytoid dendritic cells.

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were isolated from heparinized venous blood of healthy volunteers by density-gradient centrifugation over Ficoll-Paque (Amersham Biosciences). Plasmacytoid dendritic cells (pDCs) were isolated to >97% purity using the EasySep® Human Plasmacytoid DC Enrichment Kit (StemCell Technologies). Monocytes were isolated from PBMC and 1 x 10⁶ were seeded in a 24-well culture plate with 1ml RPMI/10% FBS. RNA was harvested after overnight culture. Macrophages were cultured by seeding 1 x 10⁶ monocytes in a 24-well culture plate for 7 days with 100ng/ml GM-CSF. Dendritic cells were cultured by seeding 1 x 10⁶ monocytes in a 24-well culture plate for 7 days with 100ng/ml GM-CSF. Dendritic cells were cultured by seeding 1 x 10⁶ monocytes in a 24-well culture plate for 7 days with 100ng/ml GM-CSF + 20ng/ml IL-4. RNA was extracted using the Qiagen RNeasy kit. qPCR of human *ACP5* was performed using SensiMix SYBR Low-ROX kit master mix (Bioline, London, UK) and compared with 18S.

Supplementary Table 7. Expression of *ACP5* and *Mx1* following stimulation of human pDCs.

Stimulus	Fold relative to unstimulated pDC	
	ACP5	Mx1
Interferon	0.6	63
CpG	1.4	2.6

Plasmacytoid dendritic cell (pDC) cultures (1-2 x 10⁵/well in a 96-well round-bottom tissue culture plate, total volume 200µL) were incubated with Universal Type I Interferon (500U/mL, PBL Interferon Source) or Type A CpG ODN 2216 (200nM, InvivoGen) for 4 hours. qPCR of human *ACP5* was performed using SensiMix SYBR Low-ROX kit master mix (Bioline, London, UK) and compared with *18S*.

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