De Novo Mutations of *RERE* Cause a Genetic Syndrome with Features that Overlap Those Associated with Proximal 1p36 Deletions

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Deletions of chromosome 1p36 affect approximately 1 in 5,000 newborns and are associated with developmental delay, intellectual disability, and defects involving the brain, eye, ear, heart, and kidney. Arginine-glutamic acid dipeptide repeats (*RERE*) is located in the proximal 1p36 critical region. RERE is a widely-expressed nuclear receptor coregulator that positively regulates retinoic acid signaling. Animal models suggest that RERE deficiency might contribute to many of the structural and developmental birth defects and medical problems seen in individuals with 1p36 deletion syndrome, although human evidence supporting this role has been lacking. In this report, we describe ten individuals with intellectual disability, developmental delay, and/or autism spectrum disorder who carry rare and putatively damaging changes in *RERE*. In all cases in which both parental DNA samples were available, these changes were found to be de novo. Associated features that were recurrently seen in these individuals included hypotonia, seizures, behavioral problems, structural CNS anomalies, ophthalmologic anomalies, congenital heart defects, and genitourinary abnormalities. The spectrum of defects documented in these individuals is similar to that of a cohort of 31 individuals with isolated 1p36 deletions that include *RERE* and are recapitulated in RERE-deficient zebrafish and mice. Taken together, our findings suggest that mutations in *RERE* cause a genetic syndrome and that haploinsufficiency of *RERE* might be sufficient to cause many of the phenotypes associated with proximal 1p36 deletions.

Deletions of chromosome 1p36 constitute the most common group of terminal deletions in humans-affecting approximately 1 in 5,000 newborns—and are recognized as an important cause of intellectual disability. 1-3 Additional phenotypes that characterize the 1p36 deletion syndrome (MIM: 607872) include developmental delay, seizures, brain anomalies, vision problems, hearing loss, orofacial clefting, congenital heart defects, cardiomyopathy, renal anomalies, short stature, and a recognizable constellation of dysmorphic features-microbrachycephaly; large, late-closing anterior fontanel; posteriorly rotated, low-set, abnormally shaped ears; straight eyebrows; deep-set eyes; epicanthal folds; midface hypoplasia; a wide and depressed nasal bridge; a long philtrum; and a pointed chin.⁴⁻⁶ By analyzing the clinical presentations of individuals with terminal 1p36 deletions, Wu et al. determined that haploinsufficiency of genes located distal to marker D1S2870 (chr1:6,289,764-6,289,973; hg19) was sufficient to cause most of these phenotypes. This region

has since been termed the distal or classical 1p36 critical region.⁸

Subsequently, Kang et al. delineated a non-overlapping proximal 1p36 critical region (chr1:8,395,179–11,362,893; hg19) which, when deleted, was associated with a similar constellation of phenotypes—intellectual disability, developmental delay, vision problems, hearing loss, orofacial clefting, congenital heart defects, cardiomyopathy, and short stature. However, these individuals had distinctive facial features—frontal and parietal bossing, low-set, posteriorly-rotated ears, epicanthal folds, anteverted nares, broad eyebrows, and hirsutism.

Animal models have implicated several genes located in the distal and proximal 1p36 critical regions as potential contributors to the neurodevelopmental and structural birth defects associated with the 1p36 deletion syndrome.⁸ However, human evidence supporting the role of these genes in the development of specific phenotypes is often lacking. Uncertainty regarding the clinical effects

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Table 1.	RERE Sequence Changes Identified in Subjects 1–10												
Subject No.	Sequence Changes in RERE®	PolyPhen-2	SIFT	MutationTaster	Alleles in Exome Variant Server	Alleles in ExAC Browser							
1	c.3466 G>A, p.Gly1156Arg	probably damaging	damaging	disease causing	none	2/66,082 European; 2/120,478 total ^b							
2	c.4313_4318dupTCCACC, p.Leu1438_His1439dup	NA	NA	polymorphism	none	none							
3	c.3785C>G, p.Pro1262Arg	probably damaging	damaging	disease causing	none	none							
4	c.4293C>G, p.His1431Gln	probably damaging	damaging	disease causing	none	none							
5	c.4293C>A, p.His1431Gln	probably damaging	damaging	disease causing	none	none							
6	c.3122delC, p.Pro1041Lysfs*40	NA	NA	disease causing	none	none							
7	c.1411G>A, p.Val471Ile	possibly damaging	tolerated	disease causing	1, African American	none							
8	c.1104delA, p.Leu369Cysfs*16	NA	NA	NA ^c	none	none							
9	c.2249_2270dup p.Thr758Serfs*36	NA	NA	disease causing	none	none							

NA

disease causing

NA, not applicable.

 10^{d}

c.2278 C>T, p.Gln760*

caused by haploinsufficiency of specific genes makes it difficult for physicians to provide prognostic information to families and to generate individualized care plans for their patients solely on the basis of the location and extent of their 1p36 deletions.

Arginine-glutamic acid dipeptide repeats (RERE [MIM: 605226]) is located in the proximal 1p36 critical region.^{8,9} RERE encodes a widely-expressed nuclear receptor coregulator that positively regulates retinoic acid signaling. 10-12 Data available from the Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC) Browser suggests that RERE has a high probability of loss-of-function intolerance (pLI = 1.0) given that 47.5 loss-of-function variants were expected based on gene size and GC content but only three were observed. Data from zebrafish and mouse models suggest that haploinsufficiency of RERE might contribute to the intellectual disability, developmental delay, structural brain anomalies, vision problems, hearing loss, congenital heart defects, cardiomyopathy, and renal anomalies seen in individuals with 1p36 deletions. 13-17 However, the exact role that RERE deficiency plays in 1p36 deletion syndrome, and more generally in human disease, remains unclear.

Here, we describe ten individuals with neurodevelopmental phenotypes and congenital anomalies who carry rare, putatively deleterious, sequence changes in *RERE*. Clinical data were obtained through written informed consent. In all cases, the procedures followed were in accordance with the ethical standards of the respective institution's committee on human research and were in keeping with national standards. *RERE* sequence changes were identified in nine of these individuals (subjects

1-9) by clinically-based exome sequencing performed in CLIA- or ISO15189-certified laboratories and confirmed by Sanger sequencing. Changes in subject 10 were identified by the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) and reported in SFARI Base—a central database of clinical and genetic information about families affected by autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. In all cases where parental DNA samples were available, these changes were found to be de novo. The clinical phenotypes of these individuals and a description of their RERE sequence changes—including in silico prediction of effects on protein function via PolyPhen-2, SIFT, and MutationTaster and allele frequencies in control populations reported in the NHLBI Exome Variant Server and the ExAC Browser—are summarized below and in Table 1, Tables S1 and S2, Figure 1, and the Supplemental Note.

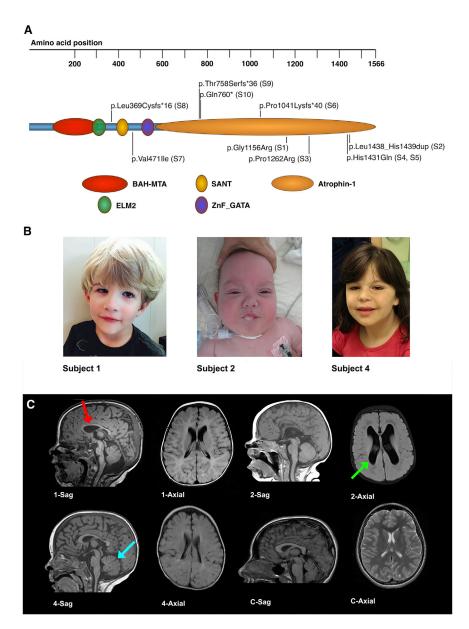
Subject 1 is a 3-year-old male of European descent who carries a de novo c.3466G>A, p.Gly1156Arg missense change in *RERE* (GenBank: NM_012102.3). He was noted to have intrauterine growth retardation, was born prematurely at 35 weeks of gestation, and was small for gestation age with a birth weight of 1.64 kg (<3rd percentile). Multiple regions of infarction were found in the placenta. His clinical features include global developmental delay, mild spastic quadriparesis, dysarthric speech, swallowing difficulties, bilateral optic colobomas, optic nerve hypoplasia, unilateral microphthalmia, anisometropia, mild sensorineural hearing loss, micrognathia, a ventricular septal defect (VSD), a patent foramen ovale, hypospadias with penile chordee, and gastresophageal reflux disease (GERD). A brain MRI obtained at 7 months of age revealed

^aBased on RERE transcript variant 1 [RefSeq: NM_012102.3].

^bAlleles found only in the heterozygous state.

^cChange affects the last nucleotide of an exon.

^dSubject 10 was previously reported by Krumm et al. as subject 11654.p1.¹⁸



a thin corpus callosum, small anterior vermis, small pons with a ventral cleft at the ponto-medullary junction, delayed myelination, and severely decreased white matter volume (Figure 1).

Subject 2 is a 15-month-old male of European descent who carries a de novo c.4313_4318dupTCCACC, p.Leu1438_ His1439dup change in *RERE*. This change results in the addition of a leucine and histidine to an already histidinerich compositional bias region of RERE (UniProt: Q9P2R6). This type of change is not amenable to evaluation by PolyPhen-2 or SIFT, and MutationTaster predicts this change to be a polymorphism. However, this duplication—like the amino acid change in subject 1—is found in a conserved region of the atrophin domain of *RERE*. He was also found to have a de novo c.4211G>A, p.Arg1404His (GenBank: NM_001252100.1) change in kinesin family member 21B (*KIF21B* [MIM: 608322]) and a de novo c.1433C>T, p.Pro478Leu (GenBank: NM_170744.4) change in unc-5

Figure 1. Molecular Changes and Selected Clinical Findings for Individuals with Putatively Deleterious Changes in RERE

(A) The predicted locations of domains within RERE are presented along with the locations of the RERE changes seen in subjects 1–10.

(B) Craniofacial changes noted in subjects. Subject 1, at 3 years of age, presents with bilateral optic colobomas, unilateral micropthalmia, low-set ears, and micrognathia. Subject 2, at 11 months of age, presents with a unilateral iris coloboma and simple ears. Subject 4, at 9 years of age, presents with deep-set eyes, epicanthal folds, and abnormal ears.

(C) Sagital (Sag) and axial brain MRI scans of subjects 1, 2, and 4 demonstrating characteristic findings. Subject 1, at 7 months of age, had a thin corpus callosum (red arrow), a small anterior vermis, a small pons with a ventral cleft at the ponto-medullary junction, delayed myelination, and severely decreased white matter volume. Subject 2, at 4 months of age, had a thin corpus callosum, ventriculomegaly (green arrow), incompletely folded hippocampi, and severely diminished white matter volume. Subject 4, at 1 year and 2 months of age, had a thin corpus callosum, a diminished cerebellar vermis with a deep fissures (blue arrow), and significantly diminished white matter volume. For comparison, we have shown a mid-sagittal T1-weighted image showing a normal sized corpus callosum and intact cerebellar vermis and an axial T2-weighted image showing normal sized ventricles without increased extra-axial space.

netrin receptor B (*UNC5B* [MIM: 607870]). Both of these changes were predicted to be probably damaging by PolyPhen-2, damaging by SIFT, and

disease causing by MutationTaster. *KIF21B* encodes a member of the kinesin family of proteins that acts as a plus-end-directed microtubule motor, participating in transport of cellular cargo in neurons as well as in other cell types. ¹⁹ Variants in *KIF21B* have been associated with multiple sclerosis and ankylosing spondylitis in genome-wide association studies. ^{20,21} The UNC5 family of proteins plays a critical role in a number of cellular processes, including axonal guidance, angiogenesis, and apoptosis. However, mutations in *UNC5B* have not been associated with a genetic disorder in humans. ²²

Subject 2 was born prematurely at 30 weeks and 6 days of gestation via C-section for symmetric intrauterine growth retardation and fetal distress. His birth weight was $0.94 \text{ kg} (\sim 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ percentile})$. His clinical features include developmental delay, post-natal growth retardation, short stature with a height of 64 cm at 15 months ($<1^{\text{st}}$ percentile), microcephaly with an occipital frontal circumference

(OFC) of 42.5 cm at 15 months ($<1^{\rm st}$ percentile), a unilateral iris coloboma, choanal atresia, a VSD, a patent ductus arteriosus, unilateral multicystic kidney, and cryptorchidism. A brain MRI obtained at 4 months revealed a thin corpus callosum, ventriculomegaly, incompletely folded hippocampi, and severely diminished white matter volume. This subject was initially presumed to have CHARGE syndrome. However, *CHD7* sequencing and deletion and duplication analysis revealed no pathologic variants.

Subject 3 is a 2-year-old Hispanic male who carries a de novo c.3785C>G, p.Pro1262Arg missense change in RERE that was found to be probably damaging by Poly-Phen-2, damaging by SIFT, and disease causing by MutationTaster. Pregnancy was complicated by polyhydramnios secondary to duodenal atresia. His other clinical features include post-natal growth retardation with a weight of 10.3 kb (1st percentile), a height of 82 cm (2nd percentile), and an OFC of 46.4 cm (4th percentile) at 2 years and 4 months of age, developmental delay, hypotonia, staring spells, dysmorphic features, unilateral Peter anomaly, bilateral iris abnormalities, a VSD, bilateral hydronephrosis with grade 2-4 vesicoureteral reflux, an annular pancreas, and syndactyly. A brain MRI obtained at 1 year and 6 months showed a thin corpus callosum, deep primary fissure of the cerebellar vermis, ventriculomegaly, and severely diminished white matter volume.

Subject 4 is a 9-year-old female of European descent who carries a de novo c.4293C>G, p.His1431Gln missense change in RERE that was found to be probably damaging by PolyPhen-2, damaging by SIFT, and disease causing by MutationTaster. She was also found to be mosaic for a de novo c.2464G>A, p.Gly822Ser (GenBank: NM_021007.2) change in sodium channel, voltage-gated, type II alpha subunit (SCN2A [MIM: 182390]). This variant is present in 14/95 reads for 14.7% mosaicism with a 95% confidence interval of 8.3%-23.5%. This SCN2A change is predicted to be probably damaging by PolyPhen-2, damaging by SIFT, and disease causing by MutationTaster. Mutations in SCN2A have been implicated in two autosomal-dominant disorders: epileptic encephalopathy, early infantile, 11 (MIM: 613721) and seizures, benign familial infantile, 3 (MIM: 607745). Her clinical features included hypotonia, moderate intellectual disability, severe behavioral issues and seizures, dysmorphic features, GERD, developmental hip dysplasia, and severe vesicoureteral reflux requiring surgery. A brain MRI obtained at 1 year and 2 months showed a thin corpus callosum, a diminished cerebellar vermis with deep fissures, and significantly diminished white matter volume-findings not reported in prior studies of SCN2A.^{23,24}

Subject 5 is a 12-year, 8-month-old Dutch male (reported previously by Bosch et al. as patient 22) with a de novo c.4293C>A change in *RERE* that results in the same amino acid change, p.His1431Gln, caused by the c.4293C>G change documented in subject 4.²⁵ His clinical features include severe developmental delay, seizures, feeding problems, blepharophimosis, strabismus, bilateral optic atro-

phy, cortical visual impairment, dysmorphic features, GERD, and pyloric hypertrophy requiring surgical intervention. A brain MRI obtained at 3 years and 6 months of age showed an abnormal corpus callosum with blunting of the rostrum, mild to moderate ventriculomegaly, a small cerebellar vermis, and globally diminished white matter volume.

Subject 6 is a 6-year-old adopted female of mixed European and Hispanic descent with a c.3122delC, p.Pro1041Lysfs*40 frameshift change in *RERE*. Parental DNA is not available. Given that this change occurs in the 17th of 21 *RERE* coding exons, it might trigger nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. Pregnancy and birth history are limited, but there was reported alcohol use during the pregnancy. Her family history is positive for intellectual disability and mental illness in her biological mother and intellectual disability in both of her maternal grandparents and a maternal half-uncle. Her clinical features include developmental delay, hypotonia, behavior problems, dysmorphic features, lumbar lordosis, and macrocephaly with an OFC of 54.1 cm (>98th percentile).

Subject 7 is an 11-year-old Dutch male who carries a de novo c.1411G>A, p.Val471Ile missense change in RERE that was estimated to be possibly damaging by PolyPhen-2 and disease causing by MutationTaster. He was also found to have a compound heterozygous pair of mutations in fibrous sheath interacting protein 2 (FSIP2 [MIM: 615796]): c.2602del, p.Ser868Hfs*12 and c.4583C>G, p.Thr1528Arg (GenBank: NM_173651.2). The c.2602del deletion is inherited from the father, and the c.4583C>G missense mutation is inherited from the mother and is a previously reported variant, rs192957612. This gene encodes for a protein localized to the sperm flagellum and is not associated with any known human disease.²⁶ The subject was born prematurely at 34 weeks of gestation and weighed 2.24 kg (~5th percentile). This twin pregnancy was complicated by maternal hypertension for which the mother used medication. The subject has an older sister who is healthy, but his twin sister was recently diagnosed with KBG syndrome caused by a de novo c.3382_3383delGA, p.Asp1128Glnfs*41 (GenBank: NM_001256182.1) change in ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 11 (ANKRD11 [MIM: 611192]), which was not found in this individual.²⁷ His clinical features include developmental delay, hypotonia, ADHD, mild intellectual disability, growth retardation, dysmorphic features, and a cleft lip. A brain MRI obtained at 7 years, 9 months of age showed an abnormal corpus callosum with blunting of the rostrum, a small anterior commissure, and diminished white matter volume.

Subject 8 is a 10-year-old male of European descent who carries a c.1104delA, p.Leu369Cysfs*16 change in *RERE*. This variant was not present in his mother, but a paternal DNA sample could not be obtained for testing. Because this change occurs in the last nucleotide of the 9th of 21 *RERE* coding exons, it might trigger nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. Pregnancy was complicated by anemia, a vaginal infection, and maternal smoking and alcohol

Table 2. Overlapping Features Seen in Our Subjects, Individuals with Isolated 1p36 Deletions that Include RERE, and Zebrafish and Mice Models

Phenotype	Subjects 1–10 Documented with Phenotype (% and No.)	Individuals with Isolated 1p36 Deletions Involving RERE Documented with Phenotype (% and No.)	Related Phenotype Documented in Rerea-Deficient Zebrafish? ^{13,17}	Related Phenotype Documented in RERE-Deficient Mice? ^{14,15}		
Neurologic problems	100% (10/10)	97% (30/31)	no	no		
CNS anomalies	88% (7/8)	29% (9/31)	no	yes		
Ophthalmologic abnormalities	40% (4/10)	42% (13/31)	yes	yes		
Hearing loss	10% (1/10)	26% (8/31)	yes	yes		
Orofacial clefting	10% (1/10)	16% (5/31)	no	no		
Congenital heart defects	40% (4/10)	71% (22/31)	no	yes		
Genitourinary anomalies	50% (5/10)	13% (4/31)	no	yes		

consumption until eight weeks of gestation, when the pregnancy was recognized. He was born prematurely at 36 weeks of gestation. His clinical features included fine motor and speech delay, autism spectrum disorder, and dysmorphic features. A brain MRI ordered for developmental delay was normal.

Subject 9 is a 7-year-old Dutch male who carries a de novo c.2249_2270dup, p.Thr758Serfs*36 frameshift change in *RERE*. This mutation was predicted to be disease causing by MutationTaster. Pertinent findings in his family history include a younger sister with autism, a paternal uncle who died of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and a second paternal uncle who died of acute heart failure at 20 years of age. Clinical features include severe speech and language delay, intellectual disability, autism, dysmorphic features, and a VSD. He has macrocephaly and an OFC of 57.3 cm (>99th percentile) at 6 years, 10 months of age. However, this might be familial given that his mother's OFC is 59.7 cm (+ 2.5 SD).

While investigating the genetic causes of autism spectrum disorder in a large cohort, Krumm et al. identified a 14-year-old non-Hispanic female (subject 11654.p1) with autism spectrum disorder who carried a de novo c.2278C>T, p.Gln760* change in *RERE*. ¹⁸ This mutation was estimated to be disease causing by MutationTaster. Here, we refer to her as subject 10. Her clinical features include autism spectrum disorder, sleep apnea, and nocturnal enuresis.

All of the subjects presented here have neurodevelopmental disorders—intellectual disability, developmental delay, and/or autism (Table 2, Table S2). Recurrent neurological abnormalities reported in these subjects include seizures, hypotonia, behavioral problems, ADHD, and problems with feeding and swallowing. Brain anomalies were documented in 88% (7/8) of subjects who had an MRI and included abnormalities and/or thinning of the corpus callosum (6/8, or 75%), diminished white matter volume (6/8, or 75%), abnormal cerebellar vermis (4/8, or 50%), and ventriculomegaly (3/8, or 38%). Structural eye defects were seen in 40% (4/10) of subjects and included coloboma, optic atrophy and/or hypoplasia, microphthalmia, Peter anomaly, iris anomalies, and blepharophimosis.

Congenital heart defects were seen in 40% (4/10) of subjects, and VSDs were the most common defect. Genitourinary defects were seen in 50% (5/10), and vesicoureteral reflux was documented in 30% (3/10) of subjects.

In addition to these examples of extra-neuronal organ involvement, a variety of dysmorphic features were also observed in our subjects (Table S2), including some features previously associated with deletions of the proximal 1p36 critical region, such as frontal bossing, low-set, posteriorly rotated ears, epicanthic folds, anteverted nares, and broad eyebrows (Figure 1). Our cohort also demonstrates a variety of growth patterns—some subjects have short stature (3/9, or 33%) or microcephaly (2/9, or 22%), whereas others have tall stature (2/9, or 22%) or macrocephaly (2/9, or 22%). This suggests that physicians should not rely heavily on the identification of a characteristic constellation of physical features but rather on a grouping of medical conditions, such as brain, eye, and cardiac developmental defects, when considering the possible diagnosis of an RERE-related disorder.

To determine the subset of 1p36 deletion phenotypes that could possibly be explained by RERE haploinsufficiency, we compared the spectrum of structural birth defects seen in our subjects to a cohort of 31 individuals with isolated 1p36 deletions involving RERE (Table 2, Table S1, Table S3, and Figure S1). These individuals were either previously described in the literature or provided informed consent and were enrolled in an institutional-reviewboard-approved research study. 9,16,28-33 In all cases, the procedures followed were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institution's committee on human research and were in keeping with national standards. Within this cohort, 24 individuals carried larger terminal or interstitial deletions that included all or part of both the distal and proximal 1p36 deletion critical regions, and seven individuals carried interstitial 1p36 deletions that did not include the distal critical region (Figure S1). We found that the majority of recurrent neurologic, ophthalmologic, cardiac, and gastrointestinal phenotypes seen our subjects were also seen in individuals in the 1p36 deletion cohort. Overlap was also seen for

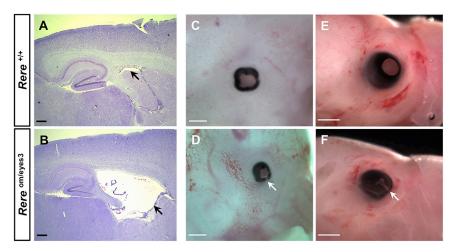


Figure 2. RERE-Deficient Rereom/eyes3 Mice and Embryos Have Ventriculomegaly, Microphthalmia, and Coloboma (A and B) Representative cresyl-violetstained sagittal brain sections from a wild-type mouse (A) and its Rereom/eyes3 littermate (B) show enlargement of the lateral ventricles (black arrows). Ventriculomegaly was seen in 3/3 Rereom/eyes3 adult mice harvested between 5 and 10 months of age. Scale bar represents 200 μm. (C-F) Representative eyes from wild-type embryos harvested at E13.5 (C) and E17.5 (E) and their *Rere* om/eyes3 littermates (D and F) demonstrate microphthalmia and incomplete closure of the optic fissure (white arrows in D and F). Failure of closure was seen in 8/10 (80%) of Rereom/eyes3 eyes examined at E13.5 and in 6/6 (100%) of

Rere^{om/eyes3} eyes examined at E17.5. Scale bar represents 0.5 mm (C and D) or 1 mm

sensorineural hearing loss, cleft lip, duodenal atresia, cryptorchidism, hip dysplasia, and scoliosis, all of which were identified in only one of our subjects. This overlap suggests that haploinsufficiency of *RERE* might also be sufficient to cause these additional phenotypes.

The phenotypic overlap between Rerea-deficient zebra-fish and RERE-deficient mice and our subjects provides further evidence that the deleterious sequence changes observed in *RERE* are the cause of many of the phenotypes observed in our subjects. This overlap also suggests that these animals represent useful models in which to study RERE's role in the development of many organ systems (Table 2). Specifically, we note that zebrafish carrying homozygous mutations in *rerea*—the zebrafish homolog of *RERE*—have microphthalmia, inconsistent startle response, and decreased microphonic potentials. ^{13,17} This provides further evidence that changes in *RERE* are likely to be responsible for the eye anomalies and sensorineural hearing loss seen in our subjects.

Mice that are compound heterozygous for an *Rere*-null allele (*om*) and a hypomorphic allele (*eyes3*) have an even greater phenotypic overlap with our subjects. We have previously shown that these mice have microphthalmia, optic nerve hypoplasia, sensorineural hearing loss, congenital heart defects, and post-natal growth deficiency.¹⁴ They also have abnormal brain development including a reduced brain size and weight, decreased numbers of NeuN-positive hippocampal neurons, cerebellar foliation defects, and delayed Purkinje cell maturation and migration in the cerebellum.^{14,15}

Ventriculomegaly is seen in 38% (3/8) of our subjects. To determine whether $Rere^{\mathrm{om/eyes3}}$ mice also have ventriculomegaly, we compared cresyl-violet-stained sagittal brain sections from adult $Rere^{\mathrm{om/eyes3}}$ mice and their wild-type littermates. Obtaining large numbers of $Rere^{\mathrm{om/eyes3}}$ mice for study is difficult because only a small fraction live into adulthood. However, in the three adult $Rere^{\mathrm{om/eyes3}}$ brains examined, all had enlarged lateral ventricles in com-

parison to those of their littermate controls (Figures 2A and 2B). Given that 20% (2/10) of our subjects have colobomas, we also looked for evidence of incomplete closure of the optic fissure—a precursor to the development of coloboma—in $Rere^{om/eyes3}$ embryos. Although the optic fissures of wild-type mice close between embryonic days 11 (E11) and E13, we found incomplete closure of the optic fissure in 80% (8/10) of $Rere^{om/eyes3}$ eyes examined at E13.5 and 100% (6/6) of the $Rere^{om/eyes3}$ eyes examined at E17.5 (Figures 2C–2F). ³⁴ In contrast, the optic fissures of all wild-type control littermates were closed at these time points.

(E and F).

Phenotype-genotype correlations are often not possible to discern with a cohort of ten individuals, given that genetic and non-genetic influences outside of the gene can also affect the development of the final phenotype. However, we have observed a partial association between missense mutations in the atrophin 1 domain and clinical severity. Thus, subjects 1-3 and subject 5, all of whom have missense mutations in this domain, have anatomic abnormalities of both the eve and brain. Subjects 1-3 all have VSDs. Subjects 3–5 all have vesicoureteral reflux, and subjects 1 and 2 present with other genitourinary malformations (Table S1). However, it is also possible that the phenotypic differences seen between subjects are due to the effects of other genetic, epigenetic, environmental, and/ or stochastic factors. This hypothesis is supported by subjects 4 and 5 whose missense mutations in RERE result in the same amino acid change. Although they share many phenotypes in common—intellectual disability, developmental delay, seizures, abnormal and/or thin corpora callosa, abnormal cerebellar vermis, vesicoureteral reflux, deep-set eyes, and abnormal ears—they have other features that are discordant. This hypothesis is also consistent with the phenotypic variation seen in RERE-deficient mice on different genetic backgrounds. 14

RERE has previously been shown to positively regulate retinoic acid signaling during somite development.¹¹ Perturbations of retinoic acid signaling could also be the

underlying cause of RERE deficiency's effects on eye and heart development. We note that autosomal-recessive mutations in stimulated by retinoic acid 6 (STRA6 [MIM: 610745])—which encodes a transmembrane protein that transports retinol into cells—have been shown to cause microphthalmia, isolated with colobomas 8 (MIM: 601186), and microphthalmia, syndromic 9 (MIM: 601186), also known as Matthew-Wood syndrome. This syndrome is characterized by congenital heart defects and eye anomalies—microphthalmia and coloboma—that are similar to those seen in subjects 1 and 2.35-37 Similarly, recessive loss-of-function mutations in aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family, members A3 (ALDH1A3 [MIM: 600463]), which encodes an enzyme that converts retinaldehyde to retinoic acid, cause microphthalmia, isolated 8 (MIM: 615113).³⁸

In conclusion, we have shown that mutations in RERE cause an autosomal-dominant genetic syndrome characterized by neurodevelopmental defects, hypotonia, seizures, behavioral problems, structural CNS anomalies abnormalities and/or thinning of the corpus callosum, diminished white matter volume, abnormal cerebellar vermis, and ventriculomegaly—ophthalmologic anomalies, congenital heart defects, and genitourinary abnormalities. Many of these phenotypes are seen in individuals with proximal 1p36 deletions that include RERE. This suggests that haploinsufficiency of RERE might be sufficient to cause many of the phenotypes associated with proximal 1p36 deletions. These phenotypes are also recapitulated in RERE-deficient zebrafish and mice, which might serve as effective models for elucidating the molecular mechanisms by which RERE acts in various organ systems.

Supplemental Data

Supplemental Data include a Supplemental Note, one figure, and three tables and can be found with this article online at http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2016.03.002.

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dbSNP, http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/
ExAC Browser, http://exac.broadinstitute.org/
GenBank, http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/
MutationTaster, http://www.mutationtaster.org/
NHLBI Exome Sequencing Project (ESP) Exome Variant Server,

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OMIM, http://www.omim.org/

PolyPhen-2, http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/

SFARI-base, http://sfari.org/resources/sfari-base.

SIFT, http://sift.bii.a-star.edu.sg/

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De Novo Mutations of *RERE* Cause a Genetic Syndrome with Features that Overlap Those Associated with Proximal 1p36 Deletions

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Case Reports

Subject 1

Subject 1 is a 3-year-old Northern European male who carries a *de novo* c.3466G>A, p.Gly1156Arg missense change in *RERE*. Prenatal ultrasound examinations revealed intrauterine growth retardation. He was born at 35 weeks gestation with a birth weight of 1.64 kg (<3rd centile). Multiple regions of infarction were found in the placenta. His postnatal evaluation revealed bilateral optic colobomas, optic nerve hypoplasia, unilateral microphthalmia, anisometropia, mild sensorineural hearing loss, micrognathia, hypospadias with penile chordee and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). An echocardiogram revealed a ventricular septal defect (VSD) and a patent foramen ovale (PFO). Over time he was also noted to have global developmental delay and mild spastic quadriparesis. He also has dysarthric speech with difficulty in guttural and palatal sound production and swallowing difficulties possibly attributable to cranial nerve dysfunction. A brain MRI obtained at 7 months of age revealed a thin corpus callosum, a small anterior vermis, a small pons with a ventral cleft at the ponto-medullary junction, delayed myelination, and severely decreased white matter volume (Figure 1). At 3 years of age he weighed 16.2 kg (86th centile), his height was 105.3 cm (99th centile) and he had an occipital frontal circumference (OFC) of 50 cm (58th centile).

Subject 2

Subject 2 is a 15-month-old Northern European male who carries a *de novo* c.4313_4318dupTCCACC, p.1438Leu_1439Hisdup change in *RERE*. He was born at 30 and 6/7 weeks gestation via C-section for symmetric intrauterine growth retardation and fetal distress. His birth weight was 0.94 kg (~3rd centile). Postnatally he was noted to have simple ears, a right-sided, unilateral iris coloboma, choanal atresia, a right-sided multicystic kidney with several right upper pole renal cysts and a large dominant cyst measuring 6 mm, cryptorchidism, and 5th finger clinodactyly with nail hypoplasia. An echocardiogram revealed a VSD, a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) that was surgically closed, and

anomalous pulmonary venous return (APVR). Diaphragm dysfunction resulted in tracheostomy and ventilator dependence. He was later noted to have developmental delay. A brain MRI obtained at 4 months revealed a thin corpus callosum, ventriculomegaly, incompletely folded hippocampi, and severely diminished white matter volume. At 15 months of age he weighed 8.55 kg (~5th centile), his height was 64 cm (<1st centile), and his OFC was 42.5 cm (<1st centile).

Subject 3

Subject 3 is a 2-year-old Hispanic male who carries a de novo c.3785C>G, p.Pro1262Arg missense change in RERE. At 26 weeks gestation, an ultrasound examination revealed polyhydramnios in the setting of duodenal atresia, a fenestrated choroid plexus, a liver mass, small kidneys and syndactyly. He was born at 37 weeks gestation and weighed 2.92 kg (16th centile). He was noted to have a palpable third fontanelle, hypotelorism, microphthalmia, small and upslanting palpebral fissures, epicanthal folds, abnormal ears with bilateral prominence of the antihelix stem and horizontal crus helix with expanded terminal portion, anterior earlobe creases, bilateral preauricular pits, micrognathia, small nipples, and a sacral hair tuft. He also has bilateral, almost complete, syndactyly of the third and 4th fingers, unilateral partial syndactyly between the first and second fingers, long thumbs and 5th toes and atypical creases of the palm secondary to syndactyly. An ophthalmological evaluation revealed Peter's anomaly of the right eye, a stable, inferonasal opacity, and bilateral iris abnormalities. Ultrasound examinations revealed a VSD that resolved by age 1, bilateral hydronephrosis with grade 2-4 vesicoureteral reflux which is resolving spontaneously, and an annular pancreas. He was later noted to have developmental delay and hypotonia. He is being treated with levetiracetam due to a history of staring spells and an EEG examination that showed cortical irritability. An MRI obtained at 1 year and 6 months showed a thin corpus callosum, deep primary fissure of the cerebellar vermis, ventriculomegaly, and severely diminished white matter volume. At 2 years and 4 months of age his weight was 10.34 kg (1st centile), his length was 82 cm (2nd centile), and his OFC was 46.4 cm (4th centile).

Subject 4

Subject 4 is a 9-year-old Northern European female with a *de novo* c.4293C>G, p.His1431Gln missense change in *RERE*. She was also found to be mosaic for a *de novo* c.2464G>A, p.Gly822Ser change in the sodium channel, voltage gated, type II alpha subunit gene (*SCN2A* [OMIM: 182390]). This *SCN2A* change is predicted to be probably damaging by PolyPhen-2, damaging by SIFT and disease causing by MutationTaster. Mutations in *SCN2A* have been implicated in two autosomal dominant disorders: epileptic encephalopathy, early infantile, 11 [OMIM: 613721] and seizures, benign familial infantile, 3 [OMIM: 607745].

Pregnancy was complicated by a motor vehicle accident at 10 weeks with a normal follow-up ultrasound evaluation. She was born at 39 weeks and had some transient hypoglycemia and temperature instability. She was noted to have deep-set eyes, epicanthal folds, fleshy auricles, a deep furrow in the posterior 1/3 of the tongue, bilateral single palmar creases, broad thumbs and mild brachydactyly. In the neonatal period she was found to have developmental hip dysplasia and severe vesicoureteral reflux requiring surgery. She is hypotonic and has moderate intellectual disability, severe behavioral issues and seizures. An MRI obtained at 1 year and 2 months showed a thin corpus callosum, a diminished cerebellar vermis with deep fissures, and significantly diminished white matter volume. At 9 years and 7 months of age her weight was 39 kg (89th centile), her height was 137 cm (57th centile), and her OFC was 54 cm (60th centile).

Subject 5

Subject 5 is a 12-year 8-month-old Dutch male (reported previously by Bosch et al. as Patient 22) with a *de novo* c.4293C>A change in *RERE* that results in the same amino acid change as Subject 4 (p.His1431Gln).²² He was born at 40 weeks gestation and weighed 4.19 kg (~95th centile). He has frontal bossing, fleshy auricles with squared superior portions, deep-set eyes, bilateral blepharophimosis, a bulbous nose, full lips, broad, large incisors, broad alveolar ridges, and a small, high arched palate. Eye and vision problems include strabismus, bilateral optic atrophy and cerebral visual impairment. He has a

history of recurrent upper airway infections, vesicoureteral reflux, feeding problems with GERD and pyloric hypertrophy which required surgical intervention. He has significant developmental delay. An evaluation performed at 9 years 1 month of age revealed gross motor achievement of a 24-month-old, fine motor abilities of a 9 to12-month-old, the receptive language of a 6 to 9-month-old and the social skills of a 12-month-old. At 8 years of age he developed epilepsy. He takes carbamazepine but still has several complex partial seizures a day. His MRI at 3 years and 6 months of age showed an abnormal corpus callosum with blunting of the rostrum, mild to moderate ventriculomegaly, a small cerebellar vermis, and globally diminished white matter volume. At ten years of age his height was 157 cm (>99th centile), and his OFC was 55.5 cm (~95th centile).

Subject 6

Subject 6 is a 6-year-old adopted Northern European/Hispanic female with a c.3122delC, p.Pro1041Lysfs*40 frameshift change in *RERE*. Parental DNA is not available. Since this change occurs in the 17th of 21 *RERE* coding exons [NM_012102], it may trigger nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. Pregnancy and birth history are limited, but there was reported alcohol use during the pregnancy. She was born near term and had no perinatal complications. Her family history is positive for intellectual disability and mental illness in her biological mother, and intellectual disability in both of her maternal grandparents and a maternal half-uncle. Her dysmorphic features include macrocephaly, a triangular-shaped face, hypertelorism, broad, sparse eyebrows, low set and posteriorly rotated ears, anteverted nares, and a mildly flattened philtrum. She has hypotonia, myopia, lumbar lordosis, and small hands with broad thumbs. Developmental milestones were delayed, with walking and first words both around 2 years of age. She is now enrolled in a special education program. She has problems with coordination, behavioral tantrums, and she engages in self-injurious behavior including head banging and nail biting. At 6 years of age her height was 108 cm (6th percentile), her weight was 21.7 kg (63rd percentile) and her OFC was 54.1 cm (>98th percentile).

Subject 7

Subject 7 is an 11-year-old Dutch male who carries a *de novo* c.1411G>A, p.Val471Ile missense change in *RERE*. He was born at 34 weeks gestation with a weight of 2.24 kg (~5th centile). This twin pregnancy was complicated by maternal hypertension for which mother used medication. He has an older sister who is healthy but his twin sister was recently diagnosed with KBG syndrome. Parents are non-consanguineous. After birth, he was noted to be hypotonic and to have a cleft lip, down slanting palpebral fissures and a unilateral single palmar crease. He required tube feeding during the first three weeks of life. His cleft lip was surgically repaired at three years of age. He has a history of developmental delay, was diagnosed with ADHD, and has mild intellectual disabilities for which he attends a special needs school. An MRI obtained at 7 years 9 months of age showed an abnormal corpus callosum with blunting of the rostrum, a small anterior commissure, and diminished white matter volume. Cardiac and renal ultrasound did not reveal any abnormalities. At 11 years 6 months of age his height was 127 cm (<0.1 centile), his weight was 24 kg (2nd centile), and his OFC was 49.9 cm (0.5th centile).

Subject 8

Subject 8 is a 10-year-old Northern European male who carries a c.1104delA, p.Leu369Cysfs*15 change in *RERE*. This variant was not present in his mother but a paternal DNA sample could not be obtained for testing. Since this change occurs in the last nucleotide of the 9th of 21 *RERE* coding exons [NM_012102], it may trigger nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. Pregnancy was complicated by anemia, vaginal infection, and maternal smoking and alcohol consumption until the pregnancy was recognized. He was born at 36 weeks gestation by Cesarean section for failure to progress. At birth, his weight was 3.3 kg (~35th centile), he was 46 cm in length (35th centile) and his OFC was 38 cm (>98th centile). After birth he had feeding difficulties with a poor latch and suck, sleeping difficulties, gastroesophageal reflux with colic, food allergies, and chronic ear infections. He has an astigmatism in his right eye and wears glasses. Dysmorphic features include a widows peak, mild down-slanting palpebral fissures, increased eyebrow hair laterally, narrow dental arches, small lower arch teeth, micrognathia, inverted nipples, small hands

(~5th centile palm and finger lengths) and 5th finger clinodactyly. His gross motor development was normal with walking at 11 months, but he had fine motor and speech delay and was later diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and ADHD. A brain MRI ordered for developmental delay was normal. At the age of 10 years and 4 months his weight was 28.1 kg (16th centile), his height was 131 cm (10th centile) and his OFC was 55.5 cm (90th centile).

Subject 9

Subject 9 is a 7-year old male who has a *de novo* c.2249_2270dup p.Thr758Serfs*36 mutation. He was born via induced vaginal delivery after an uncomplicated pregnancy at 42 and 2/7 weeks gestation with a weight of 4.50 kg (98th centile). In the neonatal period he demonstrated poor suck and swallow, making breastfeeding difficult. He had severe speech and language delay and was diagnosed with intellectual disability and autism. He has a ventricular septal defect (VSD). His dysmorphic features include macrocephaly—possibly familial since his mother's OFC is 59.7 cm (+ 2.5 SD)—frontal bossing and scoliosis. He has a small mouth and five café au lait patches, both of which are seen in his father. He has a younger sister with autism, a paternal uncle who died of Duchenne muscular dystrophy and a paternal uncle who died of acute heart failure at 20 years of age. An MRI at 6 years 10 months of age showed mildly diminished white matter volume and a small splenium of the corpus callosum. At 6 years 10 months of age his height was 131 cm (94th centile), his weight was 26 kg (82nd centile) and his OFC was 57.3 cm (>99th centile).

Subject 10

While investigating the genetic causes of autism spectrum disorder in a large cohort, Krumm et al. identified a 14-year-old Non-Hispanic female with an autism spectrum disorder who carried a *de novo* c.2278C>T, p.Gln760* change in *RERE* (subject 11654.p1).²³ We refer to her here as Subject 10. She was born at 40 weeks via cesarean section due to failure to progress. At birth she weighed 4.03 kg (95th centile), was 53.3 cm in length (99th centile) and her OFC was noted to be larger than average but no

measurements were recorded. She has sleep difficulties—sleep apnea, and breathing difficulties—as well as incontinence at night. She was diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder using the ADOS and ADI-R. On the DAS-II, her cognitive, verbal, and non-verbal abilities were measured to be in the very low range (General Conceptual Ability = 40). On the Social Responsiveness Scale, she obtained a t-score of 89, which is in the severe range. On the Vineland II she achieved an Adaptive Behavior Composite score of 70, which indicates that her adaptive behavior skills were moderately low.

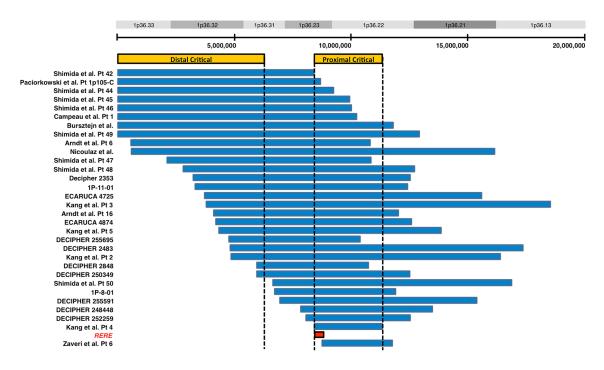


Figure S1: Published and unpublished terminal and interstitial deletions of chromosome 1p36 that include *RERE*.

The first 20 Mb of chromosome 1p36 are represented along with the approximate locations of the distal and proximal 1p36 critical regions (orange bars) and the *RERE* gene (red bar). The location of deletions identified in individual patients are shown (blue bars) with their associated reference. Individuals 1P-11-01 and 1P-08-01 have not been published previously. These individuals were accrued into an IRB approved study at Baylor College of Medicine after informed consent was obtained.

Table S1. Phenotypic descriptions of Subjects 1-10.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	Total	Described In 1p36 Deletion Cohort?
Age	3yr	15 m	2yr	9yr	12yr	6yr	11yr	10yr	7yr	14yr		
Sex	M	M	M	F	M	F	M	M	M	F		
Neurologic											10/10 (100%)	
ID/DD/Autism	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	10/10 (100%)	Yes
Seizures	-	-	_a	+ b	+	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	Yes
Hypotonia	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	4/10 (40%)	Yes
Behavioral problems	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	Yes
Spastic quadriparesis	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
ADHD	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	2/10 (20%)	No ^c
Feeding/swallowing	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	5/10 (50%)	Yes
problems CNS anomalies											7/0 (000/)	
Abnormal, thin corpus	+	+	+	+	+	N/A	+	_	-	N/A	7/8 (88%) 6/8 (75%)	Yes
callosum	+	+	+	+	+	IN/A		-	-	IN/A	6/8 (/5%)	Yes
Diminished white matter volume	+	+	+	+	+	N/A	+	-	-	N/A	6/8 (75%)	No
Abnormal cerebellar vermis	+	-	+	+	+	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	4/8 (50%)	No
Ventriculomegaly	-	+	+	-	+	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	3/8 (38%)	Yes
Small pons	+	_	-	-	_	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	1/8 (13%)	No
Abnormal hippocampus	_	+	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	1/8 (13%)	No
Small anterior commissure	_	_	-	-	-	N/A	+	-	-	N/A	1/8 (13%)	No
Delayed myelination	+	_	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	+	N/A	2/8 (25%)	Yes
Ophthalmologic											4/10 (40%)	
Coloboma	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	Yes
Optic nerve	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	No ^d
atrophy/hypoplasia												
Microphthalmia	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	Yes
Peter's anomaly	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Iris anomalies	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Blepharophimosis	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Auditory											1/10 (10%)	
Sensorineural hearing loss	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Craniofacial											2/10 (20%)	
Choanal atresia	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No ^e
Cleft Lip	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Cardiac											4/10 (40%)	
VSD	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	4/10 40%)	Yes
PFO	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Nof

PDA	_	+	T -	<u>-</u>	T -	T -	Τ_	<u>-</u>	Τ_	T -	1/10 (10%)	Yes
APVR	-	+	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Gastrointestinal											4/10 (40%)	100
GERD	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	3/10 (30%)	Yes
Duodenal atresia	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Annular pancreas	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Pyloric hypertrophy	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Genitourinary											5/10 (50%)	
Vesicoureteral reflux	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	3/10 (30%)	No
Cystic kidney	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Hypospadias	+	-	-	N/A	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	1/7 (14%)	No
Cryptorchidism	-	+	-	N/A	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	1/7 (14%)	Yes
Musculoskeletal											4/10 (40%)	
Syndactyly	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Hip dysplasia	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	Yes
Scoliosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	2/10 (20%)	Yes
Lumbar lordosis	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)	No
Growth									-		7/10 (70%)	
IUGR	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)	No
Tall stature (≥ 98 th centile)	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	N/A	2/9 (22%)	No
Short stature ($\leq 2^{nd}$ centile)	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	N/A	3/9 (33%)	Yes
Macrocephaly (≥ 98 th	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	N/A	2/9 (22%)	No
centile)												
Microcephaly (≤ 2 nd	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	N/A	2/9 (22%)	Yes
centile)												

^{+ =} feature was documented in this subject, - = feature was not documented in this patient , N/A = not applicable or required study/data not obtained, a = staring spells, b = subject is mosaic for a putatively deleterious *de novo* change in *SCNA2*, a gene known to cause autosomal dominantly inherited seizures. c = one individual was noted to have hyperactivity, d = several individuals with 1p36 deletions were reported to have nystagmus which may be a symptom of optic atrophy, e = one individual was described as having nasal cavity stenosis, f = secundum ASDs are reported. ADHD = Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, APVR = anomalous pulmonary venous return, DD = developmental dealay, GERD = gastroesophageal reflux disease, ID = intellectual disability, IUGR = intrauterine growth retardation, PDA = patent ductus arteriosus, PFO = patent foramen ovale, VSD = ventricular septal defect.

Table S2. Dysmorphic features observed in Subjects 1-10.

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Head											
Third fontanel	-	-	+	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Frontal bossing	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	2/10 (20%)
Triangular face	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Eyes											
Abnormal eyebrows	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	2/10 (20%)
Hypotelorism	-	-	+	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Hypertelorism	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Upslanting palpebral fissures	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Down-slanting palpebral fissures	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	2/10 (20%)
Small palpebral fissures	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Epicanthal folds	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)
Deeply set eyes	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	2/10 (20%)
Blepharaophymosis	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Ears											
Abnormal ears	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	5/10 (50%)
Preauricular pits	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Nose											
Bulbous nose	-	-	-	_	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Anteverted nares	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Philtrum/lips											
Flat philtrum	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Full lips	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
0 1 4/1											
Oral cavity/Jaw Small mouth	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	+	_	1/10 (10%)
Furrowed tongue			_	+	-	_	_	_	<u> </u>	_	1/10 (10%)
Abnormal teeth	-	 	_	-	+	-	-	+	-	_	2/10 (20%)
Broad alveolar ridges	-	-	-	-	+	-	_	<u> </u>	_	_	1/10 (10%)
High arched palate	_	_	-	_	+	-	-	-	_		1/10 (10%)
Micrognathia	+	-	+	_	 	-	+	+	_	_	3/10 (30%)
Chest	<u> </u>		<u> </u>					·			3/10 (30/0)
Small nipples	_	1-	+	_	-	_	-	-	_	_	1/10 (10%)
Inverted nipples	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	_	1/10 (10%)
Extremities								-			1,10 (10,0)
Small hands	 	+-	+-	-	1 -	+	-	+	+-	_	2/10 (20%)
Syndactyly	-	_	+	-	 	-	_	-	_	_	1/10 (10%)
5 th Finger Clinodactyly	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	_		2/10 (20%)
Digital anomalies	-		+	+	-	+	-	-	-	_	3/10 (30%)
Nail hypoplasia	-	+	·	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	1/10 (10%)
Abnormal palmar	-	 '	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	_	3/10 (30%)
creases											2,10 (30/0)
Hair/Skin											
Widow's Peak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Sacral hair tuft	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/10 (10%)
Café Au Lait spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1/10 (10%)