

IGSF10 mutations dysregulate gonadotropin-releasing hormone neuronal migration resulting in delayed puberty

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The in vitro migration assay shown in the study involves shRNA knockdown of Igsf10 in NIH3T3 cells, a mouse fibroblast derived cell line, which we have shown to have high endogenous expression of Igsf10. The evidence from our in situ hybridization studies of Igsf10 expression in the nasal mesenchyme led to the hypothesis that Igsf10 acts as a chemokine to influence GnRH neuronal migration. Thus we did not anticipate that GnRH neurons or GN11 cells would express Igsf10 and did not attempt to knockdown Igsf10 in GN11 cells. Instead, we used NIH3T3 cells as a model of nasal mesenchyme tissue to demonstrate that knockdown of Igsf10 in these cells leads to reduced migration of the GN11 cells plated alongside, in comparison to those plated alongside NIH3T3 cells with normal Igsf10 expression. The manuscript has been modified to clarify this experimental set-up

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Unfortunately we do not have definitive data on the timing of puberty of our HA patients to discover whether they also had DP, but the study by Caronia et al reports DP in 25% of patients with HA. Interestingly, some partial forms of IHH may lead to normal timing of puberty but arrested puberty or infertility later in life, also suggesting that defects in GnRH neuronal function may present after puberty onset. Additionally, we have previously carried out expression studies using in situ hybridisation in peri-pubertal mice and did not see any expression of Igsf10 in peri-pubertal mouse hypothalamus.

The manuscript discussion has been modified to give further detail in response to this point –

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Filtering of variants based on the exclusion of those found in public databases is a frequently used step in the filtering pipeline in rare diseases. However, in a more common condition such as delayed puberty this filtering step is not appropriate, as we expect to find 'disease-causing' mutations in the public databases, as we find individuals with delayed puberty in the public databases. Thus it is the 'absence' of these variants that cannot be used as one of the exclusion criteria.

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Damaging or possibly damaging were both assessed as 'deleterious' by our pipeline, but this clarification has been included in the revised manuscript –

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We feel that earlier disclosure would preempt this exciting discovery in the results section, and interrupt the flow of the argument. We are happy to take further guidance from the editor on this point.

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Our in vitro data demonstrates failure of secretion of the two N-terminal mutations and retention within the intracellular compartment, which we believe shows clear evidence of their pathogenicity. These mutations were found in 6 out of the 10 families identified. It has not been possible to reproduce these studies for the two C-terminal mutations despite many months of trying to express the full-length and C-terminal protein in mammalian cells. Thus, although our in silico predictions give evidence for predicted pathogenicity of the two C-terminal variants, we are not able to conclusively show these to be pathogenic, as we declare in lines 339-340: 'We have identified an additional two rare variants of unknown significance in 4 further families.'

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None of our patients with IGSF10 mutations had thyroid abnormalities or other features of the IGSF1 syndrome, apart from delayed onset of puberty. One previous publication describes the sequencing of IGSF1 in families from our DP cohort – Joustra et al, Eur J Pediatr 2015 (DOI 10.1007/s00431-014-2445-9). No pathogenic variants in IGSF1 were found in our cohort with 'simple' delayed puberty, again suggesting that mutations in IGSF1 do not cause self-limited delayed puberty in the absence of other features of the IGSF1 syndrome.

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All three of these genes are important in early development and specifically for the correct migration of GnRH neurons to the hypothalamus during embryonic life. Mutations in all three are seen in families segregating with HA, DP, and in the case of KAL1 and PROKR2, IHH or KS. However, we have not conclusively demonstrated as yet that mutations in IGSF10 alone lead to IHH or KS. Please see the addition to the discussion in the main text to further emphasise this point (lines 412-416): 'Specifically, this clinical variability can result from mutations in genes such as KAL1, PROKR2 and now IGSF10, which may lead to late arrival or reduced numbers of GnRH neurons to the hypothalamus, thus compromising the function of the GnRH network.'

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In our large DP cohort, approximately 50% of patients chose induction. As part of the protocol for diagnosis of self-limited DP, all patients were followed up off treatment until full development (Tanner G4+) was achieved. The manuscript has been amended to add this clarification (lines 447-

450): 'In the 50% of patients from the cohort who choose to have pubertal induction via the use of exogenous sex steroids, all patients were followed up once off treatment until the point of full pubertal development (Tanner stage G4+ or B4+) to ensure pubertal development did not arrest off treatment.'

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This has now been included as an extra column in Table IV, and in the main text lines 207-208: 'At adult height, all but 2 probands (3.III.2 and 6.II.1) fell within normal limits for distance to target height (Table 4) (Saari et al, JAMA Pediatr 2015 DOI: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2015.25).'

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