Supplementary Information

Title: Mutations in *SNORD118* **cause the cerebral microangiopathy leukoencephalopathy with calcifications and cysts**

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Supplementary Figure 1. **Histopathological characteristics of LCC**. Cerebellar brain biopsy taken from F1172 at the age of 50 years showing numerous blood vessels, with groups of vessels which resemble angioma **(a, b).** The vessels appear ectatic, partially thickened, hyalinized and demonstrate an irregular vessel wall **(c, d).** Inflammatory changes are not evident. Numerous macrophages with hemosiderin deposits around vessels **(d, e,** see arrows**)** and diffusely within the tissue **(f)** indicate old hemorrhage. Both vascular **(g)** and parenchymal **(h)** mineralization is seen. An extensive gliosis with strikingly high numbers of Rosenthal fibers are present in the parenchyma **(i,** some of which are indicated by arrows**)** and around vessels **(j,** marked with arrows**).** Stainings: Hematoxylin and eosin: a, c, e - j; Elastica van Gieson: b, d. Scale bars: a - c, f: 200 µm; d, e, g, j: 100 µm; h: 500 µm; i: 50 µm.

Supplementary Figure 2. **Linkage analysis in seven families**. Nonparametric linkage analysis was performed using the Merlin package in five pairs of affected siblings (F331, F426, F454, F521, F780) born to unrelated parents, and two singletons (F344 and F446) who were the product of independent consanguineous unions. K&C lin = Kong and Cox linear model; K&C exp = Kong and Cox exponential model.

Supplementary Figure 3. *SNORD118* **copy number analysis in F819**. Copy number analysis was assessed in F819 using DNA from the two affected individuals (F819_1, F819_2) and their mother (F819_M: paternal DNA not available). These data indicate a loss of the paternally-derived allele in the affected individuals. The parents from 3 other LCC families were used as comparators, with F619_M chosen as the calibrator sample.

Supplementary Figure 4. Multiple sequence alignment of *SNORD118* **sequences.** *SNORD118* homologs were identified using Ensembl and Rfam, aligned using CLUSTALW, and the alignment manually refined using RALEE. Nucleotide alterations (not including deletions/insertions/duplications) identified in patients with LCC are annotated above the sequence. From 5' to 3', the C box, LsM binding sites and D box are highlighted by red lines. Aligned columns are coloured according to their sequence conservation: black (>80% identity), dark gray (>60% identity), and light gray (greater than 40% identity). A possible base-paired secondary structure, based on the consensus U8 structure in the Rfam database and analysis with RNAalifold, is shown in dot-bracket notation below the alignment. Homo sapiens (ENST00000363593); P.troglodytes, Pan troglodytes (ENSPTRT00000052278); M.mulatta, Macaca mulatta (ENSMMUT00000034372); B.taurus, Bos taurus (ENSBTAT00000060500); C.familiaris, Canis familiaris (ENSCAFT00000034685); M.musculus, Mus musculus (ENSMUST00000082965); O.cuniculus, Oryctolagus cuniculus (ENSOCUT00000018667); G.gallus, Gallus gallus (ENSGALT00000043652); X.tropicalis, Xenopus tropicalis (ENSXETT00000065858); T.nigroviridis, Tetraodon nigroviridis (ENSTNIT00000023953); D.rerio, Danio rerio (ENSDART00000115749).

Supplementary Figure 5. *In silico* **analysis of LCC patient variants.** *In silico* analysis of variants located in the stem of a highly conserved hairpin loop from the predicted structure of U8. Bases 96-124 of the wildtype sequence of U8 are shown with patient variants underneath. The predicted base-paired secondary structure of each sequence is shown in dot-bracket notation, together with the minimum folding free energy (kcal/mol). Each of the three variants detected in LCC patients is predicted to decrease the stability of the hairpin.

Supplementary Figure 6. 15.5K-U8 snoRNA EMSA control experiments. (a) Addition of a 6XHis antibody (ab18184) causes a super-shift demonstrating that the observed shift in U8 RNA is a result of binding to His-15.5K. **(b)** A competition assay to demonstrate binding specificity. An excess of unlabeled *in vitro* transcribed WT U8 RNA (2.5ug) is sufficient to out-compete 5' end-labeled *in vitro* transcribed U8 RNA and eliminate the band shift. **(c)** Coomasie stained gel showing purified His-15.5K protein. Lane $1 =$ Precision plus protein dual colour standard (Biorad), lane 2 = purified His-15.5K protein.

Supplementary Figure 7. U8 snoRNA precursor processing control experiments. (a) 3' end precursor processing of precursor U8 variants in the absence of RNasin. Removal of commercially available RNase inhibitors (RNasin, Promega) does not alter the *in vitro* 3' end processing of 5' end labeled precursor U8 snoRNA (U8-165) in HeLa nuclear extracts. **(b)** 3' end precursor processing of 5' end labeled precursor U8 variant n.58A>G. At 30 minutes the pattern of processing intermediates is the same as WT RNA.

Supplementary Figure 8. Cell cycle analysis. Comparison of the effect of mitomycin C treatment on cell cycling in primary fibroblasts from a patient with Fanconi anemia ($n = 1$) (positive control), LCC patients ($n = 3$) and healthy controls ($n = 3$). Upper panel: representative histogram of DNA content in untreated and mitomycin C treated cells. Lower left panel: Bar graph representation of the percentage of treated or untreated cells in G0/1, S or G2M phase. Data shown are mean +/- SEM. Lower right panel: In order to be able to compare the effect of mitomycin C on cell cycling between controls and LCC patients, compared to cells from a patient with Fanconi anemia, we calculate a mitomycin score with the following formula: (% of increase of $S + G2M$ phase fraction after treatment / % of increase of $S + G2M$ phase fraction of Fanconi cells after treatment) X 100. No significant difference by Mann Whitney U testing; $n = 2$ experiments.

Supplementary Figure 9. Polysome analysis in lymphoblast cell lines (LCLs)**.** Polysome profiles in extracts of Epstein Barr virus (EBV) transformed LCLs. Extracts from two patient lines were compared to a healthy control and did not demonstrate consistent abnormalities in translation efficiency.

Supplementary Figure 10. **Comparison of neuroimaging in patients with CP due to** *CTC1* **mutations (A and B) and LCC due to mutations in** *SNORD118* **(C and D; F172)**. Axial T2 MR of patient with CP (A) and LCC (C) demonstrating a similar appearance with leukoencephalopathy, calcification and cysts. CT (B and D) images are also largely similar with dense thalamic and deep cortical calcification. There is more extensive calcification in the patient with LCC (D).

Supplementary Figure 11. *CTC1* **expression in LCC patients and controls**. Quantitative reverse transcription PCR (qPCR) of *CTC1* expression in three control and four LCC patient primary fibroblast cell lines, normalized to two housekeeping genes, *HPRT1* and *18S*. RQ is equal to $2^{\triangle\!\triangle\!\triangle\!\text{c}}$ i.e. the normalized fold change relative to a control.

Supplementary Figure 12. 53BP1 and telomere dysfunction-induced foci (TIF). **(a).** Representative images of 53BP1 staining of control, LCC and CTC1 primary fibroblasts. Scale bar represents 2.5 μ M. (b). Comparison of the number of 53BP1 foci in primary fibroblasts from healthy controls (n = 3), LCC patients (n = 4) and CTC1 patients (n = 3). Red bar represents median value for each group. $n = 2$ independent experiments. **(c).** Representative images of a TIF are displayed for a control, LCC and CTC1 cell line. Scale bar represents 2.5 µM. **(d).** Comparison of the number of TIF in primary fibroblasts from CTC1 patients (n = 3), LCC patients (n = 4) and healthy controls (n = 2). Red bar represents the median value for each group. Data derived from n = 3 independent experiments and is grouped. Kruskal-Wallis with Dunn's multiple comparison test **p*<0.05; ** *p*<0.01. No significant difference between LCC patients and controls. ●CTRL1, ■CTRL2, ▲CTRL3, \Diamond F281, OF334, \Box F691, ∇ F906, \triangle F385, \degree F1314_1, F1314_2.

Supplementary Figure 13. *TMEM107* **/ TMEM107 expression (RNA / protein)**. **(a).** Quantitative reverse transcription PCR (qPCR) of *TMEM107* expression in three control and four LCC patient primary fibroblast cell lines, normalized to two housekeeping genes, *HPRT1* and *18S*. RQ is equal to 2-ΔΔCt i.e. the normalized fold change relative to a control. **(b).** Western blot of TMEM107 in primary fibroblasts from three control and five LCC patient cell lines. Whole cell lysates were derived from $5x10^6$ cells per sample and 30 μ g total protein loaded per lane. Immunoblotting of actin (42kDa) was used as a loading control.

Supplementary Table 1. Clinical table

Supplementary Table 2. **List of** *SNORD118* **variants identified in patients with LCC**. Characteristics of variants identified and their frequency on ExAC are given by family number.

Hom = homozygous; Het = heterozygous; ExAC = Exome Aggregate consortium

†All genomic coordinates should be preceded by Chr17(GRCh37):

^ *SNORD118* NR_033294.1

TMEM107 NM_032354.3

***** Number of homozygote alleles recorded in ExAC for each variant

****** Number of heterozygote alleles recorded in ExAC for each variant

‡ Number in brackets is the number of homozygote alleles recorded in the population with the highest frequency on ExAC

§ Deletion extends beyond these boundaries, but boundaries have not been fully defined

In F344 both of these rare variants were seen in the homozygous state; however, n.8G>C was also seen in F278, suggesting that this is the likely pathogenic variant

Supplementary Table 3. **Microsatellite analysis undertaken in F906**. Polymorphic microsatellite markers were genotyped using DNA from the affected child and his parents to confirm maternity and paternity indicating the *de novo* occurrence of an n.103G>A nucleotide alteration.

Supplementary Table 4. **Panel of 413 European control DNA samples sequenced for variants in** *SNORD118* **showing the number of individuals carrying rare variants in comparison to patients**.

 $WT = wild-type$

*20 families where parental inheritance could be determined (i.e. 18 probands with available parental samples plus two probands homozygous for a putative mutation in *SNORD118* but where parental DNA was not available: F278, F281, F331, F337, F362, F426, F454, F465, F521, F691, F766, F780, F819, F906, F1127, F1288, F1424, F1445, F344, F446)

Chi squared test for number with 2 rare variants *p*<0.000005

†Variants identified in an additional control sample not cloned, therefore assumed to be on separate alleles

Supplementary Table 5. **Cloning of six control DNA samples found to carry two rare variants in** *SNORD118* **to determine bi- or monoallelic status**.

Hom, homozygous; het, heterozygous †All genomic coordinates should be preceded by Chr17(GRCh37): 1000G variant only identified on 1000 genomes ^ *SNORD118* NR_033294.1. TMEM107 NM_032354.3 *DNA not cloned therefore variants assumed to be on separate alleles

Supplementary Table 6. Allelic combinations seen in each family harboring one of the six putative mutant alleles in *SNORD118* with an allele frequency on the Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC) database of between 0.001 and 0.005.

Supplementary Table 7. Sequence variants across *SNORD118* **recorded on the** Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC) database.

Supplementary Table 8. Primers used to amplify human *SNORD118* **and surrounding region**.