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Supplemental Data

A Specific *CNOT1* Mutation Results in a Novel Syndrome

of Pancreatic Agenesis and Holoprosencephaly through

Impaired Pancreatic and Neurological Development

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Supplemental Note: Case reports

Case P01

P01 is a 13 years and 9 months-old girl born to non-consanguineous parents. She was born at 38+4 weeks gestation after a pregnancy complicated by growth retardation and corpus callosum agenesis detected sonographically. She was born small for gestational age (birth-weight 1340g, length 41 cm and OFC 30 cm). She developed insulin-dependent diabetes on day 1 of life. Abdominal ultrasound and MRI failed to detect pancreas and gallbladder, but the ductus choledochus was present and the intrahepatic gall ducts were normal. Gamma-glutamyl-transpeptidase was transiently elevated in the neonatal period (800 IU). Therapy with oral pancreatic enzymes for pancreatic exocrine insufficiency was commenced before discharge. Brain MRI confirmed a diagnosis of lobular holoprosencephaly with dysplastic frontal horns of the lateral ventricles, missing septum pellucidum, broadly joined cella media of the lateral ventricles, and hypoplasia of the corpus callosum (only present in the rostral portion of the corpus and the splenium, frontal parts not present). Muscle weakness, low-set ears and cardiac extrasystoly were also identified in the neonatal period. At the age of 3 years she developed complex focal seizures and she has been on sultiame therapy since. At the age of 3 years and one month, her height was 87cm (<3rd centile) and her weight was 11.6kg (between 3rd and 10th). At the age of 9 years she was reported to have mild learning difficulties. She is on growth hormone therapy (SGA-indication, pituitary growth hormone deficiency was excluded). Her current height is 152.2 cm (10th centile), weight 55kg (between 50th and 75th).

Case P02

P02 has been previously reported by Hilbrands *et al*²⁴. Briefly, she was the second child of nonconsanguineous parents. She was born at 38 weeks gestation, with a birth weight of 1100g, after an uneventful pregnancy complicated by intrauterine growth retardation. There was not family history of diabetes or brain anomalies. Dysmorphic features such as receding forehead, cylindrical nose, mild hypotelorism, dysplastic left ear, and hypoplastic zygomatic bone; and abducted thumbs were noted at birth. Diabetes was diagnosed in the first day of life and insulin treatment commenced. Exocrine insufficiency was confirmed during the second week of life and treatment with oral pancreatic enzymes was started. Complete absence of the pancreas and gallbladder were initially detected by abdomen MRI. Brain MRI confirmed semilobar holoprosencephaly with absent corpus callosum. She died at 12 weeks and 3 days.

Case P03

P03 was born after 39 weeks gestation and his birth weight was 1900g. His parents are not related and no family history of diabetes was reported. He was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 3 weeks and treated with insulin. An abdominal ultrasound failed to detect a pancreas and a negative immune-reactive trypsin test confirmed exocrine pancreatic insufficiency, which was treated with oral pancreatic enzymes. Mild dysmorphic features (prominent occiput, low-set ears, high arched palate, prominent central incisors) and transient elevated liver enzymes (Alt 80 (NR 5-45), AST 66 (5-35), GGT 59 (3-22)) were reported. At last assessment (aged 16 years old) was still treated with oral pancreatic enzymes and insulin (dose 0.8U/kg/day on insulin pump). He was attending a normal school and there were no developmental concerns. A brain MRI scan was declined by his parents.



Figure S1. Sanger sequencing traces for the NM_016284.4(*CNOT1*):c.1603C>T, p.(Arg535Cys) variant (indicated by the red arrow).

HOMOZYGOTES

Normal external appearance:



Exencephaly & Coloboma:



Oedema:

Exencephaly & Spina





HETEROZYGOTES

Normal external appearance:







Midline defect & eye defect:



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Stage	Genotype	n	Dorsal	Ventral	Total pancreas	Ratio
			pancreas	pancreas	volume (µm³)	Ventral:Dorsal
			volume (µm ³)	volume (µm ³)		
22	WT	6	39,205,654	16,695,357	55,901,011	0.42
	Het	1	25,633,746	12,693,213	38,326,959	0.50
	Hom	2	10.499.964	17.188.757	27.688.721	1.68
22+	WT	6	56,145,465	24,802,275	80,947,741	0.44
	Het	4	49,970,453	24,986,921	74,957,374	0.50
	Hom	2	19,544,099	20,346,290	39,890,389	1.05
23-	WT	6	68,546,795	32,482,914	101,029,709	0.48
	Het	0				
	Hom	1	25,231,986	30,382,804	55,614,790	1.20



Figure S3. Pancreas size is reduced in E14.5 mutant embryos

A: Table showing the mean data for the pancreas volume determination.

B & C. Graphs showing the volume of the total (A) and ventral (B)pancreas in μ m³. Data analysed using ANOVA with TukeyHSD posthoc test. B: effect of genotype p=2.38x10⁻⁵; post-hoc WT-Hom, p=1.46x10⁻⁵; Het-Hom, p=0.007, WT-Het, ns. C: effect of genotype: ns.

D. Ratio of ventral:dorsal pancreas volume. Data analysed using ANOVA with TukeyHSD posthoc test; effect of genotype $p=5.6x10^{-10}$; post-hoc WT-Hom, $p<10^{-10}$; Het-Hom, $p=1x10^{-7}$, WT-Het, ns



Figure S4. Relative expression of genes in the pancreas of E14.5 embryos. Bars show mean +/- SE. Data analysed using ANOVA with TukeyHSD posthoc test. Results of posthoc tests shown on graphs, * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001. A: Prss1; effect of genotype p=0.00612. B. Rxra; effect of genotype ns.

ID	gene	Transcript	Nucleotide Change	Mutation Name	Exon Intron	Reference if previously reported
P01	CNOT1	NM_016284.4	c.1603C>T	p.(Arg535Cys)	Exon 14	
P02	CNOT1	NM_016284.4	c.1603C>T	p.(Arg535Cys)	Exon 14	
P03	CNOT1	NM_016284.4	c.1603C>T	p.(Arg535Cys)	Exon 14	
P04	GATA4	NM_002052.3	c.819C>A	p.(Asn273Lys)	Exon 4	10
P05	GATA4	NM_002052.3	c.(?554)_(1329+2_?)del	р.?	Exon 1-7	10
P06	GATA4	NM_002052.3	c.(?554)_(1329+2_?)del	р.?	Exon 1-7	
P07	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.(?265)_(1135+2_?)del	р.?	Exon 1-2	
P08	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.(?37)_(1788+2_?)del	p.?	Exon 1-7	
P09	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.(?1)_(1788+2_?)del	p.?	Exon 1-7	
P10	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.635_660del	p.(Pro212fs)	Exon 2	
P11	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.701delC	p.(Pro234fs)	Exon 2	11
P12	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.744delG	p.(Pro249fs)	Exon 2	12
P13	GATA6	 NM 005257.5	c.877 880delinsTAC	p.(Val293fs)	Exon 2	
P14	GATA6	 NM 005257.5	 c.969C>A	p.(Tvr323*)	Exon 2	13
P15	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1013C>A	p.(Ser338*)	Exon 2	
P16	GATA6	NM 005257 5	c.1036_1042del	p.(Thr346fs)	Exon 2	13
P17	GATAG	NM_005257.5	c 1108 1121dup	p.((11134613)	Exon 2	11
D19	GATAG	NM_005257.5		p.(did3/313)	Introp 2	13,14
P 10	CATAG	NM_005257.5	c 134305A	p.:	Evon 2	
P 19	CATAG	NM_005257.5	c 1206dol	p.(cys414)	Exon 2	15
P20	GATAD	NM_005257.5		p.(Lys43213)	EXUIT 3	11
P21	GATAD	NM_005257.5	- 4202 204 C	p.r	Intron 3	
P22	GATAB	NM_005257.5	C.1303-2A>G	p.r	Intron 4	13
P23	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1303-1G>1	p.?	Intron 4	
P24	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.13301>C	p.(Cys444Arg)	Exon 4	11
P25	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1354A>G	p.(Thr452Ala)	Exon 4	11
P26	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1366C>T	p.(Arg456Cys)	Exon 4	
P27	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1366C>T	p.(Arg456Cys)	Exon 4	
P28	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1367G>A	p.(Arg456His)	Exon 4	11
P29	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1369A>G	p.(Arg457Gly)	Exon 4	
P30	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1396A>G	p.(Asn466Asp)	Exon 4	
P31	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1397A>G	p.(Asn466Ser)	Exon 4	15,16
P32	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1399G>A	p.(Ala467Thr)	Exon 4	11
P33	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1406G>A	p.(Gly469Glu)	Exon 4	13
P34	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1417A>C	p.(Lys473Gln)	Exon 4	11
P35	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1429-41_1441del	р.?	Intron 4	13
P36	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1429-8T>G	р.?	Intron 4	13
P37	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1435A>G	p.(Arg479Gly)	Exon 5	13
P38	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1448_1455del	p.(Met483fs)	Exon 5	11,15
P39	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1498_1501del	p.(Lys500fs)	Exon 5	11
P40	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1516+1G>C	p.?	Intron 5	11
P41	GATA6	NM_005257.5	c.1516+4A>G	p.?	Intron 5	11
P42	PDX1	NM_000209.3	c.455C>G/c.455C>G	p.(Ala152Gly)/p.(Ala152Gly)	Exon 2	17,18
P43	PDX1	NM_000209.3	c.478C>A/c.478C>A	p.(Glu160Lys)/p.(Glu160Lys)	Exon 2	
P44	PDX1	NM_000209.3	c.488A>G/c.488A>G	p.(Lys163Arg)/p.(Lys163Arg)	Exon 2	
P45	PDX1	NM_000209.3	c.518G>C/c.518G>C	p.(Arg173Pro)/p.(Arg173Pro)	Exon 2	
P46	PDX1	NM_000209.3	c.524G>T/c.524G>T	p.(Arg175Leu)/p.(Arg175Leu)	Exon 2	
P47	PTF1A	NM 178161.2	c.1A>G/c.1A>G	p.(Met1?)/p.(Met1?)	Exon 1	
P48		NNA 179161 2	c 399dun/c 399dun	n (Pro134fs)/n (Pro134fs)	Exon 1	
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P49	PTF1A PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.437 462del/g.23508442A>G	p.(Ala146fs)/p.?	Exon 1/Enhancer	19

P51	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.571C>A/c.571C>A	p.(Pro191Thr)p.(Pro191Thr)	Exon 1	20
P52	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.571C>A/c.571C>A	p.(Pro191Thr)p.(Pro191Thr)	Exon 1	
P53	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.571C>A/c.571C>A	p.(Pro191Thr)p.(Pro191Thr)	Exon 1	
P54	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.571C>A/c.571C>A	p.(Pro191Thr)p.(Pro191Thr)	Exon 1	
P55	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.784+4A>G/c.784+4A>G	p.?/p.?	Intron 1	18
P56	PTF1A	NM_178161.2	c.886C>T/c.886C>T	p.(Arg296*)/p.(Arg296*)	Exon 2	
P57	PTF1A		g.23508124-?_23508633+?del/g.23508124-?_23508633+?	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P58	PTF1A		g.23508124-?_23508633+?del/g.23508124-?_23508633+?	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P59	PTF1A		g.23508124-?_23508633+?del/g.23508124-?_23508633+?	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P60	PTF1A		g.23508305A>G/g.23508305A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P61	PTF1A		g.23508336G>T/g.23508336G>T	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P62	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P63	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	22
P64	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P65	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P66	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P67	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P68	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P69	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P70	PTF1A		g.23508363A>G/g.23508363A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P71	PTF1A		g.23508365A>G/g.23508365A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P72	PTF1A		g.23508365A>G/g.23508446A>C	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P73	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P74	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P75	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P76	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P77	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P78	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	21
P79	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	22
P80	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P81	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P82	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P83	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P84	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P85	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P86	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P87	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P88	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P89	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P90	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P91	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P92	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P93	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P94	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P95	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P96	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P97	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P98	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P99	PTF1A		g.23508437A>G/g.23508437A>G	p.?/p.?	Enchancer	
P100	RFX6	NM_173560.3	c.541C>T/c.541C>T	p.(Arg181Trp)/p.(Arg181Trp)	Exon 4	23
P101	RFX6	NM_173560.3	c.1573C>T/c.1573C>T	p.(Arg525*)/p.(Arg525*)	Exon 15	

 Table S1. Pathogenic variants identified in the pancreatic agenesis cohort

Gene	gNomen	cNomen	pNomen	GnomAD Frequency	GnomAD pLl	GnomAD Z-sense (missense)
CNOT1	Chr16(GRCh37):g.58610468G>A	NM_016284.3:c.1603C>T	p.(Arg535Cys)	0%	1	7.62
SCAP	Chr3(GRCh37):g.47469072C>A	NM_012235.3:c.496G>T	p.(Glu166*)	0%	0	2.69
ZNF189	Chr9(GRCh37):g.104171066C>G	NM_003452.2:c.1016C>G	p.(Thr339Ser)	0%	0	0.51

Table S2. De novo coding variants identified in PO3

ID	Genotype	Allele Depth	Read Depth
P01	0/1	28,38	63
P02	0/1	32,42	74
P03	0/1	30,15	45

Table S3. Exome sequencing allele and read depth of the NM_016284.4(*CNOT1*):c.1603C>T, p.(Arg535Cys) variant

ID	P01	P02 ²⁴	P03
Birth weight (g)/	1240 gr/20 w/c (7 ccoro - 2 E)	1100 gr/28 why (7 score - 2.8)	1000 gr/20 w/s (7 score - 2.4)
Gestation (weeks) Gender	1340gi/39 wks (2 score3.3)		1900g1/39 WKS (2 SCOTE2.4)
CNOT1 Mutation	Female	Female	
	p.(Arg535Cys)	p.(Arg535Cys)	p.(Arg535Cys)
Exome seauencina	Maternal Sample N/A	Yes	Yes
strategy	Singleton	Singleton	Trio
Age at last assessment (years)	11	Died at 12 weeks	18
Diabetes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age at diabetes diagnosis	1 day	1 day	13 weeks
Insulin dose	On insulin pump (dose unknown)	N/A	0.9 u/kg/d
HbA1c	6.90%	N/A	8.30%
Pancreatic agenesis	Yes, (MRI)	Yes, (MRI and post mortem)	Abdominal CT
Exocrine pancreatic	Voc. Croon tracted	Voc. Croon traated	Voc. Croon traated
Gallbladder aaenesis	Voc	Yes	res, creon treateu
Neurological features	Lobular holoprosencephaly with dysplastic frontal horns of the lateral ventricles, missing septum pellucidum, broadly joined cella media of the lateral ventricles, malformation of the corpus callosum (only present in the rostral portion of the corpus and the splenium, the further frontal parts are not present). Complex focal seizures diagnosed aged 3 years.	Semi-lobar holoprosencephaly with polymicrogyria and fusion of the frontal lobes, absent corpus callosum	N/A
Developmental delay	Yes (mild), mainstream school at the age of 9 years with an accompanying person	N/A	No
Dysmorphic features	Low-set ears	Receding forehead, cylindrical nose, mild hypotelorism, dysplastic left ear, hypoplastic zygomatic bone	Craniofacial anomalies (prominent occiput, low-set ears, high arched palate, prominent central incisors)
Additional features	Transient elevation of LFTs, on growth hormone therapy	Thumbs in abduction at birth	Transient elevation of LFTs

Table S4. Clinical features of the patients with the CNOT1 p.(Arg535Cys) mutation

Sex	M	ale	Fen	nale
Genotype	Wildtype	Heterozygote	Wildtype	Heterozygote
Number	218	127	189	136
Percent	32%	19%	28%	20%

Table S5. Frequency of sex and genotype from wild type x heterozygote matings.

Genotype	Wild	types	Hetero	zygotes	Homoz	ygotes
Phenotype	Number of embryos	Percent	Number of embryos	Percent	Number of embryos	Percent
Exencephaly					12	35.3
Spina bifida			1	1.4	3	8.8
Eye defect					3	8.8
Coloboma			1	1.4	10	29.4
Eye missing			2	2.7		
Oedema	2	4.4	11	14.9	19	55.9
Bloody gut sac	1	2.2	1	1.4		
Midline defect			3	4.1	1	2.9
Smaller	1	2.2	1	1.4	1	2.9
Growth retarded	3	6.7	2	2.7	2	5.9
Webbed feet	1	2.2			1	2.9
Kinky tail			1	1.4		
Dark yolk sac	1	2.2	1	1.4		
Spine wrong shape	1	2.2				
Odd snout shape					1	2.9
NORMAL APPEARANCE	35	77.8	57	77.0	8	23.5
TOTALS	4	5	7	4	3	4

 Table S6. Gross external phenotypes observed in E14.5 embryos

Supplemental Methods

Subjects. Individuals with pancreatic agenesis (defined as neonatal diabetes requiring insulin, and exocrine pancreatic insufficiency requiring oral enzyme replacement) were recruited by their clinicians for molecular genetic analysis in the Exeter Molecular Genetics Laboratory. The study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki, and all subjects or their parents gave informed consent for genetic testing. REC (Research Ethic Committee) reference: 17/WA/0327.

Exome sequencing. Exonic sequences were enriched from genomic DNA using Agilent's SureSelect Human All Exon kit (version 4) and then sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 sequencer using 100-bp paired-end reads. We used BWA (v0.6.2)5 to align sequence reads to the hg19 reference genome and GATK (v2.2-10) to call SNVs and indels.

Sanger sequencing confirmation. We amplified *CNOT1* exon 14 (NM_016284) using in-house designed primers (F – TGGCTTTCCCATAAAGAACG, R – TTCACCATGTTTTGGTCAGG). PCR products were sequenced on an ABI3730 capillary machine (Applied Biosystems) and analysed using Mutation Surveyor v3.98 (SoftGenetics). The bioinformatics tools SIFT, PolyPhen-2 and Align GVGD were accessed through the Alamut Visual software (Interactive Biosoftware) to predict the effect of the p.(Arg535Cys) variant *in silico*.

Mouse husbandry

All experiments were carried out in accordance with UK Home Office regulations, UK Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 and with approval from Wellcome Sanger Institute's Animal Welfare Committee. All mice were maintained in specific pathogen free facilities in individually ventilated cages at standard temperature (19-23°C) and humidity (55% \pm 10%), on a 12h dark, 12h light cycle. Mice were fed breeder's chow (LabDiets 5021, LabDiet, London, UK).

Cnot1^{*p.(Arg535Cys)*} mouse generation

A one-step CRISPR/Cas9 homology-directed repair approach was used to generate Cnot1^{p.(Arg535Cys)}mutant mice. C57BL/6N mouse zygotes were injected with in vitro transcribed Cas9 mRNA, single guide RNA targeting exon 14 of the Cnot1 gene and a 126 bp single-stranded oligonucleotide (Ultramer DNA oligos, Integrated DNA Technologies) complementary to the Cas9 cleavage site. The oligonucleotide was designed to encode for the p.(ARG535CYS) substitution in Cnot1 and harboured two additional silent mutations to limit DNA target recleavage by Cas9 after homology-directed repair. The embryos were transferred into the oviduct of pseudopregnant females the same day of microinjection. Correctly targeted, G0 mosaic offspring were identified by DNA sequencing of PCR CTGTAATTAATTGGTGCTTGAGCCTGACTG products generated using primers and CCATGTCTAAGTGCCTGATTCTGAATGCC which amplify Cnot1 exon 14. G0 founder mice were mated to C57BL/6N mice to establish G1s for further breeding to C57BL/6N mice.

Cnot1 sgRNA ATTATAAGTTGGCGAATTGA

Cnot1^{*p.(Arg535Cys)*}-repair oligonucleotide (nucleotide substitutions in lower case) TGGCTAACATGGTTCCTGTTTAATGTTCCCTCCTCTTTTCTTAGGGGGCAGTCTCCATCgATctGCCAACTTATAAT GCATGCAATGGCAGAATGGTACATGAGAGGGGGAGCAGTATGATCAGGCCA

Genotyping

Genotyping was performed on DNA extracted from ear biopsies (adults) or yolk sac (embryos). DNA was extracted by $HotSHOT^1$ and genotyping performed using the LGC KASPTM system (LGC,

Teddington, UK)². Plates were read using a PHERAstar plus plate reader (BMG LABTECH, Offenburg, Germany) and genotypes determined using the software KlusterCaller (LGC).

Embryo collection

For gross morphology imaging, embryos were harvested at E14.5 and dissected in cold pH7.4 PBS. They were scored for gross abnormalities and imaged using a Leica M205C microscope, DFC495 camera and LAS v4 software.

HREM

For HREM, embryos were harvested at E14.5 and dissected in 37°C HBSS (no calcium, magnesium or phenol red, LifeTech) supplemented with EDTA (0.01M LifeTech). Embryos were exsanguinated by severing of the umbilical cord and rocking in warm buffer for approximately 20 minutes, before fixation in Bouin's solution for 24 h. Embryos were stored in PBS supplemented with 0.01% sodium azide between fixation and HREM processing.

Embryos were dehydrated in methanol and embedded in methacrylate resin (JB-4, PolySciences) containing eosin B and acridine orange. Digital volume data generation was performed using high-resolution episcopic microscopy (HREM), as previously described³⁻⁶. Phenotype scoring was performed using virtual 2D sections, with abnormalities classified using the Mammalian Phenotype (MP) ontology⁷. Developmental staging was determined from external morphology using SD volume rendered models as described by Greyer *et al*⁸.

In the original axial HREM sections of 5 *Cnot1^{p.(Arg535Cys)}* homozygous mutants (two of Geyer stage (GS) 22, two of GS22+, one of GS23-), 5 CNOT *Cnot1^{p.(Arg535Cys)}* heterozygous mutants (one of GS22, four of GS22+) and 18 controls (six of each, GS22, GS22+, GS23-) the ductal tissues of the pancreas were segmented employing the software package Amira 5.4.5 (Thermo Fisher Sientific) and its interactive thresholding and manual tracing tools. Separate 3D surface models of the ventral and dorsal pancreas were created and the volumes of the 3D models were determined using the "MaterialStatistics" tool of Amira. The results were statistically analysed using Excel for Mac 2011.

RNA extraction & qPCR

For pancreas dissection, embryos were harvested at E14.5 and dissected in cold pH7.4 PBS. The pancreas was removed and placed in RNAlater at 4°C for 24 h, before storage at -20°C. Tissue was homogenised in Trizol using a Qiagen TissueLyser, and RNA extracted using chloroform followed by the Qiagen MinElute kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). RNA concentration and purity was evaluated by NanoDrop (Thermo Scientific, Wilmington, DE, USA). RNA integrity was further assessed using an Agilent Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). cDNA synthesis was performed using 200 ng RNA, random primers and Superscript II reverse transcriptase (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA). qPCR was performed using Sybr Green (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) and run on an AB7500 qPCR machine (Applied Biosystems). The primers used were as follows:

Gene	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
<i>18</i> 5	GTAACCCGTTGAACCCCATT	CCATCCAATCGGTAGTAGCG
Gapdh	TGGTTCACACCCATCACAAACA	GGTGAAGGTCGGTGTGAACGG
Hnf1b	CAAGATGTCAGGAGTGCGCTA	CTCCCGACACTGTGATCTGC
Insulin	TGGCTTCTTCTACACACCCAAG	ACAATGCCACGCTTCTGCC
Pdx1	CAGTGGGCAGGAGGTGCTTA	CCAGATTTTGATGTGTCTCTCGG
Prss1 (Typsin-1)	GCTGACTGTGAGGCTTCCTA	AGAGTCACCCTGGCAGGAAT

Ptf1a	CATCGAGGCACCCGTTCA	GTCCAGGAAAGAGAGTGCCC
Rpl32	GGCCAGATCCTGATGCCCAAC	CAGCTGTGCTGCTCTTTCTAC
Shh	TTCCCAACGTAGCCGAGAAG	TTCCCAACGTAGCCGAGAAG

Relative expression was calculated using the $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method, relative to the cubic mean of three reference genes (*18S*, *Gapdh* and *Rpl32*)⁹.

Statistics

Genotype frequency data were analysed using Chi-Squared. All other data analysis was performed in R.

Embryo phenotype data were analysed using the Fisher's exact test assuming an additive model. Pancreas size and qPCR data were analysed using ANOVA with TukeyHSD post hoc test, including stage number as a co-variate when analysing pancreas size.

Data availability

All HREM data from this study will be made available on the DMDD website (https://dmdd.org.uk).

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