

SUMMARY

Congenital hyperinsulinism of infancy is a pathology characterized by a profound hypoglycaemia related to a dysregulated insulin secretion.; the frequency of the disease is 1:30000-50000 live birth world –wide, but in some isolated populations with high consanguinity like the Arabic Peninsula, frequency of 1:2500 is reported. CHI has two different histological presentations, which are characterized either by a diffuse insulin secretion or by an adenomatous hyperplastic focal form of the pancreatic β - cells, underlying different molecular mechanisms at the basis of the disease..

At present it is well known that dysfunctions of pancreatic β - cells K-ATP channel are a common cause of CHI. The two subunits of the channel are coded by two genes, KCNJ11 and ABCC8. Mutations in ABCC8 gene are responsible for 50-60% of focal and diffuse CHI patients, otherwise mutations in KCNJ11 are responsible for 10-15% of cases..Other less frequent molecular mechanisms responsible for CHI are glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH), glucokinase and short-chain 3-hydroxyacyl Coenzyme A dehydrogenase (SCHAD) deficiency. CHI derives from a heterogeneous genetic background and many other genes involved in the pancreatic β - cells metabolism are good candidate genes for this disease.

Current genome-wide high density mapping technologies have improved the number of feasible applications of SNPs genotyping in the identification of new disease associated loci using genotype calls not only for association studies involving single polymorphisms but, thanks to the contemporary analysis of copy number, also revealing the presence of long stretches of homozygosity and their classification as structural variations. These studies underline how this phenomenon is not normally due to uniparental disomy, that is a rare event associated to particular syndromes in which regions of imprinted genes or cancer predisposing genes are involved. These homozygosity stretches are generally located in regions of broad linkage disequilibrium and low frequency of recombination, and are considered autozygosity traits. One possible mechanism at the basis of autozygosity is the presence of a common ancestor which decreases the probability of recombination or the nature of particular chromosome traits allowing them to remain unchanged.

This methodological approach to the analysis of SNPs genotyping data can be called “homozygosity mapping”, which can be useful in the identification of disease associated loci/genes. Homozygosity mapping focuses on the identification of regions of autozygosity which are in common between affected individuals of the same family or between affected unrelated probands with the same disease which have a high probability to harbor new mutations, and can underline regions that can lead to a new gene (or to a number of candidate loci) as responsible for the genetic basis of the disease.

In order to identify new disease susceptibility loci in a cohort of consanguineous and not consanguineous 34 CHI Italian families, we performed genome-wide homozygosity mapping using 250K NspI Gene Chip Affymetrix SNP microarrays and to reveal the number and the nature of homozygosity trait in common between probands to underline new regions containing candidate genes involved in the etiopathogenesis of CHI. Further screening for mutations in candidate genes was performed and biochemical pathways involved in the disease has been analyzed.

We used CNAG (v3.0) software to describe homozygosity traits present in 34 families with CHI affected probands. This analysis evidenced that homozygosity traits of more than 1 Mb in length are present in 16 chromosome, they span between 3.4 and 79 Mb and they are not preferentially distributed. Analyzing homozygosity events inside every single family, we have evidenced their presence in more than one member, even if all families include only affected probands and parents and sibs are healthy subjects. Considering the number of homozygosity events for every family, it was revealed that consanguineous families bear a number of homozygous stretches much higher than not consanguineous ones. Following investigation of the parental origin of homozygous stretches has confirmed that they were not inherited and the contemporary analysis of the copy number with CNAG (v3.0) software did not reveal any copy number loss, concluding that they were not deletions. Mendelian errors check (all below 0.1%, threshold due to genotyping errors and not transmission error) and parental haplotypes analysis has excluded uniparental disomy (UPD) and they must be considered as autozygosity traits.

To further characterize homozygosity traits in CHI probands, we used dCHIP software to underline homozygosity regions in common between at least two patients. On Chromosome 11 we found five patients sharing a common homozygous trait on cytoband 11p15, where the two major CHI candidate genes are present. In two of these probands, where mutational screening of ABCC8 and KCNJ11 genes was completed, the causative mutation was revealed.

Other relevant homozygosity region in common between 4 patients are present on chromosome 6 (p21.33-p21.31) and on chromosome 10 (q26.13- q26.2), while 18 common traits between 3 patients were revealed. One of the numerous traits in common between two patient on chromosome 1 showed a homozygous region in 1p31, one patient bearing a long contiguous trait of 25 Mb. This common region contains medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) gene, involved in organic acid metabolism deficiency, and in that proband an homozygous synonymous mutation P195P in exon 8 of MCAD gene was identified (587 T >G); her parents and brother evidenced the same heterozygous nucleotidic variation.

On chromosome 4 one proband showed the longest homozygosity stretch (from 4q13.2 to 4q31.21), which ranged 79,01 Mb and included 312 known genes in the region. This stretch contains the causative short-chain 3 hydroxyacyl Coenzyme A dehydrogenase gene (HADH), which is genotyped

on the microarray by 7 SNPs covering 45 kb. Direct sequencing of the coding region of HADH revealed a homozygous C to T transition in exon 6 causing a premature stop of the synthesized protein at codon 236 (706C>T), resulting in the nonsense mutation R236X. Mutation analysis of exon 6 of the HADH gene in the parents of the proband showed they were heterozygous carriers of the mutation.

We further investigated if SCHAD mRNA expression in various tissue and in patient's blood lymphocytes and we found that RNA bearing the mutation is not suppressed by RNA nonsense-mediated decay. Homology modeling of the protein bearing the R236X mutation revealed that it leads to a truncated protein lacking the most part of the C-terminal domain, particularly relevant to the closing of the active site cleft. This is the fourth described mutation in HADHSC gene in a CHI patient, indicating the importance of β -oxidation dysregulation in this disease.

A preliminary bioinformatic pathways analysis in CHI probands underlined that more than one pathway is involved in the disease, in particular type I diabetes mellitus, glycolysis and gluconeogenesis, fatty acid metabolism and amino acids metabolism. Gene information in these pathways clearly evidenced medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) gene has a major candidate, together with three other important genes of the fatty acid metabolism as alcohol dehydrogenase, long chain acyl-CoA synthetase and cytochrome P450.

Homozygosity mapping in 34 CHI families has confirmed a relevant presence of autozygosity, due to presence of high inbreeding in at least 5 analysed families and to the restricted geographical provenience. Autozygosity excludes that deletions or UPD are at the molecular basis of the disease.

Even if each patient has an autozygosity profile strictly peculiar, there are common regions shared between at least two probands. These regions are good candidates for the discovery of new disease associated genes/loci. The discovery that CHI probands showing autozygosity traits on chromosome 11, in particular on 11p15.1, bear a mutation in known causative genes and the recent finding of a not yet described stop mutation in HADH gene on chromosome 4 confirm the power of SNPs genome-wide genotyping technologies to underline loci with high mutational probability and to elucidate the molecular basis of autosomic recessive diseases.

To our knowledge this is the first study in which molecular mechanism of CHI disease was investigated with genome-wide autozygosity mapping method in consanguineous and not consanguineous CHI families. This methodology was highly successful in revealing the recessive disease causing mutation in four of the 35 patients; two of these mutations were in ABCC8 and KCNJ11 known causative genes, one was a novel mutation in HADH gene which could describe the fourth case of SCHAD-HI, and the last one was a putative splicing variant of MCAD gene that could indicate the first described case of MCAD-HI.

Furthermore, bioinformatics pathway analysis underlined how a huge number of genes in autozygosity traits shared by our 35 CHI probands covered the two major metabolic pathways of

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis and fatty acid metabolism, indicating how it would be important for a correct diagnosis to consider CHI as a metabolic disease and to describe these patients with a metabolic profile which includes at least organic acids investigations and acylcarnitines characterizations, as suggested by Hussain K. Thanks to the increasing number of described SCHAD-HI, our study also indicated that mutations of HADH gene should be sought in hyperinsulinemic patients in whom diffuse form of CHI and autosomal recessive inheritance can be presumed, when KCNJ11 and ABCC8 genes mutational screening is negative.

Genome-wide homozygosity mapping in the present study has clearly evidenced 1p31.2-31.1, 4q27-28.1, 6p22.3-22.31, 11p15.4-15.2, and 18q12.2 chromosomal loci to be the most related to CHI disease and to better redefine that regions and to single out potential associated genes, we are planning to use SNPs genotypes calls generated from these 34 CHI family microarrays data to perform family based transmission disequilibrium analysis. On the other hand, we will increase the number of CHI families enrolled in the study in order to evidence by homozygosity mapping ROHs which are strictly peculiar of the disease and not common in the normal population.

INTRODUCTION

1. Congenital Hyperinsulinism of Infancy (CHI)

1.1 History and terminology

Hyperinsulinism (HI) was first described in 1954 by Mac Quarri as “idiopathic hypoglycemia of infancy“.

HI has subsequently been referred to by many names, including leucine-sensitive hypoglycemia, islet dysregulation syndrome, persistent hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia of infancy, and nesidioblastosis. Although the term nesidioblastosis continues to be present in literature, it has been recognized that nesidioblastosis is normal feature of the pancreas in early infancy , describing neo differentiation of pancreatic Langerhans Islets from duct pancreatic epithelium (Rahier, Guiot et al. 2000) and should not be used to refer to lesion associated with HI. We prefer to denote the condition as hyperinsulinism for simplicity and to avoid confusion, and to refer to the group of permanent inborn condition as Congenital Hyperinsulinism (CHI).

1.2 Pathology

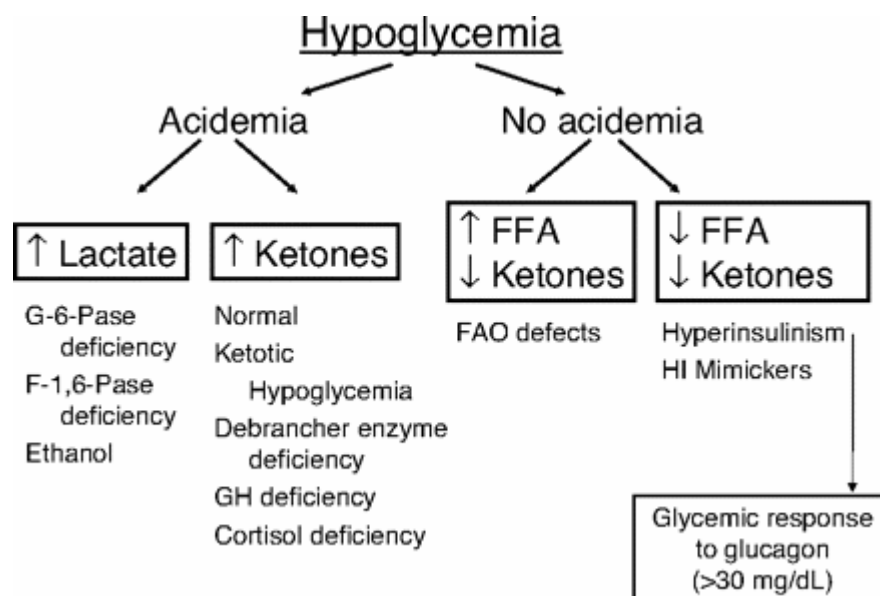
Congenital Hyperinsulinism (CHI) represent a group of clinically, genetically and morphologically heterogeneous disorders characterized by dysregulated insulin secretion and resulting in severe and persistent hypoglycemia. During the last 10 years, advances in molecular genetics and in the understanding of β -cell biochemical pathways have resulted in understanding of the pathophysiology of most form of CHI. Despite these advances, treatment of the infant with CHI continues to be one of the major challenges in pediatric endocrinology.

Worldwide, CHI occurs at a frequency of 1 in 30,000 to up to 50,000 live birth, but in some isolated population rates of 1 in 3220 have been reported. Higher rates of 1 in 2550 live birth have been reported in areas of high consanguinity such as the Arabian Peninsula (Otonkoski, Ammala et al. 1999).

1.3 Diagnosis

Infants with CHI present with severe and persistent hypoglycemia manifested by letargy, seizures, apnea and increased glucose requirements (up to 20-30 mg/kg/min). Plasma insulin levels are inappropriately increased in the setting hypoglycemia ; however , clearly increased insulin levels are often not present at the time of hypoglycemia.

These might be due to the periodic release of insulin, to rapid hepatic clearance or to the activity of insulin degrading enzymes that are present in hemolysed samples. Therefore, the diagnosis of CHI must be frequently be based on evidence of excessive insulin action, such as suppression of plasma β -hydroxybutirate and free fatty acid levels. An inappropriate glycemic response to glucagon (>30 mg/dl) at the time of hypoglycemia is consistent with excess insulin action and is useful for confirming the diagnosis. Additional laboratory test for specific forms of CHI include plasma ammonia levels and a plasma acyl- carnitine profile (butyryl carnitine) and urine organic acid (3-hydroxyglutarate). (Palladino, Bennett et al. 2008)

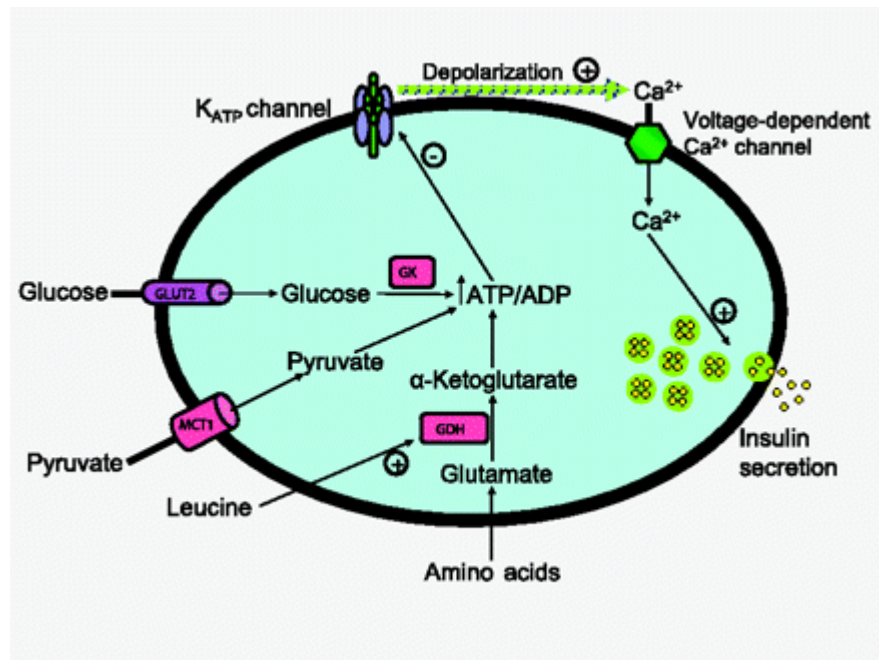


Results from the critical blood sample obtained at the time of hypoglycemia serve as the basis for distinguishing 4 categories of disease: impairment of gluconeogenesis, normal and abnormal forms of ketotic hypoglycemia, defects in fatty acid oxidation and ketogenesis, and impairment of lipolysis and ketogenesis. G-6-Pase, glucose-6-phosphatase; F-1,6-Pase, fructose-1,6-biphosphatase; GH, growth hormone; FFA, free fatty acids; FAO, fatty acid oxidation.

Genetic form	Gene	Chromosome	Inheritance	Clinical features	Treatment
K _{ATP} -HI	<i>ABCC8</i> <i>KCNJ11</i>	11p15	Diffuse: AR Focal: loss of heterozygosity with paternal mutation	Severe hypoglycemia; unresponsive to medical therapy	Pancreatectomy or "conservative" therapy with octreotide and continuous feedings
Dominant K _{ATP} -HI	<i>ABCC8</i> <i>KCNJ11</i>	11p15	AD	Milder hypoglycemia; responsive to diazoxide	Diazoxide
GDH-HI (HI/HA)	<i>GLUD-1</i>	10q	AD	Fasting and postprandial hypoglycemia; less severe than K _{ATP} -HI; protein sensitivity; asymptomatic hyperammonemia	Diazoxide
GK-HI	<i>GCK</i>	7p	AD	Variable phenotype: can range from easy to manage with medical therapy to very difficult to control	Diazoxide; pancreatectomy
SCHAD-HI	<i>HADH</i>	4q	AR	Mild to severe hypoglycemia; abnormal acylcarnitine profile	Diazoxide
MCT1 (EIHI)	<i>SLC16A1</i>	1p	AD	Exercise-induced hypoglycemia, especially anaerobic	Carbohydrate intake during exercise; limit exercise

AR, autosomal recessive; AD, autosomal dominant.

Classification of genetic forms of congenital hyperinsulinism.



Mechanisms of insulin secretion in pancreatic β -cells.

Increase in ATP:ADP ratio inhibits the K_{ATP} channel, resulting in closure of the channel, depolarization of the membrane, influx of calcium, and release of insulin. Insulin secretion is stimulated by glucose oxidation via GK and by leucine stimulation of glutamate oxidation via GDH. Abnormally increased pyruvate levels in the β -cell will stimulate insulin secretion. GLUT2, glucose transporter 2.

1.4 Clinical presentation

In CHI a blood sample taken at the time of hypoglycaemia will show an inappropriately raised serum insulin level with low serum fatty acid levels and ketone bodies. The low serum fatty acid levels and ketone bodies reflect the metabolic 'footprint' of insulin action. Unregulated insulin secretion increases the glucose consumption by insulin-sensitive tissues, such as muscle, adipose tissue, and liver, while simultaneously suppressing hepatic glucose production (both glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis), lipolysis, and ketogenesis. Due to this metabolic 'footprint' of insulin action, the intravenous glucose infusion rate required to maintain normoglycaemia is increased (>8 mg/kg/min, normal 4-6 mg/kg/min). There is no correlation between the serum insulin level and the severity of hypoglycaemia. A 'normal' insulin level for normoglycaemia is usually inappropriate in the presence of hypoglycaemia, especially taken in the context of a high glucose requirement to maintain normoglycaemia. The serum lactate level may be elevated in some forms of CHI and the serum ammonia concentration must be measured in all patients presenting with CHI because of the association with hyperinsulinism/hyperammoniaemia (HI/HA) syndrome. Urinary organic acid and acylcarnitine analysis should also be performed, since short-chain *L*-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase (SCHAD) deficiency can cause CHI. The serum cortisol and glucagon counterregulatory hormonal responses may be blunted in CHI, but replacement therapy with glucocorticoids does not seem to affect the severity of the disease (Hussain 2008).

1.5 Prognosis and outcome

Children with HI are at risk for neurodevelopmental disabilities and must be screened.

In a series of 90 patients with HI, severe mental retardation was found in 8 %, with less severe disability in 18%. Some infants with CHI are macrosomic which may reflect their exposure to perinatal hyperinsulinaemia, but the absence of macrosomia does not exclude CHI, as not all infants with CHI are macrosomic. Some patients with CHI may have mild facial dysmorphism such as a high forehead, a small nasal tip, and short columella with a square face, although the reason for this is unclear (de Lonlay, Cormier-Daire et al. 2002).

Psychomotor retardation was found to be more common in patients with neonatal hypoglycemia than in those with onset of hypoglycemia during infancy.

2. CHI Syndromic and Transient Forms

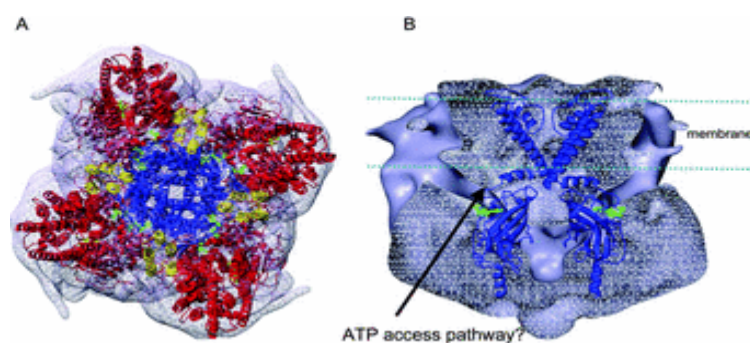
Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome is the most common syndrome associated with CHI. Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome is characterized by prenatal and/or postnatal overgrowth, macroglossia, anterior abdominal wall defects, organomegaly, hemihypertrophy, ear lobe creases, helical pits, and renal tract abnormalities. The incidence of HH in children with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome is about 50%. (Hussain, Cosgrove et al. 2005) This hypoglycemia can be transient, which, in the majority of infants, will be asymptomatic and resolve within the first few days of life. In about 5% of these children, the HH can be persistent and extend beyond the neonatal period, requiring either continuous feeding, medical therapy, or, in rare cases, partial pancreatectomy. Aetiology and the mechanisms responsible for transient forms of HH are unclear. Although the aetiology of these transient forms of HH is not thought to be genetic, recently mutations in the gene encoding the hepatic nuclear transcription factor-4 α (*HNF4A* gene) have been reported. In these patients the birth weight of the heterozygote *HNF4A* mutation carriers was dramatically increased. However, it is not known how mutations in *HNF4A* gene cause transient HH. (Valayannopoulos, Romano et al. 2008).

3. CHI due to Channelopathies

CHI can be classified into 'channelopathies', where defects in the pancreatic β -cell K_{ATP} channels lead to unregulated insulin secretion, or 'metabolopathies', with increased β -cell ATP formation or accumulation of intermediary metabolites, triggering insulin secretion (Ashcroft 2006).

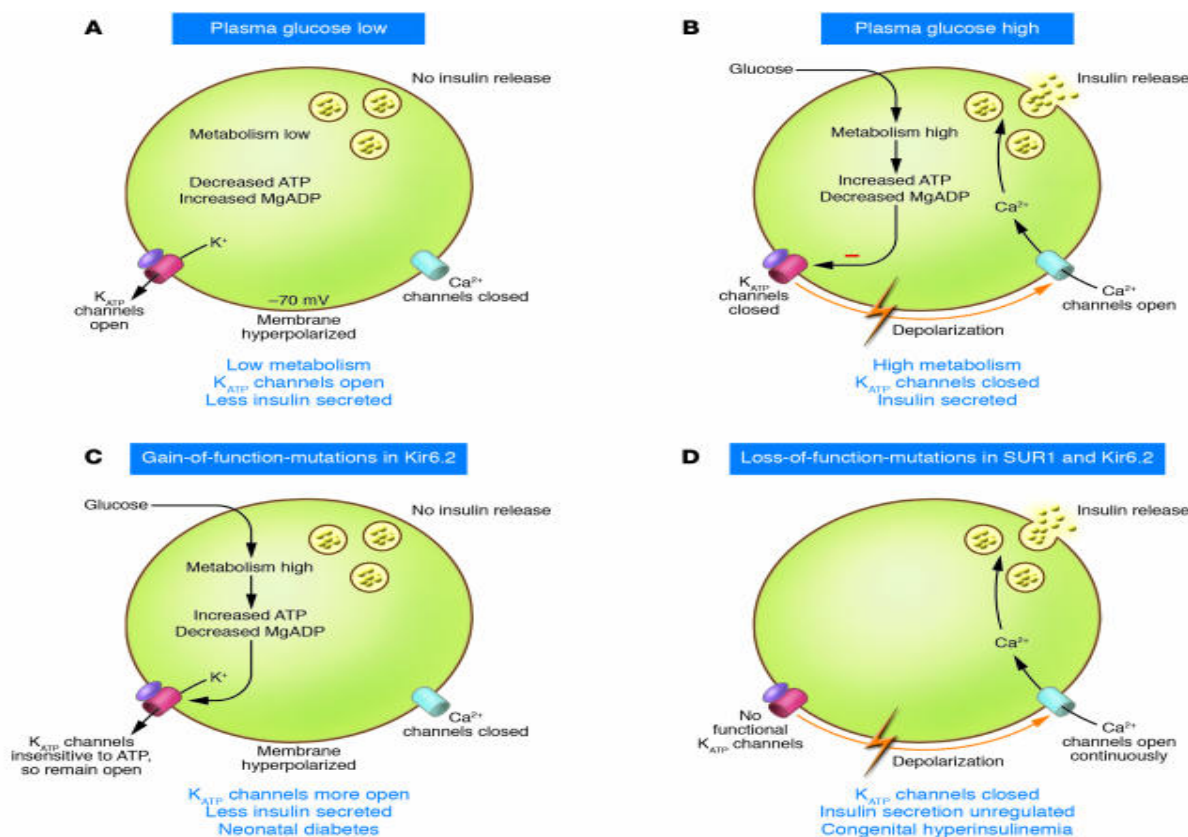
The commonest genetic causes of CHI are autosomal recessive mutations in the genes *ABCC8* and *KCNJ11* (encoding the two subunits SUR1 and KIR6.2, respectively) of the pancreatic K_{ATP} channels. Autosomal dominant mutations have also been described. K_{ATP} channels play a pivotal role in transducing metabolic signals to electrical changes in membrane potential (De Leon and Stanley 2007). These mutations result in differing abnormalities of recombinant K_{ATP} channels, including protein folding, protein synthesis defects, assembly and trafficking defects, and alterations in both nucleotide regulation and open-state frequency. Mutations that affect the regulation of the K_{ATP} channels by altering their sensitivity to changes in ADP/ATP will also lead to an unregulated insulin secretion.

Several mutations have now been described that result in the loss of ADP-dependent gating properties of the channel. Loss of ADP-dependent gating results in the constitutive inhibition of K_{ATP} channels by ATP. In more than 50% of the patients, screening has failed to define the genetic basis of CHI. In some populations, mutations in the *ABCC8* gene account for only about 20% of the cases of CHI suggesting that other genes may be involved (Giurgea, Bellanne-Chantelot et al. 2006).



Octameric structure of the K_{ATP} channel

- (A) Top view of the EM density map of the purified K_{ATP} channel complex, with molecular models of Kir6.2 in blue, SUR1 minus the first five transmembrane domains (TMD0) in red, and TMD0 in yellow; inserted. ATP molecules are shown in green. Reproduced from [7], with permission. © 2005 European Molecular Biology Organization.
- (B) Transverse sectional view of the EM density with a model of Kir6.2 (blue) inserted, showing clefts (arrowed) through which ATP (green) could access its binding site on Kir6.2. Reproduced from [7], with permission. © 2005 European Molecular Biology Organization.



The K_{ATP} channel couples glucose metabolism to insulin secretion. Glucose enters the cell via the GLUT2 transporter, and via glycolytic and mitochondrial metabolism leads to an increase in ATP and a fall in MgADP in the immediate vicinity of the K_{ATP} channel. This results in K_{ATP} channel closure, membrane depolarization, opening of voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels, Ca^{2+} influx, and exocytosis of insulin granules.

3.1 K-channel disease

Historically, familial studies allowed location of a CHI candidate gene area on chromosome 11, and it happened that, in the interval 11p15.1, defined by conventional genetics, the two components of the β -cell K channel are present: *ABCC8* (coding for SUR1) and *KCNJ11* (coding for Kir6.2). In consequence, they were good candidate genes, and molecular biology studies showed that they are the

cause of the disease when mutated (Otonkoski, Ammala et al. 1999). Mutations of SUR1 are the most frequent. Mutations found in Israel and Finland are limited to 2 loci on the gene, whereas in France, there are more than 40 known mutations involving the same gene (Saudubray, de Lonlay et al. 2000). There are 2 hot spots for mutations on the 2 nucleotide-binding domain first (NBF) loops (de Lonlay, Fournet et al. 2002; de Lonlay, Touati et al. 2002; Saudubray, Nassogne et al. 2002) The first hypothesis was that the K channel plays a major role in cell polarization, being localized at the cell membrane, and β -cell electrophysiologic studies were carried out in vitro. Today, it is known that K channels are present mainly on the granule membrane inside the cell and are involved in granule docking and secretion. It has been demonstrated that SUR1 and Kir6.2 are assembled together on the granule membrane, allowing secretion, and are recycled at the cell membrane level. The same combination of SUR and Kir6.2, as is found in a K channel, is also present in some neurons of the myenteric plexus and the central nervous system. (Hussain and Aynsley-Green 2003)

Diffuse forms of hyperinsulinism are now, most of the time, linked to the presence of 2 mutations of the K-channel genes, one inherited from the father and the other from the mother, with a recessive inheritance. More rarely, the diseases are attributable to the presence of a dominant mutation (de Lonlay, Touati et al. 2002) (Saudubray, Nassogne et al. 2002).

Mutations of SUR1 are more common than those of Kir6.2. Focal forms of hyperinsulinism have a somatic K-channel mutation, generally inherited from the father, and in the focal area, LOH of the corresponding maternal chromosome 11 region is detectable by microsatellite marker analysis of DNA extracted from fresh tissue scraped from frozen sections. The defective chromosome area also contains the tumor-suppressor gene *H19*, which regulates parental imprinting, and the growth factor *IGF2* gene, which is subject to parental imprinting. The *KIP2* gene (*CDKN1C*), coding for P57 protein, is present in the same area, and P57 expression is lost in the focal lesion, whereas it is normal outside the islets of Langerhans. However, in a family with 2 parents heterozygous for the SUR-1 mutation, it is possible to have either a focal or a diffuse form of the disease, depending on the type of chromosome 11 inherited by the child. (Fournet, Mayaud et al. 2000; Fournet, Mayaud et al. 2001).

ATP-sensitive potassium (KATP) channels regulate the flux of K ions across cell membranes and thereby link cell metabolism to electrical activity. Metabolic inhibition opens KATP channels, and the resulting efflux of K⁺ ions causes membrane hyperpolarization and the suppression of electrical activity. Conversely, increased metabolism closes the KATP channels, resulting in membrane depolarization that stimulates electrical activity. This electrical activity can then trigger muscle contraction and the release of hormones or neurotransmitters (Hussain and Cosgrove 2005). The importance of KATP channels in insulin secretion was established over 20 years ago. These channels

couple glucose metabolism to membrane electrical activity and insulin release in pancreatic betacells.(Hussain and Aynsley-Green 2003)

When blood glucose levels rise, the resulting increase in glucose metabolism results in a change in the ratio of cytosolic nucleotides (ADP/ATP), which causes closure of the KATP channel and leads to membrane depolarization. This subsequently activates voltage-dependent calcium channels, leading to an influx of calcium. This increase in intracellular calcium is then the trigger for insulin granule exocytosis .The beta-cell KATP channel can be pharmacologically regulated by sulfonylurea drugs, which work by binding to and closing the KATP channel, and are widely used to treat type 2 diabetes (T2DM). Conversely, a second class of drugs, such as diazoxide, work by opening the channel (K channel openers).(de Lonlay, Giurgea et al. 2004; de Lonlay, Giurgea et al. 2004).

The beta-cell KATP channel consists of two essential subunits: 1) Kir6.2, which is the pore-forming unit and belongs to the inwardly rectifying potassium channel family, and 2) sulfonylurea receptor 1 (SUR1), which belongs to the ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter family. The channel is a octameric complex of 4 Kir6.2 and 4 SUR1 subunits.The binding of ATP to Kir6.2 results in KATP channel closure, while sulfonylurea drugs, potassium channel openers, and magnesium nucleotides bind to SUR1 via its two cytosolic nucleotide binding domains. Given the central role of the KATP channel in insulin secretion, it is not surprising that mutations in the genes that encode the subunits of this channel can result in both hypo- and hyperglycemia (Gloyn, Pearson et al. 2004).

The human SUR1 cDNA contains a single open reading frame that encodes for 1,581 amino acids with a molecular weight of 177 KDa (GenBank NM_000352.2). The gene (ABCC8; MIM 600509) consists of 39 exons and spans more than 100 kb of genomic DNA. ABCC8 has an alternatively spliced exon 17, which incorporates an additional amino acid (GenBank L78208, L78224). Homology analysis has shown that SUR1 is a member of the ABC superfamily, which includes cystic fibrosis transconductance regulators (CFTRs) and multidrug-resistance proteins (MDPs). Membrane topology has shown that the SUR1 consists of two nucleotide binding domains (NBDs) that control channel activity through their interaction with cytosolic nucleotides Both NBDs contain two amino acid sequence motifs (termed “Walker A” and “Walker B”), which are phosphate binding loops that form intimate contact with the phosphates of the nucleotide triphosphates that bind to the NBDs. NBDs are also found in other members of the ABC superfamily. Kir6.2 was cloned the same year as SUR1, and the gene (KCNJ11; MIM] 600937) consists of a single exon encoding a 390-amino acid protein (GenBank NM_000525.2). Interestingly, it is only 4.5 Kb from the ABCC8 gene on chromosome 11p15.1. Kir6.2 consists of two transmembrane regions and a pore-forming subunit. (Ashcroft 2005)

4. CHI due to Metabolopathies

4.1 Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GDH).

Activating mutations in GDH are the second commonest cause of CHI. Activating mutations in GDH underlie the molecular basis of the HI/HA syndrome and may explain the 'leucine-sensitive' hypoglycaemia described in previous years. The HI/HA syndrome is caused by missense mutations of GDH that reduce the sensitivity of the enzyme to allosteric inhibition by the high-energy phosphates GTP and ATP. GDH is allosterically activated by leucine and inhibited by GTP. Mutations which cause loss of inhibition by GTP cause leucine to increase the oxidation of glutamate, thereby raising the ratio of ATP/ADP in the pancreatic β -cell. The increased ratio of ATP/ADP then triggers closure of the K_{ATP} channel, opening the voltage-gated calcium channel, raising cytosolic calcium, and triggering the release of insulin. Patients with the HI/HA syndrome can present with hypoglycaemia either in the neonatal period or later on in childhood. These patients also have a mildly elevated plasma ammonia concentration which appears to be asymptomatic. Patients show no signs of lethargy or headaches, typical of other forms of hyperammonaemia. The mechanism of the hyperammonaemia is still unclear at present. These patients typically demonstrate protein-induced HH (leucine sensitivity), but also have fasting hypoglycaemia. Children with the HI/HA syndrome have an unusual frequency of absence-type seizures. These children have an EEG pattern of generalized epilepsy that resembles the seizures associated with mutations of plasma membrane ion channels. It is unlikely that this seizure pattern is a manifestation of ammonia toxicity. (Bahi-Buisson, El Sabbagh et al. 2008)

4.2 Glucokinase (GCK).

GCK is the rate-limiting step in the metabolism of glucose and acts as the cellular sensor of glucose concentrations. Activation of GCK lowers the threshold for glucose-stimulated insulin secretion ('resetting' of the glucose-stimulated insulin release threshold), thus causing hypoglycaemia. The first activating mutation in the *GCK* gene was Val455Met which was a single-base change, resulting in the substitution of methionine for valine at codon 455. When expressed in vitro, the Val455Met mutation increased the affinity of GCK for glucose. Several other patients with activating mutations in the *GCK* gene have now been reported all responsive to medical therapy with diazoxide (Christesen, Tribble et al. 2008; van de Bunt, Edghill et al. 2008). However a case of severe HH due to a 'de novo' mutation in *GCK* gene (Y214C) was reported which failed to respond to medical therapy. Functional studies of this mutant showed a sixfold increase in its affinity for glucose, and histology of the resected pancreas in this patient revealed abnormally large and hyperfunctional islets. It is unclear, why this patient failed to respond to diazoxide, one possibility being that the dose of diazoxide was insufficient.

4.3 Short-chain 3-hydroxyacyl Coenzyme A dehydrogenase (SCHAD) Deficiency.

Human SCHAD deficiency is an inherited defect in mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation. Various clinical presentations of this metabolic disorder have been described, including hypoglycemia, hepatoenkephalopathy, myopathy or cardiomyopathy, and even sudden death. Urine organic acid analysis showed highly elevated levels of 3-hydroxybutyrate, and 3-hydroxydicarboxylic acids of chain lengths C₆-C₁₄, with relatively larger amounts of shorter chain length intermediates. Enzyme studies based on the reduction of 3-ketoacyl-CoAs revealed, in most cases, a drastic reduction of SCHAD activity towards acetoacetyl-CoA in liver, but not in skeletal muscle. However, an abnormal enzymatic activity may not be detected by assays with homogenates of fibroblasts, because the HAD activity in skin fibroblasts is about one-tenth of that in liver. In humans, SCHAD levels in liver and heart appear to be much higher than those in skeletal muscle. The forms of SCHAD present in liver and heart proved to be identical. However, a second isoform of SCHAD has now been cloned from skeletal muscle (GenBank accession number [AF001903](#)). Moreover, it appears that skeletal muscle may contain SCHAD isoforms that differ both quantitatively and qualitatively from liver isoforms (He and Yang 2007).

The alternative splicing machinery, which is tissue-specific and development-dependent, is probably responsible for differences between liver and skeletal muscle SCHADs. Alternative splicing is involved in many human diseases, and most likely underlies different types of SCHAD deficiency, e.g. muscle-type vs. liver-type. These metabolic diseases, with high phenotypic variations, appear to be of autosomal recessive inheritance, as heterozygosity was demonstrated in first-degree relatives. The nine exons of the *HADHSC* gene cover 45 kb of DNA (extracted from the NCBI database, the Human Gene View of the Sanger Institute). Because the coding sequence accounts for only about 2% of the gene, mutations in introns as well as in the regulatory region of this gene may occur in patients with SCHAD deficiency (van Hove, Hansen et al. 2006).

SCHAD, encoded by the *HADHSC* gene, is an intramitochondrial enzyme that catalyzes the penultimate reaction in the β -oxidation of fatty acids, the NAD⁺-dependent dehydrogenation of 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA to the corresponding 3-ketoacyl-CoA. So far 3 patients with mutations in the *HADHSC* gene and HH have been reported. The clinical presentation can be heterogeneous, either with mild late-onset hypoglycaemia or severe neonatal hypoglycaemia. The acylcarnitine profile in all reported patients has demonstrated raised hydroxybutyrylcarnitine levels, and urinary organic acids showed raised 3-hydroxyglutarate concentrations with decreased expression and function of SCHAD.

The mechanism of how a defect in the *HADHSC* gene leads to dysregulated insulin secretion is unclear at present (Hardy, Hohmeier et al. 2007). In the pancreas the activity of SCHAD is highest in the Islet of Langerhans and more specifically in the pancreatic β -cells, suggesting that fatty acid oxidation may have a role in regulating insulin secretion. Fatty acids increase insulin secretion by affecting the concentrations of long-chain fatty acyl derivatives as a result of the inhibitory effect of citrate and malonyl-CoA on the rate-controlling carnitine palmitoyltransferase-1 and by subsequent stimulation of G – protein couple receptor triggering the activation of L- type Ca^{++} channels , but it is still unclear how defects in SCHAD lead to unregulated insulin secretion. Interestingly, Foxa2 (*HNF3 β*) has recently been shown to be involved in regulating the expression of the *HADHSC* gene, with studies in Foxa2-deficient β -cells showing a threefold downregulation of *HADHSC* gene transcripts along with the ability of Foxa2 to bind to and activate this gene (Yang, He et al. 2005).

SCHAD exhibits a two-domain topology, with the N-terminal domain of the monomer (residues 12-201) having a β - α - β fold similar to NAD(P)⁺-binding enzymes. It consists of a core eight-stranded β -sheet flanked by α -helices. The first six strands of the sheet are in a parallel conformation as observed in a typical Rossmann fold. The final two strands are also parallel but run in the opposite direction relative to the first six strands. An interesting feature of the N-terminal domain is the large helix-turn-helix "tail" which connects strands 2 and 3 of the central β -sheet. This motif extends from the NAD⁺-binding domain and contains numerous charged amino acid side chains. The amino acid sequence in this fingerlike protrusion is apparent in the α 2 and α 3 regions as given in Figure 3. The C-terminal domain (residues 207-302) consists primarily of α -helices and is involved in subunit dimerization and, presumably, binding of acyl-CoA substrates. It contains a bundle of 5 α -helices and a small 3_{10} -helix (α 14). The orientation of these helices relative to one another is critical as judged by the number of conserved glycine residues flanking α -helical structural elements (F). In particular, glycine residues at positions 225, 241, 245, and 254 may provide the flexibility necessary for proper packing and/or formation of the α -helices. Three highly conserved aspartic acid residues are found in this domain. Asp 233 is located in the middle of helix α 11, Asp 251 at the end of helix α 12, and Asp 256 at the beginning of helix α 13. A carboxylate oxygen from Asp 233 and Asp 251 hydrogen bonds to the hydroxyl group of Tyr 299 and Tyr 301, respectively, while Asp 256 forms a salt bridge with Lys 293. These interactions apparently stabilize the hairpin-like motif found in the C-terminal tail. This unusual secondary structure is possible due to the presence of several conserved glycine residues, Gly 291, Gly 295, and Gly 297. The two domains are connected by a short linker region (residues 202-206) which contains a highly conserved PGF sequence (Barycki, O'Brien et al. 1999).

Subunit dimerization is mediated primarily by hydrophobic interactions between the C-terminal domains. Helix α 10 (residues 207-223) of one subunit runs nearly antiparallel to helix 10 of the other subunit to form the core of the dimer interface. Helix 11, corresponding to residues 229-240, makes numerous hydrophobic interactions with the final two β -strands, strands 7 and 8, of the N-terminal domain of the opposing monomer. Additional hydrophobic contacts are provided by the small helical domain, residues 273-275, of each subunit. The dimer interface is maintained by the presence of four hydrogen bonds and two salt bridges (Barycki, O'Brien et al. 2000).

4.3.1 First HADH mutation Description

Sequence analysis of genomic DNA of the patient, revealed a homozygous C→T point mutation in exon 7 of *SCHAD*. The mutated nucleotide corresponds to nucleotide 773 of the coding sequence (taking the A of the translation start codon as nt 1). Her parents are heterozygous for the C773T mutation. The C773T mutation leads to replacement of Pro258 (Pro246 of the mature SCHAD protein) by Leu. Pro258 is completely conserved in SCHAD sequences from different species. The short-chain HAD activity measured in patient's fibroblasts was significantly lower than that in control. To assess the effect of the P258L substitution on the activity of the protein, the wild-type and the mutated protein were synthesized in vitro from plasmids containing the wild-type SCHAD coding sequence and the SCHAD coding sequence harboring the C773T point mutation, respectively (Clayton, Eaton et al. 2001).

The absence of amplification artifacts in the wild-type construct and of mutations other than the C773T point mutation in the patient construct was ascertained by sequencing of the SCHAD expression plasmids in two directions. Expression of the wild-type SCHAD protein in a reticulocyte lysate system yielded a protein with an apparent molecular mass of approximately 35 kDa, which is in agreement with the calculated molecular mass of the wild-type protein of 34.3 kDa. The in vitro expressed mutated protein reacted strongly with the anti-SCHAD antibody and had an apparent molecular mass 0.5 kDa less than that of the wild-type protein. Immunoblot analysis showed that comparable amounts of protein were obtained for the wild-type and mutated SCHAD protein, whereas the vector alone did not yield a positive band of similar molecular mass. SCHAD activity was assayed in three separate experiments. The wild-type SCHAD exhibited a distinct but variable activity, whereas the mutated SCHAD did not yield activity above background in all experiments performed, indicating that the P258L substitution abolishes enzyme activity of in vitro expressed SCHAD (Clayton, Eaton et al. 2001).

4.3.2 Second HADH mutation Description

A deletion of the six base pairs CAGGTC was discovered at the start of *HADHSC* exon 5. As expected from the microsatellite marker analysis, the proband and his affected sister were homozygous and the parents were heterozygous for the mutation. The six-base pair deletion removes the acceptor splice site adjacent to exon 5 of *HADHSC*. To examine the molecular consequence, mRNA from fibroblasts obtained from the two patients and their parents was analysed and showed that exon 5 is skipped during the mRNA splicing process, so that exon 4 is coupled directly onto exon 6. This leads to an in-frame deletion of 90 nucleotides in the mature mRNA, resulting in a protein product predicted to lack 30 amino acids. The impact of the mutation on protein function was examined by determining SCHAD activity in fibroblast cultures and in the two affected subjects and the parents, enzyme activity was <10% and <60% of control values, respectively. For comparison, long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase activity was assayed, and abnormal activity ratios were found for both siblings, but not their parents. A plasma analysis of the distribution of fatty acyl groups conjugated to the transport molecule carnitine showed a normal pattern, except for 3-hydroxybutyryl(C4)-carnitine. This substance is barely detectable in normal control subjects, but reached a plasma concentration around 1 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ in both patients. Finally, metabolic screening using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry on urine samples from the family was performed. One strong peak, corresponding to 3-hydroxyglutaric acid, was observed in both patients, but not in their parents or healthy siblings (Molven, Matre et al. 2004).

4.3.3 Third HADH mutation Description

The patient was found to be homozygous for an IVS6-2 a→g mutation and both parents are heterozygous for the IVS6-2 a→g mutation. The mutation was not found in 100 control subjects. Electrophoresis of the DNA fragments from the restriction fragment length analysis indicated that the IVS6-2 a→g mutation, in combination with NCO1 digestion, yields two bands of 59 and 17 nucleotides compared with 76 nucleotides in the control (undigested PCR product). Amplification of SCHAD cDNA from patient's fibroblast mRNA yielded no detectable products of exon 27, and a decreased amount of product when regions of exon 2 or exon 4 sequences were amplified. Reamplification of exon 7 by half-nested PCR yielded various PCR products from the patient's mRNA, including 269 nt, which could not be detected in control fibroblast. On reamplification and sequencing, the 270 nt product was seen to consist of at least three different sequences. The normal SCHAD cDNA sequence could be deduced from the mix of sequences, indicating that at least some normal SCHAD mRNA can be formed in patient fibroblasts (Hussain, Clayton et al. 2005).

5. Exercise-Induced HH.

In exercise-induced HH, strenuous physical exercise leads to inappropriate insulin release from β -cells causing postexercise hypoglycaemia. These patients show an increased insulin secretion in response to intravenous pyruvate administration in comparison with control patients. The molecular mechanism/s of how exogenous pyruvate triggers an inappropriate insulin secretion in these patients is/are still unclear (Hussain 2007).

6. CHI Anatomopathology

There are 2 main anatomical forms fo CHI : one focal and the other diffuse .

Many radiology investigations have been done to try to distinguish between the 2 anatomical forms: transhepatic catheterization of the pancreatic veins is dependent on radiologist training but defines the anatomical location well for the surgeon, whereas calcium injection into the 3 pancreatic arteries (splenic, gastroduodenal, superior mesenteric), followed by blood sampling showing an insulin increase, is less reliable. The new reliable and noninvasive method is positron emission tomography (PET) scanning with injection of [^{18}F]-l-dihydroxyphenylalanine (DOPA), which produces a single bright spot in the focal form. However, the anatomical localization for the surgeon is poor, which is why a combined PET/computed tomography image is strongly recommended (Hussain, Seppanen et al. 2006; Ribeiro, Boddaert et al. 2007; Ribeiro, Boddaert et al. 2007; Kapoor, Gilbert et al. 2008).

Surgery is indicated only for disease resistant to medical treatment when there is a high degree of suspicion that the focal form is present. Surgery is the only source of reliable pathologic data (Valayannopoulos, Vaxillaire et al. 2007). In the beginning, the focal and diffuse forms were operated on with equal frequency, whereas today, focal forms are the most frequent indication for surgery because they are cured by removal with less pancreatic insufficiency and no diabetes (Hardy, Hernandez-Pampaloni et al. 2007; Hardy, Hernandez-Pampaloni et al. 2007). Focal disease has not recurred postoperatively with a follow-up of more than 20 years, demonstrating that the disease is limited. Some older children have been able to attend prestigious schools, showing that they have no brain damage. Focal forms are always limited to a small area (5 mm). For example, when the pattern

observed in 2 or more of the biopsy specimens is small round islets with little cytoplasm or nuclei touching each other in rows with the same small regular size, crowded or at rest, the picture favors a focal form of the disease somewhere else. By contrast, the tissue in the focal form is composed of either ramified or branched areas of clear endocrine cells, frequently surrounded by a thin rim of acini at the periphery (Delonlay, Simon et al. 2007). This picture can involve multiple adjacent lobules with mainly abnormal β cells occupying their centers. Sometimes, the lesion appears as a polyp at the pancreas surface, which is easy for the surgeon to find, or it may be deeper inside the pancreas, making it difficult to locate and resect with safe margins to avoid postoperative relapse secondary to incomplete removal. More rarely, the abnormal foci are extrapancreatic. The endocrine cells themselves have abundant cytoplasm with nuclei far apart and of irregular size and, here and there, nuclei of irregular angulated shape that are more than 3 to 4 times the size of nearby acinar nuclei taken as controls .

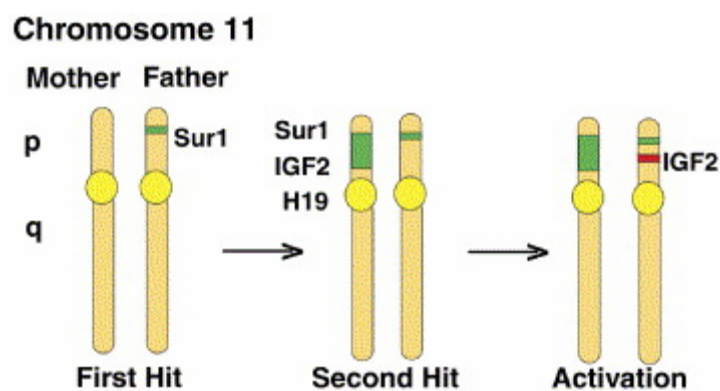
Diffuse form” means disease involving the whole pancreas, with variable involvement of islets. The pattern observed is the same on the 3 biopsy specimens with a preserved islet pattern containing very active β cells with abundant cytoplasm and highly abnormal nuclei 3 to 4 times the size of acinar nuclei and having an irregular angulated shape. The abnormal nuclei are present in some of the islets only but can be seen in all 3 sampled areas, proving that the disease involves the whole pancreas, which is why it is called diffuse (Delonlay, Simon et al. 2007) .

6.1 Focal form

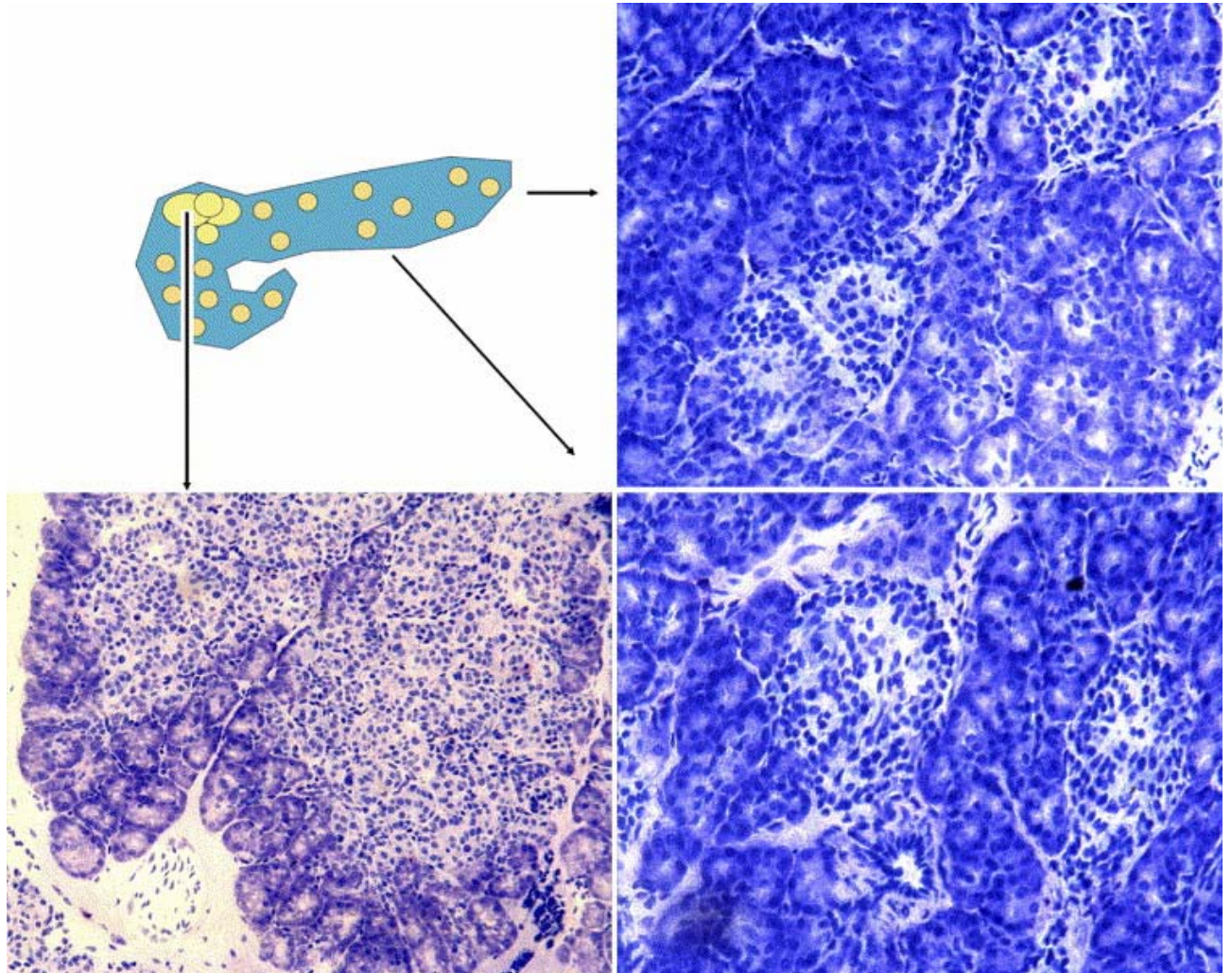
In HES (hematein eosin safran), the endocrine pancreas is always difficult to analyze, and Giemsa staining shows a pattern close to that obtained with toluidine blue on frozen section [22], [23], [24] and . The foci are composed of large endocrine cells with dispersed abnormal nuclei. Most of the time, a focus contains multiple abnormal adjacent lobules frequently intermingled with or surrounded by acinar foci. Somatostatin detection by immunohistochemistry reveals a second endocrine-cell population within the foci. That is, the focal form is not composed of β cells only. It is poorly delimited, but an organoid pattern remains, suggesting an abnormal developmental process more than a tumor because it does not invade or push at the margins, and there is no pseudocapsule. The area of abnormal pancreatic development is multilobular and can have some satellite lobules in the nearby pancreas that necessitate intraoperative margin analysis to ensure complete excision and avoid recurrence (Damaj, le Lorch et al. 2008).

6.2 Diffuse form

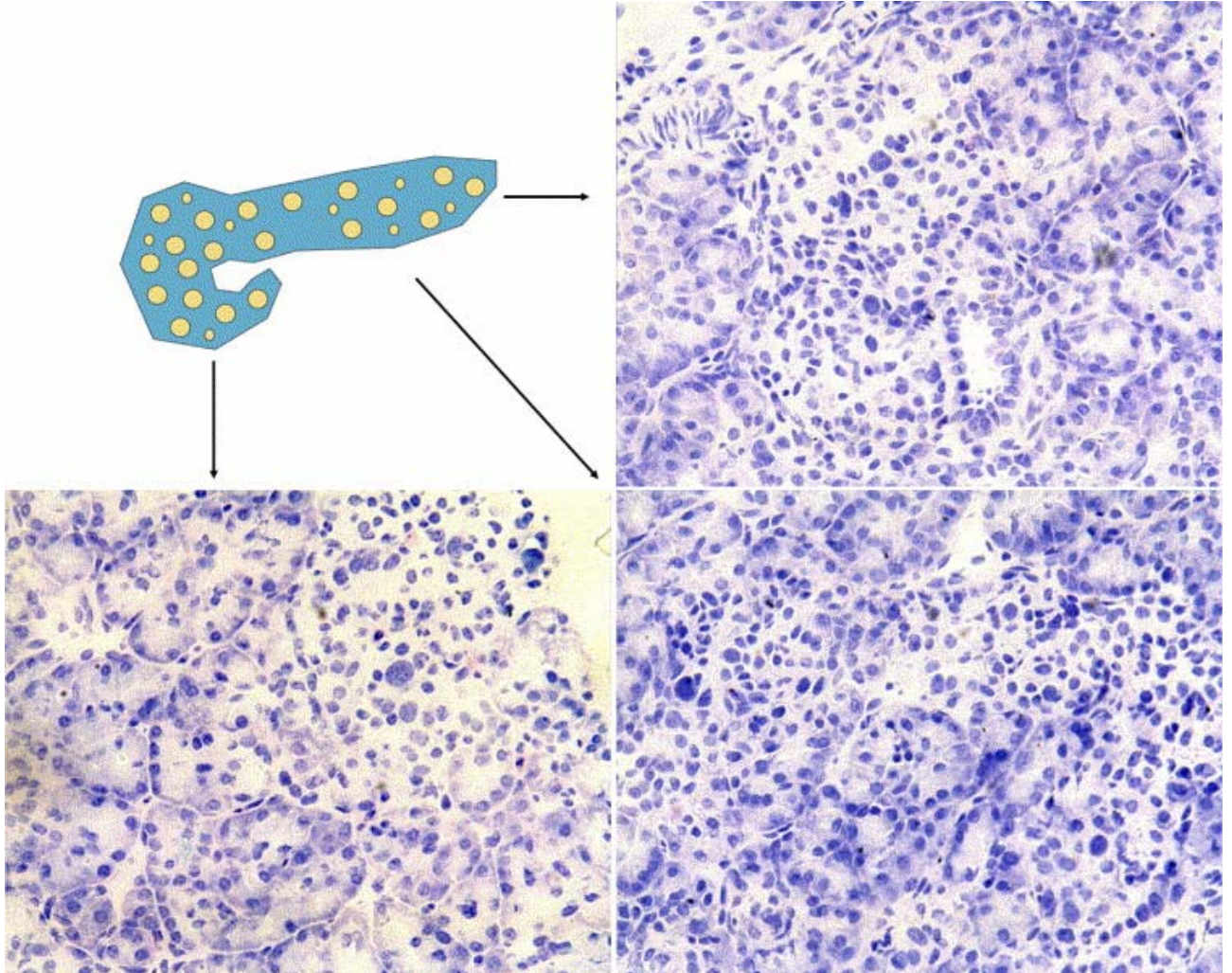
Voluminous abnormal extralobular islets are often present, associated with abnormal intralobular islets of hyperfunctional β cells, some having huge irregular nuclei. Frequently, intralobular islets are less voluminous with fewer vessels but are more numerous. Independent endocrine-cell foci are also frequent and have highly abnormal nuclei. Their β -cell nature is confirmed by immunohistochemical detection of proinsulin. The pattern is similar in all the specimens taken at pancreatectomy. The disease involves the whole pancreas with variations in intensity from one islet to the other (de Lonlay, Simon-Carre et al. 2006).



Schematic drawing of multistep events leading to focal form of hyperinsulinism. First step is a mutation, inherited from the father, on chromosome 11p15.5. Second step is an LOH of the corresponding region on maternal chromosome shown by microsatellite study. Third hypothetical step is *H19* deletion on maternal chromosome, removing parental imprinting of *IGF2* on paternal chromosome and causing cell multiplication.



Representation of frozen sections obtained from 3 pancreas sites during surgery for a focal form of hyperinsulinism in the head. Specimens taken from tail and body show islets of Langerhans at rest with little cytoplasm, leading to crowded nuclei, whereas the focal form aspect from the head is that of multilobular involvement with local signs of β -cell hyperactivity: abundant cytoplasm and big abnormal nuclei (toluidine blue stain; original magnifications $\times 200$ and $\times 100$).



Representation of frozen sections obtained from 3 pancreas sites during surgery for diffuse form of hyperinsulinism. On each biopsy, there is 1 islet showing hyperfunctional signs with abundant cytoplasm and irregular nuclei more than 4 times the size of the acinar nuclei nearby taken as internal control. The disease involves the whole pancreas and, in consequence, can be called diffuse, which does not mean that all islets are involved in the same manner (toluidine blue stain; original magnification $\times 200$).

7. Fatty Acid Signaling in the β -Cell and Insulin Secretion

The FA supply to the β -cell can be from exogenous sources such as plasma FFAs and lipoproteins or endogenous sources such as intracellular TG and phospholipid stores. It is worth noting that islet tissue expresses lipoprotein lipase. The islet, therefore, can access plasma TG as a source of FFAs, such that the FFA concentration in the immediate vicinity of β -cells is likely to be higher than that measured in plasma. The actual concentration of FFAs that β -cells are normally exposed to, however, is not known. The importance of regulated access to endogenous lipids for normal β -cell function is increasingly being realized, with particular interest currently being directed to the lipase enzymes that may be involved.

7.1 Nutrient-secretion coupling: triggering and amplification pathways

Islet β -cell glucose metabolism is essential for the coupling of glucose sensing to insulin release. It is well accepted that its metabolism through pyruvate to acetyl-CoA with subsequent mitochondrial oxidation increases the ATP/ADP ratio, which results in closure of ATP-sensitive K^+ (K_{ATP}) channels, depolarization of the plasma membrane, opening of voltage-dependent Ca^{2+} channels, and Ca^{2+} triggering of insulin granule exocytosis. This pathway, often termed the K_{ATP} channel-dependent pathway, is considered to be the major triggering pathway for GSIS). In addition, pyruvate from glucose can be channeled via pyruvate carboxylase into the anaplerosis pathway, which can affect insulin secretion by increasing the levels of metabolism-derived signaling molecules such as NADPH from the malate-pyruvate shuttle, citrate cataplerosis, glutamate, and lipid signaling molecules from the malonyl-CoA/LC-CoA pathway. These latter pathways can be considered to be amplification pathways. Of particular interest is the role of the malonyl-CoA/LC-CoA pathway on lipid signaling. (Palladino, Bennett et al. 2008)

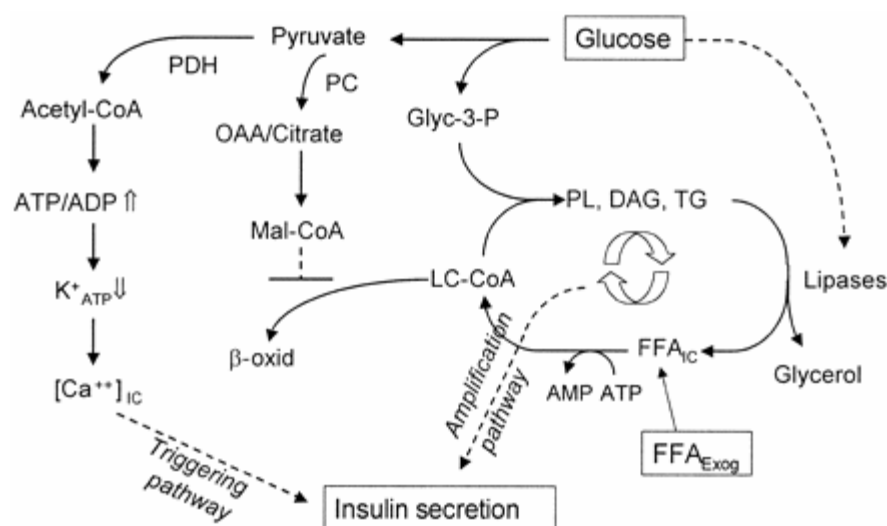
7.2 Malonyl-Coa/LC-CoA pathway of lipid signaling

The malonyl-CoA/LC-CoA model of GSIS predicts that malonyl-CoA, derived from glucose metabolism via anaplerosis/cataplerosis, inhibits FA oxidation by allosteric inhibition of carnitine palmitoyl-transferase (CPT)-1, thereby increasing the availability of LC-CoA for lipid signaling to cellular processes involved in exocytosis. In this model, the effectiveness of malonyl-CoA to promote insulin release depends on both a cytosolic Ca^{2+} rise caused by the K_{ATP} -dependent pathway and the prevailing availability of FFAs to the β -cell. Malonyl-CoA levels are also influenced by the activity of AMPK. AMPK senses cellular energy status and is activated by an increase in the AMP/ATP ratio

brought on by fuel deprivation, fasting or exercise. AMPK activates cellular energy production (e.g., glucose oxidation and FA oxidation) and reduces energy consumption (e.g., FA synthesis and esterification). Malonyl-CoA, on the other hand, is a "signal of plenty" and promotes nutrient storage, including FA esterification. AMPK phosphorylates acetyl-CoA carboxylase and malonyl-CoA decarboxylase, the enzymes that regulate malonyl-CoA synthesis and degradation, respectively, with the resultant effect of lowering malonyl-CoA. In addition to conditions of food deprivation and exercise, AMPK can be activated by adipokines, including adiponectin and leptin, and pharmacological agents such as metformin and thiazolidinediones. The evidence supportive of a role for malonyl-CoA/LC-CoA signaling in the regulation of insulin secretion is substantial. Malonyl-CoA levels have been documented to increase in response to glucose, and this precedes GSIS in β -cells. Elevated glucose causes inhibition of FA oxidation and stimulates FA esterification processes (Palladino, Bennett et al. 2008).

7.3 TG/FFA cycling and insulin secretion

In addition to FA oxidation and esterification, lipolysis is the third major pathway of intracellular FA partitioning. Lipolysis of intracellular TG refers to the hydrolytic removal of the fatty-acyl chains from the glycerol backbone by lipase enzymes. Of particular interest to this discussion on FA signaling is the recent finding that both FA esterification and lipolysis processes are glucose-responsive in the β -cell. Glucose increased lipolysis, as determined by glycerol release, in islets from both wild-type and hormone-sensitive lipase (HSL) null mice. Unclear, however, is the mechanism by which TG/FFA cycling, including lipolysis, contributes to FFA amplification of GSIS. Elevated glucose, particularly in the presence of exogenous FFAs, will result in increased levels of all lipid moieties within the cycle, including LC-CoA, DAG, phospholipids, and FFAs (Shanik, Xu et al. 2008).



Interactions between glucose and fatty acid metabolism in nutrient-secretion coupling. This model illustrates the synergistic interaction between glucose and FA metabolism and the generation of lipid signaling molecules that augment GSIS. Glucose gives rise to pyruvate, which, when channeled through pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH), contributes to induction of insulin secretion via ATP production and the K_{ATP} -dependent triggering pathway. Pyruvate alternatively can be channeled via pyruvate carboxylase (PC) into the anaplerosis/cataplerosis pathway, which contributes to increases in cytosolic oxaloacetate (OAA) and citrate. Glucose increases malonyl-CoA (Mal-CoA), which blocks FA oxidation by inhibiting CPT-1. Inhibition of FA oxidation allows LC-CoA esters to accumulate in the cytosol. LC-CoAs are formed from FFAs supplied externally or produced by the lipolysis of endogenous TG. LC-CoAs can be esterified with glycerol-3-phosphate (Glyc-3-P) to form complex lipids such as TG, DAG, and phospholipids (PL). Glucose also activates lipolysis, which favors TG/FFA cycling from endogenous lipids. Exogenous FFAs (FFA_{Exog}) contribute by amplifying the levels of cycle intermediates (LC-CoAs, TG, DAG, PL, and intracellular FFAs [FFA_{IC} themselves), all of which may be implicated in lipid signaling effector pathways. β-oxid, β-oxidation; [Ca²⁺]_{IC}, intracellular calcium.

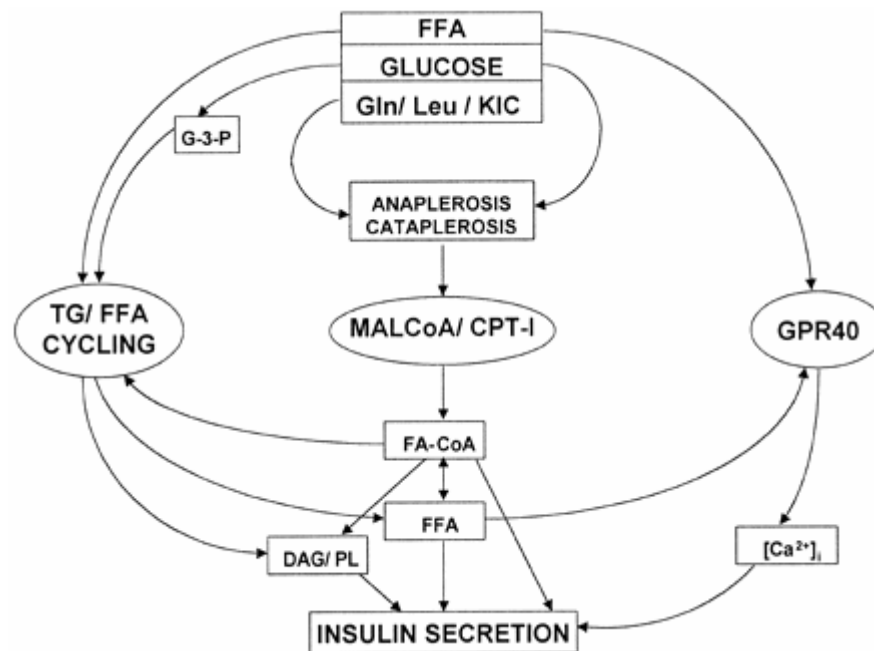
Insulin vesicle exocytosis is a complex process involving many steps, including vesicle movement, docking, priming, and finally fusion with the plasma membrane. Some of these steps could be modulated by TG/FFA cycle intermediates acting as lipid signaling molecules. For example, LC-CoA can be used to acylate proteins, such as the synaptosomal-associated protein and synaptogamin, which can enhance their association with target membranes. Interestingly, LC-CoA has also been shown to activate lipases from islet tissue. As such, a mediator of glucose-induced lipolysis could be elevated LC-CoA themselves. DAG, the levels of which rise in the β-cell in response to glucose, not only activate protein kinase C, which is implicated in insulin secretion. TG/FFA will also affect membrane glycerophospholipid metabolism, which could influence secretion via alteration of membrane physicochemical properties. The glycerophospholipids may also have more direct effects. It may be that the TG/FFA cycle is a means of targeting the delivery of FFAs, and perhaps specific FFAs such as arachidonic acid (AA), to a particular subcellular site within the β-cell. Of relevance to this, HSL has

been shown to be colocalized with insulin vesicles. The TG/FFA cycle of β -cells, therefore, appears to be a major and hitherto overlooked pathway for both glucose and FFA metabolism. There are two conceivable advantages for the β -cell to use glucose in this way. First, glucose usage via the TG/FFA cycle provides an alternative pathway by which glucose metabolism may be coupled to insulin secretion, which, via the provision of lipid-signaling molecules, allows amplification of the triggering pathway for exocytosis. The second is related to the preservation of β -cell mass in the face of fuel surfeit as occurs in obesity and diabetes. Thus, nutrient toxicity to cells occurs when the flux of metabolites through mitochondrial oxidation is high, since this causes the production of damaging superoxides and reactive oxygen species.

Thus, glucose flux through TG/FFA cycling is a means of nutrient-secretion coupling that bypasses the need for oxidation to cause secretion and allows for detoxification of glucose carbons in the form of glycerol that is released from the β -cell. Furthermore, use of ATP by the cycle will reduce the mitochondrial membrane potential and, in this way, lessen the rate of reactive oxygen species production (Nolan, Madiraju et al. 2006).

7.4 Refined model of lipid signaling in nutrient-secretion coupling

We now have a more advanced, but as yet incomplete understanding of lipid signaling in nutrient-secretion coupling for insulin secretion. FFAs are involved in amplification of GSIS that is triggered by the K_{ATP} -dependent pathway. This involves indirect signaling that requires intracellular FA metabolism, which implicates both the anaplerotic/malonyl-CoA pathway and intracellular TG/FFA cycling. The model needs to be extended, however, to include direct signaling via FFAR1/GPR40. Lipid signaling in the β -cell involves three arms (trident model) that comprise signaling via glucose-derived malonyl-CoA, TG/FFA cycling including lipolysis, and FFAR1. In this view, signaling via the AMPK/malonyl-CoA/CPT-1 network and TG/FFA cycling are tightly linked processes. Glucose promotes activity in the TG/FFA cycle by elevating malonyl-CoA, which inhibits partitioning of LC-CoA to FA oxidation (via CPT-1 inhibition), such that LC-CoAs are more available for esterification processes. Glucose also provides the glycerol-3-phosphate necessary for FA esterification into complex lipids. Lastly, glucose activates lipase enzyme(s), possibly through a direct effect of LC-CoA on the activity of lipases, although confirmation of this and assessment of other potential mechanisms are needed. A reduction in AMPK activity promoted by fuel stimulation that would enhance β -cell lipolysis is an alternative possibility in view that AMPK activation has been associated with reduced lipolysis in adipocytes. While glucose, by activating lipolysis, promotes TG/FFA cycling from endogenous lipid stores, the provision of exogenous FFA supply to the β -cell will amplify the pathway, increasing the intracellular concentrations of the lipid signals LC-CoA, DAG, phospholipids, and unesterified FFAs (Nolan, Madiraju et al. 2006).



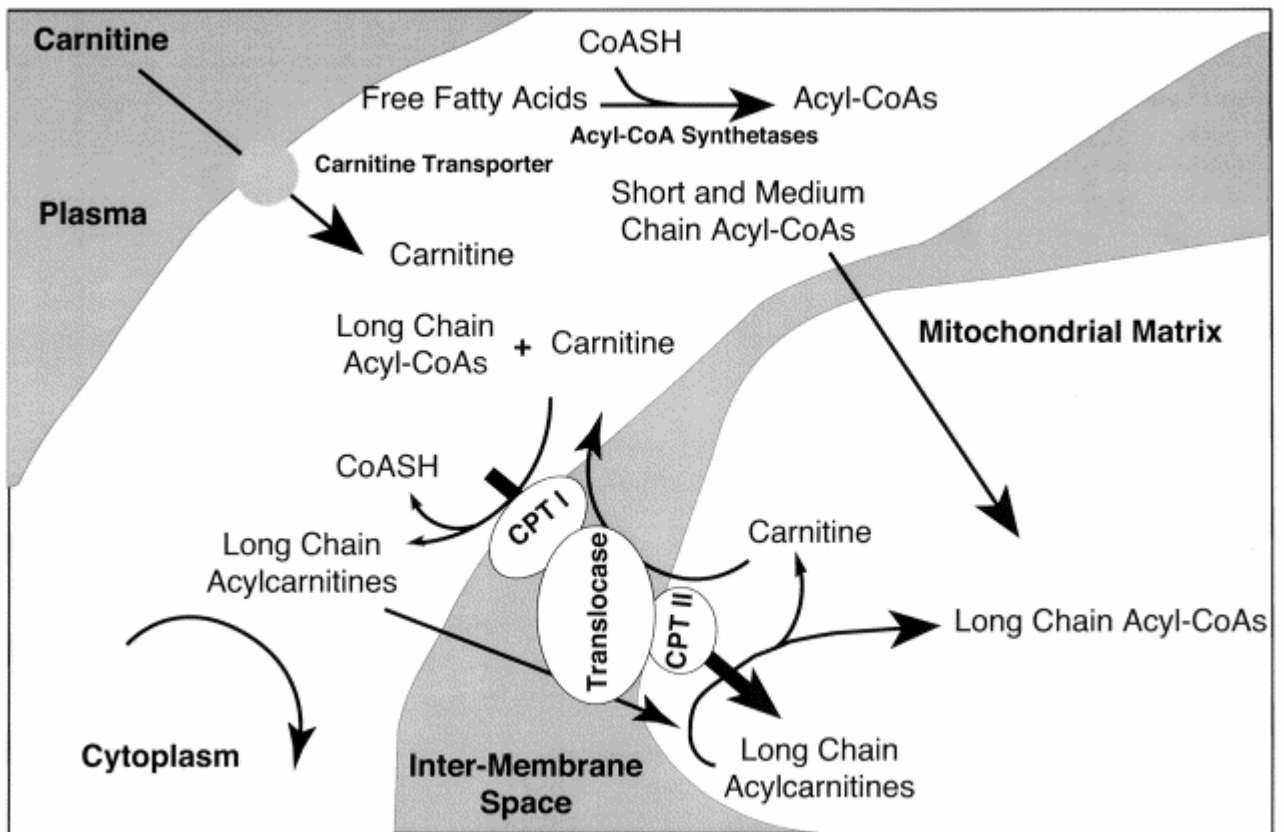
The trident model of β -cell lipid signaling. Three interdependent arms of lipid signaling are proposed by which FFAs augment insulin secretion. First, glucose and other nutrient secretagogues such as glutamine (Gln), Leucine (Leu), and α -ketoisocaproate (KIC) contribute to anaplerosis, which allows cataplerotic efflux of citrate from mitochondria. This results in malonyl-CoA (MALCoA) formation, inhibition of CPT-1 activity, and FA oxidation, and accumulation of LC-CoAs that stimulate insulin secretion directly or by the formation of complex lipids such as DAG and various phospholipids (PL). The second arm involves glucose-responsive TG/FFA cycling, due to the effects of glucose to concomitantly promote FA esterification (provision of glycerol-3-phosphate [G-3-P] and Mal-CoA inhibition of FA oxidation) and lipolysis processes. This allows, particularly in the presence of exogenous FFAs, for the accumulation of cycle intermediates (LC-CoA, DAG, PL, and FFA) that have signaling roles. Third, exogenous FFAs activate the cell surface FA receptor, FFAR1/GPR40, which causes an increase in intracellular Ca^{2+} . FFAs formed from the hydrolysis of TG can cross the cell membrane and, together with exogenous FFAs, activate FFAR1. Thus, the "trident pathways" of lipid amplification intercommunicate and synergize to promote insulin secretion.

8. Defects of mitochondrial β -oxidation

β -Oxidation, which results in sequential cleavage of two carbon units from fatty acid, represent an important source of energy for the body during times of fasting and metabolic stress. Free fatty acids, release into the blood via catabolism of fat stores, or from dietary sources are metabolized into two intracellular compartments: the peroxisomes and the mitochondria. Mitochondria are complex structures bounded by two lipid bilayer membranes, containing their own genetic information on a circular chromosome which encodes 12 protein subunits for the oxidative phosphorylation complexes along with genes for mitochondrial specific ribosomal and tRNAs. Most proteins found in the mitochondria, however, are nuclear encoded in a larger precursor form containing information in an amino terminal signal peptide necessary for targeting the proteins to the mitochondria (Kompare and Rizzo 2008).

Mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation is predominantly responsible for the oxidation of fatty acids of carbon length 20 or less, while the peroxisomal pathway is physiologically more relevant for longer chain fatty acids. Mitochondrial β -oxidation is a complex process involving transport of activated acyl-CoA moieties into the mitochondria, and sequential removal of two carbon acetyl-CoA units. These in turn are used as fuel for the tricarboxylic acid cycle or the production of keton bodies. The end result is the generation of reducing equivalents, which are funneled into the electron transport chain and ultimately lead to the production of adenosine triphosphate (ATP). Ketones derived from hepatic fat metabolism can be as an auxiliary fuel by most tissues, including the brain. (Gregersen, Andresen et al. 2008)

At least 25 enzymes and specific transport proteins are responsible for carrying out the steps of mitochondrial fatty acid metabolism and, of these, defects in at least 22 have been shown to causes disease in humans. These disorders include enzymes of β -Oxidation, defects in fatty acid and carnitine transport and acyl – CoA dehydrogenases (ACDs)(Mitchell, Gauthier et al. 2008).



Transporter proteins involved in mitochondrial β -oxidation.

8.1 Defects in Medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (ACADM)

Numerous diseases have been reported in relation to fatty acid, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes. Fatty acid oxidation in mitochondria is an essential energy generation system for cells. During prolonged fasting and starvation, fatty acids are the precursors of ketone bodies, which are an important alternate fuel in extrahepatic tissues at time when the supply of glucose is limited (Kozak, Hrabincova et al. 1999; Saudubray, Martin et al. 1999).

Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MCADD; MIM# 201450) is the most frequent defect of fatty acid oxidation, with a significant morbidity and mortality in undiagnosed patients.

Clinical symptoms such as hypoketotic hypoglycemia, lethargy, encephalopathy, and seizures during intercurrent illness or prolonged fasting may occur at any age, but the vast majority of patients presents with symptoms during their second year of life. Approximately 20% of these patients die during their first metabolic crisis and about 40% of the survivors show irreversible neurological impairment or developmental delay. Follow-up data on symptomatic patients indicate that severe metabolic crisis and death can be prevented by appropriate counseling to avoid fasting and by simple dietary treatment, i.e., high carbohydrate intake during episodes of metabolic stress. Therefore, early detection of MCADD in asymptomatic newborns by prospective newborn screening (NBS) is being propagated. Due to the advances in tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS)-based technologies, NBS for MCADD by acylcarnitine profile analysis in dried blood spots are currently implemented in an increasing number of countries worldwide. Elevated concentrations of octanoylcarnitine (C8) and other acylcarnitines in combination, with acylcarnitine ratios including hexanoylcarnitine (C6), decanoylcarnitine (C10), decenoylcarnitine (C10:1), C8/C6, C8/C10, and C8/C12 (dodecanoylcarnitine), are used to detect MCADD by various screening programs (Singh et al. 2002; Vockley and Whiteman 2002; Gregersen, Bross et al. 2004).

Although the method has been proven to be highly sensitive for detecting the biochemical hallmarks of MCADD, the confirmation of positive screening results may not always be definite, relying solely on biochemical metabolite analysis. Depending on the stringency of threshold criteria used in different NBS programs, some premature infants and heterozygous ACADM gene carriers can show elevations of the primary marker metabolite C8 that need to be differentiated from true MCADD. Commonly used metabolite-based confirmation tests, such as the 3-phenylpropionic loading test and the analysis of urinary organic acids, are not always reliable. In rare instances, both have been reported to give normal results in newborns with blood acylcarnitine profiles clearly indicative for MCADD [Zschocke et al., 2001]. This reflects a gray area in the expression of MCADD, rendering both its definition as a disorder and the validation of MCADD population screening difficult. As a consequence, additional methods for confirmation or exclusion of MCADD are required, such as direct analysis of enzyme

activity, acylcarnitine profiling of cultured skin fibroblasts, or the identification of ACADM gene variations (Korman, Gutman et al. 2004; McKinney, Longo et al. 2004; Maier, Liebl et al. 2005).

Medium chain acyl CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) catalyze the rate- determining step of fatty acid β -oxidation in mitochondria. There are two step in the MCAD- catalyzed reaction, which are called the reductive half –reaction and the oxidative half –reaction. In the first reaction substrate is dehydrogenated into 2- enoyl-CoA, and the resulting redox equivalents are transferred onto the cofactor FAD, which forms the reduced flavin. In the oxidative half-reaction , electron are transferred to electron transfer flavoprotein (ETF) and regenerate the reduced enzyme.

The crystal structure of medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase shows that the binding cavity for the fatty acyl moiety is located between helices E and G and is lined with the side chains of Glu376, Tyr375, Val259, Thr168, Leu103, and Ala100. Glu99 and Thr96 form the bottom of the deep hole where the end of the alkyl chain lies. Tyr375 is conserved in all sequenced acyl-CoA dehydrogenases, and the plane of its phenolic side chain is tilted to face rather than to edge on to the alkyl chain of the substrate. Therefore, Tyr375 has relatively large contact area with the substrate and should be a very important amino acid residue for substrate binding. More than 30 mutations in this gene have been identified, and the most common mutation in this gene involves a A to G.transition at coding position 985of the gene (K304E in the mature protein). Two copies of this common mutation are typically found in 80% of European origin individuals diagnoses with MCADD on the basis of clinical symptoms.(Maier, Liebl et al. 2005; Grosse, Khoury et al. 2006; Waddell, Wiley et al. 2006; Derks, Boer et al. 2008; Downing, Manning et al. 2008)

9.Homozygosity mapping

Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) are the most common sequence variation in the human genome; and are thought to be the differences in human traits and disease susceptibility within and among populations. This view was challenged recently by studies using new genome technologies that allow studying the whole genome simultaneously in many different individuals. A wealth of data has been generated and it strongly indicates that human diversity is much larger than the single nucleotide differences. Much of the human diversity might be explained by larger structural differences between individual genomes, such as copy number polymorphisms and varying numbers of deletions, insertions, inversions, and other major rearrangements. These structural polymorphisms may have a significant role in both the genetics of complex diseases and genome evolution (Iafrate, Feuk et al. 2004; Sebat, Lakshmi et al. 2004; Tuzun, Sharp et al. 2005; Conrad, Jakobsson et al. 2006; McCarroll, Hadnott et al. 2006).

Two recent reports describe the extent to which regions of extended homozygosity can be found in human subjects genotyped with large numbers of closely spaced single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers (Gibson, Morton et al. 2006; Li, Ho et al. 2006; Simon-Sanchez, Scholz et al. 2007) . The first study reported 1393 tracts over 1 Mb in length among 209 subjects and the second found tracts extending over 5 Mb being present in 26 out of 272 subjects. Since the samples used were from apparently unrelated subjects in outbred populations one might not expect to find such regions by chance.

The authors of the first study (Gibson, Morton et al. 2006) thought that the tracts probably represented ancestral haplotypes but could not rule out deletions or uniparental isodisomy as alternative explanations. Likewise, the authors of the second study (Simon-Sanchez, Scholz et al. 2007) proposed that the finding represented "chance meiotic events in consanguinous parents". Through examination of the hybridization intensity of each SNP they were able to estimate copy number and hence to identify a number of structural genomic variants, which meant they could exclude the observed homozygosity as being due to deletions. However this would still not exclude the possibility that uniparental isodisomy had occurred, this being the other form of cytogenetic abnormality which can be a cause of extended homozygosity. They did note that subjects with one region of extended homozygosity were more likely to have an additional region than would be expected by chance and argued that this supported the hypothesis that such regions were due to parental consanguinity. Both studies were carried out on unrelated subjects and in such a sample it is hard to see how one could definitively rule this out such explanations.

An earlier study had used related subjects, consisting of 8 of the reference pedigrees from the Centre d'Etude du Polymorphisme Humain (CEPH). These were genotyped with 8000 short tandem repeat

markers. The authors identified numerous long homozygous segments. These were compatible with Mendelian transmission, indicating that they were indeed a result of autozygosity, that is, the subject receiving a copy of the same ancestral haplotype from each parent. Thus these stretches of homozygosity did not appear to result from cytogenetic abnormalities. However a relatively small number of markers was used yielding an average inter-marker spacing of slightly less than 0.5 cM. With this marker density it would be difficult to distinguish whether some relatively short stretches of homozygosity might or might not be due to mechanisms such as uniparental isodisomy.

A third work presents the results of an investigation of regions of extended homozygosity detected by densely spaced SNPs genotyped in a sample of CEPH trios (Curtis 2007). If such regions were the result of cytogenetic abnormalities they should be detectable as departures from Mendelian transmission. Although based on a small sample, these results conclusively demonstrate that regions of extended homozygosity are not usually due to uniparental isodisomy. If they were, we would expect that within these regions on many occasions an allele which was homozygous in a parent would fail to appear in a child. In fact, although a small number of such transmission errors do occur, they are observed more frequently outside regions of extended homozygosity than within them (Curtis 2007).

It is somewhat striking that no errors were observed within the 5 Mb regions, suggesting that even these long stretches of homozygosity reflect autozygosity rather than cytogenetic abnormality and implying that there are some very long haplotypes which are not uncommon in this outbred population. These results demonstrate that while it is fairly common for regions of homozygosity to extend over 1 Mb this is usually due to segments of such length being inherited from a common ancestor rather than being due to deletion or uniparental isodisomy. As pointed out previously, this will have implications for the ability to map diseases using association studies.

Li, Ho et al. 2006 discovered that most chromosomes in different ethnic groups contained long and contiguous segments of homozygous markers. Similar findings were reported by Gibson et al 2006. by analyzing data generated from the HapMap (www.hapmap.org) project. Such long segments of homozygosity could represent deletion polymorphisms, loss of heterozygosity (LOH), segmental uniparental disomy, or autozygosity. Their data strongly suggests these long contiguous stretches of homozygosity (LCSHs) most likely represent autozygosity, which is usually seen in related individuals or in an inbreeding population. Homozygosity tracts are surprisingly common and long in unrelated individuals from outbred populations.

The authors compared the LCSH regions identified in this study with the 20 LCSH regions published by Gibson et al. to determine if there were regions common in both studies. A total of 17 overlapping regions were identified in both studies, and most of them were very long (4.7672.98 Mb). However,

this comparison was not complete since there were only 20 longest regions reported in their work. Furthermore, they were not able to calculate the frequencies of each common region since detailed information on the number of individuals having overlapping regions were not specified in their work. The LCSH was most likely to represent autozygosity, which is a term used to describe homozygosity for alleles at a locus that are identical by descent; that is, inherited from a common ancestor. This was supported by observation that the incidence of LCSH and the numbers of segments with LCSH increased in Taiwan aborigines, which is an isolated population, and in the offspring of consanguineous marriages. In addition, the long average length of LCSHs in Han Chinese (10.22 Mbp) also supported the idea of autozygosity rather than homozygosity by chance. On the other hand, recombination and random mating make autozygous segments a rare event in an outbred population. The Han Chinese in Taiwan are descendant from a mixture of immigrants mainly from Northern, Southern, and Southeastern Mainland China, which were outbreeding populations. Thus, it is remarkable to see that LCSH occurs in 6.6% of the Han Chinese population.

The observation that all four Taiwan aborigines studied showed significant amounts of LCSH is of particular interest. It has been shown that within a subpopulation, the existence of a remote common ancestor(s) will change the heterozygosity frequency of individuals even if the subpopulation is under random mating. That is, individuals in this subpopulation are related to each other to some extent, and the existence of autozygosity in individuals is not necessarily a result of inbreeding. The frequent occurrence of LCSH in outbred populations will potentially have a significant impact on all areas of genetic studies such as population genetics, disease gene studies, and cancer genetics.

In population genetics, identification of LCSH in an individual may reveal unreported parental relationships, define unclear genealogy, and refine population structure. Moreover, LCSH is a valuable resource for generating extended haplotype structure in the general population (Li, Ho et al. 2006).

9.1 Homozygosity mapping methodology

Populations that are genetically isolated or have a high frequency of inbreeding tend to show an increased prevalence of recessive disorders. Historically, the study of inbred populations has been highly successful in the fine mapping of recessive traits. The effect of consanguinity reduces allelic and non-allelic heterogeneity and potentially increases linkage disequilibrium and hence the power to detect associations between genetic markers and disease. Likewise, mapping homozygous regions in affected individuals in consanguineous families is a powerful method of localising autosomal recessive genes. This technique known as homozygosity or autozygosity mapping assumes that affected offspring co-inherit two copies of a disease-related chromosomal segment from a common ancestor. Such positional cloning of recessive genes in families with rare genetic variants can provide

valuable insight into the localisation and identity of genetic susceptibility factors involved in the common types of disease with similar clinical features. The more closely related the parents are, the greater proportion of their offspring's genome is expected to be homozygous. For example, offspring of first-cousin marriages are expected to have 1/16 (6.25%) of their genome homozygous and for second cousins the fraction is 1/64 (1.56%). However, the greater the expected homozygosity in offspring, the greater the likelihood of identifying shared homozygous-by-descent (HBD) intervals in affected siblings who are unrelated to the 'disease'-causing locus (Woods, Cox et al. 2006).

The recent development of microarray platforms, capable of genotyping hundreds of thousands of SNPs, has provided an opportunity to rapidly identify novel susceptibility genes for complex phenotypes. Studies employing genotyping microarrays have typically used a whole-genome association (WGA) approach, in which each SNP is examined individually for association with disease; multiple testing requires that statistical thresholds for WGA approach 10^{-7} or lower. Given the presumably polygenic nature of complex illness, this conservative strategy inevitably results in false negatives in the search for susceptibility genes. At the same time, structural properties of WGA datasets, including patterns of linkage disequilibrium (LD), have not yet been exploited in these analyses.

Consequently, an analytic approach, termed whole-genome homozygosity association (WGHA) was developed, which first identifies patterned clusters of SNPs demonstrating extended homozygosity and then employs both genome wide and regionally specific statistical tests for association to disease. In their study (Lencz, Lambert et al. 2007) used WGHA in a case-control dataset of patients with schizophrenia (SCZ) and healthy volunteers, genotyped at 500,000 SNPs, to detect novel susceptibility loci for SCZ. By contrast, WGHA presents an opportunity for rapidly identifying susceptibility loci broadly across the genome, yet with resolution sufficient to implicate a circumscribed set of candidate genes. WGHA is designed to be sensitive for detecting loci under selective pressure, and recent data suggest that signatures of evolutionary selection may be strongly observed in genes regulating neurodevelopment. Thus, WGHA may be particularly effective for SCZ, which is thought to have a primary pathophysiological basis in abnormal neurodevelopmental processes.

Regions of extended homozygosity across large numbers of consecutive SNPs form the basis of WGHA analysis. In general, extent of homozygosity is a function of LD within a chromosomal region, which in turn is a function of recombination rates and population history. Size and structure of LD blocks vary widely across the genome and across populations, and regions of extensive long-range LD may be indicative of partially complete selective sweeps of functional significance. A logical consequence of such identity across unrelated chromosomes is that long stretches of homozygosity may be observed in healthy individuals from outbred populations lacking any known consanguineous parentage. However, the relative commonality of this phenomenon has not been systematically

documented in large datasets at high resolution. Using dense, whole-genome microarray SNP data, Lencz observed that ROHs ranging in size from 200 kb to 15 Mb were common even in healthy individuals from an outbred population (U.S. Caucasians residing in New York City/Long Island). These homozygous regions were both too common and too small to suggest recent consanguinity. These data are consistent with the possibility that common ROHs mark regions under selective pressure for several reasons; specifically contain genes recognized by other methods as under strong selective pressure in Caucasians, such as *SNTG1* and *ALDH2* (*iv*) are replicated in Caucasian HapMap samples; (*v*) are not replicated in non-Caucasian HapMap samples. In case-control comparison, we observed that ROHs were overrepresented in SCZ at a genomewide level. Intriguingly, studies of population isolates and consanguineous families demonstrate elevated rates of schizophrenia. The presence of nine specific ROHs was associated with illness susceptibility both individually and cumulatively. Four of these regions implicated genes related to postsynaptic (largely glutamatergic) receptor complexes implicated in SCZ pathophysiology. It is noteworthy that most of the risk ROHs demonstrated low frequencies in the general population.

The identification of mutations in genes that cause human diseases has largely been accomplished through the use of positional cloning, which relies on linkage mapping. In studies of rare diseases, the resolution of linkage mapping is limited by the number of available meioses and informative marker density. One recent advance is the development of high-density SNP microarrays for genotyping.

The SNP arrays overcome low marker informativity by using a large number of markers to achieve greater coverage at finer resolution. Although considerable progress has been made, the majority of genes causing complex and Mendelian disorders have yet to be identified.

The discovery of most human disease-causing genes has relied on using large or multiple human pedigrees for genetic linkage mapping. The identification of additional disease-causing genes is hindered by the paucity of pedigrees that are suitable for traditional linkage studies.

Therefore, opportunities to identify novel disease genes that take advantage of smaller pedigrees and genomic resources must be sought. One recent development that can aid in the identification of disease genes are high-density SNP microarray genotyping for homozygosity mapping. This method was used in a small consanguineous Israeli Bedouin family with autosomal recessive Bardet–Biedl syndrome (BBS; obesity, pigmentary retinopathy, polydactyly, hypogonadism, renal and cardiac abnormalities, and cognitive impairment) in which previous linkage studies using short tandem repeat polymorphisms failed to identify a disease locus. SNP genotyping revealed a homozygous candidate region. Mutation analysis in the region of homozygosity identified a conserved homozygous missense mutation in the *TRIM32* gene, a gene coding for an E3 ubiquitin ligase (Chiang, Beck et al. 2006). Functional analysis of this gene in zebrafish and expression correlation analyses among other BBS genes in an expression quantitative trait loci data set demonstrate that *TRIM32* is a BBS gene. This

study showed the value of high-density SNP genotyping for homozygosity mapping and the use of expression correlation data for evaluation of candidate genes and identifies the proteasome degradation pathway as a pathway involved in BBS.

Furthermore Woods, Cox et al. found that in individuals with a recessive disease whose parents were first cousins, on average, 11% of their genomes were homozygous with each individual bearing 20 homozygous segments exceeding 3 cM and that the size of the homozygous segment associated with recessive disease was 26 cM. These data imply that prolonged parental inbreeding has led to a background level of homozygosity increased ~5% over and above that predicted by simple models of consanguinity. This has important clinical and research implications. Individuals whose parents are related are expected to have an increased proportion of their autosomal genome that is homozygous.

The more closely the parents are related, the greater this effect is expected to be.¹ Offspring of second cousins are expected to have children with 1/64 of their genome homozygous; offspring of first cousins, 1/16; offspring of double-first cousins, 1/8; and offspring of incestuous union, 1/4.² Furthermore, in the case of first-cousin offspring, it has been calculated that the average homozygous segment will be 20 cM.³ This degree of homozygosity is far greater than that seen in apparently outbred populations. The clinical consequence of this is an increased incidence of autosomal recessive diseases (and, to a lesser extent, homozygous dominant diseases) in consanguineous populations. Most populations that have practiced consanguineous marriage have done so for many generations (Woods, Cox et al. 2006).

The degree of homozygosity seen in such populations has not been estimated directly. The authors sought to address this question by examining individuals with autosomal recessive disease drawn from two populations with a long history of consanguinity (Pakistani and Arab) and a third population with a short history of consanguinity (Irish traveler, a distinct ethnic group originating from Ireland, with their own culture and language). One of the most important findings in this work was that the longest homozygous segment was the disease associated segment in 8 (17%) of 48 individuals. Since, on average, each individual bore 20 homozygous segments 13 cM, it seems reasonable to initially suggest that any 1 of these 20 segments could contain the disease-gene mutation with similar likelihood. Since the range of lengths would be greatly influenced by time (mutation and recombination) and place (chromosome and recombination), the disease-associated segment ought to have been the largest in only 5% of the time. This result may be explained by the segment being of more recent origin or by the fact that ascertainment involves greater parental consanguinity.

The clinician managing recessive disease in consanguineous families is often presented with only one or two affected children, and seeking linkage to a known locus is frequently the clinician's first step. Although homozygosity at a disease locus does not prove disease linkage in a consanguineous family, it can add support and, if no overlapping homozygous segments are found in affected individuals, can

permit exclusion. However, for a sib pair in similar circumstances, homozygosity is more significant; when there are two loci of equal frequency, homozygosity in both siblings at one of these loci, even in a highly consanguineous population, would indicate correct linkage in 95% of cases, and, even when there are eight loci of equal frequency, homozygosity in both siblings would indicate correct linkage in 81% of cases (Woods, Cox et al. 2006).

AIMS OF THE STUDY

Congenital hyperinsulinism of infancy is a pathology characterized by a profound hypoglycaemia related to a dysregulated insulin secretion.; the frequency of the disease is 1:30000-50000 live birth world –wide, but in some isolated populations with high consanguinity like the Arabic Peninsula, frequency of 1:2500 is reported. CHI has two different histological presentations, which are characterized either by a diffuse insulin secretion or by an adenomatous hyperplastic focal form of the pancreatic β - cells, underlying different molecular mechanisms at the basis of the disease. The diffuse form shows an autosomal recessive form of inheritance and rarely an autosomal dominant one ; the focal form presents like a sporadic form (Giurgea, Bellanne-Chantelot et al. 2006) (Giurgea, Sanlaville et al. 2006) At present it is well known that dysfunctions of pancreatic β - cells K-ATP channel are a common cause of CHI. The two subunits of the channel are coded by two genes, KCNJ11 and ABCC8, the last one coding for the sulphonylurea receptor, localized in the p11.5 region of chromosome 11. Mutation in these two genes inhibits the functionality of the K-ATP channel and are classified as *channelopathies*, which include mutations decreasing the channel activity till the complete lack of functionality. Mutations in ABCC8 gene are responsible of the 50-60% of focal and diffuse CHI patients, otherwise mutations in KCNJ11 are responsible for 10-15% of cases (De Leon and Stanley 2007). Focal forms of the pathology derive from a mutation in ABCC8 or KCNJ11 genes coming from the father and a contemporary loss of heterozygosity of the same allele in the mother in the pancreatic tissue bearing the focal lesion. Loss of heterozygosity of the chromosomal region 11p15.2 leads to an unbalanced expression of maternally imprinted genes like H19 and IGF2 and also p57 gene, regulating cellular growth. Diffuse form of CHI are due to the presence of two mutations in one of the two candidate genes , one paternally and one maternally inherited in a recessive way. Other less frequent molecular mechanisms responsible for CHI are glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH), glucokinase (GK) (Delonlay, Simon et al. 2007) and short- chain 3 hydroxyacyl Coenzyme A dehydrogenase (SCHAD) deficiency (Molven, Matre et al. 2004). CHI derives from a heterogeneous genetic background and many other genes involved in the pancreatic β - cells metabolism are good candidate genes for this disease.

Current genome-wide high density mapping technologies have improved the number of feasible applications of SNPs genotyping in the identification of new disease associated loci using genotype calls not only for association studies involving single polymorphisms but, thanks to the contemporary analysis of copy number, also revealing the presence of long stretches of homozygosity and their classification as structural variations (deletion, UPD, autozygosity). These studies underline how this

phenomenon is not normally due to uniparental disomy, that is a rare event associated to particular syndromes in which region of imprinted region or cancer predisposing genes are involved. This homozygosity stretches are generally located in regions of broad linkage disequilibrium and low frequency of recombination, and are considered autozygosity trait . One possible mechanism at the basis of autozygosity is the presence of a common ancestor which decreases the probability of recombination or the nature of particular chromosome trait allowing them to remain unchanged (Huqun, Izumi et al. 2007; Simon-Sanchez, Scholz et al. 2007)

This methodological approach to the analysis of SNPs genotyping data can be called “homozygosity mapping”, which can be useful in the identification of disease associated locus/genes. Homozygosity mapping focuses on individuation of regions of autozygosity which are in common between affected individuals of the same family or between affected unrelated probands with the same disease which have high probability to harbor new mutations (Huqun, Izumi et al. 2007), and can underline regions that can lead to a new gene (or to a number of candidate loci)(Ramprasad, Soumitra et al. 2008) as responsible of the genetic basis of the disease.

In order to identify new disease susceptibility loci in a cohort of consanguineous and not consanguineous 34 CHI Italian families , we performed genome-wide homozygosity mapping using 250K NspI Gene Chip Affymetrix SNP microarrays. This approach will be useful to reveal the number and the nature of homozygosity trait in common between probands to underline new regions containing candidate genes involved in the ethiopathogenesis of CHI. Further screening for mutations in candidate genes will performed and biochemical pathways involved in the disease will be analyzed.

MATERIAL and METHODS

1. Patients

This study was performed in accordance to the Italian legislation on sensible data recording. Appropriate informed consent of 110 collected sample was obtained from all CHI families members.

Inclusion criteria for CHI diagnosis are internationally accepted (Aynseley-Green et al, 2000) and patients with transient hyperinsulinism of infancy or insulinoma were excluded from the study.

All 34 CHI collected families do not have affected parents and are composed as described:

- 25 trios
- 4 families with 4 components (3 with not affected brother and one with affected sister)
- 3 families with 5 components (2 families with an unaffected brother and one family with an affected sister)
- 1 families with 7 components (4 not affected uncles)
- 2 single probands

We have analyzed a cohort of 35 CHI probands, 31 of Italian origin , while 4 coming respectively from Egypt ,Tunisia, Algeria and El Salvador. In five families consanguineity was declared .

The vast majority of patients used diazoxide to regulate glucose levels and seven patient underwent surgery , six of which subtotal and one partial pancreatectomia. Histopathological characterization was possible for six of the 7 operated patient and has evidenced the presence of 3 focal form and 3 diffuse form . Two of this patient developed diabetes after surgery.

Clinical , biochemical and therapeutic data for all 35 probands are summarized in table 1.

Table 1 . CHI probands clinical description

Proband	Sex	Nation Of Origin	Consanguinity	Age at Diagnosis	Blood glucose (mg/dl)	IRI mcU/ml	Glucagone response	Terapia	Chirurgy	Histology
HI17P	M	Italy	No	birth		340		DZ Octreotide	Pancreasectomia subtotal	diffuse
HI18P	F	Italy	No	3 months	24	36	45 mg/dl (0) 165 mg/dl	DZ	pancreasectomia subtotal	focal
HI15P	M	Tunisia	<u>YES</u> First cousin parents	birth	91(3 years)	40(3 years)	39 mg/dl (0) 123 mg/dl	DZ octreotide Prednisone	pancreasectomia subtot	diffuse
HI20P	F	Italy	No	2 years	49	21,8	66 mg/dl (0) 206 mg/dl	DZ		
HI21P	F	Italy	No	4 days	29	24		DZ Octreotide		
HI16P	M	Italy	<u>YES</u> Second cousin parents	1 months	24	52		DZ		diffuse(PET)
HI22P	F	Algeria	<u>YES</u> First cousin parents, and grand mather and grand father too.	9 months	40	7	40 mg/dl (0) 58 mg/dl	DZ STOP 18 months		
HI23P	F	Italy	No	birth	5		42 mg/dl (0) 124 mg/dl	DZ STOP 6 years		
HI14P	M	Italy	No	4 months				Dz STOP after surgery	pancreasetomia partial	focal
HI01P	M	Italy	No	13 months				Dz STOP		
HI02P	M	Italy	No	3 months				Dz octeotide		
HI04P	F	Italy	No	1 day				Dz STOP		
HI05P	F	Italy	No	8 months				Dz		
HI07P	F	Italy	No	1 year				proglicem+ Valproato		diffuse(PET)
Proband	Sex	Nation Of Origin	Consanguinity	Age at Diagnosis	Blood glucose (mg/dl)	IRI mcU/ml	Glucagone response	Terapia	Chirurgy	Histology

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					(mg/dl)					
HI09P	F	Italy	No	1 week				insulina+ depachin	pancreasectomia subtotal	focal
HI10P	M	Italy	No							
HI11P	F	El Salvador	<u>YES</u> Second cousin parents	4 days					pancreatlectomia subtotal	not determined
HI12P	M	Italy	No	3 days	11			Dz+ fenobarbital		
HI13P	M	Egypt	<u>YES</u> First cousin parents	2 days				Dz		
HI24P	M	Italy	No	13 months				DZ		Diffuse (PET)
HI25P	M	Italy	No	21 days	22			Dz		
HI26P	F	Italy	No	2 days				proglicem+ Sandostatin		
HI27P	M	Italy	No	8 months	36			diet		
HI28P	F	Italy	No							
HI29P	M	Italy	No	1day	26		normal	Dz		Diffuse (PET)
HI30P	M	Italy	No	birth	6			Dz+ Sandostatin	pancreatlectomia subtotal	focall
HI31P	M	Italy	No	birth	5			Dz + Luminalette		
HI32P	F	Italy	No	3 months	48	55		Dz + Luminalette		
HI33P	F	Italy	<u>YES</u>	birth	20	133		DZ STOP		
HI34P	F	Italy	No	3 months	39	10		DZ Octreotide	Transhepatic catheterism	diffuse
HI03P	M	Italy	No	12 months	22	6		DZ		
HI35P_1	F	Italy	No	birth	30	24		DZOctreotide STOP		
HI35P_2	F	Italy	No	1 month	33	2		DZ		
HI36P	M	Italy	No							
HI19P	M	Italy	No							

2. Affymetrix 250k NspI GeneChip Snp Genotyping

2.1 DNA extration and purification

DNA from peripheral blood lymphocytes was extracted using QiaAMP mini-extraction kit (Qiagen). Following DNA extraction, a salt precipitation DNA cleanup step was done as described in the Affymetrix GeneChip Mapping 500K Assay Manual.

DNA yields were quantified by spectrophotometry (NanoDrop, Nanodrop Technologies, DE, USA) and were greater than 250 ng for each sample (minimum quantity requested for Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping). DNA underwent electrophoresis on 0.9 % agarose gel for quality control.

2.2 Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 250k NspI Array coverage and annotation

All 262,000 SNPs on the GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Array Set were selected and tiled on arrays based on accuracy, call rate and linkage disequilibrium analysis in three populations across the genome and then went through validation process. The median physical distance between SNPs is 2.5 kb, the mean physical distance between SNPs is 5.8 kb. The average heterozygosity of SNPs is 0.30 and minor allele frequency average 0.22. Eighty-five percent of the human genome is within 10 kb of a SNP. Extensive annotation for each SNPs is provided by G-TYPE software and includes db SNP ID, nearest genes, physical map location, cytoband and alleles frequency in multiple populations.

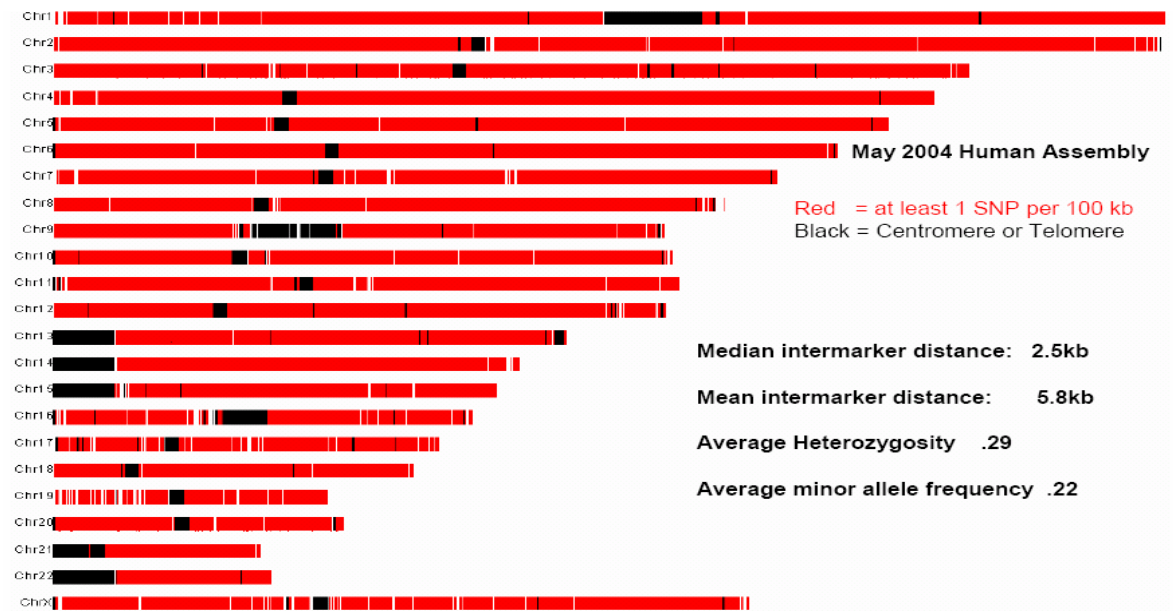


Figure 1. Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Array genome coverage

2.3 Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 250k NspI Array Protocol

DNA samples were assayed using the Mapping 250K NspI Assay kit (Affymetrix) and then analyzed on GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Arrays (Affymetrix).

Briefly, 250 ng genomic DNA (5 µl DNA , 50 ng/ µl) was digested with 10 units of the restriction endonuclease NspI for 2.5 h at 37°C and size of digestion products controlled by capillary electrophoresis (Agilent BIOANALYZER). Oligonucleotide adapters were ligated to the NspI digestion products using T4 DNA ligase (3 h at 16° C) and ligation products were added with water to 100 µl final volume. 5µl of ligation product of each sample underwent PCR amplification using Titanium Taq Polymerase in the presence of 25 µM universal primer 002 Affymetrix , 350 Mm each dNTPs and 1X Titanium Taq Polymerase buffer. Amplification protocol is described in Affymetrix GeneChip Mapping 500K Assay Manual and each sample was done in triplicate. PCR product size (range 250-1110 bp) was controlled by capillary electrophoresis (Agilent BIOANALYZER). PCR reactions of each sample were pooled and then purified (Clontech. DNA Amplification Clean-Up Kit). Purified PCR products were quantified by spectrophotometry (NanoDrop, Nanodrop Technologies, DE, USA) an90 µg of PCR purified product was fragmented using 0.25 units of DNAase at 37° C for 35 minuts.

Fragmentations products were controlled by capillary electrophoresis (Agilent BIOANALYZER), and their length was shorther then 180 bp. After fragmentation DNA was end-labelled with 105 units of deossinucleotide transferase at 37°C for 2 h and hybridized to an array for 18 h at 49°C.

After hybridization, the arrays were washed and stained using an Affymetrix Fluidics Station 450.

Images were obtained using a Gene Array Scanner 2500 (Affymetrix).

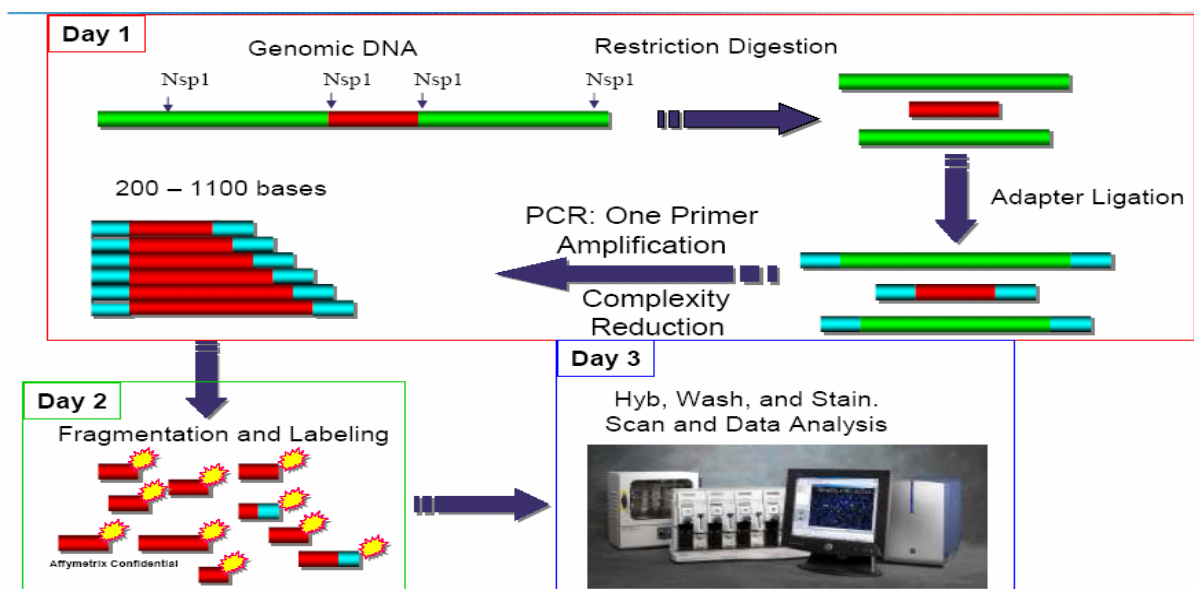


Figure 2. Schematic representation of Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Arrays protocol.

2.4 Genotyping quality control

Genotype calls were produced using BRLMM algorithm of GeneChip Analysis Software (version 4.0, Affymetrix) using default parameter settings:

score threshold 0.5

block size 0

prior size 1000

Genotyping quality control included genotype call rates (expressed as the percentage of SNPs to which BRLMM algorithm could assign an allelic call among 262.000 SNPs investigated by the array), heterozygous call rate, mendelian error control, sex and pedigree check.

Heterozygous call rate gives a good indication of quality and integrity of DNA samples

Samples were excluded if they showed call rates lower than 93%, mendelian errors higher than 1% (probably due to genotyping errors) and sex not corresponded to the declared.

Pedigree check in all family members was undertaken to underline transmission errors inside all 34 families due to different or not declared parental relationship.

3. Homozygosity mapping

The computational strategy entails several computational steps including: SNP preprocessing analysis, within-subject and across-subjects ROHs identification analysis, ROHs genes annotation. At each step, the R language was used to code the procedure (<http://www.r-project.org/>) and the genomic visualization of resulting ROHs was carried out using dChip (<http://biosun1.harvard.edu/complab/dchip/>).

STEP1: SNP preprocessing analysis

a. Loss of Heterozygosity (LOH) and Copy Number (CN) analyses were performed to determine the CN and LOH profiling for each sample by dChip2007 software. We performed unpaired LOH analysis using HMM considering haplotype correction (HC/LD-HMM) by comparing our patients dataset to CEPH 60 HapMap parents as reference samples, as suggested by the dChip manual (<http://biosun1.harvard.edu/complab/dchip/manual.htm>). The LOH analysis assigned to each SNP an inferred SNP LOH probability defined as P(LOH) and ranging from 0 to 1. CN analysis was performed using median smoothing and trimmed analysis, according to the software. In parallel, all samples were also analyzed with CNAG2.0 (www.genome.umin.jp) by using normal references used for dChip analysis. A matrix of SNP LOH probability data was exported from dChip2007 structured with samples in columns and SNP in rows.

b. Annotation of SNP LOH probability data matrix. Inferred SNP LOH probability data matrix were combined with additional genomic information (e.g. physical position, chromosome, cytoband, allele and genotype frequencies) included in mapping array specific annotation file. Then, annotated data matrix was sorted according to the SNP physical position along the genome and used for ROH identification analysis at the level of single sample or across samples.

STEP2: Within-subject ROHs analysis (single sample data) We used single sample data and extracted stretches of consecutive events of LOH within-subject setting the $P(\text{LOH}) \geq 0.5$ defined as runs of homozygosity (ROHs). The procedure produced a table listing the ROHs of each patient (sample). Each ROH was described by start and end genomic SNP position (bp) and cytoband, length (bp), number of SNPs, the maximum and minimum value of $P(\text{LOH})$ associated to SNP belonging to ROH .

STEP3: Across-subjects ROHs analysis (multiple sample data)
a. Fingerprint Analysis. We identified the ROH pattern across the entire dataset by setting the $P(\text{LOH}) \geq 0.5$, defined as “fingerprint analysis”. The fingerprint was determined by the presence of same ROHs clusters among at least two samples in dataset.

The fingerprint ROHs data were described by start and end genomic SNP position (bp) and cytoband, length of ROH, number of SNPs in the region, the maximum and minimum number of patients (frequency) sharing the ROH region.

b. Shared ROHs Analysis. Fixing the number of individuals carrying same ROHs namely “shared ROHs”, we then extracted common regions of ROHs across all the subjects under study. Data tables containing a list of shared ROHs calculated using 2, 3 or more samples can be produced. Usually, this step reduces the length of shared ROHs and permits an enhancement of genomic regions clinically important for the disease under study .

STEP4: Annotation of genes to ROHs

The annotation step allowed the association of genes to selected ROHs. The list of genes associated to ROHs was obtained using the UCSC Table Browser (<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables>) and by querying the hg17 database, the following tables: KnowGenes, RefGene and RefFlat. Genes list was used to carry out enrichment and pathways analysis or to investigate for presence of new diseases candidate gene

4. CNAG(v3.0) copy number and LOH analysis

Homozygosity mapping of genotype calls of the CHI families members was performed using CNAG (v3.0) software for both copy number and loss of heterozygosity analysis with default parameter settings, comparing 48 Hap Map CEU samples genotype calls as reference and considering homozygosity trait including at least 10 contiguous SNPs and LOH likelihood greater than 30. Homozygosity traits evidenced in the child were further analyzed for copy number changes in order to exclude the nature of deletion and compared with parents genotypes to exclude uniparental disomy.

CNAG (v3.0) use allele-specific copy-number analysis using anonymous reference algorithm (AsCNAR)AsCNAR is a new algorithm developed for detection of allelic composition in the total copy number status, without dependence on the availability of constitutive DNA. By sensing subtle distortions in allele-specific signals caused by allelic imbalance with the use of anonymous controls (a pool of normal unrelated samples), it also enables sensitive detection of LOH with accurate determination of allele-specific copy numbers.

This algorithm allows simultaneously analysis of LOH and copy number changes in paired and un-paired samples comparing allele-specific signals with those in anonymous referencesAs reported Yamamoto et al., the use of multiple

references overcomes the low concordance rate with a single reference (37%), and the expected overall concordance rate for heterozygous SNPs and for all SNPs increases to 86% and 92%, respectively, with five unrelated references (Yamamoto2007). Thus, for AsCNAR, allele-specific signal ratios are calculated at all the concordant heterozygous SNP loci for individual references, and then the signal ratios for the identical SNPs are averaged across different references over the entire genome. For the analysis of total CNs, all the concordant SNPs, both homozygous and heterozygous, are included in the calculations, and the two allele-specific signal ratios for heterozygous SNP loci are summed together. His peculiarity is that it is capable to display in a single chart LOH regions, CN values and allele dosage, in particular can determine regions of LOH with CN neutral (CNN), that is one of the two alleles is lost and the other duplicates itself, or which of the two alleles has been lost (Loss) or duplicate (Gain).

5. HADH gene sequencing

Genomic DNA was isolated from peripheral blood cells using a commercial kit (INVITROGEN PureLink™ Genomic DNA Mini Kit).

The complete coding region of HADH isoform 1 (Ensembl Transcript ID ENST00000309522) and HADH isoform2 (Ensembl Transcript ID ENST00000351726) including intron-exon boundaries, was amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using appropriate primer pairs (see table below).

PCRs were performed using hotstart polymerase (Amplitaq Gold, Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA). Sequence analysis was performed on PCR products with an ABI sequencing kit (Applied Biosystem) with the original PCR primers.

Sequence reaction products were analyzed on an ABI prism 3700 Genetic Analyzer. All fragments were sequenced bidirectionally. The sequence of mutated fragment was repeated at least twice from two different DNA extractions. cDNA and protein sequences were numbered according to NCBI ORF finder (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gorf/orfig.cgi>); with nucleotide numbering beginning with the first Met. Oligonucleotide primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing are listed in the table below .

HADH gene primer name	sequence
SCHAD 1F	TCATAGAACAAGGGGCCAGT
SCHAD 1R	GTGAAAACCTCCCTGGTGTCTG
SCHAD 2F	TCGGTATTTTGAATGGAATGG
SCHAD 2R	GCCCTGCAAATGTAAAGCAG
SCHAD 3F	AGGCCAATACAGGTGCTCTG
SCHAD 3R	TAGGCATGGAACAAAACCTGC
SCHAD 4F	AGCAGTCACCTTGTGCATTG
SCHAD 4R	AGGCTCAGGGACAACCTTCT
SCHAD 5F	TGCCTATATGGAGCCTTTTGA
SCHAD 5R	GGCACGGATTGCTCTTTACA
SCHAD 6F	TAAGAAGGGGCAATTTGGTG
SCHAD 6R	GCAGCTGAGCTCACAAAGC
SCHAD 7F	TCTAGATAGCCACCTGTGGCAG
SCHAD 7R	AGGAGTATTCCCCTGGCATC
SCHAD 8F	CCCAAGCCAGAAAGTCTCAG
SCHAD 8R	GGCAGGATTTTGAAGGTCT
SCHAD 9.1F	TCTCTTCCCTCCGCTCAATA
SCHAD 9.1R	TGTGAGGGAATGTCTGACCA
SCHAD 9.2F	TCTCCGGCTCTGAGAAGAAC
SCHAD 9.2R	CCCGTTGATGAGAGAAGGAA
SCHAD 9.3F	TTTACACCCTTGGTGCCTTG
SCHAD 9.3R	GCAAACCATGCAAACAGAGA
SCHAD 9.4F	TTCAGCTCGTCGTGAAGATG
SCHAD 9.4R	AGGCAGGTTTTACACAAATGC

6. ABCC8 and KCNJ11 genes sequencing

Genomic DNA was isolated from peripheral blood cells using a commercial kit (INVITROGEN PureLink™ Genomic DNA Mini Kit).

Oligonucleotide primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of the unique KCNJ11 exon and of the 37 ABCC8 exons are listed in the table below .

PCRs were performed using hotstart polymerase (Amplitaq Gold, Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA)

The amplified products were purified using EXOSAP® treatment (Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, USA) and then directly sequenced with the forward and reverse primers previously used for the amplification. Sequenced products were purified using Montage SEQ 96 Sequencing Reaction Cleanup kit (Millipore) and fractionated by capillary electrophoresis on an automated DNA sequencer (MegaBACE 1000 DNA Analysis System; Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, USA). The sequence of mutated fragment was repeated at least twice from two different DNA extractions.

cDNA and protein sequences were numbered according to NCBI ORF finder (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gorf/orfig.cgi>; GenBank NM_000525.3) with nucleotide numbering beginning with the first Met. Oligonucleotide primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing are listed in the table below .

KCNJ11	Primer pairs	n° basi	PCR fragment size (bp*)
<i>esone 1A</i>	5'-agaggactctgcagtgaggc-3'	20	541
	5'-ttctgcacgatgaggatcag-3'	20	
<i>esone 1B</i>	5'-cttctgtgcagctggctg-3'	19	769
	5'-gccaaacttgagtagtcca-3'	20	
<i>esone 1C</i>	5'-tcgagatcatcgtcatcctg-3'	20	471
	5'-agtgccttgaacaccctgg-3'	20	

ABCC8	Primer pairs	n° basi	PCR fragment size (bp*)
<i>esone 2</i>	5'-tcctcatgttaggtgtcac-3'	20	390
	5'-gagctgctggatgatgaac-3'	20	
<i>esone 3</i>	5'-ggctcagtggtcagccttga-3'	21	596
	5'-atccctatcagaggactttgc-3'	21	
<i>esone 4</i>	5'-acacgtgcacatccacttac-3'	20	591
	5'-cttatctccctttctacgga-3'	21	
<i>esone 6</i>	5'-agacaacaggagctagggg-3'	19	529
	5'-ccgggagaggtactatggta-3'	20	
<i>esone 8</i>	5'-gcacactgtaacaggtggca-3'	20	419
	5'-tgcttcagagtatgggaca-3'	20	
<i>ex** 10+intr*** 10</i>	5'-ctcctgtccagtactctgtg-3'	20	625
	5'-atctcaaggcctcctcttc-3'	20	
<i>intr 11+ex 12</i>	5'-gtgtctccaactaaaagatcc-3'	21	440
	5'-atgtccctctgaccaaccag-3'	20	
<i>esone 13</i>	5'-gcctgagatcctgctcaga-3'	19	388
	5'-gcttgcggttcacaacct-3'	19	
<i>intr 15+ex 16</i>	5'-ggaagaagaaaacaggggc-3'	20	402
	5'-gcgcatagtaagaggtgaata-3'	21	
<i>intr 18+ex 19</i>	5'-caccagagccacactaaag-3'	19	597
	5'-cgatgctagccctaactatta-3'	21	
<i>esone 24</i>	5'-atgaaggggaaggactaaatc-3'	21	382
	5'-tcaaaggcacactactgcac-3'	20	
<i>esone 28</i>	5'-gaatcattgaaccaagggg-3'	21	523
	5'-gcggtggaataagatgtgga-3'	20	
<i>esone 29</i>	5'-aggacagcagtaattgtgcc-3'	20	499
	5'-ctgctggtggatatcccttg-3'	20	
<i>ex-intr 32+ex 33</i>	5'-tccagccttaagaagagcca-3'	20	569
	5'-ggtgactcgaagccatcc-3'	19	
<i>ex-intr 34+ex 35</i>	5'-ataacctgtgacctcccaca-3'	20	896
	5'-ccaaccaaccagctgcat-3'	19	
<i>esone 37</i>	5'-cattgtgtgtcaggtgcac-3'	20	880
	5'-ccctaccgcatggtgac-3'	19	

7. Pax gene Blood RNA System

Pax gene Blood RNA System consists of a blood collection tube (PAX gene Blood RNA Tube) and nucleic acid purification kit (PAX gene Blood RNA Kit). The proprietary reagent composition of PAX gene Blood RNA Tube protect RNA molecules from degradation by RNAase and minimizes ex vivo change sin gene expression. Probands and controls 2.5 ml whole blood collection followed the PAX gene Blood RNA Tube instruction manual.

8. RNA extration protocol

Nucleic acid purification begins with a centrifugation step to pellet nucleic acid in the PAX gene Blood RNA Tube. The pellet is washed and resuspended , an incubated in optimazed buffers together with proteinase k to bring about protein digestion. An additional centrifugation through the PAX gene Shedder spin is carried out to homogenize cell lysate and remove cell debris , and the supernatant is transferred to a fresh microcentrifuge tube.

Ethanol is added to adjust binding conditions, and the lysate is applied to a PAX gene spin column. RNA is selective bound to the Pax gene silica-gel membrane and contaminants are removed in wash steps. The membrane is treated with DNAase I to remove trace amount of bound DNA. After the wash step, RNA is eluted in steril water.

9.cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit

Retrotranscription of 1 γ of total RNA was undertaken using High capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (Applied Biosystems) .

10 μ l of RNA sample is added to 10 μ l of RT master mix composed by:

- 2 μ l 10X RT buffer
- 0.8 μ l dNTP MIX 100 Mm
- 2 μ l 10X RT random primers
- 1 μ l MultiScribe Riverse Trancriptase
- 1 μ l RNAase Inibitor
- 3,2 μ l H2O

Thermal cycler conditions are described in the kit Information Document.

10. HADH gene cDNA amplification

Amplification of HADH gene cDNA was done using a couple of primers amplifying exonic sequence between exon 3 and exon (primers sequence in table). PCRs were performed using hot start polymerase (Amplitaq Gold, Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) in standard condition and with an annealing temperature of 57 ° C. The amplification product has an expected length of 733 bp if Isoform 2 of the transcript is amplified; otherwise the amplification product would be of 682 bp if the first and more abundant isoform is amplified. This Isoform 1 presents skipping of exon 7. PCR fragment were controlled on 2% agarose gel.

As amplification controls commercial cDNAs were used :

liver (Clontech), Scheletric Muscle (Clontech), Human Control 10 (Clontech)

PTT SCHAD R	TCACTTGTATTTGTAAAATCCTTCTC
cDNA SCHAD ex3 F	CGGCGATGAATTTGTGGAG

11. Bioinformatic Analysis of SHAD protein

In order to evidence sequence differences and homologies , we used Clustal 2.0.5 multiple sequence alignment of wild type and truncated SCHAD protein. Wild type and mutated SHAD protein ribbon diagramm was obtained with ESyPred3D (Prediction of proteins 3D structures), an automated homology modeling program. Conserved Domains were also obtained from Pfam database (a large collection of protein families, each represented by *multiple sequence alignments* and *hidden Markov models (HMMs)* of wild type and truncated SCHAD protein sequences .

12. MCAD gene mutation screening

Genomic DNA was isolated from peripheral blood cells using a commercial kit (INVITROGEN PureLink™ Genomic DNA Mini Kit).

Oligonucleotide primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of the unique.MCAD 13 exons are listed in the table below .

MCAD gene primer name	sequence
ACADM 1F	GACCAGAGGAGTCCCGCGTT
ACADM 1R	ACCGCTGGGCTCCCTCTCA
ACADM 2F	TAGTCTCTTATCTGATTAATGTTTAAAC
ACADM 2R	GCTTCATATGTATAAGTTTAAAGTC
ACADM 3F	TTTAACTTTTCTAAATAATTTTCCC
ACADM 3R	TTTCCCTCTTTAAAATGTATATACC
ACADM 4F	ATATATTTTAACTCAGTTCTTTTTC
ACADM 4R	CAGTATTA AAAATATAAAGAAAGC
ACADM 5F	TTTCTTGCCATTAAATGACTTTC
ACADM 5R	TGGGTCTGAGGAAAAGAATCA
ACADM 6F	ATGTGTTGAAACATTTTGATACT
ACADM 6R	AGTTAGGTAGTTAATTTTCTAATC
ACADM 7F	GATTTTTTAATGTCAATTTTCTT
ACADM 7R	TAAAGCGGCAGTTACACATA
ACADM 8F	CATTTAATTTTCAATTTCTCTTGTTTTTA
ACADM 8R	AGAAAAAATATACAAAGATGTTTTGA
ACADM 9F	CACCATTATCCGGTATGTGTA
ACADM 9R	TGGGGCCCTAATCATTAAATAAA
ACADM 10F	GCTGGCTCAAAAAAATTCC
ACADM 10R	AAGATCCTATAAAGATTATGAACCC
ACADM 11F	ACATGAACTTTTGCTTTATAATATCT
ACADM 11R	AATGAGTGTCTTTACATTTGAAC
ACADM 12AF	ACTTTTAAGTTTTCTCAATAAATATCCTTTAAT
ACADM 12AR	TATCTCCAGCAAATGCCTTT
ACADM 12BF	GTCGAAATACCTATTATGCTTCT
ACADM 12BR	ATATTCTCTCTCCTTGCAAAC
ACADM 13F	AAAGATATTTAACCTACACTTATATTTTTC
ACADM 13R	ACAGTGGCTTGTGTTCT

13. Bioinformatic pathways analysis

Bioinformatic pathways analysis was undertaken uploading in David Functional Annotation Chart the list of genes in common between at least two patients.

RESULTS

1.Homozygosity traits analysis of 34 CHI families with CNAG (v3.0)

software

In order to realize a first description of homozygosity traits present in 34 families with CHI affected probands we used SNPs genotyping microarray platform GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Array and CNAG (v3.0) software, and we obtain a list of homozygosity traits found in all families' members analyzed, their chromosomal position, starting and end physical position, start and end cytoband and length in Mb.

The analysis of homozygosity events inside every single family has evidenced presence of homozygous traits in more than one member (Table 1), included parents and healthy parents and sisters. Six of the 34 unaffected mothers presented more than one homozygosity trait, in some cases revealing 6, 7, 9, and even 14 homozygous regions; in this last highly homozygous sample the longest trait was 95.13 Mb on chromosome 3 and this was the most extended one in all our CHI dataset (data not shown). Considering the other families members, we also found that 9 of the 34 unaffected fathers showed high homozygosity degree; two of these samples bearing 8 and 12 homozygous stretches and the longest trait in a father' sample was 30.83 Mb in length.

We have also analyzed affected and unaffected sibs and we evidenced one unaffected brother with 7 homozygosity trait and two unaffected sibs of the same family with 2 and 3 stretches, the longest one of 76.61 Mb in length on chromosome 8 (Table1).

Homozygosity trait analysis in our 35 CHI probands evidenced that homozygosity traits of more than 1 Mb were present in only 10 probands and they spanned between 3.4 and 79 Mb in length (Table1). The evidenced homozygosity regions were located on 16 different chromosomes, and they were not preferentially distributed on one or few chromosomes. When we considered the chromosomal position of every single homozygosity stretch we elucidated that their location along the chromosomes was peculiar to every single CHI patient and none of the affected children presented perfect match between start and end position of the loss of heterozygosity regions. Nevertheless, we were able with this first analysis to underline that in 6 of the 16 chromosomes that presented homozygosity stretches there were same regions in common between CHI patients (Table1). On Chromosome 4 two probands shared a common region between 102152133 and 106370477, on chromosome 6 between 19936192 and 33975418, on chromosome 10 between 126834837 and 127762981, and on chromosome 13 between 81164254 and 84504847 (Table1). On chromosome 11 we evidenced three CHI probands with a common LOH trait that covers the 11p15.2 region and on chromosome 18 one CHI proband shared a common region with two other probands, but the two overlapping traits

had a different chromosomal position (Table 1).

Further investigation of the parental origin of homozygous stretches has confirmed that they were not inherited and the contemporary analysis of the copy number with CNAG (v3.0) software did not revealed any copy number loss, concluding that they were not deletions. Mendelian errors check (all below 0.1%, threshold due to genotyping errors and not transmission errors) and parental haplotypes analysis has excluded uniparental disomy (UPD) and they must be considered as autozygosity traits.

Sample_name	Chromosome	StartPos	EndPos	Mb	START CYTOBAND	END CYTOBAND	Results
HI22P	1	54594479	80226727	25,63	1p32.3	1p31.1	
HI22P	1	155917158	160086719	4,17	1q23.1	1q23.3	
HI13P	1	185811639	189786806	3,98	1p36.21	1q44	
HI16P	2	230112156	242642787	12,53	2q37.1	2q37.3	
HI06P	4	102152133	106370477	4,22	4q21-q24	4q24	
HI16P	4	68321842	147336231	79,01	4q13.2	4q31.21	
HI11P	5	116226943	120983392	4,76	5q23.1	5q23.1	
HI11P	5	160387464	167444580	7,06	5q34	5q34-q35.1	
HI13P	5	146708683	159601881	12,89	5q33.1	5q33.3	
HI13P	5	125396244	141943941	16,55	5q31.1	5q32-q33	
HI28P	5	38435479	50536897	13,61	5p13.2	5q11.2	
HI16P	6	6076323	10601757	4,53	6p25.3-p24	6p24.3	
HI22P	6	11311011	33975418	22,66	6p24.1	6pter-p21.31	
HI16P	6	19936192	41091259	21,16	6p22.3-p22.2	6p21	
HI16P	6	88778372	96025216	7,25	6p25.3	6q27	
HI18P	6	102233451	109256119	7,02	6q16.3-q21	6q21	
HI11P	7	13550657	16986312	3,44	7p21.2	7p21.1	
HI16P	7	132026854	146183963	14,16	7q32.3	7q35	
HI13P	8	17627431	38405382	20,78	8p22	8p11.2	
HI11P	8	40509288	65657887	25,15	8p11	8q12.3	
HI13P	8	97623577	107482718	9,86	8q22.1	8q23.1	
HI22P	8	123099200	134674046	11,57	8q24.13	8q24.22	
HI13P	10	121898842	127762981	5,86	10q26.12	10q26.2	
HI22P	10	126834837	133718894	6,88	10q26.13	10q26.3	
HI15P	11	8555549	24098510	15,54	11p15	11p14.2	
HI11P	11	11995777	18704815	6,71	11p15.3	11p15.1	
HI09P	11	12394102	17467332	5,07	11p15.3	11p15.1	
HI13P	11	114173286	11998603	5,81	11q23.2	11q23.3	
HI13P	13	69627005	93563813	23,94	13q22.1	13q32	
HI28P	13	81164254	84504847	13,55	13q31.1	13q31.1	
HI13P	14	29766259	84248261	54,48	14q12	14q24.3-q31	
HI22P	15	83921005	91352551	7,43	15q24-q25	15q26.1	
HI13P	16	60780281	69551276	8,77	16q22.1	16q22.1	
HI13P	17	7804069	16391547	8,59	17p13.1	17p11.2	
HI15P	18	13331062	22131173	8,80	18p11.2	18q11.2	
HI13P	18	14842335	40392980	25,55	18p11.21	18q12.3	
HI16P	18	22609157	44240170	21,63	18q11.2	18q21.1	
HI11P_	22	41674130	47904529	6,23	22q13.2-13.33	22q13.31	

Table1.Homozygosity trait analysis with CNAG(v3.0) software . List of homozygosity trait in 35 CHI probands with indication of chromosomal position , start and end physical position , start and end cytoband and length in Mb.

2.Homozygosity traits analysis of 35 CHI probands with dChip software

To further characterize homozygosity traits in 35 CHI probands, we analyzed genotyping microarray GeneChip Human Mapping 250K NspI Array data using dCHIP software . In this analysis we decided to consider as a run of homozygosity (ROH) an homozygous trait with at least 50 SNPs, with the minimal length of 1 Mb and a loss of heterozygosity (LOH) probability greater or equal to 0.5. In order to compare homozygosity profile of all 35 probands, we also used dChip software to visualize LOH analysis chromosome by chromosome. Using parameter setting previously described, we have produced a list of ROHs present in the 35 CHI analyzed probands , each ROH is described by start and end physical position , start and end cytoband, number of SNPs included in that region, maximum and minimal value of LOH probability in that trait (data not shown), and ROH length in base pair. We underlined that 22 patients presented one or more ROH and the maximum number of ROHs owing to a single proband was 31 distributed on 15 chromosomes, while the second proband presented 30 ROHs on 12 different chromosomes.

When we also considered the chromosomal distribution of the previously evidenced ROHs, we could not underline a physical preferential positioning, even if chromosome 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10 showed at least 10 homozygous regions. Chromosome 1 LOH analysis evidenced the presence of homozygosity traits in 5 CHI probands (Table2); the long contiguous trait was of 25 Mb on 1p31.1, with a small overlapping homozygous segment in a second CHI patient; chromosome 2 analysis (Table3) listed 5 homozygous patient too, one patient showing a telomeric region of LOH of approximately 1Mb. On chromosome 4 (Table 4) one probands showed the longest homozygosity stretch of our CHI patient dataset (from 4q13.2 to 4q31.21) which ranged 79,01 Mb and included 312 known genes among which the known CHI causative HADH gene. This gene is genotyped on the microarray by 7 SNPs covering 45 kb and transmission analysis of these SNPs parents' haplotypes excluded the presence of uniparental disomy. These two long and contiguous stretches were previously identified with CNAG3 software too.

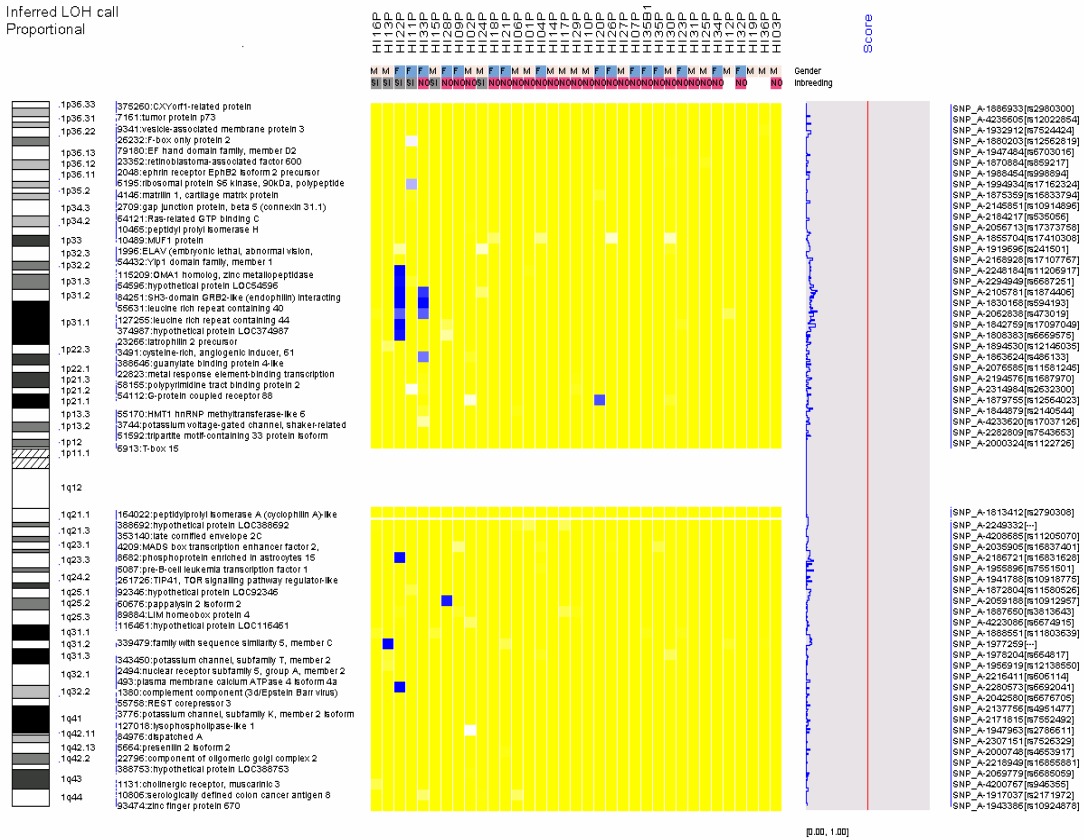
Considering other homozygous chromosomal region, an high degree of homozygosity was also revealed in one patient on chromosome 5 (Table5), which includes two LOH traits, the first one spanning between 5q23.2 and 5q33.3 and the second one between 5q35.2 and 5q35.3. On chromosome 6 (Table6) we evidenced two probands with two extended and partially overlapping homozygous region,with extension of respectively 12063077-33775934 and 20121370-41617879; one proband bore an LOH trait of 13.5 Mb on chromosome 7.

Chromosome 8 (Table7) revealed 4 long and contiguous LOH regions in 3 patients , one presenting two LOH traits on two different chromosomal arms and another one bearing a long stretch starting from p arm (8p11.21) and ending in 8q11.23 cytoband. All these findings were confirmed by CNAG software LOH analysis. When we further consider the most extend LOH traits of chromosome 10 (Table8) and 11 (Table9), we confirmed that two probands presented a partially common region of homozygosity spanning 10q26.12-10q26.2 and 10q26.13-10q26.3 while we underlined 6

patients with homozygous traits on chromosome 11, evidencing a fourth proband owning LOH trait that covers the 11p15.2 region not previously evidenced with CNAG software LOH analysis.

Other very long and contiguous regions of homozygosity were found in one patient on chromosomes 13, 14 (data not shown) and in two patients on chromosomes 18 (Table 10) of respectively 24, 54.5, 25.5 and 21.6 Mbase. Chromosomal positioning of ROHs of this entity had a nearly perfect correlation with homozygosity analysis previously done with CNAG software, even if dChip inferred LOH was seen to cluster them in more than one ROH (three different ROHs in the first two chromosomes cited), with few SNPs dividing each other, particularly when their LOH probability dropped below 0.6 (data not shown).

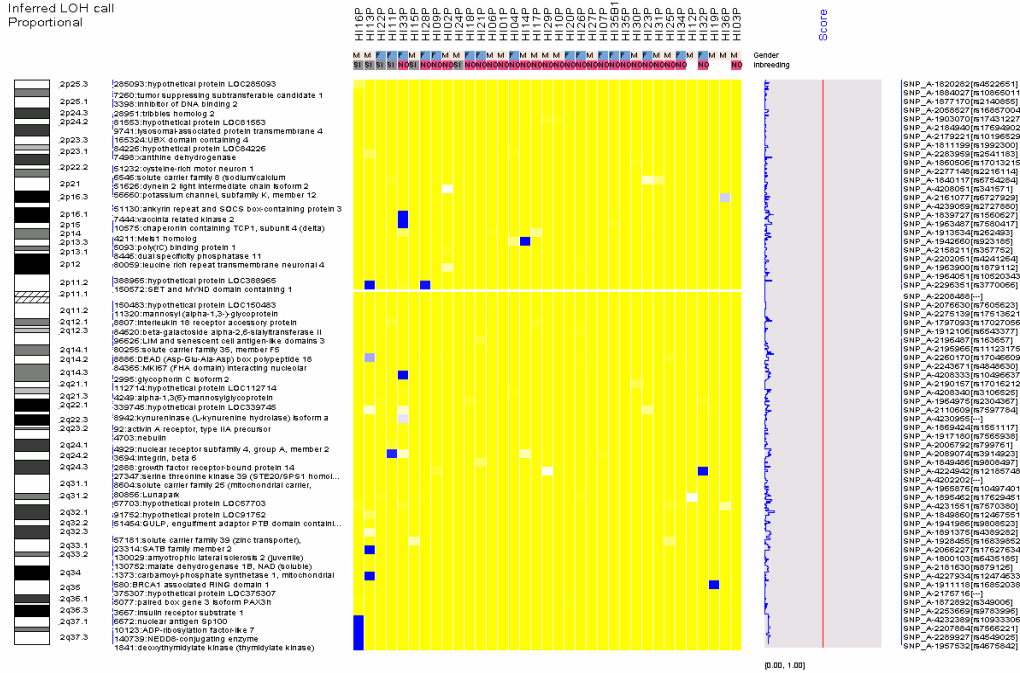
Chro 1
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	Length_cluster	Sample Name
1	170139711	172275804	q25.1	q25.1	150	2136094	ArrRaP_HI28P
1	54671315	71125345	p32.3	p31.1	1950	16454031	Ben.probando
1	71714715	72767289	p31.1	p31.1	100	1052575	Ben.probando
1	73701875	77106323	p31.1	p31.1	400	3404449	Ben.probando
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1	156244808	159015715	q23.2	q23.3	250	2770908	Ben.probando
1	186337133	189476447	q31.1	q31.2	400	3139315	LallP_HI13P
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1	25748046	26996958	p36.11	p36.11	50	1248913	SaKaP_HI11P
1	71125403	72767289	p31.1	p31.1	150	1641887	SpiAnP_HI33P
1	73701875	74847962	p31.1	p31.1	100	1146088	SpiAnP_HI33P
1	92543590	93987929	p22.1	p22.1	100	1444340	SpiAnP_HI33P
1	106760930	108031431	p21.1	p13.3	150	1270502	SpiAnP_HI33P

Table2.CHROMOSOME 1 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband . ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, , length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

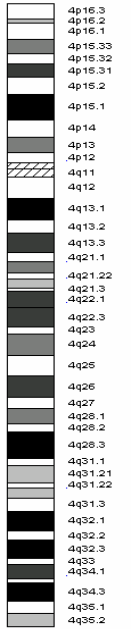
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Inferred LOH call
Proportional



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2	199618880	202225833	q33.1	q33.1	250	2606954	LalIP_HI13P
2	208868359	211687603	q33.3	q34	250	2819245	LalIP_HI13P
2	12779571	13860317	p24.3	p24.3	100	1080747	SaKaP_HI11P
2	125580472	128775793	q14.3	q14.3	250	3195322	SaKaP_HI11P
2	158821507	160664848	q24.1	q24.2	200	1843342	SaKaP_HI11P
2	230112156	238041387	q36.3	q37.3	650	7929232	Sco.proband
2	238790067	242235086	q37.3	q37.3	200	3445020	Sco.proband
2	59911787	61898960	p16.1	p15	150	1987174	SpiAnP_HI33P
2	114321833	115414003	q14.1	q14.1	100	1092171	SpiAnP_HI33P
2	117873546	120548651	q14.1	q14.2	250	2675106	SpiAnP_HI33P
2	133065490	134647518	q21.2	q21.2	200	1582029	SpiAnP_HI33P
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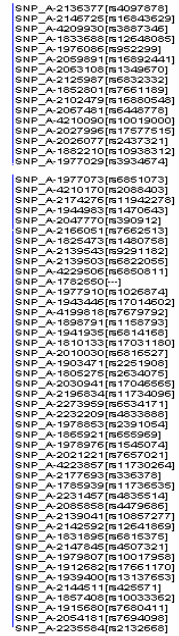
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Chro 4
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



Score

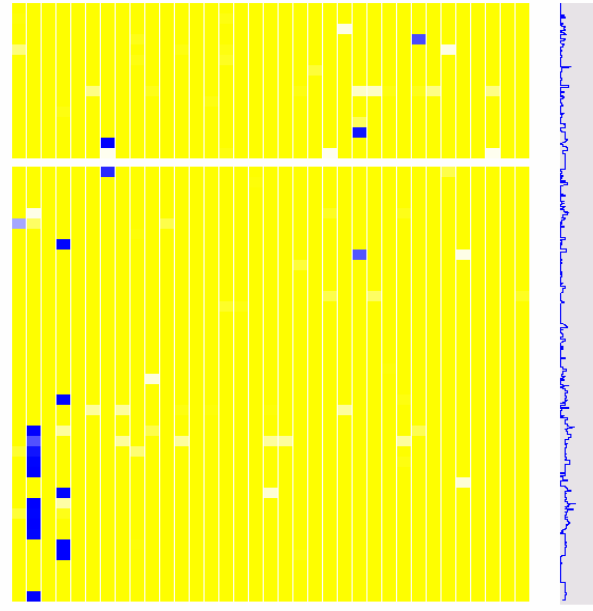
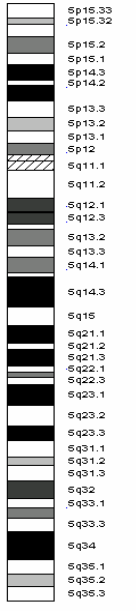
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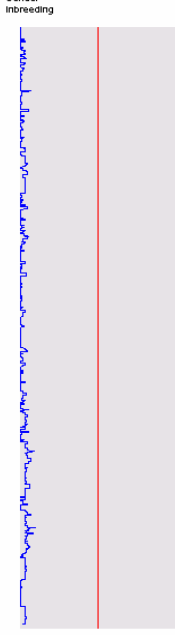
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4	125636494	127825459	q28.1	q28.1	200	2188966	Ben.probando
4	102215684	106049347	q24	q24	350	3833664	Bi.proband HI06P
4	87270913	90351364	q21.23	q22.1	250	3080452	RoNoP HI09P
4	151678846	153470722	q31.23	q31.3	150	1791877	SaKaP HI11P
4	68630116	71433001	q13.2	q13.3	250	2802886	SCO.proband
4	72481637	107059283	q13.3	q24	3400	34577647	SCO.proband
4	107653134	147108571	q24	q31.21	3750	39455438	SCO.proband
4	61590871	63144614	q13.1	q13.1	150	1553744	SpiAnP HI33P
4	180430069	182671024	q34.3	q34.3	350	2240956	SpiAnP HI33P

Table4. CHROMOSOME 4 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. TROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

Chro 5
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



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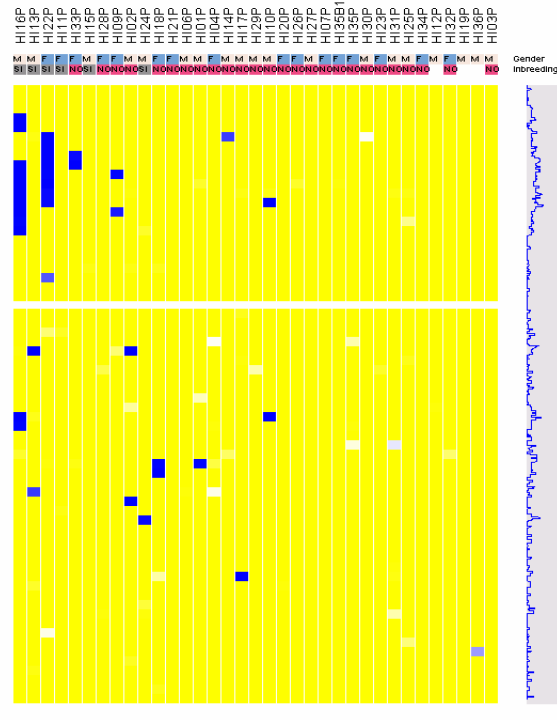
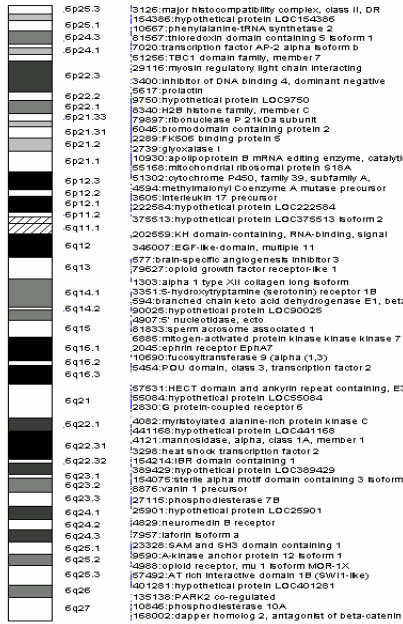


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5	44371577	50139375	p12	q11.1	100	5767799	ArrRaP HI28P
5	6941510	8042257	p15.31	p15.31	150	1100748	Ben.proband
5	97013319	98038320	q15	q21.1	100	1025002	LaIP HI13P
5	125337442	141836006	q23.2	q31.3	1300	16498565	LaIP HI13P
5	146785743	159094448	q32	q33.3	1300	12308706	LaIP HI13P
5	175136628	180425968	q35.2	q35.3	300	5289341	LaIP HI13P
5	62438367	63849152	q12.1	q12.3	100	1410786	Pe.proband
5	156051076	157212338	q33.3	q33.3	100	1161263	RoDaP HI10P
5	116188761	120597319	q23.1	q23.1	487	4408559	SaKaP HI11P
5	138241993	139323573	q31.2	q31.2	50	1081581	SaKaP HI11P
5	146271461	147554192	q32	q32	150	1282732	SaKaP HI11P
5	160578993	167157158	q34	q34	700	6578166	SaKaP HI11P

Table5.CHROMOSOME 5 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband . ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, , length (bp) and sample label.ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

Chro 6
Inferred LOH call
Proportional

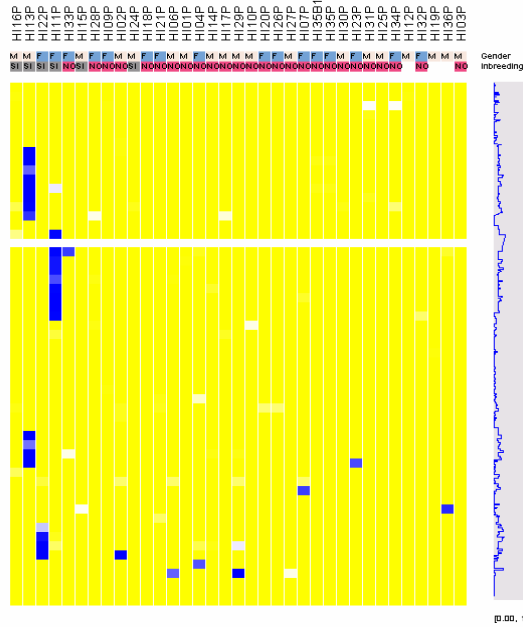
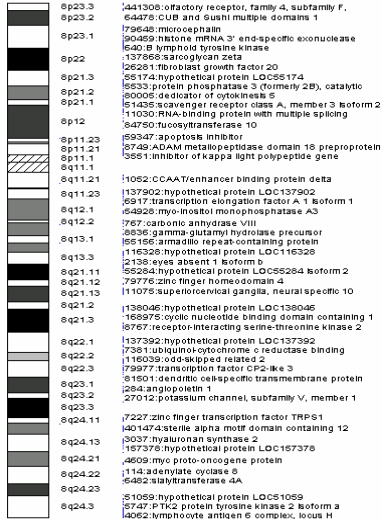


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6	28410257	31350628	p22.1	p21.33	350	2940372	Ben.probando
6	31495946	33775943	p21.33	p21.31	200	2279998	Ben.probando
6	102233451	108970234	q16.3	q21	650	6736784	DoI.proband
6	72247314	74054537	q13	q13	200	1807224	LallP HI13P
6	33776492	34873096	p21.31	p21.31	50	1096605	RoNoP HI09P
6	119157216	120308807	q22.31	q22.31	100	1151592	SaAnP HI24P
6	126032563	127111003	q22.31	q22.32	50	1078441	SaKaP HI11P
6	5538964	10343900	p25.1	p24.3	600	4804937	Sco.proband
6	20121370	39072227	p22.3	p21.2	1850	18950858	Sco.proband
6	39734763	41617879	p21.2	p21.1	200	1883117	Sco.proband
6	88879335	95613212	q15	q16.1	735	6733878	Sco.proband
6	20121370	21504377	p22.3	p22.3	150	1383008	SpiAnP HI33P
6	137954424	139551903	q23.3	q24.1	150	1597480	SpiAnP HI33P

Table6. CHROMOSOME 6 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

Chro 8
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



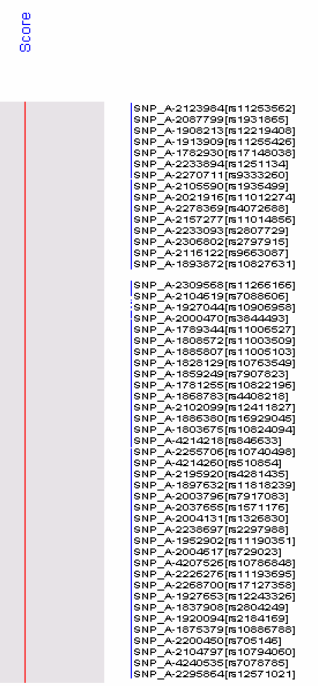
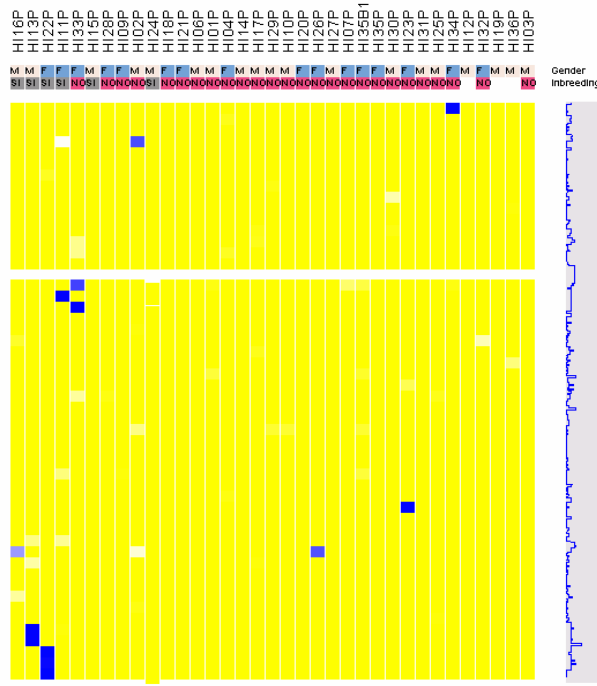
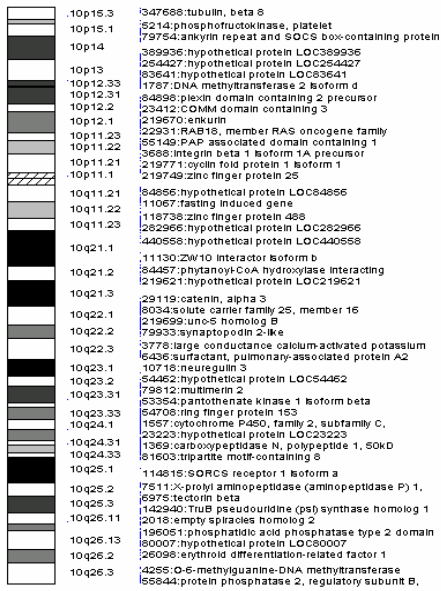
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8	17627431	32757594	p22	p12	1750	15130164	LallP_HI13P
8	33235086	37709604	p12	p12	400	4474519	LallP_HI13P
8	98188237	107222273	q22.1	q23.1	750	9034037	LallP_HI13P
8	28418711	29552681	p21.1	p12	89	1133971	SaKaP_HI11P
8	40648225	65632682	p11.21	q12.3	1950	24984458	SaKaP_HI11P
8	43275955	48059141	p11.1	q11.1	50	4783187	SpiAnP_HI33P

Table 7. CHROMOSOME 8 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

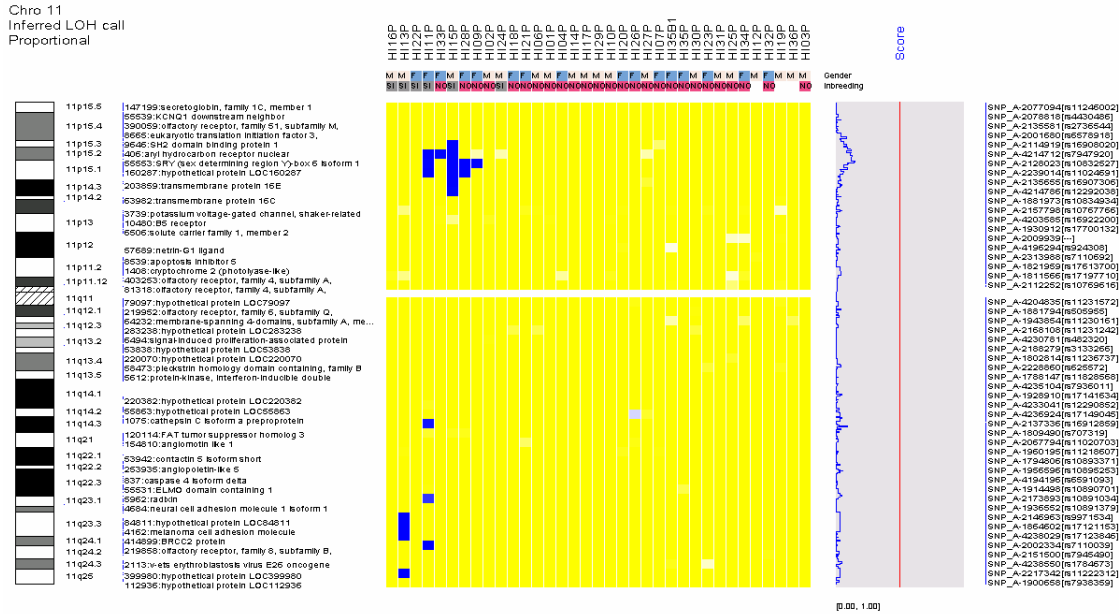
Chro 10
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



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10	127241907	129247017	q26.13	q26.2	250	2005111	Ben.probando
10	129750224	133317914	q26.2	q26.3	450	3567691	Ben.probando
10	103274164	105635715	q24.32	q24.33	100	2361552	DaIP_HI26P
10	3166363	4906614	p15.2	p15.1	293	1740252	LaIP_HI13P
10	7990564	9071510	p14	p14	200	1080947	LaIP_HI13P
10	122116262	127727920	q26.12	q26.2	650	5611659	LaIP_HI13P
10	32366043	33424122	p11.22	p11.22	100	1058080	Risi.Probando
10	38499125	42533657	p11.21	q11.21	50	4034533	SaAnP_HI24P
10	103274164	104650246	q24.32	q24.32	50	1376083	Sco.proband
10	29738242	31241111	p11.23	p11.23	200	1502870	SpiAnP_HI33P
10	31785387	32978388	p11.22	p11.22	100	1193002	SpiAnP_HI33P
10	38499125	43632112	p11.21	q11.21	150	5132988	SpiAnP_HI33P
10	44328733	49062113	q11.21	q11.22	150	4733381	SpiAnP_HI33P

Table 8.CHROMOSOME 10 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

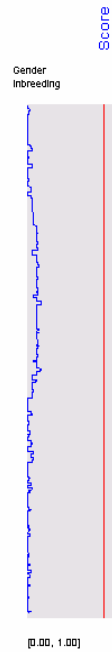
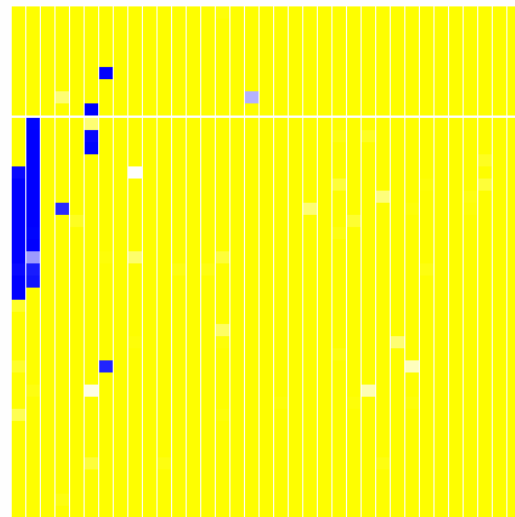
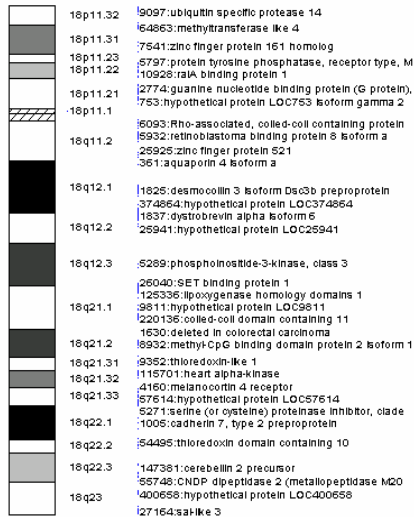
Chro 11
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



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11	114354151	119744172	q23.2	q23.3	450	5390022	LallP_HI13P
11	130116269	132698363	q24.3	q25	300	2582095	LallP_HI13P
11	8687209	23705016	p15.4	p14.3	1800	15017808	My.proband
11	13578990	16926330	p15.2	p15.1	300	3347341	RoNoP_HI09P
11	11806675	18725932	p15.3	p15.1	700	6919258	SaKaP_HI11P
11	10991925	12222118	p15.3	p15.3	150	1230194	SpiAnP_HI33P

Table 9. CHROMOSOME 11 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

Chro 18
Inferred LOH call
Proportional



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18	28782880	37725939	q12.1	q12.3	850	8943060	LallP_HI13P
18	38183758	40350391	q12.3	q12.3	250	2166634	LallP_HI13P
18	13544310	15096727	p11.21	p11.21	100	1552418	My.proband
18	18042301	21828290	q11.2	q11.2	350	3785990	My.proband
18	22487439	38183491	q11.2	q12.3	1600	15696053	Sco.proband
18	38493571	43812253	q12.3	q21.1	550	5318683	Sco.proband

Table 10. CHROMOSOME 18 Single sample ROHs data. ROHs events are extracted for each CHI proband. ROHs are described by chromosome, physical position (start-end), cytoband (start-end), number of SNPs markers, length (bp) and sample label. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip (upper figure).

3.Homozygosity mapping

In order to realize an homozygosity mapping of our CHI probands dataset, we produced a list of homozygous regions in common between at least two probands (chromosome clusters) including more than 50 SNPs, with start and end physical position, cytoband, length of the cluster , minimal and maximal number of patients who are enclosed in that cluster. To further visualize the presence of these common ROHs on every proband genome-wide LOH profile, we have also obtained the clinical dataset “ fingerprint “, which gave us the opportunity to visualize at same time the physical positioning of the common ROHs and the probands bearing them.

We have evidenced clusters of homozygosity traits in common between at least two probands (Table 11) on nearly all the chromosomes, except chromosome 21, with a total amount of 133 clusters including more than 50 SNPs; chromosome 11, with 16 ROHs, counted the largest amount of cluster followed by chromosomes 1 and 4 (13 clusters). The longest chromosome cluster was on chromosome 18, of 8943060 base pair in length, including 850 homozygous SNPs. A full list of 965 annotated genes enclosed in these regions was also produced (Table 16).

In this list we evidenced genes of the fatty acid metabolism as class III alcohol dehydrogenase 5 χ subunit , class II alcohol dehydrogenase 4 ρ subunit , class V alcohol dehydrogenase 6 isoform 1, class I alcohol dehydrogenase, α subunit, alcohol dehydrogenase 1B, γ subunit and class IV alcohol dehydrogenase, 7 μ or σ subunit on chromosome 4, acyl-CoA synthetase long-chain family member 6 (ACSL6) on chromosome 6 and cytochrome P450, family 27, subfamily C on chromosome 2, cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D on chromosome 22 and 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, and type 2 (BDH2) on chromosome 4. One of the numerous homozygous traits in common between two patient on chromosome 1 was in 1p31; one of the two patients bore a long contiguous trait of 25 Mb. This common region contains medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) gene, involved in organic acid metabolism deficiency, that we considered a good candidate for mutational screening .

CHI probands’ “ fingerprint dataset showed us that patients with high homozygosity content, i.e number and extension of ROHs, had a common history of consanguinity and, as we can visualize in the fingerprint dataset view (Fig1), they clustered together on the base of homozygosity content. Consanguineous probands bearing a high number of autozygous regions had a good probability to bear the disease causing mutation on one of those chromosomal loci, but to better characterize them we focused our analysis to LOH traits shared between a broad number of patients. When we considered ROHs shared between at least two patients, we underlined that some of them were indeed partially in common between 3, 4, and also 5 probands; these regions were the best candidate to bear disease associated mutations. To further characterize our dataset, we analyzed only ROHs strictly in common between 3 and more than 3 probands (Fig.2) This analysis resulted in 35 cluster of common ROHs between 3 patients (Table12), 3 ROHs between 4 patients and one ROH between 5 patients and Table13). Five patients shared a common homozygous trait on cytoband 11p15, where the two major CHI candidate genes are located. Other relevant homozygosity regions in

common between 4 patients are present on chromosome 6 (p21.33-p21.31), on chromosome 10 (q26.13- q26.2) and on chromosome 11 (p15.2). A full list of 101 annotated genes in common between 3 probands and 42 genes in common between more than 3 probands were produced (Table14 and Table15)

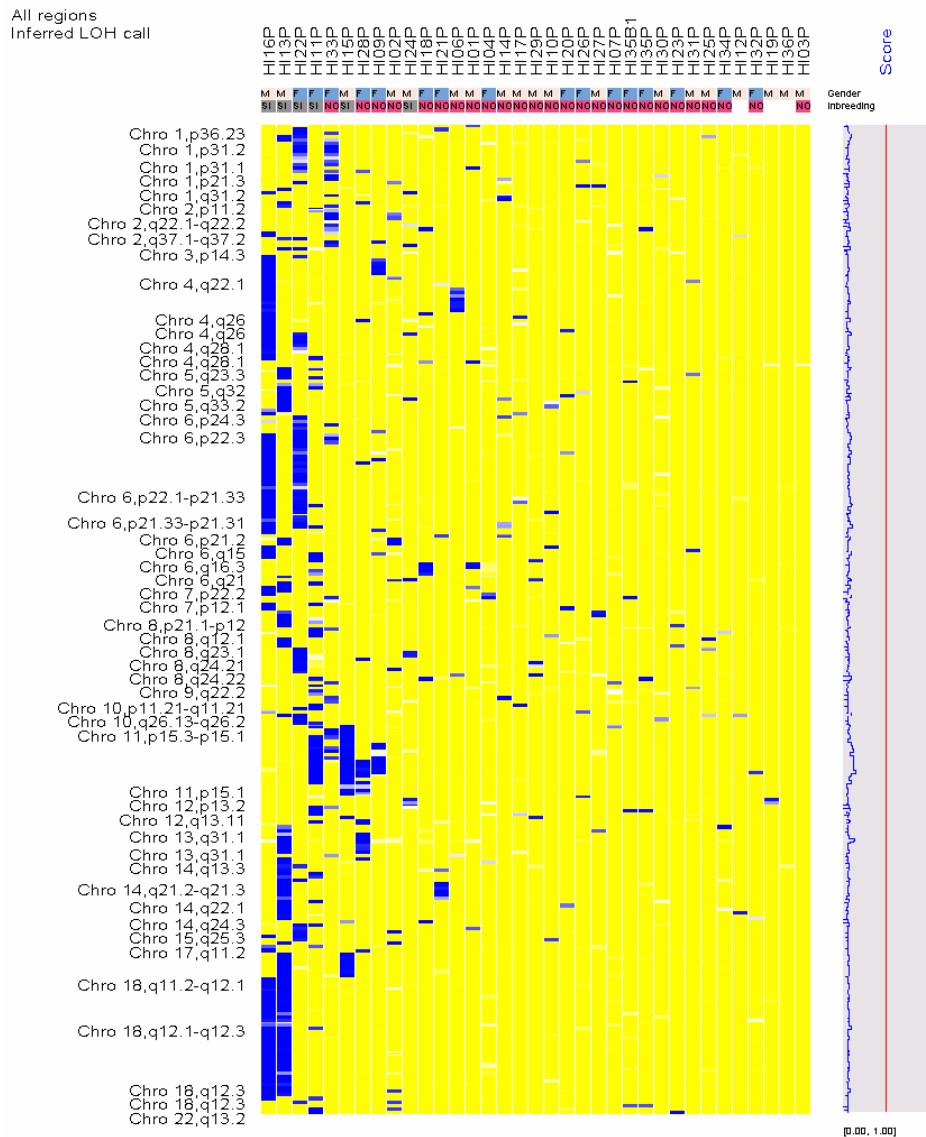


Figure 1. Fingerprint dataset view. The plot shows the fingerprint of 35 CHI patients composed by 164 ROHs clusters (blue boxes). Rows represent chromosome ROH regions and columns represent samples. We noticed that the number and the length of ROHs events were mainly associated to patients derived from consanguineous families (inbreeding).

Results

Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	freq.max	freq.min	Length_cluster
1	54671315	55176764	p32.3	p32.3	50	2	2	505450
1	64101570	64493815	p31.3	p31.3	50	2	2	392246
1	65856897	66497951	p31.2	p31.2	100	3	3	641055
1	66795692	67566623	p31.2	p31.2	100	2	2	770932
1	68028825	68528821	p31.2	p31.2	50	2	2	499997
1	71714715	72767289	p31.1	p31.1	100	2	2	1052575
1	73701875	74847962	p31.1	p31.1	100	3	2	1146088
1	75905253	76192135	p31.1	p31.1	50	2	2	286883
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1	163220916	163524154	q24.1	q24.1	50	2	2	303239
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2	67213820	67633078	p14	p14	50	2	2	419259
2	86069655	86605928	p11.2	p11.2	50	2	2	536274
2	117873546	118185629	q14.1	q14.1	50	2	2	312084
2	127365955	127971114	q14.3	q14.3	50	2	2	605160
2	133065490	133479538	q21.2	q21.2	50	2	2	414049
2	142243085	142502458	q22.1	q22.2	50	2	2	259374
2	176001354	176439366	q31.1	q31.1	50	2	2	438013
2	180348266	180702892	q31.2	q31.3	50	2	2	354627
2	185273737	186042074	q32.1	q32.1	50	3	3	768338
2	235212409	235654219	q37.1	q37.2	50	2	2	441811
3	23026938	24144365	p24.3	p24.2	100	2	2	1117428
3	54904586	55116477	p14.3	p14.3	50	2	2	211892
3	67774336	68236875	p14.1	p14.1	50	2	2	462540
4	84718250	85154258	q21.23	q21.23	50	2	2	436009
4	87270913	90351364	q21.23	q22.1	250	2	2	3080452
4	95037989	95636392	q22.3	q22.3	50	2	2	598404
4	98610487	99479372	q22.3	q23	50	2	2	868886
4	100363823	100765388	q23	q23	50	2	2	401566
4	102215684	106049347	q24	q24	350	2	2	3833664
4	115119102	115491760	q26	q26	50	2	2	372659

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Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	freq.max	freq.min	Length_cluster
4	116551743	117096679	q26	q26	50	2	2	544937
4	118150143	118444914	q26	q26	50	2	2	294772
4	119964813	120606395	q26	q26	96	2	2	641583
4	123882940	125063533	q27	q28.1	100	3	2	1180594
4	125636494	127825459	q28.1	q28.1	200	2	2	2188966
4	139853752	140601427	q31.1	q31.1	50	2	2	747676
5	19121196	19533456	p14.3	p14.3	50	3	2	412261
5	115510693	115760721	q23.1	q23.1	50	2	2	250029
5	128013505	128664075	q23.3	q23.3	78	3	2	650571
5	131348629	131968240	q23.3	q23.3	50	2	2	619612
5	138241993	139323573	q31.2	q31.2	50	2	2	1081581
5	146785743	147554192	q32	q32	100	2	2	768450
5	150654041	151630108	q33.1	q33.1	100	2	2	976068
5	152939962	153345621	q33.2	q33.2	50	3	3	405660
5	156051076	157727618	q33.3	q33.3	150	2	2	1676543
6	8987431	9629747	p24.3	p24.3	50	2	2	642317
6	12871825	13275190	p24.1	p24.1	50	2	2	403366
6	14698976	15229194	p23	p23	50	2	2	530219
6	17567309	18574729	p22.3	p22.3	100	2	2	1007421
6	19702679	27912139	p22.3	p22.1	850	3	2	8209461
6	28410257	31350628	p22.1	p21.33	350	3	2	2940372
6	31495946	34873096	p21.33	p21.31	250	4	2	3377151
6	68925053	69328692	q12	q12	50	2	2	403640
6	72247314	72977664	q13	q13	100	2	2	730351
6	90256502	90834670	q15	q15	50	2	2	578169
6	91255941	91600801	q15	q15	50	2	2	344861
6	92077331	92870077	q15	q16.1	100	3	2	792747
6	102730295	103357098	q16.3	q16.3	50	2	2	626804
6	103759637	104648730	q16.3	q16.3	94	2	2	889094
6	107648780	108185814	q21	q21	50	2	2	537035
6	119789644	120308807	q22.31	q22.31	50	3	2	519164
7	1855676	2779462	p22.3	p22.2	50	2	2	923787
7	3129724	3844994	p22.2	p22.2	100	3	2	715271
7	49162995	49611620	p12.3	p12.3	50	3	3	448626
7	52616401	52933626	p12.1	p12.1	50	2	2	317226

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Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	freq.max	freq.min	Length_cluster
7	143167422	144403185	q35	q35	100	2	2	1235764
8	26395573	27057092	p21.2	p21.2	100	2	2	661520
8	28418711	29552681	p21.1	p12	89	2	2	1133971
8	36836117	37207258	p12	p12	50	2	2	371142
8	43275955	48059141	p11.1	q11.1	50	2	2	4783187
8	56337971	56606117	q12.1	q12.1	50	2	2	268147
8	61765166	62165454	q12.2	q12.2	50	2	2	400289
8	104598943	105273361	q22.3	q22.3	50	2	2	674419
8	106727853	107222273	q23.1	q23.1	50	2	2	494421
8	126718727	127587550	q24.13	q24.21	100	2	2	868824
8	129218353	130444986	q24.21	q24.21	144	2	2	1226634
8	132749604	133137755	q24.22	q24.22	50	2	2	388152
8	138224786	138524186	q24.23	q24.23	50	2	2	299401
9	18109147	18464821	p22.2	p22.2	50	3	3	355675
9	74404364	74972741	q21.13	q21.13	50	2	2	568378
9	124127004	125801382	q33.3	q33.3	100	3	2	1674379
10	32366043	32978388	p11.22	p11.22	50	2	2	612346
10	38499125	42533657	p11.21	q11.21	50	2	2	4034533
10	64229033	64732014	q21.3	q21.3	50	2	2	502982
10	71877866	72327324	q22.1	q22.1	50	2	2	449459
10	103274164	104650246	q24.32	q24.32	50	2	2	1376083
10	127241907	127727920	q26.13	q26.2	50	4	4	486014
10	130964966	131345318	q26.3	q26.3	50	2	2	380353
10	131839011	132215151	q26.3	q26.3	50	2	2	376141
11	9571659	10053592	p15.4	p15.4	50	3	2	481934
11	10991925	18725932	p15.3	p15.1	800	5	2	7734008
11	19035090	20031569	p15.1	p15.1	146	2	2	996480
12	10821531	11860931	p13.2	p13.2	100	2	2	1039401
12	13630617	13952836	p13.1	p13.1	50	2	2	322220
12	17419385	17762650	p12.3	p12.3	50	3	3	343266
12	46517877	47210041	q13.11	q13.11	50	2	2	692165
12	51187562	51421288	q13.13	q13.13	50	2	2	233727
12	84742783	85757807	q21.31	q21.32	75	2	2	1015025
13	31605691	31934759	q13.1	q13.1	50	2	2	329069
13	77917728	78317321	q31.1	q31.1	50	2	2	399594

Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	freq.max	freq.min	Length_cluster
13	81539340	83150644	q31.1	q31.1	200	3	2	1611305
13	83651454	84443330	q31.1	q31.1	100	2	2	791877
14	32098567	32515204	q12	q13.1	50	2	2	416638
14	36130878	36341562	q13.3	q13.3	50	2	2	210685
14	38480432	39102940	q21.1	q21.1	50	2	2	622509
14	39694219	40050563	q21.1	q21.1	50	2	2	356345
14	41725025	43486802	q21.1	q21.2	150	2	2	1761778
14	45906862	47937414	q21.2	q21.3	250	2	2	2030553
14	51565125	51811396	q22.1	q22.1	50	2	2	246272
14	57373756	58482525	q23.1	q23.1	100	2	2	1108770
14	67049466	67914548	q24.1	q24.1	83	2	2	865083
15	36248992	36751867	q14	q14	50	2	2	502876
15	79627239	80154346	q25.2	q25.2	50	2	2	527108
15	83824542	84072454	q25.3	q25.3	50	2	2	247913
15	84572965	84946846	q25.3	q25.3	50	2	2	373882
15	88824604	89518149	q26.1	q26.1	50	2	2	693546
16	26150765	26543513	p12.1	p12.1	50	2	2	392749
16	69792490	70285072	q22.2	q22.2	50	2	2	492583
17	47531938	47943987	q22	q22	50	2	2	412050
17	65866643	66285786	q24.3	q24.3	50	2	2	419144
18	18042301	21828290	q11.2	q11.2	350	2	2	3785990
18	22487439	28414791	q11.2	q12.1	650	2	2	5927353
18	28782880	37725939	q12.1	q12.3	850	3	2	8943060
18	38493571	40350391	q12.3	q12.3	200	3	2	1856821
18	41210575	41498356	q12.3	q12.3	50	2	2	287782
19	48230781	49136256	q13.31	q13.31	50	2	2	905476
20	12307879	12604055	p12.1	p12.1	50	2	2	296177
22	40122324	41385992	q13.2	q13.2	50	2	2	1263669
22	42110517	42576227	q13.2	q13.2	50	2	2	465711

Table 11. Fingerprint data. 35 CHI patients homozygosity mapping analysis. In table are listed a total of 133 ROHs including more than 50 SNPs. The ROHs regions were visualized by dChip giving the fingerprint of CHI patients.

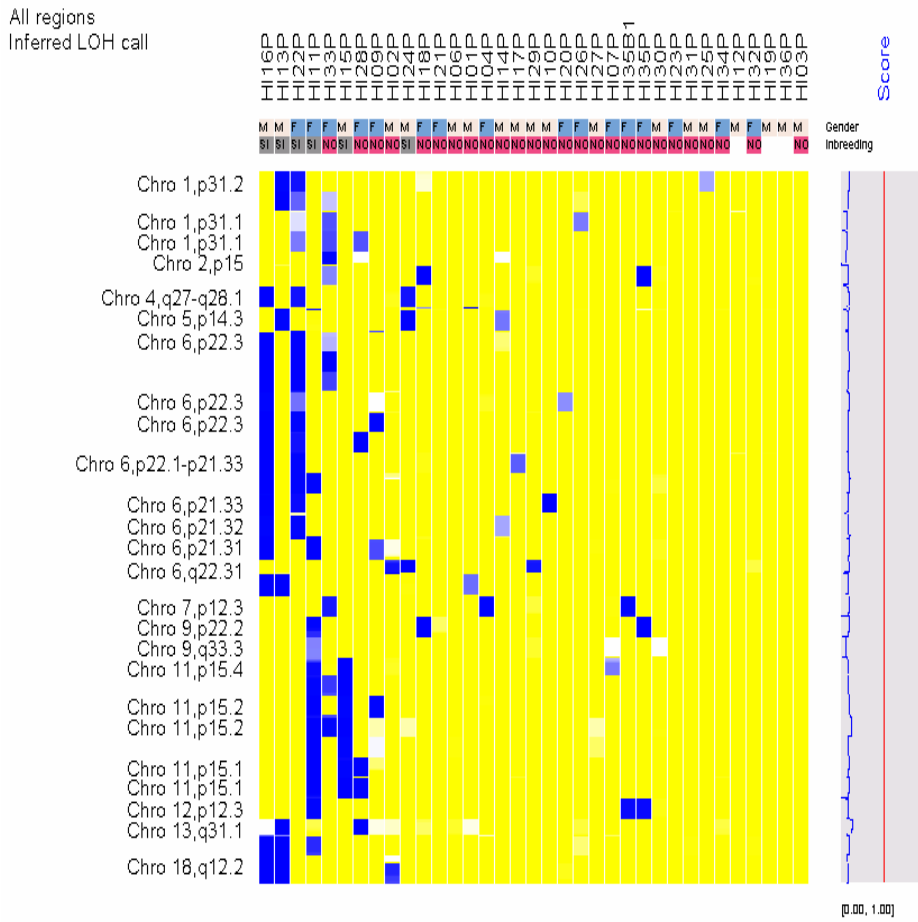


Figure 2. Three patients shared ROHs view. The plot shows 35 shared ROHs pattern (blue boxes) obtained setting the number of CHI patients equal to 3.

Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	Length_cluster
1	65856897	66497951	p31.2	p31.2	100	641055
1	73701875	74190336	p31.1	p31.1	50	488462
1	77554882	78408842	p31.1	p31.1	50	853961
2	61288114	61898960	p15	p15	33	610847
2	185273737	186042074	q32.1	q32.1	50	768338
4	123882940	124448184	q27	q28.1	50	565245
5	19269375	19269562	p14.3	p14.3	2	188
5	128226162	128228401	q23.3	q23.3	3	2240
5	152939962	153345621	q33.2	q33.2	50	405660

Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	Lenght_cluster
6	20121370	21504377	p22.3	p22.3	150	1383008
6	22516941	22722709	p22.3	p22.3	50	205769
6	23279793	23976573	p22.3	p22.3	100	696781
6	29916011	30455218	p22.1	p21.33	100	539208
6	31094483	31350628	p21.33	p21.33	50	256146
6	32717405	33087748	p21.32	p21.32	50	370344
6	33645780	33775943	p21.31	p21.31	8	130164
6	92077331	92531884	q15	q16.1	50	454554
6	120034143	120308807	q22.31	q22.31	33	274665
7	3129724	3476429	p22.2	p22.2	50	346706
7	49162995	49611620	p12.3	p12.3	50	448626
9	18109147	18464821	p22.2	p22.2	50	355675
9	125236073	125801382	q33.3	q33.3	50	565310
11	9681193	10053592	p15.4	p15.4	45	372400
11	11806675	12222118	p15.3	p15.3	50	415444
11	12621117	12976818	p15.2	p15.2	50	355702
11	13187209	13982361	p15.2	p15.2	100	795153
11	16938063	17570989	p15.1	p15.1	50	632927
11	18154646	18725932	p15.1	p15.1	50	571287
12	17419385	17762650	p12.3	p12.3	50	343266
13	82383339	82639797	q31.1	q31.1	34	256459
18	29391054	29875256	q12.1	q12.1	50	484203
18	33555925	33699639	q12.2	q12.2	17	143715
18	34170274	34170274	q12.2	q12.2	1	1
18	36034385	36035495	q12.3	q12.3	2	1111
18	39445931	39907894	q12.3	q12.3	50	461964

Table 12. Three patients shared ROHs data. In table identified ROHs based on fixed frequency across the dataset are listed. Using three patients as fixed frequency, we found a total of 34 clusters. ROHs regions were visualized by dChip giving the view of common ROH pattern of CHI patients.

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Gene Symbol	Chromosome	Start	End	refLink.product	hg17.refLin k.locus	hg17.refLin k.omimId
PDE4B	chr1	65970213	66552282	phosphodiesterase 4B, cAMP-specific isoform 1	5142	600127
AK5	chr1	77459762	77737673	adenylate kinase 5 isoform 1	26289	608009
ZZZ3	chr1	77742210	77860364	zinc finger, ZZ-type containing 3	26009	0
USP33	chr1	77873696	77937558	ubiquitin specific protease 33 isoform 1	23032	0
FAM73A	chr1	77957329	78056102	hypothetical protein LOC374986	374986	0
NEXN	chr1	78066220	78121599	nexilin (F actin binding protein)	91624	0
FUBP1	chr1	78125613	78156798	far upstream element-binding protein	8880	603444
DNAJB4	chr1	78182656	78195014	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily B, member 4	11080	611327
GIPC2	chr1	78223609	78315132	PDZ domain protein GIPC2	54810	0
AHSA2	chr2	61316471	61325709	AHA1, activator of heat shock 90kDa protein	130872	0
USP34	chr2	61326241	61609500	ubiquitin specific protease 34	9736	0
XPO1	chr2	61616720	61677069	exportin 1	7514	602559
ZNF804A	chr2	185288598	185629718	zinc finger protein 804A	91752	0
IL21	chr4	123891387	123899816	interleukin 21	59067	605384
BBS12	chr4	124011461	124023702	Bardet-Biedl syndrome 12	166379	610683
FGF2	chr4	124105467	124176995	fibroblast growth factor 2	2247	134920
NUDT6	chr4	124171410	124201728	nudix-type motif 6 isoform b	11162	606261
SPATA5	chr4	124201829	124598209	spermatogenesis associated 5	166378	0
GRIA1	chr5	152850276	153173622	glutamate receptor, ionotropic, AMPA 1 isoform	2890	138248
MBOAT1	chr6	20208913	20320649	membrane bound O-acyltransferase domain	154141	611732
E2F3	chr6	20510115	20601924	E2F transcription factor 3	1871	600427
CDKAL1	chr6	20642666	21339743	CDK5 regulatory subunit associated protein	54901	611259
HDGFL1	chr6	22677656	22678728	hepatoma derived growth factor-like 1	154150	0
HLA-A29.1	chr6	30018304	30085130	major histocompatibility complex class I	649853	0
HLA-A	chr6	30018309	30021632	major histocompatibility complex, class I, A	3105	142800
HCG9	chr6	30050870	30054148	HLA complex group 9	10255	0
ZNRD1	chr6	30137014	30140664	zinc ribbon domain containing 1	30834	607525
PPP1R11	chr6	30142910	30146085	protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor)	6992	606670
RNF39	chr6	30146022	30151607	ring finger protein 39 isoform 1	80352	607524
TRIM31	chr6	30178654	30188846	tripartite motif protein 31	11074	609316
TRIM40	chr6	30212488	30224491	tripartite motif-containing 40	135644	0
TRIM10	chr6	30227702	30236690	tripartite motif-containing 10 isoform 1	10107	605701
TRIM15	chr6	30238961	30248452	tripartite motif protein 15	89870	0
TRIM26	chr6	30260212	30289132	tripartite motif-containing 26	7726	600830

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FLJ45422	chr6	30335352	30342707	hypothetical protein LOC441140	441140	0
TRIM39	chr6	30403018	30419484	tripartite motif-containing 39 isoform 1	56658	605700
RPP21	chr6	30420915	30422611	ribonuclease P/MRP 21kDa subunit	79897	0
C6orf15	chr6	31186980	31188311	STG protein	29113	611401
PSORS1C1	chr6	31190601	31215816	SEEK1 protein	170679	0
CDSN	chr6	31190848	31196202	corneodesmosin precursor	1041	602593
PSORS1C2	chr6	31213289	31215106	SPR1 protein	170680	0
CCHCR1	chr6	31218194	31233545	coiled-coil alpha-helical rod protein 1 isoform	54535	605310
TCF19	chr6	31234281	31239970	transcription factor 19	6941	600912
POU5F1	chr6	31240093	31242006	POU domain, class 5, transcription factor 1	5460	164177
HCG27	chr6	31273577	31279723	HLA complex group 27	253018	0
HLA-C	chr6	31344508	31347834	major histocompatibility complex, class I, C	3107	142840
HLA-DQA1	chr6	32713160	32719406	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ	3117	146880
HLA-DQB1	chr6	32735634	32742444	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ	3119	604305
HLA-DQA2	chr6	32817140	32823197	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ	3118	0
HLA-DOB	chr6	32888518	32892803	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DO	3112	600629
TAP2	chr6	32897587	32914525	transporter 2, ATP-binding cassette, sub-family	6891	170261
PSMB8	chr6	32916476	32919794	proteasome beta 8 subunit isoform E2 proprotein	5696	177046
TAP1	chr6	32920964	32929726	transporter 1, ATP-binding cassette, sub-family	6890	170260
PSMB9	chr6	32929915	32935604	proteasome beta 9 subunit isoform 1 proprotein	5698	177045
HLA-DMB	chr6	33010393	33016795	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DM	3109	142856
HLA-DMA	chr6	33024373	33028831	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DM	3108	142855
BRD2	chr6	33044414	33057260	bromodomain containing 2	6046	601540
HLA-DOA	chr6	33079939	33085367	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DO	3111	142930
BAK1	chr6	33648301	33656048	BCL2-antagonist/killer 1	578	600516
FLJ43752	chr6	33661860	33669093	hypothetical protein LOC401253	401253	0
ITPR3	chr6	33697138	33772326	inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate receptor, type 3	3710	147267
C6orf125	chr6	33773323	33787482	hypothetical protein LOC84300	84300	0
SDK1	chr7	3114320	4081870	sidekick 1 isoform 1	221935	607216
VWC2	chr7	49590517	49729399	von Willebrand factor C domain containing 2	375567	611108
ADAMTSL1	chr9	18464103	18674952	ADAMTS-like 1 isoform 2 precursor	92949	609198
MAPKAP1	chr9	125279227	125549067	mitogen-activated protein kinase associated	79109	610558
PBX3	chr9	125589219	125809207	pre-B-cell leukemia homeobox 3	5090	176312
SWAP70	chr11	9642203	9731081	SWAP-70 protein	23075	604762
SBF2	chr11	9756789	10272330	SET binding factor 2	81846	607697
USP47	chr11	11819545	11937446	ubiquitin specific protease 47	55031	0

DKK3	chr11	11941120	11987205	dickkopf homolog 3 precursor	27122	605416
MICAL2	chr11	12088713	12241905	microtubule associated monooxygenase, calponin	9645	608881
TEAD1	chr11	12652544	12922875	TEA domain family member 1	7003	189967
ARNTL	chr11	13255900	13365386	aryl hydrocarbon receptor nuclear	406	602550
BTBD10	chr11	13366133	13441414	K+ channel tetramerization protein	84280	0
PTH	chr11	13470176	13474143	parathyroid hormone preproprotein	5741	168450
FAR1	chr11	13646846	13710467	fatty acyl CoA reductase 1	84188	0
SPON1	chr11	13940489	14246222	spondin 1, extracellular matrix protein	10418	604989
PLEKHA7	chr11	16765787	16992535	pleckstrin homology domain containing, family A	144100	0
RPS13	chr11	17052515	17055796	ribosomal protein S13	6207	180476
PIK3C2A	chr11	17064699	17147930	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 2, alpha	5286	603601
NUCB2	chr11	17254861	17309645	nucleobindin 2	4925	608020
KCNJ11	chr11	17363373	17366782	potassium inwardly-rectifying channel J11	3767	600937
ABCC8	chr11	17371007	17455025	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family C, member 8	6833	600509
USH1C	chr11	17472035	17522539	harmonin isoform a	10083	605242
SAA4	chr11	18209479	18214910	serum amyloid A4, constitutive	6291	104752
SAA2	chr11	18217163	18226758	serum amyloid A2 isoform b	6289	104751
SAA1	chr11	18244347	18248102	serum amyloid A1 preproprotein	6288	104750
HPS5	chr11	18256792	18300297	Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome 5 isoform b	11234	607521
GTF2H1	chr11	18300718	18345152	general transcription factor IIH, polypeptide 1,	2965	189972
LDHA	chr11	18372557	18385974	lactate dehydrogenase A	3939	150000
LDHC	chr11	18390433	18429369	lactate dehydrogenase C	3948	150150
LDHAL6A	chr11	18434006	18457723	lactate dehydrogenase A-like 6A	160287	0
tumor susceptibility gene 101	chr11	18458434	18505065		7251	601387
ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2-like isoform a	chr11	18509820	18566857		55293	610985
SPTY2D1	chr11	18584524	18612596	SPT2, Suppressor of Ty, domain containing 1	144108	0
TMEM86A	chr11	18676926	18682908	transmembrane protein 86A	144110	0
IGSF22	chr11	18682427	18704353	immunoglobulin superfamily, member 22	283284	0
PTPN5	chr11	18706053	18769965	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type	84867	176879
ASXL3	chr18	29412538	29581397	additional sex combs like 3	80816	0
NOL4	chr18	29685061	30057444	nucleolar protein 4	8715	603577

Table 14 .Three patients shared ROHs gene annotation. The list of genes associated to ROHs was obtained using the UCSC Table Browser (<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables>) and by querying the hg17 database.

Chr_cluster	Start_cluster	End_cluster	Start_cytoband	End_cytoband	N_SNPs	freq.max	freq.min	Length_cluster
6	33105555	33599035	p21.32	p21.32	42	4	4	493481
10	127241907	127727920	q26.13	q26.2	50	4	4	486014
11	12977034	13184740	p15.2	p15.2	50	4	4	207707
11	13994054	16926330	p15.2	p15.1	250	5	4	2932277

Table 13 .Four and five patients shared ROHs data. In table identified ROHs based on fixed frequency across the dataset are listed . Using more than three patients as fixed frequency, we found a total of 4 clusters. The ROHs regions were visualized by dChip giving the view of common ROH pattern of CHI patients

Gene					hg17.refLink.locus	hg17.refLink.omi
Symbol	Chromosome	Start	End	hg17.refLink.product	LinkId	mId
HLA-DPA1	chr6	33140771	33149356	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DP	3113	142880
HLA-DPB1	chr6	33151737	33162954	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DP	3115	142858
COL11A2	chr6	33238446	33268223	collagen, type XI, alpha 2 isoform 2	1302	120290
RXRβ	chr6	33269343	33276410	retinoid X receptor, beta	6257	180246
SLC39A7	chr6	33276580	33280191	solute carrier family 39, member 7	7922	601416
HSD17B8	chr6	33280396	33282585	estradiol 17 beta-dehydrogenase 8	7923	601417
RING1	chr6	33284263	33288476	ring finger protein 1	6015	602045
VPS52	chr6	33326027	33347640	vacuolar protein sorting 52	6293	603443
RPS18	chr6	33347829	33352259	ribosomal protein S18	6222	180473
B3GALT4	chr6	33352894	33354580	UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta	8705	603095
WDR46	chr6	33354863	33364969	WD repeat domain 46	9277	0
PFDN6	chr6	33365355	33366689	HLA class II region expressed gene KE2	10471	605660
RGL2	chr6	33367415	33374716	ral guanine nucleotide dissociation	5863	602306
TAPBP	chr6	33375451	33389967	tapasin isoform 1 precursor	6892	601962
ZBTB22	chr6	33390173	33393472	zinc finger and BTB domain containing 22	9278	0
DAXX	chr6	33394378	33398682	death-associated protein 6	1616	603186
KIFC1	chr6	33467290	33485677	kinesin family member C1	3833	603763
PHF1	chr6	33486771	33492191	PHD finger protein 1 isoform b	5252	602881

CUTA	chr6	33492296	33494043	cutA divalent cation tolerance homolog isoform	51596	0
SYNGAP1	chr6	33495824	33529444	synaptic Ras GTPase activating protein 1 isoform	8831	603384
ZBTB9	chr6	33530333	33533296	zinc finger and BTB domain containing 9	221504	0
C10orf122	chr10	127334252	127361703	hypothetical protein LOC387718	387718	0
C10orf137	chr10	127398073	127442702	erythroid differentiation-related factor 1	26098	0
MMP21	chr10	127445015	127454380	matrix metalloproteinase 21 preproprotein	118856	608416
UROS	chr10	127467136	127501827	uroporphyrinogen III synthase	7390	606938
BCCIP	chr10	127502093	127532254	BRCA2 and CDKN1A-interacting protein isoform	56647	611883
DHX32	chr10	127514898	127559874	DEAD/H (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp/His) box polypeptide 32	55760	607960
FANK1	chr10	127575097	127688151	fibronectin type III and ankyrin repeat domains	92565	611640
ADAM12	chr10	127693414	128067055	ADAM metalloproteinase domain 12 isoform 1	8038	602714
RASSF10	chr11	12987271	12989223	Ras association (RalGDS/AF-6) domain family	644943	0
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RRAS2	chr11	14256041	14336607	related RAS viral (r-ras) oncogene homolog 2	22800	600098
COPB1	chr11	14435628	14477974	coatamer protein complex, subunit beta	1315	600959
PSMA1	chr11	14482998	14498524	proteasome alpha 1 subunit isoform 2	5682	602854
PDE3B	chr11	14621906	14848926	phosphodiesterase 3B, cGMP-inhibited	5140	602047
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CALCA	chr11	14944791	14950408	calcitonin isoform CGRP preproprotein	796	114130
CALCB	chr11	15051721	15056753	calcitonin-related polypeptide, beta	797	114160
INSC	chr11	15090545	15225328	inscuteable isoform a	387755	610668
SOX6	chr11	15948370	16380968	SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 6 isoform 1	55553	607257
C11orf58	chr11	16716769	16734149	small acidic protein	10944	0
PLEKHA7	chr11	16765787	16992535	pleckstrin homology domain containing, family A	144100	0

Table 15 .Three patients shared ROHs gene annotation. The list of genes associated to ROHs was obtained using the

UCSC Table Browser (<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables>) and by querying the hg17 database.

4.ABCC8 and KCNJ11 genes mutational screening

Direct sequencing analysis of complete coding region including intron-exon boundaries of ABCC8 and KCNJ11 genes was performed in 3 patients who showed an homozygous chromosomal region on 11p15.2 where the two genes are located. In 2 of these 3 probands complete sequencing was undertaken and the causative mutation was revealed; in the third patient sequencing is actually on work. In the first proband the homozygous mutation 521 C>T of KCNJ11 gene was identified, resulting in the missense mutation A174V (Fig.3), and in the second one the homozygous mutation 4787 G>A of ABCC8 gene was identified, resulting in the missense mutation G1554D (Fig.4). Sequence analysis of parent's DNA and siblings showed in both cases that they were heterozygous for the same mutation.

5.MCAD gene mutational screening

The complete coding region of MCAD (Ensembl Transcript ID ENST00000370841), including intron-exon boundaries, was sequenced in the proband bearing an homozygous trait in 1p32.3 - 1p31.1 and in her parents and brother too. The homozygous synonymous mutation P195P in exon 8 of MCAD gene was identified (587 T>G) while her parents and brother evidenced the same heterozygous nucleotidic variation (Fig.5). As synonymous variation was less than 20 nucleotides from intron-exon junction, we investigated if this polymorphism would produce any change in the gene splicing process. Using NNSPLICE 0.9 software, we predicted that this single base change could exclude the canonical splicing acceptor site and could create a new splicing acceptor site (Fig.6). No difference was underlined in the donor site prediction. We need patient's RNA to confirm the presence of altered splicing process.

A. aagGCTATTGTGTAACAGAACCCTGGAGCAGGCTCTGATGTAGCTGGTATAAAAGACCAAAGCAGA
 B. aagGCTATTGTGTAACAGAACCGGGAGCAGGCTCTGATGTAGGGTTATAAAAGACCAAAGCAGA

Fig 6.P195P MCAD ex 8 splice site prediction (NNSPLICE 0.9 software) A. Wt MCAD ex 8 acceptor splice site is underlined in yellow and the wild type 587 position in red (intron 7 in black and exon 8 in blue). B. P195P MCAD ex 8 acceptor splice site is underlined in green and the 587 T>G variation in red (intron 7 in black and exon 8 in blue).

A174V KCNJ11 gene mutation

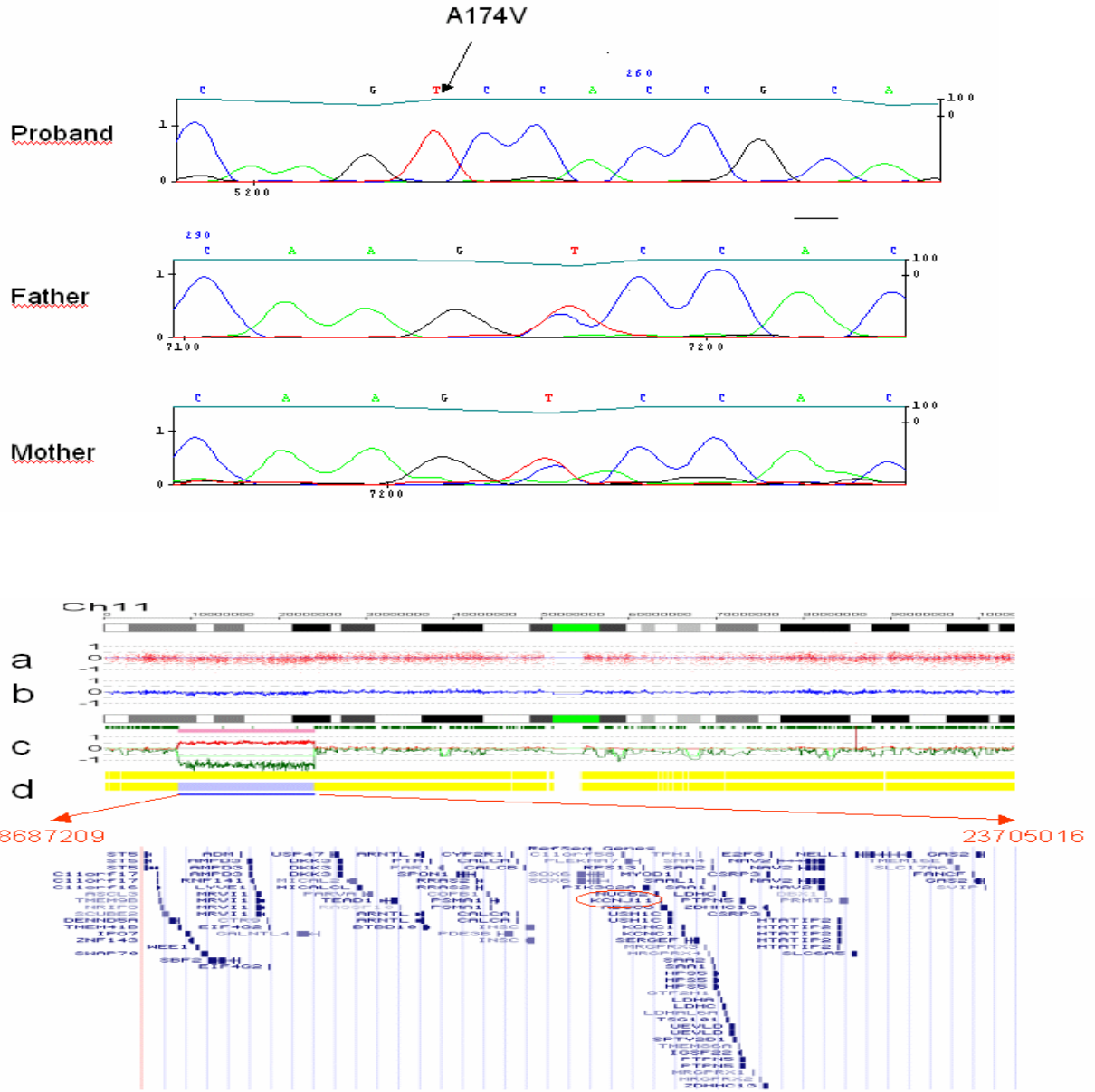


Fig3. *KNJ11* gene mutation in CHI family. Genomic DNA from the affected subject shows a homozygous A174V mutation of the synthesized protein. Unaffected parents are heterozygous for the same mutation. Below, map of DNA analysis of patient's chromosome 1 is shown. DNA was analysed on Affymetrix GeneChip 250K Nsp SNP Mapping Arrays. Whole-genome DNA profile was assembled using Copy Number Analyzer for Affymetrix GeneChip (CNAG, v3) software and comparing each sample to a pool of normal controls (48 HapMap samples available on Affymetrix website). Chromosome 11 map is shown from p to q end (from left to right). **A.** Red dots represent single SNP copy number signals on log scale, **B.** Total copy number values averaged on adjacent 10 SNPs (blue lines), **C.** Copy number values for each allele (red and green lines); bars in the middle represent heterozygous genotype calls (green) and homozygous calls (pink) between the sample and normal controls, **D.** The two bars at the bottom represent the colour-coded visualisation of total copy number status (yellow, diploidy) and LOH (loss of heterozygosity);(blue, significant LOH; yellow, no LOH). Copy Number Neutral LOH stretch from 8687208 to 23705016 bp according to UCS Genome Browser, Human Assembly May 2004) observed in CHI affected patient, containing the already known *KCNJ11* CHI causative gene.

G1554D ABCC8 gene mutation

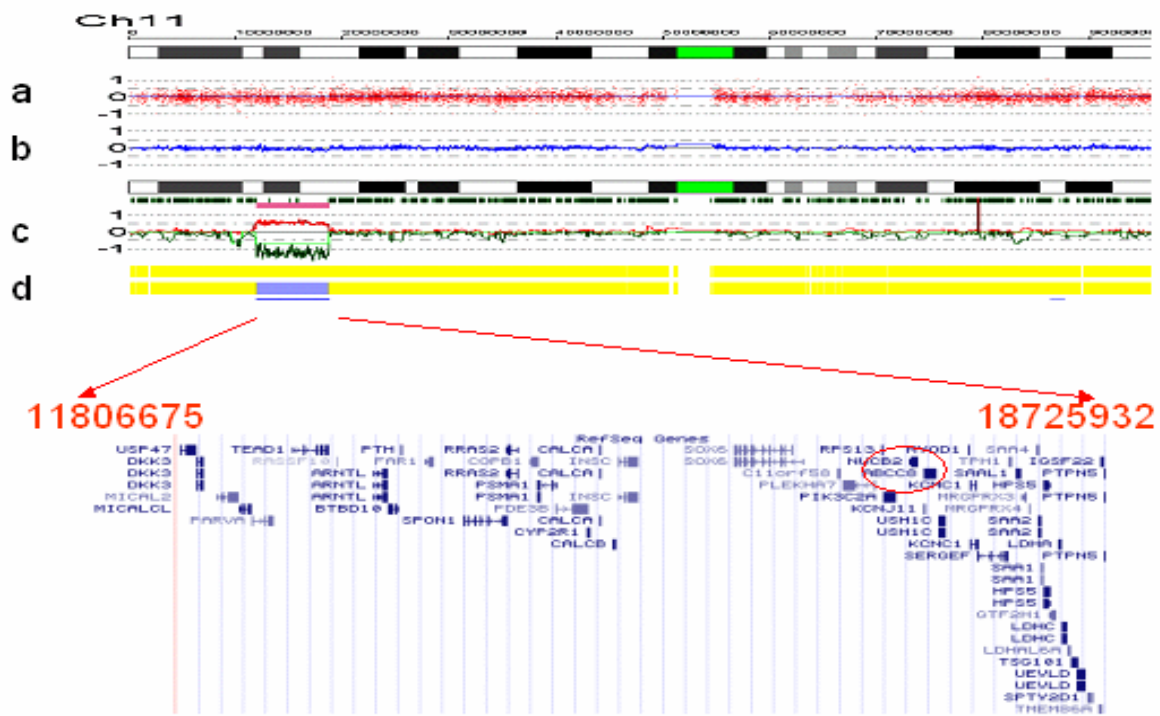
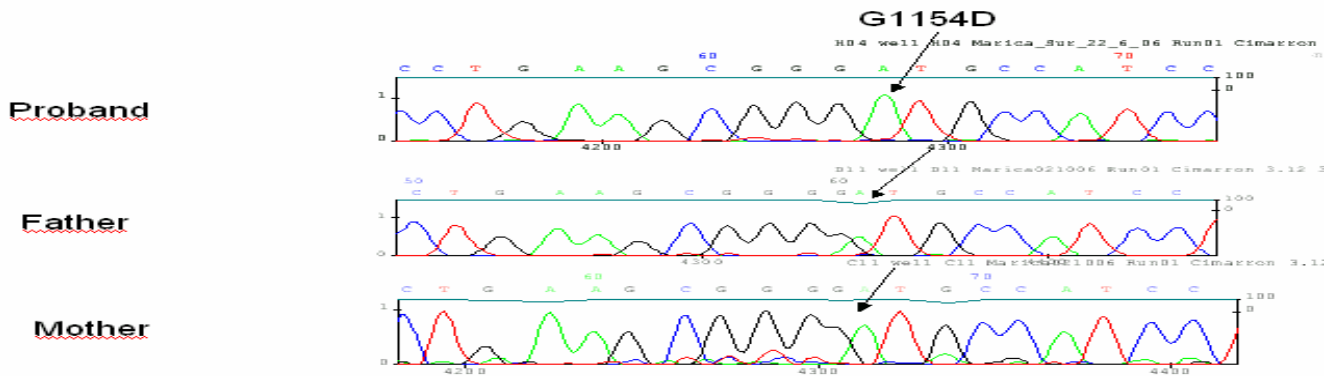


Fig.4. *ABCC8* gene mutation in CHI family. Genomic DNA from the affected subject shows a homozygous G1554D mutation of the synthesized protein. Unaffected parents are heterozygous for the same mutation. Below, map of DNA analysis of patient’s chromosome 1 is shown. DNA was analysed on Affymetrix GeneChip 250K Nsp SNP Mapping Arrays. Whole-genome DNA profile was assembled using Copy Number Analyzer for Affymetrix GeneChip (CNAG, v3) software and comparing each sample to a pool of normal controls (48 HapMap samples available on Affymetrix website). Chromosome 11 map is shown from p to q end (from left to right). **A.** Red dots represent single SNP copy number signals on log scale, **B.** Total copy number values averaged on adjacent 10 SNPs (blue lines), **C.** Copy number values for each allele (red and green lines); bars in the middle represent heterozygous genotype calls (green) and homozygous calls (pink) between the sample and normal controls, **D.** The two bars at the bottom represent the colour-coded visualisation of total copy number status (yellow, diploidy) and LOH (loss of heterozygosity);(blue, significant LOH; yellow, no LOH). Copy Number Neutral LOH stretch from 11806675 to 18725932 bp according to UCS Genome Browser, Human Assembly May 2004) observed in CHI affected patient, containing the already known *ABCC8* CHI causative gene (entrez gene ID) is shown.

P195P (587 T>G) MCAD gene variation

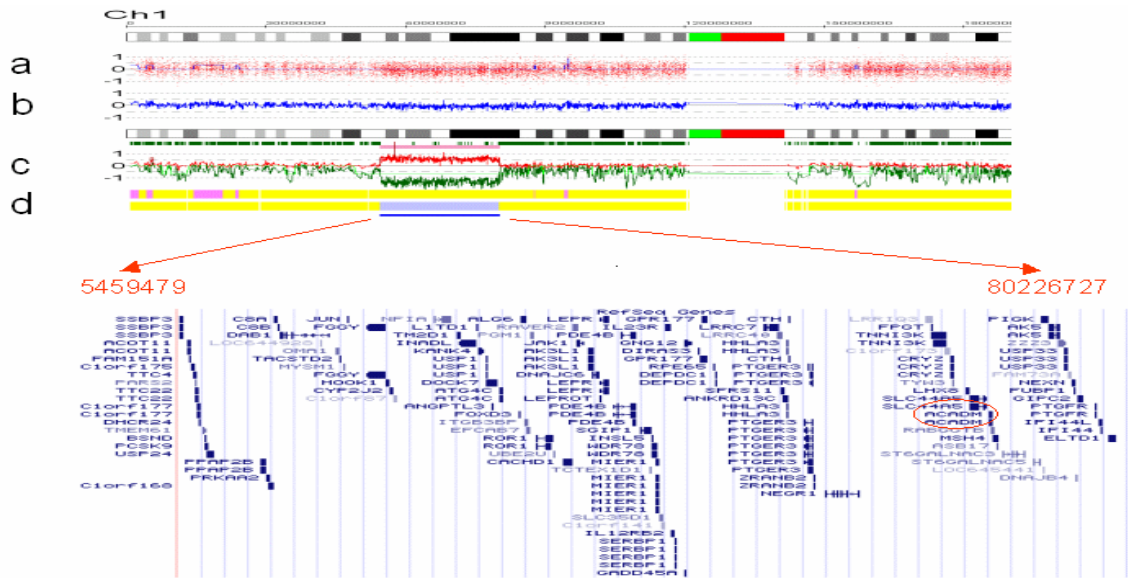
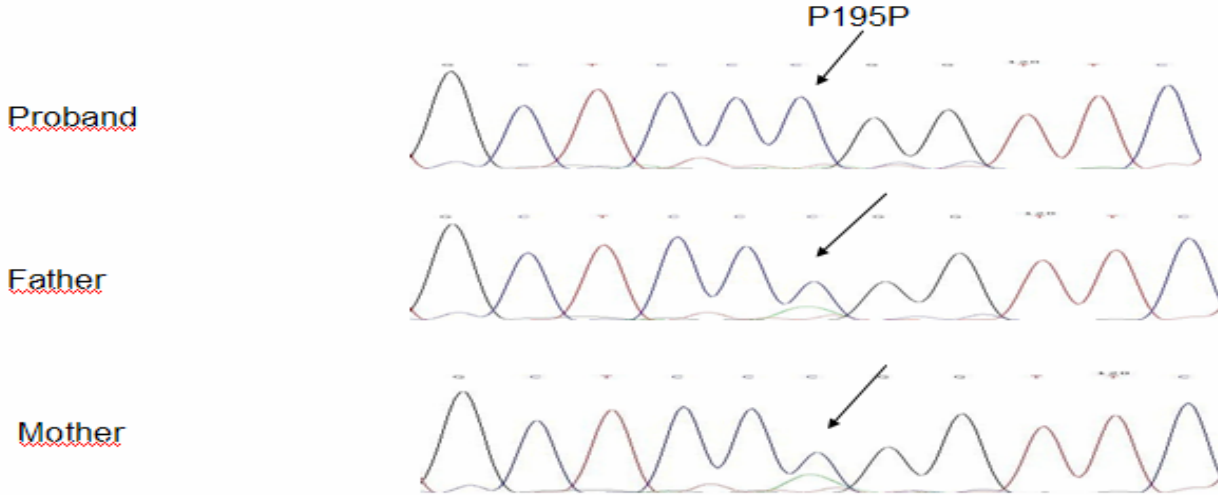


Fig.5. MCAD gene variation in CHI family. Genomic DNA from the affected subject shows a homozygous T to G transition at position 587 (P195P of the synthesized protein).

Unaffected parents are heterozygous for the same mutation. Below, map of DNA analysis of patient's chromosome 1 is shown. DNA was analysed on Affymetrix GeneChip 250K Nsp SNP Mapping Arrays. Whole-genome DNA profile was assembled using Copy Number Analyzer for Affymetrix GeneChip (CNAG, v3) software and comparing each sample to a pool of normal controls (48 HapMap samples available on Affymetrix website). Chromosome 1 map is shown from p to q end (from left to right). A. Red dots represent single SNP copy number signals on log scale, B. Total copy number values averaged on adjacent 10 SNPs (blue lines), C. Copy number values for each allele (red and green lines); bars in the middle represent heterozygous genotype calls (green) and homozygous calls (pink) between the sample and normal controls, D. The two bars at the bottom represent the colour-coded visualisation of total copy number status (yellow, diploidy) and LOH (loss of heterozygosity);(blue, significant LOH; yellow, no LOH). Copy Number Neutral LOH stretch from 5459479 to 80226727 bp according to UCS Genome Browser, Human Assembly May 2004) observed in CHI affected patient, containing the already known MCAD CHI causative gene .

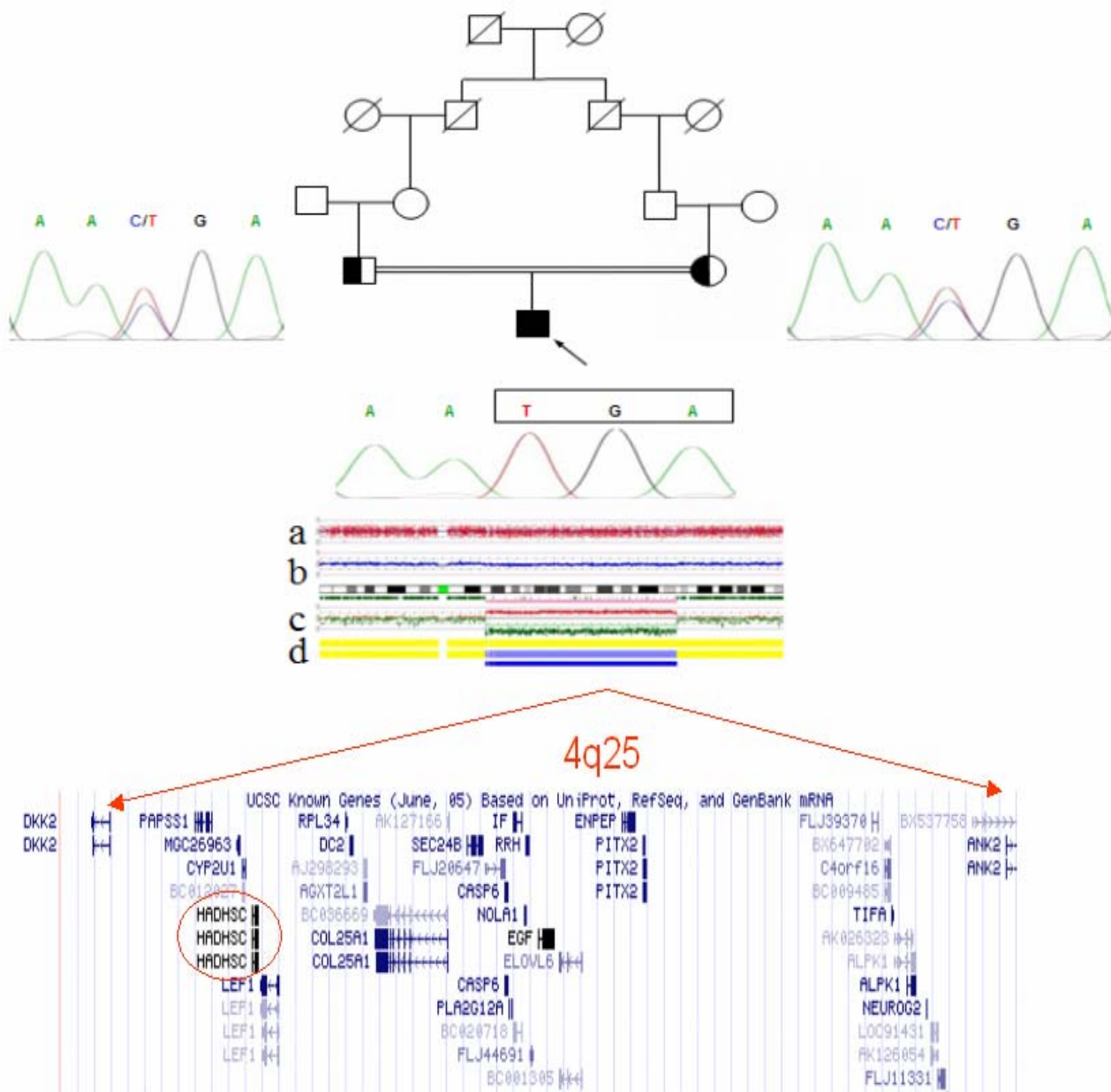


Fig.7. Pedigree and HADH gene mutation in CHI family. Genomic DNA from the affected subject shows a homozygous C to T transition changing Arg to STOP codon at position 236 of the synthesized protein (R236X). Unaffected parents are heterozygous for the same mutation. Below, map of DNA analysis of patient's chromosome 4 is shown. DNA was analysed on Affymetrix GeneChip 250K Nsp SNP Mapping Arrays. Whole-genome DNA profile was assembled using Copy Number Analyzer for Affymetrix GeneChip (CNAG, v3) software and comparing each sample to a pool of normal controls (48 HapMap samples available on Affymetrix website). Chromosome 4 map is shown from p to q end (from left to right). **A.** Red dots represent single SNP copy number signals on log scale, **B.** Total copy number values averaged on adjacent 10 SNPs (blue lines), **C.** Copy number values for each allele (red and green lines); bars in the middle represent heterozygous genotype calls (green) and homozygous calls (pink) between the sample and normal controls, **D.** The two bars at the bottom represent the colour-coded visualisation of total copy number status (yellow, diploidy) and LOH (loss of heterozygosity); (blue, significant LOH; yellow, no LOH). Copy Number Neutral LOH stretch at 4q13.2-q31.21 (from 107900001 to 114100000 bp according to UCS Genome Browser, Human Assembly May 2004) observed in CHI affected patient, containing the already known CHI causative gene HADH (entrez gene ID 3033) is shown..

6. HADH gene mutational screening

The complete coding region of HADH gene (Ensembl Transcript ID ENST00000309522), including intron-exon boundaries, was sequenced in the proband bearing homozygosity trait in 4q13.2 to 4q31.21 and in his parents. In this patient a novel homozygous mutation was identified at codon 236 (706 C>T) in exon 6 of HADH gene, resulting in the nonsense mutation R236X. The truncated protein lacks of 78 aminoacids. Parents DNA sequencing showed they were heterozygous for this mutation (Fig.7). Clustal 2.0.5 multiple alignment visualized the 235 aminoacid which are in common between R236X truncated protein and wild type SCHAD protein (Fig.8).

We further investigated HADH gene cDNA expression in various tissues and in patient's and his mother blood lymphocytes and healthy controls in order to evidence if SCHAD mRNA bearing the novel mutation would be suppressed by RNA nonsense-mediated decay. Amplification of HADH gene cDNA of the heterozygous mother, controls and different tissues revealed the presence of the amplification of SCHAD protein isoform 1, which is of 682 bp from exon 3 to exon 8 due to exon 7 skipping. In the proband we underlined the presence of two different cDNA amplification product, the first one corresponding to the 682 bp band and the other one corresponding to a 622 bp band (Fig 9). Direct sequencing of the purified 622 bp gel band evidenced exon 6 skipped SCHAD mRNA. The additional 622 bp fragment is probably determined by the increased instability of mutated RNA.(data not shown).

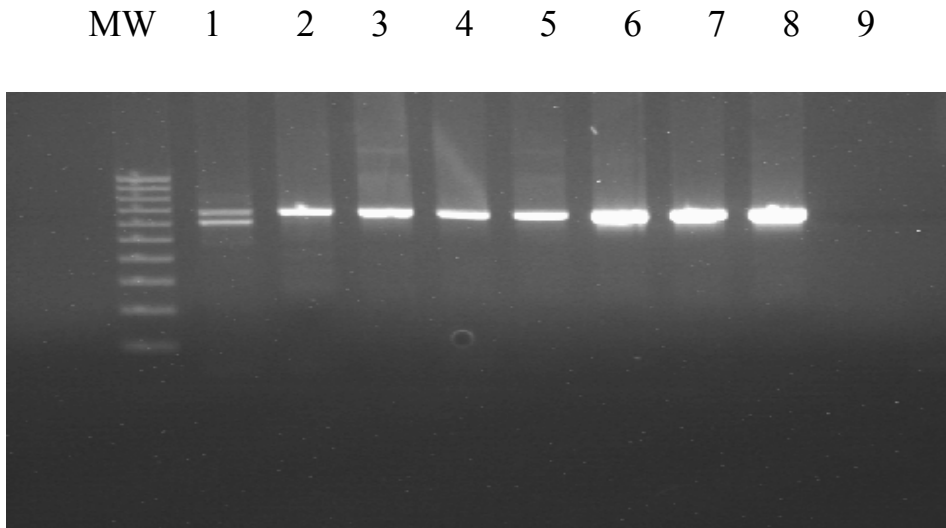


Fig.9 SCHAD cDNA expression. Lanes description 1. Proban 2. Mother 3. Healthy Control 4. Healthy Control 5. Healthy Control 6. Liver (Clonthecc) 7. Skeletric Muscle (Clonthecc) 8. Human Control 10. (Clonthecc) 9. Blank

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CLUSTAL 2.0.5 multiple sequence alignment

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SCHAD_T                VEVIKTPMTSQKTFESLVD FSKALGKHPVSCKDTPGFIVNRLLPYLM EAIRLYE----- 235
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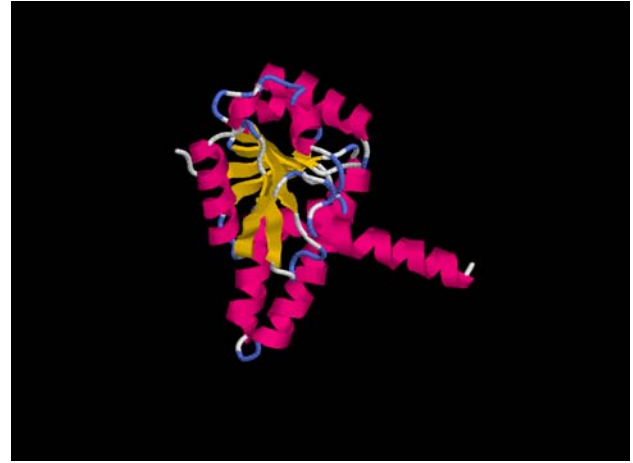
Fig 8. Clustal 2.0.5 multiple alignment of wild type and truncated SCHAD protein

7. SCHAD protein bioinformatic analysis

ESyPred3D homology modeling ribbon diagram and Conserved Domains obtained from Pfam database exhibited a two-domain topology of wild type SCHAD protein (Fig.10), with the N- terminal domain of the monomer (residues 29-214) similar to a NAD(P)⁺ -binding enzyme and the C- terminal domain (residues 216-313). Nonsense mutation R236X SCHAD protein was modeled by Pfam as a truncated protein lacking the most part of the C- terminal domain, which in this cases consisted of 20 residues instead of 105 residues .ESyPred3D homology modeling ribbon diagram of R236X protein also showed lack of subunits dimerization and no formation of the active cleft site (Fig11)

8. Bioinformatic pathways analysis

In order to identify biochemical and metabolic pathways involved in CHI disease, we used DAVID Bioinformatic Database Functional Annotation Tool to investigate a list of genes which were previously found to be present in homozygosity traits in common between at least two patients. Our gene list contained 898 genes functionally annotated in DAVID database, 236 of which (28%) were found to be enclosed in different pathways (Fig.12) listed in the functional annotation chart. Molecular pathways like type I diabetes mellitus, antigen processing and presentation , taste transduction cell adhesion and communication were the more enriched categories, containing from 15 to 22 genes (Fig 13), but other important categories related with CHI disease were also found, like glycolysis / gluconeogenesis (9 genes) and fatty acid metabolism (7 genes). Evaluating fatty acid metabolism pathway, we identified acyl-CoA dehydrogenase C4- C12 , previously described as included in the long and contiguous trait on chromosome 1 , alcohol dehydrogenase class I-V, cytochrome P450 family 2 and acyl CoA synthetase long chain family member 6. Glycolysis/ gluconeogenesis pathways analysis added to this list lactate dehydrogenase A, C, and phosphofructokinase, the last one present in muscle cells.



A L-3-Hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase (1F12)

B. SCHAD Truncated Protein

Fig.10. The ribbon diagram obtained with ESyPred3D (Prediction of proteins 3D structures) an automated homology modeling program.

Conserved Domain of L-3-Hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase Conserved Domain of Truncated Protein



Pfam-A	Description	Entry type	Sequence		HMM	
			Start	End	From	To
3HCDH_N	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, NAD binding domain	Domain	29	214	1	188
3HCDH	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, C-terminal domain	Domain	216	313	1	105

Pfam-A	Description	Entry type	Sequence		HMM	
			Start	End	From	To
3HCDH_N	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, NAD binding domain	Domain	29	214	1	188
3HCDH	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, C-terminal domain	Domain	216	235	1	20

Fig.11. The Conserved Domains obtained from Pfam database (a large collection of protein families, each represented by multiple sequence alignments and hidden Markov models (HMMs) of wild type and truncated SCHAD protein sequences.

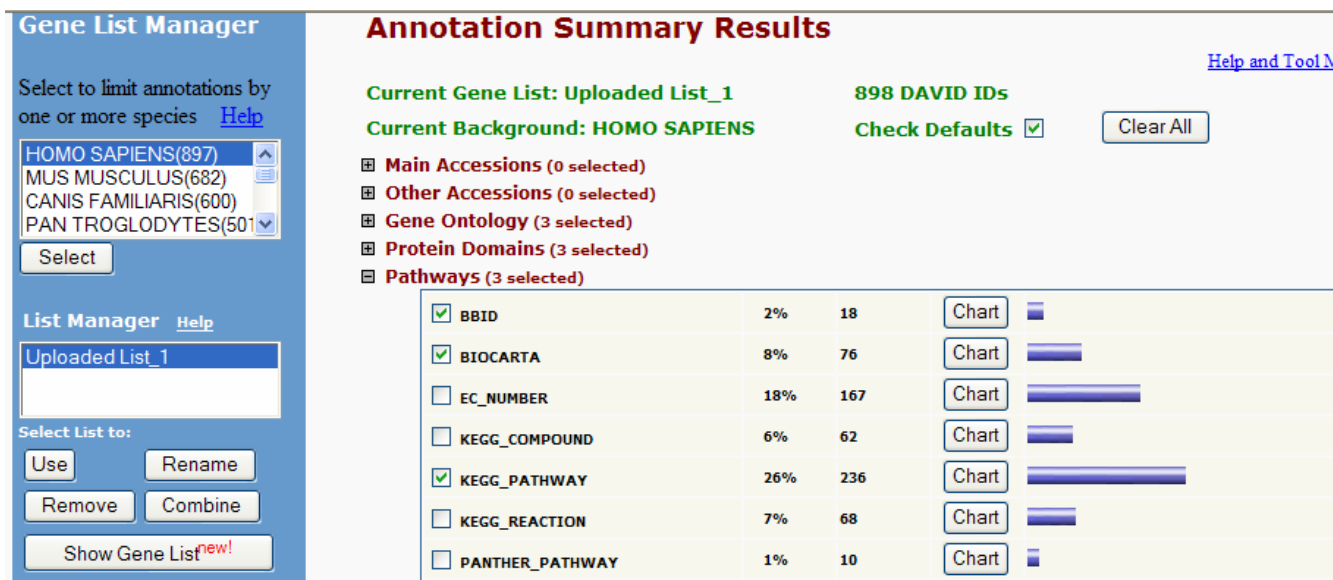


Fig.12. DAVID Bioinformatic pathways analysis of the list of genes included in the Fingerprint ROHs: David pathways analysis was enriched by 263 genes, that are the 26% of our gene list.

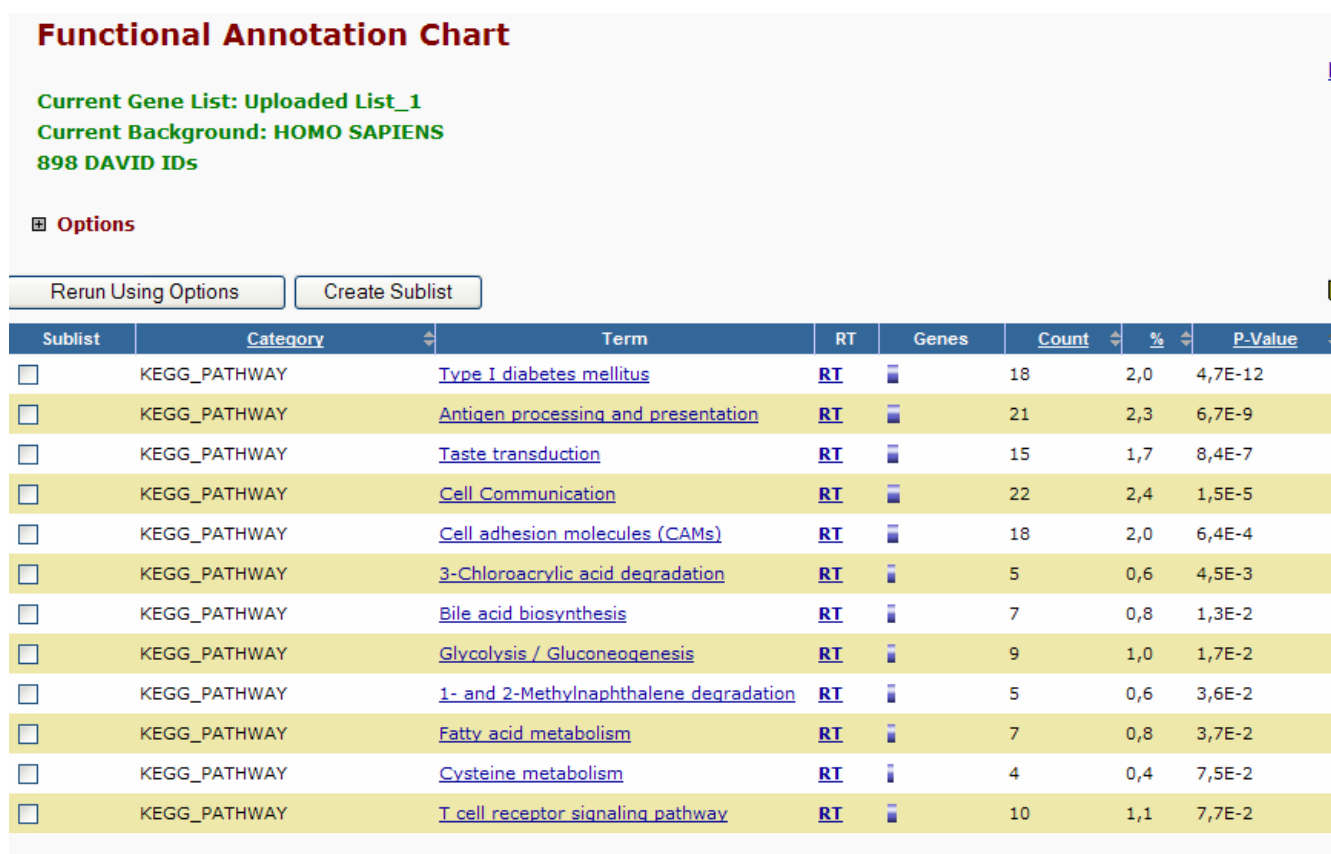


Fig.13.DAVID Bioinformatic functional annotation chart of the list of genes included in the Fingerprint ROHs: pathways description, number of genes involved and their % in the uploaded list is indicated.

Results

Gene Symbol	Chromosome	Start	End	hg17.refLink.product	hg17.refLink.loc	hg17.refLink.omimId
VAMP3	chr1	7765594	7775757	vesicle-associated membrane protein 3	9341	603657
PER3	chr1	7779028	7839502	period 3	8863	603427
UTS2	chr1	7841940	7847361	urotensin 2 preproprotein, isoform b	10911	604097
TNFRSF9	chr1	7914173	7935153	tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily,	3604	602250
PARK7	chr1	7955979	7979608	Parkinson disease protein 7	11315	602533
ERRFI1	chr1	8006060	8020622	mitogen-inducible gene 6 protein	54206	608069
ACOT11	chr1	54725921	54788021	thioesterase, adipose associated isoform BFIT2	26027	606803
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ROR1	chr1	63951710	64321073	receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 1	4919	602336
UBE2U	chr1	64381510	64422048	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2U (putative)	148581	0
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SGIP1	chr1	66711845	66922788	SH3-domain GRB2-like (endophilin) interacting	84251	611540
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NUF2	chr1	160023380	160057211	NUF2, NDC80 kinetochore complex component	83540	611772
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NRXN1	chr2	50059138	50486545	neurexin 1 isoform beta precursor	9378	600565
AHSA2	chr2	61316471	61325709	AHA1, activator of heat shock 90kDa protein	130872	0
USP34	chr2	61326241	61609500	ubiquitin specific protease 34	9736	0
XPO1	chr2	61616720	61677069	exportin 1	7514	602559
ETAA1	chr2	67536092	67549185	ETAA16 protein	54465	0
POLR1A	chr2	86165110	86244936	polymerase (RNA) I polypeptide A, 194kDa	25885	0
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CYP27C1	chr2	127657641	127679573	cytochrome P450, family 27, subfamily C,	339761	0
ERCC3	chr2	127731095	127767982	excision repair cross-complementing rodent	2071	133510
MAP3K2	chr2	127778368	127817000	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase	10746	609487
PROC	chr2	127892246	127903046	protein C (inactivator of coagulation factors Va	5624	176860
IWS1	chr2	127954619	128000274	IWS1 homolog	55677	0

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GPR39	chr2	133007878	133237901	G protein-coupled receptor 39	2863	602886
LYPD1	chr2	133236068	133262213	LY6/PLAUR domain containing 1 isoform a	116372	610450
NAP5	chr2	133263103	134159763	Nck-associated protein 5 isoform 1	344148	608789
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TRAF3IP1	chr2	239011081	239089796	TNF receptor-associated factor 3 interacting	26146	607380
ASB1	chr2	239117625	239142890	ankyrin repeat and SOCS box-containing protein	51665	605758
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UBE2E1	chr3	23822442	23907806	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2E 1 isoform 1	7324	602916
NKIRAS1	chr3	23908575	23933541	kappa B-ras 1	28512	604496
RPL15	chr3	23933642	23937334	ribosomal protein L15	6138	604174
NR1D2	chr3	23961809	23996241	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group D, member 2	9975	602304
THRB	chr3	24133648	24511317	thyroid hormone receptor, beta	7068	190160
CACNA2D3	chr3	54131732	55083622	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, alpha	55799	606399
LRTM1	chr3	54927424	54937112	leucine-rich repeats and transmembrane domains	57408	0
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MRPS18C	chr4	84734296	84740108	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S18C	51023	611983
FAM175A	chr4	84739273	84763469	coiled-coil domain containing 98	84142	611143
AGPAT9	chr4	84814831	84884204	lysophosphatidic acid acyltransferase theta	84803	610958
ARHGAP24	chr4	86753462	87281001	Rho GTPase activating protein 24 isoform 1	83478	610586
MAPK10	chr4	87294811	87731462	mitogen-activated protein kinase 10 isoform 1	5602	602897
PTPN13	chr4	87873063	88093481	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type	5783	600267
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AFF1	chr4	88285331	88419370	myeloid/lymphoid or mixed-lineage leukemia	4299	159557
KLHL8	chr4	88439392	88498853	kelch-like 8	57563	611967

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HSD17B13	chr4	88582119	88601217	hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 13	345275	612127
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SPARCL1	chr4	88751666	88807834	SPARC-like 1	8404	606041
DSPP	chr4	88886859	88895202	dentin sialophosphoprotein preproprotein	1834	125485
DMP1	chr4	88928637	88942689	dentin matrix acidic phosphoprotein isoform 2	1758	600980
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MEPE	chr4	89111318	89125121	matrix, extracellular phosphoglycoprotein with	56955	605912
SPP1	chr4	89253980	89261741	secreted phosphoprotein 1 isoform b	6696	166490
PKD2	chr4	89285998	89356107	polycystin 2	5311	173910
ABCG2	chr4	89368595	89437190	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family G, member 2	9429	603756
PPM1K	chr4	89538710	89563067	protein phosphatase 1K (PP2C domain containing)	152926	611065
HERC6	chr4	89657069	89721426	hect domain and RLD 6	55008	609249
HERC5	chr4	89735445	89784483	hect domain and RLD 5	51191	608242
PIGY	chr4	89799312	89802133	phosphatidylinositol glycan anchor biosynthesis,	84992	610662
HERC3	chr4	89870824	89986864	hect domain and RLD 3	8916	605200
NAP1L5	chr4	89974244	89976158	nucleosome assembly protein 1-like 5	266812	0
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ADH1B	chr4	100584704	100599750	alcohol dehydrogenase 1B (class I), beta	125	103720
ADH1C	chr4	100614828	100631095	class I alcohol dehydrogenase, gamma subunit	126	103730
ADH7	chr4	100690595	100713703	class IV alcohol dehydrogenase 7 mu or sigma	131	600086
PPP3CA	chr4	102301764	102625531	protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, alpha	5530	114105
BANK1	chr4	103068941	103353147	B-cell scaffold protein with ankyrin repeats 1	55024	610292
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MANBA	chr4	103909846	104039351	mannosidase, beta A, lysosomal	4126	609489
UBE2D3	chr4	104074372	104147599	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2D 3 isoform 3	7323	602963

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CISD2	chr4	104147730	104167317	CDGSH iron sulfur domain 2	493856	611507
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CENPE	chr4	104384566	104477170	centromere protein E	1062	117143
TACR3	chr4	104868228	104998577	tachykinin receptor 3	6870	162332
CXXC4	chr4	105750948	105770071	CXXC finger 4	80319	611645
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USP53	chr4	120491384	120574276	ubiquitin specific protease 53	54532	0
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IL21	chr4	123891387	123899816	interleukin 21	59067	605384
BBS12	chr4	124011461	124023702	Bardet-Biedl syndrome 12	166379	610683
FGF2	chr4	124105467	124176995	fibroblast growth factor 2	2247	134920
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SPATA5	chr4	124201829	124598209	spermatogenesis associated 5	166378	0
SPRY1	chr4	124675560	124682512	sprouty homolog 1, antagonist of FGF signaling	10252	602465
ANKRD50	chr4	125943072	125989537	ankyrin repeat domain 50	57182	0
FAT4	chr4	126595171	126771692	FAT tumor suppressor homolog 4	79633	0
CCRN4L	chr4	140294547	140324696	CCR4 carbon catabolite repression 4-like	25819	608468
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CDH18	chr5	19508913	20017046	cadherin 18, type 2 preproprotein	1016	603019
COMMD10	chr5	115448625	115656877	COMM domain containing 10	51397	0
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IL3	chr5	131424245	131426795	interleukin 3 precursor	3562	147740

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CSF2	chr5	131437383	131439757	colony stimulating factor 2 precursor	1437	138960
P4HA2	chr5	131556204	131590834	prolyl 4-hydroxylase, alpha II subunit isoform 1	8974	600608
PDLIM4	chr5	131621285	131637044	PDZ and LIM domain 4	8572	603422
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SIL1	chr5	138310310	138561964	SIL1 protein precursor	64374	608005
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JAKMIP2	chr5	146950898	147142445	janus kinase and microtubule interacting protein	9832	611197
SPINK1	chr5	147184338	147191453	serine protease inhibitor, Kazal type 1	6690	167790
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SPARC	chr5	151021206	151046710	secreted protein, acidic, cysteine-rich	6678	182120
ATOX1	chr5	151102576	151118403	antioxidant protein 1	475	602270
G3BP1	chr5	151131668	151165106	Ras-GTPase-activating protein SH3-domain-	10146	608431

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TIMD4	chr5	156278948	156322844	T-cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain	91937	610096
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MED7	chr5	156498028	156502364	mediator complex subunit 7	9443	605045
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ITK	chr5	156540484	156614687	IL2-inducible T-cell kinase	3702	186973
CYFIP2	chr5	156625668	156755182	cytoplasmic FMR1 interacting protein 2	26999	606323
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CDKAL1	chr6	20642666	21339743	CDK5 regulatory subunit associated protein	54901	611259
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FLOT1	chr6	30803491	30818432	flotillin 1	10211	606998
IER3	chr6	30818954	30820306	immediate early response 3	8870	602996
DDR1	chr6	30959839	30975910	discoidin domain receptor family, member 1	780	600408
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PSORS1C1	chr6	31190601	31215816	SEEK1 protein	170679	0

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LTB	chr6	31656316	31658181	lymphotoxin-beta isoform b	4050	600978
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LY6G5C	chr6	31752439	31756120	lymphocyte antigen 6 complex G5C	80741	610434
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CLIC1	chr6	31806338	31812320	chloride intracellular channel 1	1192	602872
MSH5	chr6	31815752	31838429	mutS homolog 5 isoform c	4439	603382
C6orf26	chr6	31838751	31840601	hypothetical protein LOC401251	401251	0

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HSPA1B	chr6	31903490	31906010	heat shock 70kDa protein 1B	3304	603012
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NEU1	chr6	31934807	31938688	neuraminidase precursor	4758	608272
SLC44A4	chr6	31938948	31954802	choline transporter-like protein 4	80736	606107
EHMT2	chr6	31955515	31973443	euchromatic histone-lysine N-methyltransferase 2	10919	604599
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RDBP	chr6	32027843	32034843	RD RNA-binding protein	7936	154040
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CREBL1	chr6	32191022	32203995	cAMP responsive element binding protein-like 1	1388	600984
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EGFL8	chr6	32240382	32244040	NG3 protein	80864	609897
AGPAT1	chr6	32243967	32251877	1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase 1	10554	603099
RNF5	chr6	32254139	32256548	ring finger protein 5	6048	602677
AGER	chr6	32256723	32260001	advanced glycosylation end product-specific	177	600214
PBX2	chr6	32260487	32265941	pre-B-cell leukemia homeobox 2	5089	176311
GPSM3	chr6	32266521	32271278	G-protein signaling modulator 3 (AGS3-like, C.	63940	0
NOTCH4	chr6	32270598	32299822	notch4 preproprotein	4855	164951
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HLA-DQB1	chr6	32735634	32742444	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ	3119	604305
HLA-DQA2	chr6	32817140	32823197	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DQ	3118	0
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PSMB9	chr6	32929915	32935604	proteasome beta 9 subunit isoform I proprotein	5698	177045
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VPS52	chr6	33326027	33347640	vacuolar protein sorting 52	6293	603443
RPS18	chr6	33347829	33352259	ribosomal protein S18	6222	180473
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ZBTB22	chr6	33390173	33393472	zinc finger and BTB domain containing 22	9278	0
DAXX	chr6	33394378	33398682	death-associated protein 6	1616	603186
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PHF1	chr6	33486771	33492191	PHD finger protein 1 isoform b	5252	602881
CUTA	chr6	33492296	33494043	cutA divalent cation tolerance homolog isoform	51596	0
SYNGAP1	chr6	33495824	33529444	synaptic Ras GTPase activating protein 1 isoform	8831	603384
ZBTB9	chr6	33530333	33533296	zinc finger and BTB domain containing 9	221504	0
BAK1	chr6	33648301	33656048	BCL2-antagonist/killer 1	578	600516

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LEMD2	chr6	33846968	33864874	LEM domain containing 2	221496	0
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RPS10	chr6	34493210	34501854	ribosomal protein S10	6204	603632
PACIN1	chr6	34541882	34610976	protein kinase C and casein kinase substrate in	29993	606512
SPDEF	chr6	34613557	34632069	SAM pointed domain containing ets transcription	25803	608144
C6orf106	chr6	34663049	34772603	chromosome 6 open reading frame 106 isoform a	64771	0
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USP45	chr6	99986905	100069973	ubiquitin specific peptidase 45	85015	0
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REV3L	chr6	111726926	111911107	REV3-like, catalytic subunit of DNA polymerase	5980	602776
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MAD1L1	chr7	1628668	2045824	MAD1-like 1 protein	8379	602686

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FTSJ2	chr7	2047168	2055074	FtsJ homolog 2	29960	606906
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EIF3B	chr7	2167714	2193616	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3,	8662	603917
CHST12	chr7	2216499	2247455	carbohydrate (chondroitin 4) sulfotransferase	55501	610129
GRIFIN	chr7	2288012	2330625	galactin-related inter-fiber protein	402635	0
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C7orf27	chr7	2350754	2368387	hypothetical protein LOC221927	221927	0
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GNA12	chr7	2540983	2657200	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein)	2768	604394
CARD11	chr7	2719009	2856820	caspase recruitment domain family, member 11	84433	607210
SDK1	chr7	3114320	4081870	sidekick 1 isoform 1	221935	607216
NEUROD6	chr7	31150321	31153778	neurogenic differentiation 6	63974	611513
VWC2	chr7	49590517	49729399	von Willebrand factor C domain containing 2	375567	611108
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OR2A2	chr7	143244323	143245280	olfactory receptor, family 2, subfamily A,	442361	0
OR2A14	chr7	143263853	143264785	olfactory receptor, family 2, subfamily A,	135941	0
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NOBOX	chr7	143533686	143544968	NOBOX oogenesis homeobox	135935	610934
TPK1	chr7	143586690	143970794	thiamin pyrophosphokinase 1 isoform b	27010	606370
ADAM7	chr8	24354453	24422163	a disintegrin and metalloproteinase domain 7	8756	607310
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DPYSL2	chr8	26491337	26571610	dihydropyrimidinase-like 2	1808	602463
ADRA1A	chr8	26661583	26778839	alpha-1A-adrenergic receptor isoform 2	148	104221
FZD3	chr8	28407691	28477878	frizzled 3	7976	606143
EXTL3	chr8	28615071	28667121	Reg receptor	2137	605744

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INTS9	chr8	28681098	28803398	integrator complex subunit 9	55756	611352
HMBOX1	chr8	28804143	28965334	homeobox containing 1	79618	0
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KCNU1	chr8	36760999	36912801	potassium channel, subfamily U, member 1	157855	0
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ZFPM2	chr8	106400322	106885941	zinc finger protein, multitype 2	23414	603693
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NR5A1	chr9	124323068	124349253	nuclear receptor subfamily 5, group A, member 1	2516	184757
NR6A1	chr9	124364256	124613130	nuclear receptor subfamily 6, group A, member 1	2649	602778
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GOLGA1	chr9	124720182	124782911	golgin 97	2800	602502
C9orf126	chr9	124794620	124985329	hypothetical protein LOC286205	286205	0
PPP6C	chr9	124988405	125031772	protein phosphatase 6, catalytic subunit isoform	5537	300141

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RABEPK	chr9	125042610	125075991	Rab9 effector protein with kelch motifs	10244	605962
HSPA5	chr9	125076680	125083215	heat shock 70kDa protein 5	3309	138120
GAPVD1	chr9	125103664	125206843	GTPase activating protein and VPS9 domains 1	26130	611714
MAPKAP1	chr9	125279227	125549067	mitogen-activated protein kinase associated	79109	610558
PBX3	chr9	125589219	125809207	pre-B-cell leukemia homeobox 3	5090	176312
KIF5B	chr10	32337943	32385377	kinesin family member 5B	3799	602809
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CCDC7	chr10	32775046	32903496	coiled-coil domain containing 7	221016	0
C10orf68	chr10	32896656	33211798	chromosome 10 open reading frame 68	79741	0
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ADO	chr10	64234521	64238244	2-aminoethanethiol (cysteamine) dioxygenase	84890	611392
EGR2	chr10	64241762	64246133	early growth response 2 protein	1959	129010
NRBF2	chr10	64563012	64584792	nuclear receptor binding factor 2	29982	0
JMJD1C	chr10	64596995	64895728	jumonji domain containing 1C isoform a	221037	604503
KIAA1274	chr10	71908569	71998212	KIAA1274	27143	0
PRF1	chr10	72027109	72032537	perforin 1 precursor	5551	170280
ADAMTS14	chr10	72102564	72192199	ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1	140766	607506
C10orf27	chr10	72201000	72215163	stromal protein associated with thymii and lymph	219793	0
SGPL1	chr10	72245721	72309871	sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase 1	8879	603729
PCBD1	chr10	72313272	72318547	pterin-4 alpha-carbinolamine	5092	126090
BTRC	chr10	103103814	103307058	beta-transducin repeat containing protein	8945	603482
POLL	chr10	103328630	103337963	polymerase (DNA directed), lambda	27343	606343
RP11-529I10.4	chr10	103338078	103359399	DPCD protein	25911	0
FBXW4	chr10	103360411	103444733	F-box and WD repeat domain containing 4	6468	608071
FGF8	chr10	103519876	103525817	fibroblast growth factor 8 isoform A precursor	2253	600483
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MGEA5	chr10	103534198	103568165	meningioma expressed antigen 5 (hyaluronidase)	10724	604039
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PPRC1	chr10	103882776	103900078	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor	23082	0
NOLC1	chr10	103901922	103913617	nucleolar and coiled-body phosphoprotein 1	9221	602394
ELOVL3	chr10	103976132	103979332	elongation of very long chain fatty acids like	83401	611815
PITX3	chr10	103979935	103991221	paired-like homeodomain 3	5309	602669

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GBF1	chr10	103995298	104132639	golgi-specific brefeldin A resistance factor 1	8729	603698
NFKB2	chr10	104144218	104152270	nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene	4791	164012
PSD	chr10	104152365	104168891	pleckstrin and Sec7 domain containing	5662	602327
FBXL15	chr10	104169560	104172883	F-box and leucine-rich repeat protein 15	79176	610287
CUEDC2	chr10	104172991	104182413	CUE domain containing 2	79004	0
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TMEM180	chr10	104211159	104226790	transmembrane protein 180	79847	0
ACTR1A	chr10	104228976	104252452	ARP1 actin-related protein 1 homolog A,	10121	605143
SUFU	chr10	104253753	104383199	suppressor of fused	51684	607035
TRIM8	chr10	104394241	104408066	tripartite motif-containing 8	81603	606125
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SFXN2	chr10	104464287	104488932	sideroflexin 2	118980	0
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CYP17A1	chr10	104580279	104587280	cytochrome P450, family 17	1586	609300
C10orf32	chr10	104604008	104613960	hypothetical protein LOC119032	119032	0
AS3MT	chr10	104619199	104651643	arsenic (+3 oxidation state) methyltransferase	57412	611806
C10orf122	chr10	127334252	127361703	hypothetical protein LOC387718	387718	0
C10orf137	chr10	127398073	127442702	erythroid differentiation-related factor 1	26098	0
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UROS	chr10	127467136	127501827	uroporphyrinogen III synthase	7390	606938
BCCIP	chr10	127502093	127532254	BRCA2 and CDKN1A-interacting protein isoform	56647	611883
DHX32	chr10	127514898	127559874	DEAD/H (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp/His) box polypeptide 32	55760	607960
FANK1	chr10	127575097	127688151	fibronectin type III and ankyrin repeat domains	92565	611640
ADAM12	chr10	127693414	128067055	ADAM metalloproteinase domain 12 isoform 1	8038	602714
MGMT	chr10	131155455	131455356	O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase	4255	156569
GLRX3	chr10	131824652	131867860	glutaredoxin 3	10539	0
SWAP70	chr11	9642203	9731081	SWAP-70 protein	23075	604762
SBF2	chr11	9756789	10272330	SET binding factor 2	81846	607697
GALNTL4	chr11	11249001	11600128	UDP-N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine:polypeptide	374378	0
USP47	chr11	11819545	11937446	ubiquitin specific protease 47	55031	0
DKK3	chr11	11941120	11987205	dickkopf homolog 3 precursor	27122	605416
MICAL2	chr11	12088713	12241905	microtubule associated monooxygenase, calponin	9645	608881
MICALCL	chr11	12265022	12337267	MICAL C-terminal like	84953	0
PARVA	chr11	12355721	12507986	parvin, alpha	55742	608120
TEAD1	chr11	12652544	12922875	TEA domain family member 1	7003	189967

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RASSF10	chr11	12987271	12989223	Ras association (RalGDS/AF-6) domain family	644943	0
ARNTL	chr11	13255900	13365386	aryl hydrocarbon receptor nuclear	406	602550
BTBD10	chr11	13366133	13441414	K+ channel tetramerization protein	84280	0
PTH	chr11	13470176	13474143	parathyroid hormone preproprotein	5741	168450
FAR1	chr11	13646846	13710467	fatty acyl CoA reductase 1	84188	0
SPON1	chr11	13940489	14246222	spondin 1, extracellular matrix protein	10418	604989
RRAS2	chr11	14256041	14336607	related RAS viral (r-ras) oncogene homolog 2	22800	600098
COPB1	chr11	14435628	14477974	coatomer protein complex, subunit beta	1315	600959
PSMA1	chr11	14482998	14498524	proteasome alpha 1 subunit isoform 2	5682	602854
PDE3B	chr11	14621906	14848926	phosphodiesterase 3B, cGMP-inhibited	5140	602047
CYP2R1	chr11	14856132	14870327	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily R,	120227	608713
CALCA	chr11	14944791	14950408	calcitonin isoform CGRP preproprotein	796	114130
CALCB	chr11	15051721	15056753	calcitonin-related polypeptide, beta	797	114160
INSC	chr11	15090545	15225328	inscuteable isoform a	387755	610668
SOX6	chr11	15948370	16380968	SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 6 isoform 1	55553	607257
C11orf58	chr11	16716769	16734149	small acidic protein	10944	0
PLEKHA7	chr11	16765787	16992535	pleckstrin homology domain containing, family A	144100	0
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PIK3C2A	chr11	17064699	17147930	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 2, alpha	5286	603601
NUCB2	chr11	17254861	17309645	nucleobindin 2	4925	608020
KCNJ11	chr11	17363373	17366782	potassium inwardly-rectifying channel J11	3767	600937
ABCC8	chr11	17371007	17455025	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family C, member 8	6833	600509
USH1C	chr11	17472035	17522539	harmonin isoform a	10083	605242
MYOD1	chr11	17697685	17700253	myogenic differentiation 1	4654	159970
KCNC1	chr11	17714070	17755953	Shaw-related voltage-gated potassium channel	3746	176258
SERGEF	chr11	17766171	17991213	deafness locus associated putative guanine	26297	606051
TPH1	chr11	17999115	18018885	tryptophan hydroxylase 1	7166	191060
SAAL1	chr11	18058466	18084214	serum amyloid A-like 1	113174	0
MRGPRX3	chr11	18099077	18116601	MAS-related GPR, member X3	117195	607229
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SAA4	chr11	18209479	18214910	serum amyloid A4, constitutive	6291	104752
SAA2	chr11	18217163	18226758	serum amyloid A2 isoform b	6289	104751
SAA1	chr11	18244347	18248102	serum amyloid A1 preproprotein	6288	104750
HPSS5	chr11	18256792	18300297	Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome 5 isoform b	11234	607521
GTF2H1	chr11	18300718	18345152	general transcription factor IIH, polypeptide 1,	2965	189972
LDHA	chr11	18372557	18385974	lactate dehydrogenase A	3939	150000

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LDHC	chr11	18390433	18429369	lactate dehydrogenase C	3948	150150
LDHAL6A	chr11	18434006	18457723	lactate dehydrogenase A-like 6A	160287	0
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UEVLD	chr11	18509820	18566857	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2-like isoform a	55293	610985
SPTY2D1	chr11	18584524	18612596	SPT2, Suppressor of Ty, domain containing 1	144108	0
TMEM86A	chr11	18676926	18682908	transmembrane protein 86A	144110	0
IGSF22	chr11	18682427	18704353	immunoglobulin superfamily, member 22	283284	0
PTPN5	chr11	18706053	18769965	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type	84867	176879
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ZDHHC13	chr11	19095267	19154542	zinc finger, DHHC domain containing 13 isoform	54503	0
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E2F8	chr11	19202193	19219083	E2F family member 8	79733	612047
NAV2	chr11	19328846	20099723	neuron navigator 2 isoform 3	89797	607026
P53AIP1	chr11	128310479	128318032	p53-regulated apoptosis-inducing protein 1	63970	605426
RICS	chr11	128343051	128399222	Rho GTPase-activating protein	9743	608541
BARX2	chr11	128751090	128827384	BarH-like homeobox 2	8538	604823
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PRH2	chr12	10973100	10978711	proline-rich protein HaeIII subfamily 2	5555	168790
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TAS2R42	chr12	11229865	11230810	taste receptor, type 2, member 42	353164	0
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PRB1	chr12	11396023	11399791	proline-rich protein BstNI subfamily 1 isoform 1	5542	180989

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PRB2	chr12	11435742	11439768	proline-rich protein BstNI subfamily 2	653247	168810
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COL2A1	chr12	46653015	46684552	collagen, type II, alpha 1 isoform 2 precursor	1280	120140
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KRT77	chr12	51369676	51383514	keratin 77	374454	611158
NTS	chr12	84770542	84779231	neurotensin/neuromedin N preproprotein	4922	162650
MGAT4C	chr12	84875504	85735149	UDP-N-acetylglucosamine: alpha-1,3-D-mannoside	25834	607385
FRY	chr13	31503436	31768775	furry homolog	10129	0
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POU4F1	chr13	78071232	78075696	POU domain, class 4, transcription factor 1	5457	601632
RNF219	chr13	78086421	78131315	ring finger protein 219	79596	0
AKAP6	chr14	31868273	32372018	A-kinase anchor protein 6	9472	604691
NPAS3	chr14	32478209	33340702	neuronal PAS domain protein 3 isoform 1	64067	609430
PAX9	chr14	36196532	36216762	paired box 9	5083	167416

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SLC25A21	chr14	36218828	36711616	solute carrier family 25 (mitochondrial	89874	607571
SEC23A	chr14	38570873	38642188	SEC23-related protein A	10484	610511
SIP1	chr14	38653238	38675926	SMN-interacting protein 1 isoform alpha	8487	602595
TRAPPC6B	chr14	38686767	38709385	trafficking protein particle complex 6B isoform	122553	610397
PNN	chr14	38714137	38722173	pinin, desmosome associated protein	5411	603154
MIA2	chr14	38772875	38792324	melanoma inhibitory activity 2	117153	608001
CTAGE5	chr14	38804226	38890148	CTAGE family, member 5 isoform 2	4253	602132
FBXO33	chr14	38936714	38971371	F-box protein 33	254170	609103
RPL10L	chr14	46189971	46190778	ribosomal protein L10-like protein	140801	0
MDGA2	chr14	46378577	47213738	MAM domain containing 1 isoform 1	161357	611128
NID2	chr14	51541269	51605696	nidogen 2 precursor	22795	605399
PTGDR	chr14	51804180	51813191	prostaglandin D2 receptor	5729	604687
C14orf37	chr14	57540561	57688600	hypothetical protein LOC145407	145407	0
ACTR10	chr14	57736585	57772106	uncharacterized hypothalamus protein HARP11	55860	0
PSMA3	chr14	57781345	57808479	proteasome alpha 3 subunit isoform 1	5684	176843
ARID4A	chr14	57834974	57910201	retinoblastoma-binding protein 1 isoform II	5926	180201
UNQ9438	chr14	57932396	57945172	hypothetical protein LOC387990	387990	0
TIMM9	chr14	57945123	57963985	translocase of inner mitochondrial membrane 9	26520	607384
KIAA0586	chr14	57964462	58085302	talpid3 protein	9786	610178
DACT1	chr14	58174509	58184789	dapper 1 isoform 1	51339	607861
C14orf83	chr14	67006736	67051774	hypothetical protein LOC161145	161145	0
PLEKHH1	chr14	67069760	67126008	pleckstrin homology domain containing, family H	57475	0
PIGH	chr14	67125775	67136770	phosphatidylinositol glycan anchor biosynthesis,	5283	600154
ARG2	chr14	67156331	67188187	arginase, type II precursor	384	107830
VTI1B	chr14	67187618	67211301	vesicle transport through interaction with	10490	603207
RDH11	chr14	67213270	67232263	retinol dehydrogenase 11	51109	607849
RDH12	chr14	67238355	67270921	retinol dehydrogenase 12	145226	608830
ZFYVE26	chr14	67282991	67353055	zinc finger, FYVE domain containing 26	23503	612012
RAD51L1	chr14	67356261	68014562	RAD51-like 1 isoform 2	5890	602948
POMT2	chr14	76811051	76856970	protein O-mannosyltransferase	29954	607439
GSTZ1	chr14	76857106	76867692	glutathione transferase zeta 1 isoform 2	2954	603758
TMED8	chr14	76877867	76913149	transmembrane emp24 protein transport domain	283578	0
C14orf174	chr14	76913514	76927340	hypothetical protein LOC161394	161394	0
C14orf148	chr14	76930176	76959132	hypothetical protein LOC122945 isoform 1	122945	0
C14orf133	chr14	76962770	76993657	hypothetical protein LOC63894	63894	0
AHSA1	chr14	76994154	77005560	AHA1, activator of heat shock 90kDa protein	10598	608466

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THSD3	chr14	77010492	77034912	thrombospondin, type I domain containing 3	145501	0
SPTLC2	chr14	77043024	77152863	serine palmitoyltransferase, long chain base	9517	605713
ALKBH1	chr14	77208501	77244109	alkylated DNA repair protein alkB homolog	8846	605345
C14orf156	chr14	77244177	77253696	SRA stem-loop-interacting RNA-binding protein	81892	610211
SNW1	chr14	77253696	77297250	SKI-interacting protein	22938	603055
C14orf178	chr14	77296645	77305838	hypothetical protein LOC283579	283579	0
ADCK1	chr14	77336226	77470047	aarF domain containing kinase 1	57143	0
SPRED1	chr15	36332343	36436742	sprouty-related protein 1 with EVH-1 domain	161742	609291
FAM98B	chr15	36533619	36561121	family with sequence similarity 98, member B	283742	0
RASGRP1	chr15	36567593	36644299	RAS guanyl releasing protein 1 isoform b	10125	603962
MEX3B	chr15	80121182	80125416	mex-3 homolog B	84206	611008
AKAP13	chr15	83724874	84093590	A-kinase anchor protein 13 isoform 2	11214	604686
AGBL1	chr15	84486245	85373287	ATP/GTP binding protein-like 1	123624	0
IQGAP1	chr15	88732476	88846479	IQ motif containing GTPase activating protein 1	8826	603379
CRTC3	chr15	88874201	88989580	transducer of regulated CREB protein 3 isoform	64784	608986
BLM	chr15	89061582	89159688	Bloom syndrome protein	641	604610
FURIN	chr15	89212888	89227691	furin preproprotein	5045	136950
FES	chr15	89228712	89240008	V-FES feline sarcoma viral/V-FPS fujinami avian	2242	190030
MAN2A2	chr15	89248423	89266818	mannosidase, alpha, class 2A, member 2	4122	600988
UNC45A	chr15	89274413	89298326	smooth muscle cell associated protein-1 isoform	55898	611219
HDCC3	chr15	89275158	89276778	HD domain containing 3	374659	0
RCCD1	chr15	89299109	89307357	RCC1 domain containing 1	91433	0
PRC1	chr15	89310276	89338808	protein regulator of cytokinesis 1 isoform 1	9055	603484
VPS33B	chr15	89342777	89366837	vacuolar protein sorting 33B (yeast homolog)	26276	608552
HYDIN	chr16	69398789	69822070	hydrocephalus inducing isoform a	54768	610812
FLJ11171	chr16	69873703	69880816	hypothetical protein LOC55783	55783	0
CALB2	chr16	69950126	69981843	calbindin 2 isoform 1	794	114051
ZNF23	chr16	70039013	70053618	zinc finger protein 23	7571	194527
ZNF19	chr16	70065476	70080755	zinc finger protein 19	7567	194525
CHST4	chr16	70117561	70129914	carbohydrate (N-acetylglucosamine 6-O)	10164	0
TAT	chr16	70158254	70168499	tyrosine aminotransferase	6898	276600
MARVELD3	chr16	70217570	70226732	MARVEL domain containing 3 isoform 2	91862	0
PHLPL	chr16	70236354	70306205	PH domain and leucine rich repeat protein	23035	611066
CA10	chr17	47062672	47592160	carbonic anhydrase X	56934	604642
CTAGE1	chr18	18247561	18251876	cutaneous T-cell lymphoma-associated antigen 1	64693	608856
RBBP8	chr18	18767292	18860443	retinoblastoma binding protein 8 isoform a	5932	604124

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CABLES1	chr18	18969724	19094432	Cdk5 and Abl enzyme substrate 1 isoform 2	91768	609194
C18orf45	chr18	19129978	19271923	hypothetical protein LOC85019	85019	0
RIOK3	chr18	19286784	19317097	sudD suppressor of bimD6 homolog	8780	603579
C18orf8	chr18	19337459	19365740	colon cancer-associated protein Mic1	29919	0
NPC1	chr18	19365460	19420468	Niemann-Pick disease, type C1 precursor	4864	607623
ANKRD29	chr18	19433975	19496847	ankyrin repeat domain 29	147463	0
LAMA3	chr18	19523559	19789025	laminin alpha 3 subunit isoform 1	3909	600805
TTC39C	chr18	19826734	19966989	tetratricopeptide repeat domain 39C	125488	0
CABYR	chr18	19972952	19995561	calcium-binding tyrosine	26256	612135
OSBPL1A	chr18	19996009	20231788	oxysterol-binding protein-like 1A isoform B	114876	606730
IMPACT	chr18	20260606	20287492	Impact homolog	55364	0
HRH4	chr18	20294590	20313918	histamine H4 receptor	59340	606792
ZNF521	chr18	20895888	21186114	zinc finger protein 521	25925	610974
AQP4	chr18	22686004	22699714	aquaporin 4 isoform a	361	600308
CHST9	chr18	22749613	23019279	GalNAc-4-sulfotransferase 2	83539	610191
CDH2	chr18	23784933	24011189	cadherin 2, type 1 preproprotein	1000	114020
DSC3	chr18	26824049	26876779	desmocollin 3 isoform Dsc3b preproprotein	1825	600271
DSC2	chr18	26899939	26936386	desmocollin 2 isoform Dsc2b preproprotein	1824	125645
DSC1	chr18	26963213	26996817	desmocollin 1 isoform Dsc1b preproprotein	1823	125643
DSG1	chr18	27152049	27191391	desmoglein 1 preproprotein	1828	125670
DSG4	chr18	27210737	27247877	desmoglein 4	147409	607892
DSG3	chr18	27281729	27312663	desmoglein 3 preproprotein	1830	169615
DSG2	chr18	27332024	27382812	desmoglein 2 preproprotein	1829	125671
TTR	chr18	27425837	27432794	transthyretin	7276	176300
B4GALT6	chr18	27456206	27518684	beta-1,4-galactosyltransferase 6	9331	604017
MCART2	chr18	27593656	27594841	mitochondrial carrier triple repeat 2	147407	0
KIAA1012	chr18	27663133	27777089	hypothetical protein LOC22878	22878	0
RNF125	chr18	27852442	27907152	ring finger protein 125	54941	610432
RNF138	chr18	27925834	27965521	ring finger protein 138 isoform 1	51444	0
MEP1B	chr18	28023984	28054364	meprin A, beta	4225	600389
FAM59A	chr18	28101476	28304445	hypothetical protein LOC64762	64762	0
C18orf34	chr18	28771363	29274043	hypothetical protein LOC374864 isoform 1	374864	0
ASXL3	chr18	29412538	29581397	additional sex combs like 3	80816	0
NOL4	chr18	29685061	30057444	nucleolar protein 4	8715	603577
DTNA	chr18	30327251	30725806	dystrobrevin alpha isoform 2	1837	601239
MAPRE2	chr18	30875388	30975813	microtubule-associated protein, RP/EB family,	10982	605789

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ZNF397	chr18	31075016	31092356	zinc finger protein 397	84307	609601
ZNF397OS	chr18	31086816	31124170	zinc finger protein 397 opposite strand	100101467	0
ZNF271	chr18	31124264	31144728	zinc finger protein 271	10778	604754
ZNF24	chr18	31166175	31178424	zinc finger protein 24	7572	194534
ZNF396	chr18	31200658	31211299	zinc finger protein 396	252884	609600
C18orf37	chr18	31302288	31331953	les6-similar protein isoform 1	125476	0
GALNT1	chr18	31488593	31545792	polypeptide N-acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 1	2589	602273
C18orf21	chr18	31806585	31813238	chromosome 18 open reading frame 21	83608	0
P15RS	chr18	31823789	31901371	cyclin-dependent kinase 2B-inhibitor-related	55197	610347
SLC39A6	chr18	31942491	31963355	solute carrier family 39 (zinc transporter),	25800	608731
ELP2	chr18	31963884	32008605	elongator protein 2	55250	0
MOCOS	chr18	32021477	32102683	molybdenum cofactor sulfurase	55034	0
FHOD3	chr18	32131699	32614016	formin homology 2 domain containing 3	80206	609691
C18orf10	chr18	32630032	32663156	tubulin polyglutamylase complex subunit 2	25941	0
KIAA1328	chr18	32663077	33059285	hypothetical protein LOC57536	57536	0
BRUNOL4	chr18	33077005	33399998	bruno-like 4, RNA binding protein isoform 4	56853	0
RIT2	chr18	38577189	38949655	Ras-like without CAAX 2	6014	609592
SYT4	chr18	39101854	39111342	synaptotagmin IV	6860	600103
SLC14A2	chr18	41448763	41517058	solute carrier family 14 (urea transporter),	8170	601611
PSG2	chr19	48260201	48278654	pregnancy specific beta-1-glycoprotein 2	5670	176391
PSG5	chr19	48363734	48382528	pregnancy specific beta-1-glycoprotein 5	5673	176394
PSG4	chr19	48388695	48401630	pregnancy specific beta-1-glycoprotein 4 isoform	5672	176393
PSG9	chr19	48449274	48465522	pregnancy specific beta-1-glycoprotein 9	5678	176398
CD177	chr19	48549664	48559319	CD177 molecule	57126	162860
TEX101	chr19	48584602	48614607	testis expressed 101 isoform 1	83639	0
LYPD3	chr19	48656785	48661671	GPI-anchored metastasis-associated protein	27076	609484
PHLDB3	chr19	48671094	48700825	pleckstrin homology-like domain, family B,	653583	0
ETHE1	chr19	48702711	48723236	ETHE1 protein	23474	608451
ZNF575	chr19	48729168	48732122	zinc finger protein 575	284346	0
XRCC1	chr19	48739303	48771570	X-ray repair cross complementing protein 1	7515	194360
IRGQ	chr19	48787865	48791516	immunity-related GTPase family, Q	126298	0
ZNF576	chr19	48792383	48795995	zinc finger protein 576	79177	0
ZNF428	chr19	48803216	48815846	zinc finger protein 428	126299	0
CADM4	chr19	48818361	48835831	cell adhesion molecule 4	199731	609744
PLAUR	chr19	48842087	48866342	plasminogen activator, urokinase receptor	5329	173391
IRGC	chr19	48912077	48916007	immunity-related GTPase family, cinema	56269	0

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C19orf61	chr19	48927140	48950982	hypothetical protein LOC56006	56006	0
KCNN4	chr19	48962526	48977249	intermediate conductance calcium-activated	3783	602754
LYPD5	chr19	48991918	48998453	LY6/PLAUR domain containing 5 isoform A	284348	0
ZNF283	chr19	49023312	49044890	zinc finger protein 283	284349	0
ZNF404	chr19	49068354	49076128	zinc finger protein 404	342908	0
ZNF45	chr19	49108620	49121398	zinc finger protein 45	7596	194554
TOB2	chr22	40153991	40167527	transducer of ERBB2, 2	10766	607396
PHF5A	chr22	40180221	40189208	PHD-finger 5A	84844	0
ACO2	chr22	40189628	40249492	aconitase 2 precursor	50	100850
POLR3H	chr22	40246307	40264964	polymerase (RNA) III (DNA directed) polypeptide	171568	0
CSDC2	chr22	40281513	40297170	RNA-binding protein pippin	27254	0
PMM1	chr22	40297389	40310371	phosphomannomutase 1	5372	601786
FAM152B	chr22	40321435	40341416	hypothetical protein LOC27351	27351	0
XRCC6	chr22	40341794	40384552	ATP-dependent DNA helicase II, 70 kDa subunit	2547	152690
NHP2L1	chr22	40394437	40403056	NHP2 non-histone chromosome protein 2-like 1	4809	601304
MEI1	chr22	40420017	40519959	meiosis defective 1	150365	608797
CCDC134	chr22	40521177	40546803	coiled-coil domain containing 134	79879	0
SREBF2	chr22	40553605	40626873	sterol regulatory element-binding transcription	6721	600481
TNFRSF13C	chr22	40645535	40647321	BAFF receptor	115650	606269
CENPM	chr22	40659240	40660723	centromere protein M isoform c	79019	610152
03-set	chr22	40697430	40718725	septin 3 isoform A	55964	608314
WBP2NL	chr22	40719291	40748975	WBP2 N-terminal like	164684	610981
NAGA	chr22	40778837	40791346	alpha-N-acetylgalactosaminidase precursor	4668	104170
FAM109B	chr22	40794754	40799941	hypothetical protein LOC150368	150368	0
C22orf32	chr22	40800198	40804787	hypothetical protein LOC91689	91689	0
NDUFA6	chr22	40806030	40811388	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha	4700	602138
CYP2D6	chr22	40847000	40851381	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D,	1565	124030
TCF20	chr22	40880516	40935943	transcription factor 20 isoform 1	6942	603107
NFAM1	chr22	41100911	41152899	NFAT activation molecule 1 precursor	150372	608740
SERHL	chr22	41221093	41233063	serine hydrolase-like	94009	607979
CGI-96	chr22	41233072	41240306	hypothetical protein LOC27341	27341	0
SERHL2	chr22	41274422	41294885	serine hydrolase-like 2	253190	0
POLDIP3	chr22	41304225	41335460	DNA polymerase delta interacting protein 3	84271	611520
CYB5R3	chr22	41339311	41369903	cytochrome b5 reductase isoform m	1727	250800
MPPED1	chr22	42132517	42227696	metallophosphoesterase domain containing 1	758	602112

EFCAB6	chr22	42249554	42533019	CAP-binding protein complex interacting protein	64800	0
SULT4A1	chr22	42545287	42583279	sulfotransferase family 4A, member 1	25830	608359

Table 16. Fingerprint ROHs gene annotation. The list of genes associated to ROHs was obtained using the UCSC Table Browser (<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables>) and by querying the hg17 database.

DISCUSSION

Current genome-wide high density mapping technologies have improved the number of feasible applications of SNPs genotyping in the identification of new disease associated loci using genotype calls not only for association studies but also for loss of heterozygosity analysis and the subsequent LOH traits classification as structural variations (deletion, UPD, autozygosity), thanks to the contemporary analysis of copy number. This methodological approach to the analysis of SNPs genotyping data has been called “homozygosity mapping”, which was useful in the identification of disease associated loci in probably inbred population like Aborigines (Li, Ho et al. 2006) as well as in outbred population like that represented by Hap Map samples (Gibson, Morton et al. 2006). These studies underlined that these long and contiguous traits of homozygosity were not generally due to uniparental dysomy (that is a rare event and associated to particular syndromes in which region of imprinted region or cancer predisposing genes are involved), but they were autozygosity traits found in region of broad linkage disequilibrium and low frequency of recombination, probably due to presence of a common ancestor, or to the nature of particular chromosome traits allowing them to remain unchanged .

Homozygosity mapping focused on individuation of regions of autozygosity which were in common between affected individuals of the same family or between affected unrelated probands with the same disease which had high probability to harbor new mutations , and could underline regions that could lead to a new gene or to a number of candidate loci as responsible of the genetic basis of the disease. In order to identify new disease susceptibility loci in a cohort of 34 CHI consanguineous and non consanguineous families, we performed genome-wide homozygosity mapping using 250K NspI Gene Chip Affymetrix SNP microarrays.

The first step of our homozygosity mapping method was single sample LOH analysis in all the 110 components of the 34 CHI families, which not only produced a list of homozygosity regions in this disease cohort but led us to investigate the nature of this LOH traits. Copy number and aplotype analysis in LOH traits found in all CHI families' affected members excluded deletions or UPD to be at the molecular basis of the disease and has confirmed a relevant presence of autozygosity traits in CHI patients and relatives too. The autozygosity nature of these homozygosity regions was confirmed by the presence of declared inbreeding in at least 6 of the analyzed families. In other families the high degree of homozygosity was probably due to restricted geographical provenience or distant unknown parental relationship.

We focused genome-wide SNP analysis performed using Affymetrix GeneChip® 250K Nsp I Human Mapping on the presence of the largest (or second largest) homozygous segments of the patient's genotype which have the major probability to bear the disease causing mutation (Knight, Maclean et al. 2008)) and

we evidenced in one of the 35 CHI proband a homozygous region of 79Mb on chromosome 4 (from 4q13.2 to 4q31.21) that included 312 known genes in the region. This stretch contains the causative HADHSC gene, which is genotyped on the microarray by 7 SNPs covering 45 kb. The child was born from blood-related parents (double first cousins) and at 2 months he presented convulsions with deep hypoglycemia; CHI with diffuse disease was diagnosed but mutational analysis by direct sequencing of ABCC8 and KCNJ11 genes was negative for disease causing variations in coding regions of both genes. Diagnostic evaluation of urine metabolites showed an elevated excretion of 3-OH butyryc, piruvic, succinic, etilmalonic, fumaric, glutaric and 2- ketoglutaric acid; this metabolic profile was compatible with a slow down of β -oxidation at level of SCHAD, leading to increased accumulation of medium and long chain L-3-OHCoA species, promoting a reverse flux through SCHAD converting acetoacetylCoA into L-3-OHbutyrylCoA. Direct sequencing of the coding region of HADHSC gene was performed and showed a homozygous C to T transition in exon 6 (c.706C>T) causing a premature stop of the synthesized protein at codon 236, resulting in the not previously described nonsense mutation R236X. The finding of HADHSC mutation confirmed the power of SNPs genome-wide genotyping technologies to underline loci with high mutational probability and to elucidate the molecular basis of autosomic recessive diseases; mutation analysis of exon 6 of the HADHSC gene in the parents of the proband showed they were heterozygous carriers of the same mutation.

SCHAD protein exhibits a two-domain topology, with the N-terminal domain of the monomer (residues 12-201) similar to a NAD(P)⁺-binding enzyme and the C-terminal domain (residues 207-302) involved in subunit dimerization and, presumably, binding of acylCoA substrate. Homology modeling bioinformatic analysis of the protein bearing the nonsense mutation R236X led to a truncated protein lacking the most part of the C-terminal domain, particularly relevant to the closing of the active site cleft, and probably occurring in a unfunctional protein. Enzymatic assays would be necessary to elucidate the function of the truncated protein. We further investigated if SCHAD truncated protein mRNA was expressed in the patient's blood lymphocytes or recognized and suppressed by RNA nonsense-mediated decay, and which was the level of expression in the homozygous proband and in heterozygous mother, comparing them with healthy controls.

We confirmed the amplification of SCHAD cDNA in both homozygous and heterozygous R236X carriers, even if with slightly decrease levels of expression compared with the healthy controls. The transcription/translation of the truncated protein is still under study.

So far 3 CHI patients with mutations in the HADH gene have been reported (Clayton, Eaton et al. 2001; Molven, Matre et al. 2004; Hussain, Clayton et al. 2005; Knight, Maclean et al. 2008): a missense mutation P258L, a six base pair deletion at the start of exon 5 and a splice site mutation IV S6-2. The acylcarnitine profile in all reported patients has demonstrated raised levels, and urinary organic acids showed raised 3-hydroxyglutarate concentrations together with highly elevated levels of 3-hydroxybutyrate, and 3-hydroxydicarboxylic acids of chain lengths C₆-C₁₄. These loss of function of SCHAD proteins promoted an

increase in basal insulin secretion through a K_{ATP} channel independent mechanism (Hardy, Hohmeier et al. 2007), probably by inhibition of carnitine palmitoyltransferase I due to accumulation of short chain acyl CoA esters. This is the one of the supposed mechanisms of how defects in SCHAD enzyme could modulate β -oxidation metabolites production and insulin regulation and release (Palladino, Bennett et al. 2008). Our patient is the first case of a CHI proband bearing a truncated coded SCHAD enzyme and in this case hypoglycaemic screens neither evidenced specific increase of plasma hydroxybutyrylcarnitine nor urine 3-hydroxyglutarate, while elevated levels of 3-hydroxybutyrate, and 3-hydroxydicarboxylic acids was evidenced like in the previously described CHI patients. This metabolic profile is compatible with a slow down of β oxidation at level of HADH, leading to increased accumulation of medium and long chain L-3-OHCoA species, promoting a reverse flux through HADHSC converting acetoacetylCoA into L-3-OHbutyrylCoA. This case highlights the opportunity of HADH gene mutation screening in those diffuse CHI probands when KCNJ11 and ABCC8 genes screening is negative.

Additional strong indication came from a patient bearing a long autozygosity trait on chromosome 1 (25.63 Mb) including MCAD gene, a medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase which catalyzes the rate-determining step of fatty acid β -oxidation in mitochondria and identified as the commonest inborn error of metabolism (Kompore and Rizzo 2008). Mutational screening of this gene in the proband revealed a previously undescribed homozygous synonymous variation (P195P) which could bear to a non canonical acceptor splice site and lead to a new alternative spliced isoform of MCAD protein. Biochemical screening of the proband highlighted hypoketotic hypoglycemia, organic urinary acid increased excretion (2- ketoglutaric acid two folds the normal value) and a plasmatic ratio lactate/piruvate of 36 (instead of 10), clearly identified a fatty acid oxidation unbalance. Even though acylcarnitines analysis were not available for this patient to confirm MCAD enzyme to be responsible for the metabolic disease, we could assume in this proband a correlation between dysregulated insulin secretion and β -oxidation metabolic impairment. Further investigations on P195P mRNA transcription and translation would determine the impact of this MCAD gene defect on the enzyme availability and functional studies would elucidate if this patient could be the first description of MCAD- HI.

Although each patient showed an homozygosity profile strictly peculiar, our ROHs computational approach was successful to reveal the number and the nature of homozygosity traits in common between probands, which could underline chromosomal regions containing candidate genes/loci involved in the etiopathogenesis of CHI. When we looked at the most involved chromosomal loci, considering those in which the larger amount of patients were homozygous (5 probands on chromosome 11 in our CHI dataset), we confirmed 11p15.2 to be the most involved in the disease.

Furthermore, 3 of these 5 probands had a common ROHs overlapping the 2 genes more deeply involved in CHI and subsequent screening for mutations in ABCC8 and KCNJ11 known causative genes in the 2 CHI probands who shared a common homozygosity traits on chromosome 11p15.1 led to the discovery of the

disease causing mutation . These findings also supported the strong capability of homozygosity mapping methodology to elucidate disease causing mutations in autosomic recessive disease , especially when the homozygous trait is present in a consistent part of the clinical dataset (more than 10 %).

In order to realize a genomic fingerprint of our CHI dataset, we used dChip LOH visualization option to match the single patient whole –genome ROH pattern with the 164 homozygous regions in common between at least two patients, evidencing which proband was bearing the CHI related regions and on which chromosomal location . This genomic pattern analysis brought to light that the more homozygous and inbreeding probands visually clustered together and that their longest and contiguous traits on chromosome 1, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14 and 18 had shorter regions in common with at least another patient , indicating that this loci are the more involved in the disease. When we further characterize the genomic fingerprint plotting on the single patient whole –genome ROH pattern the list of 35 homozygous region in common between 3 patients , we could redefine the putative CHI chromosomal loci as 1p31.2-31.1, 4q27-28.1, 6p22.3-22.31, 11p15.4-15.2, and 18q12.2.

Considering genes which were present in homozygosity traits in common between in more than 2 CHI patients we have evidenced numerous genes involved in β -oxidation metabolism which could support a relationship between disregulated insulin secretion and fatty acid metabolism; this pathway was present with 7 genes including MCAD and ACSL6 (acyl CoA synthetase long chain, family member 6), the second one responsible for activation of long-chain fatty acids for both synthesis and degradation of cellular lipids via beta-oxidation.

A second metabolic pathway related to the CHI was type I diabetes mellitus, which was present with major histocompatibility complex class I and II genes , tumor necrosis factor 2 (or TNF- α) and perforin 1. TNF2 gene encodes a multifunctional proinflammatory cytokine that belongs to the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) superfamily. This cytokine is mainly secreted by macrophages and is involved in the regulation of a wide spectrum of biological processes including cell proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, lipid metabolism, and coagulation. This cytokine has been implicated in a variety of diseases, including autoimmune diseases, insulin resistance, and cancer. There is substantial evidence that TNF- α contributes to insulin resistance and thus to type 2 diabetes. Long-term exposure of cultured cells to TNF- α induces insulin resistance. TNF- α inhibits insulin receptor signaling by decreasing autophosphorylation of insulin receptor and promoting serine phosphorylation of insulin receptor substrate proteins. TNF- α impairs insulin secretion and in particular in pancreatic β -cell lines TNF- α decreased glucose-stimulated insulin secretion (Kubaszek, Pihlajamaki et al. 2003); upregulation of this gene could lead to enhanced insulin secretion , which is the major characteristic of CHI. A strong relationship between insulin secretion and glycolysis /gluconeogenesis was evidenced even when we considered genes involved in the glycolysis /gluconeogenesis pathway, that were the alcohol dehydrogenase family (ADH), phosphofructokinase (PFKM) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH).

In particular, lactate dehydrogenase activity in pancreatic β -cells is 100-fold lower than other mammalian cell type because enhanced glycolytic flux and lactate output observed in other mammalian tissues during anaerobiosis should be avoided in β -cells because responsible for glucose-stimulated gene expression. In pancreatic β -cells an increase in LDH expression may lead to reduced secretory response to glucose and such event might be involved in the pathogenesis of some forms of diabetes mellitus (Sekine, Cirulli et al. 1994); upregulation of LDH gene could even result in an enhanced insulin secretion and thus be related to the pathogenesis of CHI.

Homozygosity mapping analysis in 35 CHI probands also produced a complete list of genes included in ROHs in common between 4, 3 patients and in at least 2 patients in our dataset, and these genes would be the more characteristic of the disease. Mutational screening is strongly indicated for that genes which function implies a correlation between fatty-acid β -oxidation energy contribution and insulin secretion and release, or for that genes that are known to be associated with diabetes and to a disregulated glucose sensitivity and response. We can underline insulin-like 5 (INSL5) gene which encodes a protein with a classical signature of the insulin superfamily and Inositol 1,4,5-Triphosphate Receptor 3 (ITPR3) gene which mediates second messenger signaling by releasing Ca^{++} from intracellular stores in response to inositol triphosphate. There are three ITPR subtypes, and these are widely expressed in many tissues, consistent with their role in mediating second messenger signaling. Each of the subtypes has a unique tissue-distribution profile. *ITPR3* mRNA and ITPR3 protein are rapidly upregulated in pancreatic β cells following stimulation with glucose, and the protein is then rapidly degraded in proteasomes (Qu, Marchand et al. 2008). Inositol 1,4,5-Triphosphate Receptor 3 was recently underlined as a risk factor for Type 1 Diabetes in Sweden. (Roach, Deutsch et al. 2006) Another candidate gene is BDH2 (3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, type 2), which has possible physiological role in cytosolic ketone body utilization, either as a secondary system for energy supply in starvation or to generate precursors for lipid and sterol synthesis (Guo, Lukacik et al. 2006). All these genes are good candidates for mutational screening in those CHI families in which the molecular basis of the disease was not clarified.

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

To our knowledge this is the first study in which molecular mechanism of CHI disease was investigated with genome-wide homozygosity mapping method in consanguineous and not consanguineous CHI families. This methodology was highly successful in revealing the recessive disease causing mutation in four of the 35 patients; two of these mutations were in ABCC8 and KCNJ11 known causative genes, one was a novel mutation in HADH gene which could describe the fourth case of SCHAD-HI, and the last one was a putative splicing variant of MCAD gene that could indicate the first described case of MCAD-HI. These results confirmed how hyperinsulinism in CHI is strongly related to glycolysis/gluconeogenesis energy supply, to fatty acids β -oxidation balance and his relationship with insulin levels regulations. Furthermore, bioinformatics pathway analysis underlined how a huge number of genes in autozygosity traits shared by our 35 CHI probands covered the two major metabolic pathways of glycolysis/gluconeogenesis and fatty acid metabolism, indicating how it would be important for a correct diagnosis to consider CHI has as metabolic disease and to describe these patients with a metabolic profile which includes at least organic acids investigations and acilcarnitines characterizations, as suggested by Hussain K. Thanks to the increasing number of described SCHAD-HI, our study also indicated that mutations of HADH gene should be sought in hyperinsulinemic patients in whom diffuse form of CHI and autosomal recessive inheritance can be presumed, when KCNJ11 and ABCC8 genes mutational screening is negative.

Genome-wide homozygosity mapping in the present study has clearly evidenced 1p31.2-31.1, 4q27-28.1, 6p22.3-22.31, 11p15.4-15.2, and 18q12.2 chromosomal loci to be the most related to CHI disease. To better redefine that regions and to single out potential associated genes, we are planning to use SNPs genotypes calls generated from these 34 CHI family microarrays data to perform family based transmission disequilibrium analysis. On the other hand, we will increase the number of CHI families enrolled in the study in order to evidence by homozygosity mapping ROHs which are strictly peculiar of the disease and not common in the normal population.

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