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## **Genetic and phenotypic spectrum associated with IFIH1 gain-of-function**

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**Abstract**

IFIH1 gain-of-function has been reported as a cause of a type I interferonopathy encompassing a spectrum of autoinflammatory phenotypes including Aicardi-Goutières syndrome and Singleton Merten syndrome. Ascertaining patients through a European and North American collaboration, we set out to describe the molecular, clinical and interferon status of a cohort of individuals with pathogenic heterozygous mutations in *IFIH1*. We identified 74 individuals from 51 families segregating a total of 27 likely pathogenic mutations in *IFIH1*. Ten adult individuals, 13.5% of all mutation carriers, were clinically asymptomatic (with seven of these aged over 50 years). All mutations were associated with enhanced type I interferon signaling, including six variants (22%) which were predicted as benign according to multiple *in silico* pathogenicity programs. The identified mutations cluster close to the ATP binding region of the protein. These data confirm variable expression and non-penetrance as important characteristics of the *IFIH1* genotype, a consistent association with enhanced type I interferon signaling, and a common mutational mechanism involving increased RNA binding affinity or decreased efficiency of ATP hydrolysis and filament disassembly rate.

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## Introduction

In 2014, heterozygous gain-of-function mutations in *IFIH1* were reported to cause a spectrum of neuroimmune phenotypes including classical Aicardi-Goutières syndrome (AGS)(Oda et al., 2014; Rice et al., 2014). *IFIH1* encodes interferon-induced helicase C domain-containing protein 1 (IFIH1)(also known as melanoma differentiation associated gene 5 protein: MDA5) which senses viral double-stranded (ds) RNA in the cytosol, leading to the induction of a type I interferon mediated anti-viral response. Consequent upon Mendelian determined gain-of-function, it is suggested that IFIH1 inappropriately senses self-derived nucleic acid as viral, leading to an autoinflammatory state classified as a type I interferonopathy (Ahmad et al., 2018; Crow & Manel, 2015). In 2015, a p.Arg822Gln substitution in IFIH1 was shown to cause Singleton Merten syndrome (SMS), an autosomal dominant trait variably characterized by a deforming arthropathy, abnormal tooth development and cardiac valve calcification, again in association with enhanced type I interferon signaling (Rutsch et al., 2015). Although it was initially considered that SMS was a distinct, mutation-specific disorder, subsequent reports indicate that SMS and the neuroinflammatory phenotypes seen in the context of IFIH1 gain-of-function constitute part of the same disease spectrum (Buers, Rice, Crow, & Rutsch, 2017; Bursztejn et al., 2015).

Type I interferonopathy associated *IFIH1* mutations are either absent from control databases, or only present at very low frequency. However, we have noted previously that *in silico* algorithms are not always reliable in differentiating *IFIH1* disease causing variants from benign polymorphisms (Ruaud et al., 2018). Such difficulty in assigning molecular pathogenicity is compounded by marked variability in

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disease expression, sometimes even within the same family, and the observation of complete non-penetrance in certain pedigrees (Rice et al., 2014). Given this background, we considered it important to provide an update of our experience of sequencing individuals for pathogenic *IFIH1* mutations associated with a type I interferonopathy state. In total, we describe molecular and clinical data relating to 74 individuals from 51 families, identifying 27 likely pathogenic mutations which cluster close to the ATP binding region of the protein. Our data confirm variable expression and non-penetrance as important characteristics of these mutant genotypes, and the consistent association with enhanced type I interferon signaling as assessed by interferon stimulated gene (ISG) expression, referred to as the interferon score.

## Materials and methods

### Subjects

Patients were ascertained through direct contact and / or collaborating physicians across clinical research laboratories in the UK and France (Crow), the USA (Vanderver), and Italy (Orcesi). The study was approved by the Leeds (East) Research Ethics Committee (10/H1307/132), the Comité de Protection des Personnes (ID-RCB / EUDRACT: 2014-A01017-40), IRB study protocol (Myelin Disorders Bioregistry Project: IRB# 14-011236) and the local ethics committee of the IRCCS Mondino Foundation, Pavia, Italy (3549/2009 of 30/9/2009 and 11/12/2009; n.20170035275 of 23/10/2017). Amino acid substitutions were considered as pathogenic mutations when they were seen in the context of a neuroimmune / autoinflammatory state (including AGS, a spastic-dystonic syndrome, non-syndromic spastic paraparesis or SMS), and when two or more of the following applied: observation of the same variant in an unrelated family; *de novo* occurrence; documented increase in ISG expression; *in vitro* data consistent with IFIH1 gain-of-function.

### Mutational analysis

Mutations were identified on a variety of next generation sequencing platforms. Where Sanger sequencing was undertaken, primers were designed to amplify the coding exons of *IFH1*, with mutation annotation based on the reference cDNA sequence NM\_022168.2. Variants were assessed using the *in silico* programs SIFT (<http://sift.jcvi.org>), Polyphen2 (<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/>) and CADD (<https://cadd.gs.washington.edu>), summarized in VarCards (<http://varcards.biols.ac.cn/>). Population allele frequencies were obtained from the gnomAD database (<http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org>).

### Protein modelling

Molecular graphics figures were generated with PyMOL (Schrödinger) using the PDB coordinates (4GL2).

### Interferon score

Interferon scores were calculated on the basis of the expression of ISGs according to previously published protocols. In brief, this involved either a quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) analysis using TaqMan probes (Crow laboratory: (Rice et al., 2013)), or testing on a Nanostring platform (Vanderver laboratory: (Adang et al., 2018)). In the former, the relative abundance of *IFI27* (Hs01086370\_m1), *IFI44L* (Hs00199115\_m1), *IFIT1* (Hs00356631\_g1), *ISG15* (Hs00192713\_m1), *RSAD2* (Hs01057264\_m1) and *SIGLEC1* (Hs00988063\_m1) transcripts was normalized to the expression levels of *HPRT1* (Hs03929096\_g1) and *18S* (Hs999999001\_s1). The median fold change of the six genes, compared to the median of 29 previously collected healthy controls, was then used to create an interferon score for each individual, with an abnormal interferon score being defined as greater than +2 standard deviations above the mean of the control group i.e.

2.466. Alternatively, the copy number of mRNA transcripts of the six ISGs listed above, and four housekeeping genes (*ALAS1*, *HPRT1*, *TBP*, and *TUBB*), was quantified using a Nanostring nCounter™ Digital Analyzer. The raw copy number of mRNA transcripts of each ISG was standardized using the geometric mean of the four housekeeping genes for each individual, and the six-gene interferon signature for each individual calculated using the median of the Z scores, with the result considered positive if  $\geq 1.96$  ( $> 98^{\text{th}}$  centile) (one tail analysis).

### **Interferon reporter assay**

The pFLAG-CMV4 plasmid encoding *IFIH1* has been described elsewhere (Rice et al., 2014). Indicated mutations were introduced using Phusion HiFi DNA polymerase. HEK 293T cells (ATCC) were maintained in 48-well plates in DMEM (Cellgro) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% L-glutamine. At 80% confluence, cells were co-transfected with pFLAGCMV4 plasmids encoding wild-type or mutant *IFIH1* (5 ng, unless indicated otherwise), interferon beta (*IFN $\beta$* ) promoter-driven firefly luciferase reporter plasmid (100 ng), and a constitutively expressed Renilla luciferase reporter plasmid (pRL-TK, 10 ng), by using Lipofectamine 2000 (Life Technologies) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The medium was changed 6 hours after transfection, and cells were subsequently incubated for 18 hours with or without stimulation with poly(I-C) (500 ng; InvivoGen) using Lipofectamine 2000. Cells were lysed with Passive Lysis Buffer (Promega), and *IFN $\beta$*  promoter activity was measured using a Dual-Luciferase Reporter Assay (Promega) and a Synergy 2 plate reader (BioTek). Firefly luciferase activity was normalized to Renilla luciferase activity. Each experiment was performed in triplicate and data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical significance was determined by two-tailed, unpaired Student's t-test with \*, \*\* and \*\*\* indicating P values  $<0.05$ ,  $<0.01$  and  $<0.001$  respectively. Expression levels of individual constructs were tested by western blotting.

## Results

### Molecular data

We collected data on 74 individuals from 51 families, identifying 27 distinct mutations in total (Figure 1; Table 1). Fourteen mutations were recorded in a single proband, seven in more than one individual belonging to a single family, and six in more than one family. Of these six recurrent mutations, the p.Arg720Gln, p.Arg779Cys and p.Arg779His substitutions were observed most frequently (6, 8 and 10 times respectively). Twenty two mutations were recorded to have occurred *de novo* in at least one individual, whilst four mutations were only ascertained in familial cases demonstrating autosomal dominant transmission (two mutations, p.Ala489Thr and p.Gly495Arg, were transmitted from a father in whom the mutation arose *de novo*). Three mutations, p.Thr331Arg, p.Arg779Cys and p.Arg779His, were documented to have occurred both *de novo*, in association with severe, AGS-like, neurological disease, and in families with transmission across two or more generations.

For six putative mutations (p.Gly389Arg; p.Asn449Lys; p.Ile583Val; p.Ile803Phe; p.Asp848Glu; p.Ile956Val), *in silico* predictions using both SIFT and Poyphen2 suggested that the substitutions were benign, with relatively poor evolutionary conservation (Supp. Figure S1). However, all of these variants were novel (i.e. not recorded in gnomAD), and assays of interferon signaling (ISG expression and *in vitro* testing) indicate that they represent pathogenic mutations conferring gain-of-function (Supp. Table S1; Supp. Figure S2). Of note, four of these variants were seen in the context of a spastic paraparesis phenotype with no or minimal cognitive impairment. Clinical non-penetrance was observed in three of these families (the other three variants arising in the proband *de novo*).

## Clinical phenotype

Consistent with previous data, we observed a spectrum of phenotypes in our cohort, encompassing classical AGS, less easily defined rapid neuro-regression, a spastic-dystonic syndrome, spastic paraparesis, SMS and clinical non-penetrance (Figure 2; Table 2; Supp. Table S2). A single individual, AGS2222, experienced neonatal hepatitis and then developed chronic fibrotic liver disease in the absence of any other clinical features (note that this same variant was seen in another proband, AGS735, presenting with neuro-regression at age 1 year). Unequivocal episodes of rapid neuro-regression were noted in at least 20 patients, in seven of whom an acute loss of skills occurred after the age of one year on a background of completely normal development. Recognition / onset of symptoms was frequently later in patients with a spastic paraparesis phenotype, with one patient experiencing the development of lower limb spasticity beginning at 13 years of age (AGS531\_P4). Six symptomatic patients were recorded to have died. Five of these individuals demonstrated a severe AGS phenotype with features obvious at, or soon after, birth i.e. indicating prenatal onset. One further deceased patient presented with neuro-regression at age 15 months, and died suddenly of a cardio-respiratory arrest at 16 years of age, with pulmonary hypertension documented on post-mortem examination. Ten individuals were reported as asymptomatic mutation carriers, across five mutations (p.Gly389Arg, p.Arg779Cys, p.Arg779His p.Asp848Glu and p.Ile956Val), with seven aged over 50 years.

## Interferon status

Where tested, all mutations (i.e. 26 of 27) were associated with increased expression of ISGs in peripheral blood (Table 1). Samples were unavailable for the single patient carrying the p.Glu773Gln substitution. This variant is not recorded in gnomAD, occurring *de novo* in the context of a phenotype compatible with IFIH1 upregulation,

and conferring a gain-of-function in our *in vitro* assay (Supp. Figure S2). Considering all (51) mutation-positive individuals tested for ISG expression in the Crow laboratory (given that a direct comparison of results across laboratories is not possible), 109 of 117 values were positive (Supp. Table S3; Supp. Figure S3). Only one clinically symptomatic patient (AGS2154\_1) demonstrated a negative interferon signature (on two of three occasions tested). The phenotype in this case was unusual; a child with white matter disease confined to the right cerebral hemisphere on MRI and no abnormal neurological signs on examination, having presented at age 8 years with headaches. We leave open the possibility that these two normal results, and three normal results from his mother, might be due to technical artifact, given that the samples had been stored for many months before testing. Sixteen samples from seven clinically non-penetrant subjects exhibited an upregulation of interferon signaling, with two asymptomatic mutation carriers demonstrating normal interferon signatures (each tested on three occasions).

### **Modeling of IFIH1 gain-of-function mutations**

Modeling of the 27 mutations described here showed that most residues cluster near the ATP binding site within the helicase domain (Figure 3). Three mutations, p.Ileu583Val, p.Ileu956Val and p.Leu979Trp were the only residues not situated in the cluster (colored cyan; only p.Ileu583Val and p.Leu979Val are shown since residue p.Ileu956 is disordered in the crystal structure). Within this main cluster, residues can be further categorized into three groups: those at the ATP binding pocket (magenta spheres), those in the dsRNA binding surface (colored blue) and those not directly involved in either ATP or RNA binding (colored green). Three published mutations (p.Leu372phe; p.Ala452Thr; p.Glu813Asp; Supp. Table S4) not ascertained in our cohort are also located within the main cluster (colored orange), further supporting the importance of this region in the regulation of IFIH1 signaling activity.

## Discussion

Here we present data on 74 individuals, 41 previously unreported, from 51 families, with a putative gain-of-function mutation in *IFIH1*. Consistent with previous descriptions, we observed a spectrum of phenotypes, encompassing AGS, spastic-dystonia, spastic paraparesis, SMS and clinical non-penetrance. Phenotypic variability was common, both in the context of familial inheritance and mutations seen recurrently across families, so that no obvious genotype-phenotype correlations could be ascertained.

Acute regression was noted in almost one third of symptomatic mutation carriers, occurring after the age of one year in seven patients demonstrating completely normal development to that time. Beyond acute regression, a slower onset of disease, and subsequent progression, was seen in patients demonstrating a spastic paraparesis phenotype. Together with the observation of clinical non-penetrance (10 – 13.5% - of 74 mutation-positive individuals in our series), with seven individuals identified to be apparently disease free beyond the age of 50 years, these data suggest the importance of additive genetic factors and / or environmental triggers in determining phenotypic status. Although we did not formally record neuroimaging features in our cohort, white matter disease and intracranial calcification were observed frequently. Such imaging characteristics can be seen in the absence of overt neurological signs (see (Bursztejn et al., 2015) and (de Carvalho et al., 2017) for examples). Conversely, significant neurological disease, most typically spastic paraparesis, can occur in the context of normal brain and spinal imaging (e.g. the father in family AGS524).

Clinically manifest extra-neurological illness was uncommon in our series, but there appears to be a real association between *IFIH1* gain-of-function and a lupus-like illness, auto-immune hepatitis and hypothyroidism. Furthermore, a psoriatic-like skin



disease is a well-recognized feature of the SMS phenotype. As recently described (Adang et al., 2018), two patients included here were diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, a feature which was not searched for in most patients and may be under-recognized.

We observed a strong association of mutation status with an enhanced expression of ISGs, with 109 of 117 samples from 51 patients being positive in the experience of one laboratory. A similar conclusion can be drawn from *in vitro* testing. As such, upregulated interferon signaling represents a reliable biomarker of IFIH1 gain-of-function, and can serve as an indicator of variant pathogenicity where doubt exists as to the significance of a molecular lesion. This is important given that we show here that *in silico* algorithms do not always accurately predict pathogenicity (involving 22% of the mutations that we recorded). Where tested, clinical non-penetrance was also associated with a persistent upregulation of interferon signaling, with only two of nine such individuals non-penetrant on ISG testing in blood. Whether these individuals demonstrate fluctuations in ISG expression is not known at this time.

Despite documented clinical non-penetrance in some cases, all putative IFIH1 gain-of-function substitutions are rare, with only two of the 30 discrete mutations described here and in previous reports recorded in gnomAD. Furthermore, all ascertained type I interferonopathy associated mutations are missense variants, likely conferring increased sensitivity to self-derived nucleic acid. Although premature termination mutations in the helicase domain are seen in control populations as common polymorphisms, none has been associated with a type I interferonopathy phenotype, further supporting the role of nucleic acid binding by the helicase domain in disease pathogenesis. Substitutions of the arginine residues at positions 720 and 779 were seen in six and 19 probands respectively in our series. Given the focus of our laboratories on pediatric neurological disease, our data are likely subject to ascertainment bias. Indeed, although only observed once by us, the p.Arg822Gln

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mutation has been reported in an additional five pedigrees demonstrating a classical SMS phenotype (Pettersson et al., 2017; Rutsch et al., 2015).

IFIH1 is a member of the retinoic acid inducible gene-I (RIG-I) receptor family (del Toro Duany, Wu, & Hur, 2015). Recognition of cytoplasmic viral dsRNA by IFIH1 induces filament assembly along the dsRNA axis, with the helicase domains and C terminal domain (CTD) responsible for RNA recognition. Filament formation then induces oligomerization of the tandem CARD domains (2CARD) of IFIH1, leading to the interaction with mitochondrial MAVS and subsequent induction of interferon and other pro-inflammatory cytokines. IFIH1 filament stability is intrinsically regulated by ATP hydrolysis, which is stimulated upon dsRNA binding. Mutations that impair ATP hydrolysis generally increase filament stability and, often, but not always, confer gain-of-function signaling activity. The clustering of mutations that we ascertained, and of a further three unique published mutations, near the ATP binding region likely highlights common mechanisms, perhaps increasing RNA binding affinity or decreasing the efficiency of ATP hydrolysis and the rate of filament disassembly.

Summarizing, IFIH1 gain-of-function is associated with a spectrum of phenotypes, occurring due to *de novo* mutations or transmitted as an autosomal dominant trait. Testing for an interferon signature in blood represents a useful biomarker in this context, which can aid in the interpretation of identified sequence variants.

#### **Data Availability Statement**

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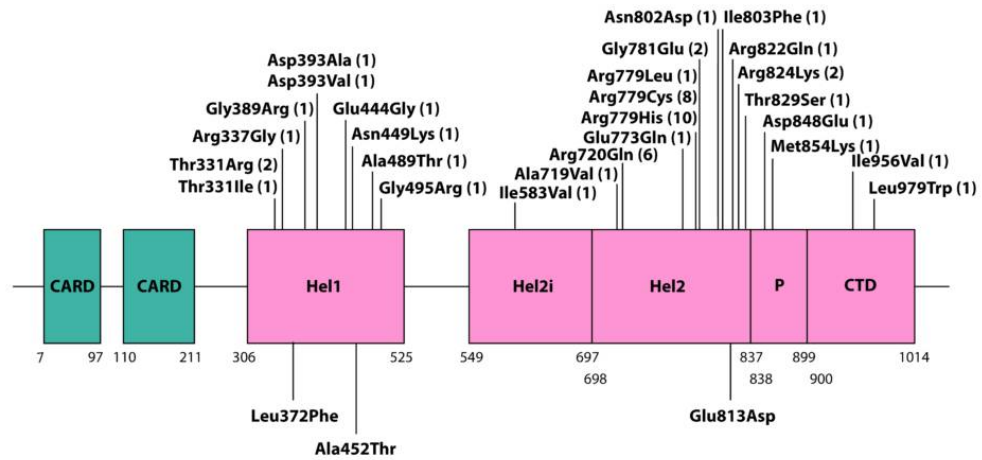
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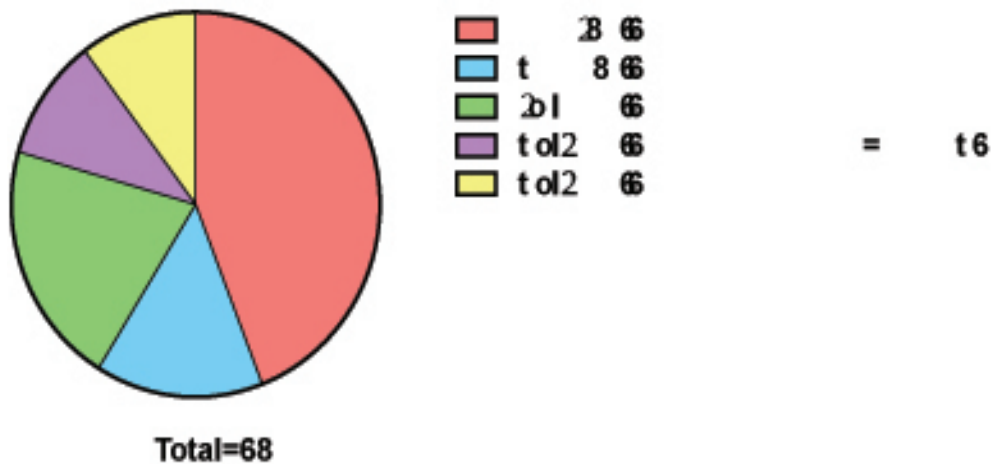
### Figure legends

**Figure 1.** Schematic showing the positions of protein domains and their amino acid boundaries within the 1,025-residue IFIH1 protein. The 27 mutations ascertained in the present study are annotated, with the numbers in brackets indicating the number of families in which each mutation was observed. Three previously published mutations (p.Leu372Phe; p.Ala452Thr; p.Glu813Asp), not ascertained in our series, are also denoted (below the cartoon).

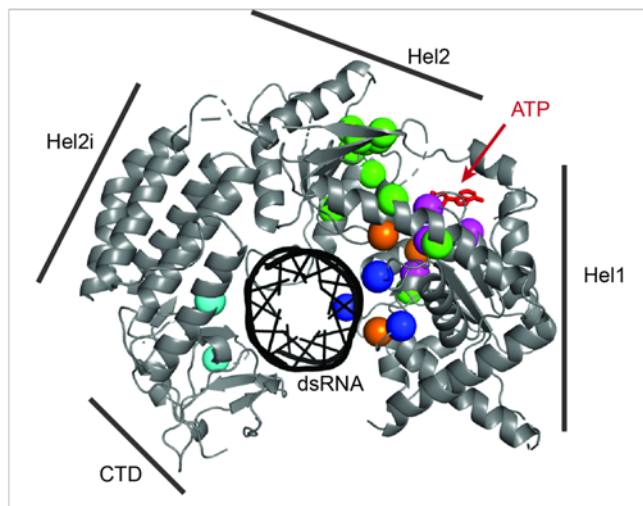
CARD, caspase activation recruitment domain; Hel, helicase domain, where Hel1 and Hel2 are the two conserved core helicase domains and Hel2i is an insertion domain that is conserved in the RIG-I-like helicase family; P, pincer or bridge region connecting Hel2 to the C-terminal domain (CTD) involved in binding dsRNA.



**Figure 2.** Overview of phenotypes observed in the *IFIH1*-mutation positive cohort. Classification of 68 of 74 individuals according to phenotype. For clarity, six individuals displaying characteristics difficult to classify were omitted from this analysis.



**Figure 3.** Mutation mapping. Structure of human IFIH1 (4GL2) in complex with dsRNA (blue stick model in the center). Only the RNA binding domain (helicase domain and C-terminal domain (CTD)) are included in the crystal structure. Note that the helicase domain consists of Hel1, Hel2i and Hel2. Mutations are indicated by spheres using the following color code: residues in the ATP binding pocket (magenta), residues in the dsRNA binding surface (blue), residues within the main cluster but not directly involved in RNA binding or ATP binding (green), residues outside the main cluster (cyan), and residues previously reported by others but not in our cohort (orange). We considered all 27 mutations reported here plus three previously published mutations (p.Leu372Phe; p.Ala452Thr; p.Glu813Asp) not ascertained in our series. Residues p.Arg822, p.Arg824 and p.Ile956 are not shown because they are disordered in the crystal structure, but are expected to be located in the ATP binding (p.Arg822 and p.Arg824) and RNA binding (p.Ile956) pockets.



**Table 1.** Details of individual *IFIH1* mutations identified in the families included in the present data set

cDNA change	Protein change	Families (de novo inheritance; or, number of symptomatic and non-penetrant individuals where familial)	Associated phenotypes ('/ within family) (';' between families)	Upregulation of interferon signaling	Assessment by interferon reporter assay	gnomAD	SIFT	Polyphen2	CADD score	VarCards
c.992 C>G	p.Thr331Arg	AGS674 (de novo); AGS1972 (2;0)	AGS-SMS; SMS	Yes	Yes (de Carvalho et al. 2017)	Novel	Deleterious 0	Probably damaging 1.000	29.7	22:23
c.992 C>T	p.Thr331Ile	AGS1938 (3;0)	SMS	Yes	Yes (de Carvalho et al. 2017)	Novel	Deleterious 0	Probably damaging 1.000	31	22:23
c.1009A>G	p.Arg337Gly	AGS237 (de novo)	NR	Yes	Yes (Rice et al. 2014)	Novel	Tolerated 0.12	Probably damaging 1.000	26.8	17:23
c.1165G>A	p.Gly389Arg	AGS848 (2;1)	AGS/S P/CNP	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Novel	Tolerated 0.88	Benign 0.108	5.325	01:23
c.1178A>T	p.Asp393Val	AGS626 (de	NR	Yes	Yes (Rice et al.	Novel	Deleterious	Probably dama	28.6	16:23

	I	nov)			2014)		0.01	ging 0.998		
c.117 8A>C	p.Asp 393Ala	AGS2 586 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	No	Nov el	Delete rious 0.03	Possi bly dama ging 0.913	24. 8	12:2 3
c.133 1A>G	p.Glu4 44Gly	AGS2 669 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1	31	23.2 3
c.134 7C> G	p.Asn 449Lys	AGS1 001 (de novo)	SP	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.64	Benig n 0.163	13. 91	03:2 3
c.146 5G>A	p.Ala4 89Thr	AGS7 55 (3;0)*	CLL/A GS- SMS/S MS	Yes	Yes (Burszt ejn et al. 2015)	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	32	21:2 3
c.148 3G>A	p.Gly4 95Arg	AGS5 24 (2;0)*	SP- LLD/SP	Yes	Yes (Rice et al. 2014)	Nov el	Delete rious 0.01	Prob ably dama ging 0.982	23. 3	14:2 3
c.174 7A>G	p.Ile58 3Val	AGS2 369 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.48	Benig n 0.00	0.5 73	5.23
c.215 6C>T	p.Ala7 19Val	Hm_1 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	No	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.07	Possi bly dama ging 0.949	27. 1	09:2 3
c.215 9G>A	p.Arg7 20Gln	AGS1 02 (de novo); AGS6 47 (de novo); AGS1 504	AGS; SP	Yes	Yes (Rice et al. 2014)	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 0.992	34	17:2 3



		(de novo); AGS2 422 (NPDT); AGS2 548 (de novo); LD_09 82.0 (de novo)								
c.231 7G>C	p.Glu773Gln	AGS2 399 (de novo)	NR	NA	Yes (this paper)	Novel	Tolerated 0.27	Possibly damaging 0.743	24.8	13:23
c.233 5C>T	p.Arg779Cys	AGS3 76 (NPDT); AGS7 23 (NPDT); AGS1 004 (de novo); AGS1 156 (de novo); AGS2 154 (1;1); AGS2 180 (de novo); AGS2 507 (de novo); LD_10 30.0 (de novo)	AGS-LLD; SP-ICC; NR; unilateral white matter disease/CNP; AGS	Yes	Yes (Rice et al. 2014)	Novel	Deleterious 0.01	Probably damaging 1.000	34	21:23

c.233 6G>A	p.Arg7 79His	AGS1 63 (de novo); AGS2 59 (3;2); AGS1 351 (de novo); AGS1 509 (de novo); AGS2 177 (1;2); Berg_ 1 (de novo); Orc_0 098 (de novo); LD_11 99.0 (de novo); LD_13 81 (3;1); LD_15 85.0 (de novo)	AGS; CNP; NR; SP	Yes	Yes (Rice et al. 2014)	1/24 423 0	Tolera ted 0.05	Prob ably dama ging 0.994	28. 9	19:2 3
c.233 6G>T	p.Arg7 79Leu	LD_10 67.0 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	No	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.06	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	35	21:2 3
c.234 2G>A	p.Gly7 81Glu	LD_09 40.0 (de novo); LD_09 43.0 (de novo)	NR; SP	Yes	No	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	32	19:2 3
c.240 4A>G	p.Asn 802As p	AGS2 662 (de	NR	Yes	No	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.22	Prob ably dama ging	28. 1	18:2 3

		novo)						1.000		
c.240 7A>T	p.Ile80 3Phe	LD_14 88.0 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.24	Benig n 0.043	11. 8	04:2 3
c.246 5G>A	p.Arg8 22Gln	AGS1 514 (de novo)	SD-ICC	Yes	Yes (Rutsch et al., 2015)	6/24 409 6	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	35	23:2 3
c.247 1G>A	p.Arg8 24Lys	AGS7 35 (de novo); AGS2 222 (de novo)	NR; Isolate d liver disease	Yes	No	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	34	22:2 3
c.248 6C> G	p.Thr8 29Ser	AGS1 290 (2 sibling s and NPDT)	AGS	Yes	No	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.73	Possi bly dama ging 0.512	16. 61	12:2 3
c.254 4T>G	p.Asp 848Glu	AGS5 31 (3;2)	SP- ICC/CN P	Yes	Yes (Ruaud et al. 2018)	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.4	Benig n 0.004	10. 08	02:2 3
c.256 1T>A	p.Met8 54Lys	AGS2 081 (de novo)	AGS/S MS	Yes	No	Nov el	Delete rious 0	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	31	18:2 3
c.286 6A>G	p.Ile95 6Val	AGS1 430 (2;1)	SP- ICC/CN P	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Tolera ted 0.77	Benig n 0.004	3.5 76	06:2 3
c.293 6T>G	p.Leu9 79Trp	LD_13 46.0 (de novo)	AGS	Yes	Yes (this paper)	Nov el	Delete rious 0.01	Prob ably dama ging 1.000	26. 6	16:2 3

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\*This mutation was shown to have been paternally inherited by the proband, and to have occurred *de novo* in the proband's father.

NPDT: No parental DNA testing.

AGS: Aicardi-Goutières syndrome; CLL: Chilblain-like lesions; CNP: Clinical non-penetrance; ICC: Intracranial calcification; LLD: Lupus-like disease; NR: Neuroregression; SD: Spastic dystonia; SP: Spastic paraparesis; SMS: Singleton Merten syndrome

**Table 2.** Molecular and clinical data by family

Family	Individual	Sex	cDNA	Protein	Inheritance (number of mutative individuals)	Previously reported (reference)	Clinical phenotype	Status at last contact (age in years)
AGS102	P1	M	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg720Gln	De novo	Rice et al.	AGS	Deceased (2)
AGS163	P1	M	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg779His	De novo	Rice et al.	AGS	Alive (13)
AGS237 (LD_0762)	P1	M	c.1009 A>G	p.Arg337Gly	De novo	Rice et al.; Adang et al.	Neuroregression and SD starting at age 15 months	Deceased (16)
AGS259	P1	M	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg779His	Familial (3)	Rice et al.	AGS	Alive (13)
	P2 (father of P1)	M					Clinically non-penetrant	Alive (54)

	P3 (mother of P2)	F					Clinically non- penetrant	Decease d (84)
AGS3 76	P1	M	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	No parenta l testing	Rice et al.	AGS with LLD	Decease d (3)
AGS5 24	P1	F	c.1483 G>A	p.Gly49 5Arg	Familia l (2)(sho wn to have occurre d de novo in P2)	Rice et al.; Hacoh en et al.; Crow et al.; McLell an et al.	SP with LLD and AQP4 + TM	Alive (10)
	P2 (father of P1)	M					Pure SP	Alive (39)
AGS5 31	P1	F	c.2544 T>G	p.Asp8 48Glu	Familia l (5)	Ruau d et al.	SP with ICC	Alive (13)
	P2 (brothe r of P1)	M					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (13)
	P3 (father of P1 and P2)	M					SP with ICC	Alive (40)
	P4 (brothe r of P3)	M					SP with ICC	Alive (38)
	P5 (father of P3 and	M					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (66)

	P4)							
AGS6 26	P1	M	c.1178 A>T	p.Asp3 93Val	De novo	Rice et al.	Neuroregr ession and SD starting at 13 months	Alive (13)
AGS6 47	P1	M	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg72 0Gln	De novo	Rice et al.	AGS	Alive (2)
AGS6 74	P1	M	c.992 C>G	p.Thr33 1Arg	De novo	Unrep orted	SP-SMS overlap	Alive (14)
AGS7 23	P1	F	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	Mother negativ e; no paterna l DNA	Unrep orted	SP with ICC	Alive (19)
AGS7 35	P1	M	c.2471 G>A	p.Arg82 4Lys	De novo	Galli et al.	Neuroregr ession and SD starting at 12 months	Alive (19)
AGS7 55	P1	M	c.1465 G>A	p.Ala48 9Thr	Familia l (3)	Burszt ejn et al.	CLL	Alive (4)
	P2 (brothe r of P1)	M					AGS-SMS overlap	Alive (3)
	P3 (father of P1 and P2)	M					SMS-like	Alive (41)
AGS8 48	P1	M	c.1165 G>A	p.Gly38 9Arg	Familia l (3)	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (8)

	P2 (father of P1)	M					SP	Alive (42)
	P3 (maternal grandmother of P2)	F					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (84)
AGS1 001	P1	M	c.1347 C>G	p.Asn4 49Lys	De novo	Unrep orted	SP	Alive (19)
AGS1 004	P1	F	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS (neuroreg ression with onset at age 8 months)	Alive (8)
AGS1 156	P1	M	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	De novo	Kothur et al.	AGS (neuroreg ression with onset at age 8 months)	Alive (5)
AGS1 290	P1	M	c.2486 C>G	p.Thr82 9Ser	2 affecte d (no parental DNA)	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (6)
	P2 (brother of P1)	M					AGS	Alive (4)
AGS1 351	P1	F	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Decease d (2)
AGS1 430	P1	M	c.2866 A>G	p.Ile956 Val	Familia l (3)	Unrep orted	SP with ICC with onset at age 6	Alive (14)

							years	
	P2 (father of P1)	M					SP with onset at age 2 years	Alive (50)
	P3 (father of P2)	M					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (72)
AGS1 504 (LD_1 175)	P1	F	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg72 0Gln	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (10)
AGS1 509	P1	M	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (8)
AGS1 514	P1	M	c.2465 G>A	p.Arg82 2Gln	De novo	Buers et al.	SD with ICC	Alive (6)
AGS1 938	P1	F	c.992 C>T	p.Thr33 1Ile	Familia I (3)	de Carval ho et al.	SMS	Alive (18)
	P2 (mother of P1)	F					SMS	Alive (45)
	P3 (sister of P2)	F					SMS	Alive (27)
AGS1 972	P1	F	c.992 C>G	p.Thr33 1Arg	Familia I (2)	de Carval ho et al.	SMS	Alive (9)
	P2 (father of P1)	M					SMS	Alive (47)



AGS2 081	P1	M	c.2561 T>A	p.Met85 4Lys	De novo	Unrep orted	SP-SMS overlap	Alive (12)
AGS2 154 (LD_1 240)	P1	M	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	Familia l (2)	Unrep orted	Unilateral white matter disease with normal developm ent	Alive (13)
	P2 (mother of P1)	F					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (40)
AGS2 177	P1	M	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	Familia l (3)	Popp et al. 2017	Neuroregr ession and SD starting at age 12 months	Alive (29)
	P2 (mother of P1)	F					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (62)
	P3 (sister of P1)	F					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (33)
AGS2 180	P1	F	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (4)
AGS2 222	P1	M	c.2471 G>A	p.Arg82 4Lys	De novo	Unrep orted	Isolated liver disease	Alive (9)
AGS2 369	P1	M	c.1747 A>G	p.Ile583 Val	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (10)
AGS2 399	P1	M	c.2317 G>C	p.Glu77 3Gln	De novo	Unrep orted	Neuroregr ession and SD starting at	Alive (8)

							age 16 months	
AGS2 422	P1	F	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg720Gln	No parental testing	Unreported	SP	Alive (38)
AGS2 507	P1	F	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg779Cys	De novo	Unreported	AGS	Alive (1)
AGS2 548	P1	M	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg720Gln	De novo	Unreported	AGS	Alive (3)
AGS2 586	P1	M	c.1178 A>C	p.Asp393Ala	De novo	Unreported	AGS-like with frank regression at age 21 months	Alive (3)
AGS2 662 (LD_1 640)	P1	F	c.2404 A>G	p.Asn802Asp	De novo	Unreported	Neuroregression and SD starting at age 11 months	Alive (1)
AGS2 669	P1	M	c.1331 A>G	p.Glu444Gly	De novo	Unreported	AGS	Deceased (0.5)
Hm_1	P1	F	c.2156 C>T	p.Ala719Val	De novo	Unreported	AGS	Alive (2)
Berg_1	P1	F	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg779His	De novo	Unreported	Neuroregression and SD starting at age 9 months	Alive (7)
Orc_0 098	P1	M	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg779His	De novo	Unreported	AGS	Alive (4)

LD_09 40.0	P1	M	c.2342 G>A	p.Gly78 1Glu	De novo	Unrep orted	Neuroregr ession and SD starting at age 15 months	Alive (5)
LD_09 43.0	P1	F	c.2342 G>A	p.Gly78 1Glu	De novo	Unrep orted	SP	Alive (14)
LD_09 82.0	P1	M	c.2159 G>A	p.Arg72 0Gln	De novo	Adang et al. (Case 2)	AGS	Alive (9)
LD_10 30.0	P1	F	c.2335 C>T	p.Arg77 9Cys	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (5)
LD_10 67.0	P1	M	c.2336 G>T	p.Arg77 9Leu	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (8)
LD_11 99.0	P1	F	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (4)
LD_13 46.0	P1	M	c.2936 T>G	p.Leu97 9Trp	De novo	Adang et al. (Case 3)	AGS	Decease d (0.4)
LD_13 81 (Hart)	P1	F	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	Familia l (4)	Unrep orted	SP	Alive (4)
	P2 (brothe r of P1)	M					SP	Alive (3)
	P3 (father of P1 and P2)	M					SP	Alive (32)

	P4 (father of P3)	M					Clinically non- penetrant	Alive (68)
LD_14 88.0	P1	F	c.2407 A>T	p.Ile803 Phe	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (2)
LD_15 85.0	P1	F	c.2336 G>A	p.Arg77 9His	De novo	Unrep orted	AGS	Alive (5)

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