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5 Figure 1. Brain MRI findings of the patients examined. Axial images show various
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7 degrees of abnormal white matter. A and B; Patient 1 examined at 60 years of age. C
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9 and D; Patient 2 examined at 3 years of age. E and F; Patient 3 examined at 8 months of
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11 age. G and H; Patient 4 examined at 13 years of age. I and J; patient 5 examined at 16
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13 years of age. K and L; patient 6 examined at 13 months of age. T1-weighted axial
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15 images (A, E, G, and I) and T2-weighted axial images (B-D, F, H, and J-L).
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17 Periventricular zones of patient 1 are not distinguished (A and B). T2-high intensity is
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19 only shown in deep white matter, indicating early disease stage in patient 4 and 5 (H and
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21 J, respectively).
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26 **Figure 2.** Schematic representation of the distribution of EIF2B gene mutations. The
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28 novel mutations identified in this study are depicted on the primary structures of EIF2B
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30 genes in red characters, while known mutations are shown in black.
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33 **Supplemental Figure 1.** Electropherograms. Electropherograms of the mutations
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35 identified in this study are presented.
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38 **Supplemental Figure 2.** Conservation among species. The positions of the identified
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40 nucleotide mutations (red arrows) and the three neighboring amino-acids sequences are
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42 shown in the UCSC Genome Browser. All altered amino-acids are conserved among
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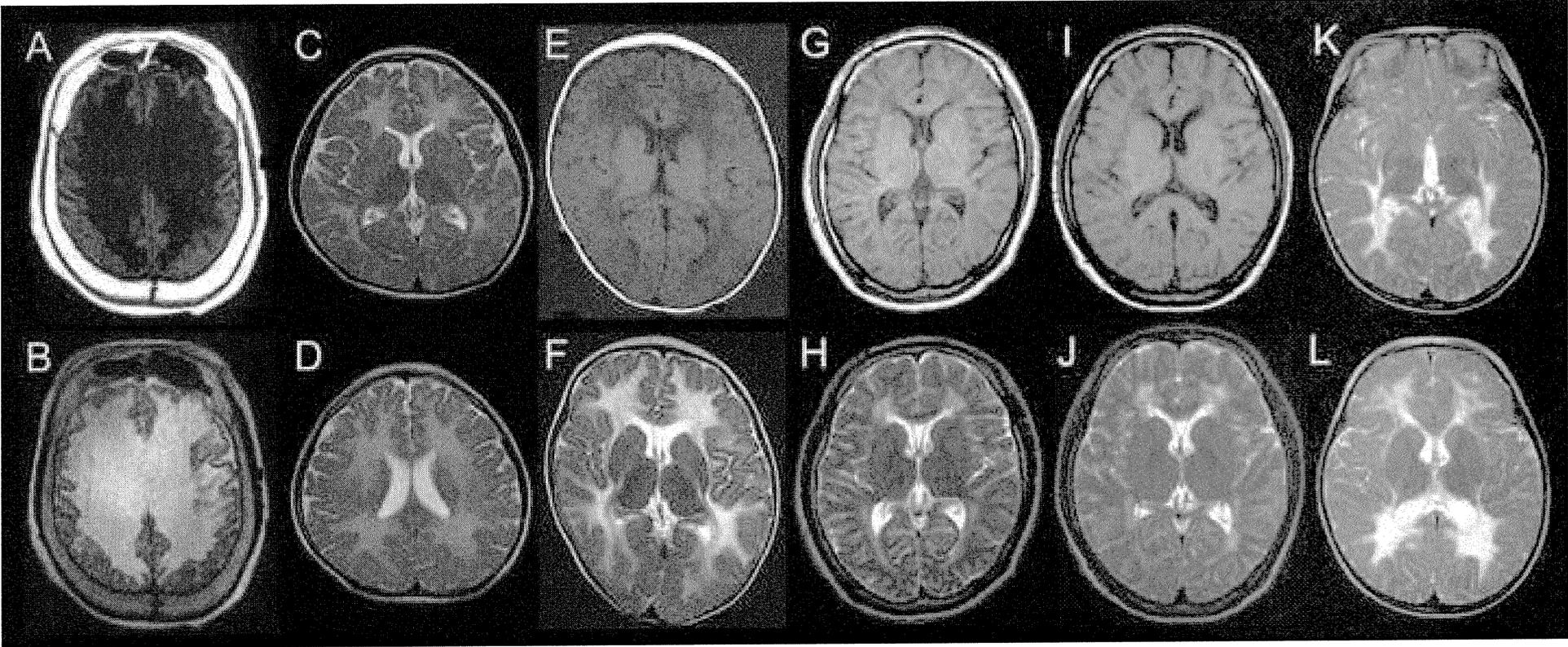


Table 1

Table 1. Summaries of the clinical information of the patients and the results of mutation analyses

Patients	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5	Patient 6				
Clinical information										
Gender	F	F	M	M	M	M				
Present age (y/m)	61y	8y	8m	22y	19y	5y5m				
Onset age (y/m)	29y	3y	8m	13y	13y	13m				
Provoking event	-	Infection	Infection (fever)	Lack of sleep	Head trauma	Infection (fever)				
Seizure	+	+	+	+	-	+				
Disturbed consciousness	+	+	+	-	+	+				
Other neurological findings	Bedridden	Bulbar paralysis	Spasticity, developmental delay	Mild ataxia	Muscular weakness	Gait disturbance				
Consanguinity	+	-	-	-	-	-				
Family history	-	-	-	The elder brother of Pt.5	The younger brother of Pt.4	-				
Identified mutations										
Genes	<i>EIF2B1</i>	<i>EIF2B2</i>	<i>EIF2B2</i>		<i>EIF2B4</i>		<i>EIF2B4</i>		<i>EIF2B5</i>	
Chromosomal location	12q24.31	14q24.3	14q24.3		2p23.3		2p23.3		3q27.1	
Inheritance	Homozygous	Homozygous	Compound heterozygous		Compound heterozygous		Compound heterozygous		Compound heterozygous	
Exon	exon 8	exon 2	exon 2	exon 5	exon 6	exon 11	exon 6	exon 11	exon 7	exon 7
Nucleotide alteration	c.715T>G	c.254T>A	c.254T>A	c.682A>G	c.556T>A	c.1070G>A	c.556T>A	c.1070G>A	c.915G>A	c.1154T>C
Amino-acid change	p.F239V	p.V85E	p.V85E	p.R228G	p.Y186N	p.R357Q	p.Y186N	p.R357Q	p.M305I	p.I385T
Novel/recurrent	Novel	Recurrent	Recurrent	Novel	Novel	Recurrent	Novel	Recurrent	Novel	Novel
Origin	Not confirmed	Both parents	Paternal	Maternal	Maternal	Paternal	Maternal	Paternal	de novo	Maternal
dbSNP build 138	-	-	-	-	-	rs113994033	-	rs113994033	-	-
Damaging prediction										
SIFT score	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.15	0.25	0.15	0.13	0.00
SIFT prediction	T	D	D	D	T	T	T	T	T	D
Polyphen2 HVAR score	0.715	0.995	0.995	0.999	0.979	0.637	0.979	0.637	0.196	0.95
Polyphen2 HVAR prediction	P	D	D	D	D	P	D	P	B	D
CADD score (raw)	5.436	5.264	5.264	3.760	4.290	5.227	4.290	5.227	3.735	4.732
CADD score (PHRED-like)	35.0	33.0	33.0	19.1	22.4	33.0	22.4	33.0	19.0	26.4

F, female; M, male; y, years; m, months; Pt., Patient; HVAR, HumVar-trained model autosomal recessive pattern; T, tolerate; D, damaging; B, benign

Figure 2
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