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IV. 研究成果の刊行物・別刷

Neuropsychological Profiles of Patients With 2q37.3 Deletion Associated With Developmental Dyspraxia

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Patients with 2q37 deletions manifest brachydactyly mental retardation syndrome (BDMR). Recent advances in human molecular research have revealed that alterations in the histone deacetylase 4 gene (HDAC4) are responsible for the clinical manifestations of BDMR. Here, we report two male patients with 2q37.3 deletions. One of the patients showed a typical BDMR phenotype, and HDAC4 was included in the deletion region. HDAC4 was preserved in the other patient, and he showed a normal intelligence level with the delayed learning of complex motor skills. Detailed neuropsychological examinations revealed similar neuropsychological profiles in these two patients (visuo-spatial dyspraxia) that suggested developmental dyspraxia. These observations suggested that some other candidate genes for neuronal development exist in the telomeric region of HDAC4. © 2014 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

Key words: 2q37.3 deletion; intellectual disability; autism spectrum disorder; developmental dyspraxia; brachydactyly mental retardation syndrome (BDMR); Albright hereditary osteodystrophy-like syndrome (AHO-like); histone deacetylase 4 gene (HDAC4)

INTRODUCTION

Chromosomal deletions in the 2q37 region have been identified in over 100 patients with brachydactyly mental retardation syndrome (BDMR), which is synonymous with Albright hereditary osteodystrophy-like syndrome (AHO-like) [Villavicencio-Lorini et al., 2013]. BDMR is a complex disorder that presents with a spectrum of clinical features, including developmental delay, obesity, autism spectrum disorder, and craniofacial and skeletal abnormalities, including brachydactyly type E in approximately 50% of the cases [Williams et al., 2010]. A recent genotype-phenotype correlation study has revealed that the histone deace-

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tylase 4 gene (*HDAC4*) is located on the overlapping 2q37 deletions that have been reported in patients with BDMR and intragenic mutations of *HDAC4* have been identified in patients with BDMR who did not show 2q37 deletions, indicating that *HDAC4* is responsible for this clinical condition [Williams et al., 2010].

It is controversial whether additional telomeric regions of *HDAC4* are related to certain clinical features. In this study, we describe two patients with subtelomeric-invisible-small 2q37.3 deletions. One of the patients showed a typical BDMR phenotype, and the deletion region included *HDAC4*. This was consistent with

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previous knowledge. However, the deletion that was identified in the other patient did not include *HDAC4*. We evaluated these patients in order to gain a better understanding of the genotype-phenotype correlation regarding the neuropsychological manifestations of patients with 2q37 deletions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Materials

Peripheral blood samples were obtained from the patients and their families after obtaining informed consent from them and a per-

mission from the institution's ethnical committee. DNA was extracted from the peripheral blood samples with a QIAamp DNA mini kit (QIAGEN, Venlo, The Netherlands). For the fluorescence in-situ hybridization (FISH) analysis, metaphase spreads were prepared from the peripheral blood samples with a standard method as previously described [Shimojima et al., 2009, 2011].

Molecular and Cytogenetic Analysis

Genomic copy numbers were analyzed with a SurePrint G3 Hmn CGH 60 k Oligo Microarray Kit (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) according to a method described elsewhere [Shimojima

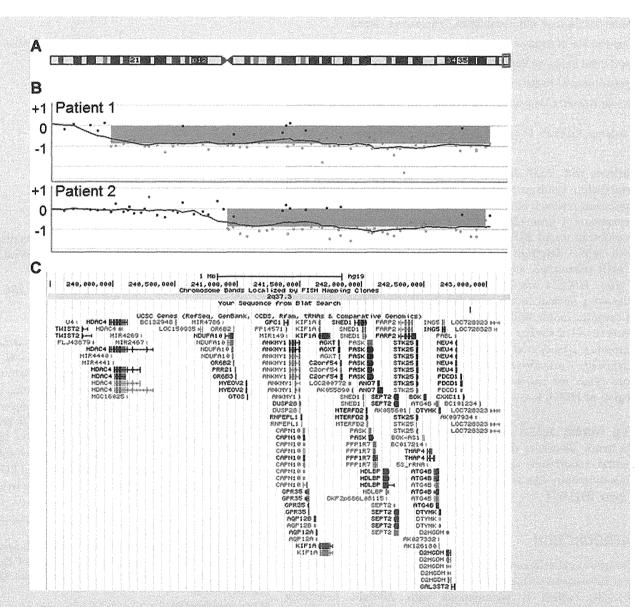


FIG. 1. Chromosomal microarray testing results and the genome map around 2q37. 3. A: A schematic representation of chromosome 2 that is downloaded from the UCSC genome browser. The red region is expanded in B and C. B: The results of chromosomal microarray testing are shown by Gene View, which is visualized by Agilent Genomic Workbench version 6.5 (Agilent Technologies). The blue-translucent rectangles indicate the aberration region. The X- and Y-axes indicate the genomic location and signal log₂ ratio. C: The gene map of 2q27.3 that was downloaded from the USCS genome-browser is shown at the same scale as the microarray testing. HDAC4 is included in the aberration region in patient 1 but not in patient 2.

et al., 2009, 2011]. Genomic copy number aberrations were visualized with the Agilent Genomic Workbench version 6.5 (Agilent Technologies). In order to confirm the results of the chromosomal microarray testing, a FISH analysis was performed with the human bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs) RP11–1077A16 (chr2q37.3:242,263,100–242,478,658), which was used as a target probe, and RP11–137A4 (chr2p22.2:37,211,567–37,360,171), which was used as a marker probe. Both probes were selected from the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) genome browser (http://www.gwenome.ucsc.edu). All of the genomic positions refer to the human reference genome build 19.

Neuropsychological Examinations

Both patients were evaluated with a comprehensive neuropsychological examination. The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-III (WISC-III) was used to evaluate general intelligence. The Developmental Test of Visual Perception (DTVP) was administered to evaluate visual perception [Fazzi et al., 2004]. The Developmental Voluntary Movement Test-Revised (DVMT-R) was used to assess motor coordination and control [Yamane et al., 1990]. This test is a standardized childhood assessment for subjects who are 2-6 years old, and it consists of 40 items in three categories of voluntary movement: finger movement (three subscales: finger flexion, finger extension, and hand coordination), face and oral movement (three subscales: lips and cheeks, tongue, and speech), and upper and lower extremity movement (three subscales: jumping, balancing, and body coordination). The age at which 90% of the children acquire each tested movement is considered to determine their normal range of performance. Patients had to imitate the examiner's performance, and their performance was evaluated by the examiner as their developmental age, at which 90% of the children acquired each performance. We used the Childhood

Autism Rating Scale (CARS) that was translated into Japanese to assess autistic symptoms [Schopler et al., 1980; Kanai et al., 2004; Taniai et al., 2008].

RESULTS

Genomic Copy Number Aberrations

Both patients showed genomic copy number aberrations in the region of 2q37.3. The genotype data are depicted in the genome map in Figure. 1. Patient 1 showed a genomic copy number loss of 3.2—Mb from the telomere, indicating arr 2q37.3(239,966,964—243,199,373) × 1. Patient 2 also showed a genomic copy number loss of 2.3 Mb from the telomere, indicating arr 2q37.3 (240,912,892–243,199,373) × 1. There were no other aberrations in either patient. The subsequent FISH analyses confirmed simple terminal deletions in the metaphase spreads in both patients (Fig. 2). Because all four parents declined to be genotyped, it is unknown whether these aberrations were de novo or inherited.

Clinical Description

Patient 1. A 16-year-old, right-handed, Japanese boy was born at 38 weeks gestation after an unremarkable pregnancy with a birth weight of 2,570 g (10–25th centile) to healthy non-consanguineous parents. His family history was not remarkable, and his younger brother was healthy. He had delayed developmental milestones, e.g., he did not walk until 19 months or talk until 24 months. He showed a moderate intellectual disability and attended a special school.

At present, his height is 165 cm (10–25th centile), and his weight is 58 kg (25–50th centile). The patient has a distinctive face with frontal bossing, down-slanting palpebral fissures, a wide and flat

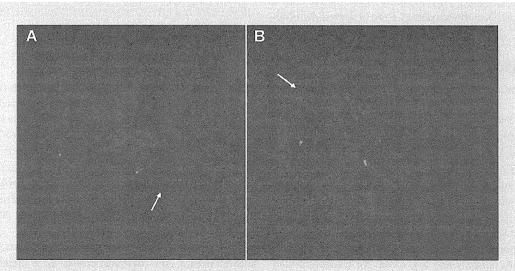


FIG. 2. The results of fluorescence in-situ hybridization analysis. A: Patient 1. B: Patient 2. The single green signal of RP11-1077A16 indicates the deletion of 2q37.3 in each patient. The white arrows indicate the deletion regions. The two red signals are the markers of chromosome 2.

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nasal bridge, a thin upper lip vermilion, and micrognathia. Brachydactyly of the fourth finger is noted on both hands. Neurological examination revealed that he was alert and well oriented. He showed no cranial nerve deficits and had no hemiparesis or ataxia. The muscle tone of his arms and legs was normal, as were his muscle stretch reflexes, and no pathological reflexes were elicited. His sensitivities to light touch, pain, temperature, vibration, and joint motion were also normal. The findings of his brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and electroencephalography (EEG) were within normal limits. His fluent speech indicated a higher expressive language ability than his comprehension level. His good interpersonal communication ability suggested a social personality; however, he showed clumsiness when using tools including scissors and toothbrushes. He had difficulty with clothing. Cognitive assessments revealed a moderate intellectual disability that was associated with mild impairments in attention, performance, and visualperceptual cognition. High-performance capability testing revealed difficulty in finger imitation, left and right alternating movement, and mouth-opening operations.

Patient 2. A 5-year-old, right-handed, Japanese boy was born at 40 weeks of gestation to healthy non-consanguineous parents with a weight of 3,090 g (50-75th centile), a length of 48.2 cm (25–50th centile), and an occipito-frontal circumference of 33.5 cm (mean). His Apgar score was nine at 1 min. There was no remarkable family history, and his older brother was healthy. He started to walk independently and speak meaningful words at 18 months, indicating a mild delay. For this reason, he had opportunities to attend special intervention training. At that time, he was thought to have insufficient muscle power and clumsiness in his fingers.

At present, his height is 108.7 cm (50-75th centile) and his weight is 18.8 kg (50-75th centile). He does not show any dysmorphism. His behaviors are performed at his own pace, and he rarely follows our suggestions. He also shows obsessive tendencies and mild attention impairments. His fine motor skills are poor, and he has difficulty with left-right alternating movements. He shows difficulty using scissors. No abnormalities were observed on brain MRI or EEG.

Neuropsychological Examinations

The detailed data for the standard neuropsychological tests are shown in Table I.

Although patient 2 showed a normal intelligence quotient (IQ), patient 1 showed moderate intellectual disability with a full IQ of 44. Both patients showed a discrepancy between verbal IQ (VIQ) and performance IQ (PIQ); the VIQ was higher than the PIQ in both. All of the results on the subsets of WISC-III are depicted in Figure 3. The patterns of the subset scores were quite similar to each other (Fig. 3). In particular, lower scores were common in the similarities and arithmetic of the verbal subsets and in the coding and picture arrangement of the performance subsets.

On the DTVP, both patients had low scores for finding hidden figures. Similarly, both patients also had low scores for movements of the lips and cheeks and body coordination on the DVMT-R. The CARS scores were similar in both patients and were not indicative of autism.

TABLE I. Summary of Clinical and Neuropsychological Examination

	Patient 1	Patient 2
Clinical information		
Gender	Male	Male
Age (years [y] months [m]) ^a Neuropsychological features	16y	5y 3m
Individual pace	- 100 (a) - 1 00 (a)	+
Obsessive tendencies	+	+
Mild attention impairment	+	+
Clumsiness	+	+
BDMR features	+	_
Neuropsychological examination WISC-III		
Full 10	44	90
Verbal IQ	56	99
Performance IQ	44	82
DTVP		
Eye-Hand coordination	7y 6m	4y 4m
Figure ground	5y 11m	3y 8m
Form constancy	4y 0m	NP
Position in space	6y 6m	4y 7m
Spatial relations	6y 6m	4y 10m
DVMT-R		
Flexion fingers	3y 0m	>3y 8m
Extension finger	>5y 8m	4y 7m
Hands coordination	<4y 8m	4y 8m
Lips and cheeks	3y 6m	3y 6m
Tongue	>3y 10m	3y 10m
Speech	>5y 0m	5y 0m
Jumping	>4y 9m	>4y 9m
Balancing	<3y 9m	3y 9m
Bodily coordination	4y 2m	3y 0m
CARS	24.5	25.5

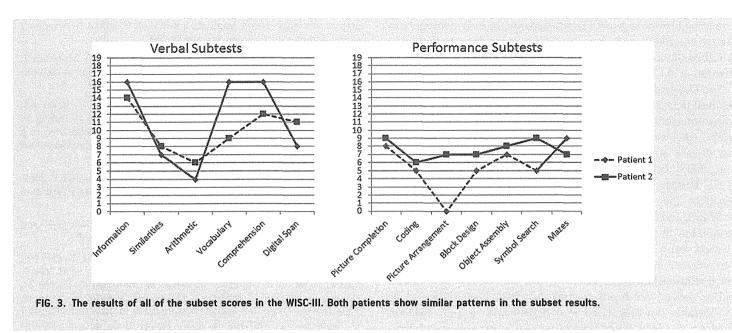
WISC-III, Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-III; DTVP, Developmental Test of Visual Perception; DVMT-R, Developmental Voluntary Movement Test-Revised; CARS, Childhood Autism Rating Scale;IQ, intelligent quotiate; y, years; m, months; NP, not performed.

^aAll neuropsychological examinations have been performed at this age

DISCUSSION

In this study, we identified 2q37.3 deletions in two unrelated male patients. One of the patients (patient 1) showed typical manifestations of BDMR with brachydactyly, moderate intellectual disability, and facial dysmorphism. The 2q37.3 deletion that was identified in this patient was 3.2 Mb in size and included HDAC4 (Fig. 1, Supplemental Table SI). This was in accordance with the fact that his BDMR phenotype indicated HDAC4 involvement, and haploinsufficiency of *HDAC4* has been recognized to be responsible for BDMR [Williams et al., 2010; Morris et al., 2012; Villavicencio-Lorini et al., 2013].

Williams et al. have suggested that the phenotypic features of a subject with a 2q37 deletion consist of a variety of findings that overlap with other syndromes, including Smith-Magenis syndrome (SMS) [Williams et al., 2010]. Patients with SMS show a variety of congenital anomalies, intellectual disabilities, and behavioral abnormalities. The retinoic acid-induced 1 gene (RAII) that is located



in the 17p11.2 deletion region is the gene that is responsible for SMS. Because *RAI1* expression is reduced in patients with *HDAC4* deletions and mutations, there is an expected interaction between *HDAC4* and *RAI1* [Williams et al., 2010]. Thus far, no findings have contradicted the notion that the behavioral abnormalities in patients with 2q27 deletions are derived from *HDAC4* haploinsufficiency.

In this study, we identified an additional patient (patient 2) with a 2q37.3 deletion who showed no BDMR phenotypes and no intellectual disability. This can be easily explained by the fact that the identified smaller deletion did not include *HDAC4* (Fig. 1). However, patient 2 showed some overlapping symptoms with patient 1, including obsessive tendencies, mild attention impairments, and clumsiness. Because there have been several reports on an association between 2q37 deletions and autistic behaviors [Ghaziuddin and Burmeister, 1999; Wolff et al., 2002; Lukusa et al., 2004; Galasso et al., 2008; Mazzone et al., 2012], we suspected that our patients might also be on the autism spectrum. Therefore, we performed neuropsychological examinations and compared the results of these two patients.

Although patient 2 did not show intellectual disability (IQ = 90), he exhibited a significant difference between his VIQ (99) and his PIQ (82). This pattern is the same in patient 1 who had a VIQ = 56 and a PIQ = 44. In the verbal subsets, both of the patients showed weakness in the similarities and arithmetic. In the performance subsets, both patients showed weakness in coding and picture arrangement. From these patterns, deficits in visual-motor skills were suspected. The DTVP and DVMT-R results also showed similar patterns. Both patients showed weakness in imitations of body movement, indicating disabilities of visuospatial perception. Based on these results, we suspected developmental dyspraxia [Dewey, 1995]. The CARS scores (24.5 and 25.5 in patient 1 and 2, respectively) were not suggestive of autism. Although intellectual disability was identified only in patient 1, the other neuropsycho-

logical characteristics were similar. Therefore, the intellectual disability that was observed in patient 1 can be explained by *HDAC4* involvement, but the other common neuropsychological abnormalities cannot because patient 2 did not show *HDAC4* involvement.

Williams et al., 2010 have described a similar patient who had a smaller deletion (#2282) and who showed autistic behavior [Williams et al., 2010]. However, the authors concluded that these phenotypic features were coincidental. Leroy et al., 2013 have also described a similar patient whose deletion did not include *HDAC4* but who had a duplication that included *HDAC4* [Leroy et al., 2013]. They suggested an alternative explanation that the other genes that are located in the telomeric region from *HDAC4* may be related to autistic behavior. Unfortunately, detailed neuropsychological examinations have never been performed in these patients. Therefore, an accumulation of the results of such examinations would disclose whether the telomeric region of 2q37 is related to autistic behaviors.

Missense mutations of the kinesin family member 1 A gene (KIF1A) have been revealed as the causative mutations for autosomal recessive spastic paraplegia [Erlich et al., 2011;Klebe et al., 2012]. Later, a de novo mutation in KIF1A was reported in a patient with nonsyndromic intellectual disability (MIM 601255) [Hamdan et al., 2011]. This indicated that a KIF1A haploinsufficiency could cause some neurological impairments, although behavior abnormalities were not described in those reports. The serine/threonine kinase 25 gene (STK25) is a genetic modifier of tau phosphorylation [Matsuki et al., 2012]. Because depletion of this molecule inhibits axon specification [Matsuki et al., 2010], a STK25 haploinsufficiency may contribute to the behavioral abnormalities that have been observed in patients with 2q37.3 deletions [Shrimpton et al., 2004]. The glypican 1 gene (GPC1) has been reported as a good candidate gene for BDMR [Syrrou et al., 2002; Shrimpton et al., 2004; Chaabouni et al., 2006]. Recently, it has been reported that GPC1 controls brain size by regulating fibroblast growth factor signaling in early neurogenesis [Jen et al., 2009], and there have been some reports that have described the contributions of GPC1 in neuronal functions [Abaskharoun et al., 2010; Wilson and Stoeckli, 2013].

The D-2-hydroxyglutarate dehydrogenase gene (D2HGDH) is involved in D-2-hydroxyglutaric aciduria (MIM 600721), which is a neurometabolic disorder that is characterized by developmental delays, epilepsy, hypotonia, and dysmorphic features. However, this disease is caused by an autosomal recessive trait [Struvs et al., 2005]. Felder et al., 2009 have confirmed a downregulation of the FERM, RhoGEF, and pleckstrin domain protein 2 gene (FARP2); the high-density lipoprotein binding protein gene (HDLBP); and the PAS domain containing serine/threonine kinase gene (PASK) in the lymphoblastoid cell lines that were derived from a patient with a 2q37 deletion [Felder et al., 2009]. These three genes were selected as candidates because of their structural and functional relationships to the pathways that are involved in neuronal and/or skeletal development, and they have been shown to be considerably downregulated in a patient with a 2q37 deletion [Felder et al., 2009]. Because PASK is required for axonal ensheathment [Leiserson et al., 2000], deletion of this gene may be related to neuronal impairments in patients with 2q37 deletions.

As mentioned above, there are several genes that contribute to neuronal functions, and haploinsufficiencies of these genes may be related to the developmental dyspraxia or autistic features that are observed in patients with 2q37.3 deletions. Therefore, the identification of more patients with 2q37.3 deletions and detailed genotype-phenotype correlations should help to determine the gene(s) that are responsible for neuronal dysfunctions.

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