

# Corpus Callosum Agenesis and Lymphopenia

# Case Report

- 2<sup>e</sup> child of non-related parents
- Healthy sister
- No familial history

Born at 38 weeks

GG 3485 gr

First week of life event free

After first week

failure to thrive

recurrent episodes of fever

# Physical examination

Hypotonia, opisthotonus

G 3960 gram

Kinky hair

Cataract right eye

High palatum

Enlarged liver and spleen

Westeinde op 13/6 (lft. 7 weken) voor failure to thrive

Urineweginfectie 15/6

LP: bloederig: vermoeden intra-cerebrale bloeding: verwijzing JKZ

# Neurologisch

MRI brain: corpus callosum agenesis

Opistotonos

Hypotonie

Microcefalia

High palatum

Elevated CK

Eyes

Cataract

VEP: blindness of cerebral origin

# Hematological findings

Several episodes of Normocytare anemia with reticulocytosis

Coombs negatif

Bilirubine normal

No signs of occult blood loss

# Gastro enterological findings

Elevated Liver enzymes

AST 255 U/L

ALT 139 U/L

LDH 1240 U/L

Ferritin max. 45442 mg/l



# Immunological findings

Recurrent fever (3 days/week)

Persistent and chronic *Candida Albicans* infection

Very few positive cultures

1x pos. *E. Vulneri*

Urine *Proteus*

Urine *Klebsiella*

# Cardial complication

- Severe Myocarditis with admission for several weeks.
- Recovered
- No infectious agent shown

	31-07-2006	3-08-2006	2-11-2006	05-03-07
leucocytes	10900	3500	11500	4600
lymphocytes	3400	2200	1610	1909
CD3	2480	1502	996	1418
CD3+CD4+	2070	1307	837	1132
CD3+CD8+	440	98	160	278
CD3- CD56+CD16+/-		131	135	126
CD3-CD56+CD16+		113		77
CD19+	580	509	494	303
CD20+		512	490	307
CD4 RA		1118	592	832
CD4 RO		170	224	258
CD8 RA		169	133	233
CD8 RO		30	28	44
CD19 CD27		2%	5%	4%

# T cell stimulation tests

PHA: 400 (> 17000)

CD2-CD28: 36300 (>17000)

CD3: 70 (> 1500)

CD3-CD28: 7000 (> 17000)

Background 105 (< 500)

# Immuunglobulines

1 month

IgA 0.4 g/l

IgM 0.3 g/l

IgG 4.5 g/l

8 months

0.44 g/l

0.67 g/l

4.59 g/l

IgD Normal

Normal respons to vaccination

# Diagnosis?

- Mitochondrial depletion Syndrome?

*Fatal neonatal-onset mitochondrial respiratory chain disease with T cell immunodeficiency.*

*Reichenbach et al*

*Pediatr Res. 2006 Sep;60(3):321-6.*

Severe recurrent infectious diseases

Anemia, and thrombocytopenia.

Severe psychomotor retardation,

Axial hypotonia,

Disturbed pain perception

Hypoplasia of corpus callosum

Impaired myelination of the temporo-  
occipital region

Lack of CD8(+) T lymphocytes and NK cells

Decrease CD45RO- CD8(+) lymphocytes

Diminished Activation of T lymphocytes via IL-2



# Conclusion

Infant with recurrent fever, chronic  
Candida Albicans infection and multiple  
neurological problems

T-cell penia (CD8, CD4 to a lesser extent)

Bad proliferation response to CD3, PHA

Probably normal B cell compartment

Normal NK cells

Mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome?