

HNF1B-related disease : a paradigm of developmental disorder eligible for ADTKD

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Agenda

- Epidemiology
- HNF1B-related nephropathy : a tubulointerstitial disease?
pro/con
- How to diagnose HNF1B-related disease?
 - Extra-renal findings
 - Family history
 - Genetic testing is mandatory
- The HNF1B score as a tool for pre-genetic screening
- Specific management
 - Electrolyte disorders
 - Transplantation in HNF-1 related disease
 - Genetic counselling

Prevalence of HNF-1B disease :
study cohorts of ≥ 50 patients with renal presentation and/or MODY

Presentation	Kidney cysts or CAKUT	Kidney cyst or dysplasia (unexplained)	Kidney	CAKUT familial	MODY
Age at testing	Fetuses ¹ (2007-2013)	Pediatric ² (2006-2011)	Any ³ (2008-2010)	Any ⁵ (2014)	Any ⁴ (2013)
N. Studies	2	4	3	1	1
N. Subjects	165	343	587	749/ 650 fam	?
N. HNF1B (%)	30 (18%)	57 (17%)	118 (20%)	6 (6.3%)	- 1%

Data from ¹Decramer (2007) and Madariaga (2013) ² Ulinski (2006), Weber (2006), Adalat (2009) and Thomas (2011) ³Edghill (2008), Nakayama (2010) and Heidet (2010) ⁴Edghill (2013) ⁵Hwang DY Kidney Int (2014)

Prevalence of HNF1B disease in general population ?

- Areas where pediatric and adult nephrologists have a long-standing interest for HNF1B disease
- To evaluate prevalence in two independent areas (internal control)
- To estimate simultaneously the prevalence of others orphan renal diseases (Alport syndrome, Fabry disease and nephronophthisis) (external control)

Prevalence of HNF1B in general population ?

Identification of cases

- 1) All Renal Units
- 2) Regional Registries for Rare Renal Diseases & Renal Transplantation
- 3) Genetic Lab

Inclusion criteria

- Being a permanent resident in the studied regions
- Established diagnosis of one of the 4 diseases (biochemistry, pathology or genetic test)

Prevalence of HNF-1B disease :
descriptive epidemiology in South-West of France,
and comparison to rare inherited renal disorders

Area	Midi Pyrénées	Limousin	All	Prevalence (pmh)	
				South-West France	Other studies
N. Inhabitants (INSEE, 2010)	2,929 M	0,746	3,675		
<i>N. diagnosed</i>					
Alport	47	8	55	15	19-25
Fabry	10	3	13	3.7	≈4.0
Nephronopthisis	15	2	17	4.6	?
HNF1B	43	12	55	15	?
				Midi-Pyrénées 14.7	
				Limousin 16	

Limitations

This figure likely is an underestimation

- Ascertainment bias (kidney, not diabetes-MODY)
- Undiagnosed cases (wide variability and mild phenotype in adults)

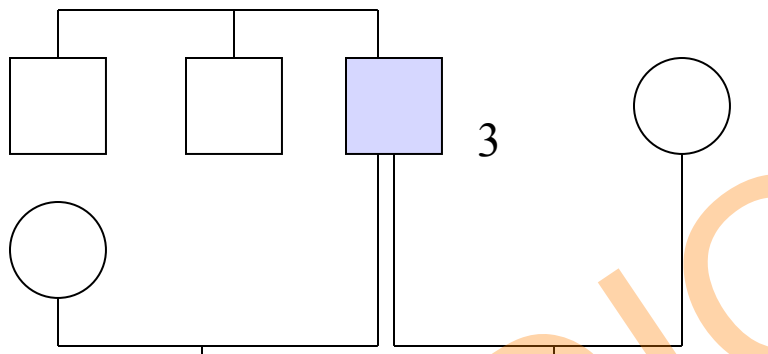
Renal involvement in HNF1B disease

Most frequently affected target-organ

Almost complete penetrance, if correctly detected

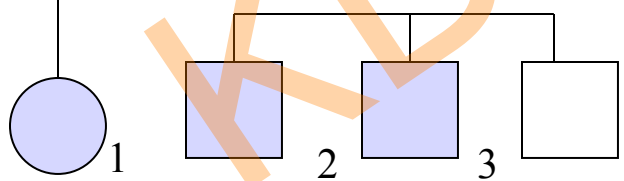
Extreme variability among and within families

I



I-3, born 1956
 2006 : S creat 119, GFR 60
 Poor corticomedullary differentiation
 Few renal cysts, bilateral
 No reflux
 Hypokalemia 3,2 - $Ku = 50/d$
 Magnesium : 0,52
 Proteinuria 0,1g/d
No diabetes mellitus
1 liver cyst

II



II-1
 « Polycystic »
 kidney disease

II-2, born 1977
 Neonatal RHD + reflux
 Right Nx 1978
 ESRD 1999 $K^+ = 2,6$
No diabetes

II-3, born 1979
 S creat 140, GFR 65
 Single left kidney, and cysts
HNF1B point mutation

« ... the renal phenotype in adults with *HNF1B* disease is clearly one of chronic tubulointerstitial nephritis... »

Faguer S et al, Kidney Int 2011, 80, 7:768-76

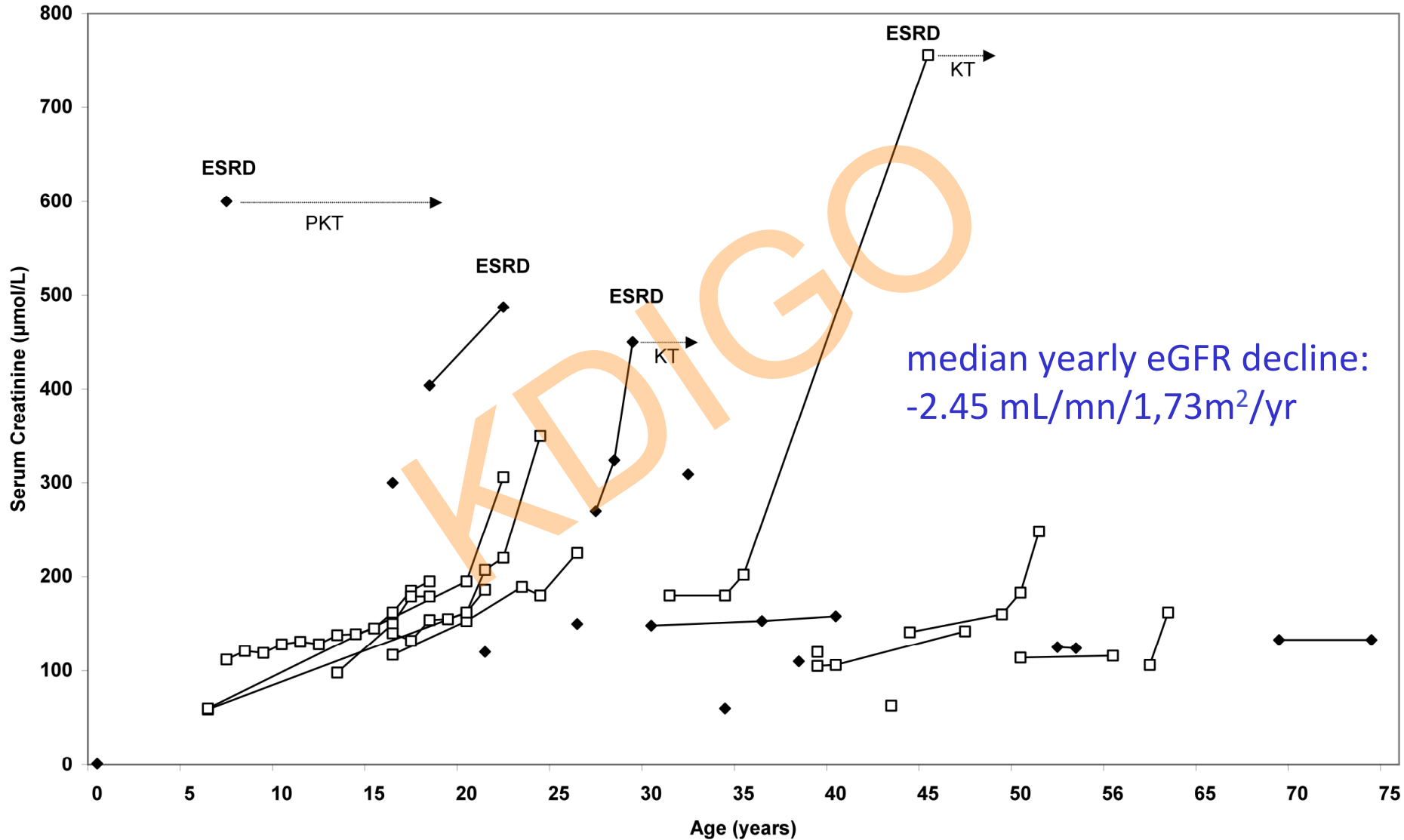
27 adults from 20 families,
median age at last FU = 35 years (16-74)

Hematuria	0
No proteinuria	74%
Low-grade proteinuria (<1 g/d)	26%
Hypertension	7%

Polyuria was not a finding

« ... and slowly progressive kidney failure »

Faguer S et al, Kidney Int 2011, 80, 7:768-76



In addition, in adults with *HNF1B* disease, additional features point to defective tubular transport

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- Tubular leak of either of 2 cations is a very suggestive finding

- Hypomagnesaemia ($\text{Mg}^{++} < 0.75 \text{ mmol/l}$) in 62%
resulting from renal wasting (FE_{Mg} : 7-22 %, $\text{N} < 0.5\%$)

- Hypokalaemia ($< 3.5 \text{ mmol/L}$) in 46%

Despite renal decline: 10 individuals with CKD 3-5 had $\text{K}^+ < 3.5 \text{ mmol/L}$

1 patient started on dialysis with $\text{K}^+ = 2.6 \text{ mmol/L}$

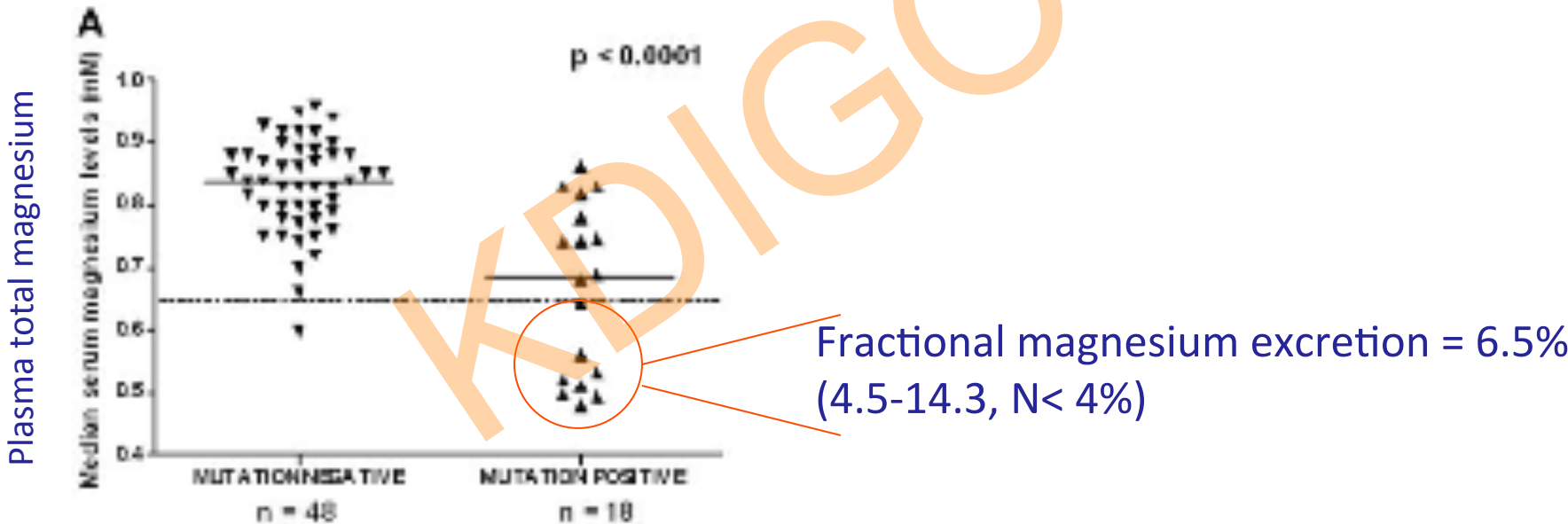
→ hypokalemia or hypomagnesemia were detected in 15 patients (62%)

- 2 unrelated patients presented with generalized defects of proximal and distal tubular function

Hypomagnesemia (< 0.65 mmol/L) is a frequent finding in children with HNF1b disease

... and is related to renal leak

Adalat S et al. JASN 2009;20:1123-1131



Target genes HNF1B (2012)?

Tubulogenèse	Différenciation néphronique	Homéostasie épithéliale & transport tubulaire
<i>Socs3</i>	<i>Umod</i>	<i>Fxyd2</i> [°]
<i>Pax2</i>	<i>Pkhd1</i>	<i>Kif12</i>
<i>LHX1</i>	<i>Pkd2</i>	
<i>Wnt9b</i>		

°gène cible chez l'homme

Homodimère (ou hétérodimère *HNF-1 α* /*HNF-1 β*)

However, some aspects are disputable for *typical* TKD

1. Small sized kidneys is not a frequent finding
2. Renal pathology is equivocal
3. (Unexplained acute kidney deterioration may occur (3/27, 11%))
4. (in contrast to *UMOD* and *MUC1* diseases, but alike *REN* disease, renal involvement in HNF1B is not restricted to adulthood)

Renal imaging in *HNF1B* adult patients

KDIGO

Renal imaging (24/27 individuals) demonstrates extreme heterogeneity and escapes easy classification

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Kidney size at last FU

Normal	13 (61%),
Small	7 (30%)
bilateral	5
unilateral	2
Massively enlarged	2 (9%)

A cystic disease? Not a universal finding - possible overlap

Normal kidney	12% normal size and shape, no cyst
Renal cysts	62%, the majority with few (≤ 5) cortical or medullary cysts per kidney
Solitary kidney	21%
Diverse abnormalities	16% (nephrocalcinosis, kidney stone, hydronephrosis or hydroureter, and vesicoureteric reflux)

9 patients (38%) had no detectable renal cyst between age 16 and 48
in 6 cystic pts with sequential imaging, no progressive increase of cysts number

To summarize renal imaging in young adults with HNF1B disease

- \approx 60% have normal sized kidneys with regular shape,
 \approx 60% harbor a small number of bilateral renal cysts
- Imaging studies is not a diagnostic clue for HNF1B disease but is mandatory to rule out
 - ADPKD/ARPKD
 - obstructive uropathy (irregular shape)

Additional imaging studies at older age would be useful

Renal phenotype in children with *HNF1b* disease

Imaging (N= 21)²

Bilateral disease	76%
Large K, echogenic, no cyst	43%
Large K, echogenic, with cysts	24%
Hydronephrosis	14%
Unilateral MCKD	19%
<i>Uncommon</i> ¹⁻²	
Single kidney	≈5%
Normal US	< 5%

Clinic findings at last FU

	<i>series</i>	
	Adalat	Heidet
N.	21	75
Age	8.0 yr	8.5 yr
Early gout	?	5%
eGFR	63 (8-113)	?
> 80		68%
CKD stage 5	2 (21%)	?
ESRD	0	0

¹Heidet & Decramer, *CJASN* 2010, 5:1079

²Adalat S, *JASN* 2009, 20:1123

Renal course in childhood : data from 43 individuals - no sequential study

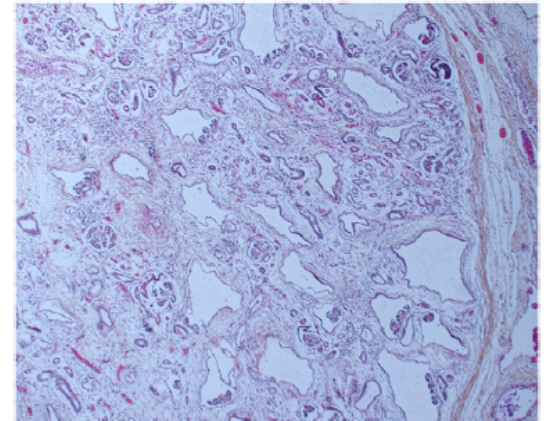
Series	Toulouse ¹	France ²
N.	18	25
Age at diagnosis	Antenatally	0,2
Median FU (years)	6	2,5
GFR at last FU		
> 80	-	14 (56%)
> 70	7 (39%)	-
40-80		10 (40%)
40-70	8 (45%)	-
< 40	2 (10%)	1 (4%)
ESRD	1 (5%)	0

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Renal pathology: is HNF1B-disease really a tubulointerstitial nephritis ?

1. Very few data
 - Practical reasons : small or cystic kidneys = risk of complication
 - So far, diagnostic value not established
2. \approx 20 individual reports in the literature, mostly in children (or fetus)
 - Glomerulocystic disease (n=6)
 - Oligomeganephronia (n=3)
 - Cystic renal dysplasia (n=2)
3. Tubulointerstitial findings
 - No specific assessment
 - Neither TBM lamelation, nor increased width
 - No specific study of HNF1B by IHC



Madariaga, CJASN, 2013

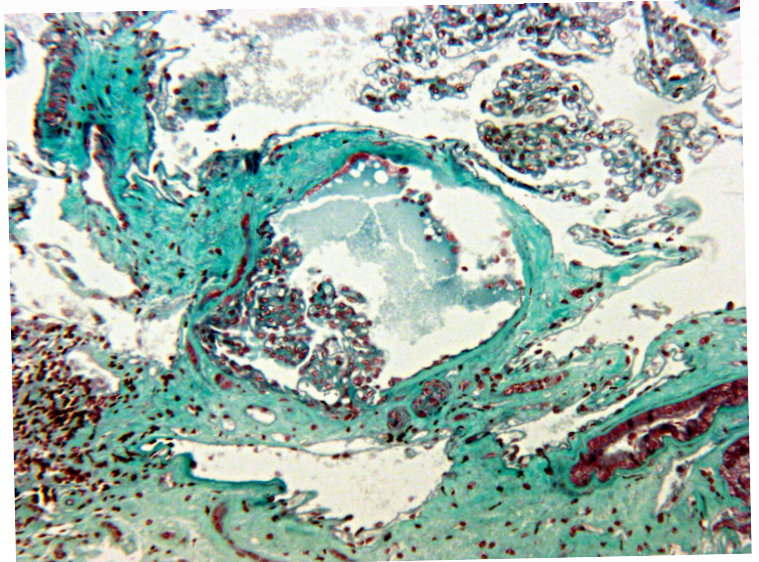
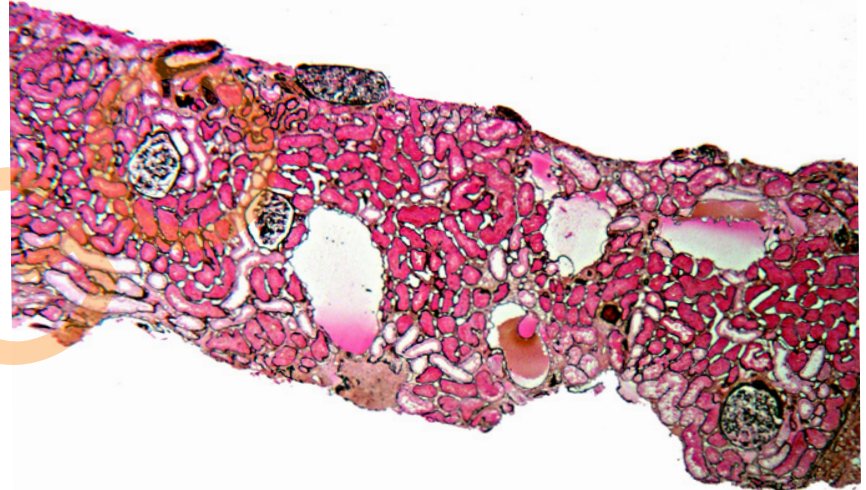
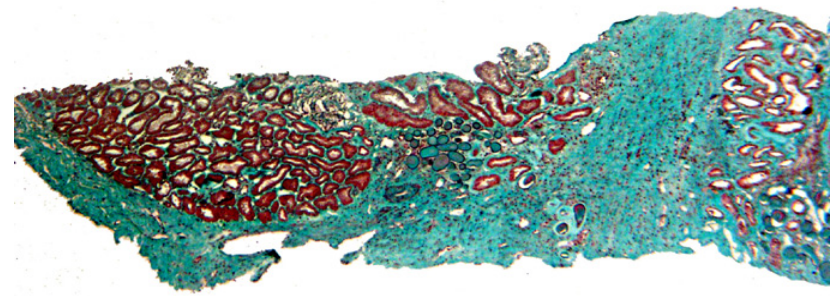
Pathological findings on kidney biopsy in 6 adults with HNF-1B mutation

Bellanné, Chauveau et al., Ann Intern Med 2004

- Enlarged glomeruli 4/6
- Glomerular cysts 2/6
- Oligomeganephronia 1/6

None is specific

- Interstitial fibrosis 6/6
- Diabetic GN 0/6



As compared to *UMOD* nephropathy

- Due to scarce data, renal pathology is still of limited value to diagnose HNF1B-related disease
- Whether kidney biopsy should be routinely performed in adults with suspected HNF1B-related disease is not yet clear
- We need to better delineate the pathological characteristics, and to develop biomarkers that could help in establishing the diagnosis of HNF1-related kidney disease, without genetic testing

What may raise clinical suspicion of HNF1B disease in patients with renal presentation?

1. Extrarenal findings
2. Family history

KDIGO

Extrarenal findings

1. No large cohort, and few data on natural history
2. Target organs
 - Pancreas
 - Liver :
 - fluctuating liver tests in 40-50% of adults – liver biopsy almost normal - long term prognosis unknown (severe worsening post kidney transplant)
 - neonatal jaundice¹⁻² with reduction of intrahepatic bile ducts
 - Genital tract malformations (impaired fertility)
 - Males : epididymal cysts or bilateral absence of vas deferens
 - Females : bicornuate uterus, hemiuterus, or uterus and upper vagina aplasia
 - Brain : intellectual impairment with autistic traits³
 - Not well established in the spectrum of the disease
 - Only in patients with large deletion of the gene

¹Roelandt, *Hepatology* 2012

²Beckers *J Pediatr* 2007

³Moreno-DE-Luca D, *Am J Hum Genet*, 2010

Extrarenal findings

- Pancreas
 - Diabetes mellitus (MODY5)
 - β -cell dysfunction and insulin resistance
 - Typically non-obese patients at a median age of 20-30 years, up to >70 years,
 - Clinically overt or detected by screening, or NODAT¹
 - Course debated
 - exhibits a slowly progressive course with late requirement for insulin therapy²
 - or poor response to sulphonylurea³
 - (ketoacidosis may occur, in adult⁴ or even in teenager²)
 - Pancreas atrophy is detected in almost half the adult patients (CT) - pancreas exocrine failure should be routinely detected at diagnosis (low faecal elastase)

¹Zuber, *Nat Rev Nephrol*

²Bellanné, *Ann Intern Med* 2004

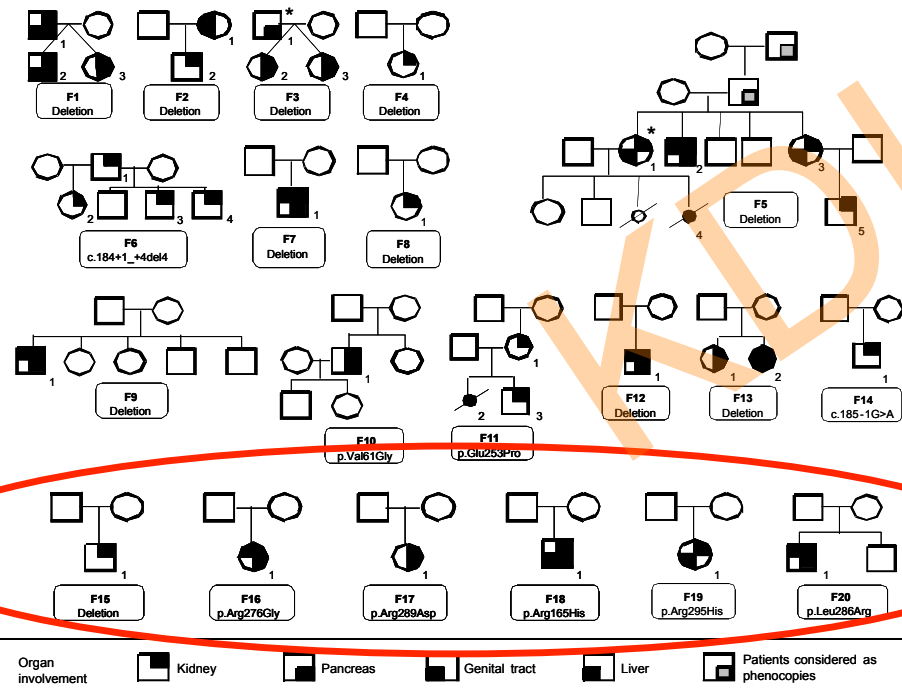
³Pearson *Diabetes Care* 2004

⁴Faguer S, *Kidney Int* 2011

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However



→ In all series, 50-60% of cases are found to have *de novo* mutation

→ In families with evidence for AD inheritance, wide phenotypic variability¹

→ Phenocopies can be detected by family screening

→ Mosaicism² (rare)

¹review in Chauveau Nephrol Therap, 2012

³Yorifuji, J ClinEndocr Metab 2004

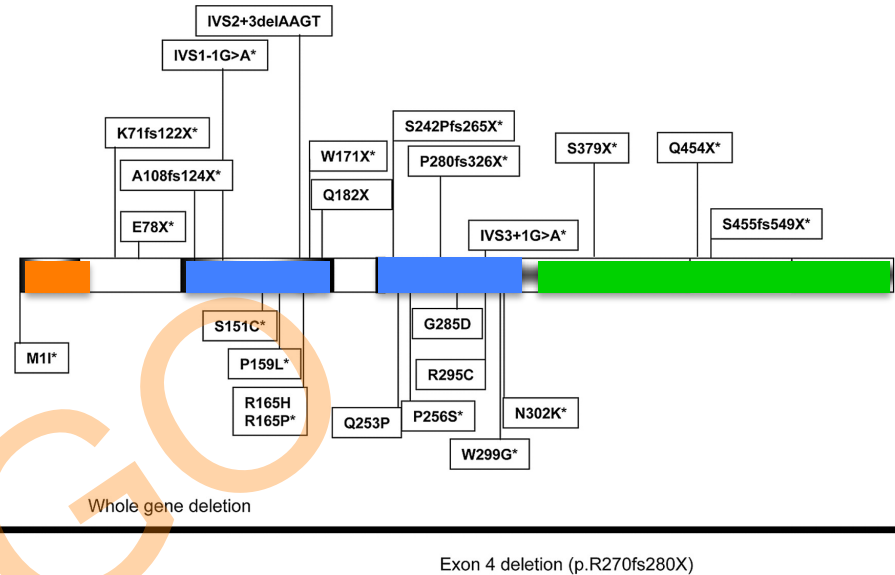
Thus, given

- the lack of pathognomonic characteristics
- and the wide overlap with other conditions,

a genetic test is mandatory to diagnose HNF1B disease

Mutations in *HNF1b*-related disease

- Gene located on 17q12



- Genetic changes

- 50% point mutations (> 50 reported), (missense, false-sense, splice-site mutation, or indel) are mostly private and located in the DNA-binding domain (clusters in exons 2 and 4)
- 50% micro-chromosomal rearrangement
 - mostly large recurrent deletion of 1.2–1.5Mb - rarely one single exon
- very low risk of mosaicism

- No genotype-phenotype correlation
- Disease mechanism = haploinsufficiency

Adapted from Heidet L et al.
CJASN 2010;5:1079-1090

Genetic screening for *HNF1B* mutation
current approach

1) Large deletion?

2) If not, sequencing for point mutation

(Much easier than ADPKD or Alport)

Cost ≈ 380-780 euros in France

How to improve pre-genetic screening ? The HNF1B score

Characteristics	Item	Value
Family history		+2
Antenatal renal abnormalities	Uni/bilateral abnormality by renal echography	+2
<i>Kidneys and urinary tract</i>		
Left kidney	Hyperechogenicity	+4
	Renal cysts	+4
	Hypoplasia	+2
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Electrolyte or uric acid disorders	Low serum Mg ²⁺ (<0.7 mmol/l)	+2
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	Early-onset gout (>30 years of age)	+2
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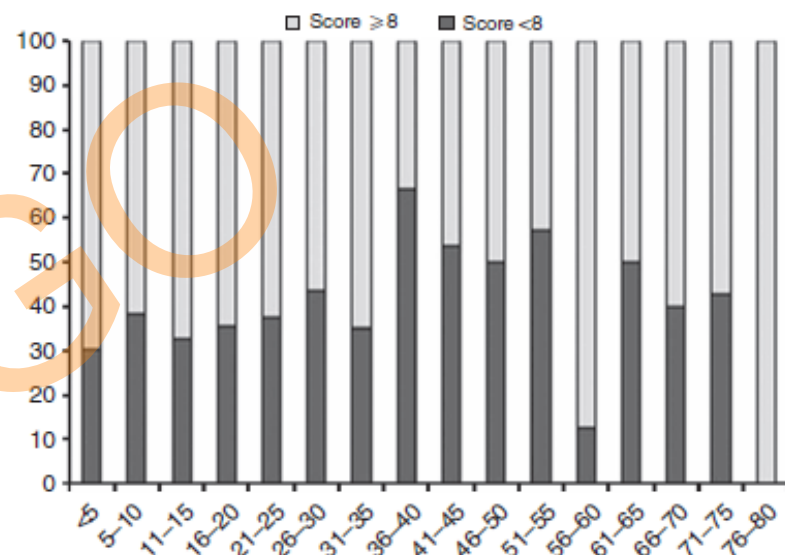
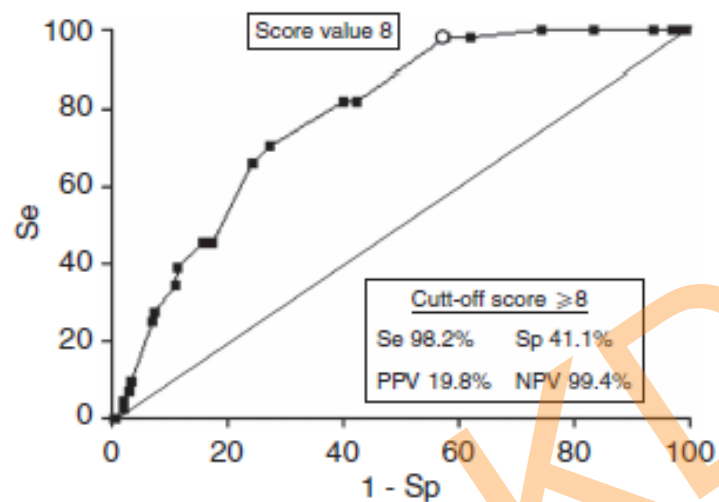


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Performance of the *HNF1B* score : ROC curve analysis (433-individual cohort including 56 *HNF1B* cases)

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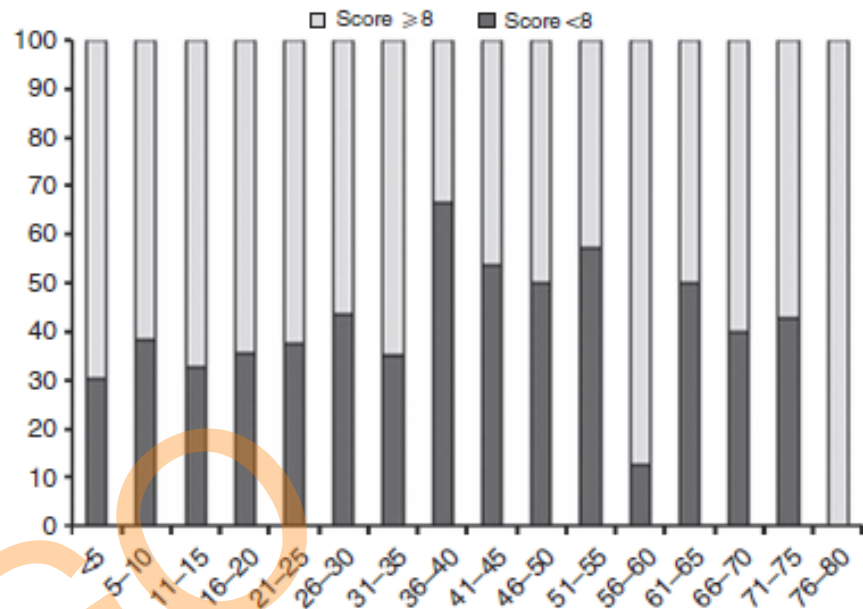


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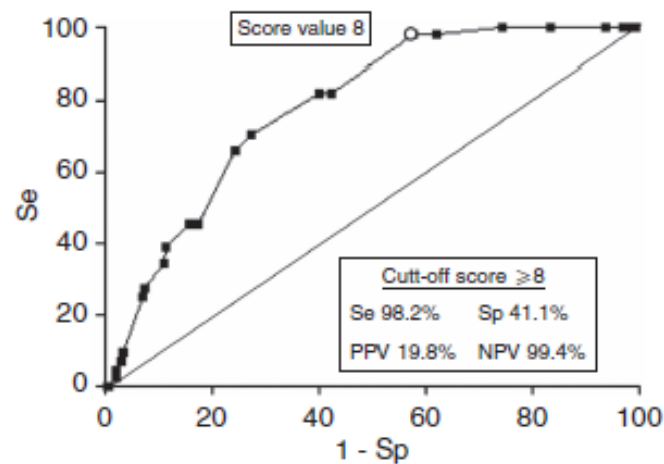


Figure 1 | Receiver operating characteristics (ROC) curve of the *HNF1B* score in a large cohort with *HNF1B* known status ($N = 433$), showing the accuracy of the *HNF1B* score in

When to screen for HNF1B in patients with renal presentation?

Suspicion of HNF1B disease



HNF1B-related disease
in a first-degree relative



Abdominal imaging in parents and clinical exam to
rule out ADPKD/ARPKD and renal hypodysplasia
(coloboma, BOR syndrome...)

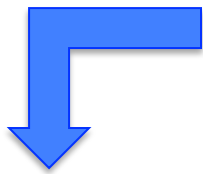


Minimal evaluation for HNF1B disease:
Family history

Fasting glucose, liver tests, serum K^+ and Mg^{++}



HNF1B score

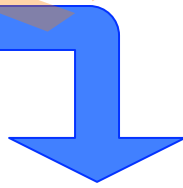


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No genetic testing



On FU, if new finding
suggestive of HNF1B
disease and score ≥ 8



≥ 8

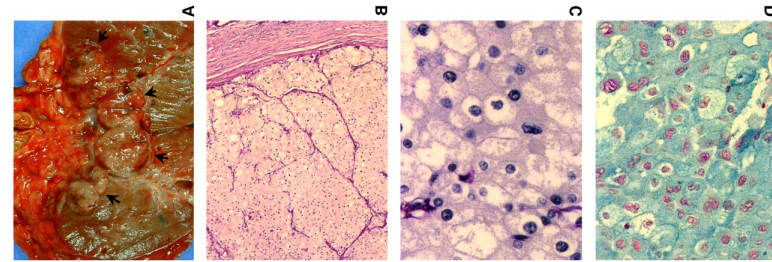


Consider *HNF1B* analysis



Specific management in established HNF1B disease in adults

- **Kidney**
 - At presentation : Mg, K, S. creatinine & CT-scan (or MRI)
 - Yearly : Mg, K, S. creatinine - no imaging in the absence of clinical symptom
 - If hypoMg/hypoK: treat only if symptomatic
 - Avoid ACE and ARB
 - ?Screening for chromophobe renal cell carcinoma (2 case reports 37 and 54 years/ bi-allelic invalidation, in addition to germline mutation)
- **Pancreas**
 - At presentation : ?diabetes – fecal elastase
 - Yearly: diabetes FU – fecal elastase if symptom
- **Liver**
 - At presentation and yearly : liver blood tests
- **Genital tract : only if symptomatic (?)**
- **Genetic counselling**



Rebouissou S et al. Hum. Mol. Genet.
2005;14:603-614

Kidney and combined kidney-pancreas transplantation in HNF-1beta individuals

follow-up in 16 patients from 7 medical Centers

Faguer et al, submitted

- 16 patients (8F, 8M) – 7/16 (44%) large deletion
- Prior Tx :
 - DM in 6/16 (37%), 5 IDDM, mean age at diagnosis 21
 - Liver tests abnormalities in 7 (44%)
 - Exocrine pancreatic failure in 1
- At Tx
 - median age = 27 (5-53)
 - 14 SKT and 2KPT
- FU after 14 SKT
 - Median duration = 69 \pm 57 months (4-180)
 - Kidney :
 - Early acute oxalate nephritis n=1
 - Chronic rejection and Re-SKT n=3
 - Severe worsening or *de novo* abnormal liver tests : 7/14 (50%) – no cirrhosis
 - *de novo* post-transplant DM : 6/10 (60%), \approx 3 months post-SKT

Borlak J, Niehof M. HNF4alpha and HNF1alpha dysfunction as a molecular rationale for cyclosporine induced posttransplantation diabetes mellitus. *PLoS One* 2009

- Cytoplasmic calcineurin regulates NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T-cells)
- NFAT are a family of transcription factors expressed in renal, pancreas and liver epithelial cells during development

Hypothesis : could calcineurin inhibitors modify HNF1B expression in epithelial cells?

Lessons from SKT and KPT in HNF-1beta individuals : a plead for dedicated management

- CNIs down-regulate HNF1-beta transcriptional activity : *HNF1B* patients are therefore close to bi-allelic inactivation

- Individualized management of ESRF

- If IDDM or NIDM, consider KTP

Poitou, Transplant Int 2012 and personal experience

- In the absence of IDDM/NIDM

- Test for exocrine pancreatic failure (fecal elastase), and add pancreas enzyme supplementation
- Inform of the high risk for *de novo* PTDM
- Minimize CNI exposure and consider prompt withdrawal of steroids

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