

## **A Case Study Of 12 Year Male With Genetic Cerebellar Malformations**

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### **Abstract:**

**Introduction:** The importance of the cerebellum in muscular coordination has long been known. But its importance in sophisticated cognitive behaviour is becoming more widely recognized. The genetic causes of cerebellar defects revealed by prenatal and postnatal neuroimaging are now commonly detected during pregnancy and are linked to high rates of morbidity and mortality in newborns and later in life. Obstetricians, perinatologists, and neonatologists must have a solid awareness of these illnesses and their causes because of the wide range of prognoses and medical problems. In order to give proper patient care, it's necessary to separate Environmental events such as infection, stroke, or premature birth that can induce genetic abnormalities. There are two types of cerebellar malformations: cerebellar and cerebellar-brainstem malformations.

**Main symptoms and /or important clinical findings:** Patient who was 12 year old male reported with complaints of balance issues and gait difficulties, Coordination trouble, Uncoordinated movements, imbalance, speech issues (dysarthria), visual abnormalities (nystagmus), and vertigo.

**The main diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and outcome:** Neuroimaging, most commonly MRI, is used. If a family history suggests it, genetic testing is performed.

**Medications** included Clonazepam (0.5 mg TID), Halcin (0.125 mg to 0.5 mg as needed) , Ativan (0.5 mg BD).

**Conclusion:** Genetic abnormalities in the cerebellum range in severity from modest to severe malformations. The Dandy-Walker complex, which includes DWM, DWV, inferior vermis hypoplasia (IVH), and mega-cisterna Magna, is the most well-known group of cerebellar disorders (described below).

**Keywords:** Cerebellum, Neuroimaging, Malformations, Brain, Neurodevelopment.

### **Introduction:**

Initially, cerebellar abnormalities were separated into two categories: hypoplasia and dysplasia.[1]. The ideas of cerebellar atrophy and hypoplasia, as established by Barkovich, were used to diagnose hypoplasia.[2]. Cerebellar atrophy is defined as a tiny cerebellum with shrunken folia and extensive cerebellar fissures or as a loss of volume over time; individuals with cerebellar atrophy were excluded from this investigation since atrophy is assumed to be the outcome of progressive metabolic damage.[3]. Patients with a tiny cerebellum and normal-sized fissures compared to the folia are referred to as having cerebellar hypoplasia.[4]. Hypoplasia is defined as a defect of cerebellar formation for the purposes of this study, and patients diagnosed with Hypoplasia are one of them.[5]. If a structure showed symptoms of chaotic development, such as an uneven folial pattern or the presence of grey matter nodules, it was labelled dysplastic.

The term hypo genesis of the vermis (formation of the superior vermis but not the inferior vermis) was not used in this study .since it has been established that a vermis with missing inferior lobules (hypogenetic) cannot be distinguished from one with missing intermediate lobules (dysplastic). The deformities were then divided into two categories: generalized (just one hemisphere of the cerebellum is involved) (localized to either a single hemisphere or the vermis).[6].

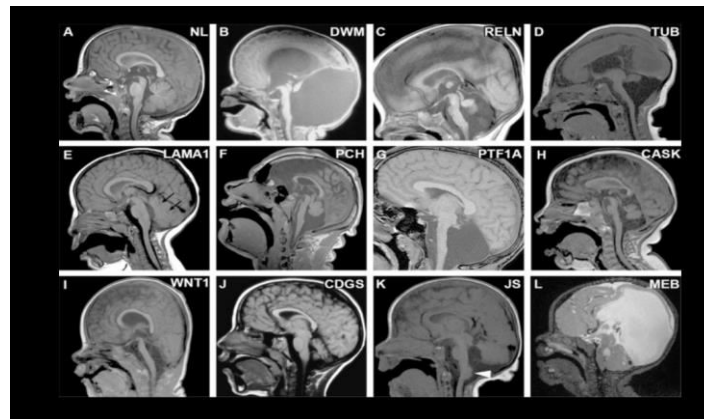
**Patient information:**

Patient was a 12-year-old male child admitted to the neuro ward; his chief complete of eye problems, poor muscle coordination, Ataxia (lack of muscle coordination), hypotonia (lack of muscle tone), developmental or verbal difficulties, and visual issues are the most common clinical signs.

**Medical family and psycho-social history:**There is no previous medical history of hypertension or diabetes mellitus. There are five people in the house, according to family history

**Clinical findings:**Floppy muscle tone, speech delay, problems with walking and balance. After admission, her x-ray and comprehensive blood examination were completed, and he began taking medication for genetic cerebellar malformations.

**Diagnosis assessment:-**



**Diagnostic Assessments:**

1. Electroencephalography
2. Electromyography/ nerve conduction velocities,
3. MRI of the spine,
4. Autonomic test
5. CAT scan / FDG-PET scan of the whole body,
6. Conjunctival/ skin biopsy.

**Diagnosis:**Genetic cerebellar malformations.

**Prognosis:** The patient condition is moderate.

**Therapeutic intervention:**

- Intravenous fluid therapy
- Pharmacological management
- Dietary supplement
- Oxygen therapy
- Psychological support

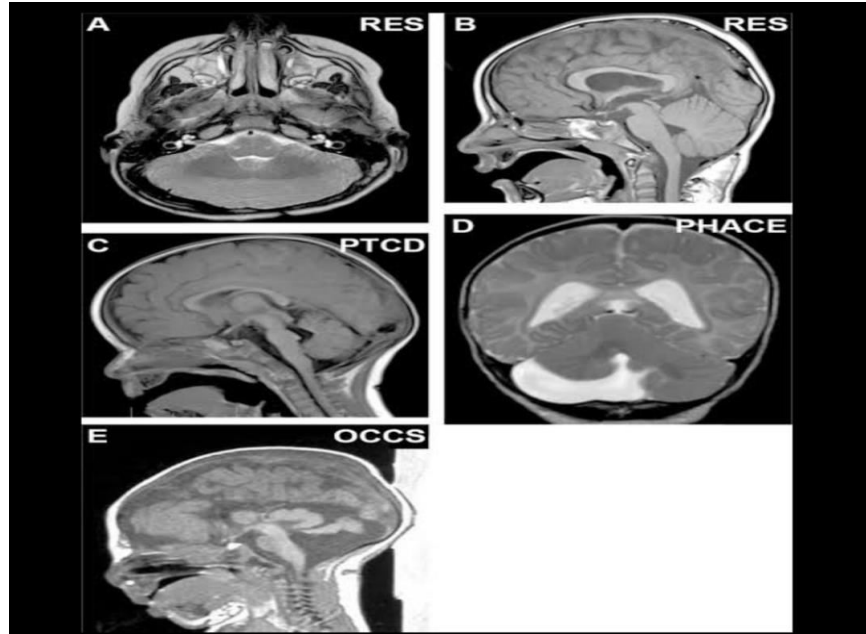
**Intervention adherence and tolerability:**

The patient was slightly sedative at the start of treatment, but after he became fully conscious, he tolerated each and every treatment.

**Adverse and unanticipated event:**No, adverse events were noted.

**Discussion:**

The numerous types of cerebellar maldevelopment disorders in the paediatric age range are known as neuro imagination malformations. Clinical and neuroimaging data show a non-progressive pattern. well as unidentified long-term neurodevelopmental implications[7]. In a comprehensive study of these intricate defects, It is critical for a correct diagnosis and family counselling to consider the inheritance pattern, the likelihood of recurrence, and long-term neurodevelopmental effects[8].



Primary (malformation) and secondary (disruptive) lesions are two types of cerebellar malformations.[9]. Chromosome abnormalities, metabolic diseases, genetic syndromes, and congenital brain anomalies are all possible causes of primary illnesses (Rhombencephalosynapsis and primary posterior fossa abnormalities, such as DWM).[10] . Prenatal infections, teratogen exposure, and extreme prematurity are examples of secondary (disruptive) disorders.[11]. For pathogenesis and genetic counselling, distinguishing between deformities and disruptions is critical.[12]. It was divided into two categories:(I) focused CH (unilateral CH, CH involving primarily the vermis, such as DWM, and isolated vermian hypoplasia), and (II) global CH (e.g., congenital CMV infection).(III) CH with involvement of the brain stem (e.g., CDG).[13]. Patients with cerebellar atrophy were eliminated from this investigation because their cerebellum was tiny, if they had a shrinking folia and large cerebellar fissures, or if they were losing volume with time. [14]. A disordered cerebellum with an aberrant folia pattern or heterotopic grey matter nodules is referred to as a CD.[15].

(I) localized CH (unilateral CH, CH involving primarily the vermis, (I) CH with brain stem involvement (e.g., congenital CMV infection), (II) CH with global CH (e.g., congenital CMV infection), and (III) CH with global CH (e.g., congenital CMV infection) (e.g., CDG). Patients with cerebellar atrophy were excluded from this study if their cerebellum was tiny, with shrunken folia and big cerebellar fissures, or if their volume loss was progressive.. disorganized cerebellum with an aberrant folia pattern or heterotopic grey matter nodules is referred to as a CD.CD was divided into three categories: (I) focal CD (a. CD with mostly vermis involvement; e.g., Joubert syndrome and thromboencephalo synapsis); (B) hemispheric dysplasia (e.g., cerebellar cortical dysplasia, and Lhermitte-Duclos-Cowden syndrome); and (II) global CD (a. CD with mostly vermis involvement; e. (congenital muscular dystrophy). This study included 58 paediatric patients who met the inclusion criteria and exhibited cerebellar abnormalities on radiography.[16]. The integrated patients' ages vary from one to fourteen years, with the majority (48%) in their first two years of age and a 62 percent male sex predominance (36 individuals)[17]. The clinical and neuroradiological characteristics of 51 patients with cerebellar structural anomalies (ages 1 to 16 years) were investigated (ages ranged from 3 months to 14 years and nine months).[18].

According to a rigorous assessment of the patients with specific emphasis on the neurology system, 65 percent of the patients had hypotonia and hyporeflexia, and 30 percent had Only 5% showed hypertonia and hyperreflexia, while the rest had normal tone and reflexes. Only about half of the patients were microcephalic, with 25% having an ataxic gait, 17% having nystagmus, and 15% having aberrant movements[19-22].

In terms of MRI findings, CH was shown in the majority of the 51 instances (88%), while CD was seen in the remaining seven cases (12%). [23]. The following groups of CH patients were identified: There were 29 individuals with global CH (50 percent), 14 patients with CH with vermic involvement (24 percent), and four patients with isolated vermian hypoplasia (7%), and four patients with PCH (7%). The CD owners were divided into three categories: Three patients (5%) had global CD, three patients (5%) had largely vermian dysplasia, and the final

patient (2%) had mostly hemispheric dysplasia.[24]. Clinical and neuroradiological examinations were performed on 51 patients with cerebellar structural abnormalities. [25-28]. There were ten cases of vermis hypoplasia, 21 cases of vermis hypoplasia with cerebellar hemisphere hypoplasia, two cases of PCH, and 18 cases of cerebellar hypoplasia.

**Conclusion:**

Cerebellar malformation syndromes can now be diagnosed using cutting-edge genetic and genomic approaches. Previously, there were few precise causes identified, and genetic testing was not very useful. In many cases with discrete cerebellar abnormalities, the genetic origin can now be recognized. Powerful techniques can detect a wide variety of alterations, from single nucleotide changes to massive genomic imbalances. We're shifting away from single-gene or panel testing and toward sequencing the complete genome or the bulk of coding DNA (the exome). Whole-genome sequencing provides the ability to detect the majority of single nucleotide changes and genomic imbalances in a single test, yielding a high yield. We need to increase our understanding of typical human genetic variability to get the most out of this type of testing.

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