

Immunodeficiency, autoimmune thrombocytopenia and enterocolitis caused by autosomal recessive deficiency of *PIK3CD*-encoded phosphoinositide 3-kinase δ

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Methods

Patient

Patient and controls were recruited with written informed consent of the individuals and/or their parents to participate in research, approved by the National Research Ethics Service. Patients were recruited via the Great North Biobank (10/H0906/22) and healthy donors were recruited via the Oxford Gastrointestinal Illness biobank (16/YH/0247).

Whole exome sequencing

Whole exome capture from patient whole blood DNA was achieved using the Agilent SureSelect V5 kit and libraries subsequently prepared for paired-end sequencing. Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq instrument by a commercial sequencing provider (Oxford Gene Technology, UK). Read quality was assessed using the FastQC and MultiQC tools.^{1,2} Reads were aligned to the hg19 assembly of the human reference genome, and analysed according to Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) best practices³, as follows: the raw alignment was realigned around indels, quality scores recalibrated (BQSR), and duplicates marked using the Picard suite. Genotyping was performed using a combination of the HaplotypeCaller from GATK in gVCF mode, and JointCalling program leveraging an in-house exome catalogue. To avoid false positive calls, variant quality score recalibration (VQSR) was performed on the raw variant callsets for indels and SNPs. Downstream analysis was carried out using the web-based analytics application Ingenuity Variant Analysis (Qiagen) with the following selection criteria: call quality ≥ 20 , read depth ≥ 10 , allele fraction $\geq 45\%$; allele frequency $\leq 0.01\%$ (ExAc); frameshift, in-frame indel, stop codon change, deleterious missense (by SIFT/Polyphe), or splice site disruption. The candidate *PIK3CD* variant was validated by Sanger sequencing (SourceBioscience) in patient genomic DNA, following PCR amplification using primers designed with Primer3web version 4.1.0 (forward primer: GGCCTCCACGAGTTTGACT, reverse primer: GCGGATGACTGAGGAGTTTC).

PBMC isolation, generation of T cell lines and T cell maintenance

PBMCs were isolated by means of density centrifugation over Ficoll-Paque and resuspended in complete RPMI media. For T cell expansion, either of the following 2 methods was used: 1) Cells were cultured for 72 hrs in the presence of anti-CD3 (1ug/ml), anti-CD28 (1ug/ml) and IL-2 (20 ng/ml). Once the T cells were differentiated to T cell blasts, a further expansion was done in the presence of IL-2 for another 72-96 hrs. 2) T cells were expanded from 0.3×10^6 total PBMCs by stimulation with phytohaemagglutinin (PHA, 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$; Remel) in the presence of 2.5×10^4 irradiated allogeneic (45 Gy) PBMCs and cultured for 21 days in IL-2 containing medium (500 U/mL) as previously described.⁴ For the generation of T cell lines, cells were FACS-sorted to $>98\%$ purity based

on the surface expression of CD3⁺CD4⁺CD8⁻ and CD3⁺CD8⁺CD4⁻ marker combinations (antibodies used, and surface staining methodology as described in the section “analysis of surface marker expression”). T cells were expanded by culturing 5x10⁵ cells in the presence of 2.5x10⁴ irradiated (45 Gy) allogeneic PBMCs/50 µl culture for 21 days in medium supplemented with IL-2 (500 U/mL). Cell sorting was performed using a FACSAria III (BD Biosciences).

T cell lines were cultured thereafter in complete RPMI with L-glutamine (Sigma) supplemented with 5 % (v/v) human serum (NHS Blood Center Oxford), non-essential amino acids (Gibco); 1 mM sodium pyruvate (Gibco) and 100 U/mL penicillin and 10 µg/mL streptomycin (Sigma), hereafter called complete medium. Where indicated 500 U/mL IL-2 was added to the culture medium (produced in house from IL-2T6 culture supernatants).

PIP₃ quantification

PIP₃ was quantified as described⁵. T cells were isolated from PBMCs using immunomagnetic negative selection kit (Stemcell T cell isolation kit). The purified T cells were stimulated with anti-CD3 (1µg/ml) and anti-CD28 (2µg/ml) antibodies followed by crosslinking with goat anti-mouse IgG (1:500) antibodies for 1 min at 37°C. After stimulation of T cells, reactions were terminated by addition of 750 µl kill solution and samples were immediately frozen. Samples were kept in a freezer at -80°C until they were processed. Samples were thawed and 10 µl of C16/C17 PIP₂ and PIP₃ internal standard (ISD) was added. After 5 min at room temperature, 725 µl CHCl₃ and 170 µl 2M HCl were added to the samples. After that, samples were centrifuged and the lower organic phase was collected. 708 µL of pre-derivatisation wash (upper phase) was added, vortexed and samples were centrifuged again. The lower phase was then collected in a fresh tube for derivatisation. 50 µl 2M TMS-diazomethane was added to the lipid extracts and they were incubated for 10 min at room temperature. The reaction was stopped by addition of 6 µl of glacial acetic acid and the samples were washed twice with 700 µl post-derivatisation buffer (upper phase). After the final wash, 100 µl of MeOH:H₂O (9:1) were added to the samples and they were dried under a stream of nitrogen at room temperature. Samples were then re-dissolved in 80 µl of MeOH, sonicated and 20 µl of water was added. The samples were then sent for a mass spectrometry analysis. Samples were analysed on a ABSciex QTRAP 4000 connected to a Waters Acquity UPLC system. Integrated area of PIP₃ was corrected for recovery against the PIP₃ internal standard and then normalized to the integrated area of PIP₂ corrected for recovery against the PIP₂ internal standard. The Mass spec data are expressed as ratio of the quantity of the intracellular PIP₃ divided by that of the PIP₃ internal standard and normalized according to the intracellular PIP₂ divided by that of the PIP₂ internal standard.

Analysis of T cell receptor and IL-2 receptor signaling by immunoblotting

T cell lines were extensively washed before serum starvation for 4h in RPMI medium without supplements. Cells were resuspended at 5 x10⁶ cells/mL and aliquoted as 100µl per test tube. Cells were then cooled on ice for 15 min. For cell activation via the TCR, cells were incubated with 1µg/mL

OKT3 (Biolegend) and 2µg/mL anti-CD28 on ice for 5 min followed by addition of 5µg/mL goat anti-mouse crosslinking antibody (Biolegend) and a further 5 min incubation on ice. Stimulation was achieved by placing the cells into a 37°C water bath for 5 min. For unstimulated cells, the antibodies were added but the cells were not warmed to 37°C. For cell activation via the IL-2 receptor, cells were stimulated with 100ng/mL rhIL-2 (Peprotech) for the indicated times. Cells were then lysed in ice-cold lysis buffer, and lysates were separated by electrophoresis, transferred to a PVDF membrane (Immobilon-P, Millipore) and probed for various signaling components by western blot, using the following antibodies (from Cell Signaling Technology, unless otherwise indicated): anti-p110δ (H-219) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology; clone Sc7176), anti-phospho-STAT5 (Tyr694) (D47E7) Rabbit mAb (# 4322), anti-phospho-AKT (Thr308) (244F9) Rabbit mAb (# 4056), anti-AKT (11E7) Rabbit mAb (# 4685) or anti-AKT (2H10) Mouse mAb (# 2967), anti-phospho-S6 (S235/S236) (D57.2.2E) Rabbit mAb (# 4858), anti-phospho-ERK p44/42 MAPK (T202/Y204) Rabbit Ab (# 9101), and anti-rabbit IgG or anti-mouse IgG HRP-linked secondary antibodies (# 7074, #x). Anti-histone H3 (clone D1H2; # 4499) and anti-βActin (C4; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, clone Sc-47778) antibodies were used as loading control.

Analysis of AKT and S6 phosphorylation by flow cytometry

T cell lines were starved of IL-2 for 12 hours followed by extensive washing in RPMI supplemented with 25mM HEPES (Sigma; Cat.# H0887) and 0.5% human serum. Stimulation was performed in complete RPMI by addition of IL-2 (100 U/ml). Following indicated incubation times cells were fixed at 37°C for 15 minutes in 3.7% Formaldehyde (Sigma; Cat.# F8775). Cells were then permeabilised in -20°C 90% Methanol (Merck; Cat.# 106035) on ice. Staining for phosphorylated AKT and S6 was performed at RT for 60 minutes in PBS supplemented with 0.5% Bovine serum albumin (BSA; Sigma; Cat.# A9418). Following antibodies were used for analysis: anti-pAKT(S437) (Cell signalling; clone: M-89-61), and anti-pS6(pS235/p236) (BD Biosciences; clone: N7-548).

Ex vivo analysis of surface marker expression

The expression of surface markers was analysed by incubating cells with the relevant antibody conjugates for 15 min at room temperature in PBS supplemented with 0.5% (v/v) human serum. For the exclusion of dead cells during the analysis, cells were stained prior to fixation using Fixable Viability Dye eFluor® 780 (eBioscience) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The following fluorophore-conjugated antibodies were used for analysis: anti-CD3 (BD Biosciences; clone UCHT1), anti-CD4 (Biolegend; clone RPA-T4), anti-CD8 (Biolegend; clone SK1), anti-CD14 (Biolegend; clone M5E2), anti-CD19 (BD Biosciences; clone SJ25C1), anti-CD25 (Biolegend; clone MA-A251), anti-CD45RA (Biolegend; clone HI100), anti-CD56 (BD Biosciences; clone NCAM16.2), anti-CD127 (Biolegend; clone A019D5); anti-CCR7 (Biolegend; clone G043H7).

Analysis of transcription factor and perforin expression in PBMC

For the analysis of transcription factor and perforin expression, PBMCs were stained for surface markers as indicated above followed by fixation and permeabilisation using the Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set (eBioscience) according to the manufacturer's instructions. For the exclusion of dead cells during the analysis, cells were stained prior to fixation using Fixable Viability Dye eFluor® 780. The following fluorophore-conjugated antibodies were used: anti-TBET (Biolegend; clone 4B10), anti-FOXP3 (eBioscience; clone: PCH101), anti-Perforin (Biolegend; clone B-D48).

Samples were acquired on a BD Fortessa or BD LSRII and data were analysed using FlowJo software (Tree Star). Gating was performed using isotype or unstimulated controls.

Metabolic analysis

Glycolysis stress test XFe96 (Agilent technologies) was performed as per manufacturer's protocol. CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell lines were starved of IL-2 for 12 hours in complete medium followed by extensive washing in complete medium. Cells were plated at a density of 250,000 cells per well in Seahorse base media containing 1% FCS, 2µM glutamine, 1µM sodium pyruvate and 50U/ml of IL-2 (R&D Systems). The plate was then incubated in a CO₂-free incubator for one hour. Extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) was recorded at baseline, after glucose, oligomycin and 2-Deoxy-Glucose injection respectively. The assay was performed in technical replicates of 8 and repeated 3 independent times. Glycolysis, glycolytic capacity and glycolytic reserve were calculated as per manufacturer's instructions. Idelalisib (CAL101) treatment was or was not carried out for 48hr on healthy donor CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell lines before performing the Seahorse assay as described above.

Immunohistochemistry

Immunohistochemical analysis was performed on formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded (FFPE) colonic biopsies obtained by colonoscopy. 4µm sections were stained using a Discovery Ultra autostainer (Ventana Medical Systems, Tucson, AZ) using HRP-activated, or alkaline phosphatase chromogenic detection kits. The following primary antibodies were used: anti-CD3; Mouse clone LN10, Leica; anti-CD20, clone L26, Dako; anti-CD4, Rabbit SP35, Ventana; anti-CD8, clone SP57, Ventana; anti-Perforin, clone 5810, Abcam; and anti-Tbet, clone MRQ-46, Ventana. Sections were counterstained with haematoxylin. Multispectral scanning of stained slides at 10x magnification was undertaken using a Vectra 3.0 Automated Quantitative Pathology Imaging System (PerkinElmer, Hopkinton, MA). InForm Cell Analysis software (v2.0, PerkinElmer) allowed image deconvolution. Tissue segmentation algorithms were developed for automated delineation of intestinal epithelium and lamina propria, which was then applied to all cases, and the accuracy of segmentation was optimised by manual correction. Individual cells in both tissue compartments were identified using a cell segmentation algorithm, based upon the identification of cell nuclei. A binary approach (positive/negative) was used to score the relative expression of each; visual cues were used to distinguish positive staining compared to background, and thresholds were assigned. These data were exported and compiled in MATLAB (v2016b MathWorks, Natick, MA).

Statistics

Differences were analysed using Mann Whitney U test or ANOVA using GraphPad Prism v7 (GraphPad Software).

Supplementary References:

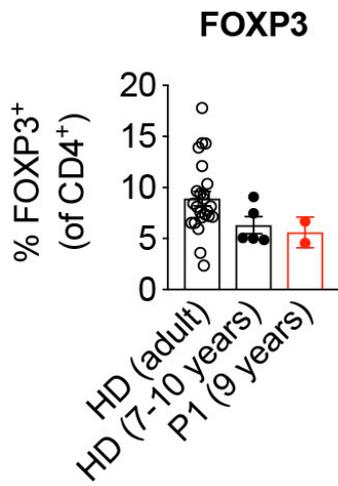
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Supplementary Figures:

Supplementary Fig 1

Normal frequency of FOXP3 expression in patient CD4+ T cells.

Intracellular staining for FOXP3 in patient (P1) and control (HD) peripheral blood CD4+ T cells. HD (adult): n=24, HD (7-10 years): n=5, P1 (9 years): n=1 (two independent replicates).

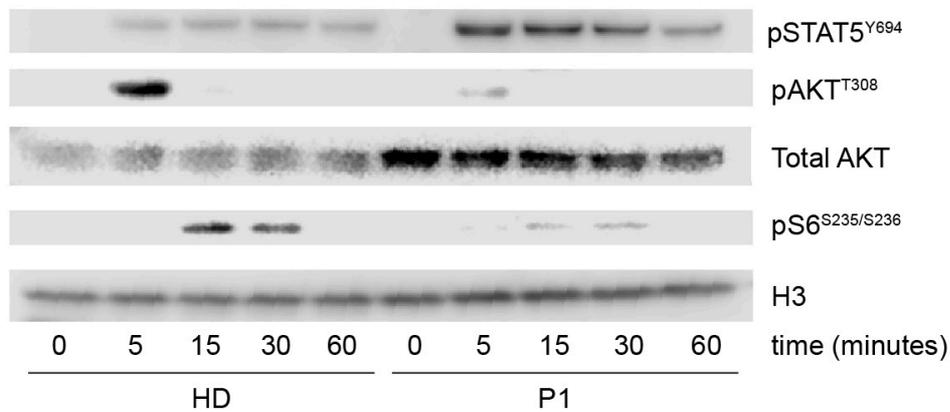


Supplementary Fig 2

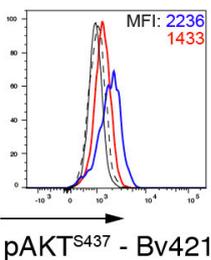
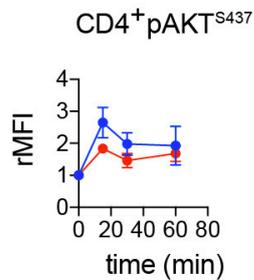
Defective IL-2 signaling to AKT in p110 δ -deficient CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell lines.

(A) Immunoblot showing timecourse of phosphorylation response to IL-2 in CD4⁺ T lymphoblasts from patient (P1) and control (HD). (B) Timecourse analysis and histogram examples (pAKT: 15 minutes stimulation; pS6: 30 minutes stimulation) of AKT phosphorylation and (C) S6 phosphorylation response to IL-2 in CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T lymphoblasts from patient (P1) and control (HD) by flow cytometry. Non-stimulated (ctrl) cells were used as control and results presented as relative mean fluorescence intensity (rMFI). Results from two independent experiments and each two technical replicates are shown (HD: n= 2; P1: n=1). *p<0.05, **p<0.01. False discovery rate-corrected two-way ANOVA.

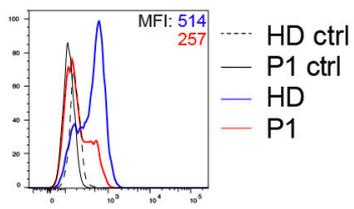
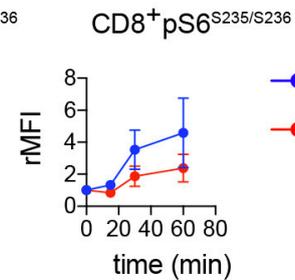
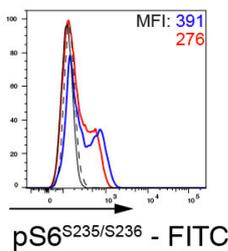
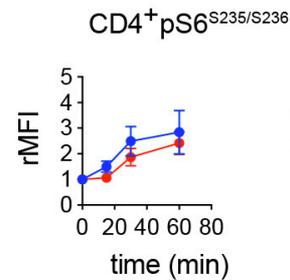
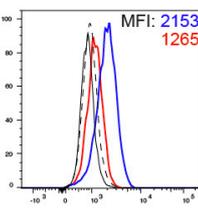
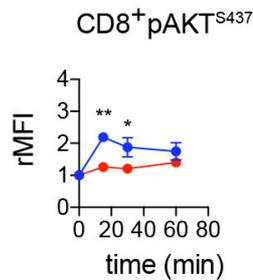
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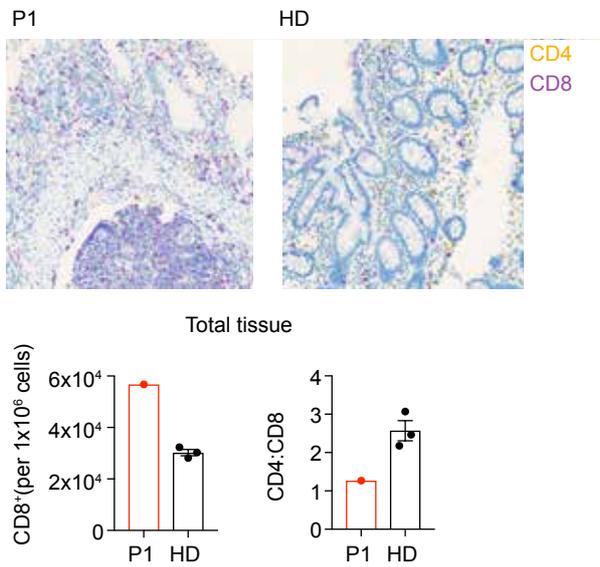


Legend for flow cytometry histograms:
 ● HD (blue)
 ● P1 (red)
 --- HD ctrl (dotted)
 --- P1 ctrl (dashed)

Supplementary Fig 3

CD8 intestinal T cell expansion in a patient with p110 δ -deficiency.

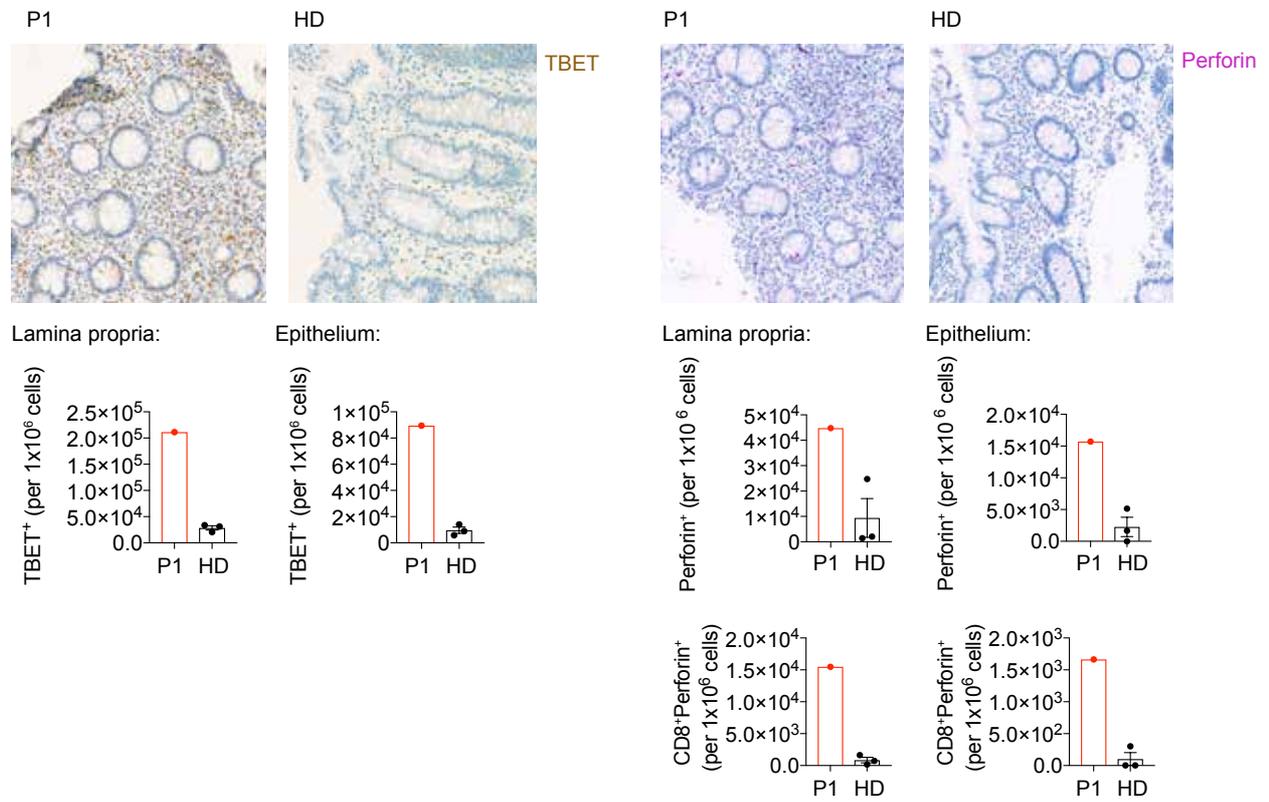
Representative immunostaining and quantification of CD4+ (gold) and CD8+ (purple) cells in patient (P1) and control (HD) colonic biopsy tissue sections.



Supplementary Fig 4

Increased intestinal TBET and perforin staining in a patient with p110 δ -deficiency.

Immunostaining for TBET (gold; left hand panels) and perforin (purple; right hand panels) in patient (P1) and control (HD) colonic biopsy tissue sections. Quantification of the respective cells is shown below.



Supplementary Table 1:**Immune parameters in patient 1 with *PIK3CD* p.Q170Vfs*41 variant.**

| Parameter | Patient values** | Normal range (units) [§] |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| T cells | 3794 - 5463 | 1400-2300 |
| CD4+ T cells | 1940 - 2398 | 900-5500 |
| CD8+ T cells | 1680 - 2866 | 400-2300 |
| Naïve CD4+ (CD45RA+CD27+) | 324 | |
| Naïve CD8+ (CD45RA+CD27+) | 162 | |
| Double negative T (CD4-CD8-) | <1 | <1(%) |
| FOXP3+ (% of CD4+) T cells | 5.6 | 6.3 (%)# |
| TCR $\alpha\beta$ (of T cells) | 91-93 | (%) |
| TCRV β usage | polyclonal | |
| HLA-DR+ T cell | 13 | (%) |
| B cells | 70 | 600-3100 |
| CD27+IgD- B | absent | |
| NK cells | 282 - 471 | 100-1400 |
| IgG | 2.5* | 3.7-15.0 (g/L) |
| IgA | 0.43 - 0.68 | 0.3-1.2 (g/L) |
| IgM | 0.25 - 0.4 | 0.5-2.2 (g/L) |
| IgE | 18 | 0-60 (IU/mL) |

** Results obtained prior to commencement of immunosuppressive therapy

§ Units = cells/ μ l unless otherwise stated.

* Subsequently maintained on immunoglobulin replacement

Age matched healthy donors (7-10 years old)

Supplementary Table 2. Rare WES findings in IUIS-designated PID genes*.

| Gene | Variant | Genotype | ExAc | Impact predictions | Gene name | Associated diseases (OMIM) |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|--|---|---|
| <i>PIK3CD</i> | frameshift | hom. | 0 | CADD 29.0 | Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-Bis-phosphate 3-Kinase catalytic Subunit Delta | Immunodeficiency 14, AD (APDS) Immune dysregulation & immunodeficiency, AR [current study] |
| <i>TCIRG1</i> | c.170C>T p.Ala57Val | T/T | <u>0.00029</u> | CADD 13.43 Mutation taster: disease causing | T Cell Immune Regulator 1, ATPase H ⁺ Transporting V0 Subunit A3 | Osteopetrosis, AR |
| <i>KDM6A</i> | c.2732G>C p.Ser911Thr | C | <u>0.000069</u> | CADD 18.43 Mutation taster: disease causing | Lysine Demethylase 6A | Kabuki syndrome, X-linked |
| <i>PLCG2</i> | c.3075C>G p.His1025Gln | C/G | 0.000017 | CADD 9.677 Mutation taster: disease causing PolyPhen: benign | Phospholipase C Gamma 2 | Autoinflammation, antibody deficiency, and immune dysregulation syndrome, AD; Familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome 3, AD |
| <i>ACP5</i> | c.839G>A p.Arg280His | C/T | <u>0.000008</u> | CADD 28.1 Mutation taster: disease causing PolyPhen: benign | Acid Phosphatase 5, Tartrate Resistant | Spondyloenchondrodysplasia with immune dysregulation, AR |
| <i>STK4</i> | c.872G>A p.Arg291Gln | G/A | 0.000017 | CADD 23.0 Mutation taster: disease causing PolyPhen: benign | Serine/Threonine Kinase 4 | T-cell immunodeficiency, recurrent infections, autoimmunity, and cardiac malformations, AR |

*rare: <0.001 allele frequency; IUIS gene: PID disease genes specified by the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) [Picard C, Bobby Gaspar H, Al-Herz W, Bousfiha A, Casanova JL, Chatila T, et al. International Union of Immunological Societies: 2017 Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Committee Report on Inborn Errors of Immunity. J Clin Immunol. 2018;38:96-128.]

Abbreviations:

WES, Whole exome sequencing

OMIM, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man

hom., homozygous

CADD, combined annotation dependent depletion

APDS, Activated PI3K Delta Syndrome

AD, autosomal dominant

AR, autosomal recessive

Supplementary Table 3. Comparison of current and previously described patients with AR *PIK3CD* deficiency.

| Patient | | current | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <i>PIK3CD</i> gene variant(s) | | hom. c.703_723delinsGT | compound het missense & premature stop | hom c.2161C>T (plus hom variant in <i>KNSTRN</i>) | | hom c.1653_1653delG | |
| Effect on protein | variant | p.Q170Vfs*41 | | p.Q721* | p.V552Sfs*26 | | |
| | p110 δ expression | absent | reduced | absent | | ND | |
| Immune disease phenotype | age of onset | 9y | childhood | 5m | <1m | 2y | 2m |
| | infections | pneumonia CMV colitis | recurrent RTI, septic arthritis, PCP | recurrent RTI, recurrent UTI, oral thrush | PCP, PIV pneumonia, oral thrush | recurrent RTI, chronic rotavirus gastroenteritis, Klebsiella | recurrent RTI, metacarpal osteomyelitis |
| | immune dysregulation | ITP IBD | mild IBD, autoimmune hepatitis | arthritis, psoriasis | | | IBD (Crohn's) |
| Other clinical features | | | | dysmorphism, feeding difficulties, developmental delay | | | |
| Laboratory features | CD3+ T cell number | normal ^{¶¶} | moderately low | normal | | normal | normal |
| | T cell proliferation | normal ^{¶¶¶} | ND | moderately reduced | | normal | ND |
| | B cell number | reduced (70-228/ μ l) | near absent | borderline low | | near absent (17/ μ l) | near absent (29/ μ l) |
| | NK cell number | normal | present | borderline low | | normal | |
| | NK cell function | ND | reduced | ND | | reduced | |
| | immunoglobulins | low ^{¶¶¶¶} | low | low | | low | borderline low |
| Reference | | current report | Zhang (2013) ⁹ | Sharfe et al (2018) ⁸ | | Sogkas et al (2018) ⁷ | |

Abbreviations (Supplementary Table 3):

CMV cytomegalovirus

hom homozygous

IBD inflammatory bowel disease

ITP immune-mediated thrombocytopenic purpura (platelet antibody positive)

ND not done

PCP *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia

PIV Parainfluenza virus

RTI respiratory tract infection

UTI urinary tract infection

† normal CD4 and CD8 cell numbers, reduced naïve (CD27+CD45RA+) T cells, normal CD4+CD25hiCD127- T regulatory cells

†† normal T cell proliferation in response to PHA, CD3 +/- IL-2, PMA & ionomycin