

McCune Albright Syndrome in children- Case series from a tertiary care Centre- Sri Lanka

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Introduction

McCune-Albright syndrome (MAS) is rare with a prevalence of 1 in 100,000 to 1 in 1,000,000., characterized by the triad of monostotic/polyostotic fibrous dysplasia (FD), café au lait skin pigmentation, and hyperfunctioning endocrinopathies caused by somatic activating mutations of the *GNAS1* gene encoding the α subunit of guanine nucleotide-binding protein. 1,2

Here we are reporting three cases of MAS who are actively being followed up in a leading Children's Hospital in Sri Lanka.



X rays showing fibrous dysplasia and fracture in patient 3

Patient 1 :

- 3 year old boy
- Presented with
 - Bilateral frontal prominence,
 - Multiple café au lait spots
 - Large hands and feet
 - Height >97th centile
 - Right leg deformity
 - Pubertal genitalia.
- Investigations
 - High testosterone with undetectable gonadotrophins
 - High Prolactin
 - High Growth hormone.
 - Hypophosphatemic rickets
 - X ray- fibrous dysplasia in the skull
- Management
 - started on Spironolactone, Cabergoline, Phosphate buffer, 1 alpha calcidol with regular intravenous bisphosphonate.
 - He continued to have high IGF-1 and GH level needing long acting Octreotide at 11 years.
 - *He's now 17 years and 2 months and his serum cortisol and thyroid function remained normal throughout with no effect on hearing and vision.*

Patient 2:

- 3 year old boy
- Presented with
 - Right leg deformity and fracture of the right humerus.
 - Multiple café-au-lait spots
 - Frontal prominence
 - Pre pubertal genitalia
- Investigations
 - X ray- fibrous dysplasia in the right femur and humerus with a fracture in the latter
 - At 5 years- Gonadotrophin independent precocious puberty (GIPP) with bone age of 10-11 years
 - Hypophosphatemic rickets
 - High Prolactin
- Management
 - Regular intravenous bisphosphonate and vitamin D supplements
 - Letrazole and Spironolactone started for GIPP
 - phosphate buffer with 1 alpha calcidol
 - Cabergoline for high Prolactin
 - *He's now 8 years and 10 months and other endocrinopathies are absent with normal hearing and vision*

Patient 3

- 2 year old girl
- Presented with
 - low impact right sided femur fracture
 - Multiple café-au-lait spots
 - Clinical features of thyrotoxicosis
- Investigations
 - X ray- fibrous dysplasia in the right femur with fracture
 - High T3 and T4 with low TSH
 - At 2 years and 9 months- Gonadotrophin independent precocious puberty (GIPP) with an ovarian cyst on the left side
- Management
 - Commenced on regular intravenous Bisphosphonate, anti-thyroid drugs and beta blockers.
 - Also on phosphate buffer and 1 alpha calcidol for hypophosphatemic rickets
 - Underwent thyroidectomy at 4 years due to uncontrolled thyrotoxicosis and she's currently on Thyroxine replacement.
 - For GIPP -started on oral Letrazole.
 - *Other endocrine functions are normal at 5 years*

Conclusions

MAS has various different presentations therefore it's important to follow them up regularly and actively look for developing endocrinopathies.

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