

SDHB-related Paragangliomas

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Historical background
- *SDHB*-related PPGL
- Review some of our work
- Present some challenging *SDHB*-related PPGL

Definitions

Pheochromocytoma: intraadrenal NE tumors

Paragangliomas: extraadrenal Pheo

PGL and Pheo are different in many aspects and their distinction is important

Locations

Head/neck:

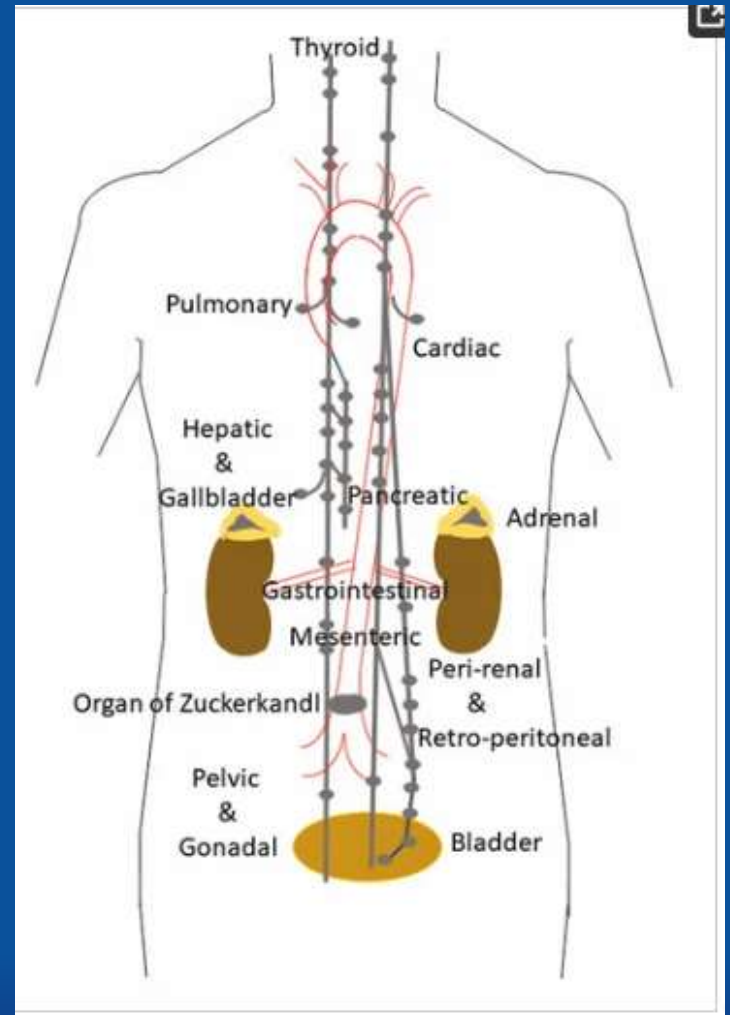
- Carotid body (chemodectomas)
- glomus jugulare

Mediastinal PGL

Abdominal PGL

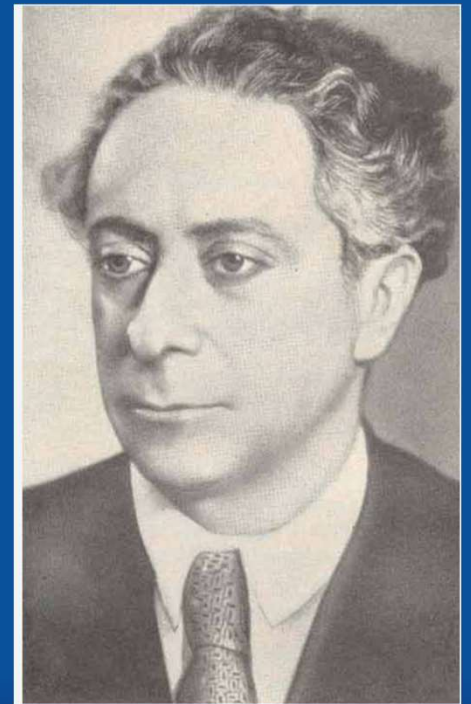
Adrenal medulla: pheochromocytoma

Other sites: Lungs, liver, bladder, others



History

In 1886, Felix Fränkel wrote the first description of a patient with pheochromocytoma



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Classics in Oncology

A Case of Bilateral, Completely Latent Adrenal Tumor and Concurrent Nephritis with Changes in the Circulatory System and Retinitis

Felix Fränkel, M.D.

The Patient and Her Disease (translated and summarized from the Fränkel report)

The patient was born in 1865 and lived in Wittenweier near Lahr in the Black Forest region, 40 km north of Freiburg. Her parents and six brothers were healthy. Her illness began in the winter of 1883, when she was 18 years of age. It was characterized by three attacks of sudden-onset palpitations, anxiety, dizziness, headache, vomiting, constipation, and increasing weakness. She was hospitalized on December 11, 1884, and died 10 days later. When she presented, she was noted to be fairly malnourished, pale, with “agitated heart action and strong pulse,” epigastric pulsations, photophobia, and mydriatic pupils. Urinalysis revealed proteinuria, casts, and microhematuria. Retinoscopy revealed papilledema, yellow-white infiltrations, whitish stippling, multiple hemorrhages, and edema of the macula. During her inpatient stay, she had paroxysmal tachycardia (up to 180 beats per minute), sweating attacks, headaches, vomiting, visual deterioration, arrhythmia, nosebleeds, anxiety, and, in the end, severe chest pains.



Figure 2. Portrait of Max Schottelius.

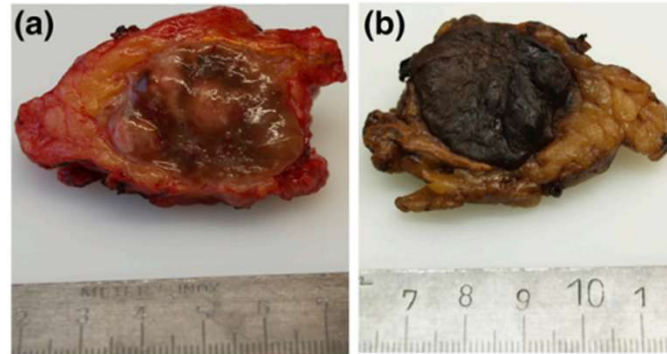


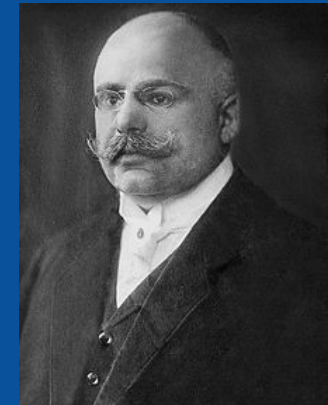
Figure 1. A selected pheochromocytoma fixed and stained by Mueller's solution. Shown is the macroscopic appearance of a cross-section through the middle of the tumor. (a) Unfixed and unstained. (b) Fixed and stained by Mueller's solution.

“The brown appearance after exposure to chromate-containing Mueller's fixative. This color change, known as chromaffin reaction, results from oxidation of catecholamines”

Max Schottelius was the first to describe the pathological appearance of pheochromocytoma (Frankael's patient)

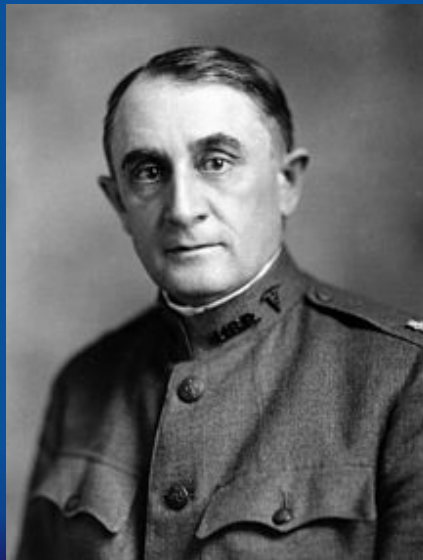
The term "pheochromocytoma" was first coined by **Ludwig Pick**, a German pathologist, in 1912

Greek: *phaios* (dark), *chroma* (color), *kytos*(cell), and *-oma* (tumor).



History

In 1926, **César Roux** (in Switzerland) and **Charles Horace Mayo** (in the U.S.A.) were the first surgeons to successfully remove pheochromocytomas



Original Article

Evidence of MEN-2 in the Original Description of Classic Pheochromocytoma

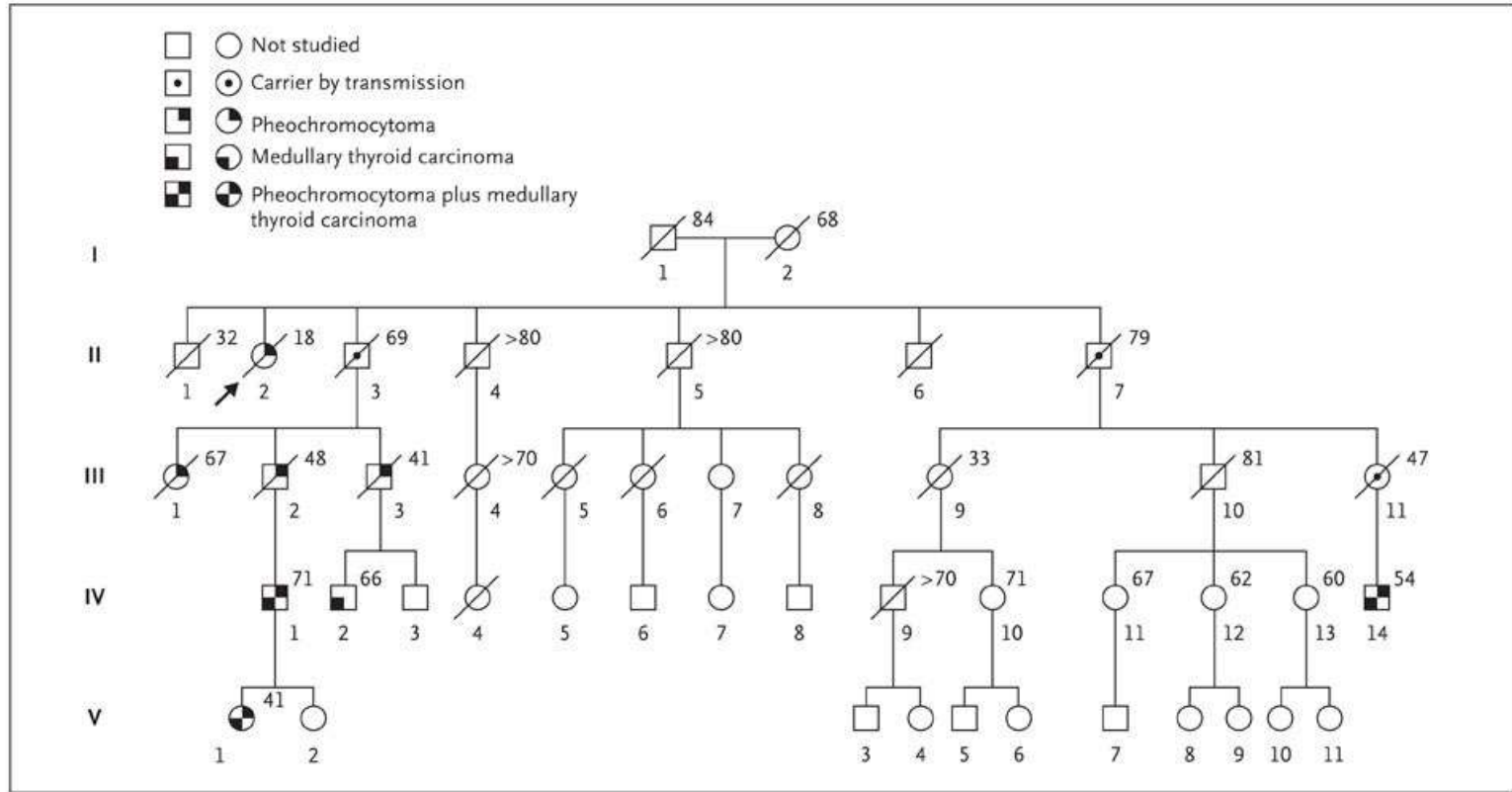
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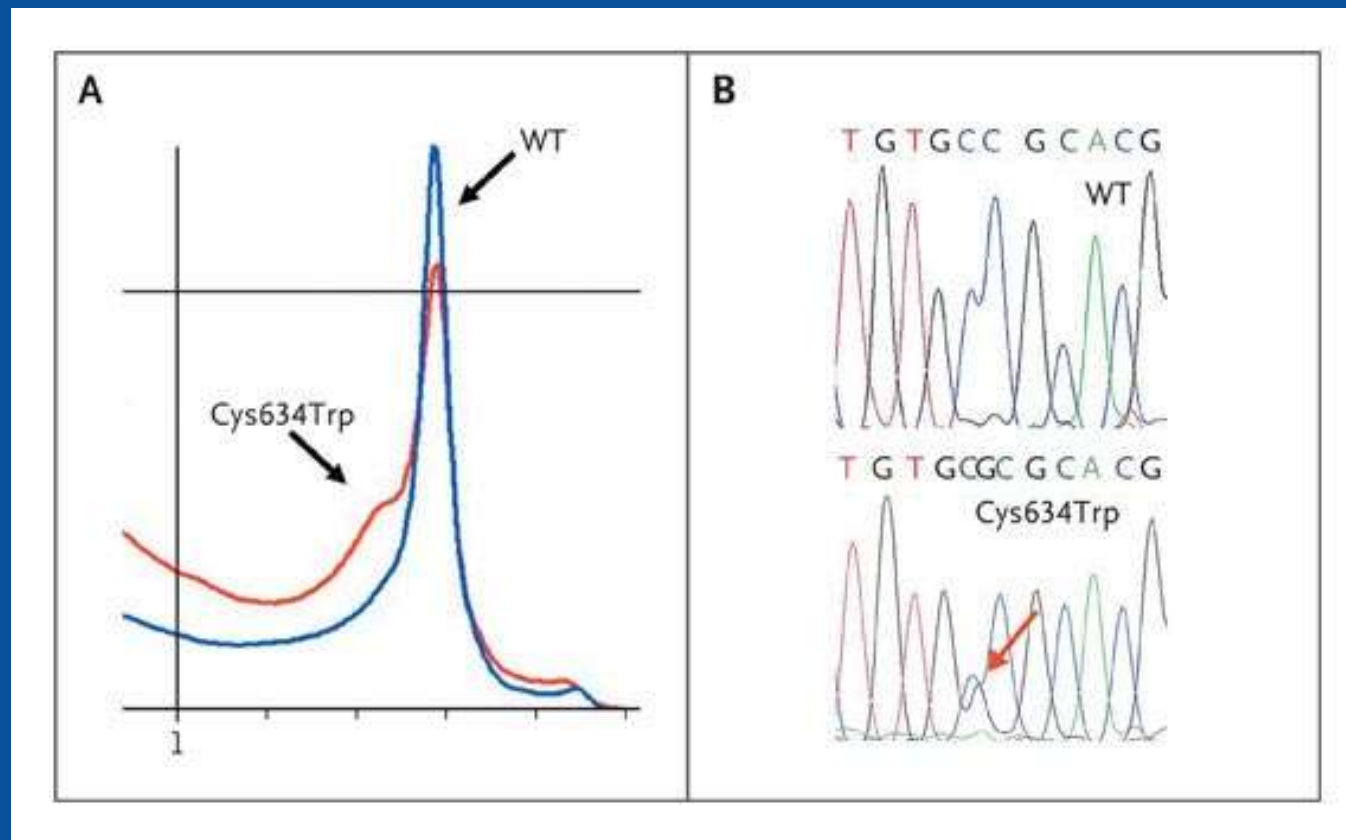


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Pedigree of Proband's Extended Family



Germ-Line RET Cys634Trp Mutation in the Grandnephew of the Proband



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Pheo: 'Rule of 10'

10% extra-adrenal

10% occur in children

10% bilateral or multiple (more if familial)

10% recur (more if extra-adrenal)

10% malignant

10%  hereditary

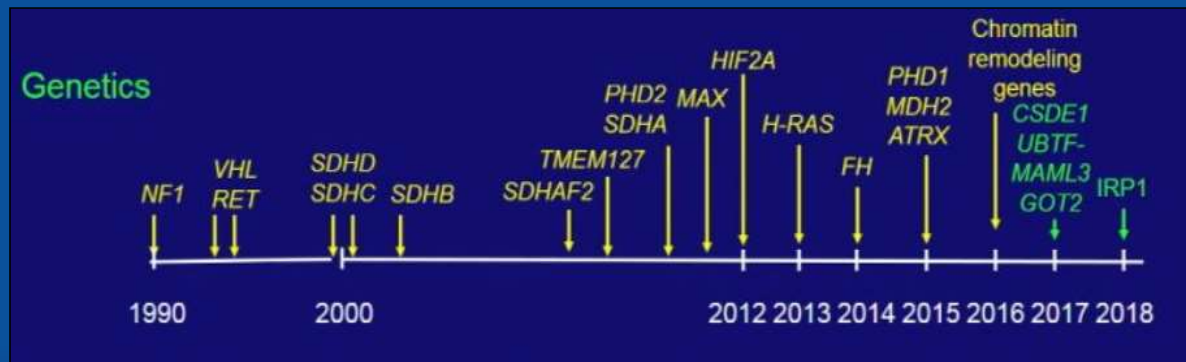
40-50% are hereditary

Familial Pheo/Para

Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1)

MEN 2a and MEN 2b (RET)

Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) syndrome



REPORTS

Mutations in *SDHD*, a Mitochondrial Complex II Gene, in Hereditary Paraganglioma

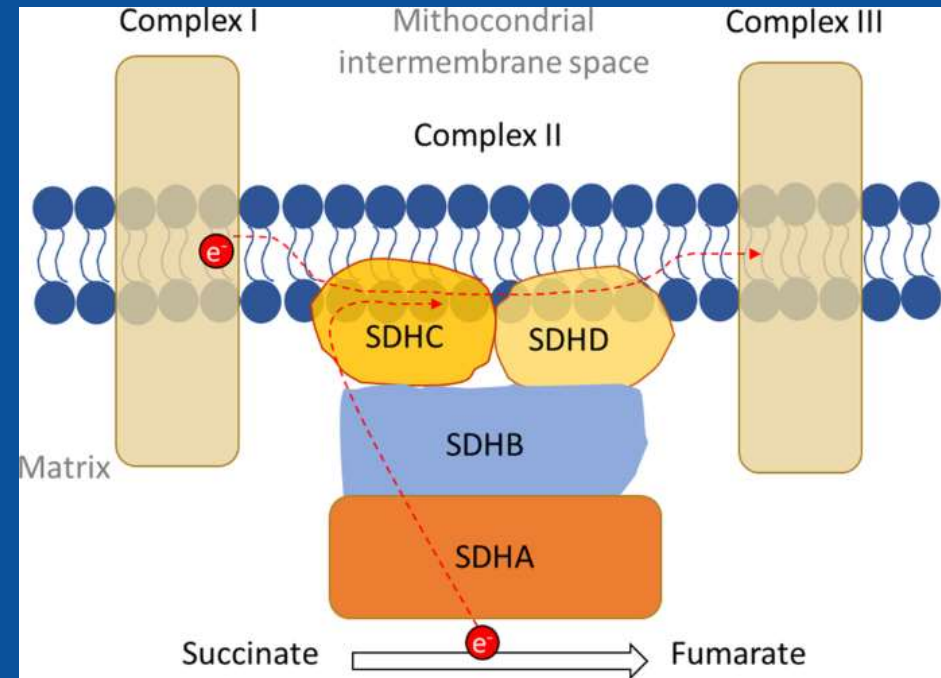
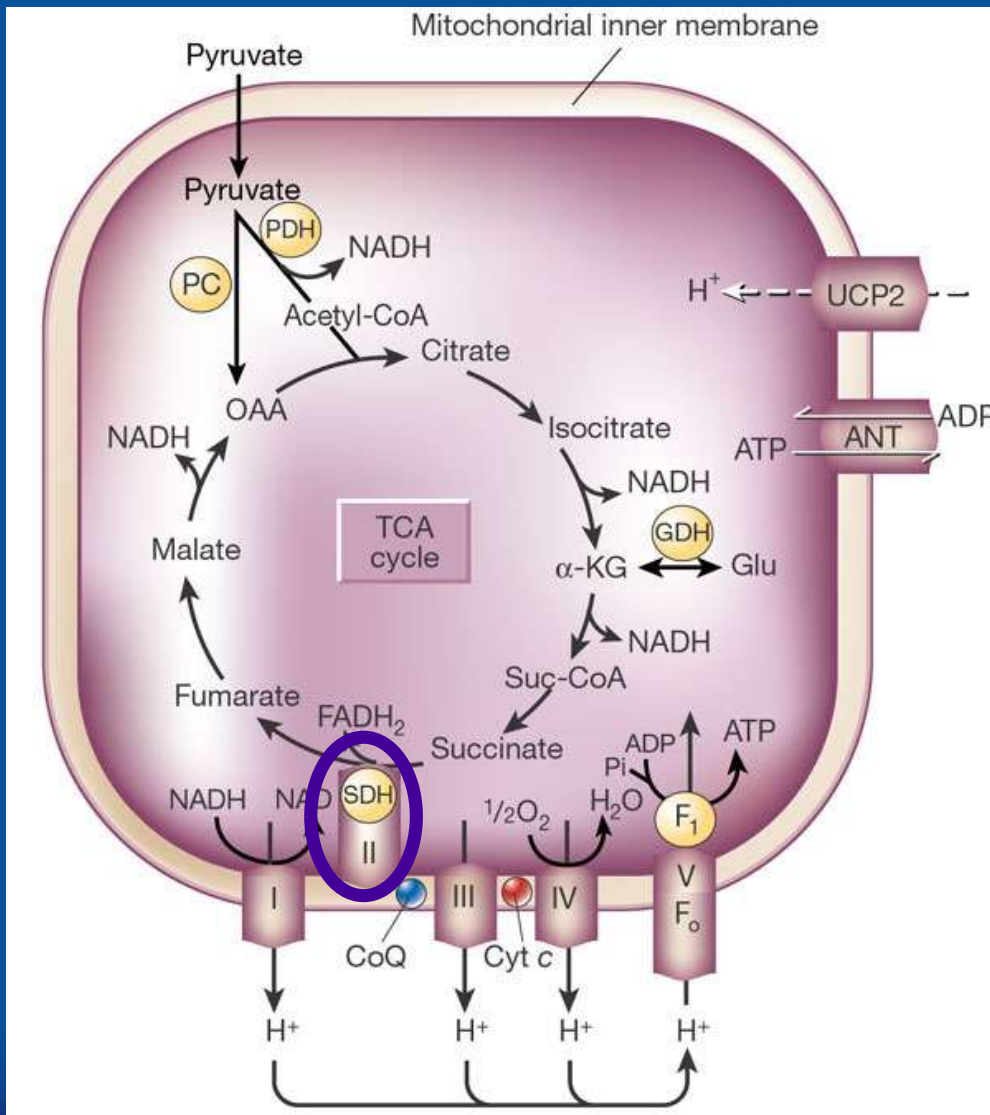
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Hereditary paraganglioma (PGL) is characterized by the development of benign, vascularized tumors in the head and neck. The most common tumor site is the carotid body (CB), a chemoreceptive organ that senses oxygen levels in the blood. Analysis of families carrying the *PGL1* gene, described here, revealed germ line mutations in the *SDHD* gene on chromosome 11q23. *SDHD* encodes a mitochondrial respiratory chain protein—the small subunit of cytochrome b in succinate-ubiquinone oxidoreductase (cybS). In contrast to expectations based on the inheritance pattern of PGL, the *SDHD* gene showed no evidence of imprinting. These findings indicate that mitochondria play an important role in the pathogenesis of certain tumors and that cybS plays a role in normal CB physiology.

Science, Feb 2000, Vol 287; 848-851



Hereditary PGL of the head and neck are associated with germ line mutation of mitochondrial complex II gene, succinyl dehydrogenase sub unit D (SDHD)



Mutations in *SDHC* cause autosomal dominant paraganglioma, type 3

Nonchromaffin paragangliomas (PGLs) are usually benign, neural-crest-derived, slow-growing tumours of parasympathetic ganglia. Between 10% and 50% of cases are familial and are transmitted as autosomal dominant traits with incomplete and age-dependent penetrance^{1,2}.

In most hereditary cases, the trait is transmitted through affected fathers but not through affected mothers, suggesting maternal imprinting (inactivation) of the disease gene. Hereditary paragan-

glioma is genetically heterogeneous and three loci, *PGL1* (refs 3,4), *PGL2* (ref. 5) and *PGL3* (ref. 6), have been reported. Mutations of *SDHD*, encoding the small subunit of cytochrome b in mitochondrial complex II (ref. 7), underlie *PGL1*. This complex contains four nuclear-encoded proteins. Subunits *SDHA* and *SDHB* constitute the catalytic domains and are anchored in the inner mitochondrial membrane by subunits *SDHC* and *SDHD*.

We reasoned that mutations in different components of mitochondrial complex II might cause other types of paraganglioma, and set out to analyse *SDHC*, *SDHA* and *SDHB* in patients from a family with the non-maternally imprinted paraganglioma type 3 (*PGL3*; ref. 6).

Members of the family with *PGL3* are shown (Fig. 1a). We analysed *SDHC* in both affected and unaffected family members at both the cDNA and the genomic level. We first synthesized cDNA by RT-PCR from lymphoblastoid cell lines of patients. Sequencing the entire cDNA of 510 bp (accession number D49737) did not reveal a mutation. Because a potentially mutated transcript might not be

Gene Mutations in the Succinate Dehydrogenase Subunit *SDHB* Cause Susceptibility to Familial Pheochromocytoma and to Familial Paraganglioma

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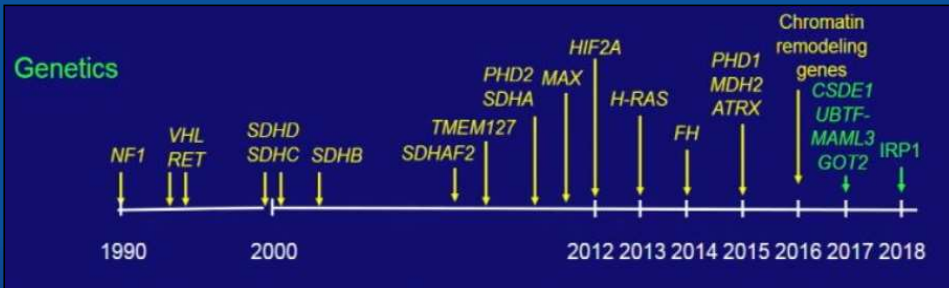
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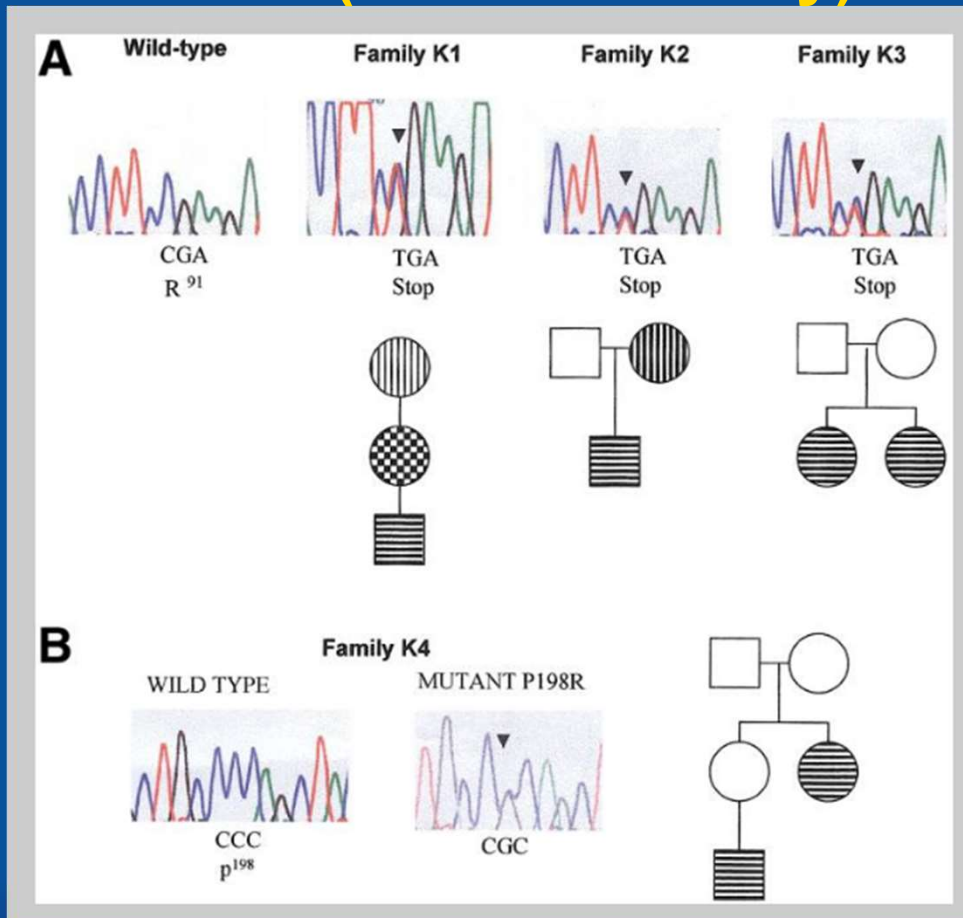
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SDHA is a tumor suppressor gene causing paraganglioma

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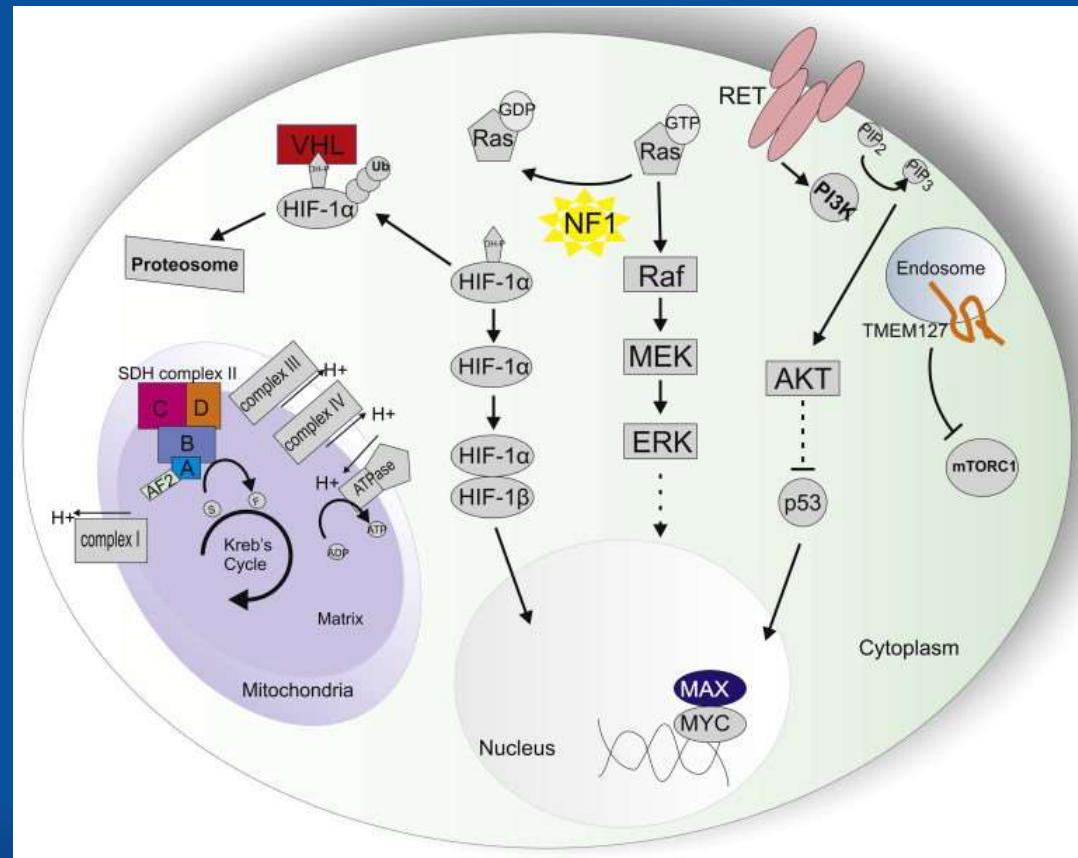


SDHB mutations (first discovery)



Genetic testing in Pheo/Paraganglioma

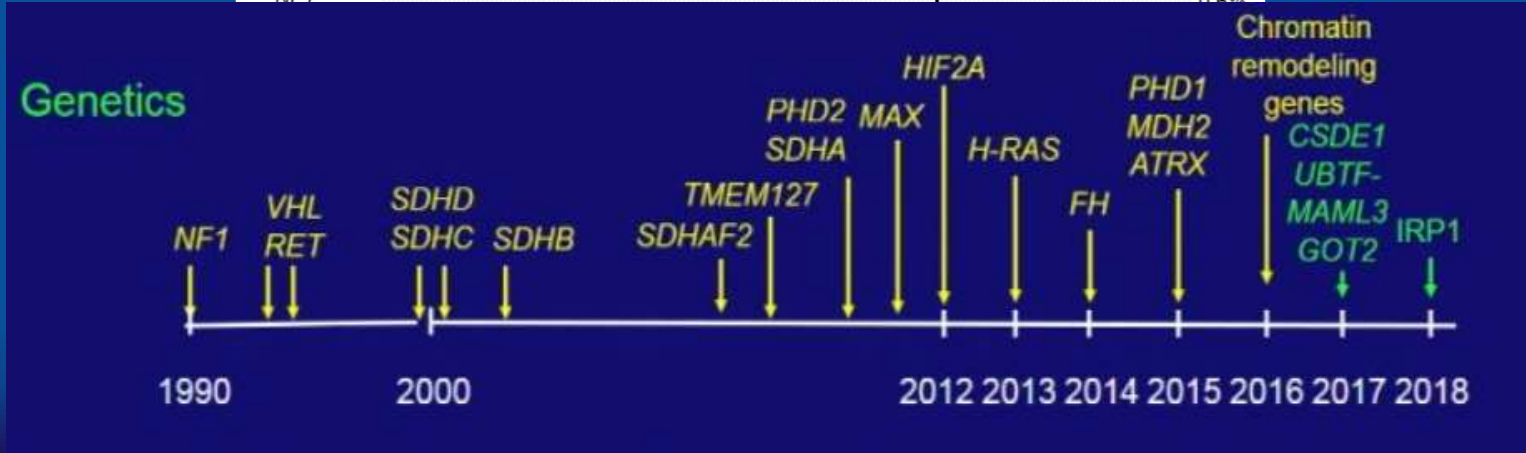
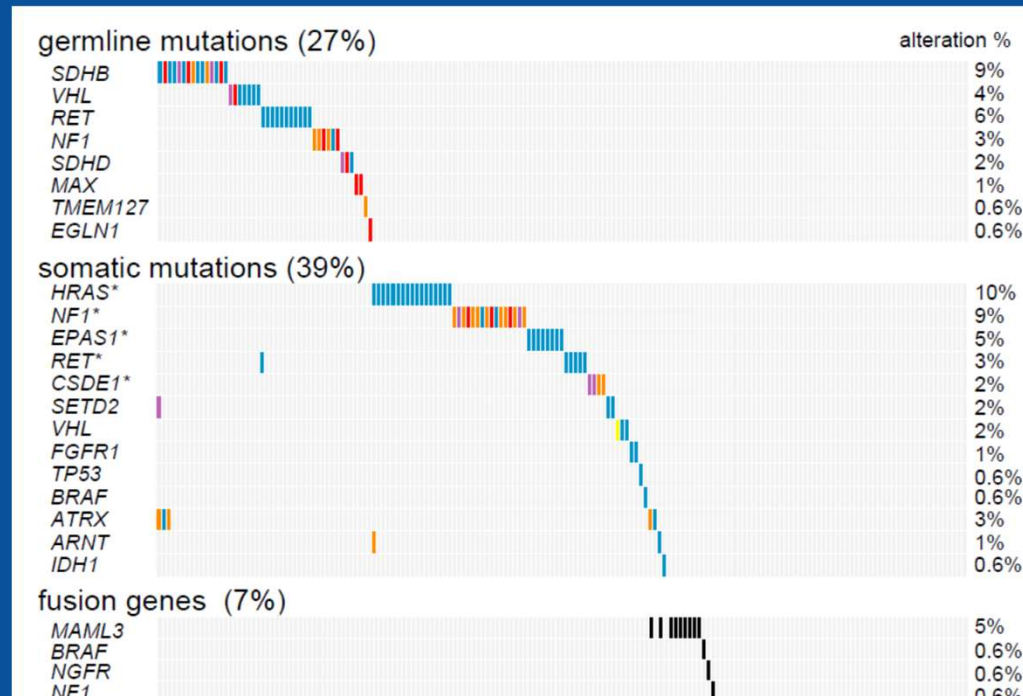
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SDHC
SDHA
SDHAF2
MAX
TMEM127
EPAS1
FH



Fishbein, L and Nathanson K, Cancer genetics, 205:1-11;2012

TCGA data

25 Genes



group and only 21% in the cluster 2 group, the remaining

Table 1. Penetrance of cluster 1-related PPGLs

Penetrance	<i>SDHB</i>	<i>SDHA</i>	<i>SDHC</i>	<i>SDHD</i>	<i>VHL</i>
50 years	21%				
60 years	42% and 22%, respectively			43%	
80 years	25-65%				
Lifetime estimate	22%	1.7%	8.3%		15-20%

analysis (57). Interestingly, although 78% of children with *SDHB*-related tumors developed metastases at a median age of 16, the estimated 5-, 10-, and 20-year overall survival rate was relatively favorable (100%, 97%, and 78%, respectively) (61). Recent studies consistently report that apart from the absence of metastases, both younger age (<40 years in 1 study) and smaller size of the primary tumor (<5 cm) at first diagnosis is associated with a better prognosis and survival (1, 3, 23, 37).

Of note, among the cluster 1 group there are some notable differences in prevalence for certain tumor locations.

Table 2. Metastatic risk and location of cluster 1-related PPGLs

Mutation	Metastatic risk	Location
<i>SDHB</i>	35-75%	Sympathetic/parasympathetic PGLs, less commonly PCCs
<i>SDHA</i>	30-66%	Sympathetic/parasympathetic PGLs, very rarely PCCs
<i>SDHC</i>	low	Sympathetic/parasympathetic PGLs, less commonly PCCs
<i>SDHD</i>	15-29%	Sympathetic/parasympathetic (often head and neck) PGLs and PCCs
<i>HIF2A/EPAS1</i>	>30%	Sympathetic/rarely parasympathetic PGLs and PCCs
<i>VHL</i>	5-8%	PCCs, less commonly sympathetic PGLs, and rarely parasympathetic PGLs
<i>SDHAF2</i>	not known	Parasympathetic (head and neck) PGLs

Follow up of asymptomatic SDHx carriers

Adults

- Clinical examination (BP)
- Biochemical testing
- MRI (Head-pelvis)
- ^{68}Ga PET CT

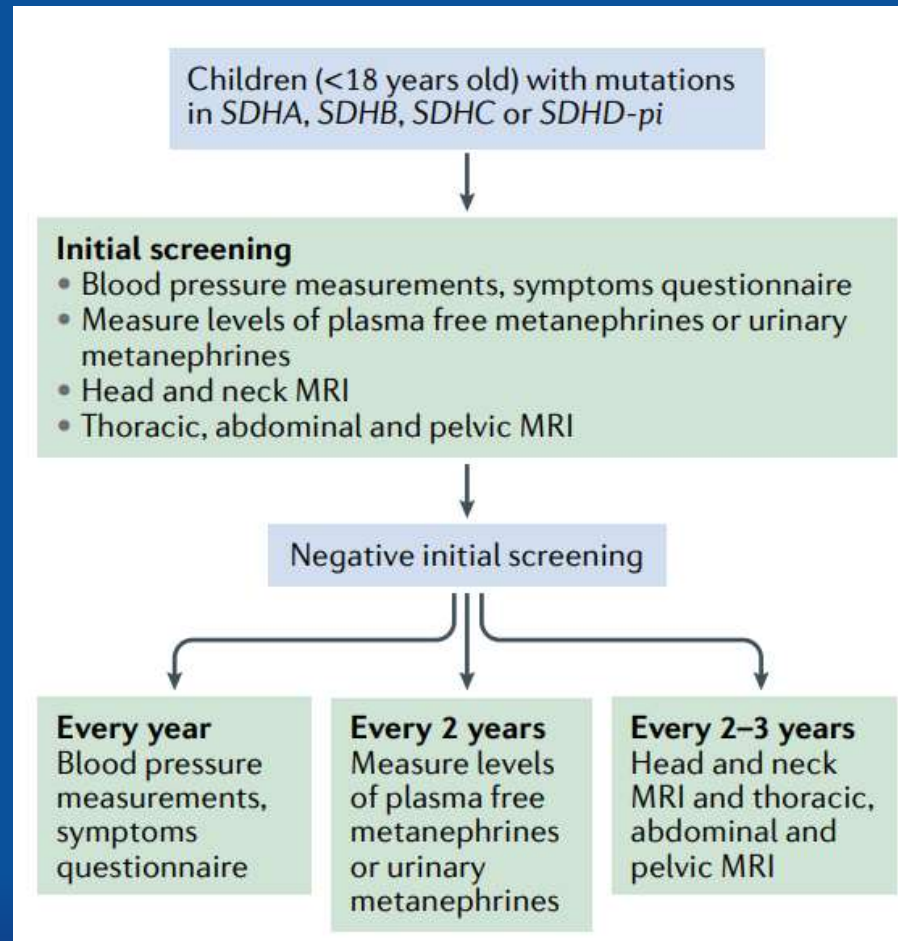
- **Every 12 months**
 - Clinical examination (BP)
 - Biochemical testing
- **Every 24-36 months**
 - MRI (Head-pelvis)
 - ? ^{68}Ga PET CT

Children

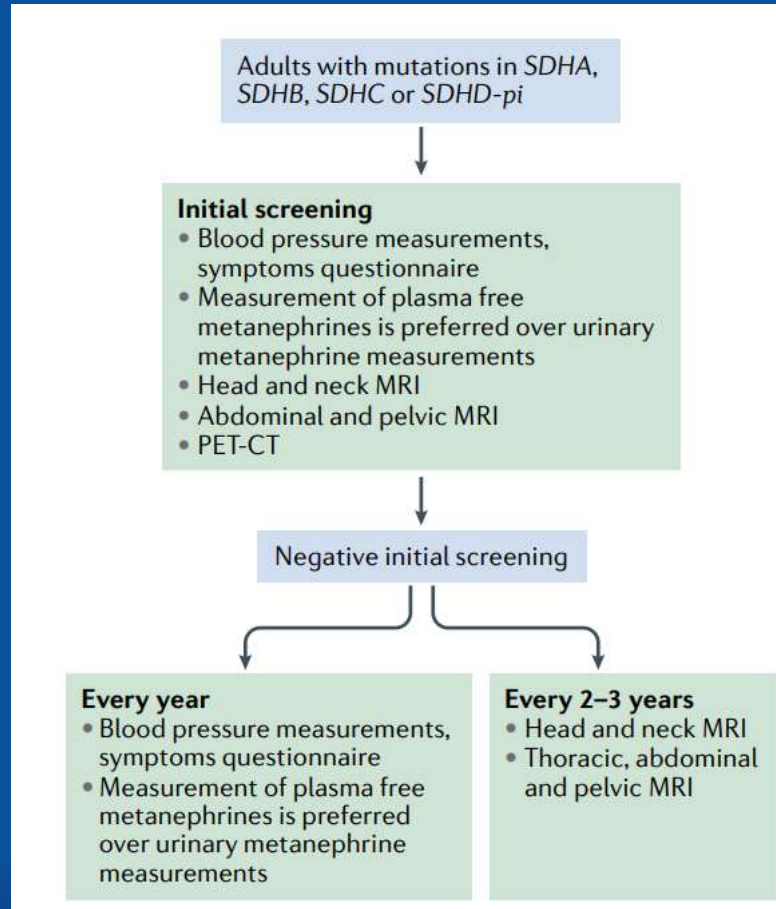
- Clinical examination (BP)
 - Biochemical testing
 - MRI (Head-pelvis)
 - ^{68}Ga PET CT
- SDHB: 6-10 years, Other SDHx: 10-15 years*

- **Every 12 months**
 - Clinical examination (BP)
- **Every 24 months**
 - Biochemical testing
- **Every 24-36 months**
 - MRI (Head-pelvis)

Management of SDHx mutation carriers (Children)



Management of SDHx mutation carriers (adults)



Research Paper

Mutational profile and genotype/phenotype correlation of non-familial pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma

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Clinical and pathological features

Table 1: Age, sex and pathological features of 101 cases of PPGL

Characteristic	Number or Frequency
Age (yrs) median (Range)	38 (8–81)
Sex F: M	61:40
Tumor size (cm), Median (Range)	5 (1–24)
Vascular Invasion	10 (9.9%)
Capsular invasion	19 (18.8%)
Distant Metastasis	10 (9.9%)
Sites	
PCC (4 Bilateral)	32 (31.7%)
Abdominal PGL	26 (25.7%)
Head/Neck PGL (2 bilateral)	39 (38.6%)
Other sites	2 (1.99%)
Multiple sites (including 4 bilateral PCC and 2 bilateral head/neck PGL)	8 (7.9%)

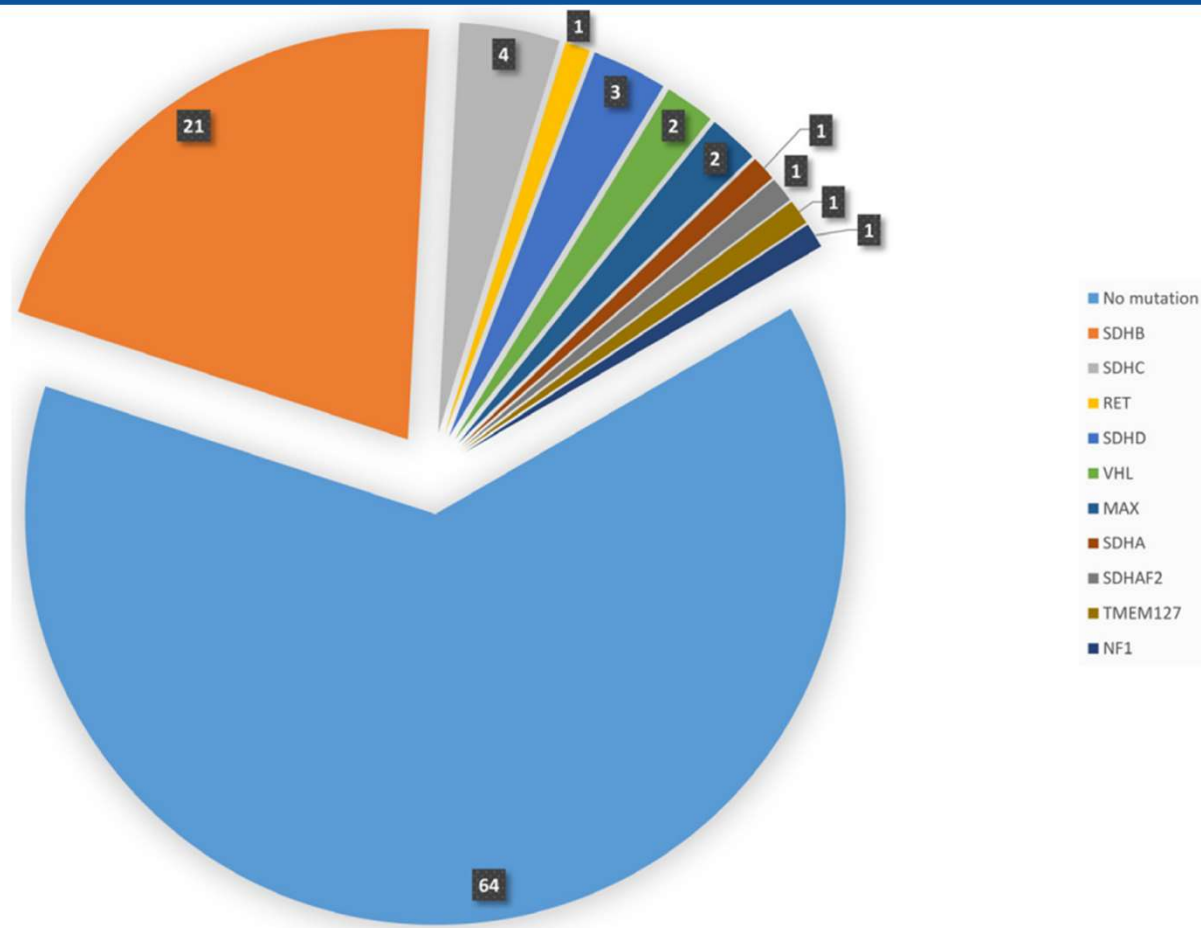


Figure 1: Pie diagram showing the distribution and number of cases with germline mutations in different gene.

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SDHB (p.R90X)


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One genotype, many phenotypes: *SDHB* p.R90X mutation-associated paragangliomas

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Features of 13 cases with *SDHB* R90* mutation

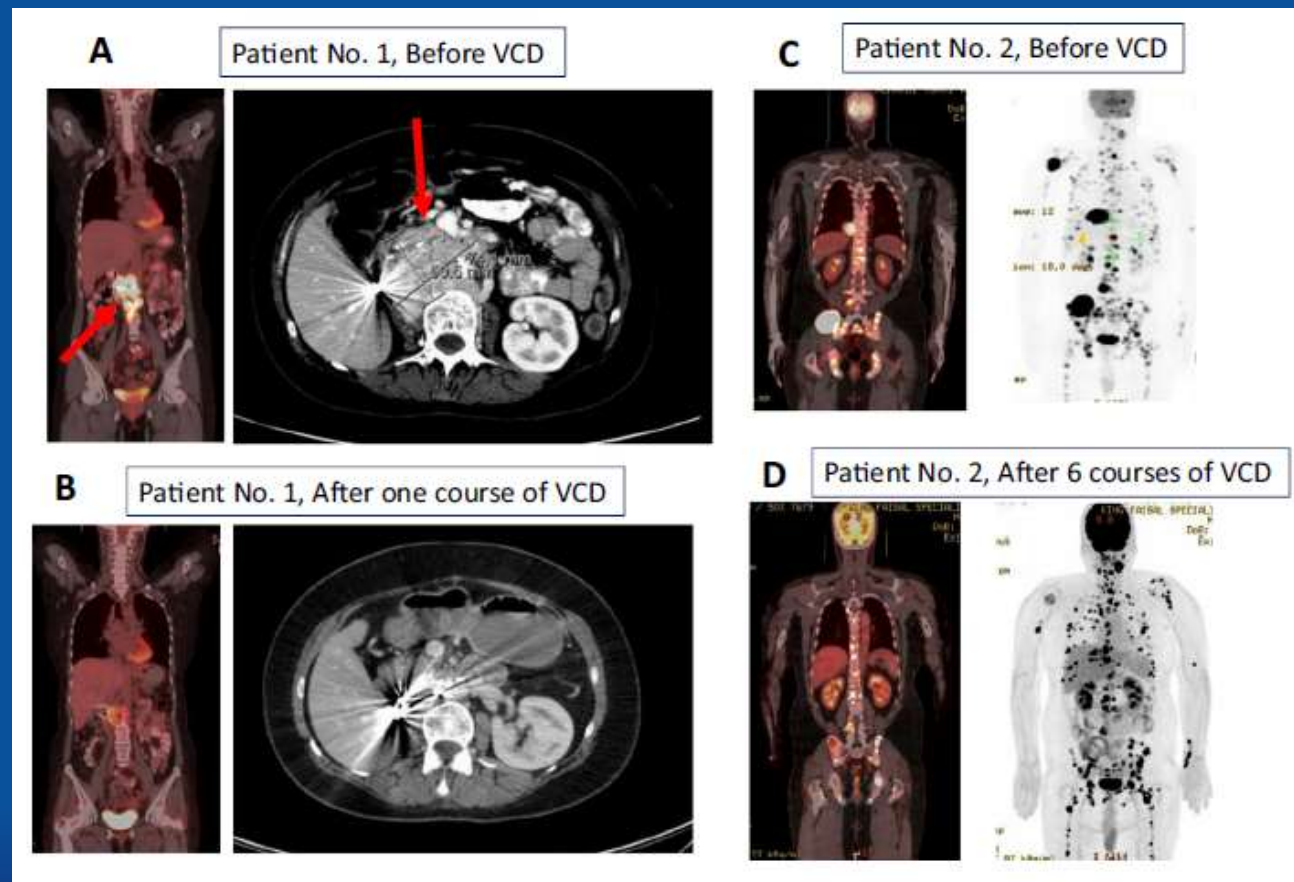
Table 1 Clinical and pathological characteristics, management, and outcome of 13 patients with *SDHB* p.R90X mutation-associated PPGL

No.	Age at Dx	Sex	Family Hx	Location	Size (cm)	Distant Mets.	Initial Tx	Additional Tx	Outcome	Duration (years)
1	23	F	Yes	Abdomen	5	Yes	Sx	Sx, MIBG, VCD	Death	15
2	43	M	Yes	Abdomen	10	Yes	VCD	Pazopanib	Progression	1.8
3	24	M	Yes	Abdomen	12	Yes	VCD	Lu ¹⁷⁷ , Sorafenib	Death	4
4	24	M	Yes	Abdomen	13	Yes	Sx	MIBG, XRT	Progression	14
5	36	M	No	Abdomen and head	18	Yes	Sx	MIBG, XRT	Death	6
6	21	M	No	Abdomen	10	Yes	Sx		Death	4
7	23	F	No	Abdomen	7	No	Sx		Recurrence	10
8	10	F	No	Abdomen	4.5	No	Sx		Remission	7
9	21	F	No	Adrenal	4	No	Sx		Remission	4
10	23	M	No	Neck (carotid)	4.5	No	Sx		Remission	10
11	8	F	No	Abdomen	3	No	Sx		Remission	3
12	17	M	No	Abdomen	14	No	Sx		Remission	6
13	13	M	No	Abdomen	13	No	Sx		Remission	9

Mets Metastasis, *Tx* Therapy, *Sx* Surgery, *MIBG* Meta-iodobenzylguanidine, *VCD* vincristine, cyclophosphamide, and doxorubicin, *Lu177*; Lutetium 177, *XRT* External radiotherapy

Face 1: Same SDHB mutation, different response to the same chemotherapy

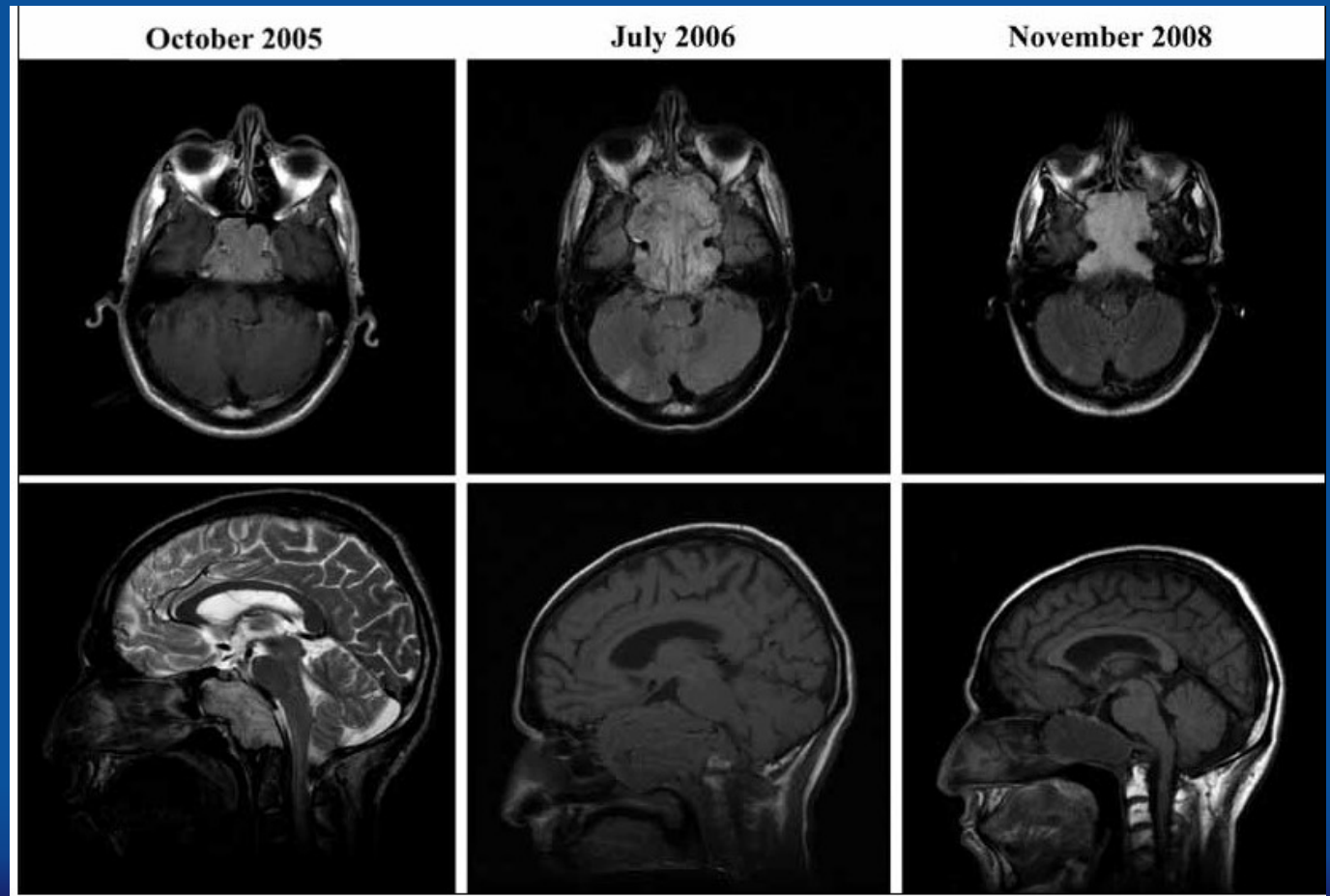
One genotype, multiple phenotypes



Face 2: unusual location of SDHB-related PGL mesquarding as NP cancer or pituitary adenoma

Case 1

- A 37-year old man
- Referred as a case of nasopharyngeal cancer



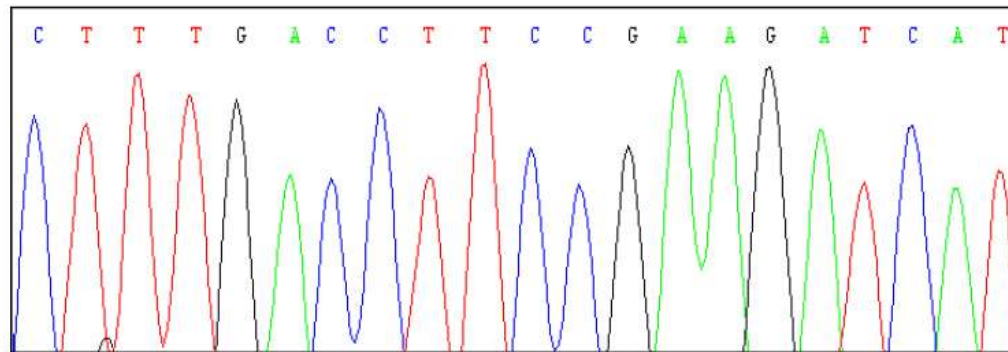


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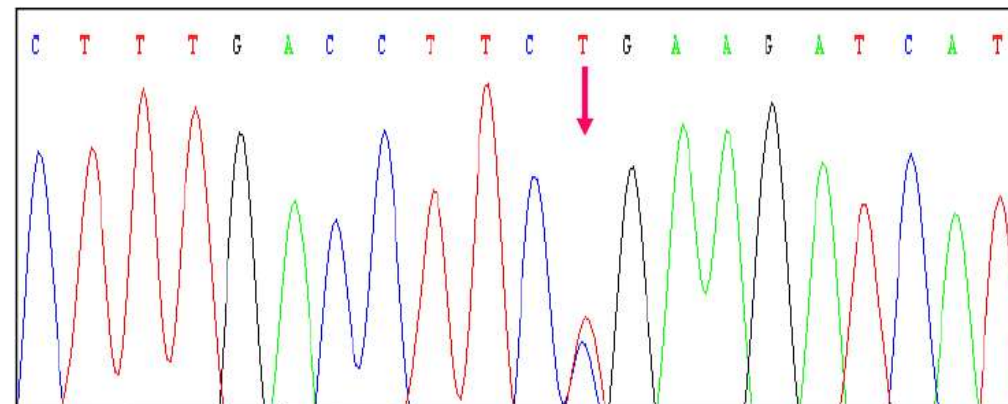
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**SDHB-
Normal**



**SDHB-R90X
Mutation**



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*Face 3: Primary hyperparathyroidism and thyroid cancer in a patient with multiple PGL and SDHB mutation
Variable penetrance within the same family*

Case 2: A novel mutation and a novel manifestation

Familial paraganglioma due to a novel SDHB mutation: familial phenotypic heterogeneity and a potentially novel manifestation

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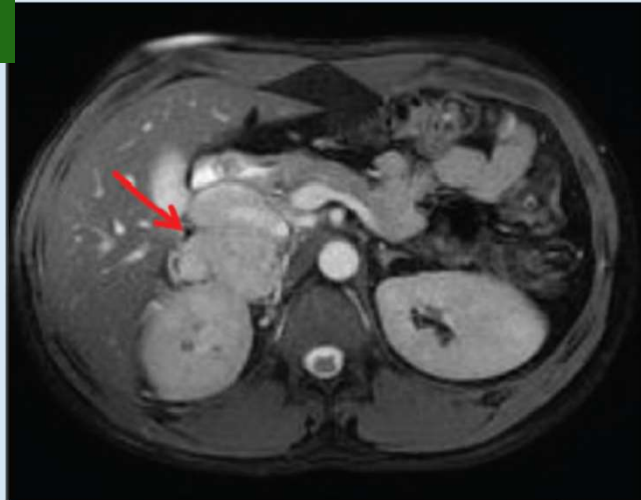
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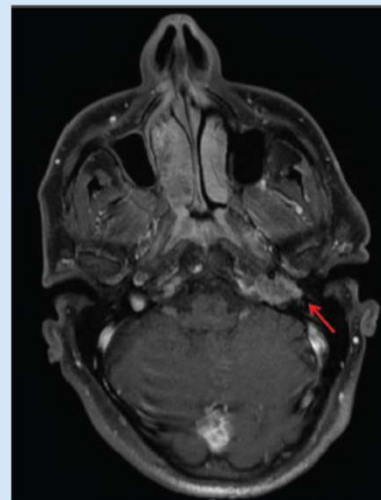


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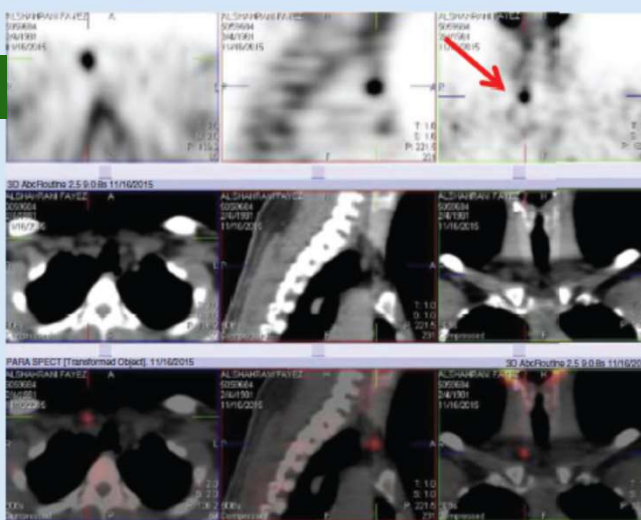
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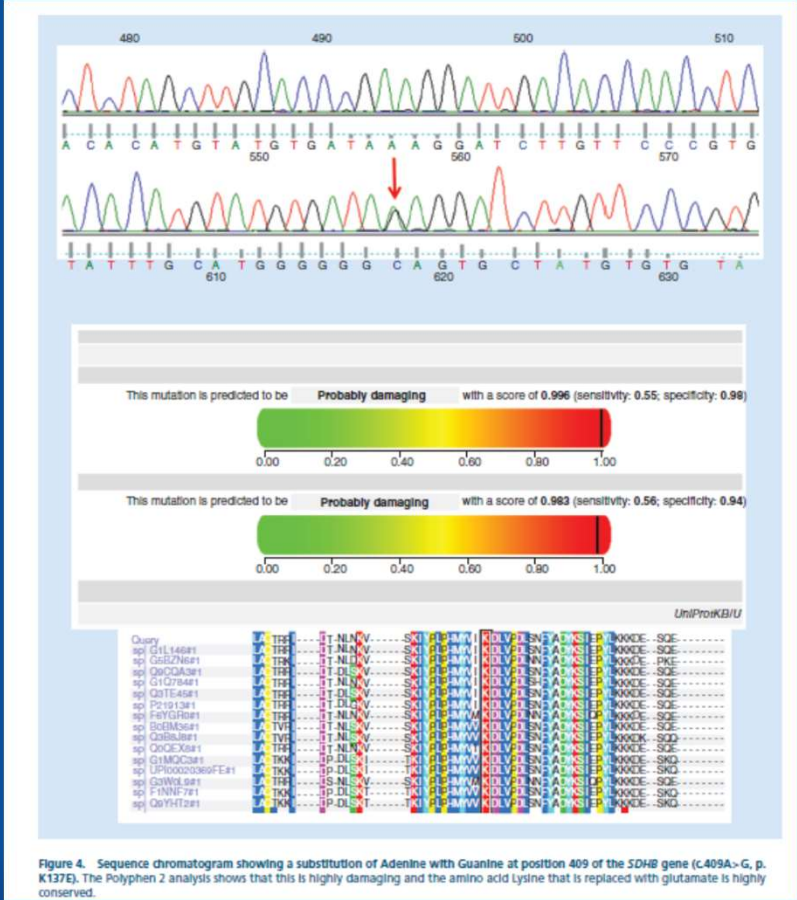


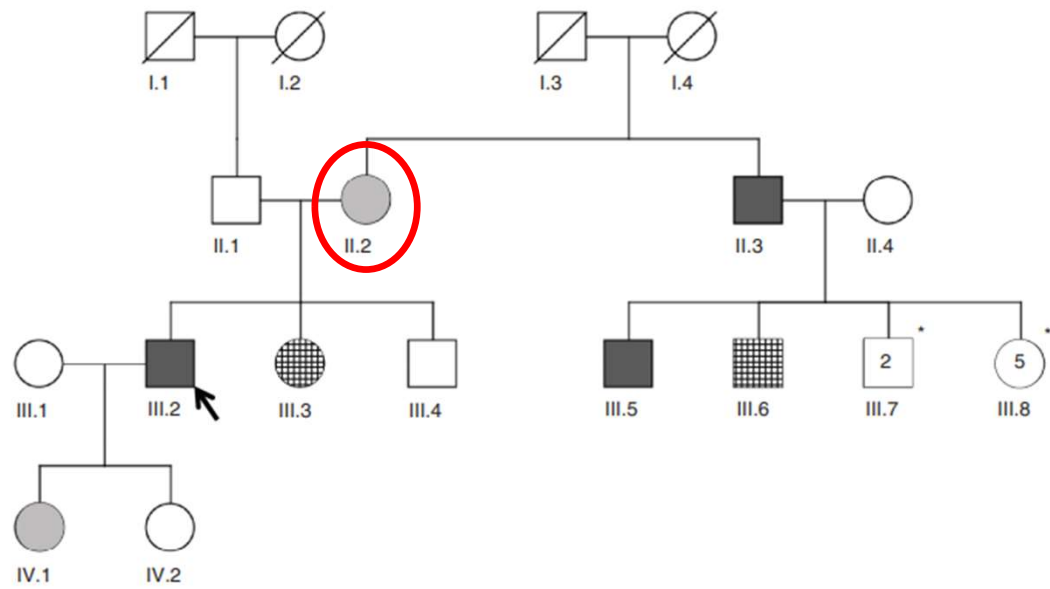
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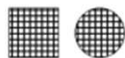




Deceased



Mutation positive, affected



Mutation positive, not evaluated

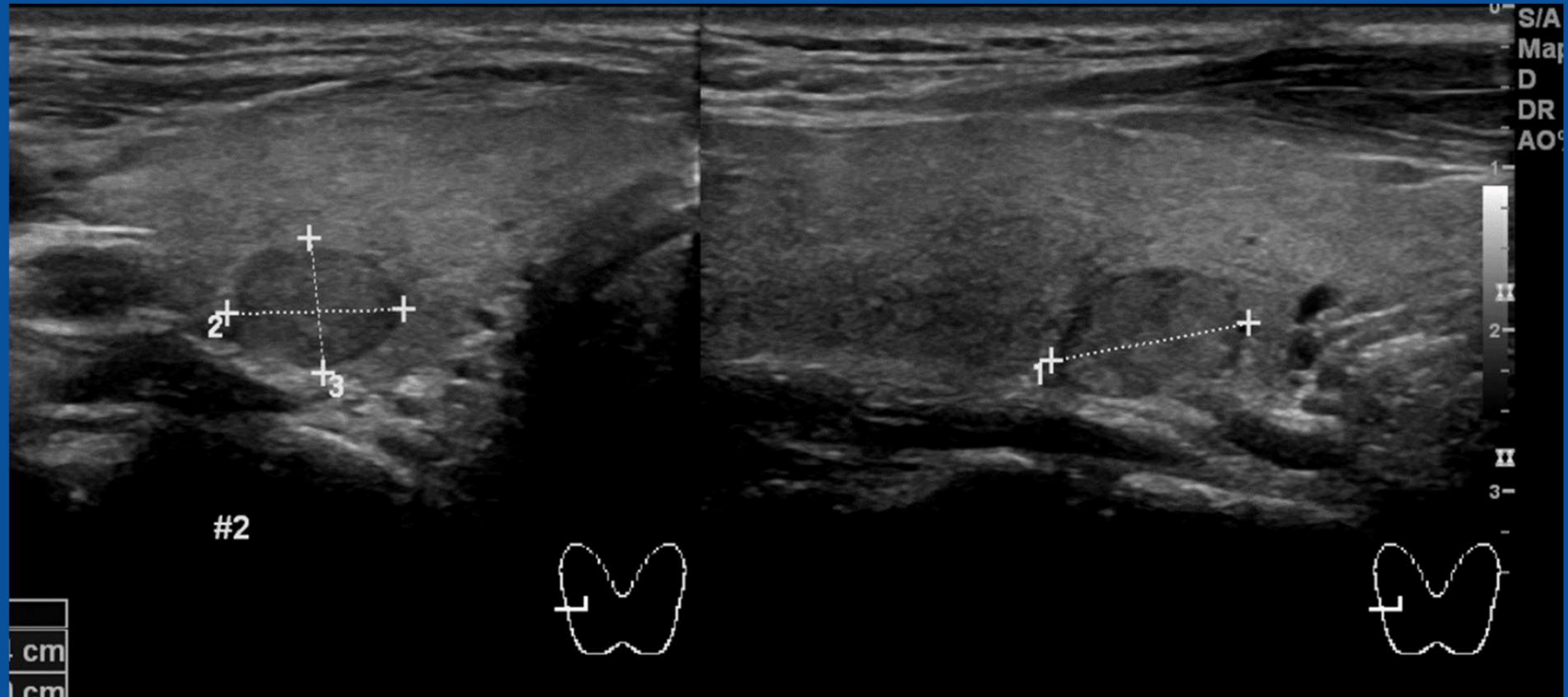


Mutation positive, not affected



Number of siblings who were not tested for mutation

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FNA: Papillary thyroid cancer

Total thyroidectomy: 1.4 cm PTC with 4 vessel angioinvasion

Is thyroid cancer related to SDHB?

Face 4: Living most of his life with persistent and recurrent PGL + polycythemia

Case 3

A 56-year old man

Multiple para/pheo

- Pheo at age 20 yrs
- Mediastinal PGL at age 32 yrs
- Carotid body tumor at age 36 yrs

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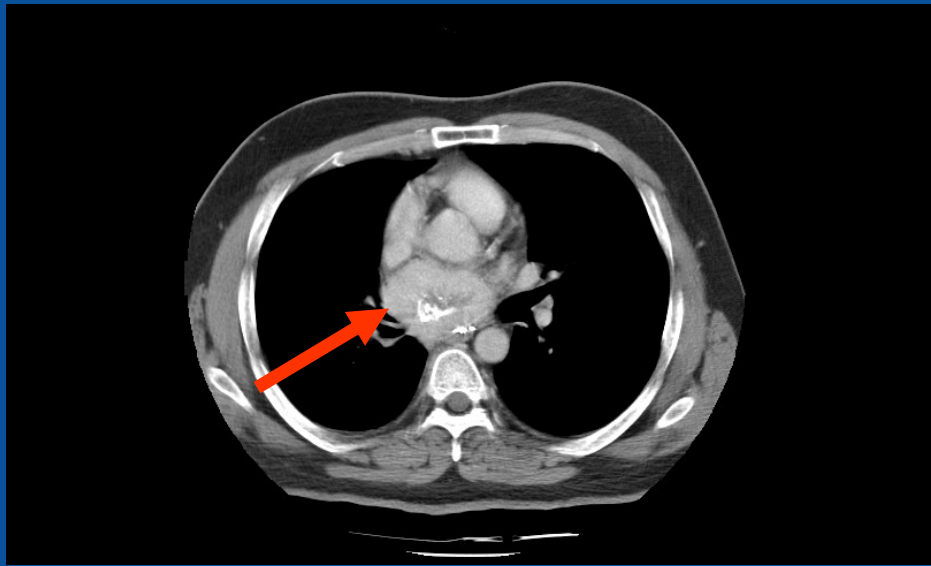
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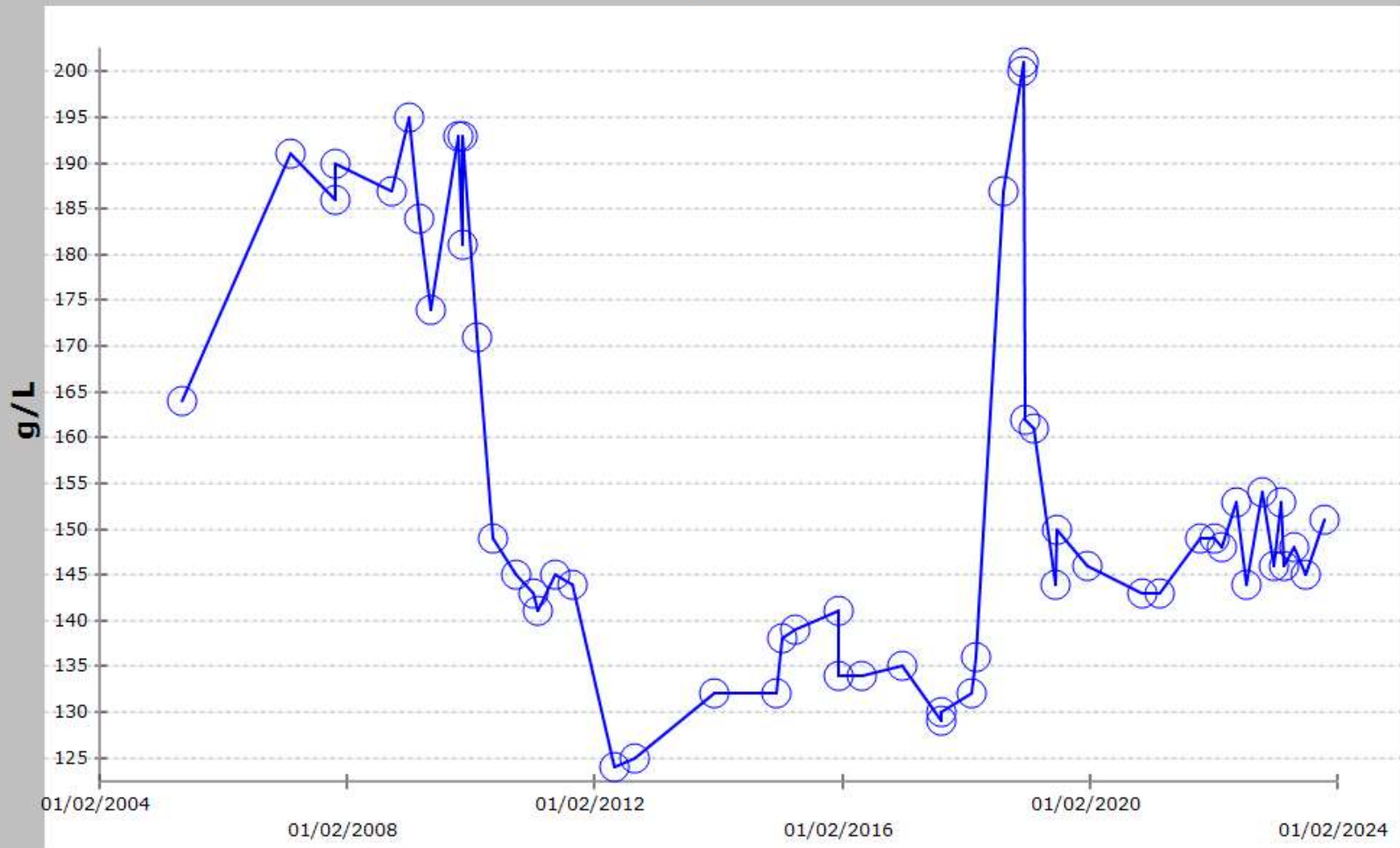


SDHB:c.689G>A, p.Arg230His

1. PRIMARY FINDINGS

Gene / Variant	Genotype	ACMG Classification	Mode of Inheritance	Phenotype
SDHB c.689G>A p.Arg230His chr1:17349179:C>T	Heterozygous	Pathogenic	Dominant	Paragangliomas 4, OMIM# 115310 (3), Autosomal dominant; Pheochromocytoma, OMIM# 171300 (3), Autosomal dominant; Paraganglioma and gastric stromal sarcoma, OMIM# 606864 (3)

Hemoglobin



Is polycythemia related to *SDHB* variant, PGL or coincidental?

Face 4: an aggressive pituitary adenoma due to an SDHB mutation in the absence of PPGL

Case 4

An aggressive cabergoline-resistant, temozolomide-responsive macroprolactinoma due to a germline *SDHB* pathogenic variant in the absence of paraganglioma or pheochromocytoma

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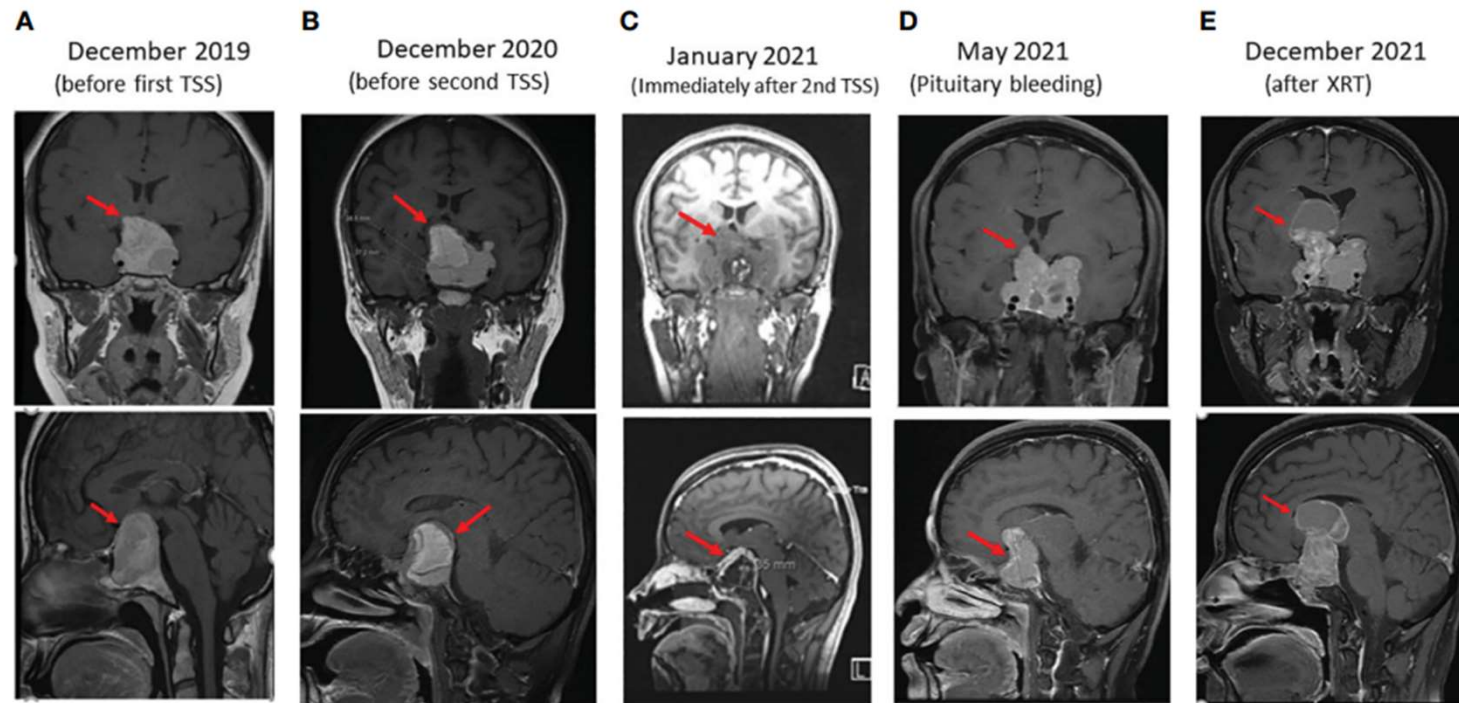


FIGURE 1

Sequential coronal (upper panels) and sagittal (lower panels) enhanced T1 weighted MR Images of macroprolactinoma at several stages (arrows) as follows: **(A)** before first trans sphenoidal surgery (TSS), **(B)** before second TSS, **(C)** immediately after Second surgery, **(D)** 4 months after second TSS presenting with bleeding in PA, and **(E)** 4 months after XRT.

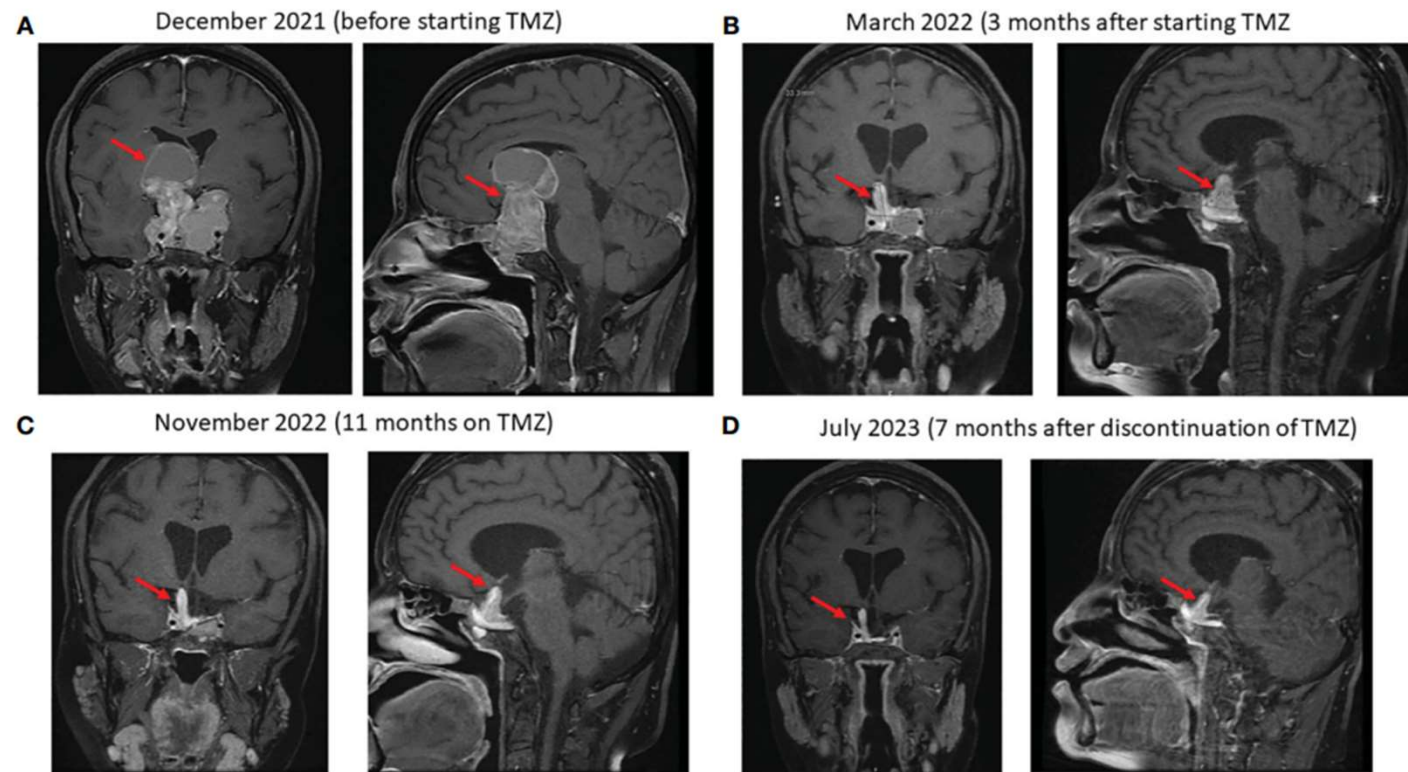


FIGURE 3

Sequential coronal and sagittal enhanced T1-weighted MR images showing the changes in the size of the macroprolactinoma (arrows) after starting temozolomide (TMZ): **(A)** at baseline just before starting TMZ, **(B)** 4 months later, **(C)** after 11 months on TMZ and **(D)** 7 months after discontinuation of TMZ.

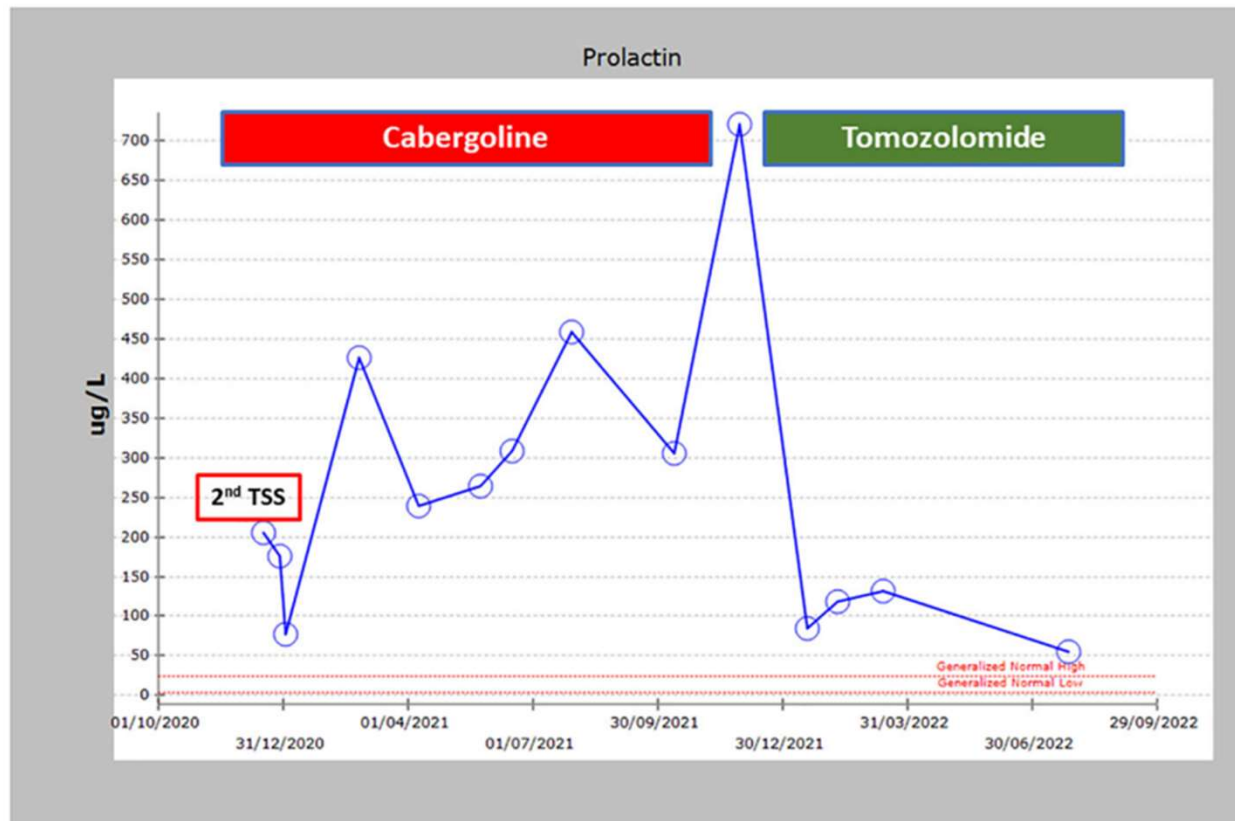


FIGURE 4
Prolactin levels over time showing the non-response to cabergoline and trans sphenoidal surgery and the dramatic response to TMZ.

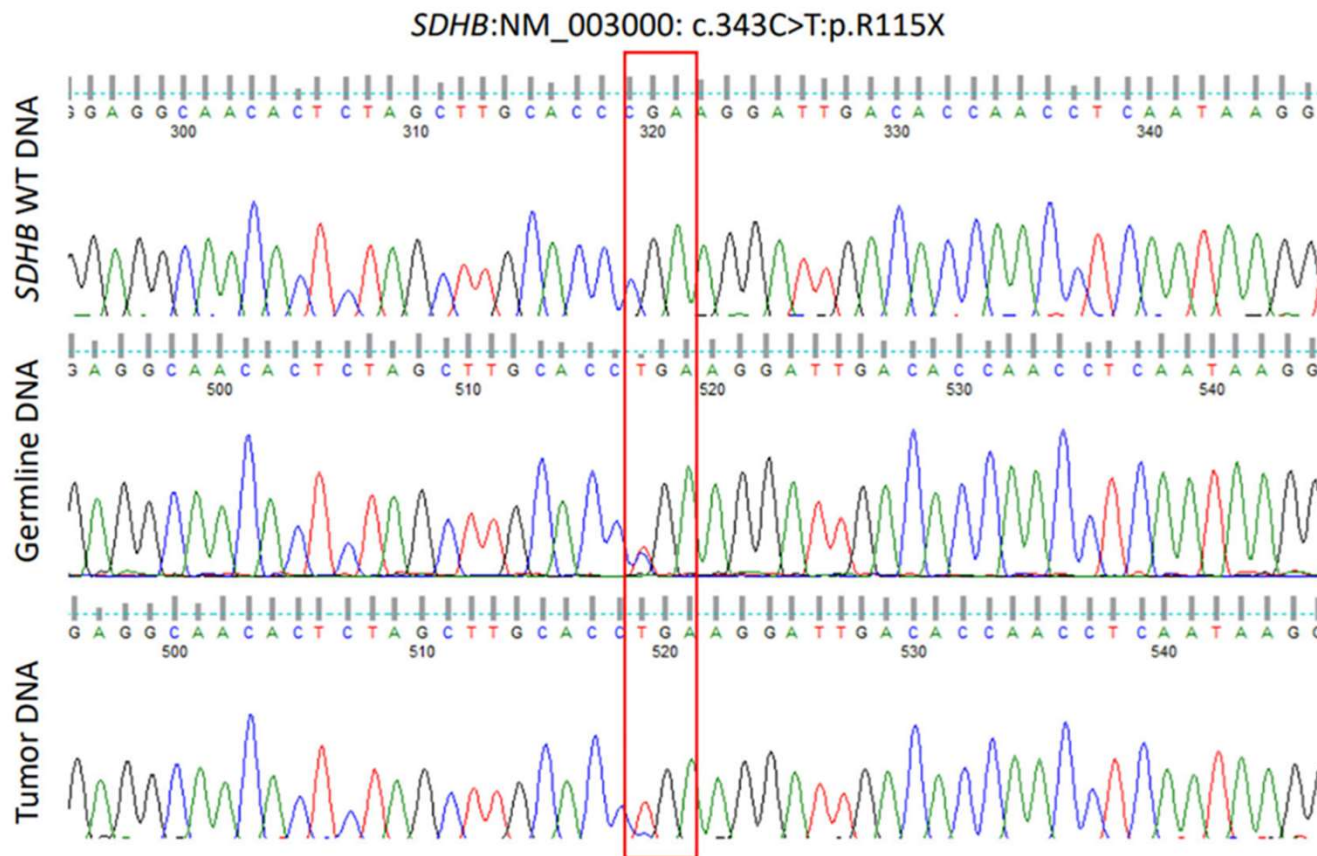


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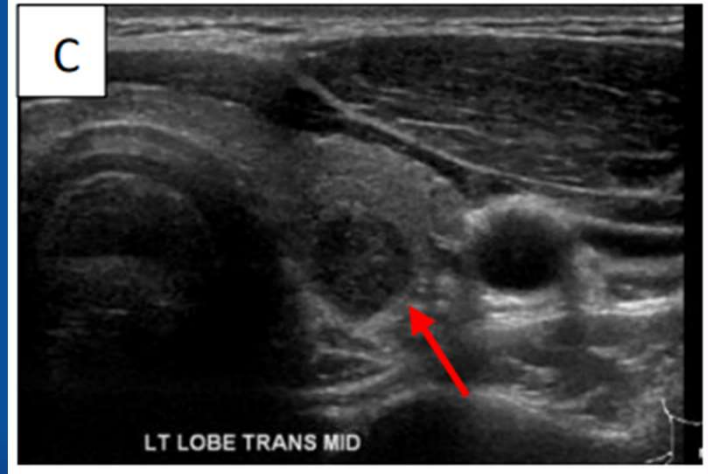
Chromatograms of part of *SDHB* exon 4 showing wild type sequence (upper panel), leucocyte DNA sequence (middle panel) showing a heterozygous germline mutation (NM_003000, c.343C>T) and pituitary adenoma (somatic) DNA sequence (lower panel) showing the same mutation in a homozygous form (loss of heterozygosity).

Face 5: metastatic PGL and thyroid cancer with an interesting combination of mutations

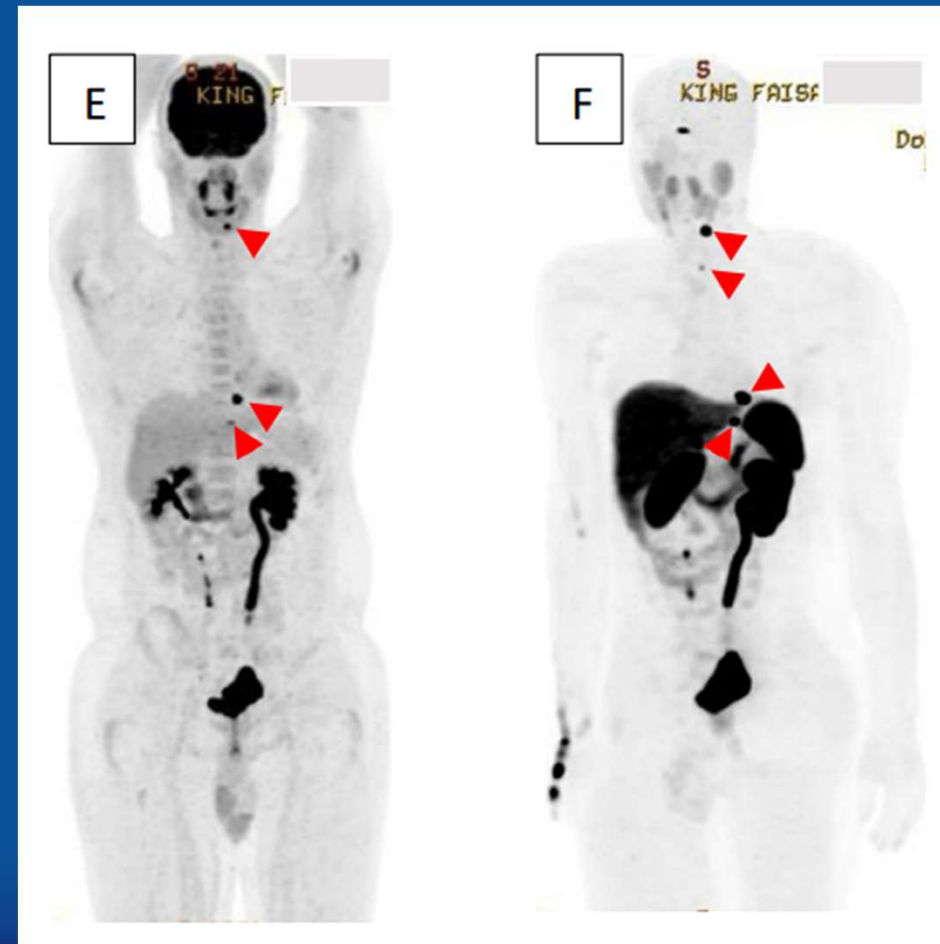
Case 5

- AA was a 28-year old man without family history of PPGL
- Had varicocele in 2017 (surgically treated)
- Recurrent varicocele 2019
- CT scan of the abdomen: a large mass 12x8x6.5 cm
- No symptoms at all.
- Urine metanephrines: normal x 3

September 2019

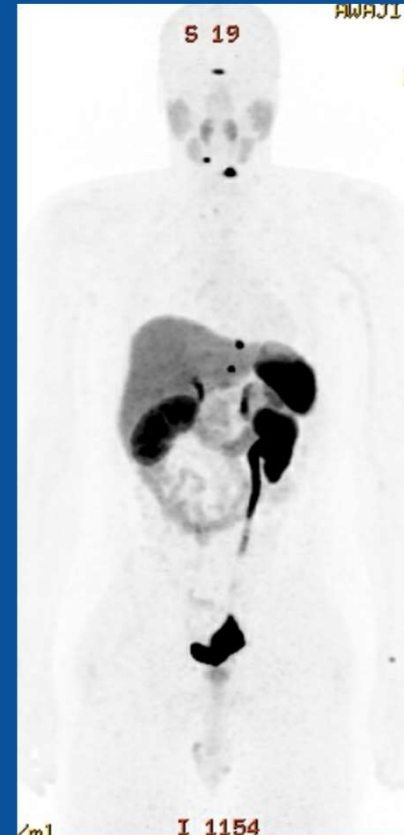


- Biopsy of thyroid nodule: pap. Thyroid cancer
- Underwent surgical resection of PGL IN February 2020
- 11 cm PGL locally invasive with vascular invasion, Ki67 40%
- August 2020: total thyroidectomy
- Pathology: tall cell variant PTC, bilateral, multifocal, largest 1.5 cm
- 11/16 Lymph nodes positive for mets
- Received I131 therapy for PTC

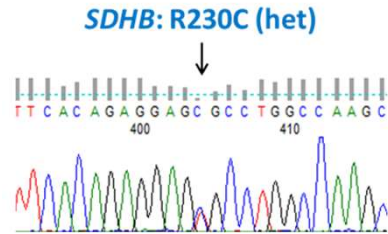


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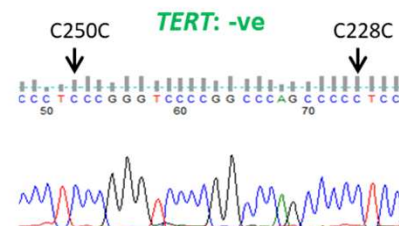
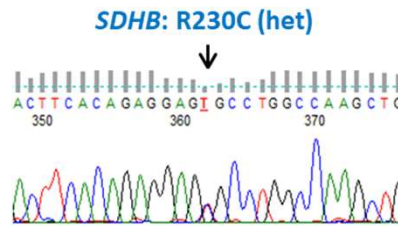
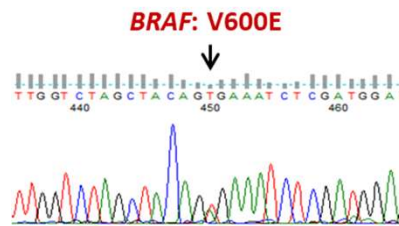
- Received 6 doses of Lu177 between March-October 2022
- External radiotherapy 5 sessions left 9th rib area
- Stable for the last 14 months



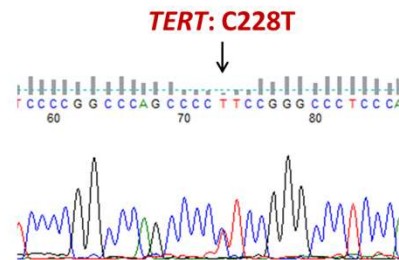
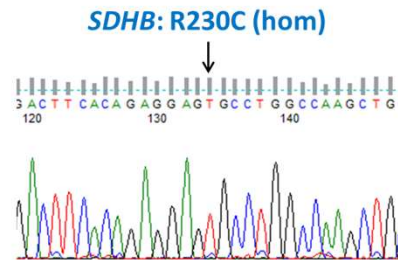
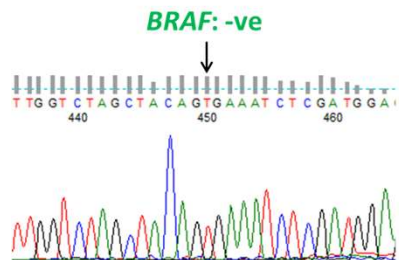
(A) Germline



(B) Papillary Thyroid Cancer



(C) Paraganglioma



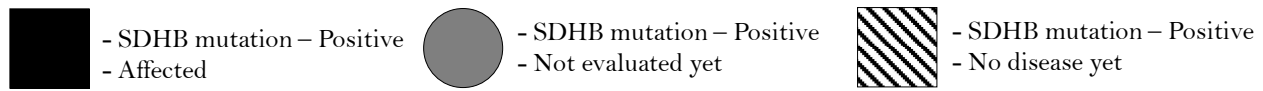
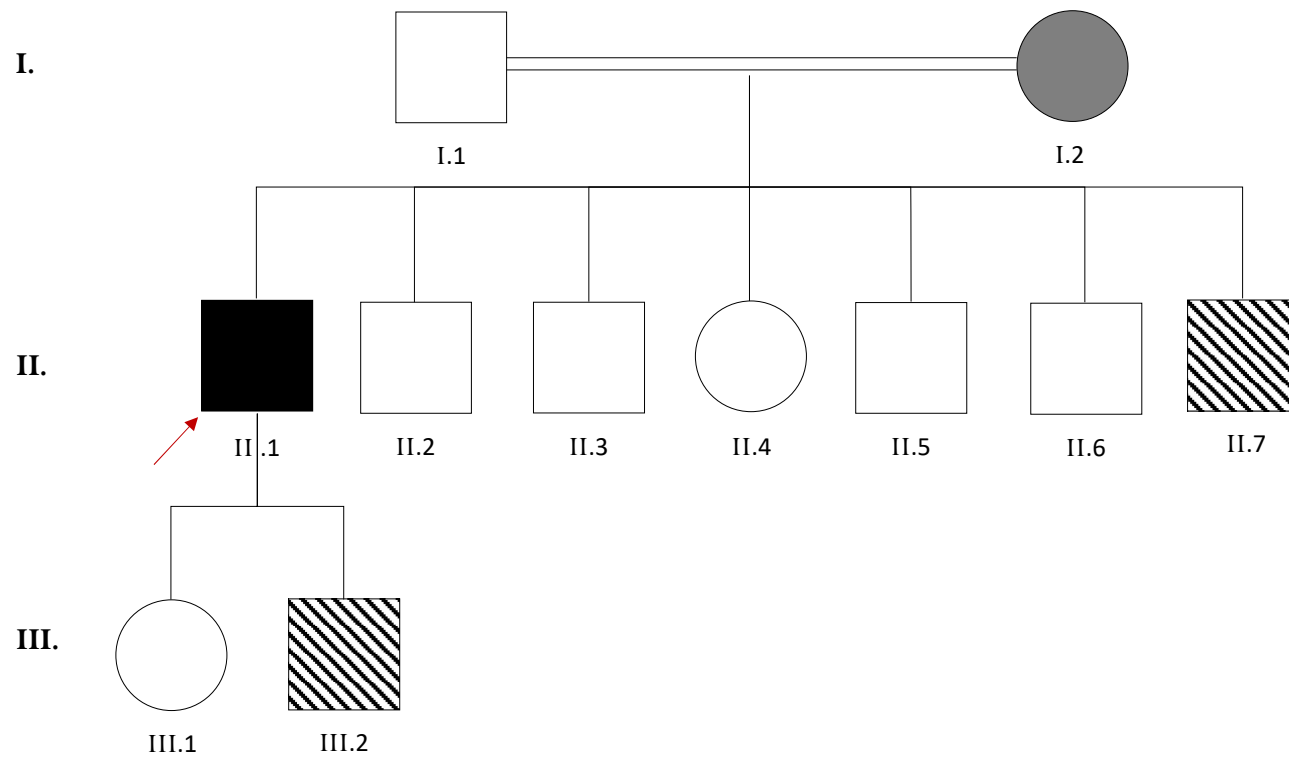


Figure 2



Non-PPGL tumors in *SDHB* mutations

- GIST tumors
 - 85-90%: KIT, PDGFRA
 - 5-7.5%: NF1, BRAF
 - 5-7.5%: SDHB-negative IHC (mostly gastric, multifocal, may involve LN, indolent course)
 - Sporadic
 - Carney Stratakis syndrome: PGL, GIST
 - Carney's triad: PGL, GIST and pulmonary chondroma
- RCC (0.05-0.2% of all RCC are SDHx-related)
 - Young age < 40 years, multiple, bilateral, recurrent
 - Cytoplasmic vacuoles and inclusion-like spaces, oncocytic

Non-PPGL tumors in *SDHB* mutations

- Pituitary adenoma
 - Rare
 - About 21 cases reported in the literature
 - Only 5 cases had further studies to confirm pathogenesis of *SDHB*
- Other tumors:
 - Papillary thyroid cancer: questionable
 - Lymphoid malignancy: two cases (*SDHB*, *SDHC* but with positive *SDHB* staining)
 - Pancreatic NET: in asymptomatic *SDHD* carrier

Thank you

Follow up of patients with Hx of SDHx-related PPGL

Table 5. Follow-up of cluster 1A/1B mutation carriers *with a history* of a PPGL

Follow-up of cluster 1 mutation carriers <i>with a history</i> of a PPGL	History of metastatic PPGL, history of sympathetic PGL, <i>SDHA/B, FH HIF2A/EPAS1</i> -related PPGLs	History of head and neck PGL, <i>SDHC/D/AF2, VHL</i>
Biochemistry	6-12 months (for <i>HIF2A/EPAS1</i> including hematocrit)	12 months
Imaging (MRI base of the skull to pelvis, possibly alternating with low-dose chest CT plus MRI base of the skull, neck, abdomen, pelvis)	12-24 months (initially 12, then 12-24 months)	24-36 months (24 months for <i>SDHD</i>) <i>VHL</i> mutations: risk of renal cell cancer, consider abdominal MRI every 12 months; optic fundus examination every 12 months; CNS tumors, CNS MRI every 24-36 months.

Abbreviations: CNS, central nervous system; CT, computed tomography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PGL, paraganglioma; PPGL, pheochromocytoma/paraganglioma.

Ongoing studies	Therapy	Patient number (n)	Status
NCT04394858	PARP inhibitor olaparib plus temozolomide (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT01850888	[¹³¹ I]-MIBG		Recruiting
NCT00107289	[¹³¹ I]-MIBG (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT04029428	[¹⁷⁷ Lu] DOTATATE vs [⁹⁰ Y] DOTATATE vs mix each of 50% (PRRT) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT03206060	[¹⁷⁷ Lu] DOTATATE (Lutathera) (PRRT) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting (SDHx-related and sporadic PPGLs)
NCT04276597	¹⁷⁷ Lu] DOTATOC (PRRT) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT04711135	[¹⁷⁷ Lu] DOTATATE (Lutathera) (PRRT) in adolescents (phase II, prospective)		Not yet recruiting
NCT03923257	[¹⁷⁷ Lu] DOTATATE (PRRT) in children and adolescents (phase I/II, prospective)		Recruiting
LAMPARA	Lanreotide (cold somatostatin analog)		Not yet recruiting
NCT03946527	(phase II, prospective)		
NCT03034200	Dopamine receptor D2 and caseinolytic protease P (ClpP) agonist ONC201 (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT04284774	Farnesyltransferase inhibitor tipifarnib (RAS inactivation) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
FIRST-MAPP Study, NCT01371201	TKI sunitinib (phase II, prospective, first randomized placebo-controlled study)	N = 74 (closed)	Data arriving soon
NCT03839498	TKI Axitinib (AG-013736) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT03008369	TKI lenvatinib (phase II, prospective)		Active, not recruiting
NCT02302833	TKI cabozantinib (phase II, prospective)	N = 10	Recruiting (preliminary data from n = 10, partial response 40%, PFS 11.2)
NCT04400474	Cabozantinib plus atezolizumab (CABATEN) (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT02834013	Nivolumab plus ipilimumab (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT02721732	Pembrolizumab (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT02923466	VSV-IFN β -NIS and avelumab (phase II, prospective)		Recruiting
NCT04187404	Novel Therapeutic Vaccine (EO2401) (phase I/II, prospective)		Recruiting

Conclusions (Genetics)

Pheo/Para are unique oncometabolic genetic tumors

Major advances in genetics, biochemistry, imaging and therapy of Pheo/PGL

Genetic causes occur in about 70% of cases

Major advances in translational research in Pheo/PGL

A prototype for a real precision medicine practice