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a key AIRE partner, can present as an inflammatory disease with organ-specific autoimmunity, thus suggesting a role for DNA-PKcs in regulating autoimmune responses and maintaining AIRE-dependent tolerance in humans.

1 **PRKDC mutations associated with immunodeficiency, granuloma**
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82 **Abstract**

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109 disease with organ-specific autoimmunity, thus suggesting a role for DNA-PKcs in
110 regulating autoimmune responses and maintaining AIRE-dependent tolerance in
111 humans.

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113 **Key Messages:**

114 DNA-PKcs is a multifunctional protein involved in AIRE-dependent transcription in the
115 thymus. *PRKDC* mutations can lead to a broad range of diseases from severe
116 combined immunodeficiencies to milder immunodeficiency with granulomatous and
117 autoimmune manifestations with positive anti-tissue autoantibodies.

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119 *Capsule Summary:*

- 120 • DNA-PKcs deficiency can be associated with inflammatory granulomatosis
121 mimicking systemic disease.
- 122 • Lymphopenia and organ-specific autoantibodies are associated with DNA-PK
123 deficiency.
- 124 • Bone marrow transplantation cures the immunodeficiency but might not
125 resolve the AIRE-dependent autoimmunity.

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127 *Key words:* Autoimmune Regulator (AIRE), Tolerance, DNA-PKcs, *PRKDC*,
128 autoimmunity, VDJ recombination, Severe combined immunodeficiency, RAG

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130 *Abbreviations:*

131 DNA-PKcs : DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit

132 DSB : Double-Strand Break

133 CaSR : anti-Calcium Sensing Receptor

134 SCID : Severe Combined Immunodeficiency

135 OS : Omenn Syndrome

136 NK : Natural Killer

137 AIRE : AutoImmune REgulator

138 mTEC : Medullary Thymic Epithelial Cell

139 APECED : Autoimmune PolyEndocrinopathy, Candidiasis and Ectodermal Dystrophy

140 PBMC : Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell

141 ANA : AntiNuclear autoAntibodies

142 PCR : Polymerase Chain Reaction

143 SNP : Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

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146 **Introduction:**

147 Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) is the most profound phenotype among
148 the primary immunodeficiencies, occurring secondary to mutations in genes affecting
149 lymphocyte development or function¹. Children with SCID present with high
150 susceptibility to bacterial, viral and fungal infections in early infancy, and are subject
151 to opportunistic infections, frequently associated with protracted diarrhea and failure
152 to thrive. In the absence of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation or gene therapy,
153 the disease is usually lethal within the first year of life.

154 Over 20 different genetic deficiencies have been reported with a SCID phenotype,
155 including genes involved in V(D)J recombination, i.e. antigen receptor gene
156 rearrangement (*RAG1*, *RAG2*, *DCLRE1C*, *PRKDC*, *LIG4*, *Cernunnos*)². Typically,
157 SCID patients have a severe reduction or absence of circulating T cells and,
158 depending on the causative gene, B cells and natural killer (NK)-cells may also be
159 low or absent.

160 Whereas null mutations of SCID-related genes cause typical (classical) SCID,
161 hypomorphic mutations are associated with residual T cell differentiation and function
162 and result in atypical (leaky) SCID^{2,3}. One such well-described phenotype is Omenn
163 syndrome (OS), comprising early-onset generalized erythroderma (before age 1
164 year), failure to thrive, diarrhea, hepatosplenomegaly, eosinophilia and increased
165 IgE⁴. In most cases of OS, there is residual function of proteins involved in V(D)J
166 recombination^{4,5}. Later-onset, milder forms of primary immunodeficiencies can also
167 occur and are characterized by recurrent infections, autoimmunity and granuloma^{6,7,8}.
168 Interestingly, atypical SCID patients with a T^{low} B^{low} phenotype were demonstrated to
169 be more prone to immune dysregulation, including the development of granuloma,
170 autoimmune cytopenia and inflammatory bowel disease².

171 In the context of OS, or T^{low} B^{low} SCID i.e. SCID with autoimmunity and granuloma,
172 distinct mechanisms may jointly contribute to the disruption of immune tolerance.
173 First, a break in both central and peripheral B cell tolerance has been identified in
174 some cases. As an example, in a homozygous *RAG1 S723C* mouse model, V(D)J
175 recombination activity is reduced but not abrogated, and is associated with
176 autoantibody production and expansion of immunoglobulin secreting cells⁹. In this
177 model, the efficiency of B-cell receptor (BCR) editing, a mechanism allowing the
178 rearrangement of the BCR to reduce its autoreactive specificity, is decreased, and
179 the serum level of B cell activation factor BAFF (a key cytokine involved in activation
180 and survival of B cells) is markedly elevated⁹. Secondly, impaired intrathymic T cell
181 maturation has been identified. The Autoimmune Regulator (AIRE) protein is a
182 transcriptional factor expressed in medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTEC) playing a
183 critical role in central T cell tolerance. AIRE induces ectopic expression of
184 autoantigens in mTEC, and drives the negative selection of autoreactive T cells,
185 although the precise molecular mechanisms are still unclear^{10,11}. AIRE deficiency
186 leads to the autoimmune polyendocrinopathy, candidiasis and ectodermal dystrophy
187 (APECED) syndrome¹¹, and is associated with the production of various
188 autoantibodies, including anti-calcium sensor receptor (Anti-CaSR) antibodies in one
189 third of patients¹². AIRE expression and the development of mTEC are dependent on
190 the presence of positively selected T cells^{13,14,15}. A decrease in T cell production may
191 account for low AIRE expression in the thymus¹⁶. In OS, *AIRE* mRNA and proteins
192 are decreased in patient's thymus and peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC),
193 leading to the suggestion of an impairment in central tolerance¹⁷. However, no
194 evidence for AIRE-related autoantibodies has been found so far in these patients.

195 *PRKDC* encodes DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit (DNA-PKcs) which
196 is active when in a hetero-trimeric complex (DNA-PK) with Ku proteins 70 and 80 and
197 in interaction with DNA or RNA¹⁸. The main function of DNA-PK is to recognize
198 double-strand DNA breaks and to catalyze a repair process known as non-
199 homologous end joining. In a similar way, DNA-PK is crucial for V(D)J recombination
200 in developing T and B cells. Concordantly, DNA-PKcs or Ku deficient mice are
201 severely immunodeficient, with elevated radiosensitivity and susceptibility to tumour
202 development^{19,20}. Besides its role in DNA recombination, DNA-PK has been recently
203 identified in mice as part of a multi-protein complex required for AIRE-dependent
204 expression of peripheral tissue antigens in medullary thymic epithelial cells (mTECs),
205 a process necessary for the establishment of central tolerance²¹.

206 Previously, two unrelated typical SCID patients were identified, both with mutations in
207 *PRKDC*^{22,23}. The patients presented with a T-B-NK+ phenotype, a failure to thrive
208 and chronic infections during the first year of life. One of them also demonstrated
209 growth failure, microcephaly and seizures²². Here, we describe two unrelated
210 patients with *PRKDC* mutations presenting with immunodeficiency and autoimmunity.
211 Both patients had granulomas and a variety of autoantibodies. In addition to an
212 oligoclonal T cell repertoire, these two patients exhibited a progressive T and B cell
213 deficiency and immune dysregulation with a shift to Th1, Th2 but not Th17
214 lymphocytes upon activation. We show that *PRKDC* mutations are responsible for a
215 defect of AIRE transcriptional activity *in vitro*, and are associated with APECED-
216 related autoantibody production.

217 **Results**

218 ***Clinical features of two CID patients.***

219 This male patient 1 (Pt1) was born to a consanguineous couple of Turkish
220 background (Figure 1A). A younger non-identical twin brother died in the first year of
221 life with a diagnosis of aspiration pneumonia, chronic diarrhea and failure to thrive. At
222 birth, Pt1 was unremarkable with normal weight and occipito-frontal head
223 circumference. He was diagnosed with persistent asthma in the first two years of life
224 and experienced occasional ear infections. At the age of six years, he presented with
225 an acute arthritis involving the left elbow and right knee with positive antinuclear
226 autoantibodies (ANA) (Figure 1B) indicative of an oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic
227 arthritis. He responded well to intraarticular steroid injections and methotrexate.
228 However, secondary to poor methotrexate tolerance (recurrent pneumopathy) this
229 treatment was discontinued. At the 8 years of age, he was diagnosed with
230 bronchiectasis, splenic granuloma (Figure 1C) and skin granuloma (Figure 1D, Figure
231 1E). Periodic Acid Schiff and Ziehl-Neelsen staining revealed no pathogens (data not
232 shown). Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays for *Mycobacteria* and 16s RNA
233 were negative and a diagnosis of sarcoidosis was suggested. Initial T and B cell
234 counts were normal, with increased serum immunoglobulins (Ig) (Table 1). Overtime,
235 Immunoglobulin subclass assessment revealed a deficiency in IgA, IgG2 and IgG4. A
236 decrease in T and B cell numbers was also observed, whereas NK cells remained
237 within normal range. Strikingly, memory phenotype CD4⁺CD45RO⁺ T cells
238 represented more than 90% of circulating CD4 T cells, and CD4⁺CD45RA⁺ T cells
239 were decreased to less than 5%. Immunoglobulin subclass analysis revealed a
240 deficiency in IgA, IgG2 and IgG4, whereas the level of total IgG was increased.
241 Maternal engraftment of T cells was ruled out by PCR (data not shown), and a
242 diagnosis of combined immunodeficiency (CID) with autoimmunity and granuloma
243 was made. After myeloablative conditioning with fludarabin and busulfan, Pt1

244 underwent bone marrow transplantation from his HLA-identical mother, which
245 resulted in a reconstitution with 100% donor chimerism of the myeloid, B and T cell
246 compartments. Nine months after transplantation his skin granuloma had
247 disappeared. However, concomitant with donor T cell expansion, symptomatic
248 Hashimoto thyroiditis appeared with fatigue, sensitivity to cold, low cardiac rate and
249 increased Thyroid Stimulating Hormone, positive anti-thyroid peroxidase
250 (>300UI/ml) and anti-thyroglobulin (>3000UI/ml) antibodies. Thyroxin substitution
251 was started.

252 An unrelated female (Pt2) was born to a non-consanguineous couple of Turkish
253 background (Figure 1F). Familial history revealed four deaths in the first two years of
254 life attributed to prematurity (II.4 & II.5) or sepsis (II.6 & II.7). She presented with a
255 history of recurrent lung infections. Bronchiectasis was recognized at the age of 5
256 years, and splenic granulomatous lesions were identified at 9 years of age on an
257 abdominal CT scan (Figure 1G). Splenic biopsies revealed well-circumscribed
258 caseating epithelioid granulomas with negative special stains for microorganisms
259 (Figure 1H). At the age of 20 years she developed a symmetrical polyarthritis (elbow
260 and knee) sensitive to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Immunological
261 assessment revealed low numbers of circulating T and B cells and normal T cell
262 proliferation with mitogen and antigens. (Table 1). IgG levels were increased to over
263 22g/L, with a monoclonal gammopathy (IgG2k2) even though circulating B cells were
264 undetectable. NK cell count was normal defining a TlowB-NK+ CID. ANA
265 autoantibodies were also detected in the serum of Pt2.

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267 ***PRKDC* mutations are present in both CID patients.**

268 Mutations in *RAG1* and *RAG2* were excluded by Sanger sequencing. Using Single
269 Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) analysis in Pt1, and predicting an autosomal
270 recessive pattern of inheritance, a homozygous locus encompassing *PRKDC* was
271 identified on chromosome 8. Sanger sequencing identified a c.9239T>G
272 (p.Leu3061Arg) homozygous missense variant and a homozygous c.6340delGAG
273 (pGly2113del) deletion in *PRKDC* in this patient (Figure 1I). The glycine deletion has
274 an allele frequency of 1% (rs79703138) and has previously been determined as likely
275 non-pathogenic²³. Conversely, the c9239T>G homozygous variant was predicted as
276 pathogenic on the basis of species conservation, the output of pathogenicity
277 prediction packages (SIFT: deleterious/score: 0, POLYPHEN: probably
278 damaging/score: 1) and their absence from dbSNP, 1000 Genomes project
279 databases, and 13,006 control chromosomes typed for this allele on the Exome
280 Variant Server. One previous report demonstrated that c9239T>G variant results in
281 decreased Artemis activation, leading to impaired coding joint formation and a defect
282 in recombination²³. The parents of Pt1 were heterozygous for the two variants.
283 Sequencing of the unrelated patient Pt2 revealed the same two variants in the
284 homozygous state.

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286 ***Patient fibroblasts are defective in DNA double-strand break (DSB) repair.***
287 *Previously, PRKDC* mutations have been associated with a defect in DNA DSB
288 repair^{22,23}. We first assessed cell survival following seven days of treatment with the
289 radiomimetic drug phleomycin. Primary fibroblast cells of both patients displayed a
290 dose-dependent defect in survival compared to control fibroblasts. Their survival was
291 similar to radiosensitive CERNUNNOS-deficient cells at a dose of 400ng/mL of
292 phleomycin (Figure 2A). Therefore, we analyzed the DSB repair defect in more detail

293 by counting foci of the DSB marker 53BP1 after irradiation in Pt2 fibroblast. 53BP1
294 foci remained increased at 24h compared to the control (Figure 2B and Figure S1
295 available at www.jacionline.org). Thus, we confirmed earlier findings that cells with
296 *PRKDC* mutations result in defective DNA DSB repair²³.

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298 ***The T cell receptor V β repertoire is limited in patients with PRKDC mutations.***

299 DNA-PKcs is mandatory for V(D)J recombination in mouse, and the two previously
300 described patients with *PRKDC* mutations demonstrated a complete lack of T and B
301 cells^{22,23}. By contrast, the two patients reported here presented with circulating T and
302 B cells. We, therefore, investigated the T cell V β repertoire in both patients using flow
303 cytometry (18 V β families with anomalies in Pt1 and Pt2) (Figure 2C) and quantitative
304 PCR (276 combinations V β -J, IMGT nomenclature, in Pt1, Figure 2D) at different
305 time points. Molecular PCR analysis of TRBV-J combinations revealed a poorly
306 diversified peripheral T cell repertoire in Pt1 (Figure 2D), together with commonly
307 overrepresented rearrangements such as TRB V27-J2.3, V19-J2.1, V07-J2.1, V10-
308 J1.4, V07-J2.7, V02-J2.2, V03-J1.3 and V05-J2.7. In Pt2, V β 29 positive T cells were
309 clonally expanded, while most other V β families in both patients were under-
310 represented. These data are consistent with limited V(D)J recombination in both
311 patients. We used Immunoscope technology to analyze the T-cell repertoire of Pt2
312 (Figure 2E). The latter experiment showed a major oligoclonal expansion of V β 29 T
313 cells.

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315 ***Patients with PRKDC mutations have increased B cell activating factor (BAFF),***
316 ***inflammatory monocytes, and memory T cells expressing of Th1,Th2 but not***
317 ***Th17 cytokines upon activation.*** Limited data are available on the distribution and

318 function of residual T cells in CID with autoimmunity and granuloma. Th1 and/or
319 Th17 cytokines are supposed to promote granuloma formation²⁴. In both patients, we
320 first explored the expression of, and response to, cytokines in the blood. The
321 expression of six interferon-stimulated genes (*IFI27*, *IFI44L*, *IFIT1*, *ISG15*, *RSAD2*
322 and *SIGLEC1*) was strongly increased in both patients, thus indicating potent *in vivo*
323 interferon induction (Figure 3A). In addition, the expression of BAFF, TNF- α , IFN- γ
324 mRNA in both patients were upregulated in whole blood cells, similarly to patient with
325 *IFIH1* mutations, a recently identified cause of interferon-driven autoimmunity²⁵
326 (Figure 3B). In contrast, IL-17A and IL-6 transcripts remained within the normal range
327 (Supplemental Figure 2A). Consistent with these qPCR data, high levels of BAFF
328 and TNF- α were detected in the sera of Pt1 and Pt2 compared with controls (Figure
329 3C). After BMT, BAFF level decreased in Pt1 to the level of a patient with
330 hypomorphic mutation in Artemis (Supplemental Figure 2B). IFN- γ was normal in
331 patient's sera. Type-I interferon activity, as measured by a viral cytopathic assay was
332 also found normal in the serum of Pt 2 (data not shown).

333 Next, we analyzed the frequency of a wide range of immune cell subsets in whole
334 blood by flow cytometry, and assessed intracellular expression of several cytokines
335 in lymphocytes upon stimulation with PMA / ionomycin (Table 1; Figure 3 D-H). The
336 percentage of NK cells and dendritic cells appeared normal in both patients. An
337 increased number of inflammatory CD14⁺CD16⁺ monocytes was detected in patients
338 compared to age-matched controls. CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ naive T cells were dramatically
339 reduced in patients, in line with a low thymic output. Interestingly, most
340 CD4⁺CD45RA⁺ T cells, routinely referred to as "naïve T cells", were actually memory
341 T cells with no CCR7 expression, defining the T effector memory with RA⁺ (TEMRA)
342 subset (data not shown). Similarly, patient CD4⁺CD39⁺ regulatory T cells did not

343 express CD45RA, suggesting a defect in the thymic development of natural
344 regulatory T cells (Supplemental Figure 2C, available at www.jacionline.org). Upon
345 stimulation with PMA and ionomycin (5h treatment), the production of Th1-related
346 (IFN- γ and TNF- α), Th2-related (IL-4 and IL-13) or Th17-related (IL-17A) cytokines
347 by blood T cell subsets was measured by intracellular staining (Figure 3D-H).
348 Interestingly, CD4⁺ and CD8⁺CD45RA⁻ memory T cells of both patients secreted
349 more Th2 cytokines IL-4 and IL-13 than in controls, an observation already reported
350 in OS (Figure 3F, 3G). Th1-cytokine TNF- α , IFN- γ were induced in memory T cells
351 (no difference compared to controls), whereas IL-17A expression was reduced in
352 CD45RA⁻ T cells, suggesting that Th17 cells do not play a role in the pathogenesis of
353 autoimmunity and granuloma in individuals with *PRKDC* mutations (Figure 3H).

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355 ***AIRE-dependent peripheral tissue antigen expression is impaired by PRKDC***
356 ***mutations.*** Recently, in mice, DNA-PK was identified as a direct molecular partner of
357 AIRE in the thymus²¹, collaborating with AIRE to induce peripheral tissue antigens
358 transcription by mTEC. We therefore hypothesized that *PRKDC* dysfunction might
359 impair the ability of DNA-PK to promote AIRE transcriptional activity. To test this
360 hypothesis, we analyzed fibroblasts derived from controls, from Pt1 and Pt2, and
361 from a patient displaying a typical SCID phenotype (Pt3) previously reported with the
362 same *PRKDC* mutations²³. Fibroblasts were transiently transfected with *AIRE* cDNA.
363 In wild type human fibroblasts, we measured the expression of AIRE-dependent
364 (*IGFL-1*, *ALox12*, *S100A8*) and AIRE-independent (*PRMT3*, *CCNH*, *CXCL10*)
365 transcripts, as identified by Abramson and colleagues²¹, by quantitative PCR after
366 confirming that AIRE was expressed in fibroblast by western blot (Figure 4A).
367 *PRMT3*, *CCNH*, *CXCL10* expression was not modified after AIRE transfection in

368 fibroblasts (Figure 4A), whereas *IGFL-1* was strongly increased by 60-fold in wild
369 type fibroblasts. In contrast, *AIRE*-transfected fibroblasts from patients Pt1 and Pt2
370 had a reduced induction of IGFL1 in comparison to controls (Figure 4B). Similar
371 results were obtained using *AIRE*-transfected fibroblasts from the previously reported
372 SCID patient Pt3 (Figure 4C). Following *AIRE* transfection, S100A8 expression was
373 induced in control fibroblasts, but not in fibroblasts of patients with *PRKDC* mutations
374 (data not shown). Taken together, these data indicate that mutated DNA-PKcs
375 prevent AIRE-dependent transcription.

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377 ***Patients are positive for autoantibody responses against the CaSR.*** Since the
378 impairment of AIRE function can lead to autoimmune responses against peripheral
379 tissue antigens, we characterized the pattern of autoantibodies in Pt1 and Pt2. In
380 addition to anti-nuclear autoantibodies, both patients were positive for anti-CaSR
381 autoantibodies (Figure 4D and Figure 4E). However, other tissue-specific
382 autoantibodies (tyrosine hydroxylase, phenylalanine hydroxylase, tryptophan
383 hydroxylase and NALP5) and anti-cytokine autoantibodies (IFN- α 2A, IFN- ω , IFN- λ 1,
384 IL-22, IL-17A and IL-17F) were not detected (data not shown). Anti-CaSR are found
385 at a high prevalence in APECED^{10,12,21}. Importantly, seven additional atypical SCID
386 patients with defective V(D)J recombination, granuloma and autoimmunity, who did
387 not have *PRKDC* mutations, were negative for anti-CaSR autoantibodies (Table 2).
388 This suggests that the anti-CaSR autoantibody response is specific to the DNA-PK
389 defect found in Pt1 and Pt2. After bone marrow transplantation of Pt1, anti-CaSR
390 autoantibodies strongly decreased, although immunoblotting demonstrated slight
391 persistent positivity (Figure 4D) and Hashimoto thyroiditis occurred 9 months after
392 bone marrow transplantation with the appearance of donor-T and B cells (Figure 4E).

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394 **Discussion**

395 Extending the phenotype of *PRKDC* mutated patients, we report here the cases of
396 two unrelated patients with manifestations of CID with immunodeficiency, granuloma
397 and autoimmunity due to a homozygous p.Leu3061Arg mutation in *PRKDC*.
398 Recurrent infections were documented in both cases but their clinical history did not
399 reveal opportunistic infections. Inflammatory manifestations were prominent in Pt1,
400 who was initially diagnosed with ANA positive juvenile idiopathic oligoarticular
401 arthritis. He subsequently developed skin granuloma and lung involvement, which
402 was considered indicative of sarcoidosis. Pt2 was diagnosed with a combined
403 immunodeficiency at the age of 9 years. There was no obvious neurological
404 involvement in either patient. Pt 2 delivered two healthy children.

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406 Both patients carried the same homozygous pathogenic p.Leu3061Arg variant as the
407 first patient published with a mutation in *PRKDC*²³. All three patients shared a
408 common Turkish ancestry, suggesting a founder effect for these variants. The first
409 two patients reported with *PRKDC* mutations presented with a typical SCID
410 phenotype including recurrent candidiasis and lower pulmonary infections. Of note,
411 one sibling of Pt1 and four siblings of Pt 2 died early in life from recurrent infections.
412 We did not have access to DNA for these individuals but we speculate that their
413 deaths were related to the same primary immunodeficiency being responsible for a
414 typical SCID. The range of clinical phenotypes strongly suggests that additional
415 factors contribute to the overall severity of the disease. Stochastic events or other(s)
416 modifying gene(s) may impact on the overall manifestation of this deficiency. This is

417 reminiscent of the situation already described of T-B-SCID and OS within the same
418 family harbouring the same *RAG1* mutation²⁶.

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420 The hallmark of classical OS is an expansion of autoreactive T cells with an HLA-
421 DR⁺CD45RO⁺ phenotype and an oligoclonal T cell repertoire⁴. In OS, the response of
422 activated T cells is skewed towards a Th2 type and is associated with an increased
423 secretion of IL-4 and IL-5 responsible for an elevated production of IgE and
424 eosinophilia, respectively²⁷. Here, in the two patients with *PRKDC* mutations, the
425 production of Th2 cytokines was also slightly increased in memory T cells upon
426 stimulation. Th1 and Th17 cells are recognized to play pivotal roles in autoimmunity
427 and granuloma formation in various inflammatory conditions such as Crohn's
428 disease, juvenile idiopathic arthritis and sarcoidosis²⁸⁻³⁰. Th1 cytokines IFN- γ and
429 TNF- α were increased in whole blood cells at the mRNA and protein level upon
430 stimulation of memory T cells isolated from both the CID patients (similarly to
431 controls). However, upon activation, Th17 cytokines were reduced in memory T cells.
432 We hypothesize that Th1 and Th2 cytokines may drive immunopathology in CID with
433 granuloma and autoimmunity. Unexpectedly, however, neither IFN- γ , nor type-I
434 interferon activity were measurable in Pt2 sera, while whole blood cells displayed a
435 strong interferon signature. This signature may be acquired after intra-tissular
436 activation of T cells or might be secondary to chronic activation of innate pathways in
437 response to environmental antigens³¹. Furthermore, BAFF was increased in both
438 DNA-PKcs-deficient patients and ARTEMIS-deficient patients as reported in
439 hypomorphic RAG patients⁹ and may promote autoreactive B cell survival.
440 Interestingly, BAFF is produced by activated monocytes and also promotes Th1-

441 associated inflammation in mice. BAFF and Th1 cytokines may synergize in CID and
442 lead to autoimmunity^{32,33}.

443 In the context of a recombination defect, there are several overlapping mechanisms,
444 detailed in the introduction, which may lead to autoimmunity. ANA+ arthritis has been
445 identified in other patients with immunodeficiency^{34,35} and may be related to the T
446 and B cell developmental defect, impaired BCR editing, repertoire disruption and
447 immune cell cytokine overproduction (such as TNF α and BAFF in Pt1 &Pt2). We
448 think that in the context of *PRKDC* mutation, one additional mechanism should be
449 considered: that is, direct impairment of AIRE-dependent tissue-specific antigen
450 expression could promote APECED-like manifestations. The relevance of
451 interactions between AIRE, which plays a critical role in the negative selection of
452 autoreactive T cells^{10,11}, and DNA-PK was previously tested using NOD.CB17-
453 *Prkdc*^{scid} mice, which have an inactive form of DNA-PK²¹. These mice lack mature
454 thymocytes and, therefore, mTECs which depend on thymocyte crosstalk for
455 maturation (23-26). To circumvent this issue, mice were reconstituted with wild-type
456 bone marrow to generate chimeric animals with wild-type lymphocytes and DNA-PK-
457 mutant mTECs. Reconstituted NOD.CB17-*Prkdc*^{scid} mice, but not control mice,
458 demonstrated reduced transcription of AIRE-dependent genes in mTECs, despite
459 similar levels of AIRE expression. The mice also developed late-onset autoimmunity
460 characterized by autoantibody production. Overall, the results indicated that DNA-PK
461 expression in mTECs is crucial to AIRE function²¹.

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463 In the context of *PRKDC* mutations, we have shown that AIRE transcriptional activity
464 is directly impaired leading to a decrease in (e.g., IGFL-1), or absence of (e.g.,
465 S100A8), expression of AIRE-dependent peripheral tissue antigens. These findings

466 are associated with the *in vivo* production of anti-CaSR autoantibodies which were
467 absent in five atypical SCID patients with hypomorphic *RAG* mutations and one with
468 *DLCRE1C* (ARTEMIS) mutation with granuloma and autoimmunity. Moreover, Pt1
469 developed Hashimoto thyroiditis, 9 months after transplantation, which is a rare event
470 in the course of bone marrow transplantation but can be sometimes observed.
471 Positivity of GAD antibodies is also uncommon. These organ-specific autoantibodies
472 suggests that mTECs which are not replaced upon bone marrow transplantation,
473 promoted autoimmunity mediated by newly emigrant naïve T cells. Anti-CaSR
474 autoantibodies were also slightly positive after bone marrow transplantation in the
475 same patient, which may also reflect the persistence of central tolerance defect. Two
476 other patients have been reported with *PRKDC* mutations and a SCID phenotype
477 with a complete absence of T and B cells but no autoimmune manifestations. We
478 acknowledge also that organ-specific autoimmunity observed in our patients could be
479 unrelated to the *PRKDC* mutation. One can also speculate that few circulating T
480 and/or B cells are mandatory for the development of such autoimmune features. After
481 bone marrow transplantation of the SCID patient previously reported (Pt3), the last
482 examination did not reveal autoimmune signs. This suggests that the penetrance of
483 AIRE-associated autoimmunity could be incomplete.

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485 In summary, *PRKDC* mutations in humans can mimic inflammatory disease with
486 autoimmunity and granuloma. In the CID patients described here, increased cytokine
487 expression may contribute to autoimmunity and granuloma. In addition, *PRKDC*
488 hypomorphic mutations prevent AIRE function. Organ-specific autoimmunity may
489 result from the defective interaction of mutated DNA-PKcs and AIRE in the thymus
490 and anti-CaSR may serve as potential biomarker of this condition.

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Material and methods

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Figure 1 :Clinical features of PRKDC patients

Pt1 description with (A) Family tree; (B) Positive antinuclear antibodies ; (C) CT scan showing nodular lung lesions with infiltrate (left panel) and spleen granulomatous lesions (right panel); (D) Skin granulomatous lesion of the limb (left panel) and elbow (right panel); (E) Epithelioid non caseating granulomas from skin biopsies. Pt 2 description with (F) Family tree; (G) Hepatomegaly with splenic granulomatosis (CT scan); (H) Caseating granulomas from spleen biopsies, (I) Schematic representation of the DNA-PKcs protein and the mutations as identified in Pt1 and 2.

Figure 2 : DSB repair defect and TCR oligoclonal repertoire

(A) Clonogenic survival assays in control, Cernunnos-deficient, Pt1 and Pt2 fibroblasts. (B) Numbers of γ -53BP1 foci/nucleus following irradiation in Ctl, Pt2 and Cernunnos-deficient fibroblasts (****, $p < 0.0001$). (C) Quantitative analysis of $V\beta$ distribution in CD3+T cells. $V\beta$ under-representation (asterisks) or over-representation (arrows). (D) 3D graph of immune combinatorial diversity in Pt1. (E) Immunoscope of $V\beta$ repertoire for Ctl and Pt2.

Figure 3 : Cytokine expression in whole blood and upon activation in T cells

(A) RT-PCR of a panel of six ISG (Mean +/-S.D.) and, (B) RT-PCR of a panel of three cytokines in whole blood. (C) BAFF, $IFN\gamma$ and $TNF\alpha$ measurement in sera of pediatric or adult Ctl (pCtl, aCtl), Pt1 and Pt2 (D, E, F, G, H) Cytokine expression in both CD4 & CD8 T cells, negative for CD45RA, measured by FACS.

Figure 4 : PRKDC mutations prevent AIRE-dependent IGFL-1 expression.

(A) RT-PCR analysis of 5 transcripts after AIRE transfection in Ctl fibroblasts.(B) and AIRE-dependent IGFL-1 expression in Pt1 and Pt2 (B) or in the previously reported PRKDC mutant with SCID (Pt3) (C), (D) Detection of anti-CaSR autoantibodies in positive and negative control sera and Pt 1 serum, (E) Autoimmune markers in Pt1 before and after BMT

Material and methods

Immunohistochemical analyses. Morphological studies of skin and spleen biopsies were carried out on 5 µm- thick, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded samples with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining.

Clonogenic survival assays. 10^4 fibroblasts from healthy control, Cernunnos deficient patient or Pt1 and Pt2 were plated in duplicate on day 0 in culture medium. Increasing dose of the radiomimetic drug phleomycin (Invivogen, Toulouse, France, Grenoble, France) was added and cells were cultured for 7 days. We measured cell number by flow cytometry and analysed the percentage of surviving cells as the ratio of treated/untreated cells.

Analysis of 53BP1 foci after ionizing radiation. Early passaged primary fibroblasts were cultured on cover slips and X-irradiated (5Gy). 1 or 24 hours after irradiation, cells were washed with PBS, fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 15 min and incubated for 20 min with PBS 0.1M glycine. Cells were then permeabilized in 0.5% Triton X-100 in PBS for 15 min. After each step, cover slips were rinsed three times with PBS. Thereafter, cells were incubated for 30 min with PBS-BSA 1% and labeled (30 min) with primary antibodies (Anti-53BP1, Novus Biological). Cells were washed with PBS-BSA1% solution and incubated (30 min) with secondary antibodies (Alexa488 goat F(Ab')₂, Molecular Probes). Slides were stained 5 min with 0.1 µg/ml of DAPI and mounted in Fluorsave (Calbiochem). Slides were analyzed by epifluorescence microscopy (Axioplan ZEISS). Images were processed for quantification using ImageJ.

T cell receptor V β repertoire analysis. T-cell repertoire diversity was measured using the Human ImmunTraCkeR test (ImmunID Technologies), a technology based on genomic DNA Multi-N-plex qPCR technology¹. Human T cell receptor V β -J rearrangements were documented according to IMGT nomenclature (www.imgt.org). Phenotypic analysis of T-cell V β repertoire was performed on whole blood samples using the IOTest Beta Mark[®] kit (Beckman-Coulter, Villepinte, France) containing 24 monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) identifying ~ 70% of the T cell repertoire. Whole blood cells were stained with PECy5-conjugated CD3, PECy7-conjugated CD4 and each combination of 3 FITC-, PE- and FITC/PE-conjugated anti-V β mAbs in 8 sample tubes. Whole blood samples were automatically lysed with IMMUNOPREP[®] Reagent System, washed and fixed in 0.5% formaldehyde in PBS. 0.5 to 1x10⁴ T cells were acquired on a Cytomics FC500 flow cytometer and data were analysed using CXP analysis software. All reagents and instrument were purchased from Beckman-Coulter. Lymphocytes were first gated according to FSC/SSC parameters and then CD3⁺, CD4⁺ and CD3⁺CD4⁻ cells were selected. The proportion of each V β family was compared to the minimum and the maximum of each reference value obtained from IOTest Beta Mark[®] kit related data to evaluate expanded or restricted V β families. Expansions or restrictions were defined respectively for values above the maximum or below the minimum reference values of the corresponding family.

Immunoscope quantitative repertoire. Method has been described elsewhere². Briefly, total RNA Miniprep kit (Qiagen, Courtaboeuf, France), and cDNA was synthesized using the SuperScript[™] II Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen[™] by Life Technologies in Carlsbad, California). PCR reactions were carried out by combining a reverse primer and a specific fluorophore-labeled probe for the constant region

(MGB–TaqMan probe) with 1 of 24 primers covering the different TRBV chains. The different human TRBV germline genes can be clustered in 24 families according to their level of homology (IMGT nomenclature). Real-time PCR reactions were subsequently carried out with a final concentrations of 400nmol/L of each oligonucleotide primer, 200nmol/L of the fluorogenic probe, and FastStart Universal Probe Master, Rox (Roche Mannheim, Germany). Thermal cycling conditions comprised TaqDNA Polymerase activation at 95°C for 10min, then subjected to 40 cycles of denaturation at 95°C for 15s, annealing and extension at 60°C for 1min. For all these different reactions, real-time quantitative PCR was then performed on an ABI-7300 system (Applied Biosystems, by Life Technologies in Carlsbad, California). The relative usage of each TRBV family was calculated according to the formula:

$$U(BVy) = \sum_{x=1}^{x=24} 2^{(Ct(x)-Ct(y))}$$

Ct(x) is the fluorescent threshold cycle number measured for the BVy family.

For Immunoscope profiles, products were then subjected to run-off reactions with a nested fluorescent primer specific for the constant region for a total of three cycles. The fluorescent products were separated and analyzed using an ABI-PRISM 3730 DNA analyzer. The size and intensity of each band were analyzed with “Immunoscope software”³, which has been adapted to the capillary sequencer. Fluorescence intensities were plotted in arbitrary units on the y-axis, and CDR3 lengths (in amino acids) on the x-axis.

Measurement of whole blood cytokine expression. Blood was collected into PAXgene tubes (PreAnalytix, Hombrechtikon, Switzerland) and, after being kept at room temperature for between 2 and 72h, was frozen at -20°C until extraction. Total RNA

was extracted from whole blood with a PAXgene (PreAnalytix) RNA isolation kit. RNA concentration was assessed with a spectrophotometer (FLUOstar Omega, Labtech, Ortenberg, Germany). Quantitative reverse transcription PCR (qPCR) analysis was performed using the TaqMan Universal PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems, Paisley, UK), and a cDNA derived from 40ng total RNA. Using TaqMan probes for IFI27 (Hs01086370_m1), IFI44L (Hs00199115_m1), IFIT1 (Hs00356631_g1), ISG15 (Hs00192713_m1), RSAD2 (Hs01057264_m1), SIGLEC1 (Hs00988063_m1), IL-1b (Hs01555410_m1), IL-6 (Hs00985639_m1), TNF α (Hs99999043_m1), IFN γ (Hs00989291_m1), IL-17A (Hs00174383_m1), and TNFSF13 (BAFF) (Hs00198106_m1). The relative abundance of each target transcript was normalised to the expression level of HPRT1 (Hs03929096_g1) and 18S (Hs999999001_s1), and assessed with the Applied Biosystems StepOne software (version 2.1) and DataAssist software (version 3.01). For each of the six probes, individual (patient and control) data were expressed relative to a single calibrator (control C25). The relative quantification (RQ) for each transcript is equal to $2^{-\Delta Ct}$ i.e, the normalised fold change relative to a control.

BAFF ELISA. BAFF was measured in serum samples using a Human BAFF/BLyS/TNFSF13B Quantikine ELISA Kit (R&D Systems) according to the manufacturer's protocol. BAFF concentration was recorded as pg/ml.

TNF α , IFN γ and Type-I IFN. IFN γ and TNF α were measured using Elisa kits (Life Technologies) according to the manufacturer's instructions. IFN γ and TNF α concentrations were recorded as UI/ml and pg/ml respectively. Alpha Interferon is titrated with the use of the cytopathic effect inhibition assay as described⁴. In this antiviral assay, about 1 unit/ml of interferon is the quantity necessary to produce a

cytopathic effect of 50%. Interferon activity is measured on bovine MDBK cells with vesicular stomatis virus⁵. The units are determined with respect to the WHO international standard for Hu-IFN-Alpha 2b (code 95/566) provided by the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (Pestka 1986)

Phenotypic analysis on whole blood cells. Briefly, 0.5 to 1×10^6 whole blood cells were stained with a mixture of fluorochrome-labeled antibodies for each panel for 20 minutes at 4°C , then washed twice in staining buffer (Phosphate Buffer Saline, 2% FBS, 1mM EDTA). Antibodies used for staining are listed in Supplementary Table 1. Erythrocytes were lysed at room temperature for 10 min in the dark with BD Pharmlyse buffer 1X (BD Biosciences, Le Pont de Claix, France). Cells were resuspended in $300\mu\text{l}$ of staining buffer in the presence of $2\mu\text{L}$ DAPI ($2\mu\text{g/ml}$) to exclude dead cells, and all events were acquired on a CANTO-II flow cytometer (BD biosciences). Results were analyzed using FlowJo software v9.6.4 (TreeStar, Inc, Ashland, USA). Monocytes were identified as classical ($\text{CD}14^+\text{CD}16^-$), activated ($\text{CD}14^+\text{CD}16^+$) or non classical ($\text{CD}14^-\text{CD}16^+$). CD4 T cells were identified as naive ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^+\text{CD}45\text{RA}^+\text{CCR}7^+$), central memory (TCM) ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^+\text{CD}45\text{RA}^-\text{CCR}7^+$), effector memory RA+ ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^+\text{CD}45\text{RA}^+\text{CCR}7^-$) or effector memory (TEM) ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^+\text{CD}45\text{RA}^-\text{CCR}7^-$). CD8 T cells were identified as naive ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^-\text{CD}45\text{RA}^+\text{CCR}7^+$), central memory (TCM) ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^-\text{CD}45\text{RA}^-\text{CCR}7^+$), effector memory RA+ (TEMRA) ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^-\text{CD}45\text{RA}^+\text{CCR}7^-$) and CD8 effector memory (TEM) ($\text{CD}3^+\text{CD}4^-\text{CD}45\text{RA}^-\text{CCR}7^-$).

Assessment of cytokine production in activated whole blood cells: Briefly, 900µL of heparinized whole blood was incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂ humidified atmosphere for 5 hours, in the presence or absence of PMA (50ng, Sigma-Aldrich) and ionomycin (1ng/mL, Sigma-Aldrich, Saint Quentin Fallavier, France) together with protein transport inhibitor (GolgiPlug, 10µg/mL, BD biosciences). At the end of the stimulation, erythrocytes were lysed at room temperature with BD Pharmlyse buffer. White blood cells were washed in staining buffer and stained with the corresponding surface antibodies panel. After washing in PBS, cells were fixed with Formaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich) at 2% final for 20 minutes at 4°C, then washed twice in staining buffer and stored overnight at 4°C. Cells were then permeabilised in staining buffer supplemented with 0.5% saponine and stained 20 minutes at 4°C with the corresponding intra-cytoplasmic anti-cytokine antibodies (IL-2, IL-4, IL-13, IL-17, IFN γ , TNF α). Cells were resuspended in 600µl of staining buffer and all events were acquired on a flow cytometer fitted with four lasers (violet, blue, yellow and red) (LSRII Fortessa for functional analyses BD biosciences). Results were analyzed using FlowJo software v9.6.4 (TreeStar, Inc) and cytokine secretion by different cell subsets defined by the gating strategy was evaluated by creation of Boolean gates.

Fibroblast transfection and immunoblotting to detect AIRE expression.: Primary fibroblasts were cultured from a skin biopsy sample from patients 1, 2 or a control in DMEM supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 2mM glutamine, 10mM HEPES and 40µg/ml gentamycin (Life Technologies, Courtaboeuf, France). Fibroblasts were transfected either with pMax-GFP (Lonza, Basel, Switzerland) vector or with TrueORF gold vector coding for Myc-DDK-tagged ORF of human AIRE transcript variant AIRE-1 (OriGene Technologies, Rockville) using the jetPEI reagent (Polyplus transfection, Illkirch, France). After 24 hours, fibroblasts were lysed in NP40 lysis

buffer (20mM Tris, HCl pH7.4 ; 150mM NaCl ; 2mM EDTA ; 1% NP40) containing protease inhibitors for 30min at 4°C. Supernatant was collected following 10min centrifugation at 16 000g, 4°C and protein content was quantified using μ BCA quantification kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific Biosciences, Villebon sur Yvette, France). Protein extract (50 μ g) were analysed by western blot using anti-AIRE antibody (Abnova, Taipei, Taiwan), anti-rabbit IgG antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (1:10,000) (Sigma-Aldrich), and a BM Chemiluminescence Blotting Substrate Kit (Roche).

Measurement of gene expression in AIRE-transfected fibroblasts. Fibroblasts from patients or controls were cultured and transfected as above. After 24h hours, total RNA was extracted using TRIzol® reagent according to manufacturer's instructions (Life Sciences). Quality and absence of genomic DNA contamination were assessed with a Bioanalyzer (Agilent, Massy, France). We used High capacity RNA-to-cDNA kit (Applied Biosystem, Carlsbad, USA) to generate cDNA for RT-PCR. PCR was carried out with a SybrGreen-based kit (FastStart Universal SYBR Green Master, Roche, Basel, Switzerland) on a StepOne plus instrument (Applied biosystems, Carlsbad, USA). Primers were designed using the Roche website (Universal ProbeLibrary Assay Design Center) (IGFL-1: forward : 5'-GGCTGCATCGTAGCTGTCTT-3'; reverse : 5'-GCATCAGGTAAGGAGTCATGG-3'; Alox12 : forward :5'-CTGAAGATGGAGCCCAATG-3'; reverse : 5'-ACAGTGTTGGGGTTGGAGAG-3'; PRMT3 : 5'-CAGGGTCGTGTTCTCTACGG-3'; reverse : 5'-TTTCCTTTCAAGGCTTACCT-3'; CCNH : forward 5'-ATGATTACGTCTCAAAGAAATCCA-3' ; reverse : 5'-CTACCAGGTCGTCATCAGTCC-3'; CXCL10 : forward : 5'-

GAAAGCAGTTAGCAAGGAAAGGT-3' ; reverse :
GACATATACTCCATGTAGGGAAGTGA-3' ; OAZ1 : forward : 5'-
GGATAAACCCAGCGCCAC-3' ; reverse : 5'-TACAGCAGTGGAGGGAGACC-3').

Detection of autoantibodies against the CaSR: The immunoblotting method for detecting anti-CaSR autoantibodies is described elsewhere⁶. Briefly, 20- μ g samples of *Escherichia coli*-expressed CaSR extracellular domain (amino acid residues 1 to 603; SWISS-PROT nr. P41180) were separated by SDS-PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membrane. Membranes were used in standard immunoblotting experiments with patient or control sera (1:100 dilution), anti-human IgG antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (1:2,000 dilution) (Sigma-Aldrich), and a BM Chemiluminescence Blotting Substrate Kit (Roche). In addition, anti-CaSR autoantibodies were detected in some patient serum samples using a CaSR immunoprecipitation assay as detailed previously⁷.

Detection of anti-nuclear autoantibodies (ANA): The method has been described elsewhere⁸. Briefly, the detection was performed by indirect immunofluorescence technique (IIF) using HEp2 cells. Sera diluted at 1:160 were incubated on HEp2 cells (Biorad, Marnes la Coquette, France) for 30 min at room temperature. After 3 washes in phosphate buffer saline (PBS) pH 7.4, the slides were incubated with a goat anti-human IgG (F(ab')₂) FITC-conjugated to fluorescein isothiocyanate (diluted at 1:100) (Biorad) for 30 min at room temperature. The slides were examined using an Olympus fluorescence microscope. A classical titration of each ANA positive at a titer of 1:160 was performed by serial 1 in 2 dilution until 1:1280. A titer equal or greater than 1:160 was interpreted as a positive result.

Statistical analyses. Differences in numbers of foci were analyzed using the nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test (1-tailed; $P < 0.05$ was considered significant) in the GraphPad Prism program (GraphPad Software).

Study approval. The study was approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of Sud Est III, Lyon, France, and was carried out in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki principles. All patients provided written informed consent for inclusion of their details and samples in the study.

Supplemental Figure 1 :

53BP1 Foci after X-ray irradiation of Pt2fibroblasts. Time points 1h, 24h.

Supplemental Figure 2 :

(A) Quantitative reverse transcription PCR of a panel of 3 cytokines in whole blood measured in Pt1 (before BMT) and Pt2 and 29 controls (Mean +/-S.D.). (B) B cell activating factor (BAFF) measurement in sera of Pt1 (Pre and Post BMT) and Pt2, one Artemis-deficient patient and 6 controls by ELISA. (C) CD39 expression in TReg cells (CD4+CD25+CD127low) in Pt 1 (Pre-BMT) and Pt2 compared to age matched control (pCtl : pediatric Ctl ; aCtl : adult Ctl).

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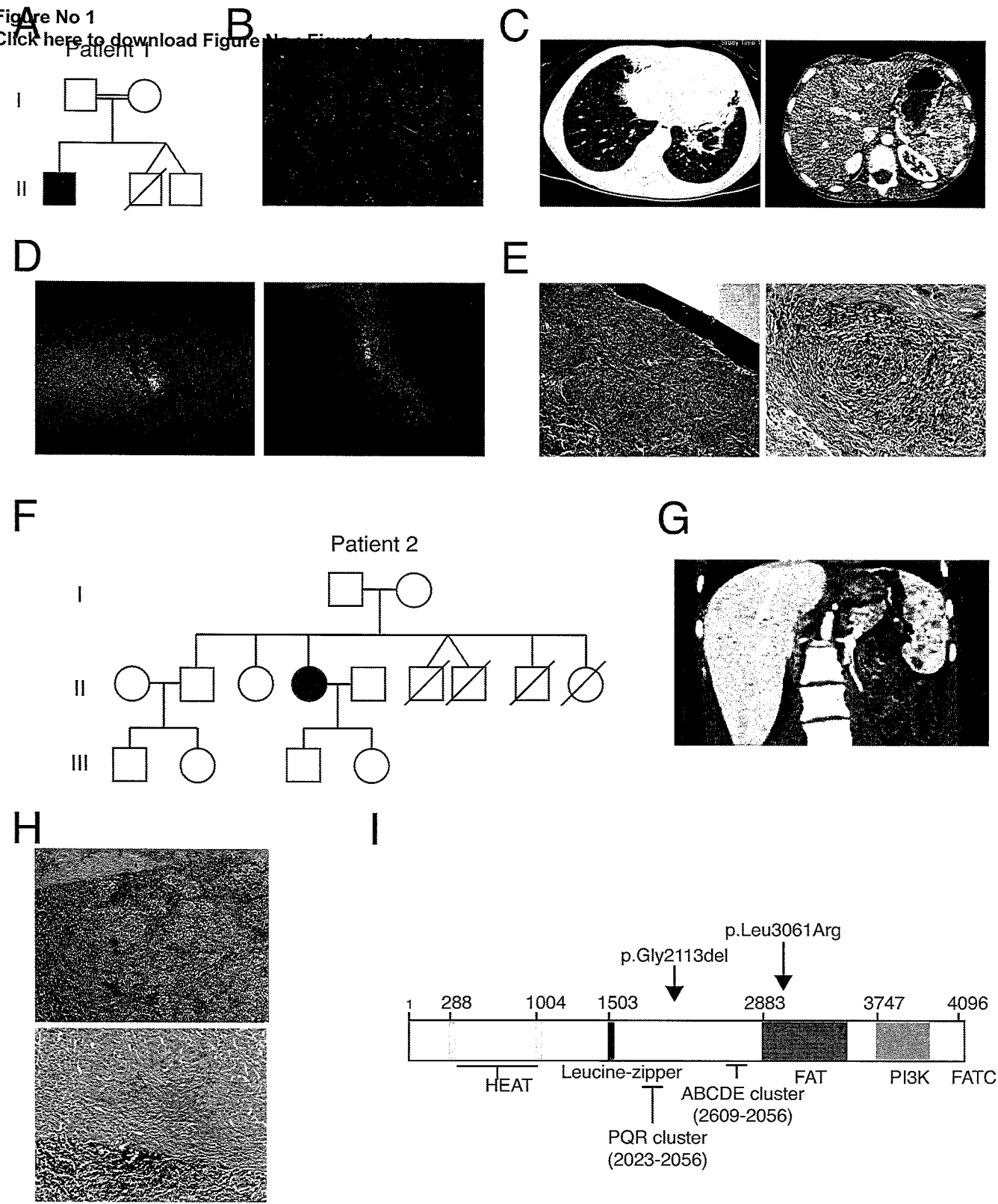


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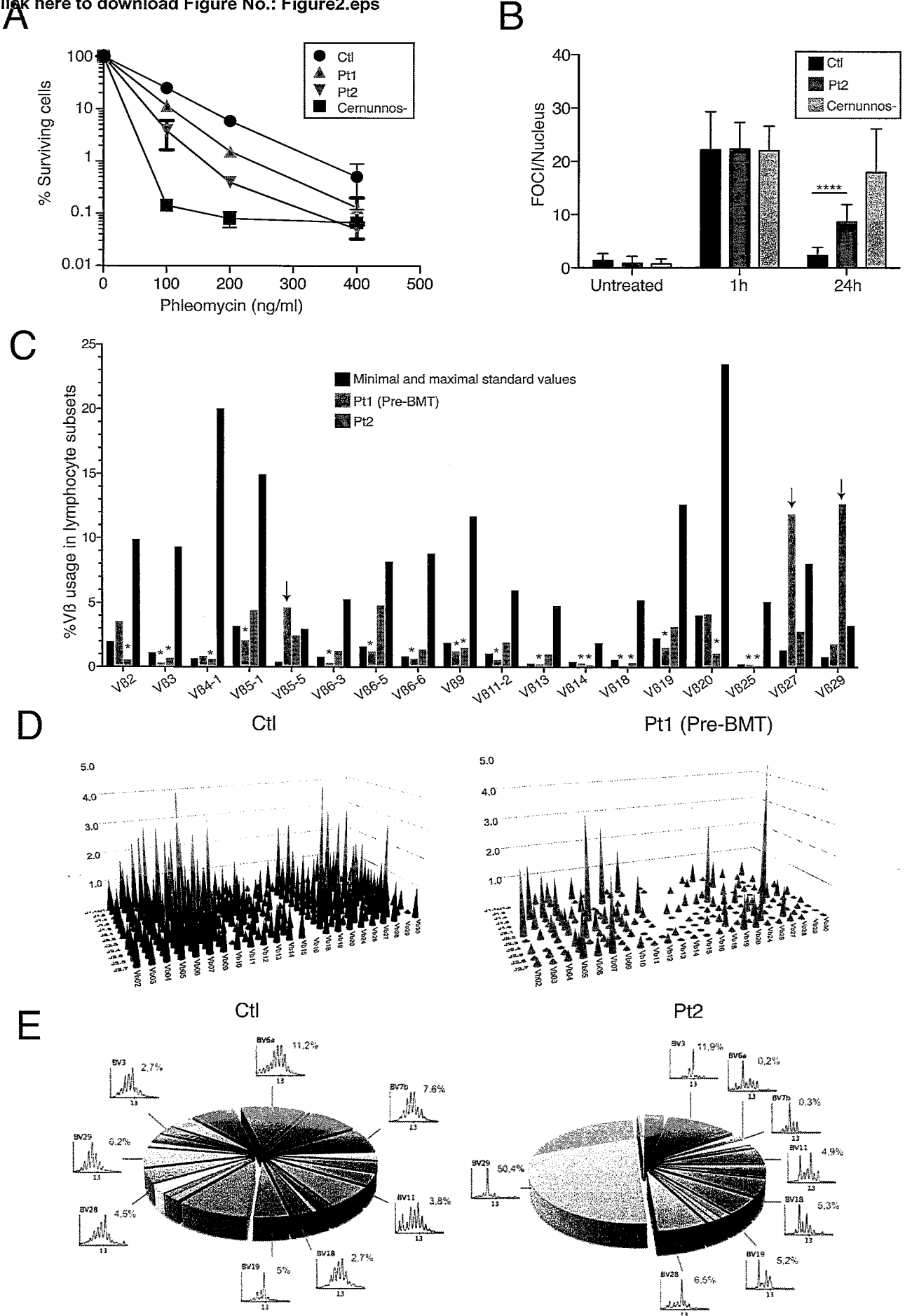
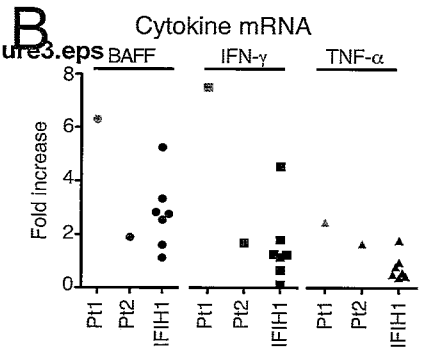
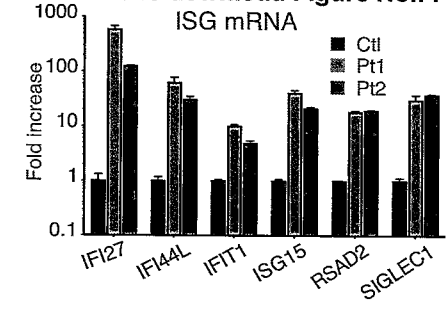


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	Ctl	Pt1	Pt2
BAFF (pg/ml)	340	12285	13094
IFN γ (UI/ml)	<0,2	<0,2	<0,2
TNF α (pg/ml)	<15	83	47

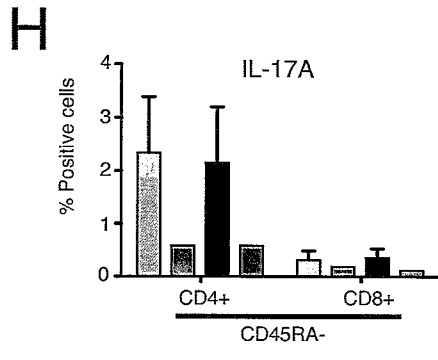
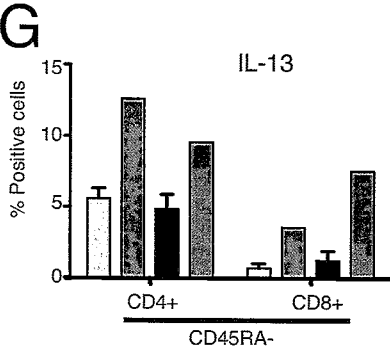
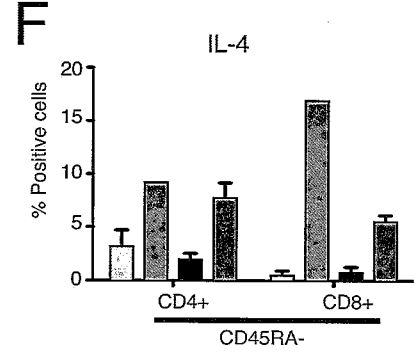
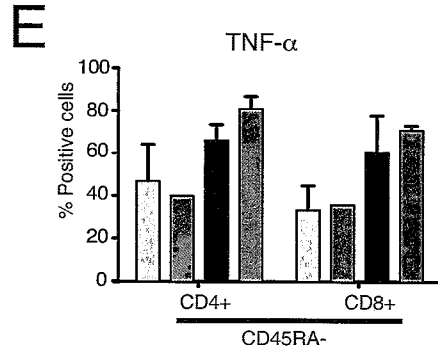
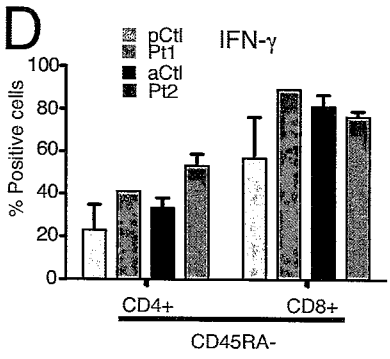


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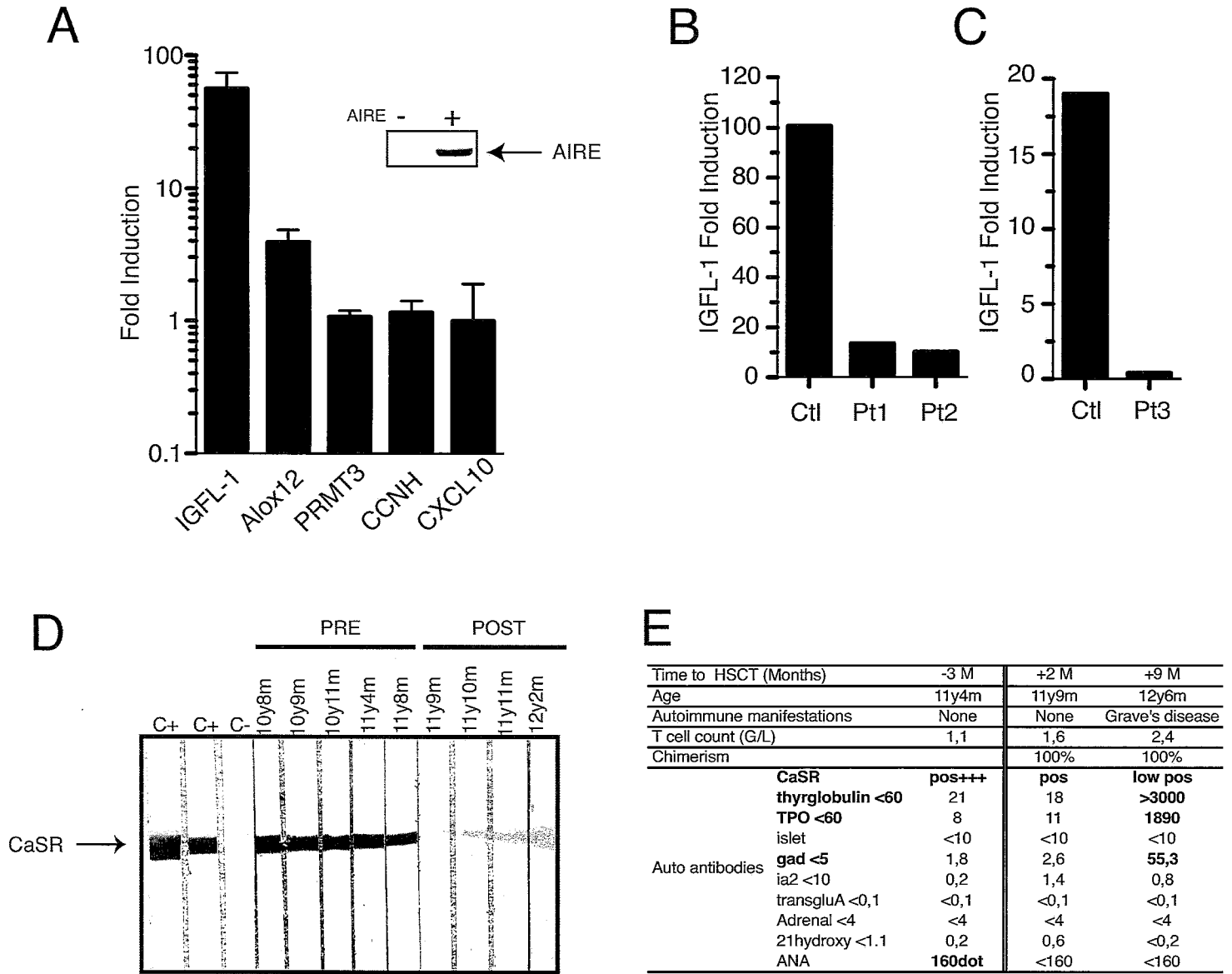
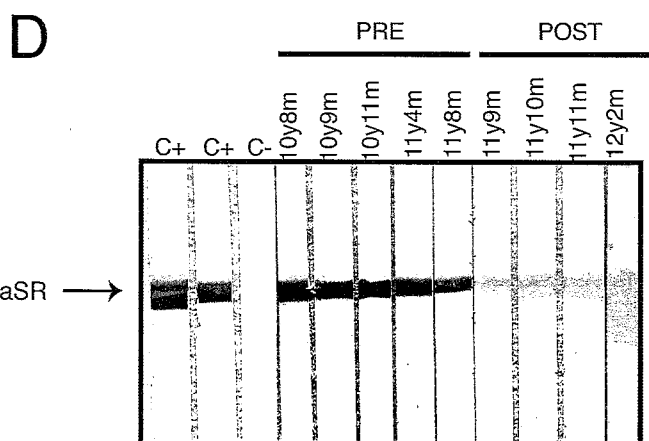
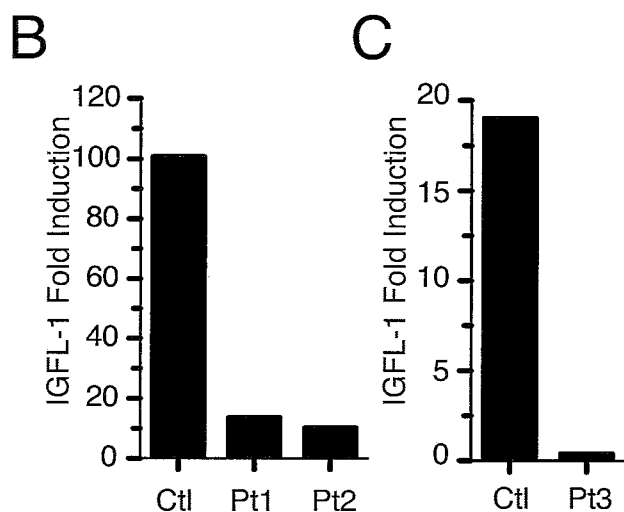
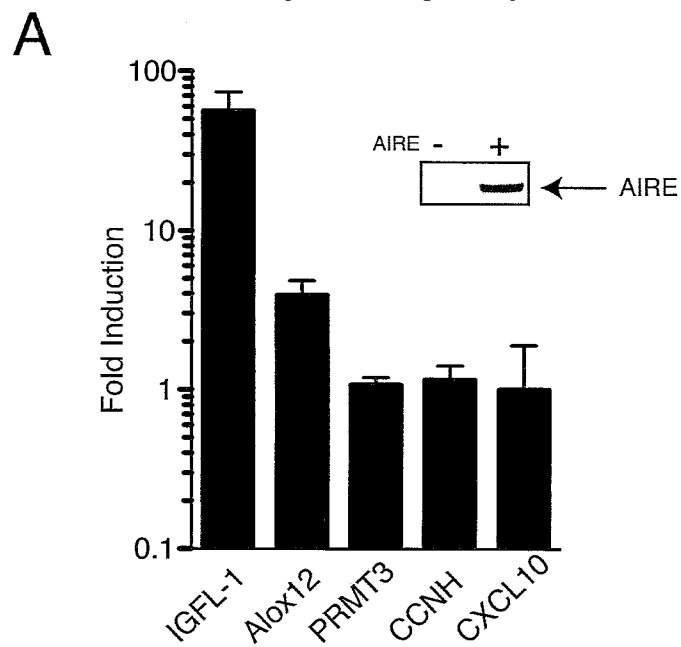


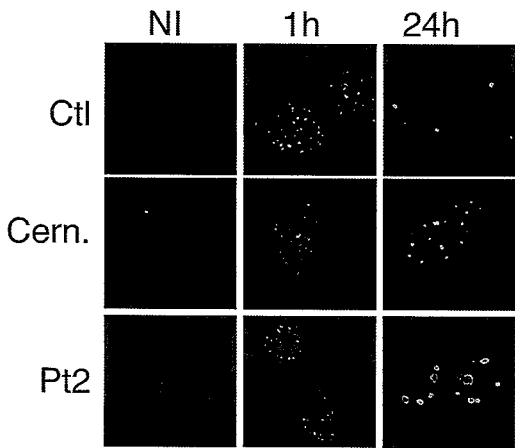
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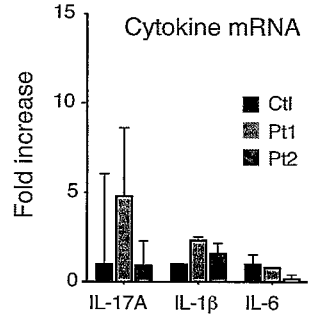
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Time to HSCT (Months)	-3 M	+2 M	+9 M
Age	11y4m	11y9m	12y6m
Autoimmune manifestations	None	None	Grave's disease
T cell count (G/L)	1,1	1,6	2,4
Chimerism	100%	100%	100%
CaSR	pos+++	pos	low pos
thyroglobulin <60	21	18	>3000
TPO <60	8	11	1890
islet	<10	<10	<10
Auto antibodies	gad <5	2,6	55,3
ia2 <10	0,2	1,4	0,8
transgluA <0,1	<0,1	<0,1	<0,1
Adrenal <4	<4	<4	<4
21hydroxy <1.1	0,2	0,6	<0,2
ANA	160dot	<160	<160

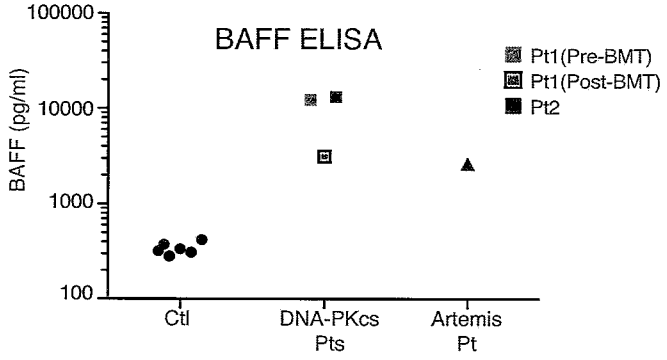
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	%CD45RA-CD39+	S.D.	%CD45RA+CD39+	S.D.
pCtl	34.05	25.4	6.4	3.2
Pt1	96.8		0.8	
aCtl	35.9	16.1	6.7	3.7
Pt2	89.2		0.06	

	Patient 1 (before BMT)						Patient 2					
	6yo	8yo	10yo	11yo	14yo	15yo	14yo	15yo	18yo	20yo	Normal values /μL	
Lymphocyte count /μL (%)	7324 (21)	774 (11)	1264 (18)	668 (13)	1440-5340 (29-56)	699 (15)	467 (12)	890 (32)	637 (14)	1000-4000		
T cell population	3589 (49)	387 (50)	670 (53)	334 (50)	1060-3370 (59-79)	433 (62)	289 (62)	623 (70)	376 (59)	700-2100		
CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	1245 (17)	186 (24)	265 (21)	184 (23)	420-1930 (29-50)	288 (38)	166 (35)	380 (42)	278 (44)	530-1300		
CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	1978 (27)	194 (25)	332(31)	180 (27)	410-138 (20-34)	91 (13)	90 (19)	168 (19)	49 (7)	330-920		
Naive CD4 T cells CD4 ⁺ CD45RA ⁺	50 (4)	2 (1)	5 (2)	3 (2)	100-800 (55-67)	0	0	0	4 (1)	23-770		
Memory CD4 T cells CD4 ⁺ CD45RO ⁺	1145 (92)	171 (92)	252 (95)	137 (89)	150-850	269 (62)	182 (63)	423 (68)	263 (70)	240-700		
Double negative CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺ CD8 ⁺		1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	7 (4.8)	9-78 (0.3-1.8)	17 (2)	14 (3)	19 (3)	56 (9)	7-74 (0.3-1.8)		
Regs CD3 ⁺ CD25 ⁺ CD127 ⁻		9 (3.4)	9 (3.4)	311 (83.1)	44-60 (4-10)							
TCRβ				22 (6.5)	150-860 (80-98)							
TCRα				22 (6.5)	20-360 (2-14)							
Natural Killer (CD16 ⁺ CD56 ⁺ CD3 ⁺) /μL (%)	3442 (47)	364 (47)	569 (45)	307 (46)	145-600 (6-21)	231 (33)	148 (32)	196 (22)	229 (36)	90-600		
Dendritic cells				0.73	0.624-0.853				0.75	0.624-0.853		
Classical monocytes (CD14 ⁺ CD16 ⁻)				3.64	472-780				1.44	472-780		
Inflammatory monocytes (CD14 ⁺ CD16 ⁺)				828.61	18-44				187.19	18-44		
Non classical monocytes (CD14 ⁺ CD16 ⁺)				88.19	15-39				35.08	15-39		
B cell /μL (%)	147 (2)	8 (1)	13(1)	7 (1)	230-1130 (10-27)	0	0			110-570		
CD19 ⁺			14.6	14.1	6.55-12.17				22	6.55-12.17		
Immunoglobulin - g/L			8.8	11.5	4.23-10.6							
IgG1			<0.02	0.2	0.76-3.55							
IgG2			1.169	1.131	0.17-1.73							
IgG3			<0.003	<0.003	0.016-1.15							
IgG4			<0.06	<0.06	0.51-1.63							
IgA			1.29	1.44	0.57-1.62							
IgM				<4.88.10-6	<366.10-6							
IgE												

Table 1 : Clinicobiological assessment of P11 and P12

Patient	Mutation	Clinical history	Serum related to HSCT		Age at time of sample	CASR Ab
			PRE	POST		
Pt1	PRKDC p.Leu3062Arg ; p.Leu3062Arg	Arthritis, skin granuloma, recurrent infections	PRE	+ (46.4)		
			POST	+ (3.26)		
Pt2	PRKDC p.Leu3062Arg ; p.Leu3062Arg	Arthritis, spleen granuloma, recurrent infections	PRE	+ (28.1)		
			POST	-		
Artemis	DCLRE1C p.Leu70del ; p.0 (del exons 1-4)	No severe infection Cutaneous granuloma	PRE	-	<6yo	-
RAAG case 1	RAG1 p.Arg474Cys ; p.Lys983AsnfsX9	autoimmune cytopenia, severe infections	PRE	-	2yo	-
			POST	-	>29mo	-
RAAG case 2	RAG1 p.Arg474Cys ; p.Lys983Asn	autoimmune cytopenia, severe infections	PRE	-	>8yo	-
RAAG case 3	RAG1 p.Arg841Gln ; p.Phe974Leu	idiopathic T cell lymphopenia, sister with severe autoimmunity	PRE	-	<3mo	-
RAAG case 4	RAG1 p.His612Arg ; p.His612Arg	Evans sy, skin granuloma, splenomegaly, severe infections	POST	-	10yo	-
RAAG case 5	RAG1 p.Arg314Trp ; p.Arg507Trp/Arg737His	skin granuloma, EBV lymphoma, no severe infections	PRE	-	<6yo	-
RAAG case 6	RAG2 p.Phe62Leu ; p.Phe62Leu	autoantibodies, T cell lymphopenia, severe infections	PRE	-	29yo	-

Table 2 : Anti-CASR assessment in patients with V(D)J recombination deficiency