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Introduction

- Adenosine deaminase (ADA)-deficient severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) is characterized by severe lymphocytopenia affecting T-, and B- lymphocytes, with non-immunological manifestations including neurodevelopmental deficits, sensorineural deafness, and skeletal abnormalities
- Treatment modalities include enzyme replacement therapy(ERT) and/or autologous gene therapy or hematopoietic stem cell treatment
- We present a case of a 9 month old female with *ADA*-deficient SCID who underwent enzyme replacement therapy prior to stem cell transplant

Patient Presentation

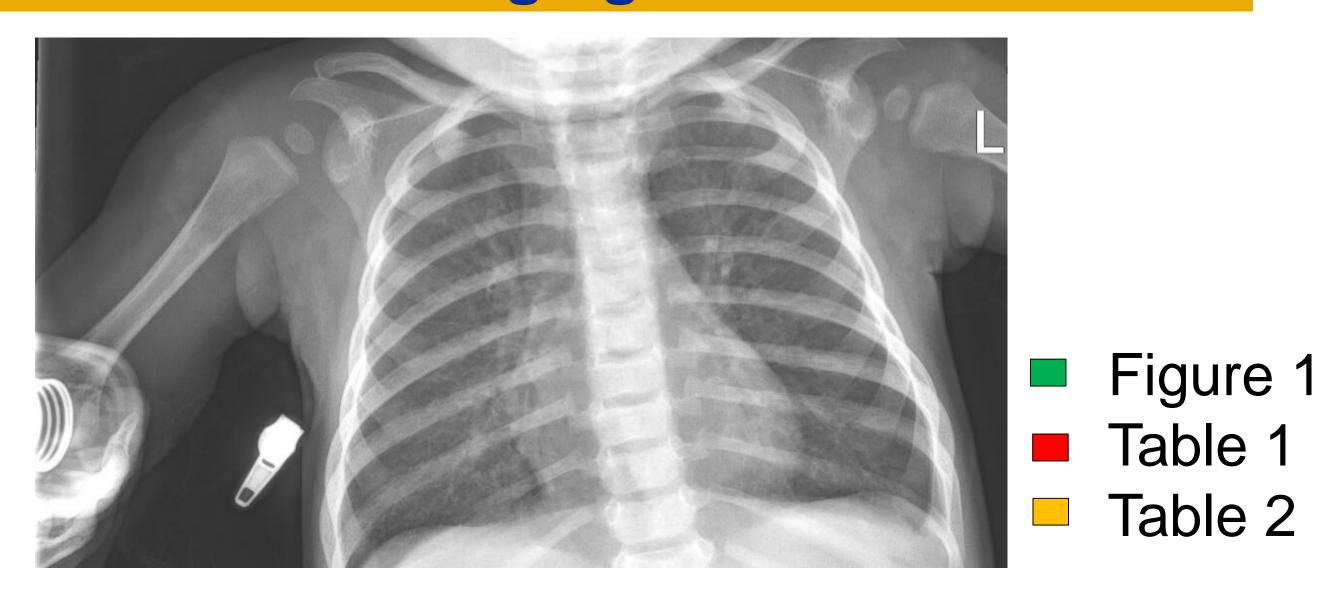
• A 9-month-old female with a history of failure to thrive, hypotonia, chronic cough and loss of developmental milestones had genetic testing done that showed variants ADA c.911 T>G, c.302G>A

Table 1

Table 2

- She was admitted for further workup
- Patient diagnosed with T-B-NK+ ADA deficiency SCID after lymphocyte cytometry and ADA levels obtained

Imaging



Lab Results

| | | 2 weeks after | 2 months after |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Presentation | ERT | ERT |
| Total T cells | | | |
| (CD3+)mm ³ | 117 (49%) | 516 (51%) | 1241 (47%) |
| CD4 cells mm ³ | 55 (23%) | 293 (29%) | 792 (30%) |
| CD8 cells mm ³ | 50 (21%) | 222 (22%) | 423 (16%) |
| CD19 cells mm ³ | 7 (3%) | 162 (16%) | 766 (29%) |
| NK cells mm ³ | 108 (45%) | 324 (32%) | 607 (23%) |

| | | RBC Nucleotides | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| | Plasma ADA | Umol/ml RBC | |
| Weeks on PegADA | Umol/h/ml | dAXP (%dAXP) | |
| 0 | Undetectable | 0.299(14.7) | |
| 2 | 134.7 | 0.130(7.9) | |
| 6 | 212.6 | 0.028(1.6) | |
| 15 | 153 | 0.003(0.2) | |
| 20 | 147.4 | 0.002 (0.1) | |

Figures and Tables

- Figure 1 shows initial chest x-ray showing pulmonary opacities in our patient
- Table 1 shows the lymphocyte progression after Elapegademase was initiated
- Table 2 shows ADA and dAXP levels in response to PegADA

Discussion

- *ADA* deficiency SCID is known to present with T-B-NK-immune phenotype; however, our patient presented with T-B-NK+ cells
- Our patient showed clinical and immunological improvement from ERT
- Our patient is now s/p stem cell transplant after 20 weeks of ERT
- ERT should be considered in *ADA* SCID patients while awaiting definitive curative treatment

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