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Acanthocytes are Irregularly Shaped Red Cells with Spiny Projections Whose Appearance Reflects Abnormal Membrane

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Neuroacanthocytosis (NA) is a heterogeneous group of inherited neurodegenerative disorders characterized by misshapen spiculated erythrocytes and symptoms that resemble Huntington's disease A 30-year-old. who developed hyperkinetic involuntary movements that became progressively more obvious during a year.

CASE PRESENTATION

Here, we present one case of ChAc diagnosed based on typical clinical symptoms, and MRI genetic findings.

CONCLUSIONS

Chorea-acanthocytosis is a rare neurodegenerative disease with various early clinical manifestations. A neuropsychiatric syndrome, beginning with features of a person with OCD spectrum disorder, may evolve into dementia; some patients also have axonal neuropathy and seizures. Nursing participates in improving the quality of the patient's life.

KEYWORDS

Neuroacanthocytosis; Chorea-acanthocytosis; Neurodegenerative disease

INTRODUCTION

Acanthocytes are irregularly shaped red cells with spiny projections whose appearance reflects abnormal membrane structure. They are found in PKAN (see the following text) and in Huntington-like disorder 2 (HDL2), a triplet repeat disease affecting the gene encoding junctophilin-3, a protein involved in sarcoplasmic and plasma membranes Chorea-acanthocytosis is a autosomal recessive disorder in which patents experience the onset of a

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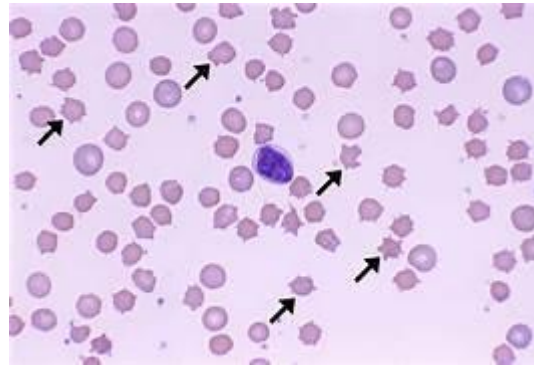
hyperkinetic movement disorder in early adulthood, which eventually evolves into parkinsonism. The movements are often drug-resistant but may respond to deep brain stimulation. A neuropsychiatric syndrome, beginning with features of obsessive-compulsive disorder may evolve into dementia; some patients also have axonal neuropathy and seizures. Death usually occurs within 15 years; there is no disease-modifying therapy. Patients have mutations in CHAC, the human analog of the yeast vacuolar protein sorting 13 (VPS13). The gene product, chore in, interacts with β -adducin and β -actin, membrane cytoskeletal proteins expressed at synapses and red cell membranes. Two related disorders of lipid metabolism are also associated with acanthocytosis. Abetalipoproteinemia (Bassen-Kornzweig syndrome) is caused by mutations in the gene encoding the microsomal triglyceride transfer protein. This leads to severe diarrhoea and an almost complete absence of apolipoprotein B (apoB)-containing proteins in the blood, with very low levels of cholesterol (often <40 mg/dL) and other blood lipids. Fat-soluble vitamins are correspondingly low; perhaps the most significant is vitamin E, whose deficiency causes spinocerebellar syndrome progressive ophthalmoplegia and pigmentary retinopathy. Vitamin K deficiency may cause serious bleeding. The presence of very low serum cholesterol and acanthocytes should suggest the diagnosis, which can be confirmed by mutation analysis. Treatment with vitamin E and vitamin K is effective if begun early. Hypobetalipoproteinemia results from mutations in the apoB gene itself; the phenotype is indistinguishable from abetalipoproteinemia; the treatment is the same.

Some also have seizures. MRI shows caudate atrophy and increased signal in the putamen. Cardiomyopathy may occur and lead to premature death. Electromyography (EMG) shows axonal degeneration and muscle biopsy may show myopathy and denervation. Complex phenotypes likely result from contiguous gene syndromes; XK is adjacent to CYBB (causing X-linked chronic granulomatous disease), DMD (Duchenne muscular dystrophy), and RPGR (X-linked retinitis pigmentosa) on the X chromosome (Merritt neurology- page2225)

Perhaps the most common hereditary chorea after HD is neuroacanthocytosis, formerly called chorea-acanthocytosis. The chorea is typically less severe than that seen with HD but occasionally can be just as severe. In addition to chorea, patients with neuroacanthocytosis often have tics, stereotypies, seizures, cognitive decline, amyotrophy, dysphagia, absent tendon reflexes, high serum creatine kinase, feeding dystonia (tongue pushes food out of the mouth), and self-mutilation with lip and tongue biting. Age at onset is typically in adolescence and young adulthood, but the range is wide (8 to 62 years). Like HD, young age at onset is more likely to produce parkinsonism or dystonia rather than chorea. The diagnosis depends on finding more than 10% spiky erythrocytes (acanthocytes) in blood smears. Some authorities have proposed that detection of acanthocytes can be enhanced if a wet smear of blood is diluted 1:1 with normal saline (Figure 81.2). Occasionally electron microscopy is needed to confirm the presence of acanthocytes (Merritte. Page 694).

The cerebral pathology is similar to that of HD, with striatal degeneration causing caudate atrophy but without intranuclear inclusions immunostaining with antibodies against huntingtin protein. PET scan typically shows hypometabolism in the caudate nucleus as well as reduced fluorodopa uptake and decreased dopamine receptor binding in the striatum. Erythrocyte membrane lipids are altered. Tightly bound palmitic acid (C16:0) is increased and stearic acid (C18:0) is decreased. Choline acetyltransferase and glutamic acid decarboxylase are normal in basal ganglia and cortex, substance P levels are low in the substantia nigra and striatum, and norepinephrine is elevated in the putamen and pallidum. A rare patient with neuroacanthocytosis may have the McLeod phenotype,

an X-linked (Xp21) form of acanthocytosis associated with chorea, seizures, neuropathy, liver disease, hemolysis, and elevated creatine kinase values (Merritt. page 695).

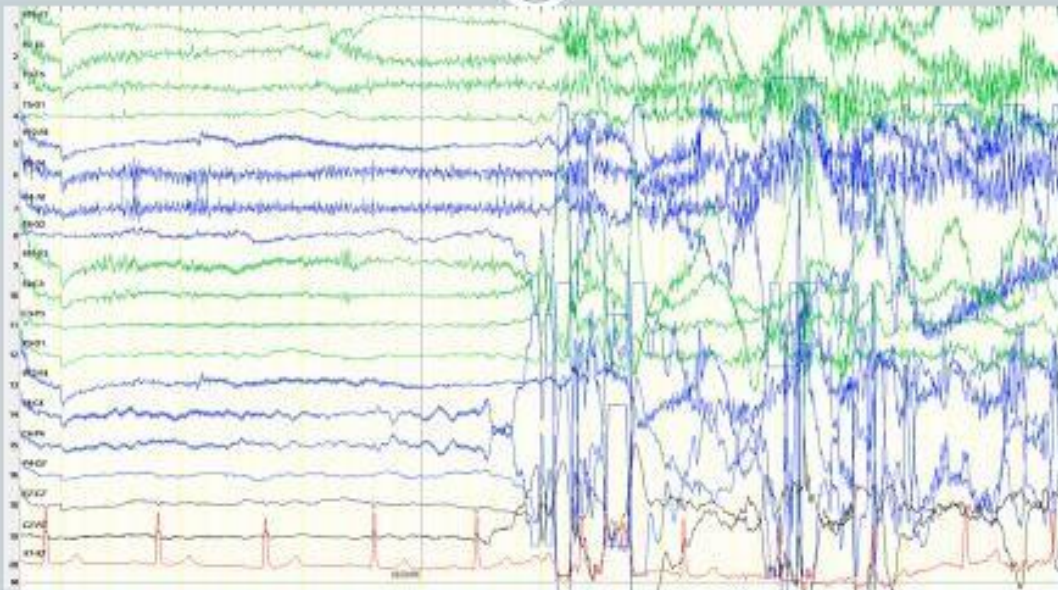


CASE REPORT

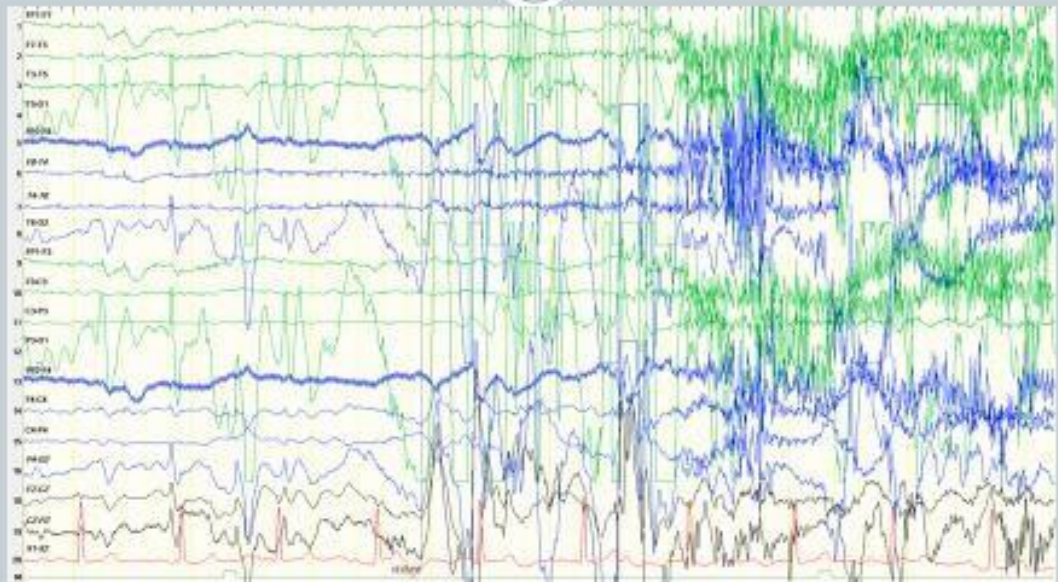
It's a 30-year-old male patient who was brought to EMU for acute seizure and lost muscle an especially prominent of lower extremity which was followed by loss of movement the patient was sent to 4 monitoring he was conscious and oriented he hadn't walked and he's verbal response was incomprehensible and his motor response was poor especially in lower extremity motor exam consisted right upper limb proximal and distal 5 to 5 left upper limb proximal four to five and distal 3 to 5 write lovely proximate four to five distal 3 to 5 .plantar reflex right mute left down. He had involuntary time movement that affected cutting and speech he initially experienced symptoms in 2020 and He had a history of anxiety and restlessness his symptoms fluctuated during recent Mount the patient hyperkinetic involuntary movement because progression was more obvious. He developed tongue protrusion, diarrhoea, and dysplasia. Brain magnetic resonance imaging MRI. showed a white matter lesion of the bilateral Hemisphere. The routine blood analysis rate was normal. Akanto mitosis was shown in a peripheral blood smear. Subsequently, symptoms include tongue protrusion. Genetic testing was performed and they were found in his family, mother, and sister. The patient was administered anti-epileptic drugs(1000mg level tracemam. The patient was monitored in their monitoring unit video E EG monitoring and he had abnormal erg. A habitual seizure was a focal seizure without any URA. His second confusion was 5_10 seconds. The frequency of his seizures is 20 per day. He experienced serial seizures of intricate egg finding consisting of hyperventilation and photic didn't induce seizures and epileptic form discharge. His EEG background consisted of 10-hertz activity over the posterior head region. The patient had seizures for the first time six months ago. It was in the form of bilateral blinking and deviation of the face to the right, which lasted for about 5 seconds. He was unconscious during the attack. He is unconscious for about 5 to 10 seconds after the attack. The patient was born naturally with normal development and no history of fever and convulsions, birth injury, head trauma can infection. The parents of the patient are related. During the hospitalization, the patient had 21 seizures. While waking up and lying down, he first moved his hands. And then it contracts and makes an incomprehensible sound. He also lifts his left leg and then flexes it at the knee.

The patient's eyes are open, but he does not communicate. The patient has frequent blinking. After 90 seconds, he partially answers the nurse's questions. And after 120 seconds, he gives the correct answer. This case has demonstrated that ChAc can have a clinical manifestation with focal seizure with significant motor symptoms due to chAc. The disease course is typically characterized by a progressive disorder and strong muscles.

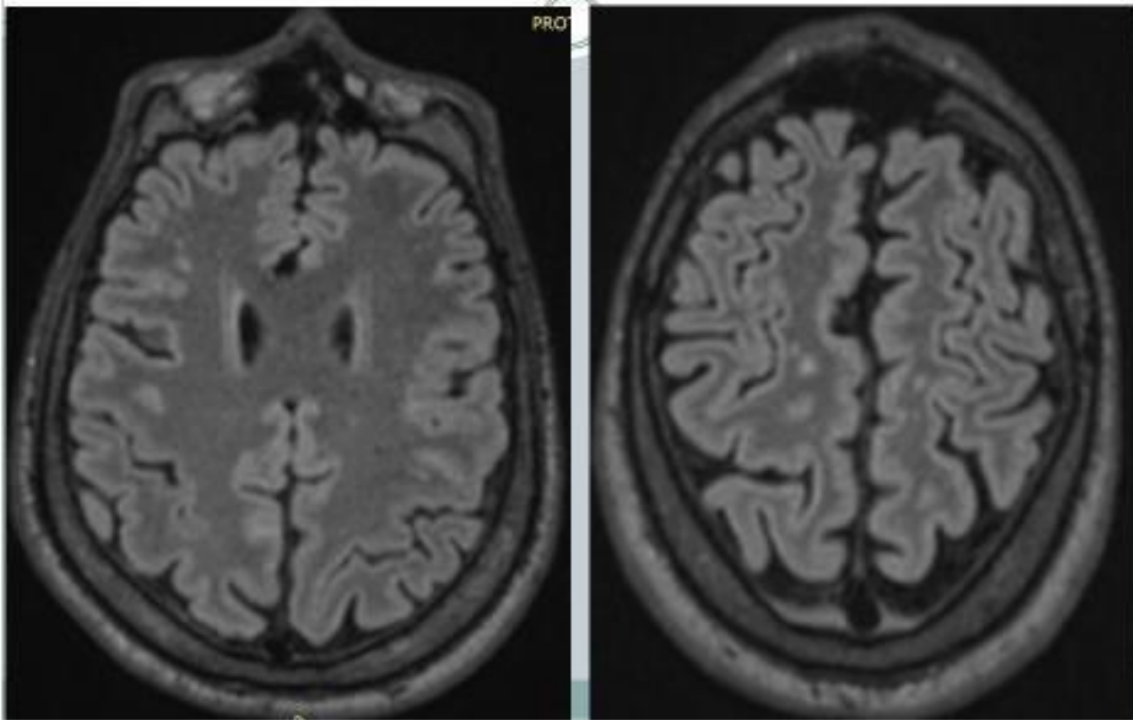
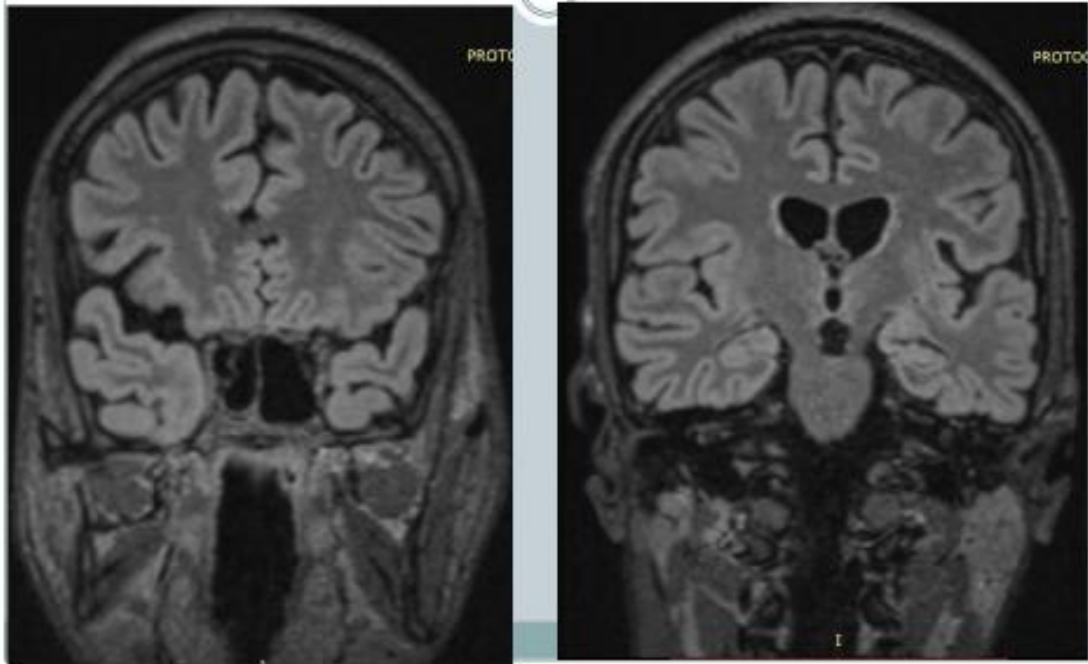
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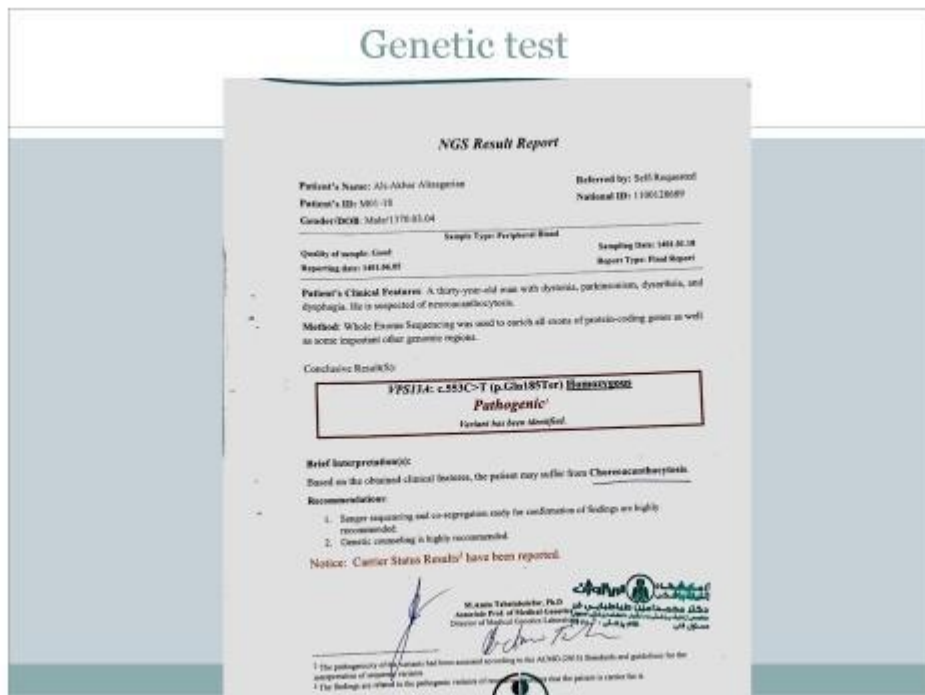
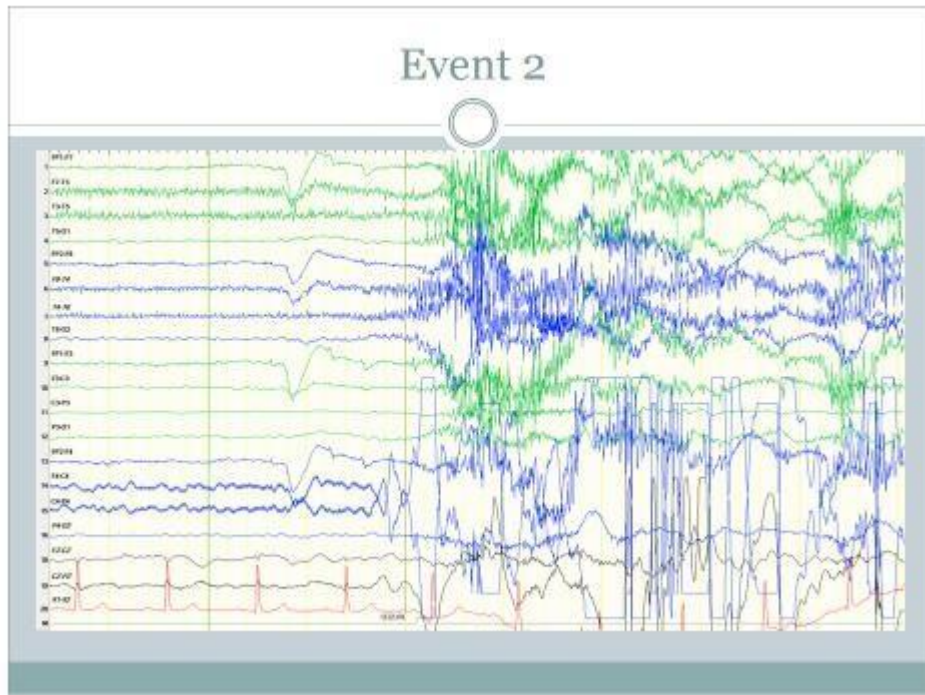


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CONCLUSION

Neuroacanthocytosis syndromes are characterized by the presence of “thorny” red blood cells and neurodegeneration of the basal ganglia, along with peripheral neuromuscular findings, seizures, and a variety of neuropsychiatric.

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