calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>) homeostasis. Germline  $G\alpha_{11}$  inactivating and activating mutations cause familial hypocalciuric hypercalcaemia type-2 (FHH2) and autosomal dominant hypocalcaemia type-2 (ADH2), respectively, but such  $G\alpha_{\alpha}$  mutations have not been reported. We therefore investigated the DiscovEHR cohort database, which has exomes from 51,289 patients with matched phenotyping data, for such GNAQ mutations. The DiscovEHR cohort was examined for rare GNAQ variants, which were transiently expressed in CaSR-expressing HEK293A  $G\alpha_{\alpha'11}$ knockout cells, and their effects on CaSR-mediated intracellular calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>) release and MAPK activity, in response to increasing concentrations of extracellular calcium were assessed using a nuclear factor of activated T-cells response element (NFAT-RE) luciferase reporter construct and a serum response element (SRE) luciferase reporter construct, respectively. Responses were compared to those of wild-type (WT), inactivating FHH2-associated GNA11 mutations (Leu135Gln and Phe220Ser), and engineered GNAQ mutations that were equivalent to the FHH2-causing GNA11 mutations.  $G\alpha_{q/11}$  protein expression was confirmed by Western blot analysis. Six rare missense GNAQ variants (Arg19Trp, Ala110Val, Gln299His, Ala302Ser, Ala331Thr, Val344Ile) were identified in DiscovEHR individuals, all of whom had mean plasma calcium values in the normal range (8.30-10.00 mg/dL). Functional characterisation of all six  $G\alpha_{\alpha}$  variants showed no significant difference to WT  $G\alpha_{\alpha}$  responses, thereby indicating that these variants are unlikely to be disease-causing mutations. In addition, the FHH2-causing GNA11 mutations (Leu135Gln and Phe220Ser) had significantly reduced responses, compared to WT  $G\alpha_{11}$ ; however, this could be compensated by WT  $G\alpha_{o}$ . GNAQ Leu135Gln and Phe220Ser, in contrast to their  $G\alpha_{11}$  counterparts, showed no differences in protein expression or signalling responses when compared to WT  $G\alpha_{a}$ . Our study, which provides mechanistic insights into the differences between  $G\alpha_{a}$  and  $G\alpha_{11}$ , indicates that  $G\alpha_{a}$ , unlike  $G\alpha_{11}$ , does not play a major role in the pathogenesis of FHH2 or ADH2.

# Adrenal

### ADRENAL CASE REPORTS II

### Giant Bilateral Myelolipomas in a Patient with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

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**INTRODUCTION** Adrenal myelolipomas are rare, benign adrenal tumors composed of adipose and hematopoietic tissue. The first mass was identified by Gierke in 1905 and named by Oberling in 1929. Myelolipomas often coexist with CAH and other hormonal disorders although this relationship is still unclear. We present a rare case of giant bilateral myelolipomas in a patient with CAH. **CASE REPORT** A 28-year-old female with a history of CAH due to 21-hydroxylase deficiency diagnosed at birth presented to our endocrinology clinic after being lost to follow up for 4 years and a history of poor follow up for several years before that. She reported being on varying doses of hydrocortisone throughout her life with the most recent being 10mg TID with poor adherence. Over the past 4 years, the patient noticed increased hair growth on her face, abdomen, inner thighs and back, abdominal striae, and weight gain of 80-100lbs. She also reported a history of bilateral flank pain for the last several years, requiring several ER visits where she was told she had adrenal nodules based on scans that were done. A few months prior to her first visit to our clinic she developed increasing flank pain, which prompted a visit to a local ER. A CT of the abdomen revealed bilateral adrenal septated complex cystic masses measuring 19x12x20 cm on the left and 12x11x11 cm on the right. Initial biochemical workup was consistent with poorly managed CAH: ACTH 45.2 pg/mL (n 7.2 - 63.3), total testosterone 401 ng/dl (n 8-48), androstenedione 2085 ng/ dl (n 41-262), 17-OH progesterone 18880 ng/dl, (n 15-290), DHEA-sulfate 423.5 ug/dl, (n 84.8-378), and estradiol 72.0 pg/dl, (n 12.5-498). Plasma renin activity was 13.904 ng/mL/ hr (n 0.167-5.380 ng/mL/hr). Based on laboratory results hydrocortisone was decreased to 10mg BID and dexamethasone was added. Due to severe recurrent pain the patient underwent bilateral adrenalectomy. On pathology the bilateral masses were found to be myelolipomas with the left diameter measuring 22.3 cm and the right measuring 16.5 cm. Post-operatively her lab values showed significant improvement compared to her initial workup: ACTH 4.1 pg/mL, total testosterone 6.7 ng/dl, androstenedione 73 ng/ dl, 17-OH progesterone 29 ng/dl, DHEA sulfate 7.2 ug/dl, and estradiol 228.3 pg/dl. Plasma renin was also within normal range at 1.776 ng/mL/hr. On follow up, the patient had recovered well and reported improvement in her flank pain. **CONCLUSION** This is a rare case of giant bilateral adrenal myelolipomas. Despite these tumors being benign and often asymptomatic, they are clinically relevant due to their role in the differential diagnosis of an adrenal mass. The presence of megakaryocytes in a biopsy specimen of a fatty adrenal mass is pathognomonic for myelolipoma. Treatment is guided by the tumor size and patient presentation; masses >7 cm, hormonally active, or causing abdominal pain should be surgically removed as demonstrated in this case

# **Neuroendocrinology and Pituitary** NEUROENDOCRINE & PITUITARY PATHOLOGIES

#### Depression, Subjective Stress and Serum Osteocalcin Concentrations in People with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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