



Characterization of an unbalanced translocation causing 3q28qter duplication and 10q26.2qter deletion in a patient with global developmental delay and self-injury

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Abstract Chromosomal structural variation can cause severe neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric phenotypes. Here we present a nonverbal female adolescent with severe stereotypic movement disorder with severe problem behavior (e.g., self-injurious behavior, aggression, and disruptive and destructive behaviors), autism spectrum disorder, severe intellectual disability, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and global developmental delay. Previous cytogenetic analysis revealed balanced translocations present in the patient's apparently normal mother. We hypothesized the presence of unbalanced translocations in the patient due to maternal history of spontaneous abortions. Whole-genome sequencing and whole-genome optical mapping, complementary next-generation genomic technologies capable of the accurate and robust detection of structural variants, identified t(3;10), t(10;14), and t(3;14) three-way balanced translocations in the mother and der(10)t(3;14;10) and der(14)t(3;14;10) translocations in the patient. Instead of a t(3;10), she inherited a normal maternal copy of Chromosome 3, resulting in an unbalanced state of a 3q28qter duplication and 10q26.2qter deletion. Copy-imbalanced genes in one or both of these regions, such as *DLG1*, *DOCK1*, and *EBF3*, may contribute to the patient's phenotype that spans neurodevelopmental, musculoskeletal, and psychiatric domains, with the possible contribution of a maternally inherited 15q13.2q13.3 deletion.

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INTRODUCTION

Structural chromosomal abnormalities, such as translocations and copy-number variants (CNVs), collectively play a significant role in susceptibility to various neurodevelopmental

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and neuropsychiatric disorders, including epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), intellectual disability (ID), and schizophrenia (Vassos et al. 2010; Talkowski et al. 2012). Chromosomal translocations—balanced or unbalanced—may result in disruption of genomic loci at translocation breakpoints. Although balanced translocations often produce no phenotypic effects, the segregation of an unbalanced form of a translocation may occur in a child of an apparently normal individual as a result of gain and loss of genomic material (Baptista et al. 2005; Weckselblatt et al. 2015). Identifying disrupted genes is important for understanding the phenotypic consequences of translocations. The use of limited-resolution and low-efficiency traditional techniques, such as G-banded karyotyping, fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), and microsatellite marker genotyping, limits the ability to detect clinically relevant structural variants (SVs), especially as tools in genetic counseling for specific neurodevelopmental disorders (Vassos et al. 2010; Lin et al. 2016). Instead, next-generation sequencing (NGS) approaches facilitate localization of chromosomal breakpoints to nucleotide-level precision and reliably delineate copy-number changes (Ordulu et al. 2016). In addition, whole-genome optical mapping is a sensitive tool for detecting large genomic variants and resolving genomic regions with duplications or higher-order repeats typically difficult for short-read NGS technology (Barseghyan et al. 2017). These technologies enable the characterization of complex chromosomal rearrangements as in the case of our patient, improving our understanding of their clinical relevance.

RESULTS

Clinical Presentation

Our patient was a nonverbal 16-yr-old Caucasian female hospitalized for the assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior. Her diagnoses included stereotypic movement disorder with self-injurious behavior (SIB), global developmental delay, ASD, severe ID, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and mixed receptive-expressive language disorder (Table 1). Physical exam was significant for short stature, large head with a long, slightly asymmetrical jaw and large forehead, large and prominent ears, downturned corners of the mouth, downslanting palpebral fissures, beaked nose, diffuse hypotonia, spastic dysarthria, scoliosis, limited range of motion at the feet and ankles, and a wide-based gait. Her problem behaviors included severe SIB (hitting head with open and closed fist, head banging), aggression (grabbing others, hair pulling, hitting, punching, kicking, scratching), disruptive and destructive behaviors (screaming, breaking objects, knocking furniture, throwing items), inappropriate sexual behaviors (placing hands in pants, masturbating), disrobing (attempting to remove clothing in public places), mouthing objects (placing inedible objects in mouth), spitting (expelling food or fluid past the plane of the lips), noncompliance (dropping and/or not following adult directions within 10 sec), severe sleep dysregulation, and food refusal. Her aggression had increased with age and was further magnified with the onset of puberty. She had undergone multiple medication trials but the medications reportedly increased her irritability and worsened her problem behavior. Because of the severity and risk of injury to herself and others from SIB and aggression, these behaviors were primarily targeted for intervention by first assessing the environmental variables evoking and maintaining the behavior by conducting a functional behavioral assessment. To determine her level of adaptive functioning, the patient's scores on the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales were also assessed.

Behavioral Studies

Functional Behavioral Assessment

To collect information to construct operational definitions for each form of problem behavior, trained clinicians conducted interviews with parents and school personnel and directly

Table 1. Clinical characteristics of the patient and their relevance to the 10q26 deletion and 3q29 duplication syndromes

Clinical feature	HPO ^a	Previous 10q cases	References (10q cases)	Previous 3q cases	References (3q cases)
ID, severe	HP:0010864	X	Courtens et al. 2006	X	Fernández-Jaén et al. 2014
ASD	HP:0000717	X	Yatsenko et al. 2009	X	Pollak et al. 2020
ADHD	HP:0007018	X	Courtens et al. 2006; Yatsenko et al. 2009	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Language impairment	HP:0002463	X	Courtens et al. 2006)	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Motor delay	HP:0001270	X	Courtens et al. 2006	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Stereotypy (hand and eye)	HP:0000733	X	Yatsenko et al. 2009	X	Fernández-Jaén et al. 2014
Mood changes (dysthymia/anhedonia)	HP:0001575	X	Courtens et al. 2006	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Self-injurious behavior	HP:0100716	X	Courtens et al. 2006		
Abnormal aggressive, impulsive or violent behavior	HP:0006919	X	Courtens et al. 2006	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Inappropriate sexual behavior	HP:0008768	X	Courtens et al. 2006)		
Agitation	HP:0000713	X	Courtens et al. 2006		
Sleep disturbance	HP:0002360	X	Courtens et al. 2006		
Generalized hypotonia	HP:0001290	X	Courtens et al. 2006; Miller et al. 2009b	X	Pollak et al. 2020
Gait ataxia	HP:0002066	X	Miller et al. 2009b		
Macrocephaly (z = 2.14)	HP:0000256			X ^a	Ballif et al. 2008
Short stature (z = -2.99)	HP:0004322	X	Yatsenko et al. 2009		
Strabismus	HP:0000565	X	Courtens et al. 2006; Miller et al. 2009b; Yatsenko et al. 2009		
Scoliosis	HP:0002650	X	Courtens et al. 2006	X	Battaglia et al. 2006 ^b
Talipes equinovarus	HP:0001776			X	Lawrence et al. 2017
Specific craniofacial dysmorphisms (downslanted palpebral fissures; beaked nose; protruding ears; broad forehead)	HP:0000494 HP:0000366 HP:0000411 HP:0000337	X	Courtens et al. 2006; Yatsenko et al. 2009	X	Lisi et al. 2008

Because our patient has a 10q26.2qter deletion we focus the cited literature on patient(s) with overlapping deletions. Some 10q26 deletion syndrome literature spanning 10q26.11qter, 10q26.12qter, 10q26.13qter, and 10q26.3qter also have overlapping features with our patient (OMIM #609625). Human Phenotype Ontology data are from the November 2019 release (<https://hpo.jax.org/app/>).

^aReported in a few cases, although most display microcephaly.

^bThe patient harbors a 3q29 duplication and 10q26.3 deletion as in our patient.

(HPO) Human Phenotype Ontology, (ID) intellectual disability, (ASD) autism spectrum disorder, (ADHD) attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

observed the patient. We performed a functional analysis of the patient's SIB and aggression to identify the controlling antecedent and consequent events that occasion and maintain these behaviors. Although the methodology is standardized, the assessment procedures are individualized based on the participant's target behaviors from their reported history. This assessment involves conducting a controlled analysis of the contingency classes by systematically manipulating the antecedents and consequences across four conditions (ignore, verbal attention, demand, and a control condition). Each condition is designed to simulate conditions the patient typically encountered. A series of 10-min sessions were conducted

where conditions were alternated systematically. Behavioral data were collected by trained observers using computer software (Bullock et al. 2017), and findings were interpreted based on validated criteria (Hagopian et al. 1997). Specifically, behavioral data were graphically depicted and interpreted using established conventions. The patterns and rates of problem behavior for each condition were compared to those in the control condition to identify the operant reinforcing function(s) of SIB and aggression. Using this same framework, subsequent analyses were conducted to more specifically isolate the variables affecting the occurrence of the patient's SIB and aggression related to the delivery of physical attention (hand holding and removal and blocking the occurrence of SIB). Results of the initial functional analysis were inconclusive because of variable and low levels of behaviors across conditions; however, subsequent analysis indicated that aggression was likely maintained by access to physical attention. Specifically, during test conditions when physical attention was provided contingent on the occurrence of aggression, this behavior occurred at a significantly higher rate (mean [M] = 1.2 aggressions per minute) relative to control conditions when physical attention was provided freely (M = 0.3 aggressions per minute). Results regarding the function of SIB under these conditions were inconclusive.

Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales

Measures of adaptive behavior were obtained from the patient's parents via the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales-Second edition (Vineland-II) Parent/Caregiver Rating Form (Sparrow et al. 2005). The Vineland-II measures adaptive behavior across domains of Communication (i.e., expressive, receptive, and written language skills), Daily Living (i.e., personal, domestic, and community-based skills), Socialization (interpersonal relationships, play and leisure, and coping skills), and Motor Skills (i.e., fine and gross motor skills). For each domain, raw scores were converted into standard scores (M = 100, SD = 15), and a comprehensive adaptive behavior composite score (M = 100, SD = 15). All standard scores were categorized as one of five levels of adaptive functioning: low, moderately low, adequate, moderately high, and high. All of the patient's scores on the Communication (Standard Score [SS] = 40), Daily Living Skills (SS = 28), and Socialization domains (SS = 40), as well as the Adaptive Behavior Composite (SS = 33), on the Vineland-II (Sparrow et al. 2005) were categorized in the low range of adaptive functioning. These scores were commensurate with her prior diagnoses.

Treatment Outcomes

Although SIB was infrequent in our analog functional analysis sessions, during the first couple of weeks on the hospital unit the patient engaged in elevated rates of all forms of problem behavior, particularly SIB. After this initial period, she engaged in low but variable rates of SIB throughout the admission; however, SIB often occurred in large bouts with high intensity. A combined behavioral and pharmacological treatment was developed to target the occurrence of the patient's SIB, aggression, and disruption. The final behavioral treatment consisted of multiple components, including systematic arrangement of structured activities (independent or interactive leisure, academics, and physical/sensory activities), planned ignoring for problem behavior, functional communication for reinforcers (attention, preferred toys or food), signaled availability of reinforcers (attention, preferred toys or food), specific prompting procedures, differential reinforcement for compliance with demands via a token economy system, contingent access to preferred items, and contingent blocking of SIB if the behavior occurred five times or more within 1 min. The final pharmacological treatment consisted of daily total doses of doxepin 1.5 mg, guanfacine extended release 7 mg, and sertraline 100 mg. During the initial baseline period, the patient engaged in an average of 291.7 occurrences of self-injurious, aggressive, and disruptive behaviors per day, whereas with the

combined behavioral and pharmacological treatment she engaged in an average of 44.8 occurrences of self-injurious, aggressive, and disruptive behaviors per day. However, most of the behaviors that were still occurring were less intensive and easily managed. Of most importance due to severity, the patient engaged in SIB only 2 out of 15 days during treatment, with an average of 0.6 occurrences of SIB per day. Additionally, the patient only engaged in an average of 1.8 occurrences of forceful aggression per day (not including grabbing another person's body).

Genomic Analyses

Prior clinical cytogenetics analysis using karyotyping had reported a complex chromosomal rearrangement. This consisted of balanced translocations involving Chromosomes 3, 10, and 14 in the mother: 46,XX,t(3;14;10)(q27;q22;q26.1).ish t(3;14;10)(D3S4560-,D10S2490+;D14S308-,D3S4560+;D10S2490-,D14S308+). The mother had at least five prior spontaneous abortions, consistent with her having unbalanced translocations in her progeny.

To clarify the nature of SVs in this family, we subjected DNA from the patient and parents to whole-genome sequencing (WGS) analyses. The Manta SV caller confirmed three inter-chromosomal translocations of t(3;10)(q28;q26.2), t(10;14)(q26.2;q22.3), and t(3;14)(q28;q22.3) in the mother, consistent with the t(3;14;10) rearrangement observed by conventional cytogenetics. The patient harbored the der(10)t(3;14;10) and der(14)t(3;14;10) translocations, with no evidence of t(3;10)(q28;q26.2), but instead inherited the mother's intact copy of Chromosome 3 (Fig. 1). These unbalanced translocations resulted in two segmental aneuploidies: (1) an 8.9-Mb 3q28qter duplication containing 59 protein-coding RefSeq genes (Table 2; Supplemental Table 1) and (2) a 7.2-Mb 10q26.2qter deletion encompassing 41 protein-coding RefSeq genes (Table 2; Supplemental Table 2). The der(10)t(3;14;10) and der(14)t(3;14;10) breakpoints were resolved to base pair level (an advantage of the high-resolution WGS technology). Breakpoints were confirmed in the patient (Fig. 2) as well as the corresponding positions in the mother using the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) (Supplemental Figs. 1–3). We validated these breakpoints by Sanger sequencing of

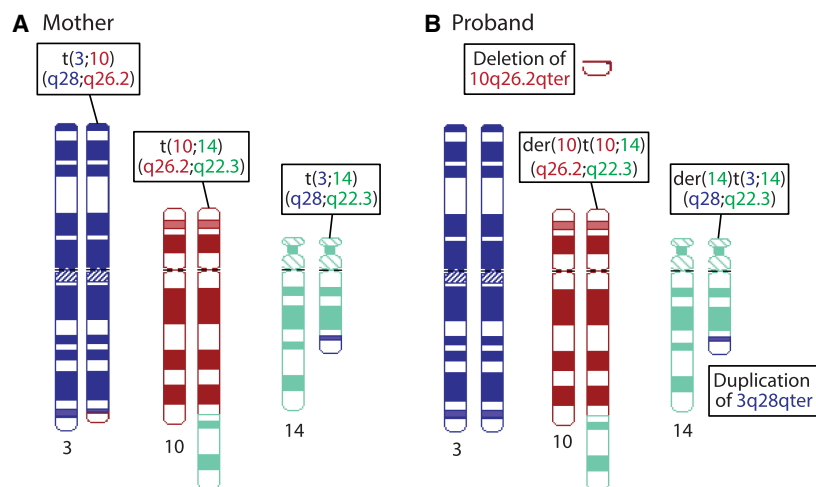


Figure 1. Ideograms representing a model of balanced and unbalanced translocations in the mother and patient. (A) Balanced three-way translocation in the mother. A portion of Chr 3 was translocated to Chr 14, as well as Chr 14 to Chr 10 and Chr 10 to Chr 3. (B) Unbalanced translocation in the patient. The patient inherited the Chr 3 to Chr 14 and Chr 14 to Chr 10 translocations but not the Chr 10 to Chr 3 translocation, instead inheriting two intact copies of Chr 3, one from each parent. This resulted in a de novo 10q26.2qter deletion and 3q28qter duplication.

Table 2. Summary of detected likely impactful copy-number variants

	Array genomic position ^a	WGS genomic position ^b	Variant type	Classification
3q28qter	arr[GRCh37] 3q28q29(189233607_197882598)x3	Chr 3(GRCh37):189,132,021-198,022,430	Duplication	Pathogenic
10q26.2qter	arr[GRCh37] 10q26.2q26.3(128771757_135370795)x1	Chr 10(GRCh37):128,338,371-135,534,747	Deletion	Pathogenic
15q13.2q13.3	arr[GRCh37] 15q13.2q13.3(31115047_32418279)x1	Chr 15(GRCh37):30,906,059-32,427,157 ^c	Deletion	Uncertain significance ^d

^aGenomic position as provided by the clinical array-based comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) and single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotype analysis report using ISCN, an accepted HGVS nomenclature.

^bGenomic position as determined by WGS analysis.

^cBreakpoints were estimated from WGS and whole-optical mapping CNV analyses.

^dThis classification differs from the clinical aCGH and SNP report of pathogenic with the recommendation to test parental samples to determine if the variant is de novo or inherited.

polymerase chain reaction (PCR) products and confirmed the CNVs with coverage data bioinformatics analyses (Supplemental Figure 4; see Supplemental Text 1).

Assessing these chromosomal changes using an orthogonal method, we performed next-generation whole-genome optical mapping using the Bionano Genomics Saphyr system. Two optical maps were generated from single DNA molecules labeled at specific restriction sites and used for de novo genome assembly. These maps provided long-range structural information that confirmed the three-way balanced translocations of t(3;10), t(10;14), and t(3;14) in the mother (Fig. 3A), with only the latter two translocations occurring in the patient (Fig. 3B; Supplemental Fig. 5). A large 3q28qter duplication (Supplemental Fig. 6) and 10q26.2qter deletion (Supplemental Fig. 7) occurred in the patient but not her mother. Results were consistent with those obtained from Illumina-based WGS.

To validate the results of our sequencing and genome mapping analyses, we used clinical whole-genome array-based comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) and single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotype analysis on a DNA sample from the patient only. Three pathogenic CNVs were reported: (1) 8.6-Mb 3q28q29 duplication, (2) 6.6-Mb 10q26.2q26.3 deletion, and (3) 1.3-Mb 15q13.2q13.3 deletion. The former two findings were consistent with the deletion and duplication resulting from the unbalanced translocation in the patient as described above. Our analysis of WGS (data not shown) and optical genome mapping data (Fig. 3; Supplemental Fig. 8) showed that the 15q deletion event was maternally inherited, and therefore of uncertain clinical significance. Using identity by state (IBS) analyses, we confirmed the maternal origin of the 15q (Supplemental Fig. 9A), 10q (Supplemental Fig. 9B; Supplemental text 2), and 3q (Supplemental Fig. 10; Supplemental Text 2) CNVs.

DISCUSSION

We report complex germline balanced translocations present in an apparently normal adult female whose child harbors a de novo terminal duplication of 3q28 and a terminal deletion of 10q26.2 as a result of incomplete inheritance of the translocated chromosomes. The genomic rearrangements were detected using WGS and whole-genome optical mapping of the mother/father/patient trio. We validated the results using Sanger sequencing of PCR-amplified genomic DNA, IBS analysis of genotypes, and clinical array CGH. Our results were consistent with terminal (rather than interstitial) duplication on 3q and deletion on 10q. Terminal chromosomal regions can be difficult to resolve. In the case of the 10q deletion in the

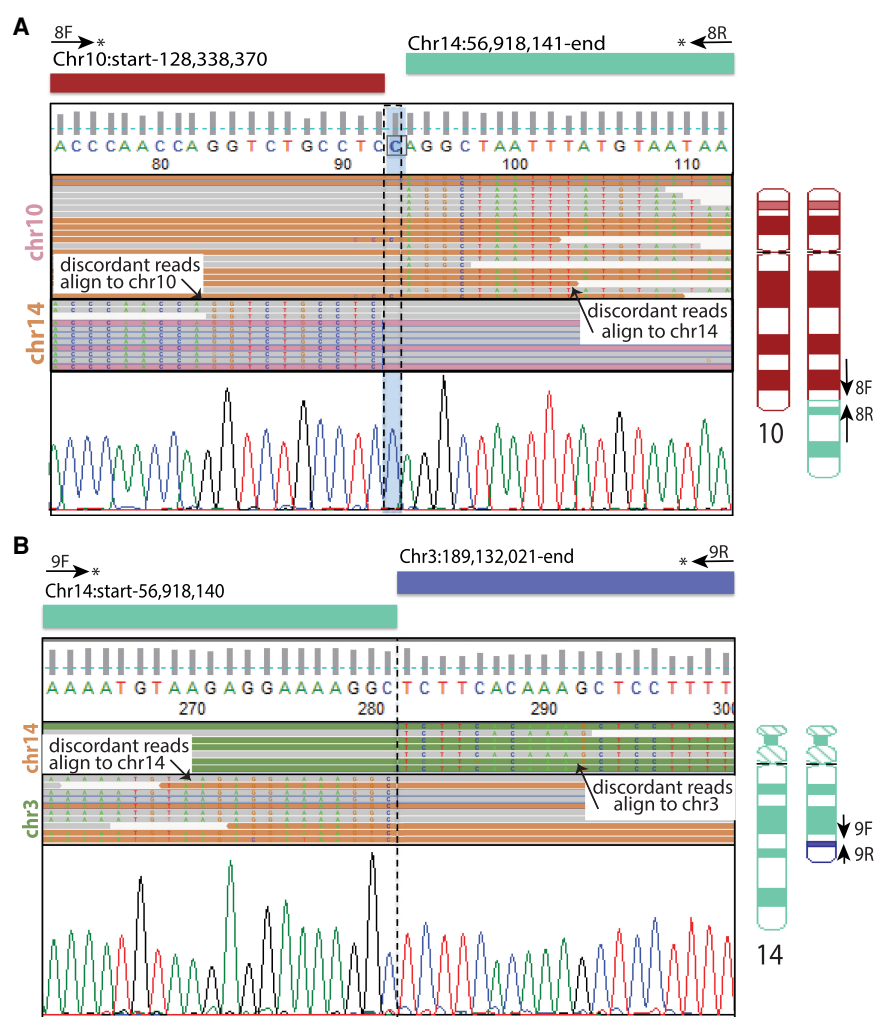
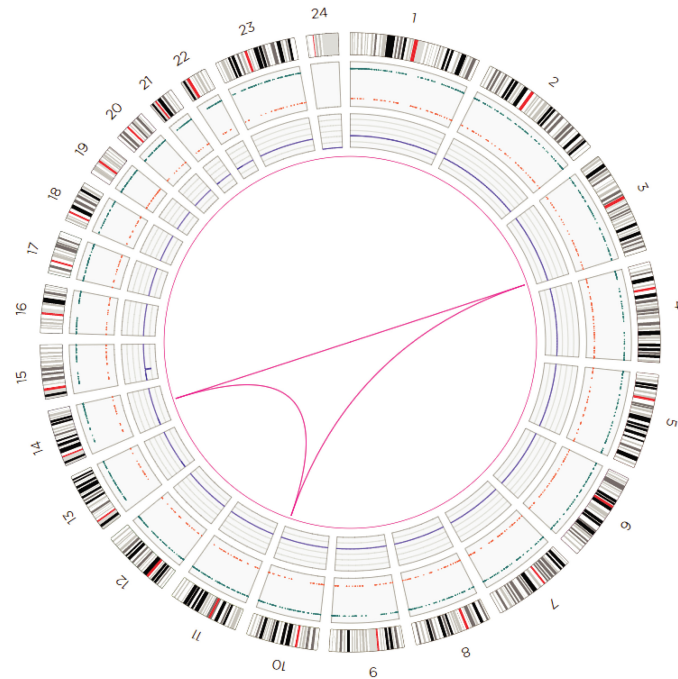


Figure 2. Sequence read evidence at translocation breakpoints in the patient. Reads in BAM files were visualized using the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV). Sanger traces were visualized using Finch TV. (A) Representing the der(10)t(3;14;10) breakpoint, an IGV view of Chr 10 and Chr 14 show discordant reads that align to Chr 14 (shaded orange) and Chr 10 (shaded pink), respectively. This is embedded within Sanger sequence traces of this region. PCR primers (8F and 8R) were used to generate a fragment that spanned the translocation breakpoint between Chromosomes 10 and 14 in the patient. A cytidine residue (shaded in blue column) occurred at a position corresponding to the end of the Chr 10 (Chr 10:128,338,370) and beginning of Chr 14 (Chr 14:56,918,141) sequence. (B) Representing the der(14)t(3;14;10) breakpoint, an IGV view of Chr 14 and Chr 3 show discordant reads that aligned to Chr 3 (shaded green) and Chr 14 (shaded orange), respectively. This is embedded within Sanger sequence traces of this region showing the breakpoint at Chr 14:56,918,140 and Chr 3:189,132,021. PCR primers (9F and 9R) were used to generate a fragment that spanned the translocation breakpoint between Chr 14 and Chr 3 in the patient. *Arrows indicate primer positions schematically.

patient, we find that the deletion unambiguously extended at least to position Chr 10:135,436,070 (GRCh37; ~98 kb from the annotated end of the chromosome). Starting at the next base position, the region has extensive segmental duplications and distal reads also mapped to canonical telomeric repeats.

The duplicated 3q28qter region overlaps the recently described Chromosome 3q29 duplication syndrome region (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man [OMIM] #611936).

A Structural variants detected in the mother using optical mapping



B Structural variants detected in the proband using optical mapping

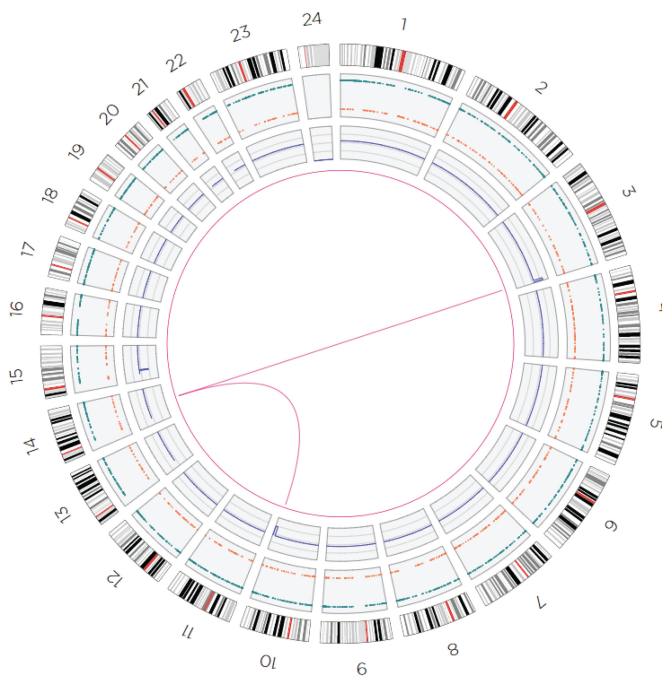


Figure 3. Circos plot illustrating structural variants detected in mother and patient using optical mapping with enzyme *Nt.BspQI*. The outermost bands represent the G-banding pattern of each chromosome in the human reference assembly (hg19). The next interior section shows the insertions (green dots) and deletions (orange dots) identified in the sample's assembly, and subsequently the next block displays >2 Mb copy-number variation (purple line) as found by rise and drop of molecule coverage. Finally, the innermost section illustrates the translocations identified. (A) In the mother's sample, three translocations were identified: t(3;10), t(10;14), and t(3;14). A drop in coverage was observed at Chr 15. (B) In the patient's sample, two translocations were identified: der(10)t(3;14;10) and der(14)t(3;14;10). Furthermore, a rise and drop in coverage was observed at the distal ends of Chr 3 (coinciding with the der(14)t(3;14;10) breakpoint) and Chr 10 (coinciding with the der(10)t(3;14;10) translocation breakpoint), respectively. An additional drop in coverage was observed at Chr 15.

Often characterized by cognitive impairment, mild facial dysmorphism, and disruptive behaviors, we find similarities in phenotypic presentations between our patient and previously reported cases (Table 1). Of the 59 protein-coding genes encompassing this 8.9-Mb region, 45 are OMIM genes (Supplemental Table 1). With candidacy derived from neurodevelopmental disorders gene sets and reported gene-disease associations, 10 of these duplicated genes (Table 3) are associated with developmental disorder phenotypes (Firth et al. 2009; Guo et al. 2019). Prior literature implicates genes such as *DLG1*, *BDH1*, and *PAK2* (Supplemental Table 1) in neurosynaptic development and function, suggesting they may contribute to neuropsychiatric and neurodevelopmental phenotypes (Fernández-Jaén et al. 2014; Tassano et al. 2018). Of note, the synapse-associated protein-97 encoded by *DLG1* was found to have postsynaptic and presynaptic effects on synaptic transmission in primary hippocampal neurons (Rumbaugh et al. 2003), whereas *TNK2* has been associated with severe cognitive regression (Supplemental Table 1). We propose *RUBCN*, the gene implicated in autosomal recessive spinocerebellar ataxia-15 (SCAR15; OMIM 613516), as a possible candidate gene contributing to the neurodevelopmental, behavioral, and psychiatric phenotypes observed in our patient. The main clinical features of SCAR15 include ataxic gait, dysarthria, ID, epilepsy, and delayed motor milestones. Although the duplicated nature of our mutation differs from a previous report implicating haploinsufficiency of the gene (Assoum et al. 2010), all listed features are present in our patient, with the exception of epilepsy. Future studies are needed to elucidate the distinctions between the phenotypic consequences of deletions and duplications involving the *RUBCN* gene.

The deleted 10q26.2qter region in our patient overlaps the Chromosome 10q26 deletion syndrome (OMIM #609625). We previously reported four cases with distal 10q deletions (Miller et al. 2009b), and more than 100 cases of 10q26 deletion syndrome have been reported. These patients present with varying symptoms, including craniofacial anomalies, ID, urinary tract abnormalities, cardiac malformations, and neurodevelopmental and neurobehavioral conditions (Lin et al. 2016). Of the 39 protein-coding genes in the deletion region, 23 are in OMIM (Supplemental Table 2). Of the five associated with developmental disorder phenotypes (Table 3), *DOCK1* and *EBF3* are leading candidate causal genes. Haploinsufficiency of *DOCK1* is hypothesized as the source of the phenotypic variability seen between patients with similar chromosomal abnormalities because of its involvement in the regulation and signaling of multiple pathways (Yatsenko et al. 2009). Haploinsufficiency of *EBF3*, a gene encoding a member of a family of highly conserved transcription factors required for central nervous system development and function (Chao et al. 2017; Tanaka et al. 2017), has been linked to neurodevelopmental disorder phenotypes such as developmental delay/ID, ataxia, hypotonia, speech impairment, strabismus, genitourinary abnormalities, mild facial dysmorphisms, and behavioral anomalies (Lopes et al. 2017; Tanaka et al. 2017). All conditions with the exception of genitourinary abnormalities were observed in our patient (Table 1). The *C10orf90* gene, found within a previously suggested 600-kb minimum consensus region on 10q26.2 (Yatsenko et al. 2009), is partially deleted as it lies within our patient's der(10)t(3;14;10) breakpoint (Supplemental Fig. 2A). However, the gene is also disrupted in the patient's apparently normal mother (Supplemental Fig. 2C), suggesting it is likely not clinically significant.

The 15q13.2q13.3 maternally inherited deletion in our patient spans a region associated with the Chromosome 15q13.3 deletion syndrome (OMIM #612001). The highly variable phenotype can include mild to moderate ID, epilepsy, subtle dysmorphic features, behavioral problems including aggression and ADHD, and a range of other neuropsychiatric impairments (Ben-Shachar et al. 2009; Miller et al. 2009a; Shinawi et al. 2009). In some cases, the deletion may not be sufficient to cause disease (van Bon et al. 2009). In many cases (~85%), the syndrome is inherited, including from an apparently normal parent as in the case of our patient (Lowther et al. 2015). The *CHRNA7* gene encoding the nicotinic alpha 7

Table 3. Candidate protein-coding genes in the 3q28qter duplication and 10q26.2qter deletion region associated with developmental disorder phenotypes

Gene	OMIM	Gene function	HPO	PANTHER protein class	Disease association
<i>3q28qter duplication region</i>					
<i>DLG1</i>	601014	Scaffolding protein required for normal development	18 entries including speech and language development (HP:0000750)	Transmembrane receptor regulatory/adaptor protein	ID; ASD
<i>FGF12</i>	601513	Elevates the voltage dependence of neuronal sodium channel fast inactivation	55 entries including developmental delay (HP:0001263), Autism (HP:0000717)	Growth factor	Epileptic encephalopathy
<i>MUC4</i>	158372	Protection of the epithelial cells	None	N/A	ASD
<i>PCYT1A</i>	123695	Regulation of phosphatidylcholine biosynthesis	59 entries including short stature (HP:0003510)	N/A	Spondylometaphyseal dysplasia with conerod dystrophy
<i>RNF168</i>	612688	E3 ubiquitin ligase critical for DNA double-strand break repair	45 entries including Ataxia (HP:0001251)	N/A	Riddle syndrome
<i>RUBCN</i>	613516	Negative regulator of autophagy and endocytic trafficking and controls endosome maturation	18 entries including ID (HP:0001249), Ataxia (HP:0001251), Dysarthria (HP:0001260), Gait ataxia (HP:0002066)	N/A	Syndromic ID with ataxia, dysarthria, and epilepsy
<i>TFRC</i>	190010	Transferrin receptor required for erythropoiesis and neurologic development	None	Metalloprotease	Combined immunodeficiency
<i>TM4SF19</i>	N/A	Transmembrane 4 L six family member 19	None	N/A	ASD
<i>TNK2</i>	606994	Tyrosine kinase non receptor 2	None	N/A	ID
<i>TP63</i>	603273	Skin development and maintenance, adult stem/progenitor cell regulation, heart development and premature aging	229 entries including Short stature (HP:0004322), ID (HP:0001249)	P53-like transcription factor	ADULT syndrome; ectrodactyly, ectodermal dysplasia, and cleft lip/palate syndrome 3; Hay-Wells syndrome; limb-mammary syndrome; orofacial cleft 8; Rapp-Hodgkin syndrome; split-hand/foot malformation 4
<i>10q26.2qter deletion region</i>					
<i>DOCK1</i>	601403	Dedicator of cytokinesis 1	None	N/A	ASD
<i>EBF3</i>	607407	B-cell differentiation, bone development and neurogenesis	46 entries including Generalized hypotonia (HP:0001290), Stereotypy (HP:0000733)	Non-motor microtubule binding protein	ID; ataxia; facial dysmorphism; ASD

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Table 3. (Continued)

Gene	OMIM	Gene function	HPO	PANTHER protein class	Disease association
<i>ECHS1</i>	602292	Functions in the second step of the mitochondrial fatty acid β -oxidation pathway	33 entries including Strabismus (HP:0000486), Generalized hypotonia (HP:0001290), Severe ID (HP:0010864)	Acetyltransferase, acyltransferase, dehydrogenase, epimerase/racemase, hydratase, ligase	Mitochondrial short-chain enoyl-CoA hydratase 1 deficiency
<i>NKX6-2</i>	605955	Involved in the genesis and development of oligodendrocytes	33 entries including Scoliosis (HP:0002650), Ataxia (HP:0001251), Cognitive impairment (HP:0100543)	DNA binding protein, homeodomain transcription factor	Progressive spastic ataxia and hypomyelination
<i>TUBGCP2</i>	617817	Acts as the immediate template for growing microtubule ends	None	Nonmotor microtubule binding protein	Pachygyria, microcephaly, developmental delay, and dysmorphic facies, with or without seizures

Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) data are from the November 2019 release (<https://hpo.jax.org/app/>). Developmental disorder associations of genes were obtained by intersection with a recently published neurodevelopmental disorders gene set (Guo et al. 2019) and the Development Disorder Genotype-Phenotype Database (DDG2P). The DDG2P gene set was downloaded January 2020 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/gene2phenotype>). The function of the gene product is summarized from the gene's entry in Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Gene, or Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) Gene. (ASD) Autism spectrum disorder, (ID) intellectual disability.

subunit cholinergic receptor has been implicated as responsible for the phenotypic spectrum seen across individuals harboring this deletion (Hoppman-Chaney et al. 2013). Although our patient's deletion was classified pathogenic in the clinical whole-genome array CGH report with a recommendation to test parental samples to determine if the variant is de novo or inherited, we provide a modified classification given the variant was inherited from her phenotypically normal mother (Table 2). Because of the variable expressivity, incomplete penetrance and overall unpredictability of this deletion syndrome, our patient's 15q13.2q13.3 deletion is of uncertain significance.

The three aforementioned CNVs may contribute to the severe phenotypic presentations observed in our patient singly or in combination. Although it is difficult to map the contributions of a particular genomic variant to severe mood and behavioral conditions, given there is tremendous variability in the clinical presentation of each chromosomal insult, each case report can contribute to knowledge of the prevalence of these conditions in association with each chromosomal abnormality. Our review of the literature strongly implicates the 10q26.2qter deletion and 3q28qter duplication genes as contributory to the patient's complex phenotype, with 15q13.2q13.3 genes possibly contributing. Phenotypes reported in patients with 10q26 deletion or 3q29 duplication syndromes closely mirrored those in the patient, notably aggressive behavior with limited attention span, ID, sleep disturbance, ASD, ataxic gait, and SIB (Table 1). We also report clinical features without known association with either syndromes, as in the case of dysarthria, a condition linked to the *RUBCN* gene within the 3q29 region but not the 3q29 duplication syndrome. Our results highlight the utility of newer genomic technologies for improving the interpretation of complex SVs in the context of genotype–phenotype correlations.

METHODS

Cytogenetics

Prior to this study, karyotyping-based cytogenetic analysis was performed at the Genetics Centre at Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

Whole-Genome Sequencing

DNA extracted from whole-blood samples obtained from the patient and her parents was subjected to next-generation WGS performed on an Illumina HiSeq X Ten at MacroGen Clinical Laboratories. With a targeted insert size of 300–400 bp, paired-end libraries (150 bp ×2) were prepared using Illumina TruSeq DNA PCR-free protocol. The resulting mean depth of sequencing coverage and the corresponding mappable mean depth values are detailed in Table 4. Quality control metrics were implemented, including the

Table 4. Mean whole-genome sequencing coverage of reported trio

Sample	Mean depth of coverage ^a	Mappable mean depth of coverage ^b
Patient	45.7	38.9
Mother	52.4	44.8
Father	43.9	37.4

^aMean depth of sequencing coverage is calculated as total yield/reference size.

^bMappable mean depth of sequencing coverage is calculated as mappable yield/reference size.

assessment of Q20 and Q30 bases. Sequence reads were aligned by Macrogen to the GRCh37 reference genome (hs37d5) using the Isaac aligner (version 01.15.02.08) followed by SV and CNV calling using Manta (version 0.20.2) and Control-FREEC (version 6.4), respectively.

To verify their results, we used an independent variant-calling pipeline using the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) best practices (Van der Auwera et al. 2013) in a Snakemake (version 4.2.0) workflow. The workflow began by locally aligning FASTQ sequencing reads to the human reference genome (GRCh37d5) with the Burrows–Wheeler aligner (BWA-MEM; version 0.7.15), including Q15 read trimming. Duplicate reads were flagged, and split and discordant reads extracted using SAMBLASTER (version 0.1.22). The Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) files produced previously were converted to Binary Alignment Map (BAM) format and sorted using sambamba (version 0.6.1). Manta (version 0.29.6) and GenomeSTRiP (version 2.00.1665) variant callers were used to call SVs and CNVs, respectively.

Whole-Genome Optical Mapping

Optical next-generation genome mapping using the Bionano Genomics Saphyr system was used to detect SVs and CNVs in the patient and her parents. High-molecular-weight DNA (>100 kb) was prepared from whole-blood samples using Bionano Prep Blood and Cell Culture DNA Isolation Kit followed by a nick-label-repair reaction (NLR) involving (1) the nicking enzyme Nb.BssSI or Nt.BspQI, which generates single-strand nicks at its specific recognition sites (CACGAG or GCTCTTCN, respectively); (2) a DNA polymerase enzyme that incorporates fluorescent nucleotides at the nicked sites; and (3) a DNA ligase enzyme that repairs the remaining single-strand breaks. DNA was labeled using the Bionano Prep NLRs Labeling Kit (Bionano Genomics Inc.). Samples were stained with Yoyo-1 and analyzed in nanochannel array chips (Saphyr Chip, Bionano Genomics Inc.). On the chip, DNA was forced into ~40-nm nanochannels using an electric field and then stretched along the channel axis for imaging. This process was carried out in automated cycles by the Saphyr instrument (Bionano Genomics Inc.). Raw images were processed and DNA molecules were detected and digitized by IrysView image processing and analysis software (Cao et al. 2014; Das et al. 2010). These molecular patterns were assembled de novo to create megabase-scale optical maps using Bionano Access (v1.0) with human haplotype-aware settings. Bionano assemblies were mapped against predicted restriction enzyme labeling sites in the human reference genome, with discrepancies between assemblies flagged as candidate sites of SV. For quality control, SVs were filtered based on quality scores of the assembly, the alignments, and the variants. The merged data sets included large assembled molecules (>150 kb) totaling 408 Gb and 573 Gb for the patient (for the Nt.BspQI and Nb.BssSI experiments, respectively), 539 Gb and 391 Gb for the mother, and 314 Gb and 289 Gb for the father. The assembly sizes were 5.74 Gb and 5.87 Gb (patient), 5.76 Gb and 5.89 Gb (mother), and 5.71 Gb and 5.83 Gb (father). Genome map N50 values ranged from 1.34 Mb to 4.94 Mb.

Whole-Genome Array CGH

Clinical whole-genome aCGH and SNP genotype analysis was performed by GeneDx on a custom-designed oligonucleotide microarray (GeneDx v5). A buccal sample from the patient was obtained from which DNA was extracted. Because of limitations of DNA quality, only copy-number aberrations of 1 Mb or greater were reported.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Data Deposition and Access

The whole-genome sequence data for the mother/father/child trio reported in this study have been deposited in the National Data Archive (NDA) with doi:10.15154/1519367.

Ethics Statement

Written informed consent was obtained from the proband's family under a protocol approved by a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Institutional Review Board.

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