# OCT CONNECT

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# 72-year-old Black Male

Presents with decreased vision bilaterally D and N

BCVA: 20/25+ OD, 20/25+ OS

*PMH:* (+)*HIV; CD4 Count 336: Viral load* 46 (+)*Hypercholesterolemia* (+)*Hypertension* (+)*DM 2; poor BS control* 





### Let's look at the OCTs!





#### Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy

Clinical Subtype with features of Neovascular AMD

"Peculiar Hemorrhagic detachment of the RPE and choroid"

### Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy

 Suspected in patient with: <u>sub-retinal orange polyp-like</u> <u>lesions</u>
 Can be macular or peripapillary
 Rarely in arcades as well
 Especially African or Asian descent (F>M)



# Pathophysiology

Neuroretina	SRF space RPE
RPED	Polyps
BVN	
Choroid	

Branching vascular network (BVN): originates in the choroid

BVN may develop terminal, polyp-like aneurysmal dilatations



### PCV and ICG

# Essential for detecting the choroidal network of polyps Differentiation from AMD









### Back to our patient:



# And more cuts....

#### Double layer sign; ?CNV



# 13-year-old Black Female

<u>First eye exam ever!</u>! Never had any visual problems Mom reports that she is just NOT seeing right!

BCVA: 20/30 OD, 20/30 OS Failed Color Vision OD and OS

"*I can't see the blackboard at school and my grades are sinking!!!*"



#### Bull's Eye Maculopathy???











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**Multifocal ERG** 

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#### What is this??...13 y/o... we need help!!





#### **β**) INVITAE DIAGNOSTIC TESTING RESULTS

Patient name: DOB: Sex assigned at birth: Gender:	09/29/2008 Female	Sample type: Sample collection date: Sample accession date: MRN:	Saliva 10/12/2021 10/23/2021	Report date: Invitae #: Clinical team:	11/08/2021 RQ2834631 Julie Rodman
Reason for testing	sting Test performed Sequence analysis and deletion/duplication testing of the 328 ge listed in the Genes Analyzed section. Invitae Inherited Retinal Disorders Panel		g of the 328 genes		

#### RESULT: CARRIER

One Pathogenic variant identified in EYS. EYS is associated with autosomal recessive retinitis pigmentosa.

Additional Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance identified.

GENE	VARIANT	ZYGOSITY	VARIANT CLASSIFICATION
EYS	c.6794del (p.Pro2265Glnfs*46)	heterozygous	PATHOGENIC
ABCA4	c.2161-6T>C (Intronic)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
BBS1	c.1076G>A (p.Arg359His)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
COL11A2	c.2682G>A (Silent)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
PDE6A	c.916A>G (p.Arg306Gly)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
PDZD7	c.244G>A (p.Asp82Asn)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
PEX6	c.1081A>G (p.Thr361Ala)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
RP1	c.4397A>T (p.Glu1466Val)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance

#### About this test

This diagnostic test evaluates 328 gene(s) for variants (genetic changes) that are associated with genetic disorders. Diagnostic genetic testing, when combined with family history and other medical results, may provide information to clarify individual risk, support a clinical diagnosis, and assist with the development of a personalized treatment and management strategy.



#### Clinical summary

#### A Pathogenic variant, c.6794del (p.Pro2265Glnfs\*46), was identified in EYS.

- The EYS gene is associated with autosomal recessive retinitis pigmentosa (RP) (MedGen UID: 350427).
- This individual is a carrier for autosomal recessive EYS-related conditions. This result is insufficient to cause autosomal recessive EYS-related conditions; however, carrier status does impact reproductive risk.
- Retinitis pigmentosa (RP) is a genetically heterogeneous group of inherited eye disorders characterized by progressive degeneration of the retina, typically beginning in the midperiphery and advancing toward the macula and fovea (PMID: 17296890). Abnormalities of the photoreceptors (rods and cones) or the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) lead to progressive visual loss (PMID: 2683569, 26106463). Typical symptoms include night blindness followed by constriction of peripheral visual fields, which leads to tunnel vision and eventually loss of central vision (PMID: 17296890). RP is highly variable in regards to severity, clinical symptoms, and age of onset (PMID: 17296890).
- Biological relatives have a chance of being a carrier for or being at risk for autosomal recessive EYS-related conditions. Testing should be considered if clinically appropriate. The chance of having a child with autosomal recessive EYS-related conditions depends on the carrier state of this individual's partner.

A Variant of Uncertain Significance, c.2161-6T>C (Intronic), was identified in ABCA4.

- The ABCA4 gene is associated with autosomal recessive cone-rod dystrophy (CRD) (MedGen UID: 349030), Stargardt disease (STGD) (MedGen UID: 383691), and retinitis pigmentosa (RP) (MedGen UID: 400996). Additionally, there is preliminary evidence supporting a correlation with autosomal dominant age-related macular degeneration (ARMD) (PMID: 10880298).
- Not all variants present in a gene cause disease. The clinical significance of the variant(s) identified in this gene is uncertain. Until this uncertainty can be resolved, caution should be exercised before using this result to inform clinical management decisions.
- Familial VUS testing is not offered. Testing family members for this variant will not contribute evidence to allow variant reclassification. Details on our VUS Resolution and Family Variant Testing Programs can be found at https://www.invitae.com/family.

A Variant of Uncertain Significance, c.1076G>A (p.Arg359His), was identified in BBS1.

- The BBS1 gene is associated with autosomal recessive Bardet-Biedl syndrome (MedGen UID: 422452) and non-syndromic retinitis pigmentosa (PMID: 23143442, 27032803, 21520335).
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A Variant of Uncertain Significance, c.2682G>A (Silent), was identified in COL11A2.

- The COL11A2 gene is associated with a spectrum of related autosomal recessive conditions including nonsyndromic deafness (MedGen UID: 400602), otospondylomegaepiphyseal dysplasia (OSMED) (MedGen UID: 1617409), and fibrochondrogenesis (MedGen UID: 479768). COL11A2 is also associated with a spectrum of related autosomal dominant conditions including Stickler syndrome III (MedGen UID: 349293 and 120521), OSMED (also known as Weissenbacher-Zweymüller syndrome; MedGen UID: 341234) and nonsyndromic deafness (MedGen UID: 400917).
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The PDE6A gene is associated with autosomal recessive retinitis pigmentosa (MedGen UID: 462489). Additionally, the PDE6A gene has preliminary evidence supporting a correlation with autosomal dominant periventricular nodular heterotopia (PMID: 29738522).



autosomal recessive cone-rod dystrophy



autosomal recessive Bardet-Biedl syndrome



### But that's not all!!!!!

#### 13-year-old twin sister with NORMAL vision came in for an exam also













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*EYS* mutations are one of the most common causes of autosomal recessive retinitis pigmentosa in Asia and Europe. Novel findings included the presence of homozygous *EYS* mutations in Cone Rod Dystrophy patients and compound **heterozygous** *EYS* mutations in patients with macular dystrophy.



# Comparison Between Twins





## Twin 1

## Twin 2





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## What is Macular Telangiectasia 2? Proposed hypothesis: Neuro-degenerative disorder



*Originates from abnormality in the Muller Cells* 



*Integrity of retinal vasculature affected* 









### "ILM DRAPE"

## Hypo-reflective cavities in inner retina









Our patient.....OD



Disruption of EZ Collapsing of layers Hyper-reflective lesions in outer retina Intra and sub-retinal cavitations



Our patient....OS

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## 65-year-old Caucasian Female

 Complaints of "central darkening" OU
 Progressive worsening
 History of rheumatoid arthritis (20+ years)

SCVA:
OD 20/40; OS 20/40-

Medications:

- Methotrexate
- Plaquenil: 400 mg x 20 years

#### What is Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)?

 Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD)
 Originally anti-malarial

Used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and other inflammatory and dermatologic conditions



### What is Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)?

Metabolite of chloroquine
 Longer half life
 Less drug needed for efficacy

 Binds to melanin in RPE
 Results in Bulls-Eye Maculopathy



#### Recommendations on Screening for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine Retinopathy (2016 Revision) AMERICAN ACADEMY<sup>TM</sup> OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Dose:
 Maximum daily HCQ use of < 5.0 mg/kg real weight</li>

#### \*Duration:

At recommended dosage, risk of toxicity up to 5 years is under 1% and up to 10 years is under 2%... BUT 20% AFTER 20 YEARS!!! *High dose and long duration of use are most significant risk factors* 

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Major Risk Factors:
 Concomitant renal disease
 Subnormal glomerular filtration rate

Concomitant Drugs
 Tamoxifen Use

*Retinopathy is not reversible!!* 

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Screening Schedule

 Baseline Screening
 Fundus examination within first year of use
 Add VFs and OCT if maculopathy is present

Annual Screening

- ✤ Begin after 5 years of use
- Sooner in the presence of major risk factors



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IAMA Ophthalmol 2014;132:1453e60

### Risk of Plaquenil Maculopathy

#### Step 1: Evaluate the dosage:

\*Dose:

Maximum daily HCQ use of < 5.0 mg/kg real weight</p>

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150 lb. converts to 68 kg

400mg/68 kg =5.88 mg/kg

#### Risk of Plaquenil Maculopathy

#### Step 2: Evaluate the duration:

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20 years of use and dosage higher than recommended

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### Risk of Plaquenil Maculopathy

### Step 3: Assess other major risk factors:

#### Major Risk Factors:

Concomitant renal disease
 Subnormal glomerular filtration rate

Concomitant Drugs
 Tamoxifen Use

*This patient does not have any other major risk factors* 

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### **Dilated Fundus Examination**





## *Ancillary Testing: Optical Coherence Tomography*



/www.researchgate.net/figure/Top-Normal-Spectralis-spectral-domain-optical-coherence-tomography-SD-OCT-image-with\_fig3\_4960224; mendations on Screening for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine Retinopathy (2016 Revision)









## 73 year-old female



"I feel a film of cobwebs over my right eye. It started a year ago but is progressively getting worse. I had cataract surgery in both eyes a few years ago.. Is it related??"

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# 73 year-old female



The above OCT illustrates the following:
1. Complete PVD
2. There is partial detachment of the posterior hyaloid from the central fovea with persistent attachment at the ONH
3. There is vitreomacular traction resulting in obscuration of the foveal contour

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# Case: Management

Patients with <u>symptomatic</u> (floaters and/or photopsia) PVD without vitreous hemorrhage or peripheral retinal breaks <u>require no</u> <u>immediate treatment</u> but may be re-examined in <u>one to two weeks</u>, since some retinal breaks appear to develop days to weeks after the onset of symptoms.

Incomplete PVD.....

# 71 year-old female



"The vision in my right eye has gotten progressively worse over the last three months and everything looks wavy!!"

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# **Pertinent Findings**



✤ BCVA <u>OD: 20/80</u>, OS: 20/20

 Fundoscopy: Vitreous condensation in fovea OD





2. ERM causing traction on the retinal surface

3. Broad vitreomacular traction (>1500 um)

# **Management Decisions**



Is patient symptomatic?
 What is the size of the VMT?
 Is there an associated ERM?

# **Management Decisions**



Is patient symptomatic? Yes
 What is the size of the VMT? <1500 um (focal)</li>
 Is there an associated ERM? Yes

# This patient:

### A vitrectomy and ERM peel were performed



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDzPUAdQGpo



## DME: Center Involving (CI-DME) or Non-Center Involving (NCI-DME)



ETDRS grid map with numerical data for central subfield retinal thickness within innermost circle (1mm diameter)

<u>CI-DME</u>: OCT demonstrating foveal involvement of intraretinal or subretinal fluid with concurrent thickening affecting the 1mm diameter **central** subfield thickness

## Why does it matter? (ETDRS)

# Eyes with CI-DME have a 10-fold greater risk of moderate vision loss compared to eyes without center involvement!







# 60-year-old Hispanic male



"The vision in my right eye is not good... it has been getting progressively worse. Could it be my diabetes?"

20/40

## **Ancillary Testing**



#### • Fundus Photography: Grade the retinopathy

#### Hemorrhages, CWS

More than just microaneurysms but less than severe

Moderate NPDR

## **Ancillary Testing**

#### • OCT: Is there Macular Edema?



No!! So why the reduced vision??

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# Management?

Severity of Retinopathy	Presence of Macular Edema	Follow-up (Months)	Panretinal Photocoagulation (Scatter) Laser	Focal and/or Grid Laser*	Intravitreal Anti- VEGF Therapy
Normal or minimal NPDR	No	12	No	No	No
Mild NPDR	No	12	No	No	No
	NCI-DME	3-6	No	Sometimes	No
	CI-DME'	1*	No	Rarely	Usually
Moderate NPDR	No	6-121	No	No	No
	NCI-DME	3-6	No	Sometimes	Rarely
	CI-DME'	1*	No	Rarely	Usually

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What about the macular ischemia???

Guarded prognosis! Anti-VEGF NOT EFFECTIVE

# A Triad of Conundrums...

24-year-old female

"I have been noticing colored spots in my vision in my right eye for the past 8 months."

- Ocular disturbances coincided with onset of a <u>coughing fit</u> 8 months prior to this exam and patient stated she had some type of cold or virus.
- Systemic history of anemia and patient reports only taking oral contraceptives and vitamins.



 Visual acuity: SC OD: 20/20-3, OS: 20/20, OU: 20/15
 Entrance testing: PERRL (-)APD Confrontation fields: FTFC (peripheral) OU EOM: Full OU Color vision: normal OU using HRR test





#### Amsler Grid:

OD: Patient described a superior central scotoma just above the center of vision.

♦OS: no abnormalities.







 <u>OCT through lesion</u>: Note disruption in PIL corresponding with adjacent lesion on fundus photo

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# **Visual field**







#### 43-year-old Caucasian female

"I have been noticing a small blind spot in the vision in my right eye" (unknown duration)

✤ Flu like symptoms recently

 Remainder of history unremarkable



 Visual acuity: SC OD: 20/20, OS: 20/20
 Entrance testing: PERRL (-)APD Confrontation fields: FTFC (small scotoma superior to fixation) EOM: Full OU Color vision: normal OU using HRR test














## Case Report #3

31-year-old female "Gray spot/shadow in my right eye x 2-3 days"

Negative pertinent history

♦ BCVA 20/20 OD and OS

 Amsler: Small paracentral scotoma OD





# Visual field//FAF





## Diagmosis?

#### Acute Macular Neuroretinopathy (AMNR)

# Rare condition that causes sudden <u>paracentral</u> <u>scotoma</u> in young women

Pathophysiology is unclear and there is no specific treatment



## Nattural History

Sudden onset of mild visual impairment

- Unilateral or bilateral with normal to slightly abnormal visual acuity
- Patients usually complain of a visual disturbance that may change colors paracentral to fovea in the affected eye
- Visual field defects are directly associated with the area seen on the retina



## **Clinical Diagnosis**

Lesions are distinct and appear as dark reddish-brown, wedge-shaped areas that point toward the fovea

- Best viewed with <u>red-free light</u>
- ✤ PIL- IS/OS affected, neurosensory retina
- The lesions may develop rapidly or over days to weeks





Lesion begain to fade with complete resolution by/4 months

## Ancillary Testing

- Fluorescein angiography of acute macular neuroretinopathy is typically normal
- There may be slight hypofluorescence of the lesions
- Optical coherence tomography has proven to be an excellent diagnostic tool for this condition

## OCT

WHAT STAGE OF THE DISEASE ARE YOU SEEING???

 Superficial involvement at the level of the outer plexiform layer early in the course of the disease
Chronic- segmental absence of tissue involving the inner sensory/outer sensory junction of the retinal layers generally not disturbing the RPE layer



## Imcidence of AMNR

The incidence of AMN significantly increased from 0.66/100,000 visits in 2019 to 8.97/100,000 visits in 2020

- Acute macular neuroretinopathy is seen more frequently in women than men
- Women were in their reproductive years, with a mean age of 27 years and typically taking oral contraceptives

## Causes of AMNR

- Unknown... UNDERLYING ISCHEMIC ETIOLOGY???
- Oral contraceptives
- ♦ Hypotension
- Vasoconstrictive agents (caffeine, epinep adrenaline)



## Differential diagnosis

MEWDS (Multiple Evanescent White Dot Syndrome)



# Differential diagnosis

#### Acute retinal pigment epitheliitis (Krill's Disease)





## Differential diagnosis

#### Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy



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# 67-year-old Black female

Decreased vision OD>OS; has stopped reading completely

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**PMH:** (+)*Migraines* (+)*Hypothyroidism* 

**POH:** (?ARMD): given vitamins in past







#### Sunny Side Up: Vitelliform Dystrophy



This condition is often misdiagnosed as AMD. Find out how to differentiate



### What is AOFVD? (Adult onset foveomacular vitelliform dystrophy)

 Patients present in the early stages with minimal to no symptoms
Progressive disease with no treatment

> Because of relatively mild vision symptoms during most stages and its resemblance to AMD, this condition is often misdiagnosed.

How do we differentiate from AMD?

# Vitelliform and AMD share a malfunction at the level of the RPE and choroid

- Vitelliform lesions have high levels of lipofuscin
- Believed to be the result of accumulation of photoreceptor outer segments that failed to be digested by the RPE leading to buildup in the subretinal space





### So.... How do we differentiate?

#### AOFVD is usually:

 Bilateral; not associated with surrounding atrophy; absence of drusen
Earlier age of onset; 30-40s
Subretinal lesion, uniform hyper-reflective lesion

Ancillary testing
OCTA, FAF

## Fundus autofluorescence



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# ...And a review of AMD using OCT!

#### **The Beckman Classification** 4 Stages of AMD









Intermediate AMD



1 large druse > 125 μm and/or Any AMD pigmentary abnormalities





#### What might this look like clinically?



#### Advanced AMD



#### 2 forms: Geographic Atrophy and Neovascular AMD

Geographic Atrophy

Neovascular AMD



#### Advanced AMD



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#### Geographic Atrophy involving fovea




## 2 forms: Geographic Atrophy and Neovascular AMD



Advanced AMD



