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#### 28 ABSTRACT

Design: Thyroid-stimulating hormone deficiency (TSHD) is a rare disease. It may be isolated, secondary to abnormalities of genes involved in TSH biosynthesis, or associated with other pituitary deficits or abnormalities of genes involved in pituitary ontogenesis. Several genes are involved in thyrotroph development and function.

Objective: Our aim was to determine the genetic causes of TSHD, either isolated (ITSHD) or associated
 with somatotroph deficiency (TSHDGHD), in the cohort of patients from the GENHYPOPIT network.

Methods: Next generation sequencing analyses were performed as a panel of genes on a cohort of patients with non-syndromic ITSHD or TSHGHD. The variants were classified according to the ACMG classification reviewed by the NGS-Diag network and correlated with the phenotype. Class 3, 4 and 5 single nucleotide variants (SNVs) were checked by Sanger sequencing and copy number variants (CNVs) by MLPA.

Results: A total of 64 index cases (22 ITSHD and 42 TSHDGHD) were included in this cohort. A genetic
cause was identified in 26.5% of patients, with 36.3% in the ITSHD group (variants in *TSHB* and *IGSF1*)
and 21.4% in TSHDGHD (variants in *IGSF1, TSHB, TRHR, GH1, POU1F1, PROP1*). Among the pathogenic
and likely pathogenic variants identified, 42% were in *IGSF1*, including 6 not previously reported.
Conclusion: Our results show that IGSF1 variants represent the first identified etiology of TSH
deficiency. Despite a systematic NGS approach and the identification of new variants, most patients

remain without a molecular diagnosis. Larger scale studies, such as exome or genome studies, should
be considered in the future.

#### 48 INTRODUCTION

49 Congenital central hypothyroidism (CCH) is a rare disorder with an estimated incidence of 1/16000 to 50 1/30000, depending on the neonatal screening strategy (1). It is due to a defect in the hypothalamic-51 pituitary-thyroid axis, resulting in insufficient stimulation of the thyroid gland by thyroid-stimulating 52 hormone (TSH). CCH can be diagnosed as a single pituitary deficiency (Isolated TSH deficiency, ITSHD) 53 when the defect occurs in genes involved in the TSH biosynthesis pathway, such as thyroid stimulating hormone subunit  $\beta$  (*TSHB*) and the thyrotropin-releasing hormone receptor (*TRHR*). Three additional 54 55 genes that may be involved have been identified in the last decade: immunoglobulin superfamily 56 member 1 (IGSF1), transducin-like protein 1 (TBL1X), and insulin receptor substrate 4 (IRS4) (2-4). IGSF1 57 mutations, first characterized by Sun et al. in a complex phenotype that included TSHD in 100% cases, 58 were further associated in larger series with transient partial growth hormone deficiency (GHD) in 59 childhood, increased IGF-1 levels in adulthood, prolactin deficiency, disharmonious puberty with premature testicular growth contrasting with a delayed testosterone rise and late adrenarche, adult 60 61 macro-orchidism and an increased body mass index (2, 5). CCH can also be diagnosed as part of a 62 multiple pituitary hormone deficiency: in this context, which is the most frequent, constitutional 63 growth hormone deficiency, gonadotroph deficiency or, more rarely, corticotroph deficiency, may be 64 associated: the mechanism is usually due to mutations in genes coding for pituitary transcription 65 factors, as our group and others have shown over the last 20 years (6, 7).

66 The GENHYPOPIT network was launched as a multicentric international adult and paediatric 67 endocrinology network, aimed at defining new mechanisms and aetiologies of constitutional hypopituitarism. With more than 1400 samples included, it is a unique clinical and biochemical 68 69 database allowing the specific study of a group of patients with a given phenotype (7). Apart from one 70 small Japanese cohort, and with the exception of the study by Joustra et al., which focused only on 71 *IGSF1* variants (8, 9), most of our knowledge concerning genetic etiologies of ITSHD came from case 72 reviews or case reports. The most recent study by Elizabeth et al. was also only screening for variants 73 in the extracellular region of IGSF1 in a large cohort of 94 patients with TSHD and GHD (10). Therefore,

- 74 using the GENHYPOPIT data, we undertook genetic screening in a large cohort of non-syndromic ITSHD
- 75 and TSHD associated to GHD (as children with IGSF1 deficiency might present with GHD). Our objective
- 76 was to determine the prevalence of genetic defects in constitutional TSHD based on a systematic NGS
- approach, with a special focus on pathogenic and likely pathogenic *IGSF1* variants.

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#### 78 PATIENTS AND METHODS

#### 79 Patients

The characteristics of the GENHYPOPIT network have been recently reported (7). Briefly, both pediatric and adult patients, regardless of age or country of origin, were included in the GENHYPOPIT network database when they presented at least one constitutional primary anterior pituitary hormone deficiency. Patients or parents of minor patients gave their written informed consent. The study was approved by the Ethics committee of the University of Aix-Marseille II (France).

A declaration was made to the National Commission for Data Protection and Liberties (CNIL-France): 1991429v0. Data were anonymously collected in a database declared to health authorities in accordance with local regulations. Investigators were prompted to send an index case DNA sample when other distinguishable etiologies of pituitary deficiency had been ruled out by routine anamnestic, clinical, biological, and neuroradiological workup. A familial case was defined by the presence of at least one other known case of constitutional hypopituitarism among the relatives of the index case.

For this specific study, the data of all patients with isolated constitutional thyroid deficiency (ITSHD) or
associated with somatotropic deficiency (TSHD-GHD) who were included in the GENHYPOPIT database
between 2008 and 2020 were enrolled. Patients with other pituitary deficiencies (gonadotropic,
corticotropic), panhypopituitarism, or syndromic forms (pituitary stalk interruption, midline
malformations, ocular malformations etc.) were excluded from the study.

#### 96 Genetic analyses

High-throughput sequencing (Next Generation Sequencing, NGS) has been routinely available in
clinical laboratories since 2017. First, a retrospective extraction of NGS data from 2017 to 2020 was
performed. Variants found in the population of interest, between 2017 and 2020, from the panels of
non-syndromic combined pituitary deficiencies (CPHD panel: *GLI2, HESX1, IGSF1, LHX3, LHX4, POU1F1, PROP1, SOX3, TBX19, GH1*) and ITSHD (*TSH6, TRHR, IGSF1, TBL1X*) were therefore retrospectively
extracted for analysis. Then, a new panel NGS analysis was performed by selecting patients from the

103 population of interest who did not have a molecular diagnosis between 2008 and 2017. Genetic 104 analyses prior to 2017 were indeed done using Sanger sequencing on phenotype-targeted genes (7). 105 For NGS, exons and 20-nucleotide intronic terminals were amplified by NGS using a QIAseq Targeted 106 DNA Custom Panel library (Qiagen, Courtaboeuf, France) according to manufacturer's 107 recommendations. Sequencing of the samples then took place on a MiseqDX (Illumina) with the Miseq 108 V2 300 cycle Reagent kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Alignment and variant calling were performed 109 with the CLC Genomic Workbench software (Qiagen). All variants were annotated using VariantStudio 110 v2.2 software (Illumina), in the GRCh37 human genome with HGVSc and HGVSp nomenclatures 111 according to international recommendations. Sanger sequencing was performed to monitor and 112 confirm single nucleotide variation (SNV) class 3, 4 and 5 variants in index cases and to look for their 113 presence in relatives. Using primers specific to the relevant exons, sequencing was performed on an 114 ABI 3500xl DxGenetic Analyzer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Mass, US). The presence of CNVs (Copy 115 Number Variation) was investigated using the CNV module of the CLC Genomic Workbench software.

#### 116 **Classification of variants**

117 The GnomAD (Genome Aggregation Database) version 2.1.1 was consulted to establish the allelic 118 frequency of variants in the control population and in the most represented subpopulations. Public 119 databases of variants were also consulted (HGMD version, ClinVar and LOVD).

For *in silico* analysis, Alamut Visual<sup>®</sup> software was used to predict the impact of missense variants providing the evolutionary conservation of an amino acid or nucleotide, the location in the protein sequence and the predictions of the biochemical consequence of the amino-acid substitution (Align GVGD, SIFT, Polyphen-2). To study the impact of synonymous, missense and intronic variants on splicing, HSF (Human Splicing Finder) and SPiCE tools were used.

A pathogenicity score was established according to the ACMG criteria. This score was used to classify
variants as "pathogenic (PV)", "likely pathogenic (LPV)", "uncertain significance (VUS)", "likely benign
(LBV)" and "benign (BV)" (11).

128 Statistical analysis

- 129 Statistical analyses were performed with Prism (version 9.1.1, 1994-2021, GraphPad Software, LLC).
- 130 Univariate comparisons were performed using Student or Welch t-test for quantitative data (a p-value
- 131  $\leq 0.05$  was considered significant).

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#### 132 **RESULTS**

#### 133 Phenotypic description of the cohort

Sixty-four patients in total were evaluated in this cohort study, including 22 ITSHD (34.4%) and 42 134 135 TSHD-GHD (65.6%). Median age at the time of genetic analysis was 14 years [4.1-19.9]. Sex ratio 136 showed a male predominance (M/F= 2.2). Among all the index cases, 18.7% were familial cases of 137 combined pituitary hormone deficiency and 10.9% were from consanguineous unions. In the 42 patients with TSHD-GHD, GHD appeared to be diagnosed earlier than TSHD, with respective median 138 139 ages of 4 [1.7-10] and 9 years [0.8-14] (p=0.023). Total prevalence of likely pathogenic and pathogenic 140 genetic defects was 26.5%, with a significant difference between ITSHD and TSHD-GHD populations 141 (36.3% and 21.4% respectively) (p=0.038). Characteristics of the cohort are detailed in Table 1. No CNV

- 142 was identified in the samples from this cohort.
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#### 144 Genetic analyses

We identified a total of 8 mutations (36.4%) in the ITSHD group, only in genes from the ITSHD panel (6 *IGSF1* and 2 *TSHB*). In the second group of patients presenting with TSHD-GHD, we identified 9
mutations (21.4%) in 5 genes included in both the ITSHD and CPHD panels (2 *POU1F1*, 3 *PROP1*, 1 *GH1*,
1 *TRHR* and 2 *IGSF1*). The classification of these variants and their phenotypic presentation are shown
in Table 2A (ITSHD) and 2B (TSHD-GHD).

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#### - IGSF1 pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants

Six new truncating pathogenic and likely pathogenic *IGSF1* variants were identified (4 indels inducing frameshift and thus a premature stop codon, and 2 nonsense variants, see Table 2). The seventh likely pathogenic variant was a missense variant, previously described in the literature [5], in three families with a convincing genotype-phenotype correlation.

The phenotypes associated to these variants were diverse. Within the ITSHD group, three were diagnosed at birth, two on severe neonatal signs (including one with undetectable thyroid hormone levels) and one on neonatal screening. The last of these was diagnosed later, on delayed psychomotor development associated with overweight. In the group of GHD-TSHD, both were diagnosed on growth
failure around puberty (see Table 2). GHD was transient and treated until the age of 13 years for the
c.2548C>T (p.Arg850\*) variant and until 18 years for the c.3711G>A (p.Trp1237\*) variant.

161 Regarding ACMG criteria, only one newly identified *IGSF1* variant (c.2485dup, p.Ala829Glyfs\*15) could

162 be classified as pathogenic. Indeed, this variant was observed in 2 different families, including one with

163 7 members (three heterozygous asymptomatic females and four hemizygous symptomatic males)(12).

164 The other five were classified as likely pathogenic since they induced a premature stop codon and were

absent from GnomAD (PVS1 + PM2).

Of note, another rare *IGSF1* missense variant (c.929A>T, p.Asp310Val) was considered as pathogenic according to most *in silico* predictions. However, it did not fulfil ACMG pathogenic criteria. The modified amino acid was located in the N terminal region of the IGSF1 protein (no pathogenic variant described in the literature and physiological role different from the C-terminal region), and while rare according to our selection criteria, its GnomAD frequency approached overall ITSHD prevalence. It was thus finally classified as a variant of uncertain significance.

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#### - Other variants of interest identified

173 GH1 variant: c.291+4A>C

174 The female patient carrying this variant was born at term and presented with neonatal hypoglycemia, 175 a classical sign of neonatal GHD. We hypothesized that the TSHD was also diagnosed early (before 18 176 months of life, as we received the DNA by this time). She also had dysmorphic features including a 177 bulging forehead, broad nasal root, and late dentition. The c.291+4A>C variant is located in intron 3 178 [10]. It is not listed in the population database (PM2). In silico, HSF predicts an alteration of the natural 179 donor site of 14.1% and SPiCE predicts a splicing effect at 99% (PP3). Regarding co-segregation data, 180 the mother and half-sister were both heterozygous for this mutation and displayed IGHD since 181 childhood (PP1). The transmission here is consistent with the autosomal dominant type II familial form 182 of GHD for which several intronic variants have been described in intron 3, in positions +1, +2, +5, +6 183 (13). Moreover a variant was also described in IGHD patients in the same position, but with a different change in nucleotide (c.291+4A>T) (14). It can be therefore considered a mutational hotspot (PM1). Functional studies have shown that these intronic variants in position +1, +2, +5, +6 led to the skipping of exon 3 and encoded an alternative isoform with molecular weight 17.5 kDa (15). In vitro (neuroendocrine cell culture – somatotroph, corticotroph) and in vivo models have established the dominant negative effect of this mutant isoform on the wild-type protein of 22 kDa (15, 16). Thus, we classified this variant as likely pathogenic.

#### 190 TRHR variant: c.317A>G (p.Tyr106Cys)

191 Surprisingly, the initial clinical presentation was an isolated GH deficiency diagnosed on failure to thrive 192 in a 10-year-old boy of Armenian origin. Based on a partial GH response (Glucagon-Betaxolol: basal GH 193 0.2 mUI/L, peak 8.5 mUI/L) he received growth hormone therapy for 2 years, which was effective on 194 his growth curve (-2.5 DS to -1.5 DS, target height 1.65m). TSHD was diagnosed later at the age of 12 195 years. His GHD was transient, as it was reevaluated in adulthood by a provocative test (insulin tolerance 196 test) and response was normal, while TSHD was still present after age 16. Pituitary MRI was normal. 197 Of note, two brothers had short stature without growth failure. The manifestation of TSHD at this age 198 was similar to those reported with other TRHR mutations (PP4) (17-20). This missense variant in the 199 first exon of the TRHR gene was not listed in the population database (GnomAD V2.1.1) (PM2). In silico, 200 the affected nucleotide was moderately conserved (phyloP: 3,43 [-14,1; 6,4]) but the amino-acid was 201 highly conserved in up to 18 species. Align GVGD score was high. Prediction software programs were 202 in favor of a pathogenic effect of this variant (PP3). Lastly, the modified amino-acid was located on the 203 third transmembrane domain of the protein adjacent to the other known mutations (positions 49, 242, 204 392, 343) making it a mutational hotspot (PM1) (17-20). We thus classified this variant as likely 205 pathogenic according to the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) criteria (11).

#### 206 <u>TSHB variant: c.373delT (p.Cys125Valfs\*15)</u>

207 Mutations in the *TSH*β gene are a well-known cause of TSHD (21-23). This homozygous genotype was 208 encountered in 3 patients. Apart from the 2 cases presenting with a typical neonatal ITSHD, a third

209 phenotype, in an individual born from a consanguineous union, was labelled as GHD-TSHD. TSHD was

- 210 diagnosed in the neonatal period on typical symptoms of hypothyroidism (see Table 2). Of note,
- 211 provocative tests on GH were performed in a severe state of hypothyroidism before treatment (TSH
- 212 0.03 mUI/L; fT4 <0.5 pmol/L; fT3 1.4 pmol/L and IGF-1 29 ng/mL). No precise diagnosis nor follow-up
- 213 data was available for this subject.

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#### 214 **DISCUSSION**

215 With a systematic NGS approach in our cohort, the rate of 21.4% and 34.6% identified genetic 216 etiologies of TSHD-GHD and ITSHD, respectively, was higher than in our overall cohort of constitutional 217 hypopituitarism in which only 7.3% had identified genetic etiologies. Our results emphasize the need 218 to focus on a specific group of patients with a homogeneous phenotype when trying to identify new 219 genes involved in constitutional hypopituitarism, an approach which can be easily performed via the GENHYPOPIT network (as an example, ITSHD or combined GHD-TSHD represents 1.8% of our whole 220 221 cohort of patients). Sugisawa et al., in a smaller cohort of 13 patients, already reported that 46% of 222 these ITSHD patients had identified genetic etiologies (9). This selective approach has proven to be 223 successful, for instance, in the discovery of *IGSF1* pathogenic variants in TSHD (24). Although a large 224 number of patients were presented in other studies (5, 8, 10), the percentage of IGSF1 mutations in 225 the total ITSHD population was not specified. However, this also means that 63% of our patients (n=14 226 index cases) with constitutional TSHD still have no identified genetic etiology. Obviously, 227 environmental factors, variants in intronic or promoter regions of known genes, or variants in other 228 genes could also be involved. Future studies using a whole genome approach are needed to attempt 229 to identify other genetic causes of TSHD.

230 Pathogenic variants of *IGSF1* should now be considered the first genetic etiology of TSH deficiency (42% of identified genetic etiologies in our cohort). This had been previously suggested but has never 231 232 been shown in a large cohort of TSHD with a homogeneous phenotype (5, 9). Of note, only IGSF1 and 233 TSHB variants (including the frequently reported c.373del (p.Cys125Valfs\*10) variant) (21) were 234 identified in the group of patients with ITSHD. We report here 6 new pathogenic variants of IGSF1 in 235 the region coding for the C-terminal part of the protein, all inducing either a protein that is truncated 236 in its C-terminal region, or absent, since nonsense mRNA is subject to the nonsense-mediated decay 237 phenomenon. This was also the case for the majority of previously identified variants. We also report 238 slight changes in the clinical presentation of patients with IGSF1 deficiency. Firstly, we observed 239 transient GH deficiency in 25% of cases, which is higher than the 16% reported in Joustra et al. (5). 240 Secondly, we observed a particularly severe case with undetectable levels of thyroid hormones in a 241 child with the c.2485dup IGSF1 variant, whereas thyroid hormones are usually detectable in patients 242 with *IGSF1* pathogenic variants. This severe phenotype is more frequently observed in children with 243 pathogenic variants of TSHB (21). Finally, one of our pediatric patients had bilateral congenital 244 deafness, which has not previously been reported in patients with IGSF1 deficiency. An association 245 between congenital hypothyroidism and deafness is still a matter of debate; however, as deafness has 246 only been rarely reported in patients with constitutional TSH deficiency (25-27), we hypothesize that 247 this could be due to a direct effect of IGSF1.

248 The group of patients with GHD-TSHD shows a high rate of pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants of well-known genes involved in constitutional combined pituitary hormone deficiency, such as 249 250 POU1F1 and PROP1 (7). This was expected based on previously published data, and incomplete follow-251 up data at an adult age did not provide additional information on other delayed pituitary deficiencies 252 in our patients (7). One likely pathogenic variant of GH1 was also identified in this group of our cohort: 253 while the phenotype associated with GH1 dominant mutations usually includes isolated GH deficiency, 254 TSH and ACTH deficiency were also reported (28). Surprisingly, we also identified a new homozygous 255 missense variant of TRHR (c.317A>G, p.Tyr106Cys). This patient presented with a partial and transient 256 GHD, similar to that reported in 25% of our patients with *IGSF1* pathogenic variants. To our knowledge, 257 this is the first time GHD has been reported in this genetic setting, as the 4 previously reported cases 258 only presented with ITSHD (and growth retardation and overweight during childhood) (17-20). The 259 possibility of an associated mutation in other genes involved in GHD was excluded by further genetic 260 analyses on GHRHR, GHSR and RNPC3 genes (data not shown). Our data thus emphasize the need to 261 systematically analyze IGSF1, GH1, POU1F1, PROP1, TSHb and TRHR in patients with non-syndromic 262 TSHD and GHD during childhood, at least in those cases where genetic screening is requested soon 263 after the diagnosis.

The main limitation of our study is due to the timing of data collection for each patient. Retrospectiveanalysis of phenotypes showed that we were indeed missing clinical, biochemical and imaging data on

a long-term follow-up in several cases. Age at diagnosis may also have been confounded with the age at which the genetic diagnosis was suspected. The adult phenotype of patients with *IGSF1* variants could not be retrieved, likely leading to an incomplete phenotype. Since we had mostly clinical data from childhood, we cannot extrapolate on the rate of macro-orchidism, a sign that was reported in 88% of adult patients with IGSF1 deficiency, nor on prolactin deficiency (60% cases), the biochemical definition of which is difficult to determine at that age and not systematically screened for in routine explorations.

273 To conclude, our study, based on a unique large cohort of patients with constitutional TSH deficiency, 274 shows a high proportion of IGSF1 variants in this disease, clearly more frequent than TSHb and TRHR 275 causal variants. Thanks to a homogeneous definition of included phenotypes, we were able to identify 276 a high rate of genetic etiologies, including some atypical etiologies such as the TRHR variant. Our study 277 also points to the need to replace the candidate gene approach by a gene panel approach, which could 278 also include genes known to be involved in combined pituitary hormone deficiency. Future work 279 should now focus on as yet unidentified etiologies or mechanisms underlying TSH deficiency in the 14 280 patients of our cohort who, to date, had no genetic diagnosis. One such candidate would be IRS4 (3), 281 a gene for which putative involvement in central hypothyroidism has been recently reported, after the 282 design of NGS in our study.

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294 LEGEND TO TABLES

295 Table 1

296 Characteristics of the whole cohort (index cases). n: number of cases with this information in the 297 database. Values are presented as percentages, median and Interquartile Range (IQR).

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#### 299 Table 2

300 A/Identified variants in HGVSc and HGVSp nomenclature and associated phenotypes in patients with isolated TSH deficiency. ACMG classification for SNV (Richards) and ACMG/ClinGen for CNV (Riggs). 301 302 HMZ : Homozygous HmZ : Hemizygous HTZ Heterozygous. : 303 B/Identified variants in HGVSc and HGVSp nomenclature and associated phenotypes in patients with 304 combined growth hormone and TSH deficiency. ACMG classification for SNV (Richards) and 305 ACMG/ClinGen for CNV (Riggs). HMZ : Homozygous - HmZ : Hemizygous - HTZ : Heterozygous

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|  | n  | Cas index (=64)           |
|--|----|---------------------------|
| ITSHD patients   | 22 | 22 (34.4%)                |
| TSHD-GHD patients                                      | 42 | 42 (65.6%)                |
| Sex  | 64 | 44M (68.7%) / 20F (31.3%) |
|  |    |                           |
| Median age at genetic analysis                         | 64 | 14.2 [4.1-19.9]           |
| Median age at TSHD diagnosis                           | 41 | 9 [0.8-14]                |
| Median age at GHD diagnosis                            | 25 | 4 [1.7-10]                |
| Familial cases   | 49 | 12 (24.5%)                |
| Consanguineous cases                                   | 40 | 7 (17.5%)                 |
| MRI anterior pituitary anomalies                       | 47 | 21 (44.7%)                |
| Percent with likely pathogenic and pathogenic variants | 64 | 17 (26.5%)                |

**Table 1**: Characteristics of the whole cohort (index cases). n: number of cases with available information in the database. M, males; F, females. Age, years. MRI, magnetic resonance imaging. Values are presented in percentages, median and Interquartile Range (IQR)

| - ITSHD | Genotype                                     |             |                      | Гпепотуре           |   |               |             |  |  |
|---------|--|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------|-------------|--|--|
|         | Genot  | type        |                      |                     | Phenotype   |               |             |  |  |
| Gene    | Variant                                      | RS          | ACMG<br>criteria     | Age at<br>diagnosis | Clinical signs  | Pituitary MRI | Others      |  |  |
| TSHβ    | c.205C>T (p.Gln69*) HMZ                      | rs121918670 | Pathogenic           | 0.1                 | Myxedema; constipation  | Normal        | None        |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.2485dupG (p.Ala829Glyfs*15)<br>HmZ         |             | Pathogenic           | 0                   | Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS);<br>jaundice; hypotonia; breastfeeding Normal<br>difficulties |               | None        |  |  |
| TSHβ    | c.373delT (p.Cys125Valfs*10) HMZ             | rs755485552 | Pathogenic           | 0                   | Jaundice  | Normal        | None        |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.1966G>A (p.Gly656Arg) HmZ                  |             | Likely pathogenic    | 0                   | Neonatal screening  | Unknown       | None        |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.2485dupG (p.Ala829Glyfs*15)<br>HmZ         |             | Pathogenic           | 0                   | Jaundice; hypotonia; breastfeeding<br>difficulties<br>Unknown                                     |               | Pneumothora |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.2909dupA (p.Pro971Alafs*6) HmZ             |             | Likely pathogenic    | х                   | Overweight; delayed psychomotor<br>development at 3 yr  |               | None        |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.2279_2280delinsC<br>(p.Lys760Thrfs*13) HmZ |             | Likely<br>pathogenic | 4                   | Neonatal jaundice and hypotonia;<br>overweight and delayed psychomotor<br>development at 3 yr     |               | None        |  |  |
| IGSF1   | c.2292delC (p.Ser765Valfs*8) HmZ             |             | Likely pathogenic    | 0                   | Neonatal screening  | Normal        | None        |  |  |
|         |  |             |                      |                     | J.  |               |             |  |  |

| Gene   | Variant                                 | ACMG Criteria     | RS          | Age at TSHD<br>diagnosis | Age at GHD<br>diagnosis | Clinical signs  | Anterorior Pituitary<br>MRI | Others   |
|--------|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| IGSF1  | c.2548C>T (p.Arg850*) HmZ               | Likely pathogenic |             | 14                       | 10                      | Failure to thrive   | Hypoplasia                  | Bilateral hearing loss; pectus excavatum                   |
| IGSF1  | c.3711G>A (p.Trp1237*) HmZ              | Likely pathogenic |             | 12                       | 13                      | Failure to thrive   | Normal                      | None   |
| TSHβ   | c.373delT (p.Cys125Valfs*15)<br>HMZ     | Pathogenic        | rs755485552 | 0                        | 0                       | Jaundice; hypotonia;<br>constipation; feeding<br>difficulties; constipation | Normal                      | Atrial septal defect                                       |
| TRHR   | c.317A>G (p.Tyr106Cys) HMZ              | Likely pathogenic |             | 10                       | 10                      | Failure to thrive   | Normal                      | Transient GHD  |
| GH1    | c.291+4A>C HTZ                          | Likely pathogenic |             | 1.6                      | 1.6                     | Hypoglycemia  | Unknown                     | Dysmorphic feature   |
| POU1F1 | c.811C>T (p.Arg271Trp) HTZ              | Pathogenic        | rs104893755 | 0.3                      | Х                       | Jaundice; hypotonia;<br>hypoglycemia  | Unknown                     | Dysmorphic feature   |
| POU1F1 | c.404T>G (p.Phe135Cys) HMZ              | Pathogenic        | rs104893761 | 0                        | 0                       | Feeding difficulties;<br>hypotonia  | Normal                      | Dysmorphic feature; bilateral renal hypoplasia; micropenis |
| PROP1  | c.2T>C (p.Met1?) HTZ                    | Pathogenic        |             | 3.8                      | 3.8                     | Failure to thrive   | Normal                      | Strabism   |
| PROP1  | délétion ex 2-3 HTZ                     | Likely pathogenic |             | 3.8                      | 3.8                     | Failure to thrive   | Normal                      | Strabism   |
| PROP1  | c.301_302delAG<br>(p.Leu102Cysfs*8) HTZ | Pathogenic        | rs193922688 | 9                        | 9                       | Failure to thrive   | Hyperplasia                 | None   |
| PROP1  | c.150del (p. Arg53Aspfs*112)<br>HTZ     | Pathogenic        | rs587776683 | 9                        | 9                       | Failure to thrive   | Hyperplasia                 | None   |

### Table 2

A: Identified variants in HGVSc and HGVSp nomenclature and associated phenotypes in patients with isolated TSH deficiency. ACMG classification for SNV (Richards) and ACMG/ClinGen for CNV (Riggs). HMZ : Homozygous - HmZ : Hemizygous - HTZ : Heterozygous.

B: Identified variants in HGVSc and HGVSp nomenclature and associated phenotypes in patients with combined growth hormone and TSH deficiency. ACMG classification for SNV (Richards) and ACMG/ClinGen for CNV (Riggs). HMZ : Homozygous - HmZ : Hemizygous - HTZ : Heterozygous