

Supplemental material for “Monogenic disease establishes that fetal insulin accounts for half of human fetal growth”

Supplemental note

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Supplemental methods

Identification of individuals with absent fetal insulin secretion

Individuals with recessive mutations in the *INS* gene (detected by targeted Sanger sequencing) or a mutation in a gene known to cause pancreatic agenesis (detected by targeted next generation sequencing as previously described (1)) were identified from an international, multi-ethnic cohort referred to the Exeter Genomics Laboratory for genetic diagnostic testing of neonatal diabetes.

For this study, all individuals had permanent neonatal diabetes requiring insulin treatment that was recognized in the first seven days of life. Individuals with a mutation associated with pancreatic agenesis additionally had evidence of exocrine insufficiency (clinical or biochemical). All individuals needed an available gestational age, sex and weight at birth, leaving 21 individuals with recessive mutations in the insulin gene (*INS*) and 43 individuals with pancreatic agenesis (*CNOT1* [n = 2], *GATA6* [n = 20], *PDX1* [n = 3] or *PTF1A* [n = 19]) included in the final cohort. Follow-up of growth after birth was restricted to those with a recessive *INS* mutation (total n=10), since pancreatic exocrine insufficiency causes malabsorption and may have impacted on growth (2).

Collection of clinical data

Clinical details were provided by referring clinicians. For the postnatal growth follow-up data, we collected serial measures of weight and length/height until at least 4 years of age (where possible). We also requested a most recent weight and height measurement, HbA1c and daily insulin dose. For two individuals, we used measurements at referral (age 11 and 22 years) as the most recently available measurement. All data was routinely collected in a clinical practice setting.

Standardization of anthropometric measurements

Birth weight (n=64) and length (n=17) were standardized for sex and gestational age at birth in weeks and days using the INTERGROWTH-21st standards (3) and studied as standard deviation scores (SDS). Postnatal weight and length/height were standardized for sex and age at measurement (in months and weeks for the first 12 months, then months thereafter) using the WHO Child Growth Standards (4) with correction for gestational age at birth until the age of four years. There were 10 individuals with serial weight measurements and 9 individuals with serial length/height measurements (7 of whom had a corresponding birth length) that could be combined for analysis. We approximated the measurements within each individual to exact three-monthly windows for the first year of life (3, 6, 9 and 12 months) and six-monthly intervals for the next three years of life (18, 24, 30, 36, 42 and 48 months) using a linear interpolation. Most recently available weight (n=16) and height (n=15) were standardized for sex and age of measurement using the UK-WHO/British 1990 Growth Reference (5) since it is integrated with the aforementioned WHO Child Growth Standards and provides standardization for age and sex up until 18 years of age. Most recently available weights and heights in adults were standardized to an age of 18 years.

Statistics

Data were summarized as n (%) for categorical data (sex, ethnic ancestry, parental consanguinity, congenital anomalies), medians and interquartile range (IQR) for non-normally distributed data (time to diagnosis of neonatal diabetes, gestational age at birth, birth length, weight SDS and length/height SDS) and mean and 95% confidence interval (CI) for normally distributed data (birth weight).

The relationship between birth weight and birth length without fetal insulin and gestational age were modelled using a univariable linear regression and prediction intervals and measures adjusted to 40 weeks' gestation were calculated from this model.

P values <0.05 were considered statistically significant. All tests of statistical significance were two-tailed. All analyses were performed in R version 3.6.2 (R Foundation for Statistical

Computing) or Stata version 16.0 (StataCorp, College Station, TX, U.S.A.). Figures were produced in R version 3.6.2 using the ggplot package (6).

Study approval

Written consent from participants (or their responsible guardians, where applicable) for use of their samples and clinical information for research was obtained. Samples and clinical information is stored securely in the Genetic Beta Cell Research Bank

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Supplemental Tables

Supplemental Table 1

Table 1. Clinical characteristics at birth for individuals included in analyses of birth weight without fetal insulin.

Characteristic	Recessive <i>INS</i> mutations (n = 21)	Pancreatic agenesis (n = 43) ^A	P value for comparison between groups ^B	Whole cohort (n = 64)
Females (%)	10 (48)	21 (49)	0.93	31 (48)
Reported ethnicity (%)	African 0 (0) Arabic 14 (67) Asian Indian 2 (10) European 3 (14) Mixed 0 (0) Unknown 2 (10)	African 1 (2) Arabic 16 (37) Asian Indian 0 (0) European 17 (40) Mixed 1 (2) Unknown 8 (19)	0.03	African 1 (2) Arabic 30 (47) Asian Indian 2 (3) European 20 (31) Mixed 1 (2) Unknown 10 (16)
Parental consanguinity (%)	Yes 17 (81) No 1 (5) Not known 3 (14)	Yes 17 (40) No 23 (53) Not known 3 (7)	2.1×10^{-4}	Yes 24 (38) No 34 (53) Not known 6 (9)
Presence of congenital anomaly (%)	Yes 0 (0) No 21 (100)	Yes 24 (56) No 19 (44)	4.0×10^{-6}	Yes 24 (38) No 40 (63)
Time to diagnosis of PNDM in days (IQR)	1 (1 to 5)	1 (0 to 2)	0.21	1 (0 to 2)
Gestational age at birth in weeks (IQR)	36 (36 to 37)	37 (36 to 39)	0.26	37 (36 to 38)
Birth weight in grams (95% CI)	1455 (1354 to 1556)	1523 (1427 to 1618)	0.38	1501 (1430 to 1571)
Birth weight SDS (IQR) ^C	-3.17 (-3.48 to -2.64)	-3.11 (-3.56 to -2.49)	0.81	-3.11 (-3.53 to -2.60)
Birth length in cm (IQR) ^{C,D}	42 (39 to 44)	41 (39.5 to 41)	0.41	41 (39.5 to 43.5)
Birth length SDS (IQR) ^{C,D}	-2.84 (-3.65 to -1.55)	-3.29 (-3.62 to -2.45)	0.46	-2.86 (-3.62 to -1.90)

Data are presented as counts with percentages of the group, mean with 95% CI, or medians with IQR as appropriate.

^AIndividuals with pancreatic agenesis had a mutation in *CNOT1* (n = 2), *GATA6* (n = 20), *PDX1* (n = 3) or *PTF1A* (n = 18). ^BCharacteristics were compared between the two groups using Pearson's X2 or Fisher's exact test (categorical data), unpaired T-tests (continuous, normally distributed data) or Mann-Whitney U tests (continuous, non-normally

distributed data) where appropriate. ^cWeight and length standard deviation scores (SDS) for sex and gestational age were calculated using the INTERGROWTH-21st standards. ^dBirth length was available for 11 individuals with a homozygous *INS* mutation and 6 individuals with pancreatic agenesis. CI = confidence interval; IQR = interquartile range; PNDM = permanent neonatal diabetes; SDS = standard deviation score.

Supplemental Table 2. Mutation details for individuals with recessive *INS* mutations and pancreatic agenesis included in birth weight cohort.

Gene	Mutation type	Zygosity	Nucleotide change	Mutation name	Number with mutation (N=64)	Reference to papers where participants with mutation have previously been reported
<i>INS</i>	Deletion affecting regulatory region	Homozygous	c.-366_-343del	p.?	1	Garin et al. (7)
<i>INS</i>	Deletion	Homozygous	c.-370-?_186+?del	p.(Met1_Gln62del)	2	Garin et al. (7), Raile et al. (8)
<i>INS</i>	Deletion	Homozygous	c.(?_1)_(333+1_?)del	p.(Met1_Asn110del)	4	-
<i>INS</i>	Nonsense	Homozygous	c.136C>T	p.(Arg46*)	2	-
<i>INS</i>	Nonsense	Homozygous	c.184C>T	p.(Gln62*)	1	Garin et al. (7)
<i>INS</i>	Promoter	Homozygous	c.-331C>G	p.?	5	Garin et al. (7), Al Shaikh et al. (9), Demiral et al. (10)
<i>INS</i>	Splice site	Homozygous	c.188-15G>A	p.?	4	-
<i>INS</i>	Start-loss	Homozygous	c.3G>A	p.(Met1?)	1	Garin et al. (7)
<i>INS</i>	Start-loss	Homozygous	c.3G>T	p.(Met1?)	1	Garin et al. (7)
<i>CNOT1</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1603G>A	p.(Arg535Cys)	2	De Franco et al. (11), Hilbrands et al. (12)
<i>GATA6</i>	Deletion	Heterozygous	c.(?_1)_(1788+1_?)del	p.?	1	-
<i>GATA6</i>	Deletion	Heterozygous	c.(?-265)_(1135_?)del	p.?	1	-
<i>GATA6</i>	Frameshift	Heterozygous	c.701del	p.(Pro234fs)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Frameshift	Heterozygous	c.744del	p.(Pro249fs)	1	-

<i>GATA6</i>	Frameshift	Heterozygous	c.1036_1042del	p.(Thr346fs)	1	De Franco et al. (14)
<i>GATA6</i>	Frameshift	Heterozygous	c.1108_1121dup	p.(Glu375fs)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Frameshift	Heterozygous	c.1448_1455del	p.(Met483fs)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1354A>G	p.(Thr452Ala)	1	De Franco et al. (14)
<i>GATA6</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1367G>A	p.(Arg456His)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13), Balasubramanian et al. (15)
<i>GATA6</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1369A>G	p.(Arg457Gly)	1	-
<i>GATA6</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1396A>G	p.(Asn466Asp)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Missense	Heterozygous	c.1399G>A	p.(Ala467Thr)	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Nonsense	Heterozygous	c.969C>A	p.(Tyr323*)	2	De Franco et al. (14)
<i>GATA6</i>	Nonsense	Heterozygous	c.1242C>A	p.(Cys414*)	1	Tuhan et al. (16)
<i>GATA6</i>	Splice site	Heterozygous	c.1303-2A>G	p.?	1	-
<i>GATA6</i>	Splice site	Heterozygous	c.1303-10C>G	p.?	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13)
<i>GATA6</i>	Splice site	Heterozygous	c.1429-41_1441del	p.?	1	De Franco et al. (14)
<i>GATA6</i>	Splice site	Heterozygous	c.1516+1G>C	p.?	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13), Wintergerst et al. (17)

<i>GATA6</i>	Splice site	Heterozygous	c.1516+4A>G	p.?	1	Lango-Allen et al. (13), Barbarini et al. (18)
<i>PDX1</i>	Missense	Homozygous	c.478C>A	p.(Glu160Lys)	1	-
<i>PDX1</i>	Missense	Homozygous	c.524G>A	p.(Arg175His)	1	-
<i>PDX1</i>	Missense	Homozygous	c.524G>T	p.(Arg175Leu)	1	-
<i>PTF1A</i>	Enhancer	Homozygous	g.23508305A>G	p.?	1	Weedon et al. (19)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Enhancer	Homozygous	g.23508363A>G	p.?	5	Evliyaoğlu et al. (20)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Enhancer	Homozygous	g.23508365A>G	p.?	1	Weedon et al. (19)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Enhancer	Homozygous	g.23508437A>G	p.?	6	Weedon et al. (19)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Frameshift/enhancer	Compound heterozygous	c.437_462del/g.23508442A>G	p.(Ala146fs)/p.?	1	Gabbay et al. (21)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Missense	Homozygous	c.571C>A	p.(Pro191Thr)	3	Houghton et al. (22)
<i>PTF1A</i>	Start-loss	Homozygous	c.1A>G	p.(Met1?)	1	-

Supplemental Table 3. Birth weights in cohort by different phenotypic/genotypic groups.

Group	Mean birth weight, g (95% CI)	Mean birth weight adjusted to 40 weeks' gestation, g (95% CI)^A	Median birth weight SDS (IQR)^B
Whole cohort (N=64)	1501 (1430 to 1571)	1696 (1585 to 1806)	-3.11 (-3.53 to -2.59)
<i>INS</i> mutation (N=21)	1455 (1354 to 1556)	1730 (1483 to 1976)	-3.17 (-3.48 to -2.64)
Pancreatic agenesis (N=43)	1523 (1427 to 1618)	1698 (1564 to 1833)	-3.11 (-3.56 to -2.49)
Isolated <i>INS</i> mutation or pancreatic agenesis (N=40)	1505 (1427 to 1583)	1693 (1542 to 1844)	-3.13 (-3.43 to -2.63)
Isolated pancreatic agenesis (N=19)	1561 (1200 to 1980)	1671 (1454 to 1887)	-3.12 (-3.29 to -2.58)
Additional structural anomaly present ^C (N=24)	1492 (1346 to 1639)	1704 (1504 to 1904)	-2.96 (-3.69 to -2.44)
Coding <i>INS</i> mutation ^D (N= 9)	1456 (1359 to 1554)	1650 (1438 to 1862)	-2.74 (-3.17 to -2.61)
Non-coding <i>INS</i> mutation ^E (N=12)	1455 (1278 to 1631)	1851 (1379 to 2323)	-3.30 (-3.53 to -2.76)

^ACalculated from a univariable linear regression model including birth weight as the dependent variable and gestational age at birth in weeks as the independent variable. ^BWeight standard deviation scores (SDS) for sex and gestational age were calculated using the INTERGROWTH-21st standards (3). ^CCardiac, brain, gastrointestinal. ^DNonsense or deletion affecting coding region of gene. ^ESplice site or promoter region. CI = confidence interval; IQR = interquartile range; SDS = standard deviation score

Supplemental Table 4. Most recently available clinical measurements for 16 individuals of original birth weight cohort with recessive *INS* mutations. Data are presented as medians with IQR.

Age of measurement (years)	Weight SDS for age and sex^A	Height SDS for age and sex^{A,B}	HbA1c (mmol/mol)	Insulin dose (units/kg)
14 (7 to 18)	0.19 (-0.67 to 1.33)	-0.78 (-1.78 to -0.19)	58.5 (55.1 to 78.1)	0.97 (0.78 to 1.07)

^ACalculated using the WHO Child Growth Standards (4) up until the age of four years, then the British 1990 Reference (UK-WHO) (5) up until the age of 18 years. Where the most recent measurement was after the age of 18 years, we standardized to 18 years. ^BAvailable for 15 out of 16 individuals. IQR = interquartile range

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