

Updates on phenotypes in CDG



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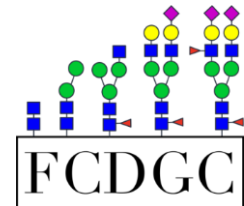
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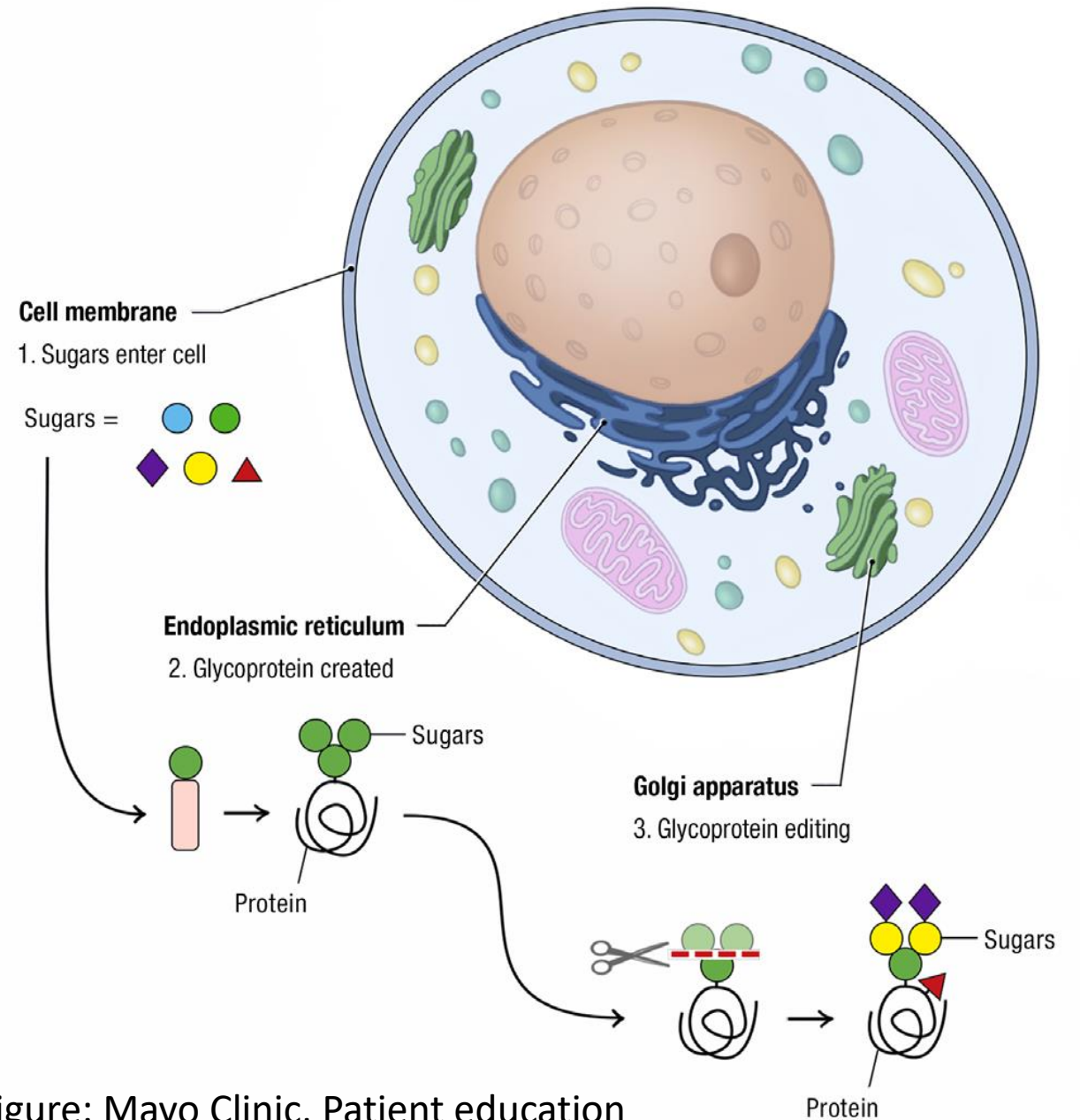
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Normal glycosylation in the cell

Most of our functional proteins are glycosylated

- N-linked glycosylation
- O-Linked glycosylation
- Combined glycosylation pathways
- Lipid glycosylation and other pathways



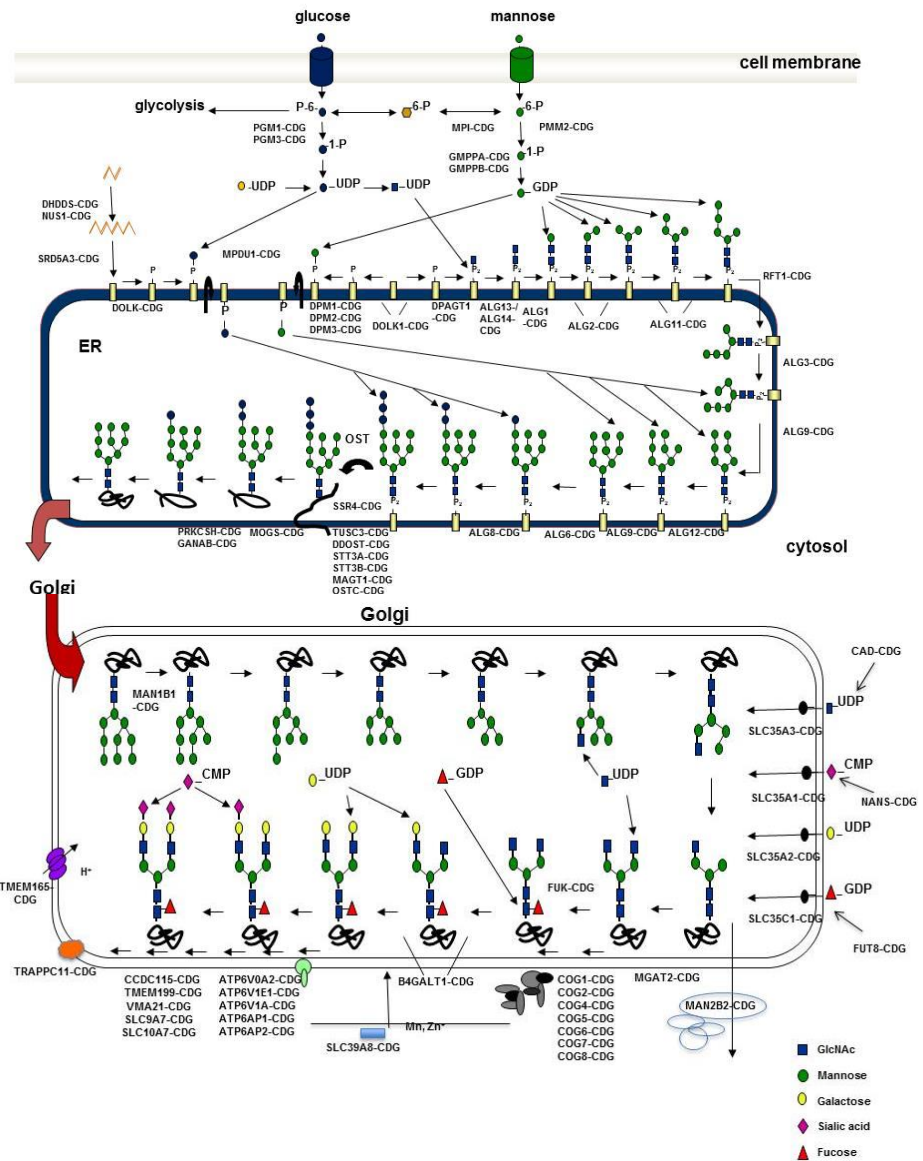
Schematic figure: Mayo Clinic, Patient education

Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation

The first CDG was discovered by Prof Jaeken, 1980



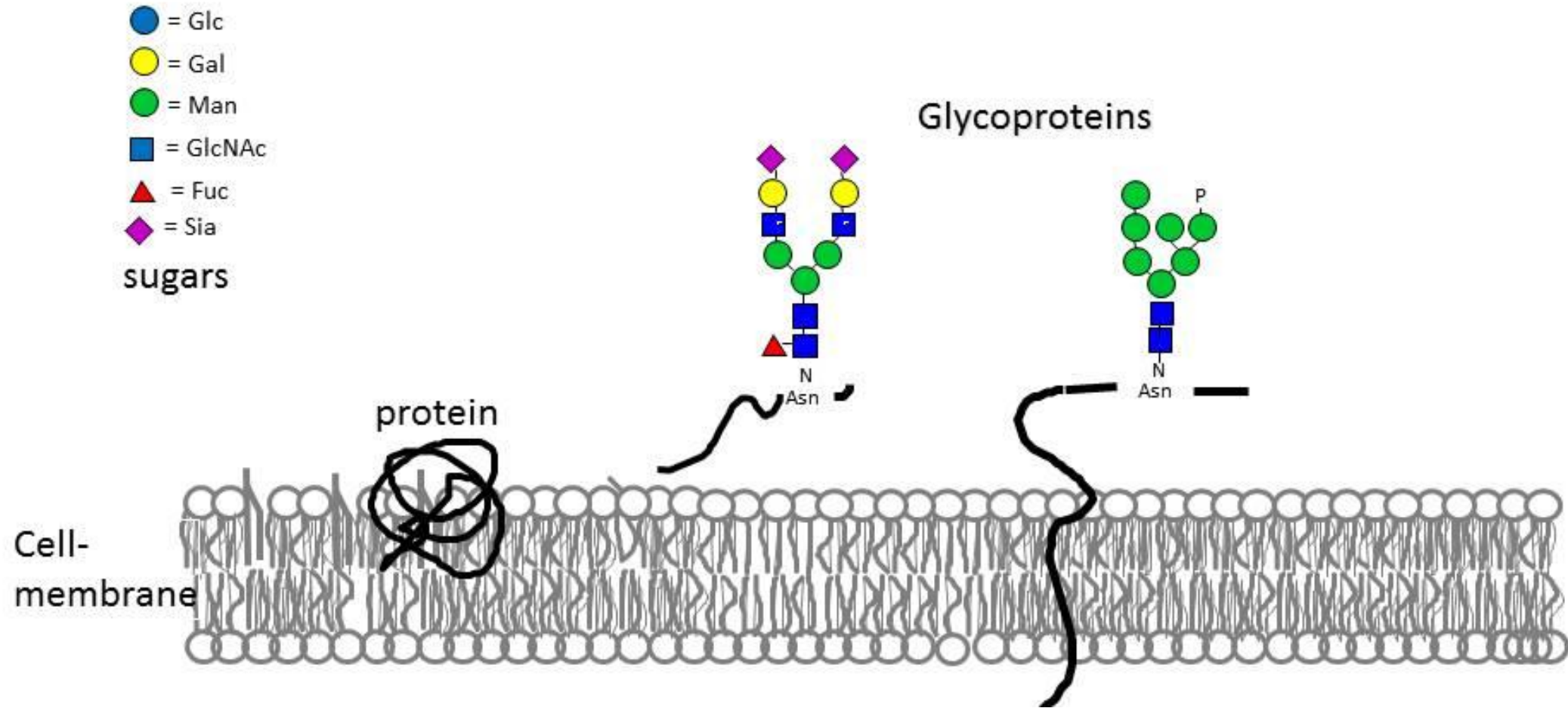
More than 160 types are known (Ferreira et al, JIMD, 2019)



N-linked glycosylation

- GlcNAc
- Mannose
- Galactose
- ◆ Sialic acid
- ▲ Fucose

Glycans and the glyco-code



Frontiers of CDG Consortium Sites



Mayo Clinic Rochester

Baylor College of Medicine

Boston Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital of Colorado

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

National Human Genome Institute

Seattle Children's Hospital

Tulane University Medical School

University of Alabama

University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital

University of Utah

Sanford Burnham Institute

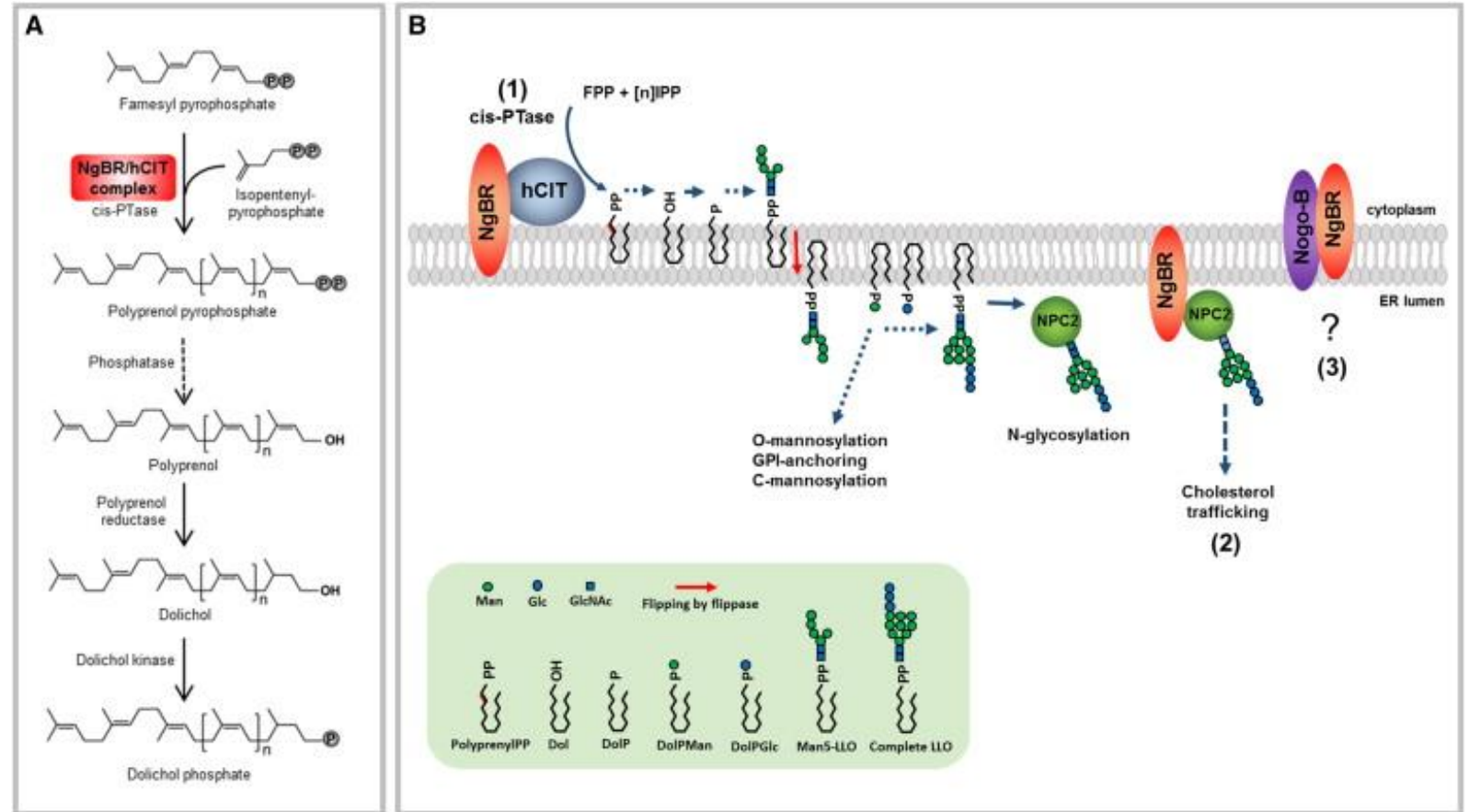


CDG Centers of Excellence
Work together with the patient associations

Diagnostics, biomarker and therapy development

Old genes –new phenotypes

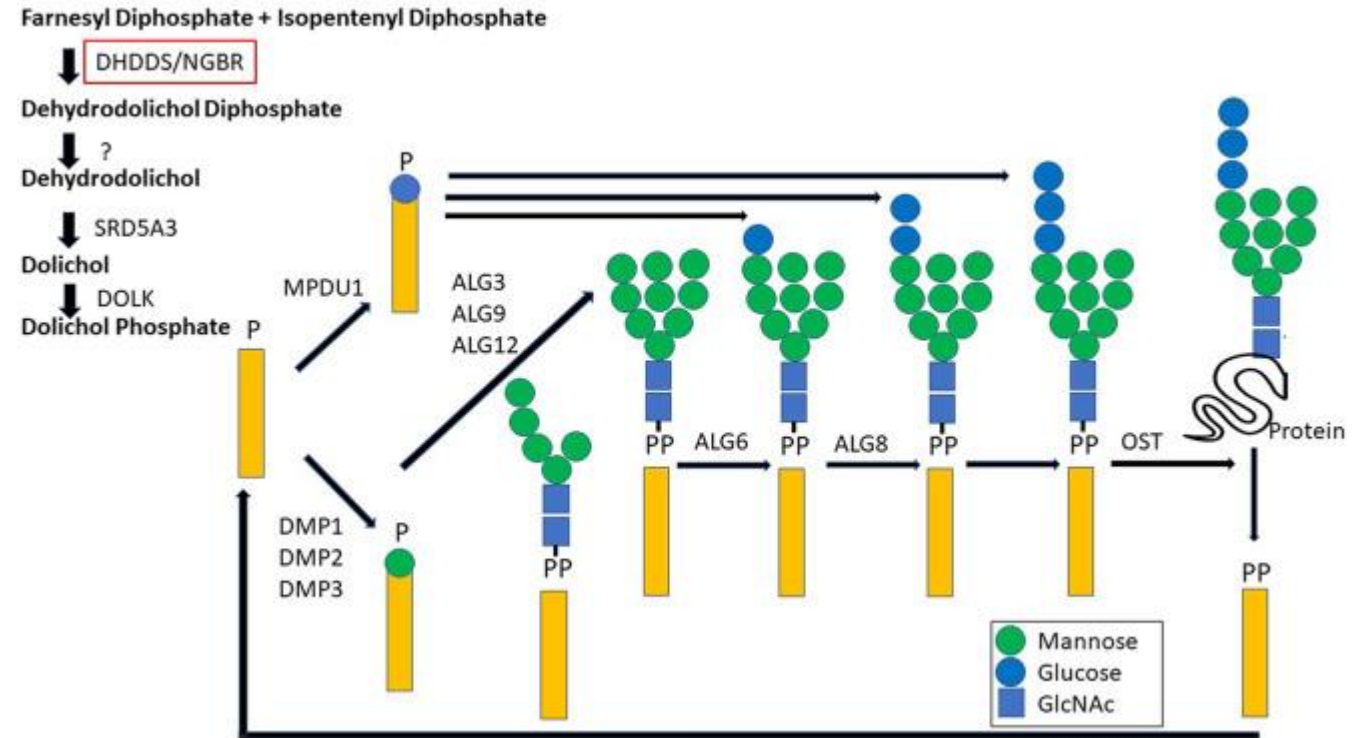
DHDDS-CDG



- DHDDS* encodes for the catalytic subunit (DHDDS) of the enzyme *cis*-prenyltransferase
- It's involved in dolichol biosynthesis and protein glycosylation in the ER
- It forms a complex with NUS1 (NUS1 is stabilizing NPC2 for ER cholesterol transport)

DHDDS-CDG

Hypotonia
 Hepatomegaly
 Micropenis
 Renal Failure
 Epilepsy
 Visual loss
 Sensorineural deafness
 FTT
 Died at 8 months



DHDDS	c.192G > A (p.W64X)	Stop
	c.441-24A > G (p.C148EfsX11)	Intron (splice)

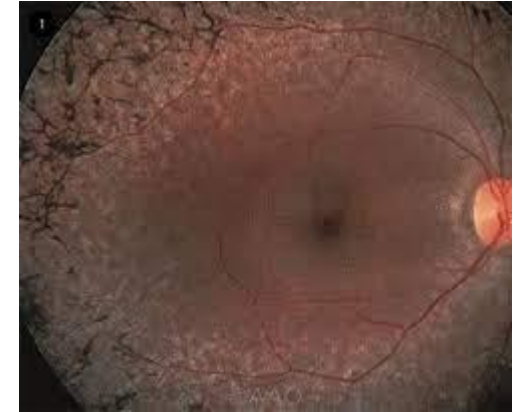
Abnormal transferrin

DHDDS(-CDG?)

Recurrent K42E *DHDDS* variants lead to an AR form of retinitis pigmentosa (RP 59)

Recent reports show multisystem presentation in some of the K42E homozygous patients

Ataxia, seizures, edema, hypothyroidism, hepatopathy



De novo DHDDS variants cluster around the active site of the DHDDS subunit cause a neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorder with myoclonus

Galos et al, 2022

Generalized epilepsy

Action myoclonus

Cortical tremor and ataxia.

Slow neurological decline

Hyper- or hypokinetic movements

Cognitive deterioration

Psychiatric disturbances



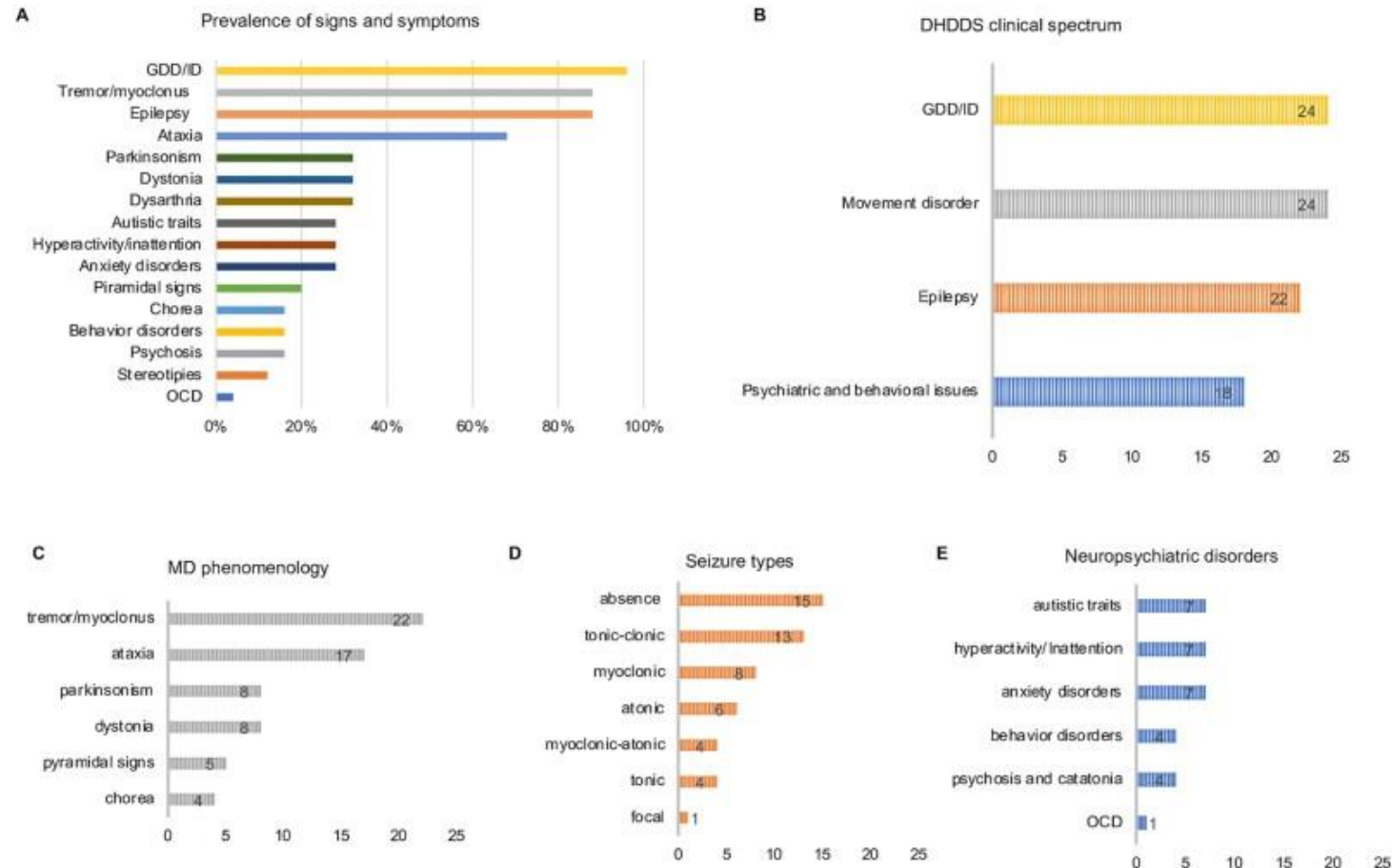
Two recurring *de novo* substitutions

c.632G>A (p.Arg211Gln)

c.110G>A (p.Arg37His)

De novo DHDDS variants cause a neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorder with myoclonus

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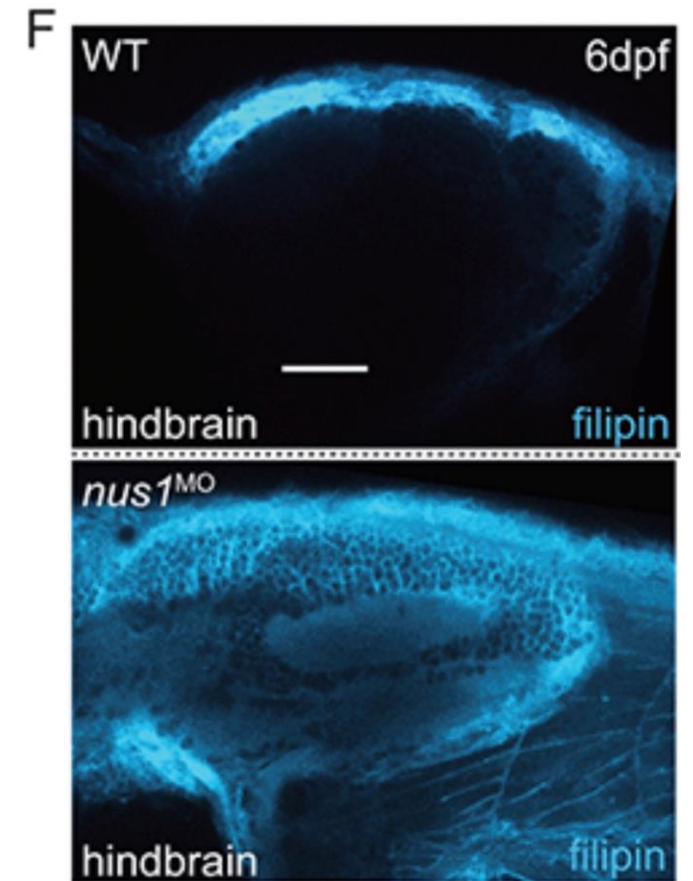


Disorder on the intersection of CDG and inherited storage diseases with several features akin to of progressive myoclonus epilepsy such as neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis and other lysosomal disorders.

De novo DHDDS variants cause myoclonic epilepsy and Parkinsonism

- storage of lipidic material and altered lysosomes in myelinated fibres and fibroblasts
- dysfunction of the lysosomal enzymatic scavenger machinery.
- Serum glycoprotein hypoglycosylation is not detected
- the urinary dolichol D18/D19 ratio is normal.

De novo NUS1 variants cause myoclonic epilepsy and Parkinsonism



New disorders: the STT3A story

Family 1

17 year old male with increased muscle tone, muscle pain, joint pain and short stature

His brother has similar features and some learning difficulties

Mother has multiple joint arthritis, fibromyalgia, short stature and macrocephaly



Biochemical serendipity during metabolic screening

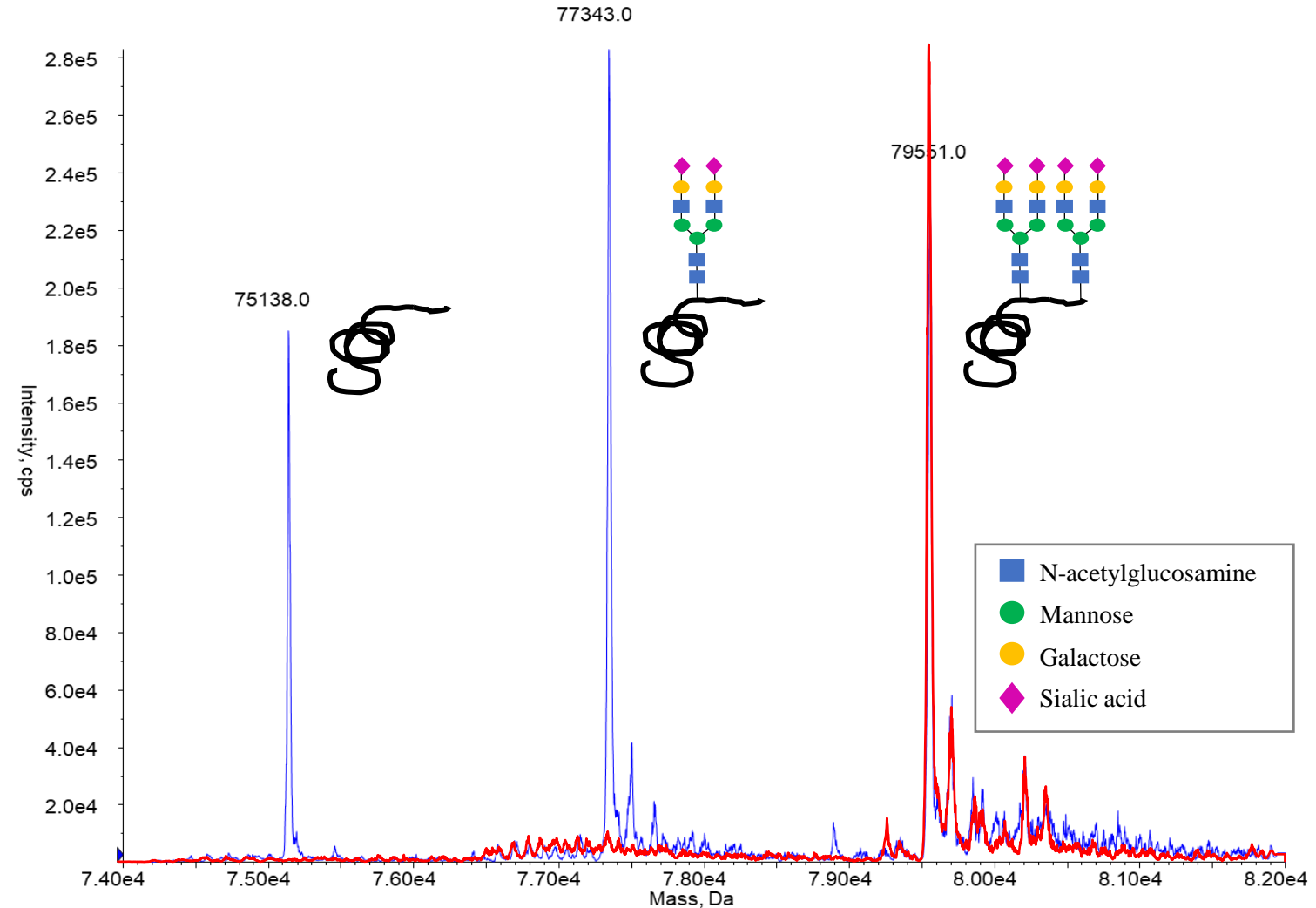
1. Transferrin glycosylation (ESI-MS):

* ↑ Mono-oligosaccharide / Di-oligosaccharide

* ↑ A-oligosaccharide / Di-oligosaccharide

CDG type I

The CDG test was positive in Both brothers and mother



Is this an autosomal dominant CDG?....

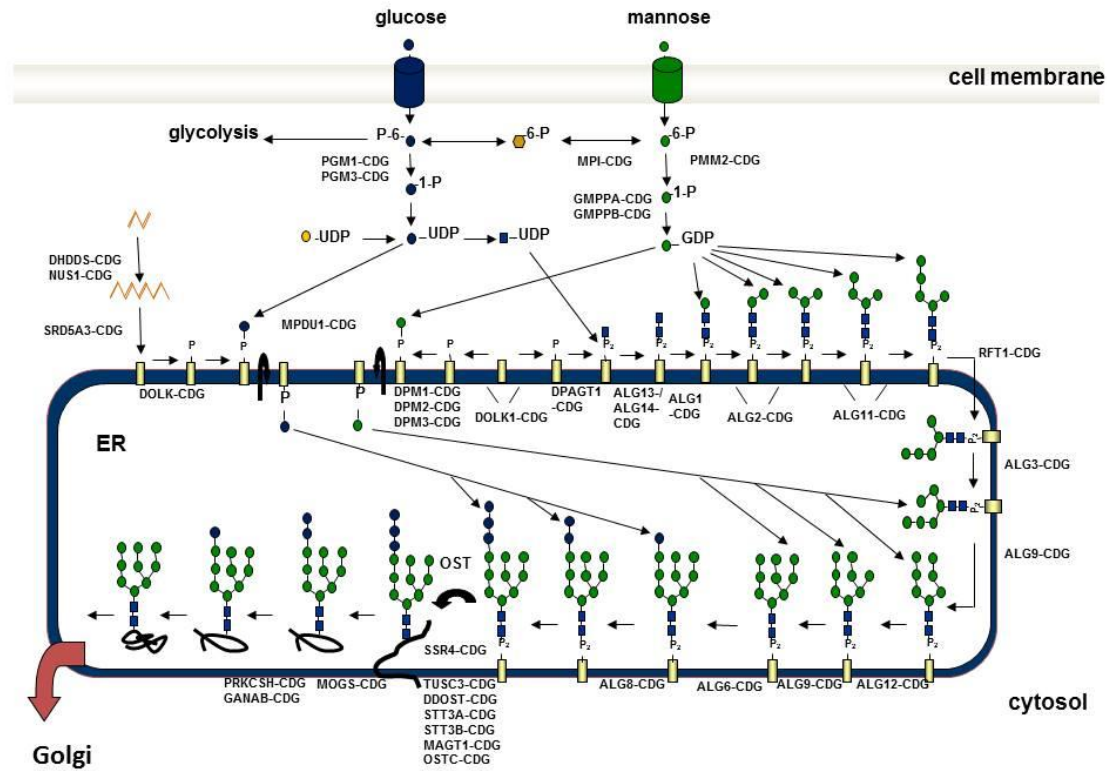
Exome sequencing (three times during 8 years...)

Negative, but carrier for STT3A (coming from mother)

No known association between STT3A and musculo-skeletal findings



STT3A-CDG

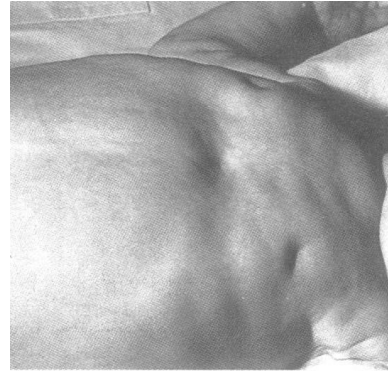


Autosomal recessive CDG:
 Severe developmental delay
 Microcephaly
 Seizures
 Visual loss
 Failure to thrive

No clinical overlap

Family 2

3 months old baby with delayed motor development and inverted nipples



Father with severe hip arthritis, hip replacement at 40 years, increased muscle tone, and short stature



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* Mono-oligosaccharide / Di-oligosaccharide



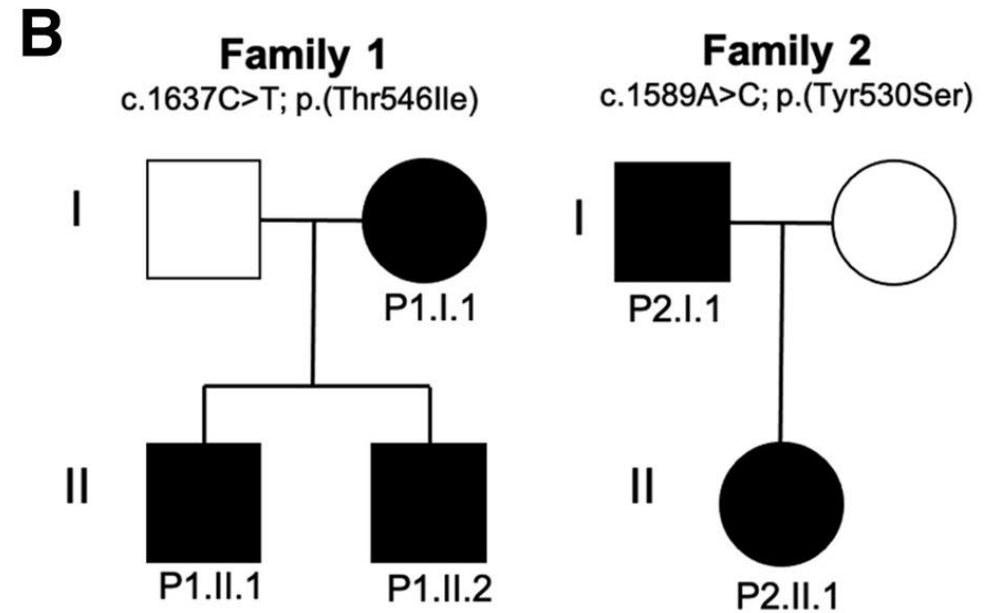
* A-oligosaccharide / Di-oligosaccharide



Exome sequencing (two times during 4 years...)

Negative, but carrier for STT3A (coming from Father)

Is it possible that STT3A could cause an AD disease?

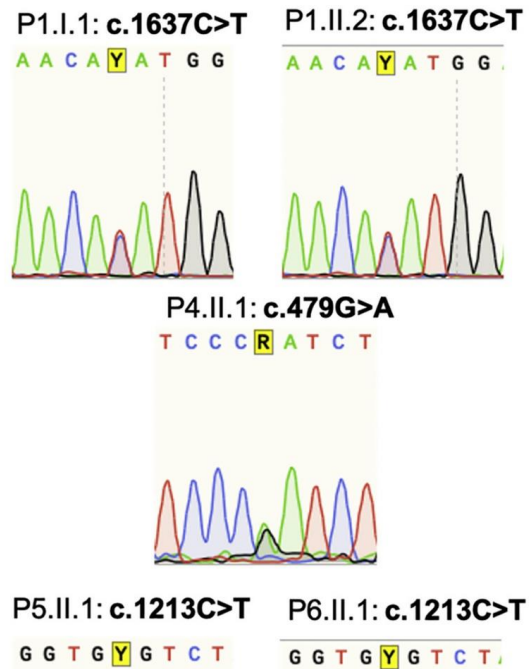


Search for other families (AD unsolved CDG or STT3A carriers)

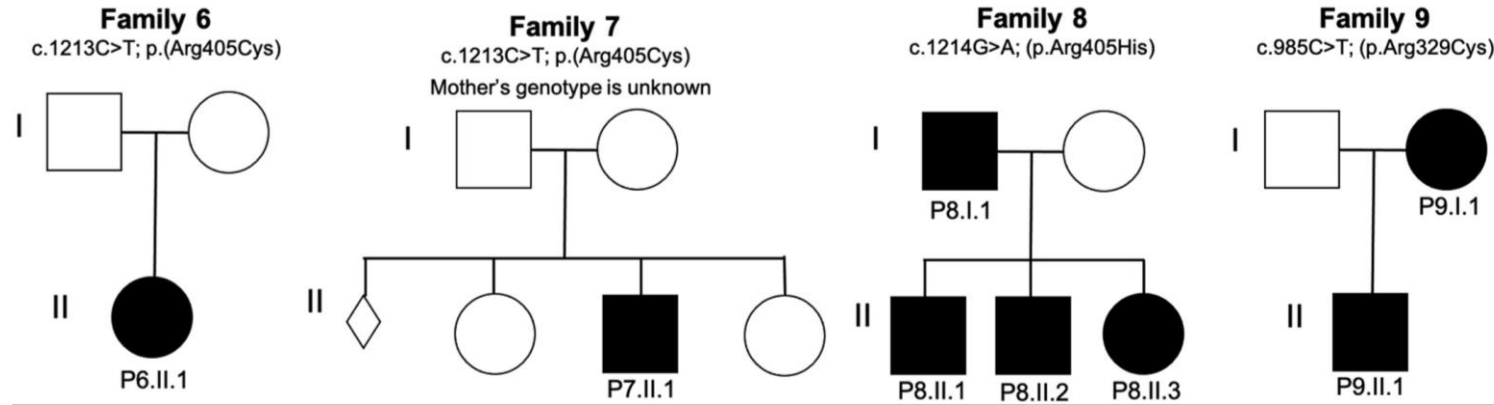
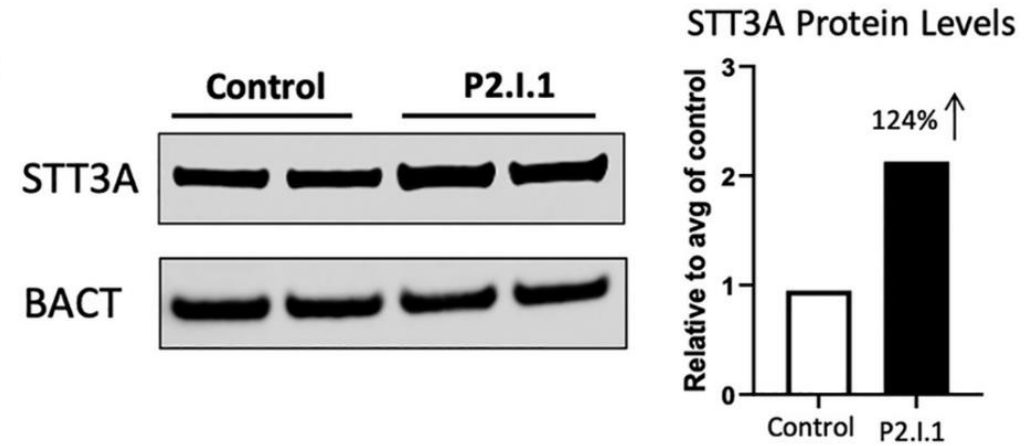


Several other families show AD or de novo STT3A single variant

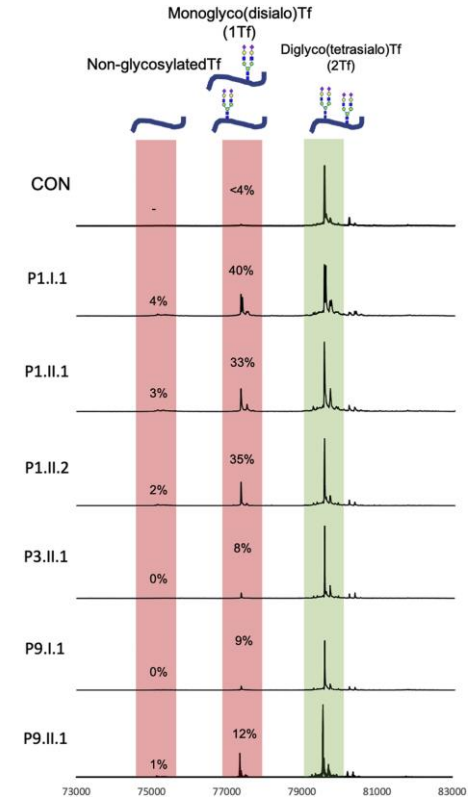
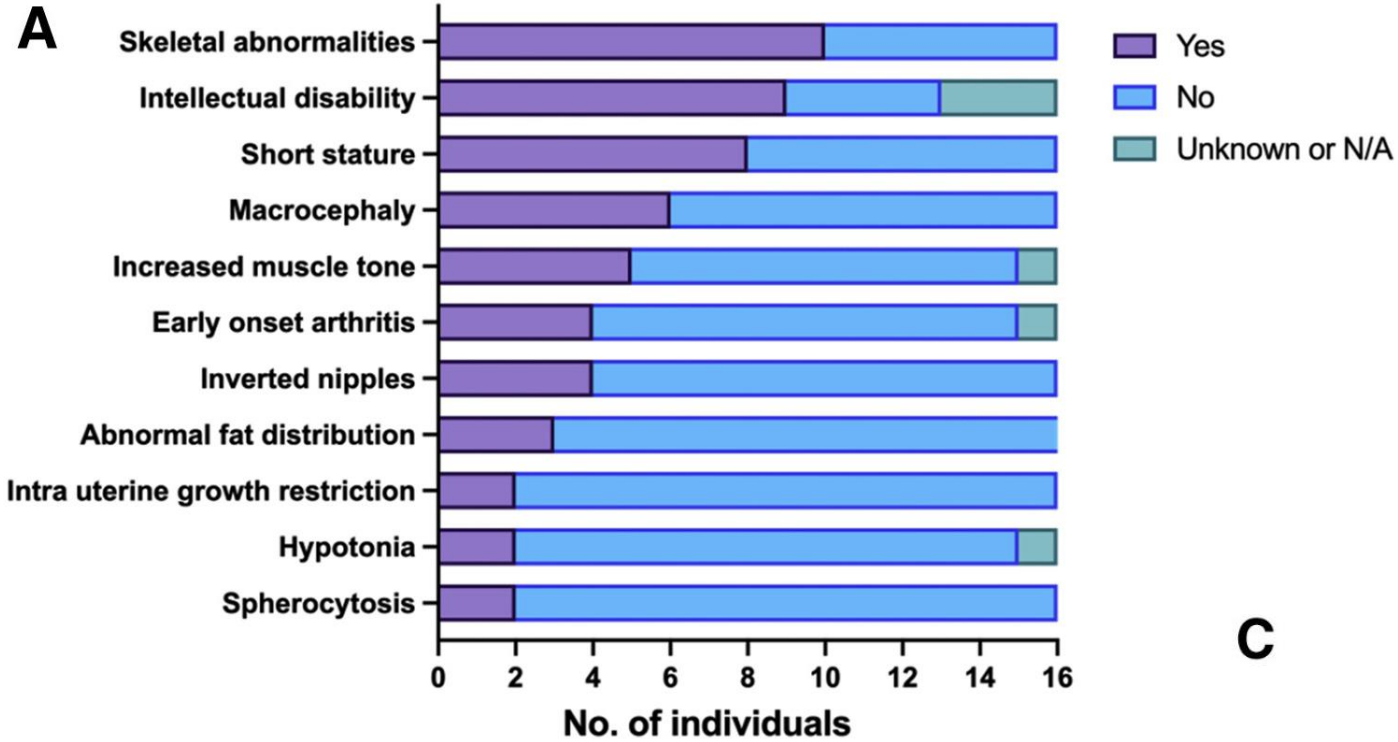
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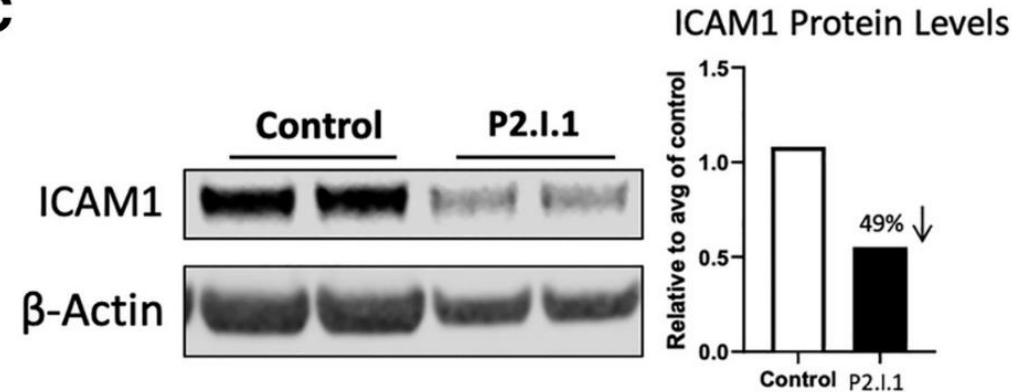
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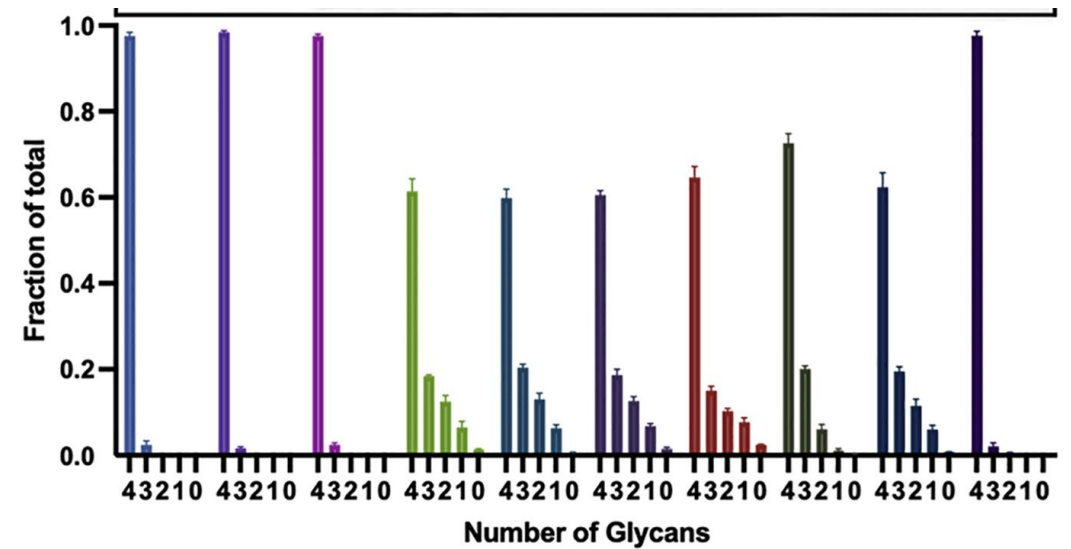
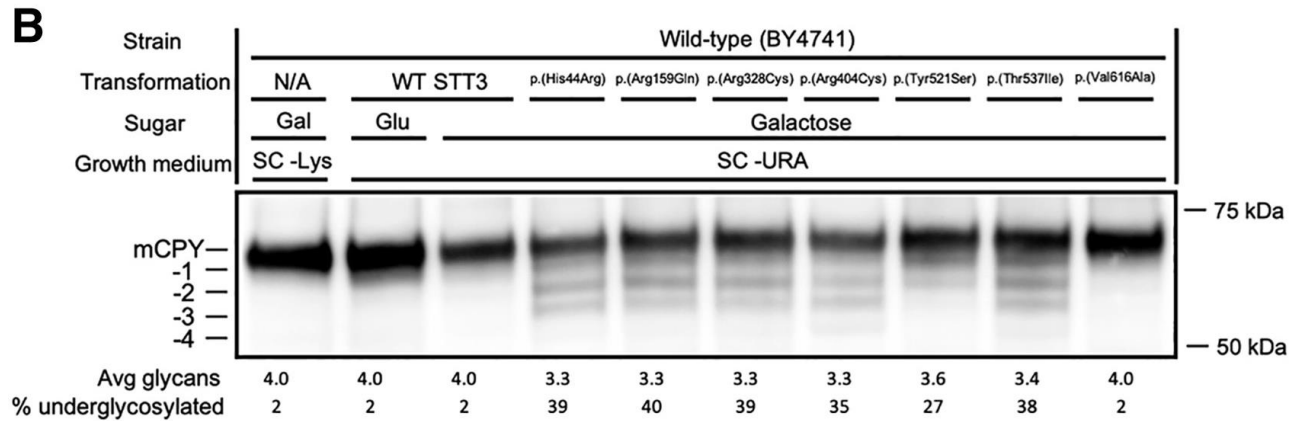
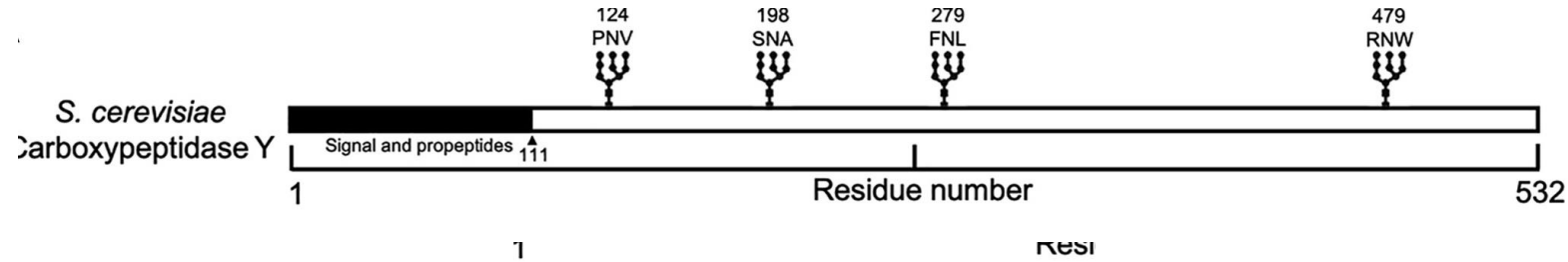
Biochemical and clinical phenotype



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Yeast model of STT3A defect shows abnormal glycosylation



Autosomal dominant forms and their AR sister in CDG:

AD

AR

ALG8 and ALG9: Polycystic kidney disease

PCKD/PMR

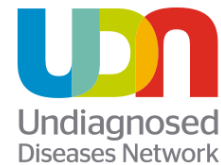
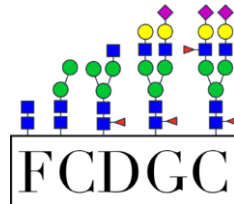
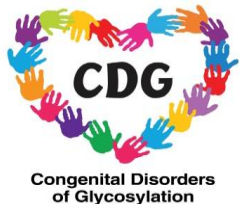
COG4: Saul Wilson syndrome

Hepatopathy/PMR

SLC37A4: Coagulopathy and PMR

GSD type Ib

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