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<p>問題点：南アフリカにおいて、アレナウイルス科の新たなウイルスによる見られる感染により5人の患者が報告された。</p> <p>初発患者(症例1)の発症は9/2日で、これに続いて3人の二次感染症例と1人の三次感染患者が報告された。初発患者と二次感染の3人は死亡し、三次感染症例は現在入院中である。患者の年齢層は33~47才、女性4人と男性1人。初発患者の感染源は判っていない。他の4人の患者は全員が医療施設内で、初発患者もしくは二次感染患者の血液・体液と接触があった可能性があった。初発患者はザンビア在住で、治療のための南アフリカへの移送後に死亡した。症例2は、症例1の移送に付き添った救急隊員の1人で、症例3は集中治療室にいた症例1の看護を担当していた。症例4は症例1が入院していた部屋の清掃を行った。症例5は症例2の看護を担当した。二次および三次感染患者の潜伏期間は7~13日と考えられている。死亡した4人の患者の発病から死亡までの期間は9~12日であった。患者全員が初発症例として発熱、筋肉痛、頭痛を伴うインフルエンザ様症状を示した。7日間で重症度が増し、いずれも下痢と咽頭痛が見られた。第6~8病日に顔面と頸部の麻疹様発疹が報告されている。3人に顔面の浮腫があった。死亡した患者では、末期症状として呼吸困難・神経学的症状・循環不全を伴う突然で急速な状態の悪化が見られた。出血症状は著明な特徴ではないが、1人に皮下出血、もう1人は穿創部位からの持続出血が見られた。暫定的な検査により、今回の感染はアレナウイルス科における新たな異なるウイルスと見られている。</p> <p>現在(10/28日)まで新たな感染疑い症例は発生していない。感染流行は封じ込められたようであり、医療施設内環境下で濃厚接触者だけに感染が限定されている。病原体の詳細な特徴については、現在調査中であり、初発患者の感染源についての調査も必要である。症候性感染発生の可能性の検討も、感染流行の短縮や臨床像をより理解するために重要である。</p>				
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一般的名称	<p>①人血清アルブミン、②人血清アルブミン、③人血清アルブミン25“化血研”、④人血清アルブミン“化血研”、⑤“化血研”ガンマーグロブリン、⑥乾燥ペプシン処理人免疫グロブリン、⑦乾燥スルホ化人免疫グロブリン、⑧乾燥スルホ化人免疫グロブリンC、⑨乾燥濃縮人血液凝固第Ⅲ因子、⑩乾燥濃縮人血液凝固第Ⅳ因子、⑪乾燥抗凝傷風人免疫グロブリン、⑫抗HBs人免疫グロブリン、⑬トロンピン、⑭ファイブリノゲン加第Ⅲ因子、⑮乾燥濃縮人アンチトロンピンⅢ、⑯ヒスタミン加入免疫グロブリン製剤、⑰人血清アルブミン*、⑱人血清アルブミン*、⑲乾燥ペプシン処理人免疫グロブリン*、⑳乾燥人血液凝固第Ⅳ因子複合体*、㉑乾燥濃縮人アンチトロンピンⅢ</p> <p>①献血アルブミン20“化血研”、②献血アルブミン25“化血研”、③人血清アルブミン“化血研”、④“化血研”ガンマーグロブリン、⑤献血静注グロブリン“化血研”、⑥献血ベニコロン-Ⅰ、⑦ベニコロン*、⑧注射用アナクトC2,500単位、⑨コンファクトF、⑩ノバクトM、⑪テタノセーラ、⑫ヘパトセーラ、⑬トロンピン“化血研”、⑭ホルヒール、⑮アンズロピンP、⑯ヒスタグロブリン、⑰アルブミン20%化血研*、⑱アルブミン5%化血研*、⑲静注グロブリン*、⑳ノバクトF*、㉑アンズロピンP1500注射用</p>
販売名(企業名)	<p>アレナウイルス属は、エンペロープをもつ1本鎖RNA(-)ウイルスである。齧歯類に寄生し、慢性腎臓感染をおこす。齧歯類の尿中には高ウイルス価であり、ヒトの食品やハウスダストを汚染する。曝露したヒトは偶発的宿主となる。このウイルスの原型はリンパ球性脈絡膜髄膜炎ウイルス(LCMV)であり、ヒトに感染するとインフルエンザ様症状、無菌性髄膜炎もしくは重症髄膜脳炎を発症する。出血熱症候群の原因となるArenavirusesは南米(New World arenaviruses)から数多く報告されている。いわゆるOld World arenavirusesは世界中に分布するLCMVと、西アフリカのナイジェリア、シエラレオネ、リベリア、ギニアを中心に1年間に最大50万人が感染し、実際にはさらに広い地域に分布すると見られているラッサ熱ウイルスである。ラッサ熱ウイルス感染の臨床症状としては、不顕性、軽症発熱性疾患から劇症出血性疾患まで様々であり、致死率は一般的な社会環境における1~2%から、入院患者では20%、院内感染では40%以上に及ぶこともある。西アフリカ一帯に生息する野ネズミの一種であるマストミス(Mastomys natalensis)は、ラッサ熱ウイルスの最重要宿主であり、その分布は、西アフリカから東アフリカ一帯と、南アフリカ北東端まで南に広がっている。他のMastomys種とも分布域が重複し、アレナウイルスは過去にはアフリカ南部の齧歯類でも確認されている。</p> <p>(http://www.forth.gov.jp/cgi-bin/promed/asearch.cgi?title_link=20081029-0050&button_detail=on)</p> <p>弊所の血漿分画製剤の製造工程には、冷エタノール分画工程、ウイルス除去膜ろ過工程あるいは加熱工程等の原理の異なるウイルス除去及び不活化工程が存在している。冷エタノール分画工程、ウイルス除去膜ろ過工程が期待される。</p> <p>各製造工程のウイルス除去・不活化効果は、「血漿分画製剤のウイルスに対する安全性確保に関するガイドライン(医薬第1047号、平成11年8月30日)」に従い、ウシウイルス性下痢ウイルス(BVDV)、仮性狂犬ウイルス(PRV)、ブタバクウイルス(PPV)、A型肝炎ウイルス(HAV)または豚心筋炎ウイルス(EMCV)をモデルウイルスとして、ウイルスプロセスバリデーションを実施し、評価を行っている。今回報告したアレナウイルス属は、エンペロープの有無、核殻の種類等からモデルウイルスとしてはBVDVが該当すると考えられるが、上記バリデーションの結果から、BVDVの除去・不活化効果を確認している。</p> <p>また、これまでに当該製剤によるアレナウイルス感染の報告例は無い。</p> <p>以上の点から、当該製剤はアレナウイルスに対する安全性を確保していると考ええる。</p>
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Arena virus outbreak, South Africa — Update

This updates all previous reports and includes available data as of 24 Oct 2008. An outbreak of infection due to an arenavirus was identified in South Africa in early October 2008. A total of 5 cases has been reported for the period 12 Sep to 24 Oct 2008.

The primary case (case 1) had onset of illness on 2 Sep 2008. An additional 3 secondary cases (case 2, 3 and 4) and 1 tertiary case (case 5) have been confirmed to have an arenavirus infection by laboratory testing. The primary case and 3 secondary cases have died. The tertiary case is currently hospitalized. Ages of cases ranged from 33 to 47 years. 4 cases were female and 1 male. The source of infection is, as yet, unknown for the primary case. The other 4 cases all had potential exposure to blood and/or body fluids of a primary or secondary case in the health-care setting.

The primary case was a safari booking agent resident in Zambia. The patient was flown to South Africa for medical care in a critically ill condition on 12 Sep 2008, and died on 14 Sep 2008. Case 2 was a paramedic who cared for case 1 during the transfer from Zambia on 12 Sep 2008 and case 3 was a nurse who cared for case 1 in the intensive care unit from 12-14 Sep 2008. Case 2 was admitted on 27 Sep 2008 and died on 2 Oct 2008 and case 3 was admitted on 30 Sep 2008 and died on 5 Oct 2008. On 14 Sep 2008, case 4 performed terminal cleaning of the room in which case 1 was hospitalized. The 5th patient is a nurse who cared for case 2 from 27 Sep 2008 to 2 Oct 2008. She became ill on 9 Oct 2008 and is currently critical but stable. Ribavirin has been used for treatment in this case based on good evidence of efficacy in patients with Lassa fever (an arenavirus infection). The estimated incubation period (interval from exposure to symptom onset) in secondary and tertiary cases ranges from 7 to 13 days. In 4 patients who died, the interval from onset of illness to death ranged from 9 to 12 days (Figure 1).

Only limited clinical data are currently available for case 4, who presented late in the course of illness with bleeding and confusion and died soon thereafter. Clinical features of the remaining 4 cases, for which more clinical data were available, are presented. All patients presented initially with a non-specific flu-like illness with symptoms of fever, headache and myalgia. The illness increased in severity over 7 days with all 4 patients developing diarrhoea and pharyngitis during the course of illness. A morbilliform rash on the face and trunk was reported in 4 cases on day 6 - 8 of illness. Facial swelling occurred in 3 patients. There appeared to be an initial clinical improvement after hospital admission in 3 patients, followed by clinical deterioration. Sudden and rapid deterioration

with respiratory distress, neurological signs and circulatory collapse were terminal features in all patients who died. Bleeding was not a prominent feature. However, one patient had a petechial rash and another had oozing of blood from venepuncture sites. Chest pain was reported in case 1.

At the time of admission all patients had thrombocytopenia (range: 42-104 X10⁹/L). Liver transaminases (AST and ALT) were available for 4 of 5 cases and were variable at the time of admission, however all 4 patients had raised AST and ALT during the course of their illness. Leucopenia was present on admission in 2 patients and 3 patients had a normal white blood cell count on admission. 4 patients subsequently developed leucocytosis during the course of hospitalisation. All contacts (family members, friends and healthcare staff) are being monitored with twice daily temperature measurements for a period of 21 days after the last exposure to a known case. In addition, safe burial of the deceased has been supervised by environmental health officers. Full personal protective equipment (PPE) and isolation precautions as per VHF protocols have been instituted.

The causative agent in this outbreak was initially identified as an Old World arenavirus by immunohistochemical tests performed at the Infectious Diseases Pathology Branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, USA, and on autopsy liver and skin samples taken with biopsy needles and skin punches in the Special Pathogens Unit of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases, National Health Laboratory Service, Sandringham (SPU-NICD/ NHL), South Africa, from cases 2 and 3 on 9 Oct 2008 under biosafety level 4 laboratory conditions. Subsequently, infection with an Old World arenavirus has been confirmed in all 5 cases by positive PCR results and virus isolation by SPUNICD/ NHL and CDC. Analysis of sequencing data generated at SPU-NICD/NHLS, Columbia University, New York, and CDC, Atlanta appears to indicate that the current outbreak is caused by a unique Old World arenavirus.

There are currently no additional suspected cases. The outbreak appears to be contained and has been confined to individuals with very close contact in a health-care setting. Monitoring of contacts, active case finding and investigation and management of suspected cases will continue as needed. Further characterization of the causative agent is under way and investigation into the source of infection in the primary case is required. Additional studies to determine whether mild/asymptomatic infection occurred amongst close contacts and other exposed individuals would be essential in better characterizing the extent of this outbreak and clinical spectrum of disease.

Arenaviruses are a family of enveloped negative sense single-stranded RNA viruses. Members of the family are parasites of rodents, in which they establish chronic renal infection. High titres of virus are present in rodent urine, which can contaminate human food or house dust. Exposed humans may become infected as accidental hosts. The prototype of the family is lymphocytic choriomeningitis (LCM) virus and infection of humans with this virus may present as an influenza-like illness, aseptic meningitis or severe meningo-encephalomyelitis. Arenaviruses which cause a haemorrhagic fever syndrome are well documented in South America (New World arenaviruses, including Junin, Machupo, Sabia and Guanarito viruses). The so-called Old World arenaviruses include LCM which in fact has a worldwide distribution, and Lassa fever virus which affects up to 500 000 people annually in West Africa, specifically in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, but the virus is suspected to be more widely distributed in that region.

The clinical spectrum of Lassa fever virus infection ranges from inapparent, through mild febrile illness to fulminant haemorrhagic disease, and mortality rates vary from 1-2 percent among cases in the community at large, through 20 percent among hospitalized patients, to >40 percent in nosocomial outbreaks. The multimammate mouse (*Mastomys natalensis*), which is the most important host of Lassa fever virus, has a distribution extending from West Africa across to East Africa and from there southwards to the northeastern corner of South Africa. Its distribution overlaps with that of other *Mastomys* species, and arenaviruses have been found in southern African rodents in the past, but there has been no previous association of these viruses with human disease despite sustained monitoring. Preliminary

testing indicates that the virus associated with the present nosocomial disease outbreak is a distinct new member of the family.

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[This update provides a definitive account of the recent outbreak of arenavirus-associated disease in South Africa. A primary case (case 1) had onset of illness on 2 Sep 2008. An additional 3 secondary cases (case 2, 3 and 4) and 1 tertiary case (case 5) have been confirmed to have an arenavirus infection by laboratory testing. Case 5 (not previously reported) is a nurse who cared for case 2 from 27 Sep 2008 to 2 Oct 2008. She became ill on 9 Oct 2008 and is currently critical but stable. Cases 1, 2, 3 and 4 did not survive infection.

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販売名(企業名)		人全血液			
研究報告の概要		<p>○イタリアで久々に発生したWNV症例 2008年、イタリアで久々にヒトのウエストナイルウイルス(WNV)脳炎が2例報告された。 1例目は、最近ウマ(6例)のWNV確定症例およびトリ(13例)のWNV陽性が特定されているフェラーラとポローニヤの間に位置する農村地帯在住の80歳の女性患者である。患者に渡航歴はなく、9月5日に発熱および複数回の嘔吐を伴った。その後回復したが、ELISAによる吐、意識障害、幻覚を呈し、9月19日にイモラの病院に入院したが救急室で痙攣状態となった。その後回復したが、ELISAによるWNV特異抗体検査で急性WNV感染が示され、さらに追加検査によりWNV特異抗体が確認された。10月9日のウエストナイルウイルスPCR検査の結果は、検査結果はWNVに対する抗体反応であり、WNV神経侵襲性感染の仮説を裏づけている。患者の家から2、3km以内の場所には、数種類の鳥類集団が生息し、蚊(イエカ、ヒトスジシマカ)が発生している大きな沼がある。神経侵襲性WNV疾患の2例目は、フェラーラ在住の60歳代後半の男性で、10月3日にポローニヤで特定された。患者は、高熱を伴う急性髄膜炎の症状を発現し、血清および脳脊髄液検査はWNV特異IgG、IgM抗体陽性で、2回の血清RT-PCR検査は陽性だった。 WNV髄膜炎の積極的サーベイランスプログラムが開始され、当該地域で供血者スクリーニング用核酸増幅検査が導入された。また、イタリアの国立血液センターは、全血液センターに対し、当該地域に1日以上滞在したことのある供血者を28日間供血延期とするように指導した。</p>			
報告企業の意見		<p>今後の対応 日本赤十字社では、輸血感染症対策として問診時に海外渡航歴の有無を確認し、帰国(入国)後4週間は献血不適としている。また、ウエストナイルウイルス感染の発生に備え、平成17年10月25日付血液対策緊急連絡に基づき緊急対応の準備を進めている。今後引き続き情報の取集に努める。</p>			
2008年、イタリアで久々にヒトのウエストナイルウイルス(WNV)脳炎が2例報告されたため、WNV髄膜炎の積極的サーベイランスプログラムが開始され、供血者スクリーニング用核酸増幅検査の導入、28日間供血延期措置がとられたとの報告である。					

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WNV Case in Italy is First There in Many Years

Two human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) encephalitis have been reported in Italy in the last month, the first human cases in that country in many years.

On September 20, the laboratory of the Regional Reference Center for Microbiological Emergencies in Bologna, Italy, reported the detection of specific IgM and IgG antibodies against WNV in the serum of a female patient in her 80s who lives in a rural area between Ferrara and Bologna.

Six confirmed cases of WNV disease in horses have recently been reported in this area, and 13 birds (six crows and seven magpies) have been identified as positive for WNV. Subsequently, an active surveillance program for possible human cases of WNV meningoencephalitis began.

Nucleic acid amplification testing has been introduced for blood donor screening in the provinces of Bologna and Ferrara. The Italian National Blood Center also has instructed all blood centers to defer for 28 days donors who have been for at least one night in the subject areas.

No Travel Reported. The patient had fever and repeat vomiting episodes on September 5. A first diagnosis of suspected urinary tract infection was made and the patient was given medication, but the symptoms remained and the patient was admitted to an Imola hospital on September 19 with high fever, vomiting, impaired consciousness, and hallucinations. The patient went into convulsions in the emergency room. She has regained consciousness and has almost completely recovered, though she remains hospitalized as a safety precaution.

Serum samples were tested for WNV-specific antibodies using an enzyme-linked immuno-sorbent assay, which indicated an acute WNV infection. WNV-specific antibodies were further confirmed by additional serological tests on the first samples. The samples were tested for Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) and tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV). "Results clearly demonstrated that the antibody response was mainly directed against WNV, thus corroborating the hypothesis of a WNV neuroinvasive infection," according to the Eurosurveillance Report (10/9/08).

The patient's relatives reported that she had not traveled outside the small village where she has lived for the past two years. The patient's home is located within a few kilometers from a large swamp that is home to a sizeable population of different bird species and is infested by mosquitoes (both *Culex* and *Aedes albopictus*).

A second human case of WNV neuroinvasive disease was identified in Bologna on October 3 - a man in his late 60s who lived in the province of Ferrara where WNV-positive horses and birds have recently been identified. The patient suffered from symptoms of acute meningoencephalitis with high fever. Serum and cerebrospinal fluid samples of this patient have tested positive for IgG and IgM antibodies against WNV and two different RT-PCRs performed on the serum were positive, though confirmatory laboratory testing was still pending.

WNV has been reported in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, India, parts of Asia, and Australia. Human WNV disease has been reported in the Mediterranean Basin: in Algeria in 1994, Morocco in 1996, Tunisia in 1997 and 2003, Romania in 1996 through 2000, the Czech Republic in 1997, Israel in 1999 and 2000, Russia in 1999 through 2001, and France in 2003. Zoonotics involving horses were reported in Morocco in 1996 and 2003, Italy in 1998, Israel in 2000, and southern France in 2000, 2003, and 2004. (Sources: Eurosurveillance Report, 10/9/08; European Commission response to European Blood Alliance query, 10/6/08) ◆

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報告の概要	○ト成長ホルモモンによる治療22年後に発症した医原性クロイツフェルト・ヤコブ病(CJD)の多くは、プリオンに汚染されたヒト成長ホルモモン(hGH)製剤の投与によるものである。患者は、11歳でクッシング症候群と診断され、1984年9月から1985年11月まで死体から採取し市販用に製造されたhGH(クレスコモン、カピ社、現在は製造中止)の投与を受けていた。2007年、神経学的兆候により入院後、状態は急速に悪化し、集中的な理学療法と言語療法にもかかわらず、患者は4か月後に死亡した。組織学的検査で海綿状の変化、神経細胞脱落、グリオシスの特徴を示し、免疫組織学的検査は特異的なプリオン蛋白の沈着が見られた。医原性のリスクが認められたため、WHOの基準に従い確定CJDに分類された。プリオン蛋白遺伝子(PRNP)には既知の突然変異は認められず、患者はPRNPコドン129、メチオニン-ホモ接合体であった。疾患発症後の1、2、3か月目に実施したMRIによる連続造影上の変化は、海綿状の変性を示しており、拡散強調画像の偽正常化は進行性の細胞死と関連していることと推察された。hGH投与22年後におけるCJD発症は、英国における一連のhGH-iCJD試験で推計された暴露後およそ20年というリスクのピークと一致する。本症例は、hGHを投与された患者としては、オーストリアにおける初のCJD症例である。		使用上の注意記載状況・その他参考事項等 人全血液-LR(日赤) 照射人全血液-LR(日赤) 血液を介するウイルス、細菌、原虫等の感染 VCJD等の伝播のリスク
報告企業の意見	日本赤十字社では、CJDのリスクのある血液を排除する目的から、献血者が、22年後にクロイツフェルト・ヤコブ病を発症し、4か月後に死亡し、確定医原性CJDに分類されたとの報告である。なお、日本における1995年以降には、すべてリコンビナント成長ホルモモン製剤に切り替わった。	今後の対応	

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A novel mutation (c.64_65delGGinsAACCC [p.G21fsX66]) in the GTP cyclohydrolase 1 gene that causes Segawa disease

DYT5 dystonia (Segawa disease) is an autosomal-dominant inherited progressive dystonia that is evoked by mutations/deletions of the *GTP cyclohydrolase 1 (GCH1)* gene,¹⁻⁴ which codes for the rate-limiting enzyme of tetrahydrobiopterin (BH₄) synthesis. Segawa disease is a rare disorder with an estimated prevalence of 0.5 per million. We report a clinical course caused by a novel mutation of the *GCH1* gene in a 25-year-old Caucasian female presenting in our outpatient clinic. The patient was born to healthy parents with no history or signs of neurological diseases. She described the development of a gait disturbance beginning at the age of 5 years. She was increasingly unable to walk at her soles, but was only walking at the outer edges of her feet (*pedes equinovarus*), causing a monstrous callus, within years. The feet cramped after only a few steps, which was relieved after some rest. Several stays in hospital did not reveal the final diagnosis, so that the gait disturbance was initially classified as a psychogenic disorder. The patient was then introduced to our movement disorder outpatient clinic just before an operation of the feet abnormalities. Clinical examination showed focal crampi of both feet with relevant relief only by inactivity. The feet were severely adducted and supinated. Neurophysiological examinations, including somatosensory and magnetic-evoked potentials, were normal. A magnetic resonance imaging scan of the cervical and thoracic spine revealed only a short hydromyelia with no signs of inflammation or neoplasia. Analyses of the biogenic amines and pterins in the cerebrospinal fluid, according to the methods of Curtius and Hyland,^{5,6} revealed highly decreased dopamine (homovanillic acid 48 nmol/l; normal values: 115–455) and serotonin metabolites (5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid 20 nmol/l; normal values: 51–204). Similarly, all pterines were markedly reduced (tetrahydrobiopterin: below detection level [normal value: 18–53 nmol/l]; total neopterin: 6 nmol/l [normal value: 10–31]). Folate metabolites were normal. To confirm the diagnosis of Segawa disease, GTP-cyclohydrolase I (GTPCH) enzyme activity was determined in skin fibroblasts according to Bonafé *et al.*,⁴ which showed only 34% activity (0.99 μU/mg protein) compared with healthy controls (reference value: 2.6 ± 0.53 μU/mg protein). Treatment with low doses of levodopa was capable of resolving the symptoms completely. Sequencing of exons 1–6 of the *GCH1* gene revealed a heterozygous deletion of two guanines at positions 64 and 65 and an insertion of 4 bases (AACCC; fig 1), leading to

a frameshift from amino acid 21 and subsequent termination of the protein after amino acid 66 within exon 1 (c.64_65delGGinsAACCC [p.G21fsX66]). Multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) of the whole *GCH1* did not detect any further deletions. The clinically unaffected parents did not show any mutation in the *GCH1* gene (fig 1), confirming that the mutation in the patients represents a *de novo* mutation. This novel combined deletion-insertion mutation leading to protein truncation within exon 1 has not been reported before, despite up to more than 100 abnormalities of the *GCH1* gene being reported—including exon (start point change, missense, nonsense and frameshift mutations) and intron-mutations, and deletions.

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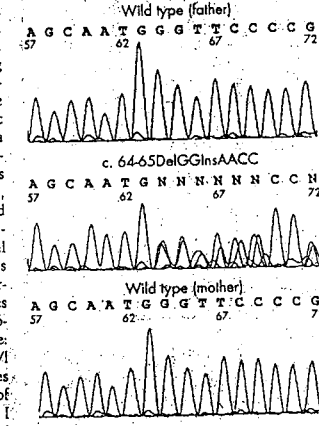


Figure 1 Genomic sequences of the index patient (middle panel) and both parents (father: upper panel; mother: lower panel), revealing a heterozygous deletion of two guanines at positions 64 and 65 and an insertion of the four bases AACCC in the index patients; but wild-type sequences in both parents. The sequence abnormalities lead to a frame shift from amino acid 21 and subsequent termination of the protein after amino acid 66 within exon 1.

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Iatrogenic Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease 22 years after human growth hormone therapy: clinical and radiological features

Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) is a human transmissible spongiform encephalopathy or prion disease. Although CJD is most frequently sporadic, numerous acquired or iatrogenic CJD (iCJD) cases have been reported, about half of which are attributable to prion-contaminated human growth hormone (hGH) preparations.¹ Cadaveric hGH was provided by public and commercial sources up to 1985, when recombinant hGH became available. Incubation periods of hGH-iCJD peak at a median of 12 (range 5–30) years after exposure.^{2,3}

We report the first Austrian case of hGH-associated autopsy-proven iCJD and discuss clinical features and serial magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) findings.

CASE REPORT

Clinical history

A 39-year-old man presented with right-sided clumsiness and dysesthesia, which had started in his leg 3 weeks prior to admission and had spread to his right arm. No impairment of cognitive function and no involuntary movements were present. There was no family history of neurological disease. The patient had been healthy until the age of 11 years, when progressive obesity and growth impairment had been noticed and a diagnosis of Cushing syndrome had been made. The patient moved to Austria at the age of 15 years (1982) and was subsequently diagnosed with a hormone-producing pituitary adenoma, which was removed by transphenoidal hypophysectomy. The frontal skull base defect was covered with

autologous connective tissue (fascia lata). Due to persistent Cushing syndrome symptoms, bilateral adrenalectomy was performed. To promote body growth (height <3rd percentile), he received commercially manufactured cadaveric hGH (Crescormon[®], Kabi Pharma, now discontinued) from September 1984 (2 IU IM three times per week, which was later reduced to 2 IU IM twice a week). The treatment was continued until November 1985 and resulted in an increase of body height of 13.5 cm.

In 2003, a recurrency of the pituitary adenoma causing Cushing symptoms was diagnosed and transphenoidal resection was performed, again with an autologous fascia lata graft.

On admission, the patient's neurological exam showed coarse bilateral gaze nystagmus, vertical gaze palsy and mild right-sided hemiparesis. Tendon reflexes in both lower extremities were exaggerated, whereas pyramidal signs were negative. Gait was paraspastic, with a deviation tendency to the right, but unaided walking was still possible. Cerebellar tests revealed bilateral ataxia in the upper and lower limbs and dysidiadochokinesia of both hands. Testing for infectious, parainfectious, as well as neoplastic or paraneoplastic neurological diseases, was negative, as was metabolic screening.

Serial cerebral MRI was performed in months 1, 2 and 3 (fig 1). Electroencephalographic recordings (EEGs) in months 1 and 2 showed diffuse slowing with generalized delta activity and intermittent rhythmic delta-theta runs with a right fronto-central accentuation. EEG in month 3 revealed further slowing and some non-periodic bilateral sharp/slow wave complexes.

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) examinations in week 1 and week 6 after admission exhibited divergent results. In the first sample, 14-3-3 protein was undetectable; protein content, as well as cytology, were normal. In the second CSF sample, a strong signal in the molecular weight range of the 14-3-3 protein was detected.

Neuropsychological examination 3 weeks after admission showed reduction of attentive functions, whereas memory was unimpaired. Over 3 months of hospitalization, the patient's condition rapidly deteriorated: Myoclonus of both arms and legs emerged; the patient became bedridden after about 6 weeks. Speech was increasingly dysarthric, and severe dysphagia ensued. Hypostatic pneumonia required antibiotic treatment. Despite intensive physiotherapy and speech therapy, the patient's condition continued to worsen. The patient died after an overall disease course of 4 months.

Neuropathology

Histology showed the characteristic triad of spongiform change, neuronal loss and gliosis. Immunohistochemistry revealed characteristic prion protein deposits in cerebral and cerebellar cortices, confirming the diagnosis of

CJD. Due to the recognised iatrogenic risk (hGH), the disease was classified as definite iCJD according to World Health Organization (WHO) criteria.¹ Western-blot analysis of proteinase K resistant PrP^{Sc} was not performed due to lack of adequate material.

Genetic analysis

Sequencing of the entire coding region of the prion protein gene (*PRNP*) performed after isolation of genomic DNA from peripheral blood showed no known mutations. The patient was methionine homozygous at codon 129 of the *PRNP*.

DISCUSSION

This case of definite iatrogenic CJD 22 years after hGH medication exhibits several noteworthy features.

MRI studies 1, 2 and 3 months after manifestation of disease revealed early bilateral cortical involvement of the mesial frontal lobes. Diffusion-weighted imaging (DWI) hyperintensities progressed to adjacent cortical areas and to the striatum, in line with clinical deterioration (fig 1). DWI has been recommended as the most sensitive test for early diagnosis of CJD,² but is not suggestive of a specific form of disease. HGH-iCJD cases have exhibited DWI

hyperintensities mainly in the basal ganglia. Cerebellar malfunction is one of the most common early signs of iCJD after hGH treatment¹ and was one of the main clinical disturbances at disease onset in our patient. However, no corresponding MRI abnormalities were detected in the cerebellum. To our knowledge, no other hGH-iCJD case has been documented with early frontomesial DWI changes and progressive bilateral striate hyperintensities.

CSF 14-3-3 protein was negative on first testing and turned positive 4 weeks later. Of interest, DWI changes preceded CSF 14-3-3 protein conversion by weeks and had spread from the cortical distribution shown in figure 1A/B to a striatal DWI pattern that is commonly associated with sporadic CJD (fig 1B). It has been speculated that these changes on serial imaging indicate spongiform degeneration, but that the neurons are still viable in the early disease stages, and that a subsequent DWI pseudonormalization is related to progressive cell death.³

The clinical presentation, with paraspastic gait as one of the first striking features, also requires attention. This correlates well with the imaging findings and represents a bilateral parietal edge syndrome—that is, first motoneuron dysfunction in the leg areas of both precentral gyri.

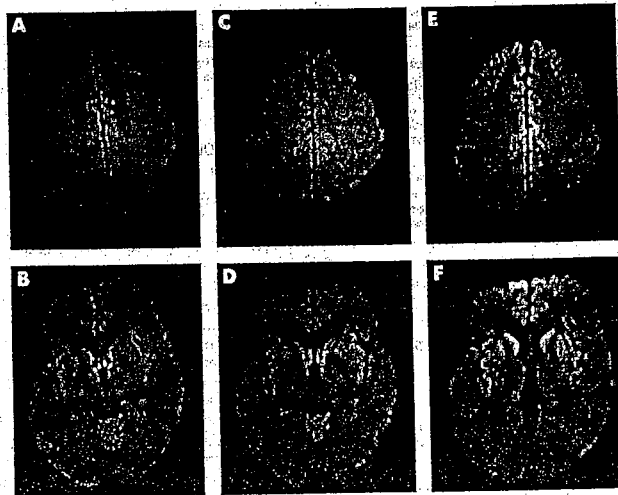


Figure 1 Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) 1 month (panels A and B), 2 months (C, D) and 3 months (E, F) after onset. Diffusion weighted imaging (DWI) 1 month after onset revealed bilateral frontomesial hyperintensities (A), and moderate DWI signal increases in the medial portion of both caudate heads (B). Two months after onset, the bifrontal hyperintensities showed slight enlargement (C), and DWI signals were elevated in both caudate heads, the adjacent putamina and insular cortices (D). On follow-up MRI 1 month later, there was increased DWI signal in the frontomesial and frontopolar cortex (E,F) and marked DWI hyperintensity in both caudate heads, both putamina with accentuation in their rostral parts, and both insular ribbons (F). AOC maps and FLAIR images were inconspicuous (data not shown).

Occurrence of CJD 22 years after hGH administration is in line with the peak risk approximately 20 years after exposure calculated from a large hGH-iCJD series in the UK,² whereas the mean incubation period in French hGH recipients was considerably shorter at 9–10 years.⁴ Differences of infectivity in hormone lots have been suggested as an explanation for this finding.

Some unusual circumstances and clinical features also deserve comment. First, iCJD associated with hGH has, so far, only been reported after administration of non-commercial hormone. The reports available, however, have excluded patients treated with commercially prepared hormone; hence, there are insufficient data on the CJD rate in these patients.¹ Second, the administration period of hGH and disease duration were both short for iCJD patients even though comparable cases have been reported in previous literature.²

In summary, this is the first CJD case from Austria in a patient having received hGH and only the third iatrogenic case detected in this country. The recognised iatrogenic risk (cadaveric hGH 22 years before onset) and the neuropathological confirmation of CJD meet the WHO criteria for definite iCJD, although the possibility of a sporadic methionine-homozygous juvenile CJD case without causal relation to hGH treatment cannot be definitely ruled out.

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APPENDIX

Histopathological examination

The total fixed brain weight was 1408 g. Macroscopically, moderate diffuse cerebral and cerebellar atrophy was observed. In addition, there were signs of diffuse oedema. On coronal sections, the cortical ribbon of the insular and parietal cortices was narrowed. Histology showed characteristic spongiform change, moderate neuronal loss and gliosis in cerebral cortex and basal ganglia (see Supplementary figure). The cerebellar cortex was severely affected with marked spongiform change of the molecular layer and neuronal loss of the granule cell layer (see Supplementary figure). The Purkinje cells and brain stem nuclei were comparatively better preserved. Immunohistochemistry using the antibody 12F10 (Cayman, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA) revealed strong pathological prion protein (PrP^{Sc}) deposits in cerebral and cerebellar cortices, and basal ganglia in a diffuse synaptic pattern (see Supplementary figure). In the brain stem nuclei, only discrete PrP^{Sc} deposits were demonstrable. There were no PrP^{Sc} plaques neither in the cerebellum nor in the cerebral cortex or white matter. These features confirmed the diagnosis of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). Due to the recognised iatrogenic risk (due to human growth hormone), the disease was classified as definite iatrogenically transmitted CJD, according to World Health Organisation criteria.

Skin reactions after intramuscular injection of Botulinum toxin A: a rare side effect

The use of Botulinum toxin (BTX) has been constantly increasing over the past years, not least on account of obtaining the license for the treatment of facial lines. It has proven a safe drug with only a few adverse effects. Local irritations at the injection site are not uncommon, whereas more widespread and generalised exanthemas were first described in 1992.¹ One dramatic case documents a lethal outcome due to treatment with a mixture of BOTOX[®] (BTX-A) and lidocaine.² In accordance with databases from the companies Allergan and Ipsen (SFC BOTOX[®], Allergan, December 2005; SFC DYSPORT[®], Ipsen Pharma, April 2006); skin reactions seem to be a rare phenomenon with a frequency of less than 1:1,000. The Ipsen database (January 2007) mentions 5 cases of local and 4 cases of more widespread redness, bulging and pruritus in Germany, as well as 11 cases abroad. Here, we report on two further cases of rapid-onset skin reactions after injection of two different BTX-A products.

CASE 1

A 49-year-old woman developed a left-sided spastic hemiparesis after cavernoma excystation in 1997. Successful treatment of the spastic arm muscles was carried out with BOTOX[®] for about 5 years and with DYSPORT[®] for the last 4 years. She did not receive any other medication. Injection intervals ranged from 3 to 9 months. During the treatment session in April 2006, we applied a total dose of 1,000 Units DYSPORT[®] (250 MU into the left biceps muscle, 250 MU into the left flexor pollicis longus and extensor carpi radialis muscles, 500 MU into the left flexor digitorum superficialis muscle). Within 6 hours after intramuscular injection of BTX-A, a segmental or "pseudosegmental" fine-spotted pruriginous exanthema emerged in the region of the entire left shoulder, arm and left breast. Fever or other additional symptoms did not occur. Allergological tests, such as prick tests, and an intracutaneous test were normal. Treatment with DYSPORT[®] was repeated 3 months later with a dose reduction of 50% without any adverse effects. At a later visit, she received 1,000 Units DYSPORT[®], which was well tolerated.

CASE 2

A 63-year-old man presented with right-sided limb spasticity due to a stroke 7 years ago. The patient received a stable medication consisting of gabapentine, tramadol, tetrazepam, clopidogrel and atorvastatin. From 2003, he was successfully treated with injections of 900–1,100 Units DYSPORT[®] at regular intervals of 3 months. In 2006, the therapy was changed to BOTOX[®]. Within

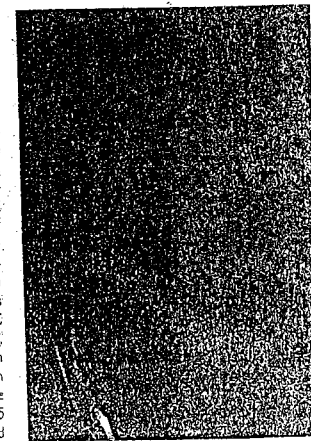


Figure 1 Photograph of the skin reaction as described in Case 2 about 1 hour after injection into the right brachial muscle. Informed consent was obtained for publication of this figure.

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重症筋無力症の治療として行ったアルブミンを交換液とした血液交換の後、パルボウイルスB19(以下「B19」)感染による赤芽球減少を報告する。アルブミン投与から2週間後に、患者は網状赤血球減少を伴う貧血および骨髄の形態的な前正赤芽球減少を伴う一連の低形成赤血球が示され、重度網状赤血球減少症を伴う抗体により確認された。患者は免疫グロブリン(0.4g/kg、4日間)で治療したところ、貧血は徐々に回復した。アルブミン、凝固因子、免疫グロブリンなどの血液製剤の感染性は除外できず、血液成分によるB19感染は依然未解明の問題である。B19はエンベロープを有さないウイルスであるため、溶媒-界面活性剤処理には抵抗性であるが、60℃で10時間低温殺菌すると迅速に不活化することを示したとの報告もある。ウイルス不活化の新たな方法やB19陽性単位の棄却などの多くの戦略は、血液製剤の安全性を増すのに有用である。	報告企業は、本剤の原材料となる... [エクリニン]項目、不活化・除去工程...投与に際しては、次の点に十分注意すること。 1) 血液分離装置の現在の製造工程では、ヒトパルボウイルスB19等のウイルスを完全に不活化・除去することが困難であるため、本剤の投与によりその感染の可能性を否定できないので、投与後の経過を十分に観察すること。 妊婦、産婦、授乳婦等への投与 妊婦又は妊娠している可能性のある婦人には治療上の有益性が危険性を上回ると判断される場合にのみ投与すること。 [妊娠中の投与に関する安全性は確立していない。本剤の投与によりヒトパルボウイルスB19の感染の可能性を否定できない。感染した場合には胎児への感染(流産、胎児水腫、胎児死亡)が起す可能性がある。]	今後ともパルボウイルスB19に関する血液分離装置の安全性に関する情報に留意していく。	

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CASE REPORT

Parvovirus B19 Infection after Plasma Exchange for Myasthenia Gravis

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ABSTRACT

We describe a case of pure red cell aplasia caused by a B19 parvovirus infection in a female myasthenic patient treated with plasma exchange, corticosteroids, and cholinesterase inhibitors. Two weeks after albumin infusion, she developed anemia with an absence of reticulocytes. A bone marrow aspirate was performed, showing a markedly hypoplastic erythroid series with numerous giant pronormoblasts. Anemia with severe reticulocytopenia and morphology of bone marrow suggested a diagnosis of pure erythroblastopenia due to parvovirus B19 infection, which was confirmed by positive immunoglobulin (Ig)M and IgG anti-B19 virus. The patient successfully responded to IVIG treatment with a complete remission. In this case, we could not confirm whether an albumin-derived infection combined with a concomitant immunocompromised condition due to myasthenia and immunosuppressive treatment was responsible for the disease. Although human B19 DNA content does not reflect infectivity, it is not possible to exclude that blood derivatives, such as albumin, clot factors, and immune globulin may be infectious. Actually, blood component B19 infection is still an unresolved problem. Many strategies such as new methods for viral inactivation and discarding positive B19 units may help to increase blood product safety. *Lab Hematol* 2007;13:34-38.

KEY WORDS: Parvovirus B19 • Pure red cell aplasia • Albumin • Myasthenia gravis • Plasma exchange

INTRODUCTION

Parvovirus B19 is a single-stranded DNA virus, forming small capsids and lacking a lipid envelope. Its genome encodes 3 major viral proteins, VP1 and VP2, the viral capsid proteins, which lead to self-assembly of viral particles, and NS1, a nonstructural protein, which is responsible for cytotoxicity. It has a peculiar tropism for human erythroid progenitors, with inhibition of erythroid colony growth and cytopathic effect [1-2].

B19 parvovirus is a common infection in humans, and about 50% of adults have immunoglobulin (Ig)G antibodies against the virus. Parvovirus infection is common in childhood and continues at a low rate throughout adult life. Most cases of parvovirus infection are asymptomatic. The most common clinical presentation is fifth disease of childhood, characterized by typical exanthema, fever, and flu-like symptoms. Acute or chronic arthropathy due to deposition of immune complexes may occur in adults. In patients with chronic hemolytic anemia, such as hereditary spherocytosis and sickle cell disease, acute parvovirus B19 infection can cause an abrupt cessation of red cell production, with transient aplastic crisis. In patients with immunodeficiency states, such as congenital immunodeficiencies or AIDS and patients receiving cytotoxic chemotherapy or immunosuppressive drugs, such as administered after an organ transplantation, there can be a failure to produce neutralizing antibodies. In these cases, pure red cell apla-

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