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**EAN/MDS-ES: Hyperkinetic movement disorders (Level 2)**

**The paroxysm of dyskinesias**

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## The paroxysm of dystonia



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## Learning objectives

- 1) Characterize the various forms of paroxysmal dyskinesia
- 2) Approach the etiology and get some insight into the treatment of paroxysmal dyskinesia

## Paroxysmal dyskinesia

- Paroxysmal dyskinesias = attacks of dystonic/choreic movements
  - no alteration of consciousness, speech can be altered but language is unaffected
- A new classification is emerging, based on both clinical and genetic characteristics (*Erro et al, Mov Disord, 2014*)
- Recent genetic advances are rendering the historical, clinically-based classification obsolete
  - a given paroxysmal form of PDys / mutations in various genes
  - mutations in a given gene / various forms of PDys



# 1. Functional paroxysmal dyskinesias

*(Ganos et al., 2014)*

- Is a frequent cause of paroxysmal dyskinesias (ado, youth +++)
  - Often mixed or complex paroxysmal hyperkinetic movements that are difficult to classify
  - About 20% of the patients have coexisting organic MDS, usually manifesting in the same or contiguous body parts
  - Diagnosis should be based on clinical grounds and after careful consideration of genetic and secondary forms
  - Very important to make the diagnosis because it can lead to therapeutic approaches that are efficient in many patients
- Very important to communicate this diagnosis to the patient in an appropriate manner because it may be useful therapeutically



## Functional paroxysmal dyskinesias: clues

*(Ganos et al., 2014)*

- Paroxysmal tremor is part of the phenotype
- High within-subject variability between episodes
- Precipitation of attacks during examination
- Atypical and variable duration of attacks
- Presence of multiple and atypical triggers
- Presence of odd precipitating/relieving factors
- Other unexplained/functional manifestations
- Atypical response to medication

## 2. Symptomatic paroxysmal dyskinesia

- First step in the diagnostic process: primary, functional or symptomatic ?
- Features suggesting an underlying cause include:
  - onset in adulthood (not so frequent in children)
  - absence of a family history
  - variable duration of attacks and triggering factors
  - abnormal interictal clinical status
  - abnormal laboratory or MRI findings

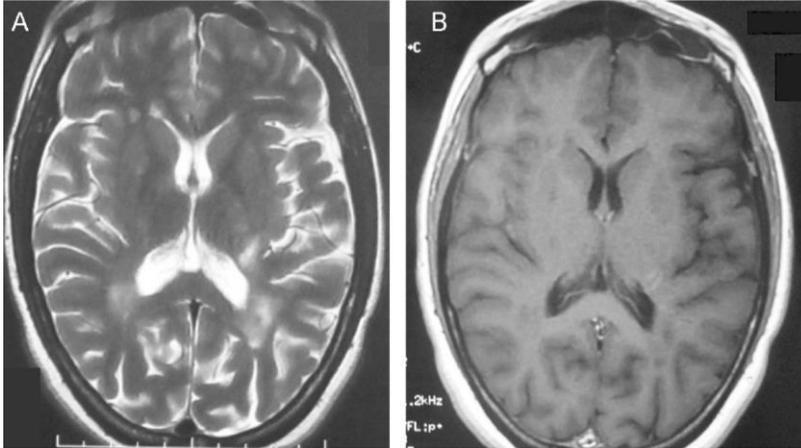
## Symptomatic paroxysmal dyskinesia

- There are numerous causes of symptomatic paroxysmal dyskinesia
  - Demyelinating diseases +++
  - Vascular disorders (stroke, transient ischemic attack) +
  - Autoimmune disorder
  - Basal ganglia calcifications
  - Hypo-/hyperglycemia



*Paroxysmal dystonia in multiple sclerosis  
(El Otmani et al., Rev Neurol, 2014)*

## Paroxysmal dystonia (tonic spasm) due to multiple sclerosis



*New gadolinium enhanced lesion within the posterior limb of the left internal capsule  
PD in MS are frequently associated with lesions of the internal capsule  
(Fröhlich, J neurol, 2018)*

Paroxysmal dystonia / tonic spasm in multiple sclerosis	
Type of movements	Dystonic postures of limbs and/or face
Duration	30 seconds to 2 minutes
frequency	Up to 60/jour
aura	sensitive
Triggering factors	movement, tactile stimulation, noise, hyperventilation
Treatment	Carbamazepine

*(Tranchant, Bhatia and Marsden, Mov Disord, 1995)*

### 3. Paroxysmal kinesigenic dyskinesia

- Attacks of dystonia and chorea
- Triggered by a brisk movement
- Duration is less than one minute
- No alteration of consciousness
- Good response to antiepileptics







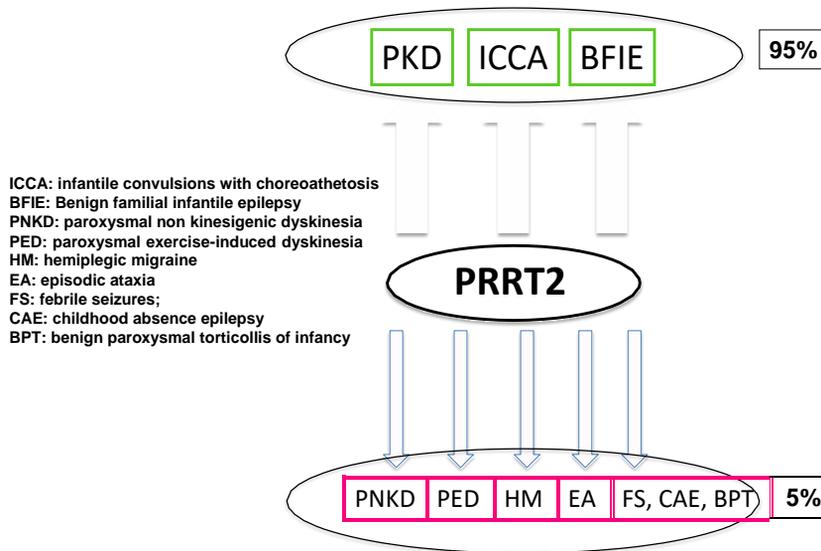
## ***PRRT2* is the main culprit gene for PKD**

*(Méneret et al, 2012; Méneret et al, 2013; Huang et al, 2015; Ebrahimi-Fakhari 2015)*

- About 50% of PKD patients, autosomal dominant
- Probably more than that in the European population and in familial forms
- In *PRRT2* patients: onset tend to be at an earlier age
- Clinical examination is normal between the episodes
- Most patients have a truncating mutation and the prevailing hypothesis is a loss of function resulting in neuronal hyperexcitability within the basal ganglia

## PRRT2 can cause a large variety of paroxysmal disorders

(Méneret et al, 2012; Méneret et al, 2013; Huang et al, 2015; Ebrahimi-Fakhari 2015)



Méneret et al., Eur J Neurol, 2013

## 4. Paroxysmal exercise-induced dyskinesia

- Attacks of dystonia and chorea
- Triggered by prolonged exercise
- Duration from a few minutes to a few hours
- No alteration of consciousness
- No response to antiepileptics



## **GLUT1 deficiency due to mutations in *SLC2A1***

*(Pons et al., 2010; Leen et al., 2012; Gras et al., 2014)*

- **Glucose transporter type 1 deficiency syndrome is due to a dysfunction of the glucose transporter GLUT1 that limits brain glucose availability, thereby resulting in cerebral energy deficiency**
- **Clinical severity varies**
  - from mild and/or intermittent motor problems
  - to severe neurological disability.
- **Phenotype = variable combination of**
  - acquired microcephaly
  - mental retardation
  - complex motor disorders (cerebellar, spasticity and mixed MDS)
  - paroxysmal manifestations (seizures, non epileptic)

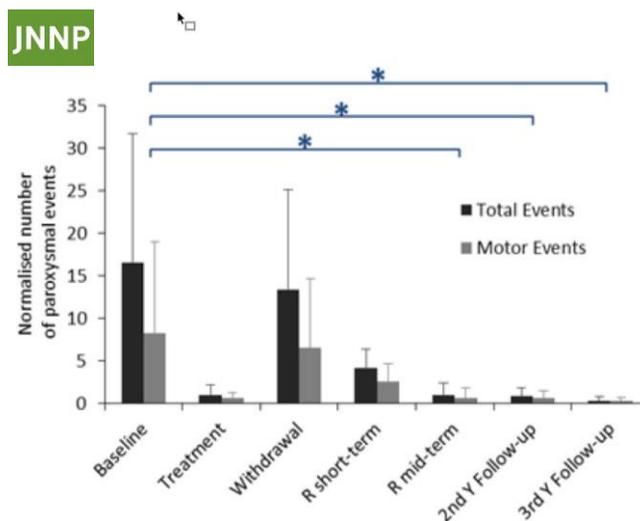
## GLUT1 deficiency

(Leen et al., 2012; Gras et al., 2014)

- Paroxysmal disorders other than seizures including paroxysmal dystonia are frequently observed and can be the sole or main manifestation of the disease (Schneider et al., 2009)
- Triggering of paroxysmal episodes by prolonged exercise or fasting is suggestive of this diagnosis
- The association of a wide range of paroxysmal manifestations is a good clue to the diagnosis
- Make an early diagnosis because the treatment, ketogenic diet, is effective

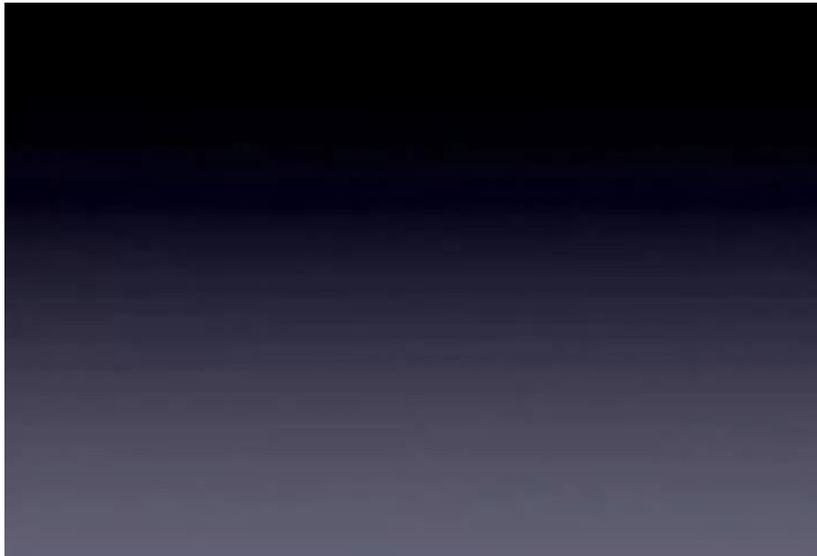
## Effect of triheptanoin on paroxysmal motor events GLUT1-def patients

Mochel et al., J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry, 2016; Hainque et al., J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry, 2019





*(Mongin et al., Tremor and Other Hyperkinet Mov, 2016)*  
*PED due to GLUT1 deficiency*



*(Castiglioni et al., Europ J Paed Neurol, 2015)*  
*PED due to pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency*

## Dopa-responsive dystonia: clinical clues

(Clot et al., 2009; Trender-Gerhardt et al., 2009)

- Onset usually before age 10y
- Presenting symptom = (lower) limb dystonia, then generalization
- Possible associated features:
  - Parkinsonism tremor
  - Oculogyric crises
  - Axial hypotonia
- Marked diurnal fluctuation is a key feature when present
- Dramatic response to levodopa
- Mutation in the *GCH1* gene +++



(Dale et al., DMCN, 2010)  
PED due to dopa-responsive dystonia

## 5. Paroxysmal non kinesigenic dyskinesia

- Attacks of dystonia and chorea
- No clear triggering factor but alcohol, coffee and stress could be precipitating factors
- Duration from a few minutes to a few hours
- No alteration of consciousness
- No response to antiepileptics apart from benzodiazepines



*Courtesy of Dr Sophie Drapier (Rennes)*

## **PNKD due to mutations in *PNKD***

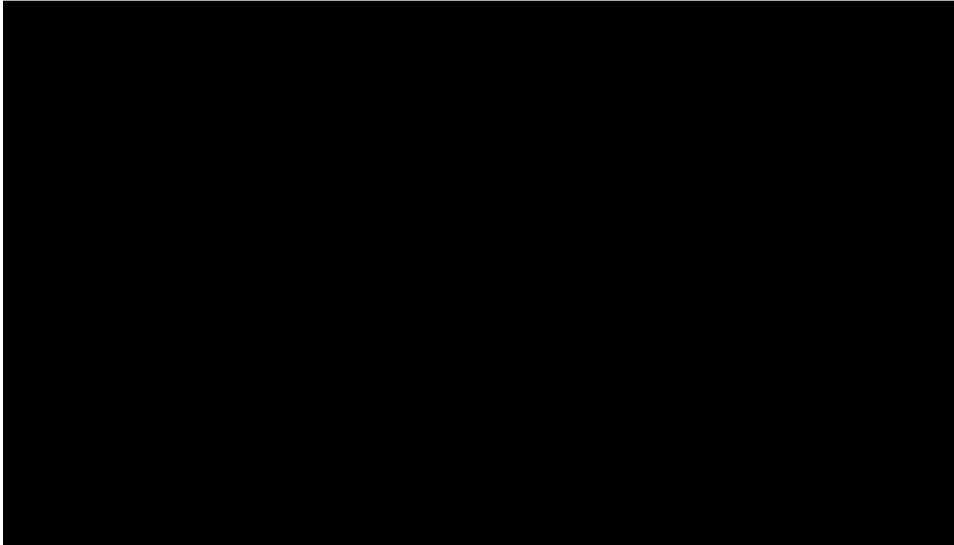
*(Erro et al., 2014)*

- Onset in childhood or adolescence
- Typically : attacks of dystonia and chorea
- Triggering factors: alcohol, stress, coffee
- Minutes to hours
- No additional manifestations
- Good response to benzodiazepine

## **PNKD due to *ATP1A3* mutations**

*(Roubergue 2012; Rosewitch 2012; Ozelius 2012; Heinzen 2012; Dard 2014; Sweney 2015)*

- Very large phenotypic spectrum
  - Early infantile epileptic encephalopathy
  - Alternating hemiplegia of childhood
  - Relapsing encephalopathy with cerebellar ataxia
  - CAPOS (cerebellar ataxia/pes cavus/ optic neuropathy/SN deafness)
  - Rapid-Onset Dystonia-Parkinsonism
- AHC: episodic hemiplegia / dystonic or tonic attacks  
intellectual disability/ permanent movement disorders
- RODP: rapid onset of dystonia (hours to weeks) and parkinsonism
- Paroxysmal dystonia (PNKD +++)
  - in most AHC patients
  - In a few RDP patients



*(Delorme et al., Ped Neurol, 2017)  
Alternating plegic episode due to ATP1A3 mutation*

## PNKD due to *ADCY5* mutations

(Chang et al., 2016; Friedman et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2015; Mencacci et al., 2015; Méneret et al., 2019)

- Childhood-onset mixed hyperkinetic movement disorder
- Axial hypotonia
- Typically without ataxia or epilepsy
- Stable or progresses very slowly
- Diagnosis clues
  - Orofacial myoclonus/chorea
  - Marked fluctuations (over a day, weeks, months)
  - Paroxysmal dyskinesia
- Paroxysmal dyskinesia in *ADCY5* patients
  - Pleiotropic paroxysmal dyskinesia
  - Mostly PNKD
  - Including paroxysmal dyskinesia during nighttime





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### Caffeine and the Dyskinesia Related to Mutations in the *ADCY5* Gene

*Aurélie Méneret, MD, PhD; Domitille Gras, MD; Eavan McGovern, MD, PhD; Emmanuel Roze, MD, PhD*

- **ADCY5-related dyskinesia is due to gain-of-function mutations in ADCY5, coding for adenylyl cyclase type 5.**
- **This enzyme is highly expressed within the striatum, where it is activated by adenosine through A2A receptors.**
- **Adenosine receptors are the major target of caffeine**
- **Using caffeine to antagonize A2A receptors, thus inhibiting adenylyl cyclase type 5, makes sense to reduce the hyperkinetic movement disorder seen in patients with ADCY5-related dyskinesia.**

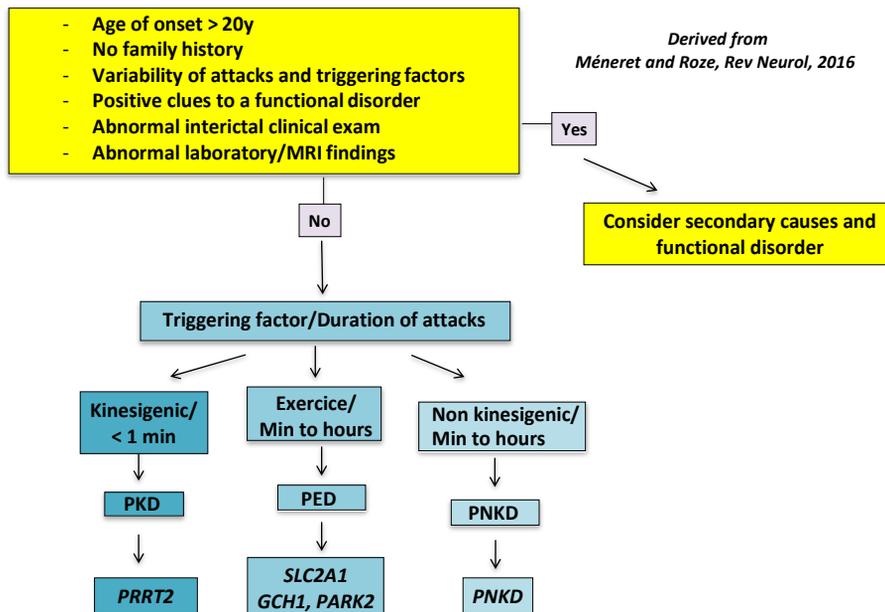
Pathogenesis of ADCY5 dyskinesia  
Functionnal MRI + transcranial magnetic stimultaion

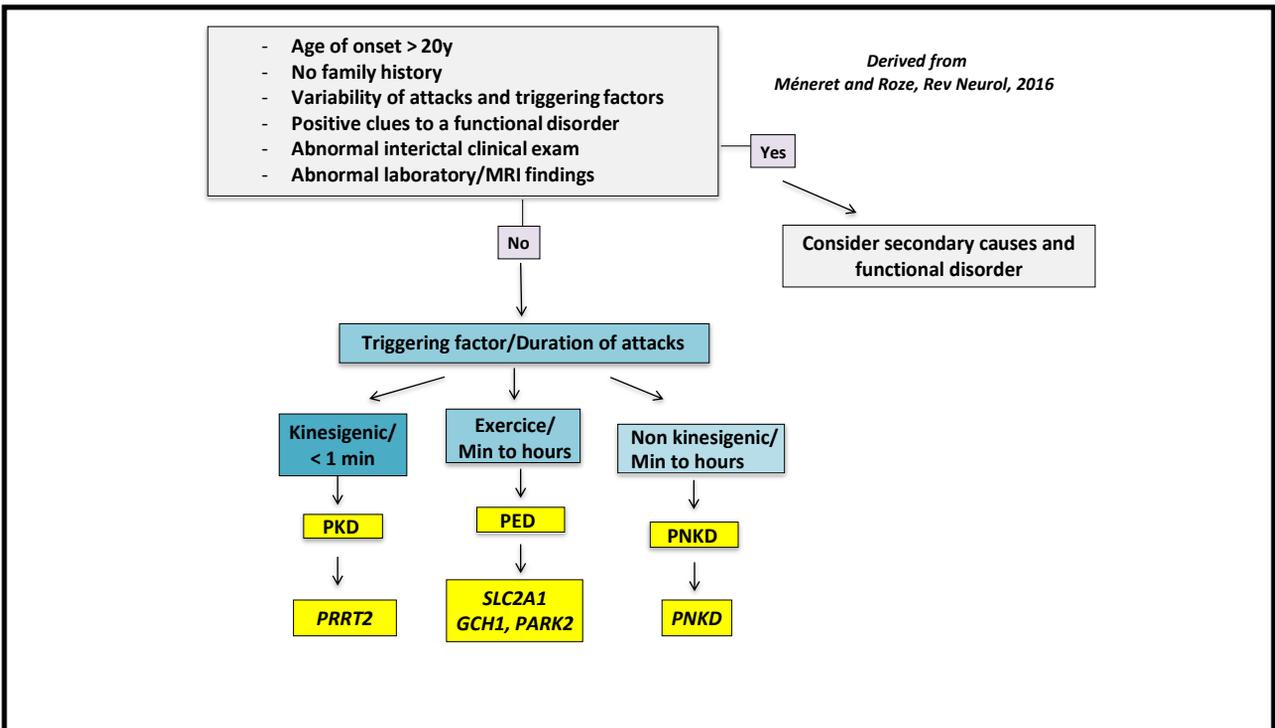
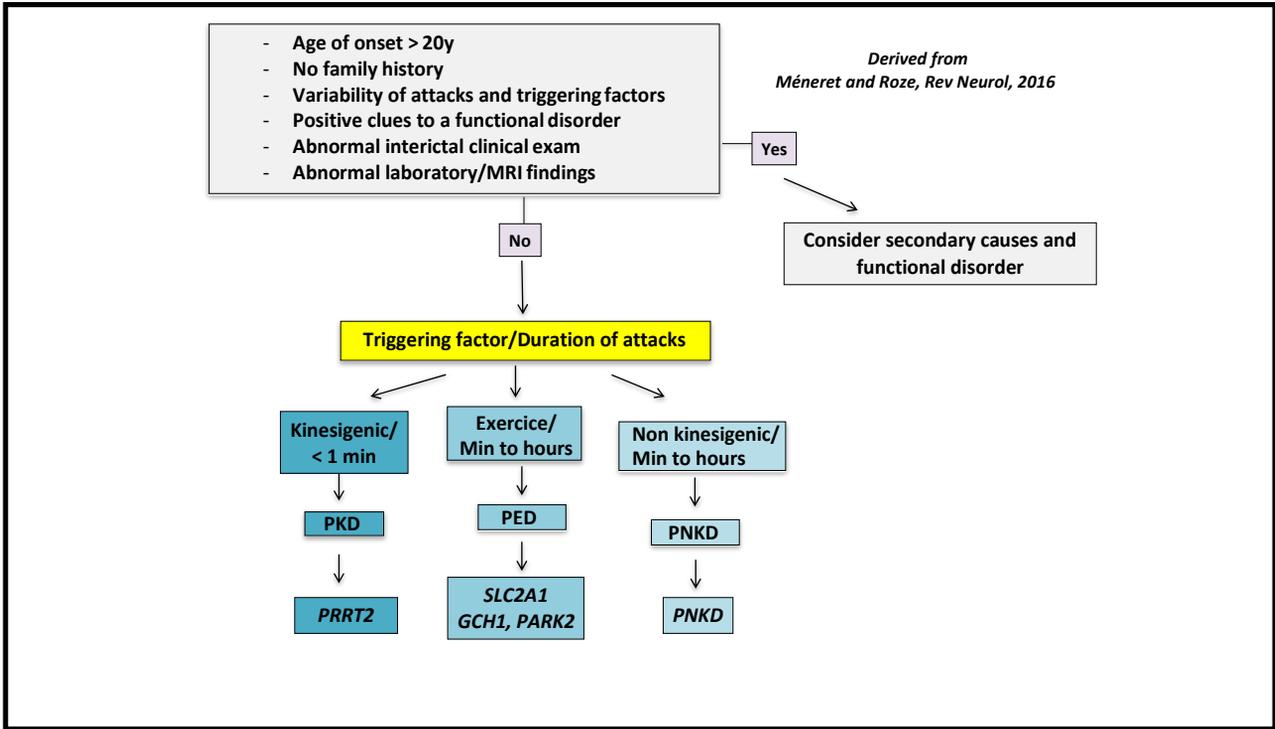
If you have ADCY5 patients, age > 15,  
who are interested to be involved  
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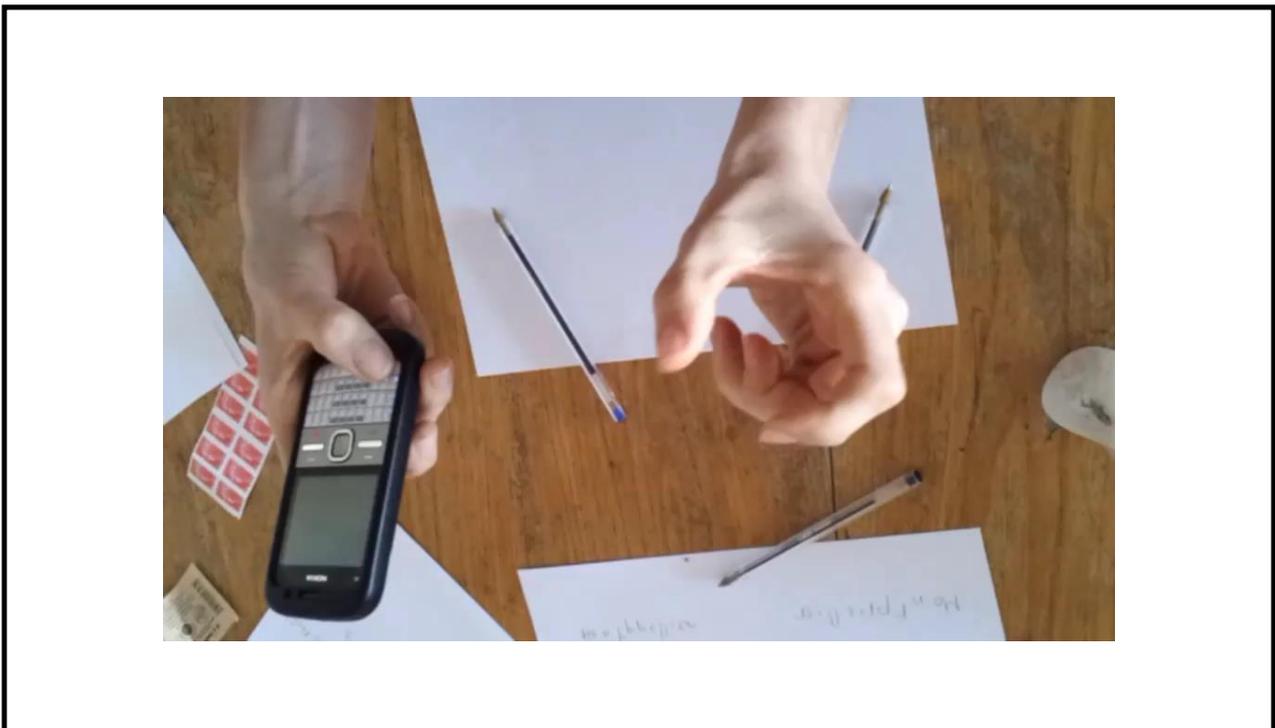
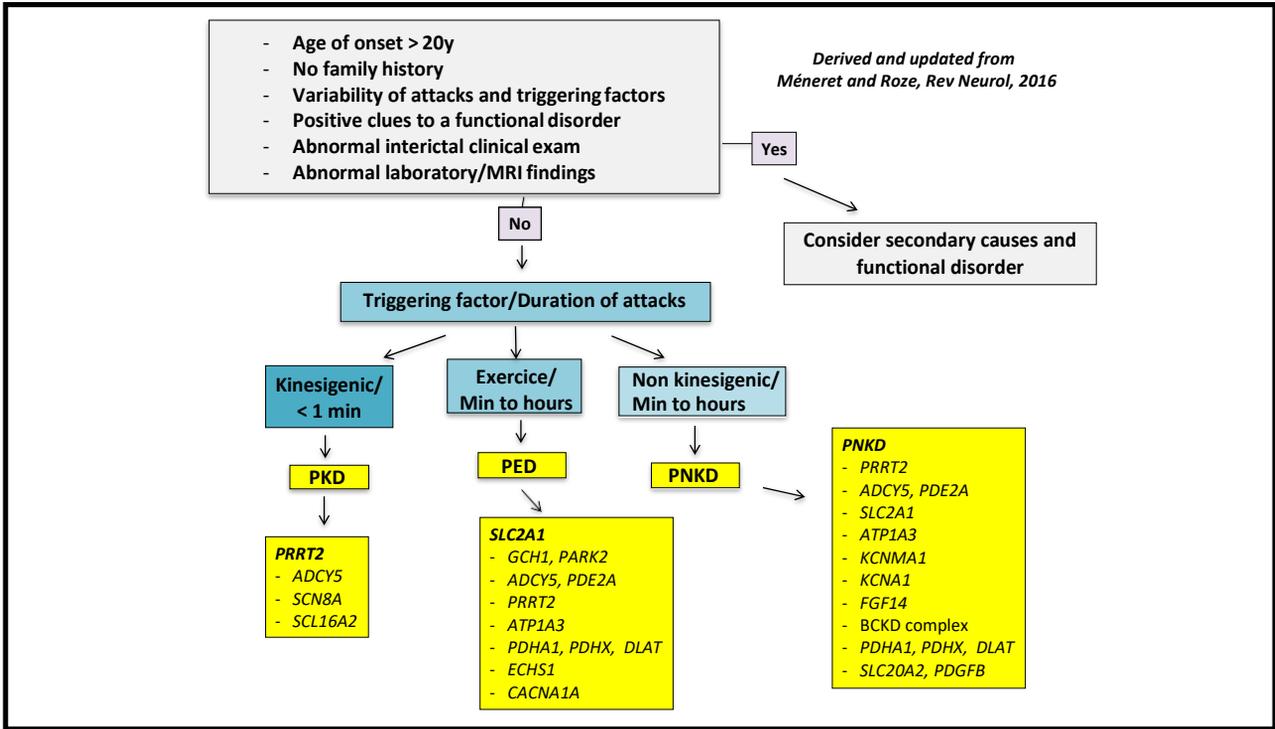
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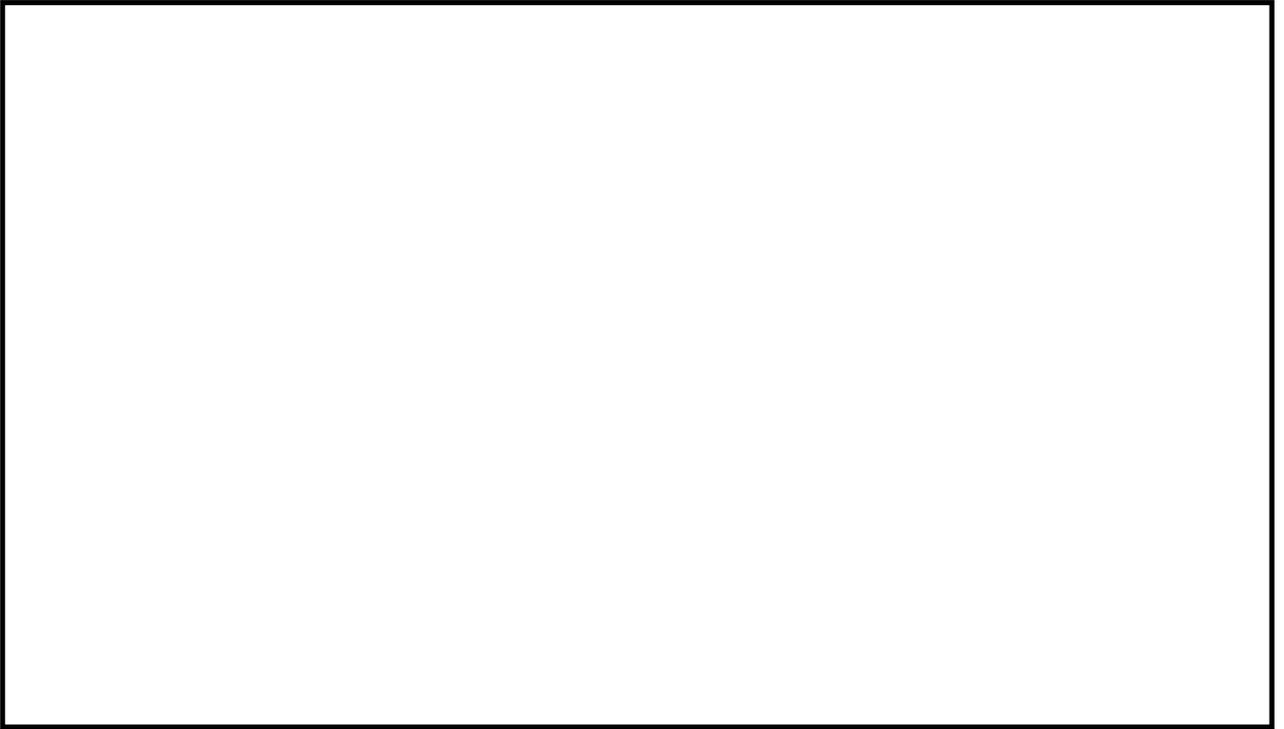


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1 year history of recurrent  
paroxysmal episodes lasting  
for a few minutes

No ictal abnormality on EEG

*Courtesy of Pr Roongroj Bhidayasiri  
(Bangkok)*



*Courtesy of Pr Beomseok Jeon (Seoul)*



*(Pozzi et al., Mov Disord Clin Pract, 2015)*



*Paroxysmal dystonia in neuromyelitis optica spectrum disease*

**Sleep in ADCY5-related dyskinesia: prolonged awakenings caused by abnormal movements**

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- ADCY5-related nocturnal paroxysmal dyskinesias are not elicited by sleep or due to a sleep disorder. They rather emerge after arousals and prevent patients to resume sleep immediately.
- The frequency of episodes of abnormal movements was increased after morning awakening

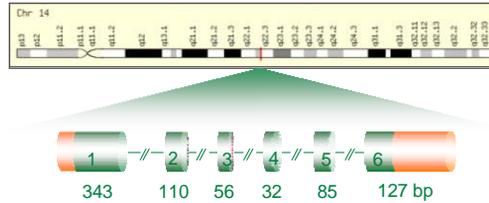
**A simple blood test expedites  
the diagnosis of GLUT1 deficiency syndrome**

**Domitille Gras, Christelle Cousin, Caroline Kappeler, Cheuk-Wing Fung, St phane Auvin, Nouha Essid, Brian Hy Chung, Lydie Da Costa, Elodie Hainque, Marie-Pierre Luton, Vincent Petit, Sandrine Vuillaumier-Barrot, Odile Boespflug-Tanguy, Emmanuel Roze, Fanny Mochel**  
*Annals of Neurology in press.*

- We tested a novel simple and rapid blood test in 30 patients with GLUT1-DS with predominant movement disorders, 18 patients with movement disorders due to other genetic defects and 346 healthy controls.
- We detected significantly reduced GLUT1 expression only on red blood cells from patients with GLUT1-DS (23 patients, 78%), including patients with inconclusive genetic analysis.
- This test opens perspectives for the screening of GLUT1-DS in children and adults with cognitive impairment, movement disorder or epilepsy.

## Dopa-responsive dystonia (DRD)

- Due to heterozygous mutation (+++) or deletion within the GTP cyclohydrolase gene, GCH1, in 70%



- Autosomal dominant with incomplete penetrance and female predominance (3:1)



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## Paroxysmal neurological disorders

- **Paroxysmal neurological disorders**
  - isolated
  - part of a more complex disorder, with interictal manifestations
- **They encompass apparently heterogeneous disorders**
  - migraine
  - epilepsy
  - periodic paralysis
  - paroxysmal movement disorders (PD/EA primary/secondary)
- **They are linked by**
  - a common pathophysiological feature = neuronal hyperexcitability
  - overlapping genetic causes.