The Genetics of Ovotesticular Disorders of Sex Development

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INTRODUCTION

Disorders of sex development (DSD) encompass a very large spectrum of phenotypes, from minor malformations of the genitalia (hypospadias, cryptorchidism, hypertrophy of the clitoris) to sexual ambiguity. Taken together, these anomalies have an estimated frequency of 0.5-1% [1]. Moreover, DSDs have a major impact on quality of life. Recently, the debate about the management of patients with DSD has intensified over issues of gender assignment and the indication for early genital surgery. However, the scientific data on patient outcome have remained poor. The main obstacles to the optimal management of patients with DSD have been a combination of the lack of controlled outcome data and the lack of understanding of their pathophysiology, which prevents precise diagnostic categorization of patients. Despite much progress in the past 20 years, the molecular mechanisms underlying mammalian sex determination are still far from being understood, and the molecular basis of sex reversal in a large number of patients cannot yet be explained. DSDs can be divided into disorders of sex chromosomes, such as Klinefelter and Turner syndromes, disorders of hormone synthesis or action (such as androgen insensitivity syndrome in XY individuals or congenital adrenal hyperplasia in XX individuals), and disorders of gonadal development (such as XY gonadal dysgenesis or XX testicular or ovotesticular DSD [OT-DSD]). This chapter will focus on the latter (OT-DSD), formerly known as "true hermaphroditism", which is defined by the presence of both ovarian and testicular tissue in the same individual. OT-DSD is one of the rarest forms of DSD, and one of the most poorly explained mechanistically. Within the disorders of gonadal development, that can also be called

disorders of sex determination, XY gonadal dysgenesis is typically caused by mutations in sex determination genes such as SRY, SOX9 or SF1; XX testicular DSDs are mainly (for 90% of them) caused by an X-Y translocation including the SRY gene. But the genetic etiology of OT-DSD remains unknown for a vast majority of patients.

PHENOTYPIC FEATURES OF OT-DSD

Gonads

The gonadal distribution of OT-DSD can be referred to as unilateral (ovotestis on one side and testis or ovary on the other), bilateral (ovotestis on each side), or lateral (testis on one side and ovary on the other) [2]. The most common form is unilateral, with ovotestis/ovary in 34%, followed by bilateral (ovotestis/ovotestis) in 29%, and lateral (ovary/testis) in 25%. The least frequent is unilateral with ovotestis/testis (12%) [3,4] (Table 7.1).

The position of the gonads in patients with OT-DSD corresponds to the amount of testicular tissue present, with a correlation between the degree of gonadal descent and the amount of testicular tissue. About half of the ovotestes are found in an abdominal position (with a quarter inguinal and a quarter labioscrotal), while almost all ovaries (85%) are abdominal and half of the testes are labioscrotal [3].

Geography

The geographical distribution of OT-DSD shows an overrepresentation in Africa, with the number of published cases at 17 per 100 million inhabitants, followed by Europe at 15.3. Asia is underrepresented at 1.2 cases per 100 million and South America at 3.6 per 100 million [3].

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