

Supplementary Material

Congenital insensitivity to pain: a novel mutation affecting a U12-type intron causes multiple aberrant splicing of SCN9A

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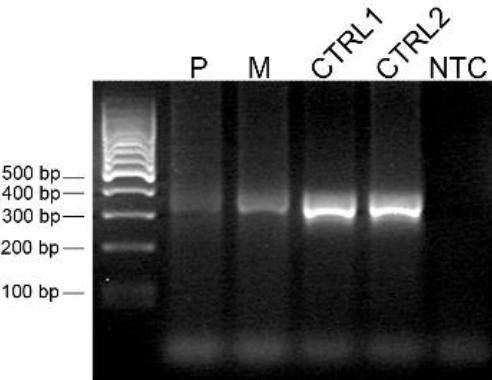
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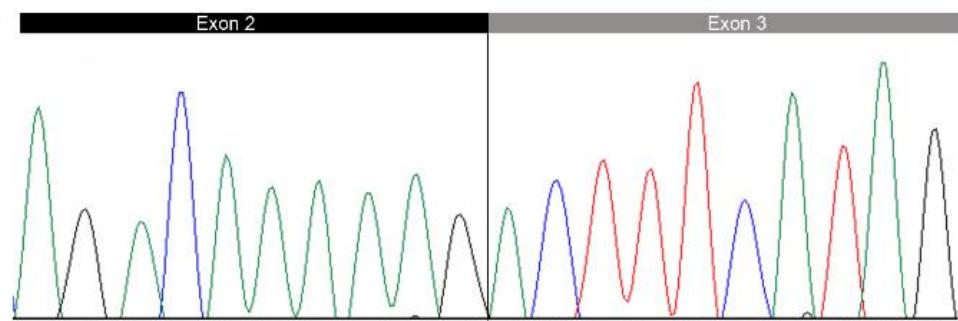


Figure S1. Investigation of residual amount of wild-type transcript in the proband. WT-selective primers, precluding the amplification of the two aberrant transcripts, have been designed to avoid quantitative bias in PCR amplification. (a) Agarose gel shows a very weak signal corresponding to the WT allele in the proband and in the mother, whereas it is well represented in the control samples. P: Proband; M: Mother; CTRL: healthy controls; NTC: No Template Control. (b) Sanger sequencing of the proband wild-type allele, cropped-out from agarose gel, confirmed the expected nucleotide sequence.

Table S1. Quantitative RT-PCR data on SCN9A transcript from skin and from blood. HCs: healthy controls; GAPDH, housekeeping gene; NTC: No Template Control.

Skin		
Sample	Target	Average Ct
HC-1	GAPDH	28,92
HC-1	SCN9A	36,09
HC-2	GAPDH	28,3
HC-2	SCN9A	36,83
mother	GAPDH	28,15
mother	SCN9A	38,66
proband	GAPDH	28,03
proband	SCN9A	39,61
NTC	GAPDH	Undetermined

Blood		
Sample	Target	Average Ct
HC-1	GAPDH	21,25
HC-1	SCN9A	30,6
HC-2	GAPDH	25,52
HC-2	SCN9A	33,39
HC-3	GAPDH	25,26
HC-3	SCN9A	31,94
HC-4	GAPDH	25,21
HC-4	SCN9A	33,53
Proband	GAPDH	23,17
Proband	SCN9A	35,83
NTC	GAPDH	Undetermined
NTC	SCN9A	Undetermined

Supplementary Methods

Splice sites predictions

Comparison of Splice sites prediction between WT allele and the mutated c.377+7T>G with NetGene2 World Wide Web Server considering the genomic region from exon 2 to 4. The tool recognizes positions 310 and 5299 as the canonical DONORS for intron 2 and 4 respectively, but fails to identify the natural splice DONOR for intron 3 and its ACCEPTOR. The tool identifies as acceptor only the consensus of SCN9A isoform ENST00000303354.6 in position 5204.

The tool does not highlight any difference between the WT and the Mutated sequence; only the molecular analysis revealed that the consensus in position 4660 represents the strongest DONOR, resulting in a cryptic intronic donor site. The best ACCEPTOR consensus for this donor is recognized by the tool in position 4733 in both the WT and the Mutated sequence, but transcript molecular analysis revealed that, in presence of c.377+7T>G substitution, the stronger ACCEPTOR is position 4539.

NetGene2 World Wide Web Server:

Donor splice sites, direct strand, WT allele

pos	5'→3'	phase	strand	confidence	5'	exon	intron	3'
310	0	+		1.00	AGACAAAAAG^GTGAGTTTAT		H	
333	2	+		0.31	GACTTCAGTG^GTCAGTTCT			
602	0	+		0.44	CATTGTGCAG^GTTAGTTACA			
1972	2	+		0.32	TTGAAGTCAG^GTAGCGTGAT			
2268	1	+		0.34	CACATCCCTT^GTAAGTTGGA			
2559	2	+		0.45	CAAGTATAAG^GTAACCTGAT			
3008	2	+		0.34	GGGACTACAG^GTACCCGCCA			
3818	0	+		0.64	CCTGAATACG^GTGAGAAATG			
4120	0	+		0.34	AATTACCGTG^GTTAGTAAGT			
4124	1	+		0.54	ACCGTGGTTA^GTAAGTGAGG			
4660	1	+		0.71	ATGTAGAAAG^GTAACACTGCT			
5299	0	+		0.96	AAAATGTCGA^GTAAGTGGGT	H		
5303	1	+		0.70	TGTCGAGTAA^GTGGGTATAA			
5307	2	+		0.24	GAGTAAGTGG^GTATAAGTAC			
6017	2	+		0.67	TTGTTTTGC^GTAAGTACTT			

Acceptor splice sites, direct strand, WT allele

pos	5'→3'	phase	strand	confidence	5'	intron	exon	3'
105	0	+		0.43	CACAAAACAG^TCTCTTGCCC			
717	2	+		0.33	CCCACCACAG^TCCTCTAGAGT			
1199	0	+		0.16	TCCTCTCCAG^CACCTGTTGT			
1602	2	+		0.27	GGTGTGTTAG^ACATGAAGTC			
1830	2	+		0.56	TTTTTCTCAG^GTTGTCAA			
2008	2	+		0.43	TTTGGCTTAG^GATTGACTTG			
2071	2	+		0.43	TTTTTTCCAG^TTCTGTGAAG			
2081	1	+		0.07	TTCTGTGAAG^AAAGTCATTG			
2767	2	+		0.53	ATTTTTCTAG^GAAGTTCCTT			
3462	0	+		0.27	TTACCACCAAG^GTCCTCCCC			
3682	1	+		0.16	TTGTATTTAG^ATAGAACTGA			
4516	0	+		0.17	TAACAAATAG^CTCAATTCTT			
4530	2	+		0.19	ATTTTTAAAG^TTACTATGAA			

4541	1	+	0.19	TACTATGAAG^AAGTGGACTT
4544	1	+	0.19	TATGAAGAAG^TGGACTTGGA
4555	0	+	0.18	GGACTTGGAG^TTCATTGGCC
4733	0	+	0.94	CCTCCTGCAG^ACTTCATAG
4813	0	+	0.33	CTCCTTCAG^TCCTCTAAGA
5121	1	+	0.49	TTTTCTTAG^GAAAAGTTGT
5204	2	+	0.14	TGATTCTAACG^CTACCTTATT
5217	0	+	0.19	CCTTATTTCAG^CATGCTCATC
5367	1	+	0.56	TTCCTGCCAG^GAAGTTACTG

Donor splice sites, direct strand, c.377+7T>G allele

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310	0	+		1.00				AGACAAAAAG^GTGAGTTTAT H
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602	0	+		0.44	CATTGTGCAG^GTAGTTACA			
1972	2	+		0.32	TTGAAGTCAG^GTAGCGTGAT			
2268	1	+		0.34	CACATCCCTT^GTAAGTTGGA			
2559	2	+		0.45	CAAGTATAAG^GTAACCTTGAT			
3008	2	+		0.34	GGGACTACAG^GTACCCGCCA			
3818	0	+		0.64	CCTGAATACG^GTGAGAAATG			
4120	0	+		0.34	AATTACCGTG^GTAGTAAGT			
4124	1	+		0.54	ACCGTGGTTA^GTAAGTGAGG			
4660	1	+		0.71				ATGTAGAAAG^GTAACACTGCT

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4541	1	+		0.19	TACTATGAAG^AAGTGGACTT			
4544	1	+		0.19	TATGAAGAAG^TGGACTTGGA			
4555	0	+		0.18	GGACTTGGAG^TTCATTGGCC			
4733	0	+		0.95				CCTCCTGCAG^ACTTCATAG
4813	0	+		0.43	CTCCTTCAG^TCCTCTAAGA			
5121	1	+		0.49	TTTTCTTAG^GAAAAGTTGT			

CUTOFF values used for confidence:

Highly confident donor sites (H): 95.0 %
 Nearly all true donor sites: 50.0 %

Highly confident acceptor sites (H): 95.0 %
 Nearly all true acceptor sites: 20.0 %

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Comparison between the SCN9A transcript isoforms

Alignment, made by Clustal W Multiple Sequence Aligner, of the two transcript isoforms of SCN9A, including the region between exon 2 and exon 5, reveals the presence of 3 supernumerary nucleotides in position c.378-380. ENST00000409672.1 transcript is annotated in NCBI with the Reference Sequence: NM_002977.3 and is classified as reference standard in the RefSeqGene project. Transcript ENST00000303354.6 is not reported in NCBI. The adjacent exons are alternately colored in blue and black letters.

Notably, the splice-junction between exon 3 and exon 4 is 1-bp shifted in the two transcripts.

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ENST00000409672 .1	AAAAGACTTTCATAGTATTGAACAAAGGAAAACAATCTCCGTTCAATGCCACACCTG	313
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ENST00000303354 .6	TTCGTGACCCGTGGA ACTGGCTGGATT TGTGCGT CATTTGCGT ATTGTTTGC GTATTTAAC AGAAT	613

Translation predictions by Expasy

Wild-type aminoacidic sequence from the first Met (exon 2) till exon 4:

MAMLPPPGPQSFVHFTKQLSLALIEQRIAERKSKEPKEEKDDDEEAPKPSSDLEAGKQLPFIYGDIPPGMVSEPL
EDLDPYYADKKTFIVLNKGKTIFRFNATPALYMLSPFSPLRRISIKILVHSLFSMLIMCTILTNCIFMTMNNPPD
WTKNV [...]

Predicted consequence on translation for the transcript SK3_INT2_ENST354: Intron 2 partial retention + exon 3 skipping + Exon 4 ENST00000303354.6

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GAATAACCCACCGGACTGGACCAAAATGTCGA

Predicted Consequence: p.Lys86fs2Stop

MAMLPPPGPQSFVHFTKQLSLALIEQRIAERKSKEPKEEKDDDEEAPKPSSDLEAGKQLPFIYGDIPPGMVSEPL
EDLDPYYADKKLStopRSGLGVHWPRStopHStopMRStopStopHWNHIAGVStopWQCFNNITLPCKK
LPYSACSSCALFStopQTAYLStopPStopITHRTGPKMS

Predicted consequence on translation of the transcript SK3_ENST354: Exon 3 skipping + Exon 4 ENST00000303354.6

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GAGGACTTGGACCCCTACTATGCAGACAAAAAG | CTACCTTATT~~CAGCATGCTCATCATGTGCACTATTCTGACA~~
AACTGCATATTATGACCATGAATAACCCACCGGACTGGACCAAAATGTCGA

Predicted Consequence: p.Lys86fs12Stop

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EDLDPYYADKKLPySACSSCALFStopQTAYLStopPStopITHRTGPKMS

Web resources

Ensembl: http://grch37.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/

NetGene2: <http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/NetGene2/>

FruitFly: https://www.fruitfly.org/seq_tools/splice.html

ASSP: <http://wangcomputing.com/assp/>

Clustal W: <https://www.genome.jp/tools-bin/clustalw>

ExPASy: <https://web.expasy.org/translate/>