

GENE NOMENCLATURE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA (SCA) AND THE IN SILICO STUDY OF NON-SYNONYMOUS SINGLE-NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS (NSSNP) OF ATXN1 GENE ASSOCIATED WITH SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA TYPE 1 (SCA1)

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The objective is to distinguish the gene nomenclature of 36 types of spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA) and to find the non-synonymous single-nucleotide polymorphism (nsSNP) which is main target for spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1).

Method: The gene nomenclatures of spinocerebellar ataxias (SCAs) were collected from Entrez gene on NCBI website. SCA1 gene single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) are retrieved from single nucleotide polymorphism database (dbSNP) and the insilico study was done for SCA1 by using SIFT and polyphen server.

Results: Gene information's like gene ID, gene name, gene full name, other aliases, other designations, location of gene, gene length, gene type and protein length are collected and briefly tabulated in this study. Among 24,000 SNP, 13 are nsSNP and among these 13 nsSNPs 5 were found to be deleterious and it was found by SIFT program. Among the same 13 nsSNPs 7 were found to be damaged and it was done by polyphen server. 4 nsSNPs (rs116599639, rs2175378, rs75068405 and rs62387706) are found to be common in both SIFT and polyphen.

Conclusion: The nomenclature of genes and its information's are briefly explained and it is used for further research. Among 24,000 SNPs 4 nsSNPs (rs116599639, rs2175378, rs75068405 and rs62387706) are found to be common in both SIFT and polyphen server. So the conclusion is that, the 4 nsSNPs are the main target mutation for SCA type 1.

Keywords: Spinocerebellar ataxia, Spinocerebellar ataxia type1, ATXN1, SIFT, Polyphen, nsSNPs, Gene Nomenclature.

INTRODUCTION

Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA) is an inherited disease, nearly 36 distinct genetic causes of SCA are known and each of which could be considered a disease in its own right. The nomenclature of 36 types of Spinocerebellar ataxia and a computational work on Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1) are done in this study. SCA1 is a progressive, degenerative and often fatal neurodegenerative disorders. There is no known effective treatment or cure. It is caused by either a recessive or dominant gene. Many times people are not aware that they carry the ataxia gene until they have children who begin to show signs of having the disorder [1]. Symptoms manifest between third and fourth decade with death resulting from bulbar dysfunction after 10-20 years. Juvenile onset has been seen in some kindred's [2]. The prevalence is approximately three cases per 100,000 people, because SCAs are highly heterogeneous, the prevalence of a specific subtype varies significantly among different ethnic groups and geographically separated populations [3].

SCA1 is mostly dominantly-inherited ataxia for which the locus and gene defect were identified [4]. SCA1 begins as a gait disorder, evolving to severe four limb ataxia with dysarthria and leaving most patients wheelchair-bound with 15-20 years. SCA1 is caused by polyQ-encoding CAG repeat expansions. As a result of this expansion, the SCA1 disease protein, ataxin-1, has an abnormally long stretch of the amino acid glutamine [5]. The causative gene for SCA1 is ATXN1 which maps to the short arm of chromosome 6 and has been isolated using a positional cloning approach. The SCA1 transcript is 10660 bases and encodes a novel protein, ataxin-1, with a molecular weight of 87 KDa [6]. The single nucleotide variations in the genome that occur at a frequency of more than 1% are referred to as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). In the human genome SNPs occur in just about every 3000 base pairs and the frequency of occurrence of the different alleles differs in different populations [7]. The harmful SNPs for the ATXN1 gene have not been predictable to date insilico. Therefore, to explore possible genetic mutations, different algorithms like Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant (SIFT) and Phenotyping Polymorphism (polyphen) were used for prioritization of high-risk nonsynonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (nsSNPs) in coding regions that are likely to have an

effect on the function and structure of the protein, and the classification of distinct 36 genes of SCA are also done in this work.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Gene Nomenclature and Dataset

The Nomenclature of SCA and its 36 types was collected from Entrez Gene on NCBI website (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>). SNPs associated with ATXN1 gene was retrieved from the single nucleotide polymorphism database (dbSNP), these are commonly referred to be their reference sequence IDs (rsID) [8].

Prediction of tolerated and deleterious SNPs using SIFT

The Identified ATXN1 gene, nonsynonymous Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (nsSNP) and prediction effect of the variant amino acid substitution on protein function was performed using SIFT (<http://blocks.fhcr.org/sift/SIFT.html>), the substitution of SNPs has the potential to affect protein function. SIFT is a program that predicts the amino acid substitution affects protein function so that we can prioritize substitutions for the study. We have shown that SIFT can distinguish between functionally neutral and deleterious amino acid changes in mutagenesis studies and on human polymorphisms. SIFT also searches for similar protein sequences from different species in the database, obtains the multiple alignments of these sequences, and then calculates from the alignment the tolerance index (from 0 to 1) for all possible substitutions at each position. The higher a tolerance index, the less functional impact a particular amino acid substitution is likely to have [9-14].

Prediction of functional modification of coding nsSNPs

Polyphen version 2.1.0 (<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/>) uses empirically derived rules based on previous research in protein structure, interaction, and evolution that automatically predict whether a replacement is likely to be deleterious for the protein on the basis of three-dimensional structure and multiple alignments of homologous sequences [15, 16]. Polyphen input is a protein amino acid sequence or accession number, together with sequence position

and two amino acid variants characterizing the polymorphism [15]. Prediction rules: Polyphen uses empirically derived rules to predict that an nsSNP is damaging, i.e. is supposed to affect protein function, or benign, i.e. most likely lacking any phenotypic effect. The rule is based on the analysis of the ability of various structural parameters and profile scores to discriminate between disease mutations and substitutions between human proteins and closely related mammalian orthologues [17]. Another two categories of prediction is nsSNPs possibly damaging protein function/structure and nsSNPs probably damaging protein function/structure [12-14, 18].

RESULTS

Gene Nomenclature and Dataset

The different types of SCA diseases are collected and their Gene Information's like gene ID, gene name, Gene full name, other aliases, other designations, location of gene, gene length, gene type and protein length are also collected and listed in Table 1. A total of 24,000 SNPs associated with ATXN1 gene was collected and are subjected to SIFT and polyphen server to detect the deleterious coding nsSNPs and to see the functional change in coding nsSNPs.

Table 1: Gene nomenclature of different types of spinocerebellar ataxia

Disease	Gene ID	Gene name	Full name	Other aliases	Other designations	Location	Gene length	Gene type	Protein length
SCA1	ID: 6310	ATXN1	Ataxin 1	ATX1, SCA1, D6S504E	Ataxin-1, spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 protein	6p23	462.38 kb (base start from 16299343 to 16761721)	Protein coding	815 amino acid
SCA2	ID: 6311	ATXN2	ataxin 2	ASL13, ATX2, SCA2, TNRC13	Ataxin2; spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 protein; trinucleotide repeat containing 13; trinucleotide repeat-containing gene 13 protein	12q24.1	Machado-joseph disease (spinocerebellar ataxia 3, olivopontocerebellar ataxia 3, autosomal dominant, ataxin3), Machado-joseph disease protein 1, ataxin3 variant h, ataxin3 variant m, ataxin 3 variant ref, ataxin 3, josephin, olivopontocerebellar ataxia 3, spinocerebellar ataxia type 3 protein	Protein coding	1313 amino acid
SCA3	ID: 4287	ATXN3	Ataxin3	AT3, ATX3, JOS, MJD, MJD1, SCA3	Machado-joseph disease (spinocerebellar ataxia 3, olivopontocerebellar ataxia 3, autosomal dominant, ataxin3), Machado-joseph disease protein 1, ataxin3 variant h, ataxin3 variant m, ataxin 3 variant ref, ataxin 3, josephin, olivopontocerebellar ataxia 3, spinocerebellar ataxia type 3 protein	14q21	48.07kb region from base 92524896 to 92572965.	Protein coding	370 amino acid
SCA4	ID:25894	PLEKHG4	Pleckstrin homology domain containing, family G (with RhoGef domain) member 4	SCA4, PRTPHN1, ARHGEF44	-	16q22.1	11.99kb region from base 67311413 to 67323403.	Protein coding	1191 amino acid
SCA5	ID:6712	SPTBN2	Spectrin, beta, non-erythrocytic 2	SCA5, GTRAP41	Beta-III spectrin, glutamate transporter EAAT4-associated protein 41; spectrin beta chain, brain 2; spectrin beta chain, non-erythrocytic 2; spectrin, non-erythrocytic beta chain 2, spinocerebellar ataxia 5 protein	11q13	Brain calcium channel 1; brain calcium channel l;	Protein coding	934 amino acid
SCA6	ID:773	CACNA1A	Calcium channel, voltage-dependent, P/Q	APCA, BI, CACNL1A4, CAV2.1, EA2,	Brain calcium channel 1; brain calcium channel l;	19p13	300.02kb region from base	Protein coding	2512 amino acid

			type, alpha 1A subunit	FHM, HPCA, MHP, MHP1, SCA6	calcium channel, L type, alpha-1 polypeptide; voltage-dependent P/Q-type calcium channel subunit alpha-1A; voltage-gated calcium channel subunit alpha Cav2.1		13317256 to 13617274.		
SCA7	ID:6314	ATXN7	Ataxin7	SCA7, OPCA3, ADCAII	Ataxin-7, spinocerebellar ataxia type 7 protein	3p21.1-p12	138.91kb region from base 63850233 to 63989138.	Protein coding	945 amino acid
SCA8	ID:724066	ATXN8	Ataxin8	ATXN3	Ataxin-8; protein 1C2	13q21	43M-90M bp	Protein coding	684 amino acid
SCA9	ID:140451	SCA9	Spinocerebellar ataxia 9	-	-	-	-	Unknown	-
SCA10	ID:25814	ATXN10	Ataxin10	E46L, SCA10, HUMEEP	Ataxin10, brain protein E46 homolog, spinocerebellar ataxia type 10 protein	22q13.31	173.51kb region from base 46067678 to 46241187.	Protein coding	475 amino acid
SCA11	ID:146057	TTBK2	Tau tubulin kinase 2	SCA11, TTBK	Tau-tubulin kinase 2	15q15.2	176.47kb region from base 43036536 to 43213007.	Protein coding	1244 amino acid
SCA12	ID:5521	PPP2R2 B	Protein phosphatase 2, regulatory subunit B, beta	B55BETA, PP2AB55BETA, PP2ABBETA, PP2APR55B, PP2APR55BETA, PR2AB55BETA, PR2ABBETA, PR2APR55BETA, PR52B, PR55-BETA, PR55BETA, SCA12	PP2A subunit B isoform B55-beta; PP2A subunit B isoform PR55-beta; PP2A subunit B isoform R2-beta; PP2A, subunit B, B-beta isoform; protein phosphatase 2 (formerly 2A), regulatory subunit B (PR 52), beta isoform; protein phosphatase 2 (formerly 2A), regulatory subunit B, beta isoform; serine/threonine protein phosphatase 2A, 55 kDa regulatory subunit B, beta isoform; serine/threonine protein phosphatase 2A, neuronal isoform; serine/threonine-protein phosphatase 2A 55 kDa regulatory subunit B beta isoform	5q32	491.97kb region from base 145969067 to 146461033.	Protein coding	549 amino acid
SCA13	ID:3748	KCNC3	Potassium voltage-gated channel, shaw-related subfamily, member 3	KSHIID, KV3.3, SCA13	Shaw-related voltage-gated potassium channel protein 3; potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily C member 3; voltage-gated potassium channel protein KV3.3; voltage-	19q13.33	13.87kb region from base 50818765 to 50832634.	Protein coding	757 amino acid

SCA14	ID:5582	PRKCG	Protein kinase C, gamma	PKC-gamma, PKCC, PKCG, SCA14	gated potassium channel subunit Kv3.3 Protein kinase C gamma type	19q13.4	25.43kb region from base 54385467 to 54410901.	Protein coding	697 amino acid
SCA15	ID:3708	ITPR1	Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor, type 1	INSP3R1, IP3R, IP3R1, SCA15, SCA16	IP3 receptor; IP3R1; inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor, type 1; inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor type 1; type 1 InsP3 receptor; type 1 inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor	3p26.1	354.49kb region from base 4535032 to 4889524.	Protein coding	721 amino acid
SCA16	ID:3708	ITPR1	Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor, type 1	INSP3R1, IP3R, IP3R1, SCA15, SCA16	IP3 receptor; IP3R1; inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor, type 1; inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor type 1; type 1 InsP3 receptor; type 1 inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor	3p26.1	354.49kb region from base 4535032 to 4889524.	Protein coding	721 amino acid
SCA17	ID:6908	TBP	TATA box binding protein	RP1-191N21.3, GTF2D, GTF2D1, HDL4, SCA17, TFIID	TATA sequence-binding protein; TATA-box binding protein N-terminal domain; TATA-box factor; TATA-box-binding protein; transcription initiation factor TFIID TBP subunit.	6q27	18.54kb region from base 17086342 1 to 17088195 8.	Protein coding	339 amino acid
SCA18	ID:94008	SCA18	Spinocerebellar ataxia 18 (sensory with neurogenic muscular atrophy)	SMNA	-	7q22-q32	-	Unknown	-
SCA19	ID:140452	SCA19	Spinocerebellar ataxia 19	-	-	1p21-q21	-	Unknown	-
SCA20	ID:407973	SCA20	Spinocerebellar ataxia 20	DUP11q12; C11DUPq12	-	11p11.2-q13.3	-	Unknown	-
SCA21	ID:170545	SCA21	Spinocerebellar ataxia 21	-	-	7p21.3-p15.1	-	Unknown	-
SCA22	ID:140575	SCA22	Spinocerebellar ataxia 22	-	-	1p21-q23	-	Unknown	-
SCA23	ID:5173	PDYN	Prodynorphin	ADCA, PENKB, SCA23	Beta-neoendorphin-dynorphin; leu-enkephalin; leumorphin; neoendorphin-dynorphin-enkephalin prepropeptide; preprodynorphin; preproenkephalin B; proenkephalin-B; rimorphin	20p13	15.53kb region from base 1959402 to 1974931.	Protein coding	254 amino acid
SCA24	ID:260415	SCASI	Spinocerebellar ataxia with saccadic intrusions	SCA24, SCAR4	-	1p36	-	Unknown	-
SCA25	ID:338435	SCA25	Spinocerebellar ataxia 25	-	-	2p21-p15	-	Unknown	-
SCA26	ID:408221	SCA26	Spinocerebellar ataxia 26	-	-	19p13.3	-	Unknown	-

SCA27	ID:2259	FGF14	Fibroblast growth factor 14	RP11-39708.6, FGF-14, FHF-4, FHF4, SCA27	bA39708.2; fibroblast growth factor homologous factor 4	13q34	680.92kb region from base 102373205 to 103054124.	Protein coding	252 amino acid
SCA28	ID:10939	AFG3L2	AFG3 ATPase family member 3-like 2 (S.cerevisiae)	SCA28, SPAX5	AFG3 ATPase family gene 3-like 2; AFG3-like protein 2; ATPase family gene 3, yeast; paraplegin-like protein	18p11	48.33kb region from base 12328943 to 12377275.	Protein coding	797 amino acid
SCA29	ID:100038747	SCA29	Spinocerebellar ataxia 29	ACV, CLA4	-	3p26	-	Unknown	-
SCA30	ID:100359393	SCA30	Spinocerebellar ataxia 30	-	-	4q34.3-q35.1	-	Unknown	-
SCA31	ID:100312950	SCA31	Spinocerebellar ataxia 31	BEAN, BEAN1	Brain-expressed protein associating with Nedd4 homolog; protein BEAN1	16q21	66.23kb region from base 66461200 to 66527432.	Protein coding	259 amino acid
SCA32	ID:100653368	SCA32	Spinocerebellar ataxia 32	-	-	7q32-q33	-	Unknown	-
SCA33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCA34	ID:100750330	SCA34	Spinocerebellar ataxia 34	-	-	6q12.3-q16.2	-	Unknown	-
SCA35	ID:343641	TGM6	Transglutaminase 6	TG6, TGY, SCA35, TGM3L, dj734P14.3	-	20p13	51.85kb region from base 2361554 to 2413399.	Protein coding	706 amino acid
SCA36	ID:10528	NOP56	NOP56 ribonucleoprotein	NOL5A, SCA36	-	20p13	5.86kb region from base 2633178 to 2639039.	Protein coding	594 amino acid

Table 2: Showing prediction results of tolerated and deleterious SNPs of Human ATXN1 gene

S. No.	SNP rsIDs	Amino acid change	Amino acid position	SIFT prediction	SIFT Score
1	rs4229722	G to S	57	Tolerated	0.96
2	rs116599639	R to C	403	Damaging	0.03
3	rs112951110	Q to R	399	Tolerated	0.74
4	rs112175378	S to C	186	Damaging	0.04
5	rs75068405	I to T	19	Damaging	0.00
6	rs62387706	S to I	613	Damaging	0.00
7	rs59310777	H to Q	211	Tolerated	0.37
8	rs41267702	A to V	717	Tolerated	0.41
9	rs34265178	G to S	467	Tolerated	0.94
10	rs28555263	Q to H	208	Tolerated	0.24
11	rs11969612	H to Q	209	Tolerated	0.30
12	rs3817753	Q to H	213	Tolerated	0.20
13	rs16885	P to S	753	Damaging	0.02

Prediction of tolerated and deleterious SNPs using SIFT

The SIFT program evaluates the significance of an amino acid substitution influencing protein function design on sequence homology and the physical properties of amino acids and in combination with naturally occurring nonsynonymous polymorphisms altering phenotype by aligning orthologous protein sequences. SIFT program was used to examine the tolerance and intolerance of a substitution among the SNPs [9, 19]. 13 amino acid substitution variants were identified in the systemic screening of human ATXN1 gene. Among 13 nsSNPs, 5 were found to be deleterious, i.e. intolerance and having a score of ≤ 0.05 and 8 substitutions are tolerance, and the results are shown in Table 2. Among 5 deleterious nsSNPs, 2 showed a highly deleterious tolerance index score of 0.00 (rs75068405, rs62387706) and 3

showed the score of 0.03, 0.04 and 0.02 (rs116599639, rs112175378 and rs16885) respectively.

Prediction of functional modification of coding nsSNPs

Polyphen was used to determine the protein structural modifications exhibiting potential impact of amino acid substitution on the structure and function of the protein. Among 13 nsSNPs 4 (rs4229722, rs41267702, rs34265178 and rs16885) are predicted to be benign, 3 SNPs (rs112951110, rs28555263 and rs11969612) are predicted as possibly damaging, 4 (rs116599639, rs112175378, rs75068405 and rs62387706) predicted as probably damaging and 2 (rs59310777 and rs3817753) are predicted as unknown and this results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Showing prediction of functional effect of nsSNPs of Human ATXN1 gene

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3	rs112951110	Q to R	399	Possibly damaging
4	rs112175378	S to C	186	Probably damaging
5	rs75068405	I to T	19	Probably damaging
6	rs62387706	S to I	613	Probably damaging
7	rs59310777	H to Q	211	Unknown
8	rs41267702	A to V	717	Benign
9	rs34265178	G to S	467	Benign
10	rs28555263	Q to H	208	Possibly damaging
11	rs11969612	H to Q	209	Possibly damaging
12	rs3817753	Q to H	213	Unknown
13	rs16885	P to S	753	Benign

CONCLUSION

The different types of SCA diseases were obtained from NCBI and the Nomenclature of the genes and its information including Gene ID are briefly explained in Table 1 and it is used for the further research. Insilico study was done for SCA type 1 and the associated gene is ATXN1 to predict the deleterious and damaged nsSNPs by using SIFT and Polyphen. Of the total 24,000 SNPs, 13 are nsSNPs, among these 13 nsSNPs 5 (rs116599639, rs112175378, rs75068405, rs62387706 and rs16885) are found to be deleterious by SIFT and 7 (rs116599639, rs112951110, rs112175378, rs75068405, rs62387706, rs28555263 and rs11969612) were damaged as by polyphen program. 4 nsSNPs (rs116599639, rs112175378, rs75068405 and rs62387706) are found to be common in both SIFT and polyphen. So these 4 nsSNPs are the main target mutation for the Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 caused by ATXN1 gene. The identification of these nsSNPs using bioinformatics tools such as SIFT and polyphen narrows down study fields and is the first step of the progress to evaluate their possible phenotypic importance in costly clinical studies.

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