



# Centre for Arab Genomic Studies

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## The Catalogue for Transmission Genetics in Arabs CTGA Database

### GRISCELLI SYNDROME, TYPE 2

#### Alternative Name

GS2

Griscelli Syndrome with Hemophagocytic Syndrome

Partial Albinism and Immunodeficiency Syndrome

Paid Syndrome

#### Record Category

Disease phenotype

#### WHO-ICD

Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disease >  
Metabolic disorders

#### Incidence per 100,000 Live Births

NA

#### OMIM Number

607624

#### Mode of Inheritance

Autosomal recessive

#### Gene Map Locus

15q21.3

#### Description

Griscelli syndrome is an inherited condition characterized by hypopigmented skin, silver-gray hair, neurological and immune system abnormalities. There are three types with different signs and genetic causes. Patients with type 2 are prone to recurrent infections and they develop hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH). The prevalence is <1 / 1 000 000. The onset of the signs of the disease is in infancy and death happens in childhood if untreated. Diagnosis can be made by clinical presentation, hair shaft study, immunological laboratory finding and genetic tests. Treatment includes bone marrow transplantation.

#### Molecular Genetics

RAB27A is located on the long arm of chromosome 15. Mutations in RAB27A causes abnormal

pigmentation of hair and skin, resulting in Griscelli syndrome type 2. This gene contains 5 coding exons. Several mutations have been described.

#### Epidemiology in the Arab World

##### Saudi Arabia

Al-Ahmari et al., (2010) studied 11 patients with GS who received allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplants (aHSCT) between 1993 and 2007. The median age at transplantation was 8.2 months. Seven patients treated with chemotherapy before transplantation because they reached accelerated phase. Two sources of grafts were available; matched-related marrows in 8 patients and mismatched unrelated cords in the remaining three. Fifteen days was the median time for engraftment in all subjects. Ten patients were alive at a median age of 4.8 years after transplantation. One patient died of septic shock 6 months after transplantation. The authors concluded that early aHSCT is feasible for treating patients with Griscelli syndrome and low level of donor cell engraftment is sufficient to prevent the recurrence of the disease.

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#### Related CTGA Records

#### External Links

<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/condition/griscelli-syndrome>

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