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186 associated complications must be closely monitored. Treatment interventions should be coordinated
187 in clinical trials.

188 **Clinical Implication**

189 This large cohort of affected *CTLA4* mutation carriers gives first insights into different possible
190 treatment options and presents available clinical information on treatment response and survival.
191 With this knowledge, affected mutation carriers will benefit from an individualized management.

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193 **Capsule summary**

194 We present the clinical spectrum, new mutations, and possible modifiers of the world-wide largest
195 cohort of *CTLA4* mutation carriers. We encourage physicians to consider mutations in genes such as
196 *CTLA4* as a monogenetic cause for complex disease presentations.

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198 **Key words**

199 Cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4, primary immunodeficiency, autoimmunity,
200 hypogammaglobulinemia, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, abatacept, sirolimus, immune
201 dysregulation, common variable immunodeficiency

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203 **Abbreviations**

204 alloHSCT, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

205 APC, antigen-presenting cells

206 CMV, cytomegalovirus

207 CTLA-4, cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4

208 CVID, common variable immunodeficiency

209 EBV, Epstein-Barr virus

210 GLILD, granulomatous-lymphocytic interstitial lung disease

211 GvHD, graft-versus-host disease

212 PRCA, pure red cell aplasia

213 Treg, regulatory T cell

214 **Introduction**

215 Heterozygous germline mutations in cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4 (*CTLA4*) can lead to
216 haploinsufficiency, impaired CTLA-4 dimerization, or impaired ligand binding, and can cause an
217 autosomal dominant immune dysregulation syndrome and immunodeficiency in humans.(1-3) CTLA-
218 4 is a negative immune regulator essential for the function of regulatory T cells (Tregs), which are
219 responsible for maintaining self-tolerance and immune homeostasis through the suppression of T cell
220 proliferation and differentiation.(4-9) CTLA-4 competes with the costimulatory receptor CD28 for its
221 ligands CD80 and CD86, expressed on antigen-presenting cells (APCs).(10, 11) CTLA-4 binds these
222 ligands with a higher affinity and avidity than CD28 and removes them from the surface of APCs *via*
223 transendocytosis, resulting in a reduction of APC-mediated activation of conventional T cells.(12, 13)
224 *CTLA4* encodes for four exons; exon 1 encodes the signal peptide, exon 2 the ligand binding and
225 dimerization domains, exon 3 the transmembrane domain, and exon 4 the cytoplasmic tail.(14)
226 The clinical diagnosis of CTLA-4 insufficiency is complicated by a highly variable phenotype including
227 various organ-specific autoimmune diseases, hypogammaglobulinemia, recurrent infections, and
228 malignancies; the natural history of this condition is largely unknown.(1, 3, 15-19) CTLA-4
229 insufficiency in humans was associated with incomplete penetrance.
230 Here, we describe the largest known cohort of *CTLA4* mutation carriers including 133 individuals to
231 aid diagnosis in similar cases and give guidance for their treatment.

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241 **Methods**

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268 Results

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270 Age distribution and origin

271 We identified 133 individuals of 54 unrelated families (66 female, 67 male) from Europe (n=87), Asia
272 (n=26), South America (n=7), and North America (n=13) (Table 1, Figure 1). Median age of onset was
273 11 (<1 to 59) years, median age at evaluation was 23 years in affected mutation carriers, and 46
274 years in unaffected carriers (Figure 2). Three-fourths of affected mutation carriers were under the
275 age of 18 years when showing first symptoms; there was no significant difference in the age of onset
276 between women and men.

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278 Genetics and protein function

279 We identified 45 unique heterozygous *CTLA4* germline mutations including 28 missense mutations,
280 ten deletions or insertions, and seven nonsense mutations (Table 1, Figure 3). Mutations in seven
281 affected carriers had occurred *de novo*. Twenty-eight mutations were novel and seventeen have
282 previously been described.(1, 3, 15, 17-21) Eight mutations were located in exon 1, 31 in exon 2 and
283 six within exon 3. Mutations at seven loci were identified in multiple families (Table 2). CTLA-4
284 expression within stimulated Tregs was reduced in all tested *CTLA4* mutation carriers. CD4+ T cells
285 were co-cultured with CD80-GFP-expressing CHO cells and GFP-uptake was measured within CTLA-4
286 positive cells to estimate the ability of cells to perform transendocytosis, which was reduced in all
287 tested mutation carriers (Table 1, Figure S1).(13) An association between genotype and onset,
288 penetrance, or disease phenotype was not observed. So far 115 exonic variants have been described
289 within *CTLA4*; all but two variants have a minor allele frequency (MAF) <0.01, seven variants have
290 been described to be disease causing or are part of our cohort (Table S3). (1, 2, 19)

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292 Symptoms and signs at presentation

293 First symptoms included autoimmune cytopenia (33%), respiratory manifestations (21%),
294 enteropathy (17%), type 1 diabetes (8%), neurological symptoms (seizures, headache, nausea) (6%),

295 thyroid disease (5%), arthritis (3%), growth retardation, fever or night sweats, atopic dermatitis,
296 alopecia (2% each), and primary biliary cirrhosis, Addison's disease, or a wound healing disorder, in
297 one affected mutation carrier each.

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299 **Main diagnoses**

300 At the time of data collection, affected mutation carriers had diverse main diagnoses: Twenty-six
301 (29%) had a diagnosis of cytopenia and 23 (26%) had common variable immunodeficiency (CVID).
302 CVID was diagnosed according to the revised European society of immune deficiencies (ESID)
303 registry.⁽²²⁾ Twenty affected mutation carrier (22%) suffered mainly from severe gastrointestinal
304 symptoms such as enteropathy or inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and ten (11%) from respiratory
305 disease including infections (n=9), granulomatous lymphoproliferative interstitial lung disease (GLILD,
306 n=9), bronchiectasis (n=9), and asthma (n=2). In seven affected mutation carriers (8%) lymphoma
307 was the leading diagnosis, five (6%) had mainly endocrinopathies, and four (4%) had inflammatory
308 CNS disease. Individual affected mutation carriers had widespread lymphadenopathy (n=3, 3%), an
309 autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome (ALPS)-like phenotype (n=2, 2%), an immune
310 dysregulation polyendocrinopathy enteropathy X-linked syndrome (IPEX)-like phenotype (n=1, 1%), a
311 primary biliary cirrhosis (n=1, 1%), liver cirrhosis of unknown etiology (n=1, 1%), rheumatoid arthritis
312 (n=1, 1%), and psoriatic arthritis (n=1, 1%). Ten affected mutation carriers (11%) had several main
313 diagnoses (Table S1). At the time of data collection 65 affected mutation carriers were under
314 immunosuppression. Forty-three mutation carriers were considered unaffected (Table S1).

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316 ***Clinical spectrum of CTLA-4 insufficiency***

317 While *CTLA4* mutations were associated with autoimmunity and immune dysregulation in all affected
318 mutation carriers, the affected organ systems varied substantially: hypogammaglobulinemia (84%),
319 lymphoproliferation (73%), respiratory involvement (68%), gastrointestinal features (59%),
320 autoimmune cytopenia (62%), dermatological involvement (56%, mainly atopic dermatitis),
321 endocrinopathy (33%), and neurological features (29%) were often observed. Arthritis (14%), growth

322 retardation (14%), renal (12%) or liver (12%) involvement were less frequent (Figure 4, Table S1). One
323 affected mutation carrier had severe psoriatic arthritis (T.II.1). In total, ninety of the 133 *CTLA4*
324 mutation carriers (67.6%) were considered affected, as they had sought medical attention for
325 disease-related symptoms. Case reports can be found in the Supplements.

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327 *Non-malignant lymphoproliferation*

328 Sixty-two affected mutation carriers (73%) had non-malignant lymphoproliferation, including
329 splenomegaly (n=51, Figure 3, Figure 5 Panel A), chronic lymphadenopathy (n=43), and
330 hepatomegaly (n=17). Thirteen affected mutation carriers underwent splenectomy for severe
331 cytopenia. Forty-three affected mutation carriers (50%) had lymphocytic infiltrations into lung
332 (n=27), gastrointestinal tract (n=17), brain (n=12), bone marrow (n=6, Figure 6 Panel E), kidney (n=6),
333 or retroperitoneal tissue (n=4). Upon biopsy, 21 affected mutation carriers had T cell infiltrations,
334 both CD4+ (n=9) and CD8+ (n=8) infiltrations were observed. Twelve predominately had B cell
335 infiltrations, four of them in the lung tissue as part of their GLILD. Ten out of 29 biopsied affected
336 mutation carriers with non-malignant lymphoproliferation also had granulomas in at least two
337 different organ systems upon biopsy; eight in the lung, two in the lymph nodes, and one each in
338 kidney, brain, or gastrointestinal tract.

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340 *Respiratory tract involvement*

341 Respiratory tract involvement was common (68%; 61/90; Figure 5 Panels C, D, E; Figure 6 Panel A, B)
342 including recurrent lower (n=48) and upper (n=41) respiratory tract infections, granulomatous-
343 lymphocytic interstitial lung disease (GLILD) (n=32), and bronchiectasis (n=20). Two affected
344 mutation carriers underwent lung transplantation due to idiopathic lung fibrosis (B.III.2) or common
345 variable immunodeficiency (CVID) (23) with recurrent infections, emphysema, and parenchymal lung
346 damage (A.II.9); both died 12 and 15 months, respectively, after transplantation due to pulmonary
347 demise following a relapse of disease.

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349 *Pathogens and infections*

350 Sixty-one percent of affected mutation carriers (55/90) had respiratory tract infections including
351 pneumonia, sinusitis, and otitis media. Isolated pathogens were *Haemophilus influenzae* (n=6) and
352 *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (n=4). The most common enteritis pathogen was *Salmonella enteritidis*
353 (6/7). *Staphylococcus aureus* was detected in various organs of eleven affected mutation carriers.
354 Twenty-seven affected mutation carriers reactivated a Herpes virus infection: Epstein-Barr virus
355 (EBV) led to clinically apparent infections in sixteen affected mutation carriers (Figure 6 Panel C),
356 including EBV-induced hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (B.II.3). Two affected mutation carriers
357 developed EBV-associated lymphoid granulomatosis in lung or brain (H.II.2, N.III.2). Cytomegalovirus
358 (CMV) reactivation was found in nine affected mutation carriers including CMV-associated diarrhea
359 or gastritis (D.II.1, M.II.3, NN.II.1), chronic active CMV infection (LL.II.1), CMV lymphadenitis (K.II.1),
360 bilateral parotid hypertrophy (O.II.1), and respiratory CMV infection (R.II.5); eight of them were on
361 immunosuppressive treatment. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* polymerase chain reaction was positive
362 in four affected mutation carriers, with two of them developing pulmonary or esophageal
363 tuberculosis (A.II.8, A.II.9).

364 Fungal infections were present in 15 affected mutation carriers with either *Candida species pluralis*
365 infections (n=13) or *Aspergillus species pluralis* pneumonia (n=2); thirteen of them received
366 immunosuppressive treatment at the time of data collection. Ten affected mutation carriers, of
367 whom eight were immunosuppressed, developed sepsis due to bacterial or fungal pathogens leading
368 to death in five. In one affected mutation carrier sepsis followed a perforation of the small bowel,
369 and in one *Salmonella enteritidis* sepsis was the first manifestation of CTLA-4 insufficiency at the age
370 of three months (UU.IV.12).

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372 *Gastrointestinal involvement*

373 Gastrointestinal involvement across our cohort was frequent (59%; 53/90) and often severe. Nine of
374 the 15 deceased affected mutation carriers had severe gastrointestinal features prior to their death.
375 Diarrhea was frequent (n=51), ranging from mild to severe diarrhea with weight loss, wasting, and

376 total parenteral nutrition-dependency. Pathogens were rarely identified. Crohn disease (n=7),
377 atrophic gastritis (n=8) (Figure 6 Panel D), coeliac disease (JJ.II.1), acute pancreatitis (M.II.3), and
378 pancreatic insufficiency (N.III.2, QQ.II.1) were observed. In three affected mutation carriers, severe
379 long-lasting CVID-gastroenteropathy preceded gastric cancer (B.II.4, G.III.2, M.II.3). Macroscopic
380 findings ranged from normal appearing mucosa albeit histologically proven deep T cell infiltrations in
381 the submucosa, to superficial ulcerative lesions or deep-seated inflammatory changes as seen in
382 severe Crohn's disease. Despite decreased serum immunoglobulin levels, histology revealed
383 increased numbers of plasma cells in the gastric (B.II.4, QQ.II.1), intestinal, and colonic (QQ.II.1)
384 lamina propria. Further histology changes included severe lymphocytic infiltrates, and EBV-positive
385 gastric cancer (Figure 6 Panel C). Median age of onset of gastrointestinal features was 15 (<1 to 51)
386 years.

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388 *Cytopenia*

389 Autoimmune cytopenia was often severe, life-threatening, and treatment-resistant and formed the
390 main indication for allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (alloHSCT) (7/12).

391 Sixty-two percent of affected mutation carriers (55/89) had autoimmune cytopenia, including
392 immune thrombocytopenia (n=41), autoimmune hemolytic anemia (n=37), pure red cell aplasia
393 (PRCA) (n=2) or autoimmune neutropenia (n=16). In 32 affected mutation carriers cytopenia affected
394 more than one cell lineage, nineteen of those were diagnosed with Evans syndrome, and nine had a
395 trilineage cytopenia. Median age of onset of cytopenia was 12 (1.3 to 48) years.

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397 *Neurological involvement*

398 Twenty-eight percent of affected mutation carriers (28/90) presented with a broad spectrum of
399 neurological features (Figure 5 Panel F, G, H, Figure 6 Panel F). Three had autoimmune encephalitis
400 or encephalomyelitis with cerebral perivascular lymphocytic infiltrations leading to vomiting,
401 headache or paraplegia with bladder dysfunction (N.III.2, P.II.2, GG.II.1). In four affected mutation
402 carriers neurological features were attributed to cerebral infiltrations that were not biopsied: nausea

403 and headache (A.III.1), facial nerve paralysis (H.II.1), aphasia and paresis of the left arm (K.II.1), or a
404 patchy inflammatory demyelinating process with twitching episodes of hands with normal
405 electroencephalography (WW.II.1). Three affected mutation carriers had neurological features
406 secondary to hematological causes: hemiplegia following brain ischemia during AIHA (DD.II.1),
407 hemiparesis and aphasia due to cerebral arterial thrombosis (H.II.2), hemiparesis following cerebral
408 bleeding due to thrombocytopenia (GG.II.1). In two affected mutation carriers clinical and
409 radiological investigation could not identify an underlying cause for tonic-clonic seizures, or recurrent
410 transient paralysis of the left leg respectively (A.II.8, EE.II.1). One affected mutation carrier had life-
411 threatening HLH with increased cerebral pressure leading to cerebral herniation and seizures (J.II.1).
412 Other diagnoses were stiff person syndrome (H.I.2), West-syndrome and developmental delay
413 (UU.V.1), progressive memory loss starting age 57 years (UU.III.7), and chronic hydrocephalus
414 (UU.III.4). Two affected mutation carriers suffered from optic neuritis (TT.II.4) and retinal tear due to
415 lymphocytic infiltrations into the retina (SS.II.1). One had gliosis (ZZ.II.1) and one developed cognitive
416 dysfunction, chorea, ataxia, and mood instability; biopsies revealed inflammation, lymphocytic
417 infiltrations, and a demyelinating-like transformation, which was clinically responsive to steroid
418 treatment (G.III.1). One affected mutation carrier was diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis with tonic-
419 clonic seizures, right-sided hemiparesis, mental retardation, angiofibromas, angiomyolipomas, and a
420 concurrent TSCA2 mutation (LL.II.1).

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422 *Malignancies*

423 Eleven affected mutation carriers (12%) developed malignancies. Out of eight with lymphoma, EBV-
424 positivity was found in five. Lymphoma in five affected mutation carriers was classified as Hodgkin
425 lymphoma; one developed a relapsing EBV-associated diffuse large B cell lymphoma (K.II.1) and one a
426 Burkitt lymphoma (FF.II.1) (Figure 6 Panel G, H). Four affected mutation carriers died due to
427 complications of their lymphoma, two underwent successful alloHSCT.

428 Three affected mutation carriers developed a gastric adenocarcinoma, including one EBV-associated
429 carcinoma (B.II.4, Figure 6 Panel C), and one CMV-associated carcinoma (M.II.3). Two affected

430 mutation carriers subsequently underwent total gastrectomy, one of whom died following bacterial
431 sepsis (M.II.3) while the other one is alive and well (G.III.2).

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433 *Fatal Outcome*

434 Sixteen percent of affected mutation carriers (15/90) died due to their clinical manifestations or
435 resulting complications at a median age of 23 (14 to 60) years. Four died of sepsis on a background of
436 wasting enteropathy, Evans syndrome, or CVID with infections (M.II.3, G.III.1, C.II.3, L.I.2). Three died
437 due to complications of Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (K.II.1, FF.II.1, UU.III.3), one died during
438 chemotherapy of his Hodgkin lymphoma due to septic multi-organ failure (H.II.1), and two following
439 lung transplantation and relapse of disease (A.II.9, B.III.2). One affected mutation carrier died of
440 acute liver failure following many years of gastrointestinal disease (B.II.2). Wasting enteropathy,
441 respiratory insufficiency, and neurological features led to death in one affected mutation carrier
442 (A.II.8). Another one suffered from severe enteropathy and cytopenia, and died following colectomy
443 (F.II.1). Three affected mutation carriers died following alloHSCT due to GvHD (Q.II.1, LL.II.1) or due
444 to diabetic ketoacidosis (S.II.1). There was a significant difference of the age of death between
445 affected and the unaffected *CTLA4* mutation carriers (Figure 2 B).

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447 *Immunological phenotype*

448 Thirty-nine percent (26/66) of affected mutation carriers with available immunological data had
449 lymphopenia of which twenty-four were under immunosuppressive treatment at the time of data
450 collection. The absolute CD3+ T cell count was reduced in 36% (16/44) of affected mutation carriers.
451 The absolute CD3+CD4+ helper T cell count was reduced in 20% (13/62) of affected mutation carriers
452 especially due to the noteworthy reduction of naïve CD4+ T cells. An elevated percentage of the
453 activation marker HLA-DR+ was seen in one third of tested affected mutation carriers (11/31).
454 Percentage of CD4+FoxP3+ Tregs was significantly increased in mutation carriers in comparison to
455 healthy controls ($p=0.0034$). There was no significant difference in the Treg percentage between
456 affected and unaffected mutation carriers ($p=0.3882$). Eight mutation carriers had Treg numbers

457 above the normal range. Absolute CD3+CD8+ cytotoxic T cell count was normal in 60% (35/58) of
458 affected mutation carriers. Double-negative T cells were elevated up to 5.3% (median 2.2%; norm:
459 0.3-2.0%) in 53% of tested affected mutation carriers (9/17). Absolute CD19+ B cell counts were
460 reduced in 41% (26/58) of affected mutation carriers. B cell subsets showed a decrease in switched
461 memory B cells (23/30) and consecutively a relative increase in naïve B cells (14/29). CD21-low B cells
462 were elevated in all affected mutation carriers tested. Five affected mutation carriers with no history
463 of rituximab therapy had no measurable B cells. Hypogammaglobulinemia was present in 84%
464 (65/77), with low IgM in 30, low IgG in 42, and low IgA in 53 affected mutation carriers (Figure 4).
465 Absolute CD16+CD56+ NK cell counts were reduced in 52% (32/61). The percentage of CD3+ and
466 CD3+CD4+ was increased in the majority of affected mutation carriers, as the overall lymphopenia
467 affected CD3+CD8+, B, and NK cells more than the CD4 compartment (Figure S2). Antinuclear
468 autoantibodies (ANA) and anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA) were the most commonly
469 measured autoantibodies; however, they were negative in most affected mutation carriers (ANA
470 (4/51), ANCA (3/42)).

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472 **Treatment**

473 *CTLA-4 fusion proteins and mTOR inhibitors*

474 CTLA-4 replacement by CTLA-4-Fc, or inhibition of the CD28 signaling pathway through mTOR
475 inhibitors are potential targeted therapies to inhibit the underlying hyper-active signaling in *CTLA4*
476 mutation carriers.

477 In total, fourteen affected mutation carriers received the CTLA-4 fusion proteins abatacept or
478 belatacept; eleven of whom responded with an improvement of their clinical symptoms. In six of
479 them enteropathy improved, leading to normal stool frequency and weight gain within three months
480 (B.II.4, D.II.1, L.II.2, HH.II.1, SS.II.1, VV.II.1, Figure S3). In two affected mutation carriers primarily
481 presenting with GLILD (RR.II.1, SS.II.1), CTLA4-Fc led to resolution of lymphoproliferation in the lung
482 (SS.II.1), cough and sputum production decreased, and sIL2R concentration dropped from 1228 U/ml
483 to 750 U/ml within five months (RR.II.1). Other observations were an improvement of

484 lymphadenopathy (G.III.2), stabilization of platelet counts, resolution of bleeding episodes, and
485 regression of optic neuritis (TT.II.4). In two affected mutation carriers, additional systemic
486 immunosuppressive medication could be reduced, as abatacept treatment led to inhibition of the
487 disease progression (J.II.1) or to improvement of lung function and diarrhea (PP.II.1). In six affected
488 mutation carriers treatment was discontinued: three underwent alloHSCT (L.II.2, VV.II.1, GG.II.1), two
489 had an EBV reactivation (B.II.3, B.II.4), and one developed severe respiratory infections, neutropenia,
490 and agranulocytosis (TT.II.4).

491 Thirteen affected mutation carriers were treated with the mTOR inhibitor sirolimus with a good
492 response in eight (D.II.1, E.II.3, L.II.2, O.II.1, P.II.2, Z.III.1, TT.II.5, WW.II.1). Improvement of clinical
493 features included resolution of transfusion-dependent PRCA (Z.III.1), regression of lymphadenopathy
494 and splenomegaly, reduced IG consumption, and improved CMV viral load (O.II.1). Enteropathy
495 improved in three affected mutation carriers following combination of sirolimus with either
496 prednisolone (D.II.1), belatacept (L.II.2), or rituximab and steroids (WW.II.1). In one affected
497 mutation carrier cytopenia stabilized on co-medication with rituximab, but neurological features and
498 severe aphthae occurred (P.II.2). Sirolimus led to reduced spleen size (volume decreased from 5l to
499 2.8l) in one affected mutation carrier, who developed arthritis and erythema nodosum during the
500 treatment (E.II.3). In two affected mutation carriers sirolimus treatment was discontinued due to
501 ineffectiveness for cytopenia (GG.II.1), or due to increased blood pressure on the background of a
502 renal impairment (B.II.4). In one affected mutation carrier CMV copies rose under sirolimus
503 treatment in combination with methylprednisolone (DD.II.1), in one lymphopenia worsened (O.II.1),
504 one died due to sepsis during sirolimus treatment (G.III.1), and in one sirolimus treatment was
505 stopped due to serious respiratory infections (SS.II.1). Daily dosage ranged from 2 mg to 2.64 mg
506 (n=5); trough levels were available for two affected mutation carriers (6,2 ng/ml and 8 ng/ml), for
507 three affected mutation carriers target blood values were available (8-12 ng/ml (n=2); 12-15 ng/ml
508 (n=1)).

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511 *Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation*

512 Twelve affected mutation carriers underwent alloHSCT between 10 and 50 years of age.(15) Main
513 indications for transplantation included treatment-resistant cytopenia, enteropathy, and Hodgkin
514 lymphoma; often combined with other autoimmune manifestations, lymphoproliferation or severe
515 infections. Nine of these affected mutation carriers are alive, of whom three are more than five years
516 post-HSCT and currently well off all medication (L.II.1, T.II.1, Y.II.1), and six are between 100 days and
517 12 months post-transplant (B.II.3, L.II.2, P.II.2, W.II.2, GG.II.1, VV.II.1) (Table S2). In half of the
518 affected mutation carriers the *CTLA4* mutation was known prior to transplantation (6/12), the other
519 half was transplanted due to the severity of their symptoms and the *CTLA4* mutation was only
520 identified after transplantation.

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522 *Immunoglobulin substitution*

523 Sixty-three percent of affected mutation carriers (55/88) received immunoglobulin substitution
524 either due to hypogammaglobulinemia or due to cytopenia. Twenty-eight affected mutation carriers
525 had both diagnoses at the time of data collection and received immunoglobulin substitution due to
526 both.

527 Additional treatment options can be found in the Supplements.

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529 ***Chromosome 2 contiguous gene deletion involving CTLA4***

530 Two unrelated individuals have a heterozygous 2q33.2-2q33.3 deletion involving *CTLA4* and present
531 a CTLA-4 insufficiency-like phenotype, which is possibly influenced by the deletion of additional
532 genes including *CD28* and *ICOS* (Supplements).

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534 ***Mutation carriers who did not seek medical attention***

535 We identified 43 unaffected family members carrying the same *CTLA4* mutation as their affected
536 relatives. The treating physician of the affected mutation carrier classified family members as
537 unaffected if they did not repeatedly seek medical care, were not under a long-term drug regimen

538 due to CTLA-4 insufficiency-related symptoms, or if they were not restricted in their health-related
539 quality of life due to their symptoms. Their median age at evaluation was 46 (6 to 87) years, hence in
540 most cases beyond the median age of manifestation. Upon thorough questioning and clinical
541 investigation, seven carriers had diarrhea without weight loss, two had atrophic gastritis or
542 pernicious anemia, and one had coeliac disease. Three carriers had respiratory infections and in one
543 clinically unapparent pulmonary nodules were detected on a routine scan. Nine had dermatological
544 involvement (psoriasis, eczema, vitiligo), and two hypothyroidism. One carrier developed colon
545 cancer aged 78, which was successfully treated by surgery but is otherwise healthy at currently 87
546 years of age (A.I.2). Four carriers (without recurrent infections) had IgA-deficiency, one each had low
547 IgG or IgM, and one had low IgA and IgM, possibly contributing to respiratory infections (R.III.1).
548 Twenty-six carriers were reported to be clinically completely healthy.
549 Their immunological phenotyping revealed similarities to affected mutation carriers, including a
550 decrease in NK and CD19+ B cells, but also differences, including significantly higher CD4+ T cells
551 counts, and a higher percentage of switched memory B cells. There was no significant difference with
552 regard to the Treg percentages in affected mutation carriers (Figure S2).

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565 **Discussion**

566 In our work, we estimate the clinical penetrance of CTLA-4 insufficiency to be around 67%; however,
567 as genetic analysis could not be performed in all healthy first degree family members, ascertainment
568 was incomplete. Once symptoms have occurred, the clinical course can be severe and was fatal in 15
569 affected mutation carriers (16%).

570 The clinical phenotype was characterized by infections, autoimmunity, and lymphoproliferation,
571 affecting various organ systems. Affected mutation carriers have an elevated risk to develop
572 malignancies and for EBV reactivation highlighting the importance of monitoring EBV and possibly
573 CMV viral load, especially under immunosuppressive treatment. Cytopenia and enteropathy were
574 the most life-threatening and treatment-resistant manifestations. This is evidenced by the fact that
575 cytopenia was one of the main indications for alloHSCT (7/12), and half of the deceased affected
576 mutation carriers died following a history of enteropathy and associated complications. Initial
577 symptoms were diverse, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness of this immunodeficiency
578 not only among immunologists but also other specialists including hematologists, neurologists,
579 gastroenterologists, pathologists, dermatologists, and chest physicians. As the age of onset in 75% of
580 affected mutation carriers is under the age of 18 years, CTLA-4 insufficiency should be considered in
581 children with severe immune dysregulation of unknown origin. Also in individuals being evaluated for
582 IBD, CVID, and ALPS, CTLA-4 insufficiency should be considered.

583 To diagnose CTLA-4 insufficiency, we recommend sequencing the four exons of *CTLA4* and then
584 testing the effect of identified mutations on the protein by measuring CTLA-4 expression or CTLA-4-
585 mediated transendocytosis.(24) Both were reduced in all analyzed mutation carriers, but because
586 this is also seen in individuals with mutations in other genes such as *LRBA*(25), these functional tests
587 cannot be used as the only diagnostic tool to screen for *CTLA4* mutations. In addition to the clinical
588 presentation, an autosomal dominant family history can hint towards CTLA-4 insufficiency.

589 The immunological phenotype revealed perturbed T and B cell homeostasis and significantly
590 increased Treg percentages within the CD4+ T cell compartment. The latter may be a transient or
591 permanent compensatory mechanism of the CTLA-4-deficient immune system to counteract the
592 immune-activation. The expanded and activated effector T cells may produce a cytokine profile
593 leading to an increased Treg cell polarization in order to counterbalance the accelerated immune
594 activation. Elevated double negative T cell counts in *CTLA4* mutation carriers should prompt
595 investigators to evaluate proposed ALPS diagnostic criteria. (26)

596 We present first insights into targeted therapeutic strategies: Out of thirteen affected mutation
597 carriers treated with CTLA-4-Fc, eleven responded favorably, especially enteropathy improved.
598 Further clinical studies are necessary to determine the effectiveness and safety of CTLA-4-Fc
599 treatment for individual clinical manifestations. Out of twelve affected mutation carriers undergoing
600 alloHSCT, nine are alive and well (15); although long-term survival still has to be determined,
601 alloHSCT should be considered as a treatment option in carefully selected affected mutation carriers.

602 In individuals presenting with immunodeficiency, autoimmunity, and lymphoproliferation with
603 impaired Treg development or function, besides CTLA-4 insufficiency, also mutations in *FoxP3*, *LRBA*,
604 *IL2RA*, *FAS-L*, *FAS*, *PI3K*, *NFKB1* and 2, *STAT3*, and *STAT5b* should be considered as a differential
605 diagnosis.(6)(25, 27-34) Mutations in *FOXP3* lead to a loss of Treg cells and cause IPEX which is an X-
606 linked condition and characterized by enteropathy, immune dysregulation, and polyendocrinopathy,
607 but has an earlier onset, and complete penetrance.(27, 34) Immunological findings in IPEX-syndrome
608 include normal lymphocyte counts and immunoglobulin levels in contrast to CTLA-4 insufficiency. In
609 *LRBA* deficiency lysosomal CTLA-4 degradation is accelerated and CTLA-4 trafficking to the cell
610 surface is disturbed; hence the inhibitory function of Treg cells is impaired. (25) Biallelic *LRBA*
611 mutations most often lead to complete absence of the *LRBA* protein; affected mutation carriers
612 present with a phenotype very similar to CTLA-4 insufficiency, characterized by various autoimmune
613 features, lymphoproliferation with dysregulated Treg function, and a defect in production cell
614 homeostasis,(28, 31, 32, 35-44) albeit with an earlier onset, complete penetrance and an autosomal

615 recessive inheritance. In addition, germline gain-of-function mutations in *STAT3* lead to a broad
616 range of autoimmune disorders such as autoimmune cytopenias and multiorgan autoimmunity (lung,
617 gastrointestinal, hepatic, and endocrine), in combination with an increased susceptibility to
618 infections and a short stature. Further, *STAT3* gain-of-function mutations lead to secondary defects in
619 *STAT5* and *STAT1* phosphorylation and impair the Treg compartment.(29, 33)

620 As our results were collected retrospectively, several limiting factors should be considered: affected
621 mutation carriers were treated and evaluated by different physicians and medical departments
622 worldwide. This can lead to an incomplete picture of the clinical phenotype. Also, data was collected
623 at one time point, which often makes it difficult to reconstruct whether symptoms or the
624 immunological phenotype are due to immunosuppressive treatment or the natural course of this
625 immunodeficiency.

626 In LRBA deficiency, sIL2R, a biomarker for T cell-mediated inflammation, decreases on abatacept
627 treatment.(25) In our cohort sIL2R was only sporadically measured; in one affected mutation carrier
628 sIL2R levels dropped while being on abatacept treatment. Systematical measurement of sIL2R should
629 be considered in all mutation carriers to see whether it indicates disease activity. Affected and
630 unaffected mutation carriers both show impaired *in vitro* CTLA-4 function, indicating the presence of
631 additional factors influencing the clinical phenotype and penetrance such as environmental, genetic,
632 or epigenetic differences. Ethnicity and origin of the mutation carriers could influence age of onset,
633 penetrance, and severity of disease-related symptoms. We cannot assess this, as the world-wide
634 distribution in our study is not equal and the diverse countries of origin varied in diagnostic
635 procedures and standards. In general, there could either be one single modifier, or multiple
636 interacting factors influencing the clinical phenotype. The latter could explain the highly variable
637 expressivity of the phenotype. Another hypothesis suggests an internal threshold within the immune
638 system of CTLA-4-insufficient individuals. Once it is exhausted, immune dysregulation cannot be
639 contained by the organism and individuals develop symptoms; this could explain why healthy
640 mutation carriers may develop life-threatening symptoms late in life (e.g. patient B.II.3 developed

641 hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis and Hodgkin lymphoma at the age of 50 years). These cases
642 teach us to carefully monitor all first-degree relatives for CTLA-4-associated disease activity, while
643 the search for modifying factors in CTLA-4 insufficiency continues.

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822 **Figure legends**823 **Figure 1. Pedigrees of families with CTLA-4 insufficiency**

824 Pedigrees of all families with more than one *CTLA4* mutation carrier. Squares, male subjects; circles,
825 female subjects; black filled symbols, mutation carriers classified as affected; gray filled symbols,
826 mutation carriers classified as unaffected; slashed symbols, deceased subjects; *, sequencing of
827 *CTLA4* was performed; §, genotype inferred from clinical symptoms.

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829 **Figure 2. Age of onset and age of death in CTLA-4 insufficient individuals**

830 A. Kaplan Meier curve of age of onset of *CTLA4* mutation carriers (n=85).
831 B. Age of death in affected (n=86) versus unaffected mutation carriers (n=39).

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833 **Figure 3. Heterozygous germline mutations within the CTLA4 gene are distributed throughout
834 exon 1-3.**

835 Figure 3 shows the distribution of the heterozygous germline mutations throughout the *CTLA4* gene.
836 Eight mutations are located in exon 1, 31 are located in exon 2, and six are located in exon 3. §,
837 mutation was functionally tested by transendocytosis assay.

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839 **Figure 4. Main clinical findings in CTLA-4 insufficiency**

840 Percentage distribution of clinical manifestations within affected mutation carriers. Clinical data was
841 available for 71 to 90 affected mutation carriers.

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843 **Figure 5. Exemplary findings upon CT and MRI in CTLA-4-insufficient individuals**

844 Panel A: splenomegaly (17.5 cm in diameter) and lymphadenopathy in A.III.3. Panel B: large
845 pneumatocele following necrotizing pneumonia in PP.II.1. Panel C: CT scan of ZZ.II.1 showing
846 peripheral bronchiectasis with inflammatory nodules in all lobes of the lung. Panel D: bronchiectasis
847 with peribronchial ground glass nodules in keeping with bronchiolitis in XX.II.1. Panel E: multiple

848 inflammatory nodules in O.II.1. Panel F: signal change in the right temporal lobe and cerebellum
849 consistent with inflammation in KK.II.1. Panel G: enhancement in the thoracic cord in keeping with
850 inflammation in KK.II.1. Panel H: signal change and swelling in the cerebellum in keeping with
851 inflammation in P.II.2.

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853 **Figure 6. Lymphocytic infiltrations and loss of EBV control define the spectrum of**
854 **inflammatory and neoplastic lesions**

855 Panel A and B: lung samples of PP.II.1 and KK.II.1 with follicular bronchitis/ bronchiolitis,
856 respectively. Lymphoid follicles are marked by asterisks. In Panel A, the follicle contains a germinal
857 center. Panel C: EBV-coded small RNAs (EBER) positive nuclei (dark blue staining) of an early
858 invasive gastric adenocarcinoma of B.II.4. Panel D: autoimmune gastritis with severely atrophic
859 mucosa of the stomach, antral metaplasia and numerous intraepithelial CD8+ T cells (brown staining)
860 of B.II.4. Panel E: nodular T cell lymphocytosis (brown staining) in the bone marrow of Z.II.2. Panel
861 F: perivascular lymphocytes in the brain tissue of KK.II.1 (arteriolar wall highlighted by arrowhead,
862 lumen marked by asterisk). Panel G and H: Hodgkin lymphoma in a lymph node excision sample of
863 MM.II.1. Reed-Sternberg cell is highlighted by an arrowhead (G) or CD30 immunohistochemistry
864 (red staining in H). Nuclei of Hodgkin cells and Reed-Sternberg cells were positive for EBER (dark
865 blue staining, inset H).

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161 **Abstract**

162 Background

163 Cytotoxic-T-lymphocyte-antigen-4 (CTLA-4) is a negative immune regulator. Heterozygous *CTLA4*
164 germline mutations can cause a complex immune dysregulation syndrome in humans.

165 Objective

166 To characterize the penetrance, the clinical features and the best treatment options in 133 *CTLA4*
167 mutation carriers.

168 Methods

169 Genetics, clinical features, laboratory values, and outcome of treatment options were assessed in a
170 worldwide cohort of *CTLA4* mutation carriers.

171 Results

172 We identified 133 individuals from 54 unrelated families carrying 45 different
173 heterozygous *CTLA4* mutations, including 28 previously undescribed mutations. Ninety mutation
174 carriers were considered affected, suggesting the clinical penetrance of at least 67%; median age of
175 onset was 11 years, and mortality rate within affected mutation carriers was 16% (n=15).

176 Main clinical manifestations included hypogammaglobulinemia (84%), lymphoproliferation (73%),
177 autoimmune cytopenia (62%), respiratory- (68%), gastrointestinal- (59%), or neurological features
178 (29%). Eight affected mutation carriers developed lymphoma, three gastric cancer. An EBV
179 association was found in six malignancies. *CTLA4* mutations were associated with lymphopenia and
180 decreased T-, B-, and NK-cell counts. Successful targeted therapies included the application of CTLA-
181 4-fusion-proteins, mTOR-inhibitors, and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. EBV reactivation
182 occurred in two affected mutation carriers under immunosuppression.

183 Conclusions

184 Affected mutation carriers with CTLA-4 insufficiency may present in any medical specialty. Family
185 members should be counseled, as disease manifestation may occur as late as age 50. EBV- and CMV-
186 associated complications must be closely monitored. Treatment interventions should be coordinated
187 in clinical trials.

188 Clinical Implication

189 This large cohort of affected *CTLA4* mutation carriers gives first insights into different possible
190 treatment options and presents available clinical information on treatment response and survival.
191 With this knowledge, affected mutation carriers will benefit from an individualized management.

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193 Capsule summary

194 We present the clinical spectrum, new mutations, and possible modifiers of the world-wide largest
195 cohort of *CTLA4* mutation carriers. We encourage physicians to consider mutations in genes such as
196 *CTLA4* as a monogenetic cause for complex disease presentations.

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198 Key words

199 Cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4, primary immunodeficiency, autoimmunity,
200 hypogammaglobulinemia, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, abatacept, sirolimus, immune
201 dysregulation, common variable immunodeficiency

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203 Abbreviations

204 alloHSCT, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

205 APC, antigen-presenting cells

206 CMV, cytomegalovirus

207 CTLA-4, cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4

208 CVID, common variable immunodeficiency

209 EBV, Epstein-Barr virus

210 GLILD, granulomatous-lymphocytic interstitial lung disease

211 GvHD, graft-versus-host disease

212 PRCA, pure red cell aplasia

213 Treg, regulatory T cell

214 **Introduction**

215 Heterozygous germline mutations in cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4 (*CTLA4*) can lead to
216 haploinsufficiency, impaired CTLA-4 dimerization, or impaired ligand binding, and can cause an
217 autosomal dominant immune dysregulation syndrome and immunodeficiency in humans.(1-3) CTLA-
218 4 is a negative immune regulator essential for the function of regulatory T cells (Tregs), which are
219 responsible for maintaining self-tolerance and immune homeostasis through the suppression of T cell
220 proliferation and differentiation.(4-9) CTLA-4 competes with the costimulatory receptor CD28 for its
221 ligands CD80 and CD86, expressed on antigen-presenting cells (APCs).(10, 11) CTLA-4 binds these
222 ligands with a higher affinity and avidity than CD28 and removes them from the surface of APCs *via*
223 transendocytosis, resulting in a reduction of APC-mediated activation of conventional T cells.(12, 13)
224 *CTLA4* encodes for four exons; exon 1 encodes the signal peptide, exon 2 the ligand binding and
225 dimerization domains, exon 3 the transmembrane domain, and exon 4 the cytoplasmic tail.(14)
226 The clinical diagnosis of CTLA-4 insufficiency is complicated by a highly variable phenotype including
227 various organ-specific autoimmune diseases, hypogammaglobulinemia, recurrent infections, and
228 malignancies; the natural history of this condition is largely unknown.(1, 3, 15-19) CTLA-4
229 insufficiency in humans was associated with incomplete penetrance.
230 Here, we describe the largest known cohort of *CTLA4* mutation carriers including 133 individuals to
231 aid diagnosis in similar cases and give guidance for their treatment.

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241 **Methods**

242 See Supplements.

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268 **Results**

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270 ***Age distribution and origin***

271 We identified 133 individuals of 54 unrelated families (66 female, 67 male) from Europe (n=87), Asia
272 (n=26), South America (n=7), and North America (n=13) (Table 1, Figure 1). Median age of onset was
273 11 (<1 to 59) years, median age at evaluation was 23 years in affected mutation carriers, and 46
274 years in unaffected carriers (Figure 2). Three-fourths of affected mutation carriers were under the
275 age of 18 years when showing first symptoms; there was no significant difference in the age of onset
276 between women and men.

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278 ***Genetics and protein function***

279 We identified 45 unique heterozygous *CTLA4* germline mutations including 28 missense mutations,
280 ten deletions or insertions, and seven nonsense mutations (Table 1, Figure 3). Mutations in seven
281 affected carriers had occurred *de novo*. Twenty-eight mutations were novel and seventeen have
282 previously been described.(1, 3, 15, 17-21) Eight mutations were located in exon 1, 31 in exon 2 and
283 six within exon 3. Mutations at seven loci were identified in multiple families (Table 2). *CTLA-4*
284 expression within stimulated Tregs was reduced in all tested *CTLA4* mutation carriers. CD4+ T cells
285 were co-cultured with CD80-GFP-expressing CHO cells and GFP-uptake was measured within *CTLA-4*
286 positive cells to estimate the ability of cells to perform transendocytosis, which was reduced in all
287 tested mutation carriers (Table 1, Figure S1).(13) An association between genotype and onset,
288 penetrance, or disease phenotype was not observed. So far 115 exonic variants have been described
289 within *CTLA4*; all but two variants have a minor allele frequency (MAF) <0.01, seven variants have
290 been described to be disease causing or are part of our cohort (Table S3). (1, 2, 19)

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292 ***Symptoms and signs at presentation***

293 First symptoms included autoimmune cytopenia (33%), respiratory manifestations (21%),
294 enteropathy (17%), type 1 diabetes (8%), neurological symptoms (seizures, headache, nausea) (6%),

295 thyroid disease (5%), arthritis (3%), growth retardation, fever or night sweats, atopic dermatitis,
296 alopecia (2% each), and primary biliary cirrhosis, Addison's disease, or a wound healing disorder, in
297 one affected mutation carrier each.

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299 **Main diagnoses**

300 At the time of data collection, affected mutation carriers had diverse main diagnoses: Twenty-six
301 (29%) had a diagnosis of cytopenia and 23 (26%) had common variable immunodeficiency (CVID).
302 CVID was diagnosed according to the revised European society of immune deficiencies (ESID)
303 registry.(22) Twenty affected mutation carrier (22%) suffered mainly from severe gastrointestinal
304 symptoms such as enteropathy or inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and ten (11%) from respiratory
305 disease including infections (n=9), granulomatous lymphoproliferative interstitial lung disease (GLILD,
306 n=9), bronchiectasis (n=9), and asthma (n=2). In seven affected mutation carriers (8%) lymphoma
307 was the leading diagnosis, five (6%) had mainly endocrinopathies, and four (4%) had inflammatory
308 CNS disease. Individual affected mutation carriers had widespread lymphadenopathy (n=3, 3%), an
309 autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome (ALPS)-like phenotype (n=2, 2%), an immune
310 dysregulation polyendocrinopathy enteropathy X-linked syndrome (IPEX)-like phenotype (n=1, 1%), a
311 primary biliary cirrhosis (n=1, 1%), liver cirrhosis of unknown etiology (n=1, 1%), rheumatoid arthritis
312 (n=1, 1%), and psoriatic arthritis (n=1, 1%). Ten affected mutation carriers (11%) had several main
313 diagnoses (Table S1). At the time of data collection 65 affected mutation carriers were under
314 immunosuppression. Forty-three mutation carriers were considered unaffected (Table S1).

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316 ***Clinical spectrum of CTLA-4 insufficiency***

317 While *CTLA4* mutations were associated with autoimmunity and immune dysregulation in all affected
318 mutation carriers, the affected organ systems varied substantially: hypogammaglobulinemia (84%),
319 lymphoproliferation (73%), respiratory involvement (68%), gastrointestinal features (59%),
320 autoimmune cytopenia (62%), dermatological involvement (56%, mainly atopic dermatitis),
321 endocrinopathy (33%), and neurological features (29%) were often observed. Arthritis (14%), growth

322 retardation (14%), renal (12%) or liver (12%) involvement were less frequent (Figure 4, Table S1). One
323 affected mutation carrier had severe psoriatic arthritis (T.II.1). In total, ninety of the 133 *CTLA4*
324 mutation carriers (67.6%) were considered affected, as they had sought medical attention for
325 disease-related symptoms. Case reports can be found in the Supplements.

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327 *Non-malignant lymphoproliferation*

328 Sixty-two affected mutation carriers (73%) had non-malignant lymphoproliferation, including
329 splenomegaly (n=51, Figure 3, Figure 5 Panel A), chronic lymphadenopathy (n=43), and
330 hepatomegaly (n=17). Thirteen affected mutation carriers underwent splenectomy for severe
331 cytopenia. Forty-three affected mutation carriers (50%) had lymphocytic infiltrations into lung
332 (n=27), gastrointestinal tract (n=17), brain (n=12), bone marrow (n=6, Figure 6 Panel E), kidney (n=6),
333 or retroperitoneal tissue (n=4). Upon biopsy, 21 affected mutation carriers had T cell infiltrations,
334 both CD4+ (n=9) and CD8+ (n=8) infiltrations were observed. Twelve predominately had B cell
335 infiltrations, four of them in the lung tissue as part of their GLILD. Ten out of 29 biopsied affected
336 mutation carriers with non-malignant lymphoproliferation also had granulomas in at least two
337 different organ systems upon biopsy; eight in the lung, two in the lymph nodes, and one each in
338 kidney, brain, or gastrointestinal tract.

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340 *Respiratory tract involvement*

341 Respiratory tract involvement was common (68%; 61/90; Figure 5 Panels C, D, E; Figure 6 Panel A, B)
342 including recurrent lower (n=48) and upper (n=41) respiratory tract infections, granulomatous-
343 lymphocytic interstitial lung disease (GLILD) (n=32), and bronchiectasis (n=20). Two affected
344 mutation carriers underwent lung transplantation due to idiopathic lung fibrosis (B.III.2) or common
345 variable immunodeficiency (CVID) (23) with recurrent infections, emphysema, and parenchymal lung
346 damage (A.II.9); both died 12 and 15 months, respectively, after transplantation due to pulmonary
347 demise following a relapse of disease.

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349 *Pathogens and infections*

350 Sixty-one percent of affected mutation carriers (55/90) had respiratory tract infections including
351 pneumonia, sinusitis, and otitis media. Isolated pathogens were *Haemophilus influenzae* (n=6) and
352 *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (n=4). The most common enteritis pathogen was *Salmonella enteritidis*
353 (6/7). *Staphylococcus aureus* was detected in various organs of eleven affected mutation carriers.
354 Twenty-seven affected mutation carriers reactivated a Herpes virus infection: Epstein-Barr virus
355 (EBV) led to clinically apparent infections in sixteen affected mutation carriers (Figure 6 Panel C),
356 including EBV-induced hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (B.II.3). Two affected mutation carriers
357 developed EBV-associated lymphoid granulomatosis in lung or brain (H.II.2, N.III.2). Cytomegalovirus
358 (CMV) reactivation was found in nine affected mutation carriers including CMV-associated diarrhea
359 or gastritis (D.II.1, M.II.3, NN.II.1), chronic active CMV infection (LL.II.1), CMV lymphadenitis (K.II.1),
360 bilateral parotid hypertrophy (O.II.1), and respiratory CMV infection (R.II.5); eight of them were on
361 immunosuppressive treatment. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* polymerase chain reaction was positive
362 in four affected mutation carriers, with two of them developing pulmonary or esophageal
363 tuberculosis (A.II.8, A.II.9).

364 Fungal infections were present in 15 affected mutation carriers with either *Candida species pluralis*
365 infections (n=13) or *Aspergillus species pluralis* pneumonia (n=2); thirteen of them received
366 immunosuppressive treatment at the time of data collection. Ten affected mutation carriers, of
367 whom eight were immunosuppressed, developed sepsis due to bacterial or fungal pathogens leading
368 to death in five. In one affected mutation carrier sepsis followed a perforation of the small bowel,
369 and in one *Salmonella enteritidis* sepsis was the first manifestation of CTLA-4 insufficiency at the age
370 of three months (UU.IV.12).

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372 *Gastrointestinal involvement*

373 Gastrointestinal involvement across our cohort was frequent (59%; 53/90) and often severe. Nine of
374 the 15 deceased affected mutation carriers had severe gastrointestinal features prior to their death.
375 Diarrhea was frequent (n=51), ranging from mild to severe diarrhea with weight loss, wasting, and

376 total parenteral nutrition-dependency. Pathogens were rarely identified. Crohn disease (n=7),
377 atrophic gastritis (n=8) (Figure 6 Panel D), coeliac disease (JJ.II.1), acute pancreatitis (M.II.3), and
378 pancreatic insufficiency (N.III.2, QQ.II.1) were observed. In three affected mutation carriers, severe
379 long-lasting CVID-gastroenteropathy preceded gastric cancer (B.II.4, G.III.2, M.II.3). Macroscopic
380 findings ranged from normal appearing mucosa albeit histologically proven deep T cell infiltrations in
381 the submucosa, to superficial ulcerative lesions or deep-seated inflammatory changes as seen in
382 severe Crohn's disease. Despite decreased serum immunoglobulin levels, histology revealed
383 increased numbers of plasma cells in the gastric (B.II.4, QQ.II.1), intestinal, and colonic (QQ.II.1)
384 lamina propria. Further histology changes included severe lymphocytic infiltrates, and EBV-positive
385 gastric cancer (Figure 6 Panel C). Median age of onset of gastrointestinal features was 15 (<1 to 51)
386 years.

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388 *Cytopenia*

389 Autoimmune cytopenia was often severe, life-threatening, and treatment-resistant and formed the
390 main indication for allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (alloHSCT) (7/12).

391 Sixty-two percent of affected mutation carriers (55/89) had autoimmune cytopenia, including
392 immune thrombocytopenia (n=41), autoimmune hemolytic anemia (n=37), pure red cell aplasia
393 (PRCA) (n=2) or autoimmune neutropenia (n=16). In 32 affected mutation carriers cytopenia affected
394 more than one cell lineage, nineteen of those were diagnosed with Evans syndrome, and nine had a
395 trilineage cytopenia. Median age of onset of cytopenia was 12 (1.3 to 48) years.

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397 *Neurological involvement*

398 Twenty-eight percent of affected mutation carriers (28/90) presented with a broad spectrum of
399 neurological features (Figure 5 Panel F, G, H, Figure 6 Panel F). Three had autoimmune encephalitis
400 or encephalomyelitis with cerebral perivascular lymphocytic infiltrations leading to vomiting,
401 headache or paraplegia with bladder dysfunction (N.III.2, P.II.2, GG.II.1). In four affected mutation
402 carriers neurological features were attributed to cerebral infiltrations that were not biopsied: nausea

403 and headache (A.III.1), facial nerve paralysis (H.II.1), aphasia and paresis of the left arm (K.II.1), or a
404 patchy inflammatory demyelinating process with twitching episodes of hands with normal
405 electroencephalography (WW.II.1). Three affected mutation carriers had neurological features
406 secondary to hematological causes: hemiplegia following brain ischemia during AIHA (DD.II.1),
407 hemiparesis and aphasia due to cerebral arterial thrombosis (H.II.2), hemiparesis following cerebral
408 bleeding due to thrombocytopenia (GG.II.1). In two affected mutation carriers clinical and
409 radiological investigation could not identify an underlying cause for tonic-clonic seizures, or recurrent
410 transient paralysis of the left leg respectively (A.II.8, EE.II.1). One affected mutation carrier had life-
411 threatening HLH with increased cerebral pressure leading to cerebral herniation and seizures (J.II.1).
412 Other diagnoses were stiff person syndrome (H.I.2), West-syndrome and developmental delay
413 (UU.V.1), progressive memory loss starting age 57 years (UU.III.7), and chronic hydrocephalus
414 (UU.III.4). Two affected mutation carriers suffered from optic neuritis (TT.II.4) and retinal tear due to
415 lymphocytic infiltrations into the retina (SS.II.1). One had gliosis (ZZ.II.1) and one developed cognitive
416 dysfunction, chorea, ataxia, and mood instability; biopsies revealed inflammation, lymphocytic
417 infiltrations, and a demyelinating-like transformation, which was clinically responsive to steroid
418 treatment (G.III.1). One affected mutation carrier was diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis with tonic-
419 clonic seizures, right-sided hemiparesis, mental retardation, angiofibromas, angiomyolipomas, and a
420 concurrent TSCA2 mutation (LL.II.1).

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422 *Malignancies*

423 Eleven affected mutation carriers (12%) developed malignancies. Out of eight with lymphoma, EBV-
424 positivity was found in five. Lymphoma in five affected mutation carriers was classified as Hodgkin
425 lymphoma; one developed a relapsing EBV-associated diffuse large B cell lymphoma (K.II.1) and one a
426 Burkitt lymphoma (FF.II.1) (Figure 6 Panel G, H). Four affected mutation carriers died due to
427 complications of their lymphoma, two underwent successful alloHSCT.

428 Three affected mutation carriers developed a gastric adenocarcinoma, including one EBV-associated
429 carcinoma (B.II.4, Figure 6 Panel C), and one CMV-associated carcinoma (M.II.3). Two affected

430 mutation carriers subsequently underwent total gastrectomy, one of whom died following bacterial
431 sepsis (M.II.3) while the other one is alive and well (G.III.2).

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433 *Fatal Outcome*

434 Sixteen percent of affected mutation carriers (15/90) died due to their clinical manifestations or
435 resulting complications at a median age of 23 (14 to 60) years. Four died of sepsis on a background of
436 wasting enteropathy, Evans syndrome, or CVID with infections (M.II.3, G.III.1, C.II.3, L.I.2). Three died
437 due to complications of Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (K.II.1, FF.II.1, UU.III.3), one died during
438 chemotherapy of his Hodgkin lymphoma due to septic multi-organ failure (H.II.1), and two following
439 lung transplantation and relapse of disease (A.II.9, B.III.2). One affected mutation carrier died of
440 acute liver failure following many years of gastrointestinal disease (B.II.2). Wasting enteropathy,
441 respiratory insufficiency, and neurological features led to death in one affected mutation carrier
442 (A.II.8). Another one suffered from severe enteropathy and cytopenia, and died following colectomy
443 (F.II.1). Three affected mutation carriers died following alloH SCT due to GvHD (Q.II.1, LL.II.1) or due
444 to diabetic ketoacidosis (S.II.1). There was a significant difference of the age of death between
445 affected and the unaffected *CTLA4* mutation carriers (Figure 2 B).

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447 *Immunological phenotype*

448 Thirty-nine percent (26/66) of affected mutation carriers with available immunological data had
449 lymphopenia of which twenty-four were under immunosuppressive treatment at the time of data
450 collection. The absolute CD3+ T cell count was reduced in 36% (16/44) of affected mutation carriers.
451 The absolute CD3+CD4+ helper T cell count was reduced in 20% (13/62) of affected mutation carriers
452 especially due to the noteworthy reduction of naïve CD4+ T cells. An elevated percentage of the
453 activation marker HLA-DR+ was seen in one third of tested affected mutation carriers (11/31).
454 Percentage of CD4+FoxP3+ Tregs was significantly increased in mutation carriers in comparison to
455 healthy controls ($p=0.0034$). There was no significant difference in the Treg percentage between
456 affected and unaffected mutation carriers ($p=0.3882$). Eight mutation carriers had Treg numbers

457 above the normal range. Absolute CD3+CD8+ cytotoxic T cell count was normal in 60% (35/58) of
458 affected mutation carriers. Double-negative T cells were elevated up to 5.3% (median 2.2%; norm:
459 0.3-2.0%) in 53% of tested affected mutation carriers (9/17). Absolute CD19+ B cell counts were
460 reduced in 41% (26/58) of affected mutation carriers. B cell subsets showed a decrease in switched
461 memory B cells (23/30) and consecutively a relative increase in naïve B cells (14/29). CD21-low B cells
462 were elevated in all affected mutation carriers tested. Five affected mutation carriers with no history
463 of rituximab therapy had no measurable B cells. Hypogammaglobulinemia was present in 84%
464 (65/77), with low IgM in 30, low IgG in 42, and low IgA in 53 affected mutation carriers (Figure 4).
465 Absolute CD16+CD56+ NK cell counts were reduced in 52% (32/61). The percentage of CD3+ and
466 CD3+CD4+ was increased in the majority of affected mutation carriers, as the overall lymphopenia
467 affected CD3+CD8+, B, and NK cells more than the CD4 compartment (Figure S2). Antinuclear
468 autoantibodies (ANA) and anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA) were the most commonly
469 measured autoantibodies; however, they were negative in most affected mutation carriers (ANA
470 (4/51), ANCA (3/42)).

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472 **Treatment**

473 *CTLA-4 fusion proteins and mTOR inhibitors*

474 CTLA-4 replacement by CTLA-4-Fc, or inhibition of the CD28 signaling pathway through mTOR
475 inhibitors are potential targeted therapies to inhibit the underlying hyper-active signaling in *CTLA4*
476 mutation carriers.

477 In total, fourteen affected mutation carriers received the CTLA-4 fusion proteins abatacept or
478 belatacept; eleven of whom responded with an improvement of their clinical symptoms. In six of
479 them enteropathy improved, leading to normal stool frequency and weight gain within three months
480 (B.II.4, D.II.1, L.II.2, HH.II.1, SS.II.1, VV.II.1, Figure S3). In two affected mutation carriers primarily
481 presenting with GLILD (RR.II.1, SS.II.1), CTLA4-Fc led to resolution of lymphoproliferation in the lung
482 (SS.II.1), cough and sputum production decreased, and sIL2R concentration dropped from 1228 U/ml
483 to 750 U/ml within five months (RR.II.1). Other observations were an improvement of

484 lymphadenopathy (G.III.2), stabilization of platelet counts, resolution of bleeding episodes, and
485 regression of optic neuritis (TT.II.4). In two affected mutation carriers, additional systemic
486 immunosuppressive medication could be reduced, as abatacept treatment led to inhibition of the
487 disease progression (J.II.1) or to improvement of lung function and diarrhea (PP.II.1). In six affected
488 mutation carriers treatment was discontinued: three underwent alloHSCT (L.II.2, VV.II.1, GG.II.1), two
489 had an EBV reactivation (B.II.3, B.II.4), and one developed severe respiratory infections, neutropenia,
490 and agranulocytosis (TT.II.4).

491 Thirteen affected mutation carriers were treated with the mTOR inhibitor sirolimus with a good
492 response in eight (D.II.1, E.II.3, L.II.2, O.II.1, P.II.2, Z.III.1, TT.II.5, WW.II.1). Improvement of clinical
493 features included resolution of transfusion-dependent PRCA (Z.III.1), regression of lymphadenopathy
494 and splenomegaly, reduced IG consumption, and improved CMV viral load (O.II.1). Enteropathy
495 improved in three affected mutation carriers following combination of sirolimus with either
496 prednisolone (D.II.1), belatacept (L.II.2), or rituximab and steroids (WW.II.1). In one affected
497 mutation carrier cytopenia stabilized on co-medication with rituximab, but neurological features and
498 severe aphthae occurred (P.II.2). Sirolimus led to reduced spleen size (volume decreased from 5l to
499 2.8l) in one affected mutation carrier, who developed arthritis and erythema nodosum during the
500 treatment (E.II.3). In two affected mutation carriers sirolimus treatment was discontinued due to
501 ineffectiveness for cytopenia (GG.II.1), or due to increased blood pressure on the background of a
502 renal impairment (B.II.4). In one affected mutation carrier CMV copies rose under sirolimus
503 treatment in combination with methylprednisolone (DD.II.1), in one lymphopenia worsened (O.II.1),
504 one died due to sepsis during sirolimus treatment (G.III.1), and in one sirolimus treatment was
505 stopped due to serious respiratory infections (SS.II.1). Daily dosage ranged from 2 mg to 2.64 mg
506 (n=5); trough levels were available for two affected mutation carriers (6,2 ng/ml and 8 ng/ml), for
507 three affected mutation carriers target blood values were available (8-12 ng/ml (n=2); 12-15 ng/ml
508 (n=1)).

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511 *Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation*

512 Twelve affected mutation carriers underwent alloHSCT between 10 and 50 years of age.(15) Main
513 indications for transplantation included treatment-resistant cytopenia, enteropathy, and Hodgkin
514 lymphoma; often combined with other autoimmune manifestations, lymphoproliferation or severe
515 infections. Nine of these affected mutation carriers are alive, of whom three are more than five years
516 post-HSCT and currently well off all medication (L.II.1, T.II.1, Y.II.1), and six are between 100 days and
517 12 months post-transplant (B.II.3, L.II.2, P.II.2, W.II.2, GG.II.1, VV.II.1) (Table S2). In half of the
518 affected mutation carriers the *CTLA4* mutation was known prior to transplantation (6/12), the other
519 half was transplanted due to the severity of their symptoms and the *CTLA4* mutation was only
520 identified after transplantation.

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522 *Immunoglobulin substitution*

523 Sixty-three percent of affected mutation carriers (55/88) received immunoglobulin substitution
524 either due to hypogammaglobulinemia or due to cytopenia. Twenty-eight affected mutation carriers
525 had both diagnoses at the time of data collection and received immunoglobulin substitution due to
526 both.

527 Additional treatment options can be found in the Supplements.

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529 ***Chromosome 2 contiguous gene deletion involving CTLA4***

530 Two unrelated individuals have a heterozygous 2q33.2-2q33.3 deletion involving *CTLA4* and present
531 a CTLA-4 insufficiency-like phenotype, which is possibly influenced by the deletion of additional
532 genes including *CD28* and *ICOS* (Supplements).

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534 ***Mutation carriers who did not seek medical attention***

535 We identified 43 unaffected family members carrying the same *CTLA4* mutation as their affected
536 relatives. The treating physician of the affected mutation carrier classified family members as
537 unaffected if they did not repeatedly seek medical care, were not under a long-term drug regimen

538 due to CTLA-4 insufficiency-related symptoms, or if they were not restricted in their health-related
539 quality of life due to their symptoms. Their median age at evaluation was 46 (6 to 87) years, hence in
540 most cases beyond the median age of manifestation. Upon thorough questioning and clinical
541 investigation, seven carriers had diarrhea without weight loss, two had atrophic gastritis or
542 pernicious anemia, and one had coeliac disease. Three carriers had respiratory infections and in one
543 clinically unapparent pulmonary nodules were detected on a routine scan. Nine had dermatological
544 involvement (psoriasis, eczema, vitiligo), and two hypothyroidism. One carrier developed colon
545 cancer aged 78, which was successfully treated by surgery but is otherwise healthy at currently 87
546 years of age (A.I.2). Four carriers (without recurrent infections) had IgA-deficiency, one each had low
547 IgG or IgM, and one had low IgA and IgM, possibly contributing to respiratory infections (R.III.1).
548 Twenty-six carriers were reported to be clinically completely healthy.

549 Their immunological phenotyping revealed similarities to affected mutation carriers, including a
550 decrease in NK and CD19+ B cells, but also differences, including significantly higher CD4+ T cells
551 counts, and a higher percentage of switched memory B cells. There was no significant difference with
552 regard to the Treg percentages in affected mutation carriers (Figure S2).

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565 **Discussion**

566 In our work, we estimate the clinical penetrance of CTLA-4 insufficiency to be around 67%; however,
567 as genetic analysis could not be performed in all healthy first degree family members, ascertainment
568 was incomplete. Once symptoms have occurred, the clinical course can be severe and was fatal in 15
569 affected mutation carriers (16%).

570 The clinical phenotype was characterized by infections, autoimmunity, and lymphoproliferation,
571 affecting various organ systems. Affected mutation carriers have an elevated risk to develop
572 malignancies and for EBV reactivation highlighting the importance of monitoring EBV and possibly
573 CMV viral load, especially under immunosuppressive treatment. Cytopenia and enteropathy were
574 the most life-threatening and treatment-resistant manifestations. This is evidenced by the fact that
575 cytopenia was one of the main indications for alloHSCT (7/12), and half of the deceased affected
576 mutation carriers died following a history of enteropathy and associated complications. Initial
577 symptoms were diverse, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness of this immunodeficiency
578 not only among immunologists but also other specialists including hematologists, neurologists,
579 gastroenterologists, pathologists, dermatologists, and chest physicians. As the age of onset in 75% of
580 affected mutation carriers is under the age of 18 years, CTLA-4 insufficiency should be considered in
581 children with severe immune dysregulation of unknown origin. Also in individuals being evaluated for
582 IBD, CVID, and ALPS, CTLA-4 insufficiency should be considered.

583 To diagnose CTLA-4 insufficiency, we recommend sequencing the four exons of *CTLA4* and then
584 testing the effect of identified mutations on the protein by measuring CTLA-4 expression or CTLA-4-
585 mediated transendocytosis.(24) Both were reduced in all analyzed mutation carriers, but because
586 this is also seen in individuals with mutations in other genes such as *LRBA*(25), these functional tests
587 cannot be used as the only diagnostic tool to screen for *CTLA4* mutations. In addition to the clinical
588 presentation, an autosomal dominant family history can hint towards CTLA-4 insufficiency.

589 The immunological phenotype revealed perturbed T and B cell homeostasis and significantly
590 increased Treg percentages within the CD4⁺ T cell compartment. The latter may be a transient or
591 permanent compensatory mechanism of the CTLA-4-deficient immune system to counteract the
592 immune-activation. The expanded and activated effector T cells may produce a cytokine profile
593 leading to an increased Treg cell polarization in order to counterbalance the accelerated immune
594 activation. Elevated double negative T cell counts in *CTLA4* mutation carriers should prompt
595 investigators to evaluate proposed ALPS diagnostic criteria. (26)

596 We present first insights into targeted therapeutic strategies: Out of thirteen affected mutation
597 carriers treated with CTLA-4-Fc, eleven responded favorably, especially enteropathy improved.
598 Further clinical studies are necessary to determine the effectiveness and safety of CTLA-4-Fc
599 treatment for individual clinical manifestations. Out of twelve affected mutation carriers undergoing
600 alloHSCT, nine are alive and well (15); although long-term survival still has to be determined,
601 alloHSCT should be considered as a treatment option in carefully selected affected mutation carriers.

602 In individuals presenting with immunodeficiency, autoimmunity, and lymphoproliferation with
603 impaired Treg development or function, besides CTLA-4 insufficiency, also mutations in *FoxP3*, *LRBA*,
604 *IL2RA*, *FAS-L*, *FAS*, *PI3K*, *NFKB1 and 2*, *STAT3*, and *STAT5b* should be considered as a differential
605 diagnosis.(6)(25, 27-34) Mutations in *FOXP3* lead to a loss of Treg cells and cause IPEX which is an X-
606 linked condition and characterized by enteropathy, immune dysregulation, and polyendocrinopathy,
607 but has an earlier onset, and complete penetrance.(27, 34) Immunological findings in IPEX-syndrome
608 include normal lymphocyte counts and immunoglobulin levels in contrast to CTLA-4 insufficiency. In
609 *LRBA* deficiency lysosomal CTLA-4 degradation is accelerated and CTLA-4 trafficking to the cell
610 surface is disturbed; hence the inhibitory function of Treg cells is impaired. (25) Biallelic *LRBA*
611 mutations most often lead to complete absence of the *LRBA* protein; affected mutation carriers
612 present with a phenotype very similar to CTLA-4 insufficiency, characterized by various autoimmune
613 features, lymphoproliferation with dysregulated Treg function, and a defect in production cell
614 homeostasis,(28, 31, 32, 35-44) albeit with an earlier onset, complete penetrance and an autosomal

615 recessive inheritance. In addition, germline gain-of-function mutations in *STAT3* lead to a broad
616 range of autoimmune disorders such as autoimmune cytopenias and multiorgan autoimmunity (lung,
617 gastrointestinal, hepatic, and endocrine), in combination with an increased susceptibility to
618 infections and a short stature. Further, *STAT3* gain-of-function mutations lead to secondary defects in
619 *STAT5* and *STAT1* phosphorylation and impair the Treg compartment.(29, 33)

620 As our results were collected retrospectively, several limiting factors should be considered: affected
621 mutation carriers were treated and evaluated by different physicians and medical departments
622 worldwide. This can lead to an incomplete picture of the clinical phenotype. Also, data was collected
623 at one time point, which often makes it difficult to reconstruct whether symptoms or the
624 immunological phenotype are due to immunosuppressive treatment or the natural course of this
625 immunodeficiency.

626 In LRBA deficiency, sIL2R, a biomarker for T cell-mediated inflammation, decreases on abatacept
627 treatment.(25) In our cohort sIL2R was only sporadically measured; in one affected mutation carrier
628 sIL2R levels dropped while being on abatacept treatment. Systematical measurement of sIL2R should
629 be considered in all mutation carriers to see whether it indicates disease activity. Affected and
630 unaffected mutation carriers both show impaired *in vitro* CTLA-4 function, indicating the presence of
631 additional factors influencing the clinical phenotype and penetrance such as environmental, genetic,
632 or epigenetic differences. Ethnicity and origin of the mutation carriers could influence age of onset,
633 penetrance, and severity of disease-related symptoms. We cannot assess this, as the world-wide
634 distribution in our study is not equal and the diverse countries of origin varied in diagnostic
635 procedures and standards. In general, there could either be one single modifier, or multiple
636 interacting factors influencing the clinical phenotype. The latter could explain the highly variable
637 expressivity of the phenotype. Another hypothesis suggests an internal threshold within the immune
638 system of CTLA-4-insufficient individuals. Once it is exhausted, immune dysregulation cannot be
639 contained by the organism and individuals develop symptoms; this could explain why healthy
640 mutation carriers may develop life-threatening symptoms late in life (e.g. patient B.II.3 developed

641 hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis and Hodgkin lymphoma at the age of 50 years). These cases
642 teach us to carefully monitor all first-degree relatives for CTLA-4-associated disease activity, while
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821 Figure legends**822 Figure 1. Pedigrees of families with CTLA-4 insufficiency**

823 Pedigrees of all families with more than one *CTLA4* mutation carrier. Squares, male subjects; circles,
824 female subjects; black filled symbols, mutation carriers classified as affected; gray filled symbols,
825 mutation carriers classified as unaffected; slashed symbols, deceased subjects; *, sequencing of
826 *CTLA4* was performed; §, genotype inferred from clinical symptoms.

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828 Figure 2. Age of onset and age of death in CTLA-4 insufficient individuals

829 A. Kaplan Meier curve of age of onset of *CTLA4* mutation carriers (n=85).

830 B. Age of death in affected (n=86) versus unaffected mutation carriers (n=39).

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**832 Figure 3. Heterozygous germline mutations within the CTLA4 gene are distributed throughout
833 exon 1-3.**

834 Figure 3 shows the distribution of the heterozygous germline mutations throughout the *CTLA4* gene.
835 Eight mutations are located in exon 1, 31 are located in exon 2, and six are located in exon 3. §,
836 mutation was functionally tested by transendocytosis assay.

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838 Figure 4. Main clinical findings in CTLA-4 insufficiency

839 Percentage distribution of clinical manifestations within affected mutation carriers. Clinical data was
840 available for 71 to 90 affected mutation carriers.

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842 Figure 5. Exemplary findings upon CT and MRI in CTLA-4-insufficient individuals

843 Panel A: splenomegaly (17.5 cm in diameter) and lymphadenopathy in A.III.3. Panel B: large
844 pneumatocele following necrotizing pneumonia in PP.II.1. Panel C: CT scan of ZZ.II.1 showing
845 peripheral bronchiectasis with inflammatory nodules in all lobes of the lung. Panel D: bronchiectasis
846 with peribronchial ground glass nodules in keeping with bronchiolitis in XX.II.1. Panel E: multiple
847 inflammatory nodules in O.II.1. Panel F: signal change in the right temporal lobe and cerebellum
848 consistent with inflammation in KK.II.1. Panel G: enhancement in the thoracic cord in keeping with

849 inflammation in KK.II.1. Panel H: signal change and swelling in the cerebellum in keeping with
850 inflammation in P.II.2.

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852 **Figure 6. Lymphocytic infiltrations and loss of EBV control define the spectrum of**
853 **inflammatory and neoplastic lesions**

854 Panel A and B: lung samples of PP.II.1 and KK.II.1 with follicular bronchitis/ bronchiolitis,
855 respectively. Lymphoid follicles are marked by asterisks. In Panel A, the follicle contains a germinal
856 center. Panel C: EBV-coded small RNAs (EBER) positive nuclei (dark blue staining) of an early
857 invasive gastric adenocarcinoma of B.II.4. Panel D: autoimmune gastritis with severely atrophic
858 mucosa of the stomach, antral metaplasia and numerous intraepithelial CD8+ T cells (brown staining)
859 of B.II.4. Panel E: nodular T cell lymphocytosis (brown staining) in the bone marrow of Z.II.2. Panel
860 F: perivascular lymphocytes in the brain tissue of KK.II.1 (arteriolar wall highlighted by arrowhead,
861 lumen marked by asterisk). Panel G and H: Hodgkin lymphoma in a lymph node excision sample of
862 MM.II.1. Reed-Sternberg cell is highlighted by an arrowhead (G) or CD30 immunohistochemistry
863 (red staining in H). Nuclei of Hodgkin cells and Reed-Sternberg cells were positive for EBER (dark
864 blue staining, inset H).

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Table 1. Baseline description of CTLA-4-insufficient individuals

Subject No.	Case No.	Age of onset	Age at Evaluation/ Death Δ	Sex	Country of origin	CTLA4-/+ cDNA position; Predicted Amino Acid change	Type of mutation	Reference
1	A.I.2	#	87	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
2	A.II.2	#	60	M	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
3	A.II.3	#	59	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
4	A.II.5	41	56	M	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
5	A.II.8	12	34 Δ	M	Germany ¶	Φ		Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
6	A.II.9	17	37 Δ	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
7	A.II.10	#	49	M	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
8	A.III.1	10	28	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
9	A.III.3	15	20	M	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
10	A.III.5	#	23	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
11	A.III.6	#	20	F	Germany ¶	c.105C>A; p.C35*; §	Nonsense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
12	B.I.1	#	66 Δ	M	Germany ¶	Φ		Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
13	B.II.1	#	57	F	Germany ¶	c.109+1G>T; §	Splice-site	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
14	B.II.2	15	23 Δ	M	Germany ¶	Φ		Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
15	B.II.3	50	51	M	Germany ¶	c.109+1G>T; §	Splice-site	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
16	B.II.4	34	43	F	Germany ¶	c.109+1G>T; §	Splice-site	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
17	B.III.2	10	16 Δ	F	Germany ¶	Φ		Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
18	B.III.3	#	17	F	Germany ¶	c.109+1G>T; §	Splice-site	Unpublished
19	C.II.3	7	20 Δ	F	Greece ¶	c.208C>T; p.R70W; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
20	C.II.4	#	13	F	Greece ¶	c.208C>T; p.R70W; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
21	D.I.2	#	43	F	India/UK †	c.371A>C; p.T124P; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
22	D.II.1	10	22	F	India/UK †	c.371A>C; p.T124P; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
23	E.II.3	10	22	F	Georgia ¶	c.223C>T; p.R75W; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
24	F.II.1	8	23 Δ	M	Germany ¶	c.2T>C; p.?.; §	Missense	Schubert <i>et al.</i> (2)
25	G.II.1	#	53	F	USA ¶	c.179; A<G; p.Y60C	Missense	Zeissig <i>et al.</i> (3)
26	G.III.1	12	24 Δ	F	USA ¶	c.179; A<G; p.Y60C	Missense	Zeissig <i>et al.</i> (3)
27	G.III.2	1.83	22	M	USA ¶	c.179; A<G; p.Y60C	Missense	Zeissig <i>et al.</i> (3)
28	H.I.2	22	52	F	Germany ¶	c.407C>T; p.P136L	Missense	Unpublished
29	H.II.1	10	21 Δ	M	Germany ¶	Φ		Unpublished
30	H.II.2	7	26	M	Germany ¶	c.407C>T; p.P136L	Missense	Unpublished
31	J.I.2	#	50	F	Germany ¶	c.373G>A; p.G125R	Missense	Unpublished
32	J.II.1	11	22	M	Germany ¶	c.373G>A; p.G125R	Missense	Unpublished
33	K.II.1	26	53 Δ	F	Germany ¶	c.308G>C; p.C103S	Missense	Unpublished
34	L.I.2	20	40 Δ	F	UK ¶	c.437G>T; p.G146V	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
35	L.II.1	5	20	F	UK ¶	c.437G>T; p.G146V	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
36	L.II.2	14	16	M	UK ¶	c.437G>T; p.G146V	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
37	M.II.3	10	35 Δ	M	Japan †	c.76_77insT; p.F28Sfs*40	Frameshift	Hayakawa <i>et al.</i> (16)
38	N.I.2	#	71	F	Japan †	c.529_530insA; p.Y177*	Nonsense	Unpublished
39	N.II.1	#	47	F	Japan †	c.529_530insA; p.Y177*	Nonsense	Unpublished
40	N.II.3	#	42	M	Japan †	c.529_530insA; p.Y177*	Nonsense	Unpublished
41	N.III.2	10	10	M	Japan †	c.529_530insA; p.Y177*	Nonsense	Unpublished
42	O.II.1	8	13	M	Spain ¶	c.342_342delC; p.T115Lfs*5	Frameshift	Unpublished
43	P.II.2	2	13	M	Germany ¶	c.534C>G; p.S178R	Missense	Unpublished
44	Q.II.1	10	15 Δ	M	UK ¶	c.529T>G; p.Y177D	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
45	R.II.5	24	44	F	Italy ¶	c.410C>T; p.P137L	Missense	Unpublished
46	R.III.1	#	18	F	Italy ¶	c.410C>T; p.P137L	Missense	Unpublished
47	S.II.1	2	22	M	UK ¶	c.410C>G; p.P137R	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
48	T.II.1	1.5	21	M	UK ¶	c.518G>A; p.G173E	Missense	Slatter, <i>et al.</i> (15)
49	U.I.1	#	40	M	Japan †	c.494G>A; p.W165*	Nonsense	Unpublished
50	U.II.1	3.75	9	M	Japan †	c.494G>A; p.W165*	Nonsense	Unpublished
51	U.II.2	#	8	M	Japan †	c.494G>A; p.W165*	Nonsense	Unpublished
52	U.II.3	#	6	F	Japan †	c.494G>A; p.W165*	Nonsense	Unpublished
53	V.II.1	9	14	F	Japan †	c.436G>A; p.G146R	Missense	Unpublished
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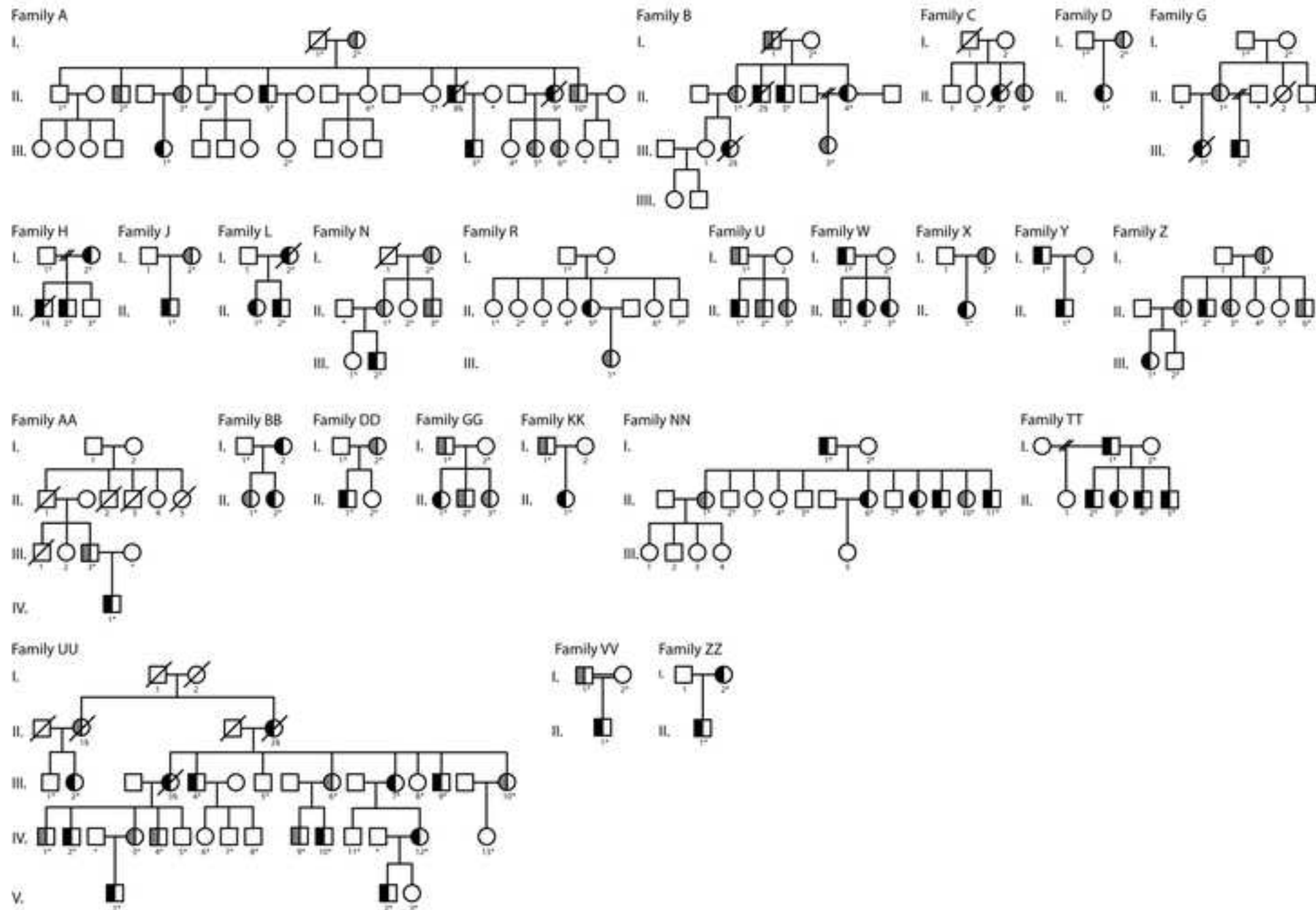
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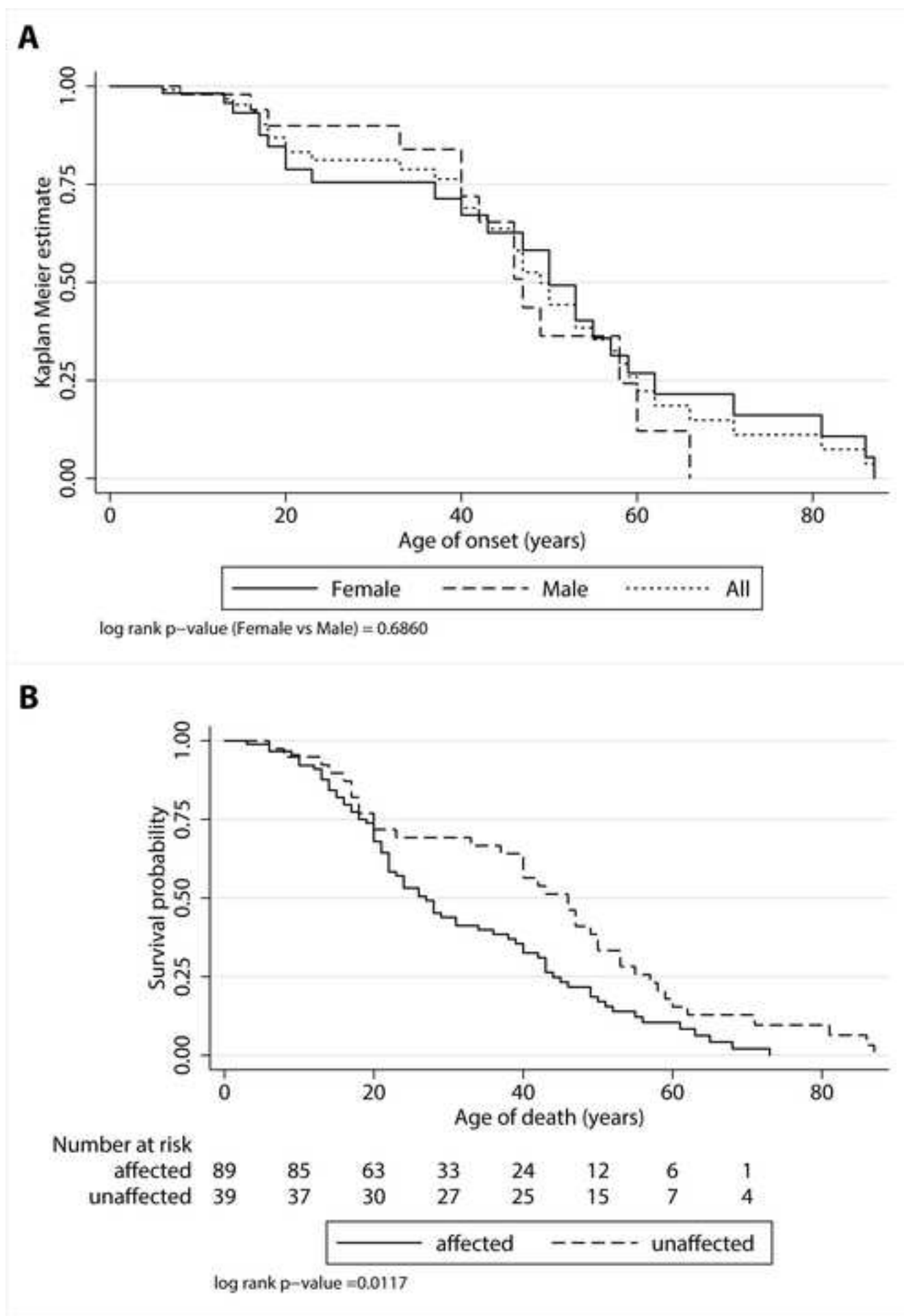
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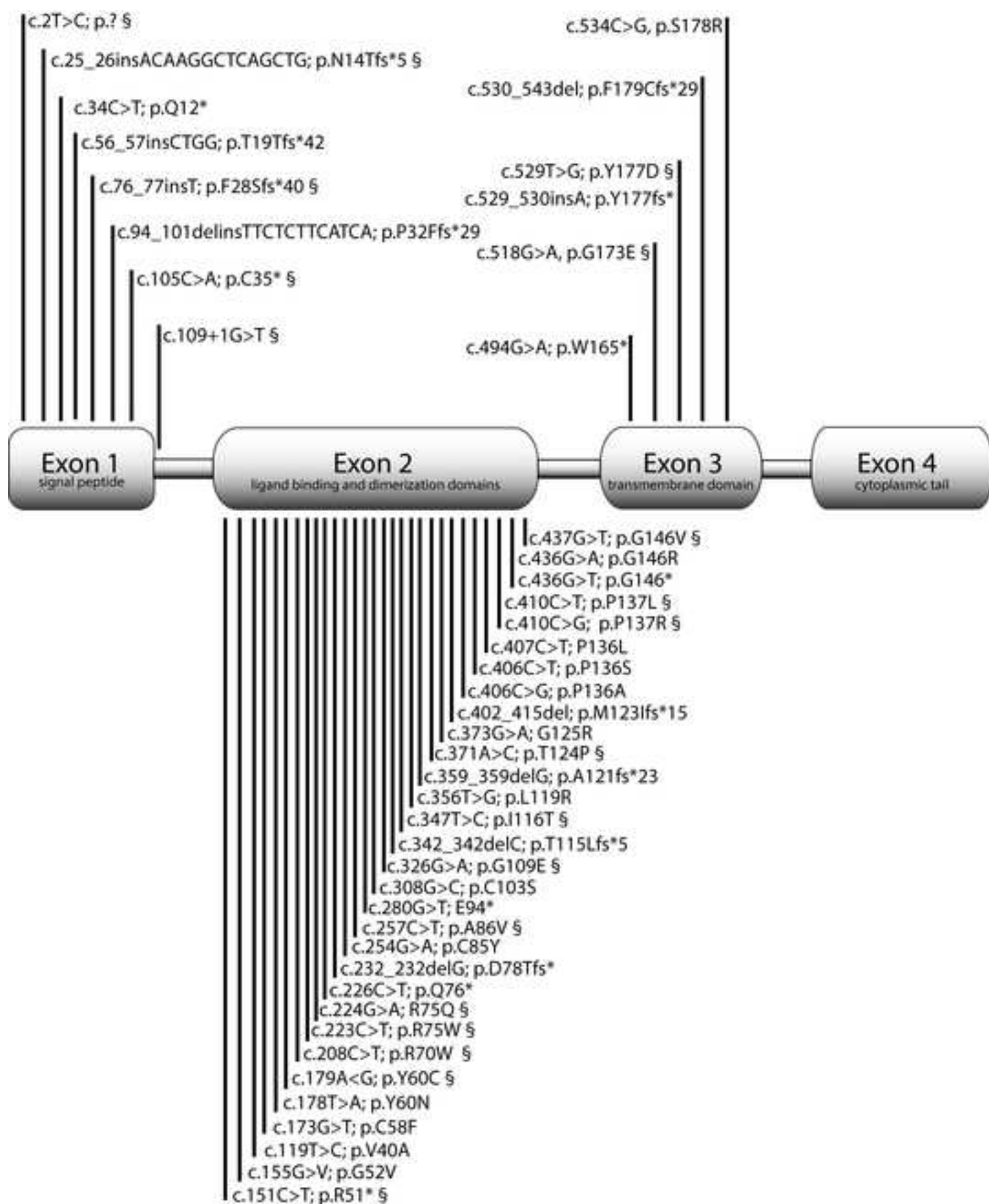
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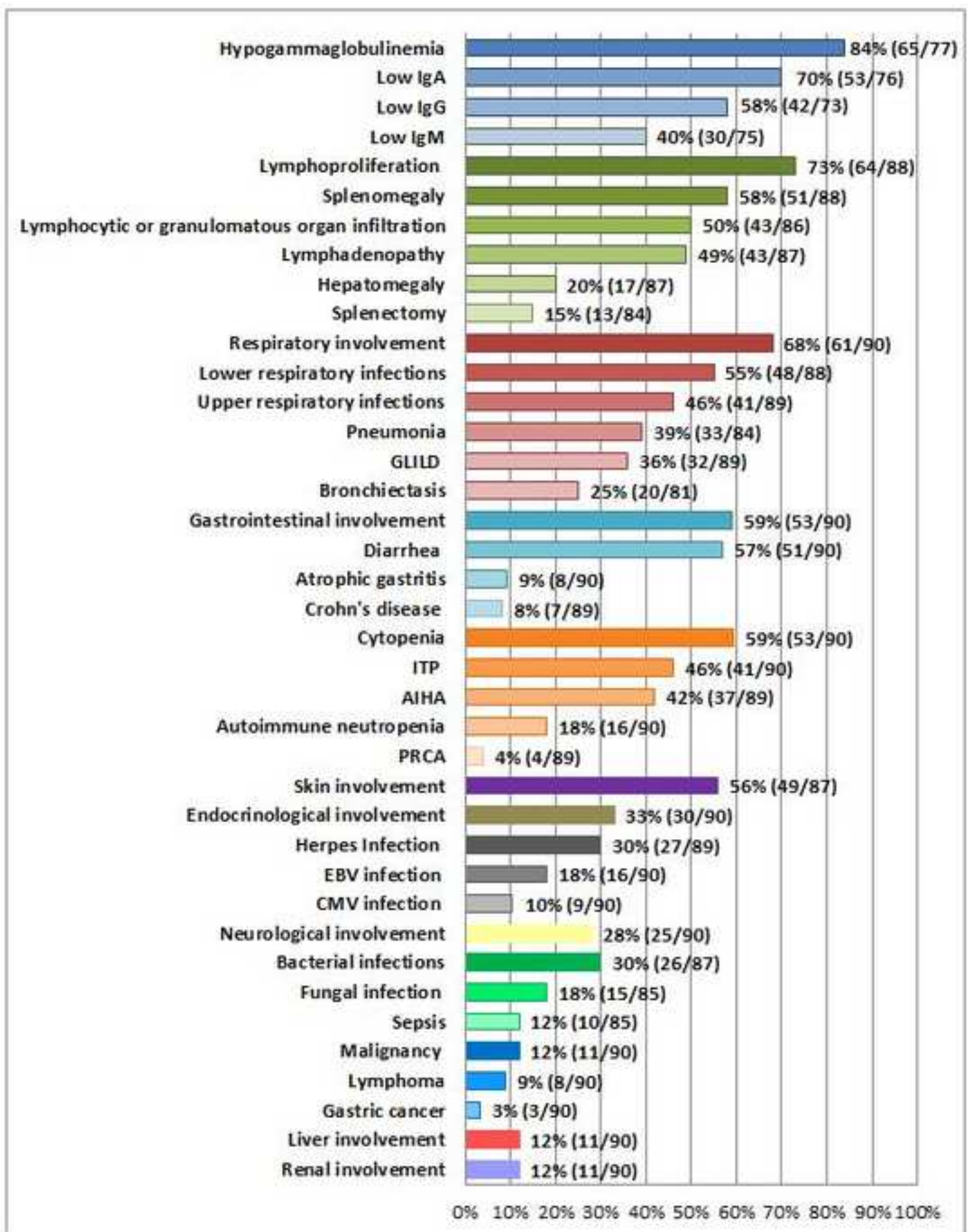
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2	75	p.R75W (c.223C>T); p.R75Q (c.224G>A)	Family E, Family X, Family JJ, Family UU; Family OO
2	136	p.P136L (c.407C>T); p.P136A (c.406C>G); p.P136S (c.406C>T)	Family H, Family LL, Family XX; Family CCC; Family PP
2	137	p.P137L (c.410C>T); p.P137R (c.410C>G)	Family R, Family QQ; Family S, Family WW
2	146	p.G146* (c.436G>T); p.G146R (c.436G>A); p.G146V (c.437G>T)	Family EE; Family V, Family SS; Family L
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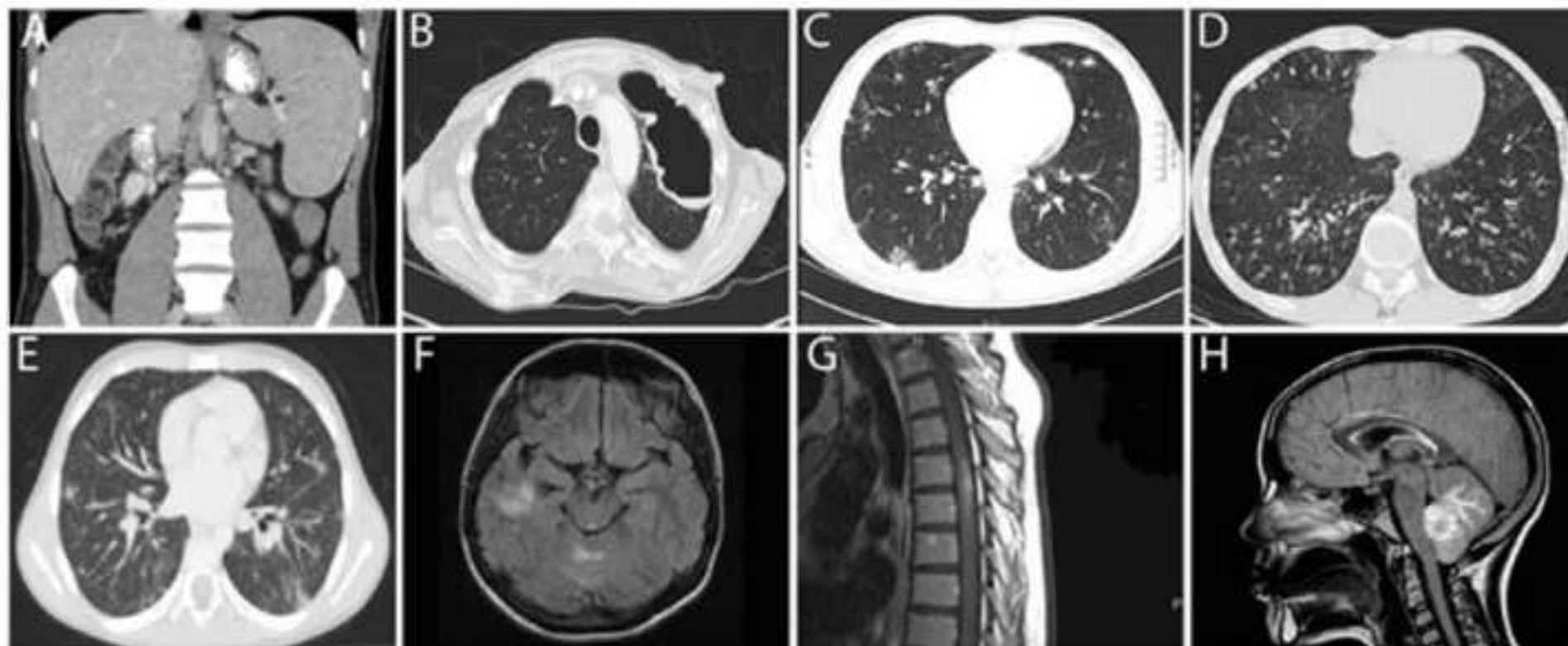
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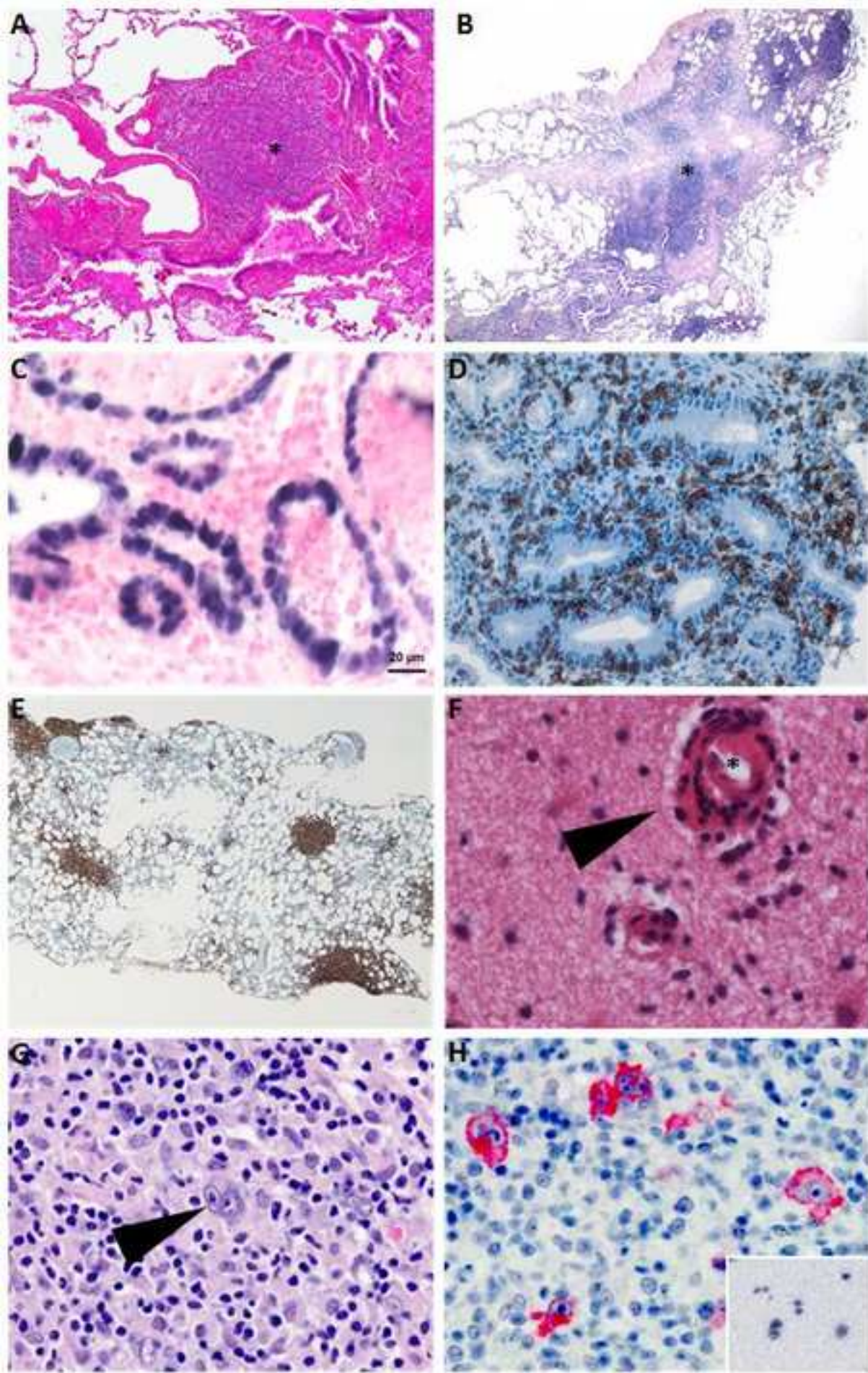












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Methods

We report on 133 individuals, including 90 affected and 43 unaffected mutation carriers (relatives who did not seek medical attention) from diverse ethnic backgrounds (Table 1). Twenty-six out of the 43 unaffected carriers were classified as completely unaffected as they were reported to be completely free of CTLA-4 associated symptoms. One-hundred-twenty-five individuals were genetically proven heterozygous *CTLA4* mutation carriers; eight were relatives who had that deceased prior to being genotyped without availability of genomic DNA. They were either diagnosed with CTLA-4 insufficiency following their typical clinical presentation, or they were mandatory mutation carriers following Mendelian inheritance. Fifty-one mutation carriers have previously been published (1-9) and 99 individuals are here described for the first time.

All samples were donated following informed written consent under local ethics board-approved protocols 239/99_BG, 251/13_KW, and 282/11_SE version 140023. Written consent was obtained of all included individuals or their legal guardians. This research was performed following approved protocols of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany.

Samples and clinical information were collected between October 2014 and July 2016. For all individuals, treating physicians completed a detailed questionnaire including genetics, clinical history, laboratory values, treatment, and outcome. Immunoglobulin levels under replacement therapy and B cell values after rituximab treatment were excluded. For some affected mutation carriers, treating physician could not provide us with the exact immunoglobulin serum levels but only with the information whether IgG, IgM and IgA were reduced. We included available serum levels in Figure S2 whereas Figure 4 includes all affected mutation carriers with hypogammaglobulinemia.

Mutation carriers were classified as affected mutation carrier if they showed clinically apparent symptoms related to CTLA-4 deficiency requiring medical care or treatment. Lymphocyte phenotyping, CTLA-4 staining, and transendocytosis assay were performed in selected individuals as previously described.(4, 10) Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism version 6, and *p* values were calculated by two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test for the means with a 95% confidence interval, and Fisher's exact test for probing the gender bias, assuming the null hypothesis that male and female mutation carriers are equally affected. CVID was diagnosed on the basis of the revised European society of immune deficiencies (ESID) registry. (11)

Case vignettes

Case vignette – Respiratory involvement

PP.II.1 presented aged 17 with cough and dyspnea and was treated with multiple antibiotics. X-ray revealed confluent opacities and lung biopsy showed a mixed cellular and follicular bronchiolitis (Figure 6 Panel A) and EBV+ lymphocytic T cell infiltrations, consistent with bronchiolitis obliterans organized pneumonia (BOOP). He was therefore treated with prednisone; whenever trying to wean him off prednisone other symptoms (e.g. arthritis, uveitis) appeared and he became steroid dependent. He had multiple pneumonias, including one episode of necrotizing pneumonia with cavitation at age 38 (see Figure 5 Panel B).

Case vignette – Gastrointestinal involvement

HH.II.1 first presented at age two with diarrhea. Throughout the next years she developed malabsorption and nutritional deficiencies necessitating total parenteral nutrition (TPN) for prolonged periods of time. Biopsies revealed villous blunting in the small bowel, apoptotic bodies in the colonic mucosa, and CD3+CD8+ infiltrations in the small and large bowel. In her twenties, enteropathy worsened with eight stools per day requiring potassium and magnesium replacement in addition to TPN. Treatment including steroids, calcineurin inhibitors, mycophenolate, methotrexate, TNF-alpha inhibitors, rituximab, and ustekinumab had no lasting effect. Following genetic diagnosis at age 29, abatacept was started. On abatacept she is doing well, stool frequency decreased from eight to four stools per day, she reported to have the first formed stools since early childhood, and is off TPN and intravenous electrolyte replacement.

Case vignette – Cytopenia

GG.II.1 presented aged nine with petechial bleeding and platelets 2/nl. ITP was diagnosed and treated with high-dose steroids. Within the next two years she had relapsing episodes of ITP and AIHA. Treatment with steroids and immunoglobulins was only intermittently effective. At the age of eleven years, the platelet count was 10/nl and she developed cerebral bleeding leading to seizures and transient hemiparesis. Over the next years, treatment including plasmapheresis, rituximab, methotrexate, cyclosporin, sirolimus and abatacept had no long-lasting effect. Aged 15, she developed autoimmune neutropenia. Following a severe autoimmune hemolytic episode at age 18 (Hb 21g/l) and cerebral vasculitis resulting in paraparesis, she had a splenectomy and ultimately underwent successful alloHSCT at age 20.

Case vignette – Neurological involvement

KK.II.1 presented aged 30 with headache and Bell's palsy. MRI imaging revealed multiple supra- and infratentorial lesions of unknown etiology (Figure 5 Panel F) and steroid treatment was started after excluding borreliosis in the cerebrospinal fluid. Clinical response was incomplete and ten days prior to biopsy, steroid treatment was discontinued leading to a worsening of the CNS lesions and development of lower extremity paraparesis. The biopsy revealed non-malignant perivascular infiltration of lymphocytes (Figure 6 Panel F), immunohistochemically CD3+CD8+ T cells. Following the brain biopsy, steroid treatment was restarted and led to partial improvement of the paraparesis. Two weeks later, magnetic resonance imaging revealed spinal cord inflammation (Figure 5 Panel G) and she developed palsy of the musculus sphincter ani. Currently, aged 36, she is on 8 mg of methylprednisolone per day. Repeat MRI shows partial regression of the lesions, and she can walk without support, while fecal incontinence remains.

Case vignette – Treatment

B.II.4 had CVID, wasting diarrhea and developed EBV-associated gastric cancer aged 41, which was resected. Abatacept was started, and after three months stool frequency normalized and she regained 18 kg of weight. Immunological findings included a decrease in the MFI of activation markers CD4+HLA-DR+ and CD8+HLA-DR+ and CD21low B cells while total B cells normalized (Figure S1). After one year, abatacept was discontinued due to elevated EBV copies up to 12,000 copies/ml, and switched to Rituximab under which EBV was cleared in blood, but stool became loose, stool frequency rose, and *Helicobacter pylori* associated gastritis occurred.

Additional treatment options

Seventy percent of affected mutation carriers received corticosteroids (60/86), including 46 affected mutation carriers requiring long-term treatment and 41 undergoing pulse treatment. Forty-eight affected mutation carriers had at least one course of immunosuppressive steroid-sparing agents for autoimmune or inflammatory conditions. B cells are potent APCs (12), which, once activated, express the co-stimulatory B7-molecules (CD80 and CD86), binding and stimulating CD28 and not being sufficiently counteracted by CTLA-4 in case of *CTLA4* mutations. Anti-CD-20 treatment with rituximab efficiently depletes these potent immune-stimulatory cells and is frequently used in the treatment of refractory cytopenias(13). In our cohort, rituximab (n=25) was used more often than abatacept/belatacept (n=13) and sirolimus (n=13), with thirteen affected mutation carriers responding with good or partial effect. These included improved pancytopenia (D.II.1), resolution of AIHA with concomitant permanent loss of B cells (LL.II.1), and possible contribution to improvement of enteropathy (WW.II.1).

Thirty-five percent of affected mutation carriers (27/78) were under antibiotic prophylaxis. In one affected mutation carrier treatment with vedolizumab (blocking $\alpha_4\beta_7$ integrin(14)) improved colitis, and in the same individual PRCA responded well to cyclosporine A (AAA.II.1).(6)

Chromosome 2 contiguous gene deletion involving *CTLA4*

In two unrelated individuals from Canada (P1) and Australia (P2) a large heterozygous 2q33.2-2q33.3 deletion was detected, implicating the known immune relevant genes *CTLA4*, *ICOS*, and *CD28*. Whereas the mutation in P1 has been proven to have occurred *de novo*, the same deletion was detected in the clinically healthy mother of P2. In both *ICOS* was sequenced to exclude a mutation on the second allele causing *ICOS* deficiency(15). The phenotype of both individuals is characterized by immune dysregulation, similar to our cohort of affected *CTLA4* mutation carriers, even though an influence of the heterozygous loss of other genes located at this locus has to be considered.

The age of onset in these two individuals was five years (P1) and 14 years (P2) respectively, and age at evaluation was 37 years (P1) and 20 years (P2). Clinical features common for both individuals included hypogammaglobulinemia, lymphoproliferation, recurrent respiratory tract infections, GLILD, and a diagnosis of CVID made at the age of 12 years (P1) and 14 years (P2). However, primary clinical complications were autoimmune enteropathy in P1 and AIHA in P2.

P1 first presented with arthritis at the age of five years. She developed diarrhea at the age of 9, respiratory tract infections at the age of 12, and was further diagnosed with growth retardation. She had recurrent *Varicella zoster*- and *Herpes simplex virus*, and esophageal *Candida* infections. Her immunoglobulin levels revealed low IgG (1.73 g/l) and low IgA (0.11 g/l) at the age of 25 years. At 32 years she had recurrent fevers and at 36 years she presented with seizures. Infiltrations into the brain were described at that time but were not further investigated. Lymphocytic infiltrations into gastrointestinal tract, lung, and kidney were confirmed by biopsy. This individual received rituximab for one year without clinical improvement and was further treated with abatacept, corticosteroids, immunoglobulin substitution, and prophylactic antibiotics. At age 37, anticoagulation

was stopped following a traumatic leg hematoma. A few months later she developed acute severe dyspnea, chest pain, hypoxemia, and suddenly died. Autopsy was not performed.

P2 had recurrent respiratory tract infections, developed AIHA at the age of 14 years, splenomegaly at the age of 16, and GLILD at the age of 17: biopsy revealed B and T cell infiltrations. At that time, he had low IgG (1.43 g/l), low IgM (0.24 g/l), and low IgA (<0.05 g/l), after being treated with one course of rituximab at age 14 for his AIHA. At age 19, blurred vision of the right eye and bilateral optic disc swelling led to magnetic resonance imaging and revealed a swollen right ocular medial rectus muscle, responding to methylprednisolone/sirolimus treatment.

Possible influences of disease manifestation

As the penetrance of CTLA-4 insufficiency is incomplete, we searched for modifying factors predicting overt disease.

We saw an association between male gender and the occurrence of clinical symptoms, as 76% (51/67) of male, but only 59% (39/66) of female mutation carriers were classified as affected. This difference was highly significant ($p=0.04$). However, there was no gender preponderance within the 15 deceased individuals.

We hypothesized that a second germline or somatic hit or a reversion of the mutation, the exposure to a specific viral infection, or the HLA locus may influence the clinical penetrance, but no correlation was found.

Second, we hypothesized that affected individuals manifested following a second somatic genetic hit in *CTLA4* or that unaffected mutation carriers stayed healthy due to a somatic reversion of the heterozygous *CTLA4* germline mutation. To this end we sequenced isolated DNA from CD4+ T cells from five affected and eight unaffected mutation carriers, by next generation sequencing (Illumina MiSeq) to detect small clones of cells with potential biallelic mutations, but always only identified the one predicted germline mutation in *CTLA4*. Likewise, no somatic reversion was detected.

We studied whether the affected individuals had been exposed to a different set of viral infections than the currently healthy individuals. This analysis was complicated by the fact that some affected individuals either were hypogammaglobulinemic or on immunoglobulin replacement therapy, affecting their serological response. However, we found that four tested unaffected individuals were EBV-positive, while four of seven tested affected individuals were EBV-negative. Regarding CMV, two out of four tested unaffected mutation carriers were CMV-positive, and two were negative. Out of six tested affected mutation carrier, only two have had a CMV infection. One affected mutation carrier (B.II.3) was tested for CMV both before first symptoms manifested and after first manifestation of CTLA-4 deficiency and results were negative at both times. Concerning parvovirus B19, four tested unaffected mutation carriers, as well as five affected mutation carriers were positive. Due to the variation of the age of onset, even within one family, a viral infection triggering the symptoms is not unlikely, but EBV, CMV, and parvovirus B19 are unlikely to be the underlying cause.

We asked the question whether there is an HLA restriction within the affected or unaffected cohort, as CVID and IgA deficiency have previously shown strong HLA-associations.(16) However, when genotyping two of our largest families (A and B) for HLA-class I (HLA-A, -B, -C) and HLA-class II (HLA-DRB1*, -DQB1*) the individual HLA-types did not segregate with the disease phenotype. This data does not support the hypothesis of HLA as modifier in disease pathogenesis in families A and B.

Last, we analyzed whole exome sequencing data from 13 affected and twelve unaffected mutation carriers to screen for genetic loci within the coding sequences of the human genome. However, we were unable to identify SNPs or Indels occurring exclusively in affected but not in unaffected mutation carriers or *vice versa*.

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Figure legends**Figure S1. CTLA-4 expression and function in heterozygous mutation carriers**

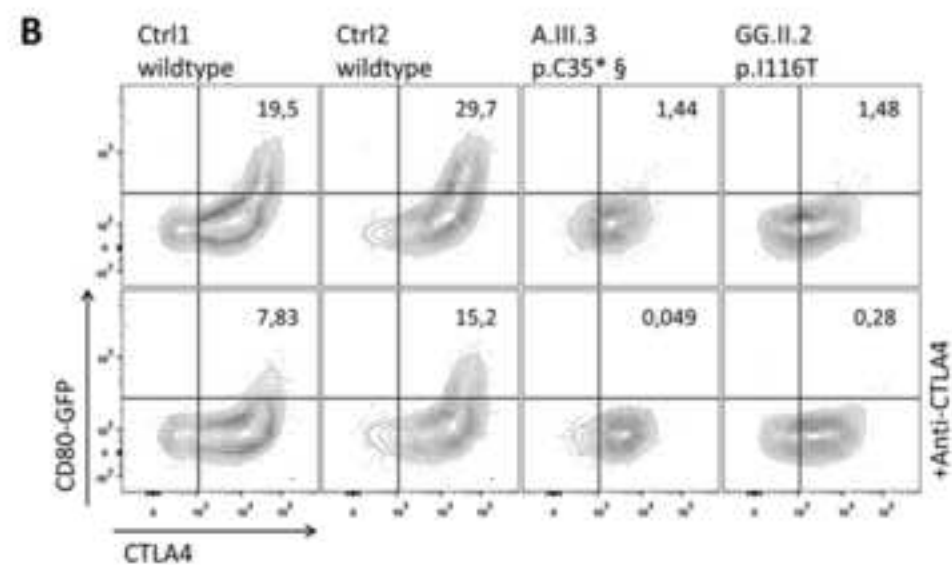
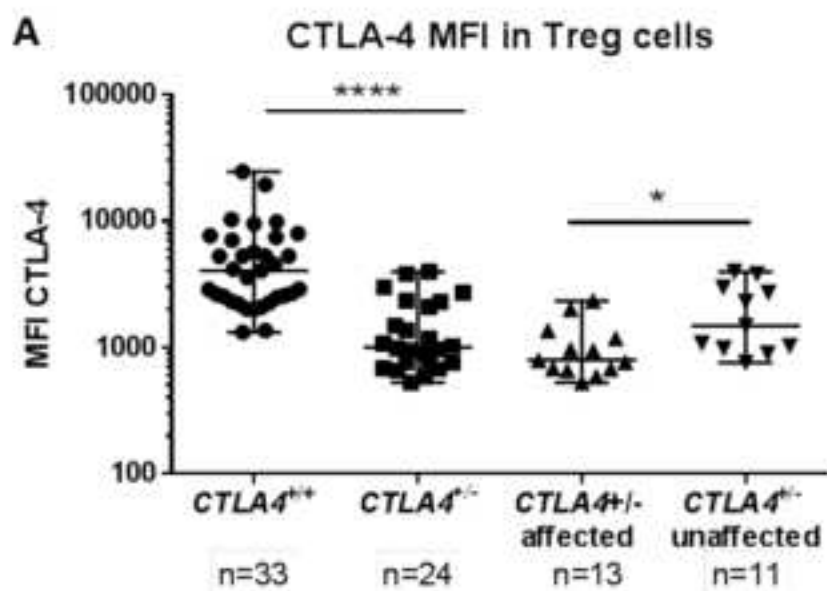
Panel A: Mean fluorescence intensity of total CTLA-4 in CD4+CD45RO+FoxP3+ Tregs is significantly decreased in mutation carriers compared to wildtype controls (**** = $p < 0.0001$), and in affected compared to unaffected mutation carriers (* = $p < 0.05$). Panel B: Impaired CTLA-4-mediated transendocytosis of CD80-GFP was observed in CD4+CD45RO+FoxP3+ Tregs, after co-culture of mutation carriers' CD4+ T cells with CHO cells presenting CD80-GFP. §, This mutation is already published, further information can be found in Table 1.

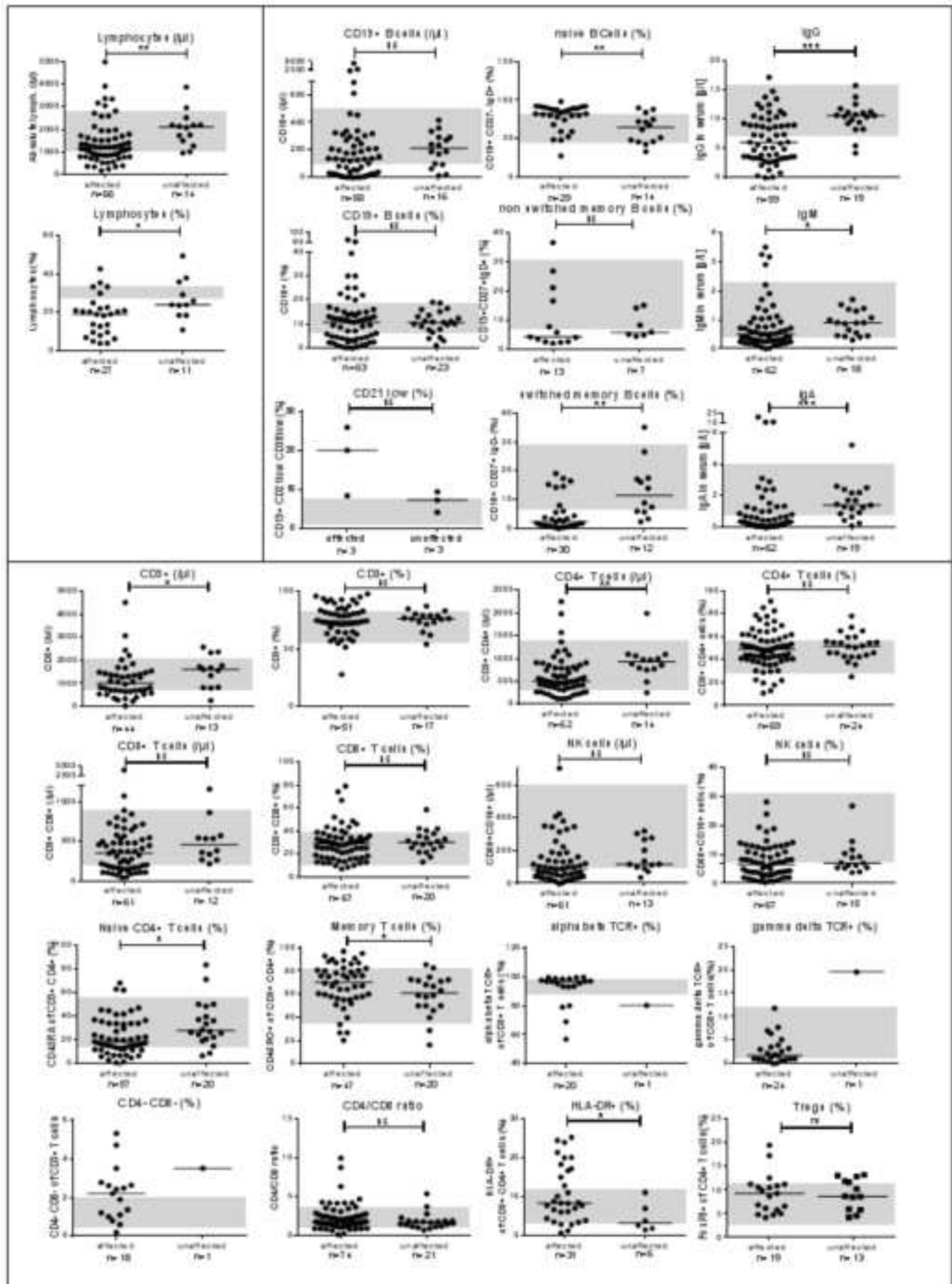
Figure S2. Immunological phenotype of CTLA-4 insufficiency

Percentages and absolute numbers of lymphocytes and various B and T cell subsets in the peripheral blood of affected and unaffected mutation carriers. IgA-, IgM-, and IgG serum levels in the peripheral blood of affected and unaffected mutation carriers [g/l]. For immunoglobulin levels only exact values were included in this figure (further information see methods). B cell values and immunoglobulin levels of affected mutation carriers treated with RTX or IVIG were excluded. Gray background indicates normal range.

Figure S3. Immunological changes during abatacept treatment in affected mutation carriers B.II.4

Panel A: Percentage of CD45RA+ cells within the group of CD4+ T cells during a time span of 400 days post first abatacept infusion. Panel B: Percentage of CD45RO+ cells within the group of CD4+ T cells during a time span of 400 days post first abatacept infusion. Panel C: Percentage of CD4+HLA-DR+ cells within the lymphocytes. Panel D: Mean fluorescence intensity of CD4+HLA-DR+ cells (black) and CD8+HLA-DR+ cells (gray). Day 1, day 142, day 290, and day 330 after starting abatacept treatment.





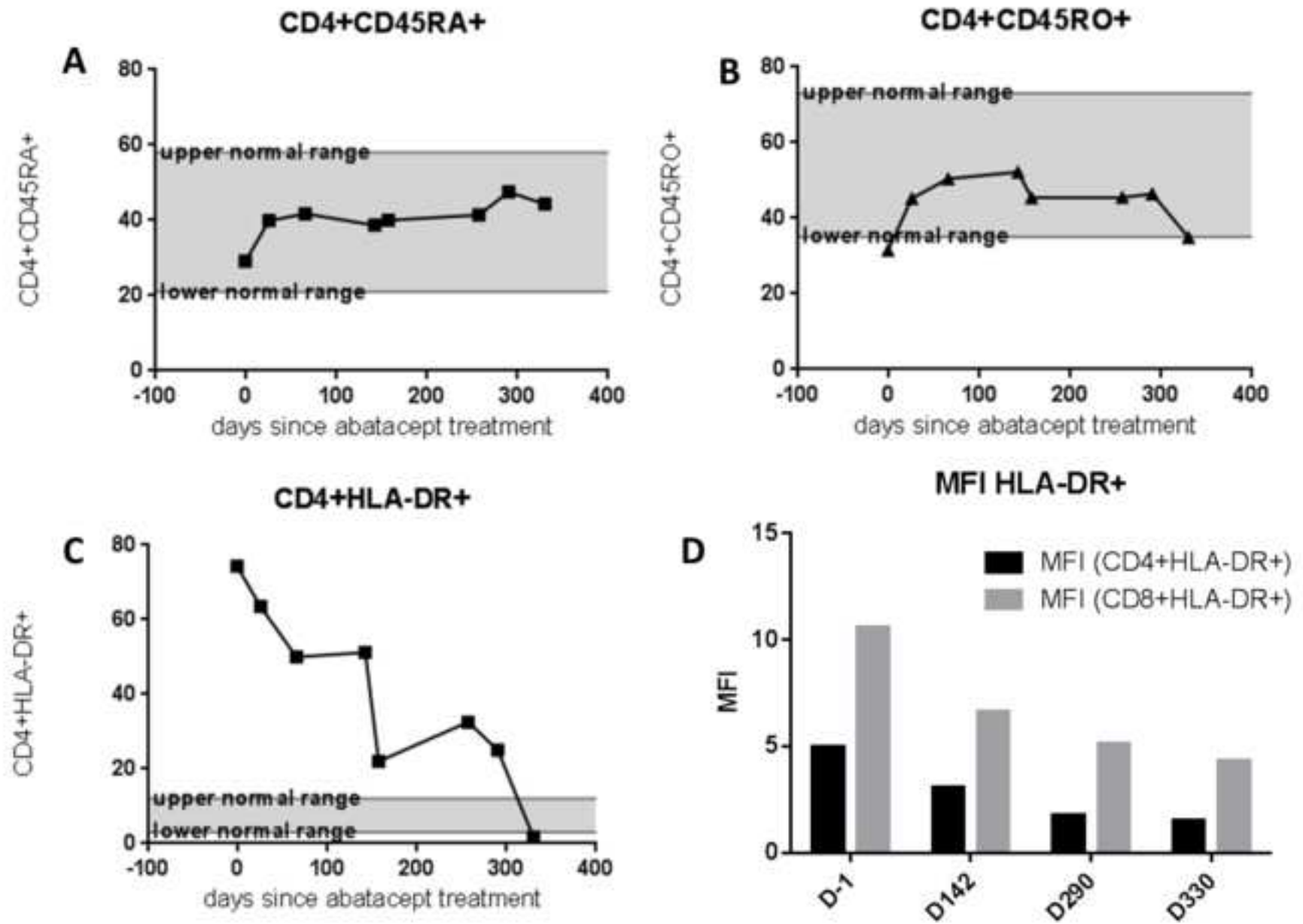


Table S1 . Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

Clinical phenotype and treatment options in CTLA4 mutation carriers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
patient ID	A.I.2	A.II.2	A.III.3	A.II.5	A.II.8	A.II.9	A.II.10	A.III.1	A.III.3
Date of birth	1/13/1928	9/7/1955	11/21/1956	7/2/1959	7/11/1963	1/10/1965	4/14/1966	11/9/1987	6/20/1995
Sex	f	m	f	m	m	f	m	f	m
Age of onset [years]	na	na	na	41	12	17	na	10	15
Age at evaluation [years]	87	60	59	56	34	37	49	28	20
Age of death [years]	na	na	na	na	34	37	na	na	na
Ethnicity	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian
Country of Origin	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany
Consanguinity	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Classification	completely unaffected	completely unaffected	unaffected	affected	affected	affected	unaffected	affected	affected
First manifestations/symptoms									
Respiratory involvement	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Gastrointestinal involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cytopenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neurological involvement	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Fever, night sweats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Growth retardation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arthritis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atopic dermatitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Type 1 diabetes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thyroid disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Details	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Primary Diagnosis									
CVID	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALPS-like phenotype	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IPEX-like phenotype	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lymphoproliferation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory involvement	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Gastrointestinal involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cytopenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Evans syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AIHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neurological involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Malignancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Endocrinological involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psoriatic arthritis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hypogammaglobulinemia	1	uk	0	1	1	1	uk	1	1
Low IgG	0	uk	0	0	1	1	uk	1	0
Low IgM	0	uk	0	1	0	0	uk	1	1
Low IgA	1	uk	0	1	1	1	uk	1	1
Lymphoproliferation	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
Splenomegaly	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Splenectomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatomegaly	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lymphadenopathy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lymphocytic or granulomatous organ infiltration	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	1	uk	1	1
Bone marrow	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	1	uk	0	0
Brain	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	1	0
Lung	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	1	uk	0	1
Spleen	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Kidney	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Liver	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Retroperitoneum	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Gut	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Retrobulbar space	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0	0
Biopsied	uk	uk	uk	na	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
B cell infiltration	uk	uk	uk	na	uk	uk	uk	uk	0
T cell infiltration	uk	uk	uk	na	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
CD4 T cells	uk	uk	uk	na	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
CD8 T cells	uk	uk	uk	na	uk	uk	uk	uk	0
Respiratory tract involvement	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Upper respiratory infections	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Lower respiratory infections	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
GLILD	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Bronchiectasis	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

Table S1 . Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

Others	0	0	0	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk
Other clinical manifestations	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Growth retardation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidney involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liver involvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arthritis	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Others	0	0	0	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk
Specific Antibody responses; Serology/Virology									
Tetanus §	uk	uk	0	0	uk	0	uk	0	1
Diphtheria §	uk	uk	0	0	uk	0	uk	0	1
Pneumococcal vaccination §	uk	uk	uk	1	uk	uk	uk	1	1
Antibodies									
Coombs	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
ANA	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	0
ANCA	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	0
Autoantibodyscreening	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
Antiphospholipid antibodies	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
LISS	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
Anti_GAD antibodies	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
C3d	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
CH50	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
Anti-microsomal antibodies	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk

Table S1. Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

0, not present; 1, present; uk, unknown; na, not applicable; f, female; m, male; Immunoglobulins: #, no values available before IVIG or Rituximab; normal values: IgG, 7-:

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0	0	0	0	uk	uk	0	uk	0	uk	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
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0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
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uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk
uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk

1.6g/l; IgM, 0.4-2.3g/l; IgA, 0.7-4g/l; § Vaccination response: 0, vaccination response (>0.1IU/ml); 1, no vaccination response (<0.1IU/ml); UK, United Kingdom

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0	Asthma	0	0	Pulmonary nodules (asymptomatic)	0	0	0	0	0	
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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1	1	uk	uk	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	uk	uk	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	uk	uk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	uk	uk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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uk	1	uk	uk	0	uk	0	0	0	0	0
uk	0	uk	uk	0	uk	uk	0	0	0	0
0	Pneumocystis jirovecii, Pseudomonas aeruginosa	uk	uk	0	uk	0	0	0	0	0
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Table S1 . Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

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; USA, United States of America; ITP, immune thrombocytopenia; AIHA, autoimmune hemolytic anemia; PRCA, pure red blood cell aplasia; C3d: 0 if ≤ 9 mg/L,

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1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
uk	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	0	0	0	uk	uk
uk	uk	1	1	0	uk	uk	uk	uk	uk	1
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. 1 if > 9 mg/L; CH50: 0 if ≥ 20%, 1 if < 20%.

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Table S1 . Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

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0	0	uk	0	0	0	uk	0	0	0	0

Table S1 . Clinical spectrum of CTLA4 mutation carriers

131	132	133	Chr2_1	Chr2_2	Clinical phenotype and treatment options in CTLA4 mutation carriers	
BBB.II.1	CCC.II.1	DDD.II.1	P1	P2	patient ID	
2/22/1999	06.09.1992	09.02.1971	5/22/1978	4/2/1996	Date of birth	
f	m	f	f	m	Sex	
1	14	38	5	14	Age of onset [years]	
17	24	45	37	20	Age at evaluation [years]	
na	na	na	na	na	Age of death [years]	
Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Ethnicity	
USA	USA	USA	Canada	Australia	Country of Origin	
no	no	no	no	no	Consanguinity	
affected	affected	affected	affected	affected	Classification	
					First manifestations/symptoms	
1	1	1	0	1	Respiratory involvement	
1	0	0	0	0	Gastrointestinal involvement	
1	1	1	0	0	Cytopenia	
0	0	0	0	0	Neurological involvement	
0	0	0	0	0	Fever, night sweats	
1	0	0	0	0	Growth retardation	
0	0	0	1	0	Arthritis	
0	0	0	0	0	Atopic dermatitis	
0	0	0	0	0	Type 1 diabetes	
0	0	0	0	0	Thyroid disease	
0	0	0	0	0	Others	
0	0	0	0	0	Details	
					Primary Diagnosis	
1	1	1	1	1	CVID	
0	0	0	0	0	ALPS-like phenotype	
0	0	0	0	0	IPEX-like phenotype	
1	1	0	0	0	Lymphoproliferation	
1	1	0	0	0	Respiratory involvement	
1	0	0	1	0	Gastrointestinal involvement	
1	1	1	0	1	Cytopenia	
1	1	0	0	0	Evans syndrome	13
1	1	0	0	0	ITP	
1	1	0	0	1	AIHA	
0	0	0	0	0	PRCA	
0	0	0	0	0	Neurological involvement	
0	0	0	0	0	Malignancy	
0	0	0	0	0	Endocrinological involvement	
0	0	0	0	0	Warts	
0	0	0	0	0	Psoriatic arthritis	
0	0	0	0	0	Others	
1	1	1	1	1	Hypogammaglobulinemia	
1	1	1	1	1	Low IgG	
1	0	1	0	1	Low IgM	
1	1	1	1	1	Low IgA	
1	1	0	1	1	Lymphoproliferation	
1	1	0	0	1	Splenomegaly	
0	0	0	uk	0	Splenectomy	
0	0	0	0	0	Hepatomegaly	
1	1	0	0	0	Lymphadenopathy	
1	1	0	1	1	Lymphocytic or granulomatous organ infiltration	
0	0	0	0	0	Bone marrow	
0	1	0	uk	0	Brain	
1	1	0	1	1	Lung	
uk	0	0	0	0	Spleen	
0	1	0	1	0	Kidney	
0	0	0	uk	0	Liver	
0	1	0	0	0	Retroperitoneum	
1	0	0	1	0	Gut	
0	0	0	0	1	Retrobular space	
1	1	0	1	1	Biopsied	
1	1	0	uk	1	B cell infiltration	
1	1	0	uk	1	T cell infiltration	
1	1	0	uk	uk	CD4 T cells	
1	1	0	uk	uk	CD8 T cells	
1	1	1	1	1	Respiratory tract involvement	
1	1	1	1	1	Upper respiratory infections	
1	1	1	1	1	Lower respiratory infections	
1	0	1	uk	0	Pneumonia	
1	1	0	1	1	GLILD	
1	1	0	uk	0	Bronchiectasis	

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0	follicular bronchiolitis	0	0	0	Others
1	0	0	1	0	Clinically reactivated/apparent Infections
0	0	0	0	0	Sepsis
0	0	0	0	0	Herpes Infection
0	0	0	0	0	clinical EBV infection
0	0	0	0	0	clinical CMV infection
0	0	0	0	0	HHV6 viremia
0	0	0	0	0	HHV7 viremia
0	0	0	1	0	Severe varizella zoster infection
0	0	0	1	0	Recurrent herpes simplex infection
0	0	0	0	0	Mycoplasma or TBC
1	1	1	0	0	Bacterial infections
0	1	0	0	0	Staphylococcus aureus
0	0	0	0	0	Hemophilus influenzae
0	0	0	0	0	Escherichia coli
0	0	1	0	0	Salmonella
0	0	0	0	0	Streptococcus pneumoniae
0	0	0	0	0	Helicobacter pylori
0	0	0	0	0	Others
0	1	0	0	0	Viral infections (other than Herpes infection)
0	0	0	1	0	Fungal infection
0	0	0	0	0	Aspergillus
0	0	0	1	0	Candida
0	0	0	0	0	Others
1	0	0	1	0	Gastrointestinal involvement
1	0	0	1	0	Diarrhea/ Enteropathy
0	0	0	0	0	Crohn's disease
0	0	0	0	0	Coeliac disease
0	0	0	0	0	Atrophic gastritis
0	0	0	0	0	Pancreatitis
0	otitis media, sinusitis	0	0	0	Others
1	1	0	0	1	Cytopenia
1	1	0	0	1	Autoimmune cytopenia
1	1	0	0	0	ITP
1	1	0	0	1	AIHA
0	0	0	0	0	Autoimmune neutropenia
0	0	0	0	0	PRCA
0	0	0	0	0	Arterial thrombosis
0	0	0	0	0	Deep vein thrombosis
0	0	0	0	0	Pernicious anemia
0	0	0	0	0	Others
0	1	0	1	0	Neurological involvement
0	0	0	0	0	Malignancy
0	0	0	0	0	Lymphoma
0	0	0	0	0	Gastric cancer/colon cancer
0	0	0	0	0	EBV-associated malignancy
1	1	0	1	0	Dermatological involvement
0	1	0	0	0	Psoriasis
0	0	0	0	0	Atopic dermatitis
0	1	0	0	0	Eczema
0	0	0	0	0	Alopecia
0	0	0	0	0	Vitiligo
0	0	0	0	0	Trachyonychia
1	0	0	0	0	Warts
0	0	0	0	0	Angiofibroma
erythema nodosum	0	0	Porokeratosis, perforating folliculitis, recurrent molluscum contagiosum	0	Others
0	0	0	1	0	Endocrinological involvement
0	0	0	0	0	Thyroiditis/Hypothyroidism
0	0	0	0	0	Autoimmune Thyroiditis/Hypothyroidism
0	0	0	0	0	Type 1 diabetes
0	0	0	1	0	Hypogonadism
0	0	0	0	0	Hypopituitarism
0	0	0	0	0	Hypophysitis

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0	0	0	0	0	Others
1	0	0	1	0	Other clinical manifestations
1	0	0	1	0	Growth retardation
0	0	0	1	0	Kidney involvement
0	0	0	uk	0	Liver involvement
0	0	0	1		Arthritis
0	0	0	Recurrent fevers	0	Others
					Specific Antibody responses; Serology/Virology
0	uk	uk	0	uk	Tetanus §
0	uk	uk	0	uk	Diphtheria §
0	uk	uk	0	uk	Pneumococcal vaccination §
					Antibodies
uk	1	0	uk	uk	Coombs
0	0	0	uk	uk	ANA
0	0	0	uk	uk	ANCA
0	0	0	uk	uk	Autoantibody screening
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	Antiphospholipid antibodies
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	LISS
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	Anti_GAD antibodies
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	C3d
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	CH50
uk	uk	0	uk	uk	Anti-microsomal antibodies

Table S2. HSCT

ID Gender	Age (year) of HSCT	Reason for transplantation	Conditioning regimen	Serotherapy	GvHD prophylaxis	HLA/ Donor source	Chimerism	GvHD/ Complications	Outcome
L.II.1 Female	10 (2005)	life-threatening, multisystem and immune-suppressant drug resistant nature of her gastrointestinal and haematological disease	Flu, Mel	Alem	CsA	BM 9/10 MUD	100%	No GvHD, No complications	Alive and well 10.5 years Complete remission
L.II.2 Male	17 (2015)	serious clinical complications of disease - Hodgkin disease and difficult to control autoinflammatory gut disease, mother died of disease, sister cured of disease by MUD BMT	Treo, Flu, TT	Alem	MMF, CsA	BM 10/10 MUD	100%	Chronic GVHD from first week post BMT treated with methyl-prednisolone and belatacept. Required 3-4 months on TPN. CMV colitis.	12 month follow-up: chronic CMV and gut GvHD, finally improving after 11 months. Currently fully orally fed, on oral budesonide 3mg/d and IV infliximab; 4 stools a day. Not requiring any treatment for CMV.
Q.II.1 Male	15 (2008)	Thrombocytopenia and widespread lymphoid hyperplasia despite Rituximab	Flu, Mel	Alem	CsA, MMF	PBSC 10/10 MUD	100%	Acute GvHD Grade IV of the gut	Died 4 months after HSCT due to a GvHD disease
S.II.1 Male	20 (2008)	Cytopenias, bronchiectasis, enteropathy (TPN dependent); mother had died of GI lymphoma	Flu, Mel	Alem,	CsA, MMF	PBSC 10/10 MUD	100%	Acute Grade II skin; resolved	Died 2.5 years later due to DKA, Before: complete remission
T.II.1 Male	16 (2010)	Arthritis, cytopenias, lymphadenopathy: father had died post autologous HSCT for non-Hodgkin lymphoma.	Treo, Flu	Alem	CsA, MMF	PBSC 10/10 MUD	T 90% B 95% CD15+ 96%	No GvHD CMV re-activation (resolved) 1 episode of AIHA 6 months post HSCT	Alive and well, 6.1 years, Complete remission
Y.II.1 Male	16 (2011)	Therapy-refractory and partially life-threatening autoimmune cytopenias and lympho-proliferative disorder of unknown dignity	Treo, Flu	Alem	CsA, MMF	PBSC 9/10 MUD	100%	No GvHD No complications	Alive and well 5.6 years, complete remission
B.II.3 Male	51 (2015)	Life-threatening HLH, Hodgkin lymphoma	Bu, Flu, TT	ATG	CsA, MMF	PBSC 10/10 MUD	100%	Acute GvHD Grade II of the skin. Treated with Steroids. HSV-mucositis Grade II, resolved	100 day follow-up: alive and well

P.II.2 Male	13 (2015)	Life-threatening autoimmune complications including recurrent, treatment resistant cytopenias and AI-encephalitis	Treo, Flu, TT	ATG	CsA, MTX	BM 10/10 MUD	100%	Acute GvHD Grade II of the skin. Treated with Steroids.	10 months follow-up: alive and well
GG.II.1 Female	20 (2015)	Life-threatening autoimmune cytopenias, hemolysis, vasculitis with paraplegia; therapy resistant, low life quality	Treo, Flu, TT	ATG	CsA, MTX	BM 9/10 MUD	96%	Bacterial sepsis, Adenovirus-, CMV- and EBV-re-activation requiring virus specific T cell transfer, resolved	10 months follow-up: alive and well
LL.II.1 Female	14 (2015)	Uncontrollable CMV infection, immune deficiency, lack of B cells, impossibility of immunosuppressive therapy for lung disease	Treo, Flu, TT	ATG	CsA, MTX	PBSC 9/10 MUD	100%	GvHD Grade IV of the GIT (bleeding, hyperbili-rubinemia), Candida dubli-niensis, CMV, BKV infection, multiple organ failure, cytopenia	Died 4 months after HSCT due to multiple complications (see complications)
W.II.2 Female	14 (2016)	Recurrent infections	Flu, Mel TBI	??	Tacrolimus, PT-Cy	BM 7/8 MMUD	100%	Acute GvHD: skin stage 2, Grade I	Alive and well 7 months after; improvement of diarrhea and alopecia
VV.II.1 Male	14 (2016)	Drug resistant nature of respiratory and gastrointestinal disease	Bu, Flu	Alem	CsA, MMF	BM 10/10 MUD	>97% in all lineages except T cells (60%)	CMV reactivation despite foscarnet (42 mg/kg) and CMV Ig. Treated with increased foscarnet (54 mg/kg). ARDS in the setting of CMV re-activation, successful methyl-prednisolone treatment (2 mg/kg) led to resolution	Primary graft failure, remains lymphopenic and requires steroid treatment (1mg/kg) for pulmonary disease at day >100 post transplantation.

Alem = Alemtuzumab total dose 1.0 mg/kg; Flu = Fludarabine total dose G.II.1, L.II.1, S.II.1, T.II.1, Y.II.1, LL.II.1: 150 mg/m² B.II.3 60 mg/m², P.II.2: 160 mg/m²; Treo = Treosulfan total dose 42g /m²; Mel = Melphalan total dose 140 mg/m²; TT = Thiopeta 5 mg/kg, LL.II.1: 10 mg/kg, P.II.2: 8 mg/kg; Bu = Busulfan totale dosis 6.4 mg/kg; PBSC = peripheral blood stem cells; BM = bone marrow; PBSC= peripheral blood stem cell; MUD= matched unrelated donor; MMUD= mismatched unrelated donor; GvHD=Graft versus host disease; CsA = Cyclosporin; Pred = Prednisolon; MMF= Mycophenolatmofetil; ATG= Antithymocyte globulin P.II.1: 3x15 mg/kg; DKA = diabetic ketoacidosis.

Table S3. Frequency of genetic changes in the <i>CTLA4</i> gene (Ensembl)									
Exon	Variant ID	Chr: bp	Alleles	Global MAF	Highest population MAF (highest MAF in any data base)	Conseq. Type	AA	AA cord	Transcript
Exon 1 (+)	rs767352102	2:203867946	G/T	T=0.00002/2 (ExAC); T=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	A/S	2	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs896306346	2:203867958	T/A	A=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	F/I	6	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs201778935	2:203867964	C/T	T=0.00002/3 (ExAC); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	missense variant	R/W	8	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs138279736	2:203867965	G/A/T	A=0.0006/3 (1000 Genomes); A=0.0002/3 (GO-ESP); A=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	0.02	missense variant	R/Q	8	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs138279736	2:203867965	G/A/T	T=0.00005/6 (ExAC)	0.02	missense variant	R/L	8	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs146541851	2:203867970	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC); G=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP); G=0.0001/3 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	K/E	10	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs755080468	2:203867979	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	13	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs376591332	2:203867984	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	N	14	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs748599835	2:203867988	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	A/T	16	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs772433747	2:203867989	C/A	A=0.00003/4 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	A/D	16	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs231775	2:203867991	A/G/T	G=0.4112/49892	0.48	missense	T/A	17	ENST00000302823.7

				(ExAC); G=0.4273/2140 (1000 Genomes); G=0.3694/4805 (GO-ESP); G=0.3890/11326 (TOPMED)		variant			
Exon 1 (§)	rs231775	2:203867991	A/G/T		0.48	missense variant	T/S	17	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs769368847	2:203868001	G/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	W/L	20	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs886041906	2:203868002	G/A	NA		stop gained	W/*	20	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs1041117695	2:203868004	C/G	NA	< 0.01	missense variant	P/R	21	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs606231418	2:203868017	G/-	NA		frameshift variant	L/X	25	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs16840275	2:203868017	G/C	C=0.0023/275 (ExAC); C=0.0064/32 (1000 Genomes); C=0.0094/122 (GO-ESP); C=0.0106/308 (TOPMED)		synonymous variant	L	25	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs748802696	2:203868019	T/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	F/S	26	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs145950656	2:203868029	C/T	T=0.00002/2 (ExAC); T=0.0002/2 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	29	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs774434261	2:203868033	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	I/V	31	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (+)	rs369567630	2:203868036	C/T	T=0.00004/5 (ExAC); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	missense variant	P/S	32	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (§)	rs767441580	2:203868038	T/C	C=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	32	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (*)	rs606231420	2:203868047	C/A	NA		stop gained	C/*	35	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 1 (*)	rs606231421	2:203868052	G/T	NA		splice donor variant			ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs200180357	2:203870579	A/G/T	G=0.00002/2 (ExAC); G=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes)	< 0.01	splice region variant~intron variant			ENST00000302823.7

Exon 2 (+)	rs200180357	2:203870579	A/G/T		< 0.01	splice region variant~intron variant			ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs767100685	2:203870582	C/G	G=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	splice region variant~intron variant			ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs773279316	2:203870583	T/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	splice region variant~intron variant			ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs760446668	2:203870593	C/T	T=0.00003/3 (ExAC); T=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	H	39	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs767995794	2:203870602	GCCTGCTGTGGTACTG/-	--=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	frameshift variant	QPAVVL/X	42	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs766143912	2:203870612	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	V/I	46	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs146200342	2:203870615	C/T	T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	47	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs776726776	2:203870617	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	47	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (*)	rs606231417	2:203870627	C/T	NA		stop gained	R/*	51	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs759766975	2:203870628	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	R/Q	51	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs765325921	2:203870635	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	I	53	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs373393185	2:203870647	G/A	A=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	V	57	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs752811424	2:203870655	A/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	Y/F	60	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs758465752	2:203870667	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	G/D	64	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs979522213	2:203870674	C/T	NA		synonymous variant	A	66	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs764639840	2:203870677	T/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous	T	67	ENST00000302823.7

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Exon 2 (+)	rs557116456	2:203870681	G/A	A=0.00002/2 (ExAC); A=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes);A=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	V/I	69	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs757566658	2:203870682	T/C	C=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	V/A	69	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (*)	rs606231422	2:203870684	C/T	NA		missense variant	R/W	70	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs781579729	2:203870691	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	T/I	72	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs199943943	2:203870692	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	T	72	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs866679318	2:203870695	G/T	NA		synonymous variant	V	73	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs754725143	2:203870712	G/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	S/I	79	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs778678737	2:203870716	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	Q	80	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs139154557	2:203870722	T/C	C=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	T	82	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs775877536	2:203870729	TG/-	-=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	frameshift variant	C/X	85	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (*)	rs376038796	2:203870733	C/T	T=0.00002/3 (ExAC); T=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP); T=0.0001/3 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	A/V	86	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs771695723	2:203870734	G/A	A=0.00004/5 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	A	86	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs370443546	2:203870744	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC); G=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP); G=0.00003/1	< 0.01	missense variant	M/V	90	ENST00000302823.7

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Exon 2 (+)	rs746900785	2:203870747	A/T	T=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	M/L	91	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs1065442	2:203870748	T/C	NA	< 0.01	missense variant	M/T	91	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs1052219132	2:203870749	G/A	NA	< 0.01	missense variant	M/I	91	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs770666846	2:203870757	A/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	E/V	94	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs896360225	2:203870780	A/G	NA		missense variant	I/V	102	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs776440178	2:203870782	C/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	I/M	102	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs759232662	2:203870787	C/T	T=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	T/M	104	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs770065318	2:203870788	G/A	A=0.00005/6 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	T	104	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs949253264	2:203870791	C/T	NA	< 0.01	synonymous variant	G	105	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs777843969	2:203870793	C/T	NA		missense variant	T/I	106	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (*)	rs144988077	2:203870802	G/A	A=0.0002/29 (ExAC); A=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes); A=0.0002/2 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	missense variant	G/E	109	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs763030646	2:203870808	A/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	Q/L	111	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs764089901	2:203870828	G/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC); C=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	G/R	118	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs752037577	2:203870840	A/G	G=0.00002/3 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	M/V	122	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs757773669	2:203870847	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	T/M	124	ENST00000302823.7

Exon 2 (§)	rs372929906	2:203870848	G/A	A=0.00007/9 (ExAC); A=0.0002/2 (GO-ESP); A=0.0004/11 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	T	124	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs943460449	2:203870854	C/G	G=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	126	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs750841862	2:203870860	C/G	G=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	I/M	128	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs147679342	2:203870866	G/A	A=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	K	130	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs188862082	2:203870887	G/A	A=0.00006/7 (ExAC); A=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	137	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs376126248	2:203870890	A/T	T=0.00002/2 (ExAC); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	138	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs752339954	2:203870897	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	141	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (+)	rs757989570	2:203870903	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	I/V	143	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs777300741	2:203870911	C/T	T=0.00003/4 (ExAC); T=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	N	145	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 2 (§)	rs746944635	2:203870929	A/C	C=0.000009/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	V	151	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs756706504	2:203871387	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	P/L	156	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs200657280	2:203871388	G/A	A=0.00009/11 (ExAC); A=0.0002/2 (GO-ESP); A=0.0003/9 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	156	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs745734610	2:203871393	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	P/L	158	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs778733155	2:203871399	C/G	NA		missense variant	S/C	160	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs1018212735	2:203871406	C/T	NA		synonymous	F	162	ENST00000302823.7

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Exon 3 (§)	rs755931042	2:203871409	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	163	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs779775271	2:203871416	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	I/V	166	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs749059847	2:203871421	T/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	L	167	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs768961499	2:203871432	G/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	S/T	171	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs963824682	2:203871435	C/T	T=0.00007/2 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	missense variant	S/L	172	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs375949600	2:203871436	G/A	A=0.00007/9 (ExAC); A=0.0002/2 (GO-ESP); A=0.0005/16 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	S	172	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs146571801	2:203871466	A/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC); T=0.00008/1 (GO-ESP); T=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	T	182	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs771987351	2:203871467	G/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	A/S	183	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (§)	rs199659316	2:203871469	T/C	NA		synonymous variant	A	183	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs773775010	2:203871473	T/A	A=0.00002/3 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	S/T	185	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs761227535	2:203871477	T/C	C=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	L/S	186	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs766875859	2:203871483	A/G	G=0.00003/4 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	K/R	188	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (+)	rs199912925	2:203871485	A/G	G=0.00003/4 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant~splice region variant	M/V	189	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 3 (*)	rs606231419	2:203871492	G/C	NA		splice region variant~intron			ENST00000302823.7

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Exon 4 (§)	rs1037900731	2:203872713	G/A	A=0.00003/1 (TOPMED)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	K	191	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs745310078	2:203872722	C/A	NA		missense variant	S/R	194	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs767174634	2:203872733	C/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	T/K	198	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs749973402	2:203872737	G/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	G	199	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs1046533169	2:203872738	G/T	NA		missense variant	V/F	200	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs755615887	2:203872739	T/C	C=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	V/A	200	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs74808460	2:203872755	C/G	G=0.00004/5 (ExAC); G=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	205	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs753717111	2:203872761	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)		synonymous variant	T	207	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs754809262	2:203872764	G/A	A=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	E	208	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs778534474	2:203872766	C/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	missense variant	P/R	209	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs527697475	2:203872771	T/C	C=0.0002/1 (1000 Genomes)	< 0.01	missense variant	C/R	211	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs752988825	2:203872776	A/G	G=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	E	212	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs758600786	2:203872786	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	stop gained	Q/*	216	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs778114608	2:203872794	T/C	C=0.00002/2 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	Y	218	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (§)	rs747155841	2:203872803	C/T	T=0.000008/1 (ExAC)	< 0.01	synonymous variant	P	221	ENST00000302823.7
Exon 4 (+)	rs367760388	2:203872804	A/G	NA		missense variant	I/V	222	ENST00000302823.7

Exon 4 (§)	rs370517673	2:203872806	C/T	NA		synonymous variant	I	222	ENST00000302823.7
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