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69 Abstract

70 Background: Deficiency of adenosine deaminase 2 (DADA2) is a syndrome with pleiotropic

71 manifestations including vasculitis and hematologic compromise. A systematic definition of the

relationship between *ADA2* mutations and clinical phenotype remains unavailable.

Objective: We tested whether the impact of *ADA2* mutations on enzyme function correlates with
 clinical presentation.

75 <u>Methods:</u> DADA2 patients with severe hematologic manifestations were compared with

vasculitis-predominant patients. Enzymatic activity was assessed using expression constructs

reflecting all 53 missense, nonsense, insertion and deletion genotypes from 152 patients across

- the DADA2 spectrum.
- 79 <u>Results:</u> We identified DADA2 patients presenting with pure red cell aplasia (PRCA, n = 5) or

80 bone marrow failure syndrome (BMF, n = 10). Most patients did not exhibit features of vasculitis.

81 Recurrent infection, hepatosplenomegaly and gingivitis were common in patients with BMF, of

82 whom half died from infection. Unlike DADA2 patients with vasculitis, patients with PRCA and

83 BMF proved largely refractory to tumor necrosis factor inhibitors. *ADA2* variants associated with

84 vasculitis predominantly reflected missense mutations with at least 3% residual enzymatic

activity. By contrast, PRCA and BMF were associated with missense mutations with minimal

86 residual enzyme activity, nonsense variants, and insertions / deletions resulting in complete loss

87 of function.

88 <u>Conclusion:</u> Functional interrogation of *ADA2* mutations reveals an association of subtotal

89 function loss with vasculitis, typically responsive to TNF blockade, whereas more extensive loss

90 is observed in hematologic disease which may be refractory to treatment. These findings

91 establish a genotype-phenotype spectrum in DADA2.

92	Clinical Implications: Genotype correlates with clinical phenotype and therapeutic response in
93	DADA2

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- 95 **Capsule Summary:** DADA2 is a monogenic disorder with multi-organ system manifestations.
- 96 We present a cohort of DADA2 patients with severe hematologic defects and describe novel
- 97 genotype-phenotype correlations based on functional analysis of 53 *ADA2* mutations.

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- 99 **Keywords:** adenosine deaminase 2, DADA2, vasculitis, pure red cell aplasia, bone marrow
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- 104 **Abbreviations:**
- 105 ADA2: adenosine deaminase 2
- 106 DADA2: Deficiency of ADA2
- 107 BMF: Bone marrow failure
- 108 CADD: Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion
- 109 CVID: combined variable immunodeficiency
- 110 GCSF: granulocyte colony stimulating factor
- 111 HSCT: Hematopoietic stem cell transplant
- 112 PRCA: Pure red cell aplasia
- 113 TNF: Tumor necrosis factor
- 114 TNFi: TNF inhibitor

115 Introduction

Deficiency of adenosine deaminase 2 (DADA2) is a monogenic autoinflammatory 116 117 disease initially characterized as a cause of stroke and systemic vasculitis in young children ^{1, 2}. Since its initial description in 2014, the clinical spectrum of this condition has expanded 118 considerably, and variable hematologic and immunologic abnormalities have been described in 119 about half of DADA2 patients ^{3, 4}. Primary presentations of the disease include pure red cell 120 121 aplasia (PRCA) that mimics Diamond-Blackfan anemia and bone marrow failure (BMF) with variable cytopenia, even without vasculitis or systemic inflammation ⁵⁻⁷. The severity of these 122 manifestations can result in transfusion dependency in patients with PRCA or a need for 123 hematopoietic stem transplant (HSCT) in those with BMF⁸⁻¹¹. Some patients present with 124 humoral immunodeficiency and recurrent infection, further complicating our understanding of 125 DADA2^{12, 13}. How mutations in the same gene can present with different phenotypes is poorly 126 127 understood.

ADA2 is an extracellular enzyme primarily secreted by monocytes and macrophages ^{14,} ¹⁵. While ADA2 is capable of catalyzing the deaminase reaction that converts adenosine to inosine, its physiologic function is not known. Biallelic mutations in the encoding gene *ADA2* (formerly known as *CECR1*) and very low levels of ADA2 enzymatic activity in the peripheral blood are diagnostic of DADA2². Missense variants are most common but nonsense mutations, insertions / deletions (indels) and splice site mutations have been described ⁴.

A systematic analysis comparing *ADA2* mutations associated with different clinical phenotypes is lacking. Previous studies have not been able to establish convincing genotypephenotype correlations, in part due to a limited number of cases and preferential recruitment of patients with a specific phenotype based on the subspecialty of the investigators. Establishing genotype-phenotype correlations has important diagnostic and therapeutic implications. Whereas tumor necrosis factor inhibitors (TNFi) prevent strokes and improve manifestations of

vasculitis in DADA2 ¹⁶, their efficacy for PRCA and BMF is less clear. HSCT may be considered
 earlier for patients with severe hematologic presentations ⁹.

Here we report 15 new cases of DADA2 with PRCA or BMF as primary presentation. Based on the genetic findings we observed in these patients, we systematically studied *ADA2* mutations from 152 published cases encompassing the different phenotypes by in silico analysis and functional assay. Our results provide strong evidence for genotype-phenotype correlations in DADA2 with potentially direct clinical relevance.

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148 Methods

Patients: These studies were approved by the Institutional Review Boards at Boston Children's
Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. We performed retrospective chart review of 15
patients with DADA2 from 12 families. The patients were enrolled through a world-wide
collaboration with approval by the local ethics committees. Research diagnostic testing was
performed with written informed consent from the parent or guardian and assent when
appropriate. Clinical and laboratory data for the cohort are described in Tables E1-E3 in Online
Repository).

<u>Literature search:</u> Please see Supplemental methods in Online Repository for details of
 literature review and criteria for case selection. Cases selected from each publication and their
 phenotype are detailed in Table E4 in Online Repository. A complete list of mutations from the
 selected cases are displayed in Table E5 in Online Repository.

Analysis of *ADA2* mutations: Construction of pcDNA3.1 plasmid for expression of wild-type
 ADA2 was as described ¹⁷. Site-directed mutagenesis was performed using the NEB Q5
 mutagenesis kit (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA). The list of mutations and primer pairs
 used to generate mutant constructs are available in Tables E6 in Online Repository. Mutant

constructs were purified using Purelink Quick Plasmid Miniprep kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
Waltham, MA) and verified by sequencing. Plasmids were transfected into 293T cells using
Fugene 6 (Promega, Madison, WI). Medium was collected after 72 hours and ADA2 activity was
quantified using an established spectrophotometric assay that couples the release of ammonia
from adenosine with the consumption of NADH ^{2, 17}. Each mutant was analyzed by three
independent experiments and measurements were normalized to the activity of wildtype ADA2
from the same run.

Statistical analysis: The Kruskal-Wallis test was used for comparison of ADA2 activity between
multiple mutation types and disease phenotypes. Chi-square was used for comparison of
mutation types between clinical phenotypes. All tests were two-sided, and P < 0.05 was
considered significant. Statistical analyses were performed using Prism 5.0 software (GraphPad
Software, La Jolla, CA).

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177 Results

178 A series of DADA2 patients with primary hematologic defects

We present an international cohort of 15 DADA2 patients from 12 families with PRCA (n 179 = 5) or BMF (n = 10) as their primary presentation. Summarized data for the cohort are 180 181 displayed in Table 1. Clinical manifestations and laboratory data for each patient are provided 182 in Tables E1 and E2 in Online Repository, respectively. The age of onset for PRCA was very early (median 0.3 years, range 0.1 - 12 years); only 1 patient presented after 6 months of age 183 (Table 1). The age of onset was more variable for the BMF group (median 2.2 years, range 0.1 184 – 13 years). Patients with PRCA displayed normocytic or microcytic anemia with very low 185 186 reticulocyte count, consistent with defective erythrocyte production. Most patients with BMF had 187 severe neutropenia and mild anemia, while 2 patients had pancytopenia. Consistent with

188	previous studies, low immunoglobulin levels (IgG, IgM and/or IgA) were common in patients with
189	DADA2 (Table 1). Cases of severe infection have been described in DADA2-associated BMF ^{8,}
190	^{18, 19} . Indeed, recurrent infection was more common in the BMF group (80% vs 20% in PRCA
191	group). These patients experienced a variety of infections, and 5/10 patients ultimately
192	succumbed to sepsis (Table E1 in Online Repository). It is noteworthy that two patients (K-1 and
193	L-1) each had one sibling that died from severe infection before the discovery of DADA2,
194	suggesting that mortality for this phenotype is even higher than estimated here.
195	Unlike patients from previous large series focused on DADA2 as a monogenic vasculitis
196	^{1, 2, 20-22} , most DADA2 patients in this PRCA / BMF cohort (12/15, 80%) had no history of
197	vasculitis. Two patients with BMF had cutaneous vasculitis and one patient with PRCA
198	developed sudden-onset squinting and transient hemiparesis with MRI findings compatible with
199	a small ischemic stroke. In the BMF group, almost all patients exhibited hepatosplenomegaly
200	and half experienced severe gingivitis, a feature associated with neutropenia ²³ that has not
201	previously been reported in DADA2 (Table E1 in Online Repository). Treatment regimens for
202	these patients include disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs), biologics,
203	intravenous immunoglobulin, granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and HSCT. Unlike
204	the success of TNFi therapy for prevention of stroke and treatment of vasculitis ¹⁶ , most cases in
205	this cohort did not respond to TNFi (Table E1 in Online Repository). In 10 patients that received
206	TNFi, only one (patient C-1 with PRCA and stroke) showed sustained improvement of
207	hematologic features. Three patients showed improvement of vasculitis and/or systemic
208	inflammation but their cytopenia did not improve. One patient with BMF developed
209	Pseudomonas aeruginosa sepsis soon after initiation of TNFi.

Patients in this cohort did not exhibit clinical features of autoimmunity. All patients with
 PRCA showed negative direct Coomb's test. Four patients in the BMF group were found to have

212 autoantibodies: 2 with low-titer anti-nuclear antibodies, 1 with anti-neutrophil antibodies, and 1 with non-specific anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (Table E3 in Online Repository). 213 214 Biallelic mutations in ADA2 were confirmed in all patients (Table E1 in Online Repository). Nine unique ADA2 mutations were found in this cohort, and two (F212del and 215 216 K449Nfs*2) were novel variants (Table 2). To confirm the pathogenicity of these mutations, we expressed these variants in 293T cells and measured ADA2 activity using an established 217 spectrophotometric assay ^{2, 24}. All mutations from our patient cohort displayed minimal residual 218 ADA2 activity (<2% of wildtype; Table 2). Interestingly, among the 7 previously-described 219 mutations, 6 had been described in patients with severe hematologic manifestations without 220 vasculitis ^{6, 8, 10, 13, 18, 25, 26}. Moreover, whereas most vasculitis-associated ADA2 mutations in 221 prior studies were missense variants⁴, 6 patients in this cohort had homozygous indel mutations 222 resulting in frameshift and early truncation. All siblings in one family (A-1, A-2 and A-3) exhibited 223 PRCA while another pair of siblings had severe neutropenia (J1 and J2). These observations 224 together raised the possibility of genotype differences among the clinical phenotypes in DADA2. 225

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227 Genotype comparison of vasculitis and hematologic phenotypes in DADA2

To investigate possible genotype-phenotype correlations, we performed a literature 228 229 review of published DADA2 cases with vasculitis, PRCA or BMF as the primary presentation. A list of included studies and details of case selection are provided in Methods and Table E4 in 230 231 Online Repository. We reviewed 186 cases, of which 152 were selected for further investigation (Figure 1A). Details of case selection and exclusion are provided in Supplemental Method in 232 Online Repository. Cases that appeared in multiple publications were analyzed only once and 233 those with other phenotypes or incomplete data on ADA2 mutations were excluded (Table E4 in 234 235 Online Repository). Because vasculitis is the most common presentation of DADA2, the

vasculitis group (n = 100) was pooled from 11 major case series from around the world to
minimize bias and regional differences. Including the 5 cases in our cohort, we identified 38
cases of DADA2 with PRCA as the primary manifestation. The BMF group consisted of 29
cases including the 10 patients from our cohort. Two patients with PRCA and 5 in the BMF
group were described to have features of vasculitis.

One notable demographic difference between groups was age at presentation. In line with the observation in our cohort, DADA2 patients with PRCA presented very early in childhood [median age 0.5 years; interquartile range (IQR) 0.2 - 2.6] while those with vasculitis and BMF generally presented later (vasculitis: median 5.0 years, IQR 1.0 - 10.0 vs. BMF: median 5.0 years, IQR 2.0 - 14.0), including many cases diagnosed in adulthood (Kruskal-Wallis test, p < 0.001; Figure E1 in Online Repository).

247 Among the three groups (167 combined patients), 61 unique ADA2 mutations were 248 found (Figure 1B). Surprisingly, only two of these mutations were shared by all three groups: H112Q and R169Q. The greatest overlap was found between PRCA and BMF groups, with 7 249 250 shared mutations not reported in the vasculitis group. Two mutations were shared by the vasculitis and PRCA groups, while another two were shared by the vasculitis and BMF groups. 251 252 Plotting ADA2 mutations according to exon location, mutations associated with all three groups were scattered throughout the gene, without preferential concentration in specific domains 253 (Figure 1C). 254

255 When the types of mutation were characterized (counting each allele individually), most 256 mutations associated with vasculitis were missense variants (Figure 1D). Less than 10% of the 257 mutant alleles in the vasculitis group belonged to other categories. In contrast, missense 258 mutations accounted only for 53% of the variants in the PRCA group and 72% in the BMF 259 group, respectively (Chi-square, p < 0.0001). Indels comprised the majority of remaining 260 mutations for both groups (38% for PRCA and 16% for BMF; Figure 1D). When cases with

compound heterozygous mutations were excluded, all 63 patients in the vasculitis group had
homozygous missense mutations while more variable mutation types were found in the PRCA
and BMF groups (Chi-square, p < 0.0001).

Using histograms to assess the most common *ADA2* variants in each group, only a few overlapping mutations were found between the groups. R169Q was found in multiple patients in all three groups, while the most common mutation associated with vasculitis, G47R, was not seen in the other groups (Figure 2B). In contrast, G358R was seen in patients with PRCA and BMF, but not in those with vasculitis. R169Q and G358R were the only variants in the BMF group found in more than 2 cases.

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271 Functional analysis of ADA2 mutations

The abundance of indels in the PRCA group suggests that the more detrimental 272 273 mutations may be associated with this phenotype. However, missense mutations still accounted 274 for more than 50% of variants. To understand whether functional differences exist among 275 mutations groups, we created expression plasmids for each ADA2 mutant and transfected them into 293T cells. ADA2 enzymatic activity in the supernatant served as a functional readout for 276 each mutation. Constructs for all 53 missense, nonsense, and indel variants from our patient 277 278 cohort and published cases (Table E5 in Online Repository) were analyzed using this method. 279 Splicing defects were not evaluated as the sequences for aberrantly-spliced complementary DNA are not available. 280

281 Our functional analysis confirmed that all mutations caused a reduction in ADA2 activity 282 (Figure 3A). Not surprisingly, early translational termination caused by nonsense mutations and 283 indels with frameshift completely abrogated ADA2 function. Missense variants, on the other 284 hand, showed a wide spectrum of impact ranging from partial to complete loss of enzyme

activity. Stratification by patient phenotype showed significantly greater residual ADA2 activity for mutations associated with vasculitis compared those associated with PRCA or BMF (Kruskal-Wallis test, p = 0.0002; Figure 3B). Examination of different cut-off levels revealed that a residual activity of ≥3% effectively segregated half of mutations associated with vasculitis from the other two groups (Chi-square, p < 0.0001; Figure 3C,D). All mutations associated with PRCA or BMF displayed residual activity under this threshold aside for Y353H, which demonstrated 4% residual activity.

292 To ensure that the statistics were not skewed by the greater number of nonsense and indel variants in the PRCA and BMF groups, we repeated the analysis including only missense 293 mutations. A similar pattern was observed, as missense ADA2 mutations associated with 294 vasculitis displayed significantly more residual enzymatic activity than those associated with the 295 hematologic phenotypes (Kruskal-Wallis p < 0.0001; Figure E2A in Online Repository). We 296 applied several in silico prediction algorithms to assess the pathogenicity of missense mutations 297 associated with the three phenotypes. Consistent with our experimental data, analysis by SIFT 298 299 ²⁷ predicted that mutations associated with vasculitis would impair gene function significantly less than those associated with PRCA or BMF (Figure E2B in Online Repository). Such 300 301 difference was not predicted by other algorithms (Polyphen2, MutationTaster and CADD; Figure E2C-F in Online Repository). Taken together, these findings suggest that the more deleterious 302 ADA2 mutations are associated with severe hematologic phenotypes. 303

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305 Establishing genotype-phenotype correlations in DADA2

Analysis of individual mutations cannot account for patients with compound
 heterozygous mutations. To evaluate whether the functional studies can be utilized to predict
 phenotype using actual mutation configurations from patients, we clustered *ADA2* mutations into

309 three categories using the 3% residual activity cut-off: type A, hypomorphic missense variants with \geq 3% residual enzymatic activity compared to wildtype ADA2; type B, missense mutations 310 with minimal (<3%) residual activity, and type C, indels and nonsense mutations with complete 311 absence of enzyme activity. Based on the biallelic mutations identified, each patient was 312 313 assigned to one of 6 groups (AA, AB, AC, BB, BC, CC) that reflected the predicted functional category of both mutations. For example, a patient with two type A mutations was assigned to 314 group AA, while another patient with compound heterozygous type B and type C mutations was 315 assigned to group BC. This method stratifies biallelic mutations for each patient into groups with 316 317 a gradient of predicted residual ADA2 activity, where groups AA and CC have the highest and the lowest predicted activity, respectively. Patients with splice-site mutations (n = 7) were 318 319 excluded from this analysis due to the lack of functional data to evaluate these variants.

320 For each phenotype, the percentage of patients assigned to each mutation group was plotted. Almost all DADA2 patients with vasculitis had at least one mutation with \geq 3% residual 321 322 ADA2 function and therefore were distributed to the AA, AB and AC groups (Figure 4). Most of 323 the remaining patients, the majority of whom were homozygous for R169Q, were assigned to 324 the BB group. By contrast, the majority of PRCA and BMF cases were found in the BB, BC, and CC groups, which have lower predicted residual ADA2 function (Chi-square, p < 0.0001). To 325 326 reflect the actual number of cases in each category, all three groups were plotted together in Figure E3 in Online Repository. Accordingly, the prevalence of BMF and PRCA cases was 327 328 greater in the genotype categories predicted to have lower residual ADA2 activity. These 329 findings support the existence of genotype-phenotype correlations in DADA2, where missense mutations with greater residual enzymatic function favor the development of vasculitis while 330 331 more detrimental missense mutations, indels and early-termination mutations causing more extensive disruption of protein function are associated with hematologic manifestations. 332

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334 Discussion

DADA2 was first described as a form of monogenic vasculitis that mimics polyarteritis 335 336 nodosa. Case reports and small case series have subsequently established severe hematologic 337 defects as an alternate presentation of DADA2. The 15 new cases with PRCA / BMF described in this study represent the largest series to date for the severe hematologic phenotype of 338 339 DADA2. We found that patients with PRCA tend to present very early in life and that those with BMF exhibit a high rate of mortality from recurrent infections. Extending the functional analysis 340 341 of ADA2 mutations to include the more than 150 published cases in the literature, our work provides new evidence for genotype-phenotype correlations in DADA2. Mutations that are most 342 detrimental to protein function, as measured by residual ADA2 activity, are enriched in patients 343 with severe hematologic involvement. 344

345 Genotype-phenotype correlations in DADA2 have been difficult to establish due to 346 incomplete penetrance and variable clinical manifestations in family members with identical mutations²¹. Further, large case series have primarily characterized patients with vasculitis. A 347 348 recent study comparing 12 patients with vasculitis and 10 with PRCA concluded that mutations in the dimerization domain of ADA2 were associated with vasculitis while those in the catalytic 349 domain aligned with PRCA¹¹. However, almost all patients with vasculitis shared the G47R 350 missense mutation. Our analysis of a broader range of variants showed that mutations 351 associated with each phenotype were distributed throughout the gene without preferential 352 location to specific domains. 353

The physiologic function of ADA2 is not fully elucidated and therefore it remains unclear whether the same mechanism underlies the development of vasculitis and hematologic defects. Based on our stratification of *ADA2* mutations, it is possible that only a small amount of ADA2 is required to maintain normal hematopoiesis, since patients with the most detrimental mutations are most prone to developing PRCA and BMF. It remains unexplained why identical mutations

result in PRCA in some patients and BMF in others. Whether ADA2 is produced by specific hematopoietic progenitor cells or acts differentially on these cells as a soluble factor warrants further investigation. Additional modifier genes and extrinsic factors in the bone marrow environment may also contribute to variable phenotype.

363 How ADA2 mutations with residual enzymatic function cause vasculitis remains to be 364 determined. Carmona-Rivera et al. recently found that in the absence of ADA2, adenosine can trigger the formation of neutrophil extracellular traps (NET), which stimulates macrophages to 365 produce TNF- α^{28} . While this mechanism may explain the basis of vasculitis and the 366 effectiveness of TNFi therapy, it does not account for the observation that patients with the most 367 detrimental mutations (e.g. nonsense and indels with frameshift) often do not present with 368 vasculitis. It remains to be seen whether the same mechanism applies to the hematologic 369 phenotype of DADA2, which seems less responsive to TNFi. Of the 10 patients that received 370 371 TNFi in this case series, only one patient showed sustained improvement of PRCA after 372 initiation of etanercept and corticosteroids. Three other patients showed improved fever and/or systemic inflammation without amelioration of baseline cytopenia. Recurrent infections are 373 common in patients with BMF, and the addition of TNFi may further compromise immune 374 defense. Additional studies are needed to address whether TNFi should be used routinely for all 375 DADA2 patients. 376

Critically, the amount of ADA2 generated by our overexpression system is 20-fold higher than the average plasma ADA2 activity (>250 U/L for supernatant from 293T cells, compared to 12 U/L for healthy adult control plasma) ¹⁵. This overexpression increases the dynamic range of our measurements, enabling us to demonstrate that *ADA2* mutations associated with vasculitis provide greater residual function than mutations associated with PRCA and BMF. In clinical practice, measurement of plasma ADA2 is limited by the inability of current techniques to resolve small differences in residual activity, which in most DADA2 patients therefore appears

uniformly very low. We do not expect that the difference between levels of residual ADA2
function confirmed here in vitro will be observable in clinical samples, as would be required to
extrapolate an expected clinical course from measured plasma ADA2 activity.

387 Although we here stratified each case into a phenotypic category based on primary 388 manifestations, DADA2 phenotypes likely represent continua rather than distinct categories. 389 DADA2 patients with vasculitis can develop anemia and leukopenia as part of their clinical course. Similarly, patients with severe hematologic defects remain susceptible to vasculitis. This 390 391 potential overlap in phenotypic spectra is best illustrated by the R169Q missense variant, one of the most common pathogenic mutations in DADA2. The R169Q substitution renders minimal 392 residual ADA2 activity (category B, <3%) and is found in all phenotypic categories in our 393 analysis. Supporting this view, a wide spectrum of manifestation including stroke, red cell 394 aplasia and profound cytopenias were reported in a cohort of patients with homozygous R169Q 395 mutations²⁹. Inference from genotype is also complicated by high prevalence of compound 396 heterozygosity in DADA2. Therefore, our ability to predict phenotype based on genotype alone 397 remains limited and treatment decisions should be guided by clinical findings. 398

The spectrum of clinical manifestations in DADA2 extends beyond vasculitis, PRCA and 399 BMF. Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) has been recently described as a 400 manifestation of the disease ¹³. It is unclear whether CVID represents a distinct phenotype in 401 DADA2 because many of these patients also exhibited vasculitis and hematologic defects. The 402 prevalence of hypogammaglobinemia in our cohort is similar to the general estimate for all 403 patients³. We suspect that humoral immunodeficiency with low immunoglobulin levels likely 404 405 represents a common clinical feature of DADA2 regardless of the presenting phenotype. DADA2 can also manifest as autoimmunity (systemic lupus erythematosus and anti-406 407 phospholipid syndrome) and lymphoproliferative disease ^{30, 31}. Patients in our cohort did not exhibit these features and autoantibodies were present only in a few patients. With only a 408

409 limited number of cases reported, it is difficult to establish genotype correlations for these410 uncommon DADA2 phenotypes.

The broad clinical spectrum of DADA2 and variability in patient presentation are well recognized, but little is known about factors that influence disease phenotype. By characterizing a cohort of patients with PRCA or BMF, our work highlights the severity of hematologic manifestations and their associated morbidity and mortality in DADA2 patients. Systematic comparison of *ADA2* mutations in patients with vasculitis, PRCA and BMF through functional analysis revealed a distinct correlation between mutation pathogenicity and disease phenotype. Further studies are needed to determine differences in the underlying pathophysiology of

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Figure 1. Analysis of ADA2 mutations by patient phenotype. A) Schematic of literature 513 514 review and case selection for mutation analysis. B) Venn diagram of unique ADA2 mutations 515 illustrating overlaps between disease phenotypes. C) Display of ADA2 gene structure illustrating 516 the distribution of mutations associated with different phenotypes. Shared mutations are 517 displayed by color coding. D) Circle charts illustrating the types of mutations associated with each phenotype. Analysis of individual alleles is displayed in the upper panel while analysis of 518 519 homozygous individuals is shown in the lower panel. 520 Figure 2. Analysis of common mutations associated with each disease phenotype. A) 521 522 Histogram display of allelic count for the most common mutations associated with each disease phenotype. All cases in the current cohort and those selected from literature review were 523 524 included. B) Phenotype distribution of the most common mutation association with vasculitis (G47R), PRCA (G358R) and BMF (R169Q). 525

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Figure 3. Functional analysis of ADA2 mutations in vitro. A) ADA2 enzyme activity of 527 individual mutant constructs sorted by mutation type. B) ADA2 enzyme activity of individual 528 529 mutant constructs sorted by disease phenotype. C) Stratification of mutations within each 530 disease phenotype according to various cut-off values of residual ADA2 enzyme activity. D) Bar graph display of residual enzyme activity for individual mutations associated with each disease 531 phenotype. Dotted line in all panels represent the cut-off value of 3% residual activity. For all 532 panels, results are normalized as percentage of residual activity relative to wildtype (WT) ADA2. 533 534 Each dot or bar represents the average of results from three independent experiments and error bar represents standard deviation. 535

- 536 **Figure 4. Genotype to phenotype analysis using patient mutation configurations.**
- 537 Distribution of patients with vasculitis, PRCA or BMF phenotype in genotype categories
- assigned based on *ADA2* mutation type and residual enzymatic activity of missense mutations
- 539 (p < 0.0001, Chi-square test). Bars represent the percentage of patients of the given phenotype.

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541 Table 1. Summary of clinical characteristics in DADA2 patients with PRCA or BMF

	PRCA	BMF	
Number of cases	5	10	
Median age of onset (year)	0.3	2.2	
Sex (% female)	40	50	
Anemia (%)	100	80	
Lymphopenia (%)	0	40	
Neutropenia (%)	0	90	
Thrombocytopenia (%)	0	30	
Low IgG (%)	20	30	
Low IgM (%)	40	60	
Low IgA (%)	60	50	
Recurrent infection (%)	20	80	
Stroke (%)	20	0	
Skin vasculitis (%)	0	20	
Oral ulcers / Gingivitis (%)	20	70	
Hepatosplenomegaly (%)	40	90	
Death (%)	20	50	

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Protein	cDNA	n	Phenotype	Туре	Domain	ADA2 activity (%WT)	Published phenotype [ref#]
G47W	c.139G>T	1	BMF	missense	Dimerization	0.3 ± 0.5	Vasculitis * 25
R49Afs*13	c.137dupT	4	PRCA, BMF	frameshift	Dimerization	UD	Hemolytic anemia ⁸
F178S	c.533T>C	2	BMF	missense	Catalytic	0.8 ± 0.6	PRCA ⁸
F212del	c.634_636 delTTC	1	BMF	deletion	Catalytic	0.8 ± 1.2	-
G321E	c.962G>A	1	PRCA	missense	Catalytic	1.8 ± 1.0	BMF ¹⁸
G358R	c.1072G>A	4	BMF	missense	Catalytic	1.7 ± 0.6	PRCA ⁶
K449Nfs*2	c.1346_1347 insTT	1	BMF	frameshift	Catalytic	UD	-
K466Tfs*2	c.1397_1403 AGGCTGAdel	1	BMF	frameshift	Catalytic	UD	PRCA 10
V458D	c.1373T>A	1	BMF	missense	Catalytic	2.4 ± 0.4	BMF ¹³ Vasculitis * ²⁶

543 Table 2. Characterization of ADA2 mutations

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545 Abbreviations: UD, undetectable.

546 * This mutation was previously described in a patient with compound heterozygous mutations.

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Supplemental Methods

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Supplemental Methods

Literature review and case selection: We performed a comprehensive literature review of DADA2 case series and case reports published between February 2014 to July 2019. The PubMed database was queried using the search terms "DADA2", "deficiency of adenosine deaminase 2" or "adenosine deaminase 2." A total of 186 cases were reviewed and assigned to categories of vasculitis, PRBC, BMF or other phenotypes (including lymphoproliferation and asymptomatic patients). Cases selected from each publication and their phenotype are detailed in Table E4. Duplicate cases that appeared in multiple publications were analyzed only once. Cases with other phenotypes or incomplete data on *ADA2* mutations were excluded.

The vasculitis phenotype was defined by any clinical or biopsy-proven diagnosis of polyarteritis nodosa (PAN), cutaneous vasculitis, ischemic stroke, hemorrhagic stroke, or vasculitis of visceral organs. Applying these criteria to 11 major case series from around the world, we identified 100 cases of DADA2 with vasculitis as the predominant phenotype. Because the number of vasculitis cases is disproportionally higher than other phenotypes in existing case series, case reports of patients with vasculitis were not included.

Whereas primary hematologic presentations are less common, we compiled all cases with PRCA and BMF from the literature search. The PRCA group (n = 33) comprised of patients with severe anemia as the presenting features of DADA2, with minimal impact on other cell lineages. The BMF phenotype (n = 19) included cases with initial presentation of severe leukopenia, neutropenia, lymphopenia and/or thrombocytopenia. A complete list of mutations from the selected cases are displayed in Table E5.

<u>Diagnostic testing for DADA2</u>: Biallelic mutations in *ADA2* were confirmed for each patient by DNA sequencing (targeted Sanger sequencing, n = 1; next generation sequencing panels, n = 7; whole exome sequencing, n = 7). Plasma ADA2 enzyme activity was confirmed as low in 7 patients.

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Figure E1. Age of symptom onset stratified by disease phenotype. Scatter dot plot display of age of symptom onset for DADA2 patients stratified by disease phenotype. All cases from the current cohort and those selected from literature review were included. Median and interquartile range are displayed.

Figure E2. Functional and in silico analysis of missense *ADA2* mutations. A) Residual ADA2 enzymatic activity of missense mutants grouped by disease phenotype. B-E) Predicted pathogenicity of *ADA2* missense variants by in silico algorithms including B) SIFT, C) Polyphen2, D) MutationTaster and E) Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) score.

Figure E3. Distribution of DADA2 cases by genotype categories. Bar graph illustration of DADA2 cases stratified by disease phenotype and genotype category.

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ID	Onset (yr)	Sex	Mutations	Phenotype	Stroke	Skin vasculitis	HSM	GI	Re	current infection	Treatment	Response to TNFi	Alive
A-1	0.3	М	R49Afs*13 / R49Afs*13	PRCA	No	No	No	-	No	-	transfusion, CS	-	Yes
A-2	0.5	F	R49Afs*13 / R49Afs*13	PRCA	No	No	No	-	No	-	transfusion, AD, tacrolimus	No	Yes
A-3	0.1	F	R49Afs*13 / R49Afs*13	PRCA	No	No	No	-	No	-	transfusion, AD	No	Yes
B-1	12	М	G321E / G321E	PRCA	No	No	Yes	oral ulcer, colitis	No	-	Epo, CS, transfusions, HSCT	-	No
C-1	0.3	М	G358R / G358R	PRCA	Yes	No	Yes	-	No	0.	transfusions, CS, ET	Yes	Yes
D-1	0.8	М	F178S / F178S	BMF	No	Yes	Yes	-	No	-	transfusion, IVIG, CS, MMF	-	Yes
E-1	12	F	K466Tfs*2 / K466Tfs*2	BMF	No	No	Yes	-	Yes	pneumonia, anal abscess, sepsis, necrotizing fasciitis	RTX, IVIG, CS, GCSF	-	No
F-1	4	F	R49Afs*13 / R49Afs*13	BMF	No	No	Yes	gingivitis	Yes	pneumonia, URI, UTI	GCSF, AD	No	Yes
G-1	3	М	G47W / G47W	BMF	No	No	Yes	colitis	Yes	necrotizing colitis, sepsis	Anakinra, MMF, sirolimus, AZA, RTX, GCSF, AD	No *	No
H-1	1.3	F	G358R / G358R	BMF	No	Yes	Yes	oral ulcer	Yes	Sinusitis, pneumonia	CS, ET, AD	Partial [±]	Yes
I-1	13	М	F212Del / V458D	BMF	No	No	Yes	oral ulcer	Yes	pneumonia, otitis media, sepsis	GCSF, ET, HSCT	No	No
J-1	0.1	F	G358R / G358R	BMF	No	No	Yes	gingivitis	Yes	endocarditis, sepsis	GCSF, CS, AD	No **	No
J-2	0.4	М	G358R / G358R	BMF	No	No	Yes	gingivitis, anal fistula	Yes	sepsis, fungal sinusitis	GCSF, CS, HSCT	-	No
K-1	10	F	F178S F178S	BMF	No	No	No	gingivitis, oral ulcer colitis	No	-	CS, infliximab, methotrexate	Partial **	Yes *
L-1	0.4	М	K449Nfs*2 / K449Nfs*2	BMF	No	No	Yes	Oral ulcer, gingivitis	Yes	otitis media, pneumonia, cellulitis	ET, CS, GCSF	Partial **	Yes *

Table E1. Clinical characteristics of DADA2 patients with PRCA or BMF

Abbreviations: AD, adalimumab; AZA, azathioprine; CS, corticosteroids; ET, etanercept; GCSF, granulocyte colony stimulating factor; Epo, erythropoietin; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant; HSM, hepatosplenomegaly; IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulins; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; RTX, rituximab; URI, upper respiratory tract infection; UTI, urinary tract infection; * Patient received two doses of AD prior to death. ** Patient J-1 developed sepsis shortly after initiation of TNF inhibitor. * Patient H-1 showed improvement of fever and skin rash but cytopenia did not resolve. ** Patient K-1 and L-1 showed improvement of fever, oral ulcer and gingivitis but cytopenia remained the same. * Patients K-1 and L-1 each has a sibling who died from severe infection.

ID	Phenotype	Hgb (g/dL)	Retic (%)	MCV	WBC (10 ⁹ /L)	ANC (10 ⁹ /L)	ALC (10 ⁹ /L)	PLT (10 ⁹ /L)	CD4+ T (10 ⁶ /L)	CD8+ T (10 ⁶ /L)	CD19+ (10 ⁶ /L)	CD56+ (10 ⁶ /L)	IgG (mg/dL)	IgM (mg/dL)	IgA (mg/dL)
A-1	PRCA	4.7	0.30	68.7	7.5	825	5.9	481	1746	1587	1029	327	871	28	104
A-2	PRCA	7.1	0.30	83.7	11.8	5.7	5.8	442	1769	1235	1893	196	934	43	13
A-3	PRCA	4.9	0.30	86.7	13.1	3.7	8	337	3006	1142	3107	397	438	30	10
B-1	PRCA	6.8	0.10	91	3.8	2	1.2	252	249	165	42	28	660	178	25
C-1	PRCA	3.3	0.29	62	12.6	2.9	8.8	300	986	427	1127	100	303	73	11
D-1	BMF	6	0.30	90.4	3.2	1	2.1	41	1000	763	84	700	651	44	41
E-1	BMF	10.9	0.10	78.1	1	0.17	0.81	424	219	293	0	6	130	22.6	22.6
F-1	BMF	10.4	2.20	72.5	1.57	0.33	0.7	163	174	424	76	10	735	30	66
G-1	BMF	7.7	0.04	89.6	0.42	0.03	0.37	14	70	170	0	0	1330	33	70
H-1	BMF	12.1	0.8	74	2.1	1.26	0.4	114	336	59	28	112	487	12	28
I-1	BMF	11.6	1.50	75.8	2.01	0.24	1.38	180	365	262	31	64	274	6	33
J-1	BMF	8	2.00	75	5	0.05	5	250	2512	1507	2679	586	2040	767	69
J-2	BMF	9.8	2.40	69	5	0.05	4	600	1980	1584	220	484	1130	24	68
K-1	BMF	6.9	1.50	65	2	0.3	3	250	621	621	336	251	1010	89	163
L-1	BMF	9.5	2.60	75	7	0.3	6.5	250	735	8188	315	2730	1290	76	365

Table E2. Laboratory findings of DADA2 patients with PRCA or BMF

Abbreviations: Hgb, hemoglobin; ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; ANC, absolute neutrophil count; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; Retic, reticulocyte.

					Anti-	Anti-	Anti-	Anti	Anti-	Anti-
ID	Phenotype	DAT	ANA	ANCA	dsDNA	ENA	cardiolipin	β2GP	neutrophil	platelet
A-1	PRCA	Neg								
A-2	PRCA	Neg								
A-3	PRCA	Neg								
B-1	PRCA	Neg	Neg				Neg			
C-1	PRCA	Neg	Neg							
D-1	BMF	Neg								
E-1	BMF		+ 1:100		Neg					
F-1	BMF		Neg	+ c-ANCA*	Neg					
G-1	BMF		Neg	Neg		Neg			Neg	
H-1	BMF		Neg				Neg	Neg	Neg	
I-1	BMF	Neg			Neg				Neg	Neg
J-1	BMF	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg				Neg	
J-2	BMF									
K-1	BMF	Neg	Neg				Neg	Neg		
L-1	BMF	Neg	+ 1:160						+	

Table E3. Autoantibody profiles in DADA2 patients with PRCA or BMF

* Proteinase-3 and myeloperoxidase specific antibody testing were negative

Abbreviations: ANA: anti-nuclear antibodies; ANCA: anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies; β2GP: β2 glycoprotein; DAT: direct antiglobulin test; dsDNA: doublestranded DNA; ENA: extractable nuclear antigens; Neg: negative.

Authors	PMID#	Total	Vasculitis	PRCA	BMF	Exclu	ded (reason*)
Alsultan et al.	29271561	1	0	0	1	0	
Barzaghi et al.	30692987	1	0	0	1	0	
Batu et al.	26233953	6	3	0	0	3	3 (duplicate)
Ben-Ami et al.	27514238	5	0	4	1	0	
Caorsi et al.	28522451	15	14	0	0	1	1 (other phenotype)
Cipe et al.	29564582	1	0	0	1	0	
Claassen et al.	30559313	1	0	1	0	0	
Ghurye et al.	30924144	2	0	0	2	0	
Gibson et al.	31008556	9	8	0	0	1	1 (partial genotype)
Hashem et al.	28974505	14	0	3	5	6	6 (duplicate)
Hashem et al.	28230570	1	0	1	0	0	
Hsu et al.	27130863	1	0	0	1	0	
Michniacki et al.	29411230	2	0	0	2	0	
Nanthapisal et al.	27059682	15	10	0	0	5	5 (other phenotype)
Navon-Elkan et al.	24552285	24	20	0	0	4	4 (2-partial genotype; 2- other phenotype)
Neishabury et al.	31097629	2	0	2	0	0	
Ozen et al.	31043544	24	6	10	0	8	8 (2-partial genotype ; 6- duplicate)
Rama et al.	29681619	13	13	0	0	0	
Sahin et al.	28516235	8	6	0	0	2	2 (Duplicate)
Sasa et al.	n/a *	2	0	2	0	0	
Sundin et al.	29620681	1	0	0	1	0	
Trotta et al.	29391253	9	3	0	3	3	3 (other phenotype)
Ulirsch et al.	30503522	9	0	9	0	0	
Van Eyck et al.	25457153	2	0	0	1	1	1 (other phenotype)
Von Montfrans et al.	26867732	9	8	1	0	0	
Zhou et al.	24552284	9	9	0	0	0	
Total cases reviewed		186	100	33	19	34	
Lee et al. (current)		15	0	5	10		
All cases combined		201	100	38	29		

Table E4. Selection of cases from literature review

* Duplicated cases were each analyzed only once. Partial genotype refers to patients with only one identified mutation. Other phenotypes include patients without frank features of vasculitis or hematologic abnormalities, asymptomatic individuals, and patients with primarily lymphoproliferative disease without features of other phenotypes.

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		Vasculitis		PR	CA	BMF		
	M1T	H112Q	P344L	G47W	G358R	M1T	G321E	
	R9W	R169Q	L351Q	H112Q	N370K	G47V	Y353H	
se	G25C	D238N	A357T	R169Q	M445K	H112Q	G358R	
missen	G47A	L249P	T360A	F178S	L451F	R169Q	Y456C	
	G47R	P251L	G450C	L188P	D454H	F178S	V458D	
	G47V	W264S	Y453C	F207S	Y456C	L188P	W501R	
	193T	S291L		G321E	Y482C	L311R		
0	A109D	E328D				Var		
ense		Detex		Daa		122		
n-se		R312X		R30	бX	S265X		
ou						W399X		
				R490	Sfs4*	R49A	.fs*13	
		R49Gfs4*		R49A	fs*13	F212del		
dels		I143Sfs*41		I210T	fs*57	A261Pfs*2		
Inc				Y2271	s*27	K449NFs*2		
				M468	ōfsX	K466Tfs*2		
_				K466	Tfs*2			
ing		c.753G>A		c.47+	2T>C	c.882-	2A>G	
plic		c 073-24>G		c 1//3	-2T> A			
S		0.975-2420		0.1443	-212A			
	(exon7 deletion						
cher	28	kb large deleti	on	exon7 d	leletion			
ō	-144de	C promoter d	eletion					
	-14408	ao promoter u						

Table E5. ADA2 mutations grouped by patient phenotype.

Mutation	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
M1T	gaattcaccacgttggtggatg	tgcagatatccagcacag
R9W	cccatctgagtggccagccct	ccatccaccaacatggtgaattctg
G25C	gtctttcttctgctcagctctatcc	attgccacagccaacagc
G47A	gatgcggctggcggggcggctg	atcttttctttcaacaacagatgcgcccgtg
G47R	ctgagggggggggggtggtgtgaa	ccgcatcatcttttctttcaacaacagatgcgccc
G47V	gatgcggctggtggggcggctg	atcttttctttcaacaacagatgcgcccgtg
G47W	gatgcggctgtgggggggggtg	atcttttctttcaacaacagatgcgcccgtg
R49Gfs4*	gctgggggggggctggtgctg	cgcatcatcttttctttcaacaacagatgc
R49A fs*13	cggctggggggggggggggtggtg	catcatcttttctttcaacaacagatgcgccc
193T	aagcatctcactgagagaagtc	ggcctggaaaaagtgcat
A109D	cttgcacctccatgacattgg	gcatccccttttggcatcatcc
H112Q	ggctgccttgcagctccatgaca	ccttttggcatcatccttagaatattaaacacttg
I143Sfs*41	tcatgcagttcagatttgctcac	cccccttggggtgaaaca
R169Q	ggaggattatcagaagcgggtgc	agcagaatccacttggaac
F178S	gtcactgagtctgatgacagcttg	gttctgcacccgcttccg
L188P	gaatttcactccggtgacccagc	ctcagcaagctgtcatcaaac
F207S	ctggtcgaaatctgaaaccatct	acaacattttggtttgtgtaaatc
I210Tfs*57	cttcttcaccatctctgg	tggtttcaaatttcgacc
F212del	accatctctggtctcatc	gaagatggtttcaaatttcg
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D261P fs*2	agagcaccatccataacgaagagtgg	ccactgagctcatacacc
W264S	tgacgaagagtcgtcagtgaagac	tggtgctctccactgagc
S265X	agaagaggatctgtgagtgaagacttaccaggaag	gagatgagtttttgttcccactcttcgtcatggtg
S291L	aatcatttatttggatcacagatc	ttgattccaataaactcagg
R306X	agaagaggatctgtgaatggccatggggctccga	gagatgagtttttgttcgatggattctgcgatgacagcc
L311R	gccatggggcgccgaatcaagt	cattcggatggattctgcgatg
R312X	agaagaggatctgtgaatcaagttccccacggtg	gagatgagtttttgttcgagccccatggccattcg
G321E	ggtggtggcagagtttgacctg	gtggggaacttgattcgg
E328D	ggtggggcatgacgacactggcc	aggtcaaaccctgccacc
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A357T	cttcttccacaccggagaaacag	taaggcagcttaacgcca
G358R	tcttccacgcccgagaaacagac	agtaaggcagcttaacgc
T360A	cgccggagaagcagactggca	tggaagaagtaaggcagcttaac
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K449Nfs*2	ttaggcttgtcctatgatttc	ttggcaccaaacatagctg
L451F	gccaaaggcttttcctatgatttc	accaaacatagctgggtc
D454H	cttgtcctatcatttctatgaggtc	cctttggcaccaaacatag
Y453C	aggcttgtcctgtgatttctatg	ttggcaccaaacatagctg
Y456C	ctatgatttctgtgaggtcttcatgg	gacaagcctttggcacca
V458D	gatttctatgaggacttcatgggc	ataggacaagcctttggc
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K466Tfs*2	ctgaggaccctcaaacagc	gtcatccccccaatgccca
Y482C	ctctatcaagtgcagtaccctgttg	ttcatggccagctgtttg
W501R	gaagaagagacgggataagttcatag	cagatttccatgaaagtatttttc

Table E6. Primer sequences for site directed mutagenesis of ADA2 construct

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