provided by Publications from Karolinska Institutet



This is an author produced version of a paper published in **Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism**. This paper has been peer-reviewed but does not include the final publisher proof-corrections or journal pagination.

J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2014 Apr;99(4):1425-32.

Suboptimal psychosocial outcomes in patients with congenital adrenal hyperplasia: epidemiological studies in a nonbiased national cohort in Sweden

Strandqvist A1, Falhammar H, Lichtenstein P, Hirschberg AL, Wedell A, Norrby C, Nordenskjöld A, Frisén L, Nordenström A.

URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1210/jc.2013-3326

Access to the published version may require subscription. Published with permission from: **Endocrine Society**

- 1 Suboptimal psychosocial outcomes in patients with congenital adrenal hyperplasia:
- 2 epidemiological studies in a nonbiased national cohort, in Sweden.

3

- 4 Strandqvist A^{1,2}, Falhammar H^{2,3}, Lichtenstein P⁴, Hirschberg A L⁵, Wedell A^{2,6}, Norrby C⁴,
- 5 Nordenskjöld A 5,7, Frisén L8,9, Nordenström A1,2

6

- 7 Department of Paediatric Endocrinology, Astrid Lindgren Children Hospital, Karolinska
- 8 University Hospital
- 9 ²Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery, Karolinska Institutet
- 10 ³Department of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes, Karolinska University Hospital
- ⁴Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institutet
- 12 5Department of Women's and Children's Health and Center for Molecular Medicine, Karolinska
- 13 Institutet
- 14 ⁶Center for Inherited Metabolic Diseases, Karolinska University Hospital
- ⁷Department of Paediatric Surgery, Astrid Lindgren Children Hospital, Karolinska University
- 16 Hospital
- 17 8Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Research Center, Karolinska Institutet
- 18 ⁹Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet

19

20

- 21 **Abbreviated title**: Psychosocial outcome in CAH
- **Keywords**: Congenital adrenal hyperplasia, 21-hydroxylase deficiency, *CYP21A2*, quality of life
- 23 outcome
- Counts: Abstract word count: 245, Main text word count: 3419, References: 34, Tables: 4
- 25 Corresponding author and reprint requests:
- 26 Anna Strandqvist, licenced Psychologist
- 27 Department of Paediatric Endocrinology Q2:04, Astrid Lindgren Children Hospital, Karolinska
- University Hospital, Email: anna.strandqvist@ki.se, Phone +46-858584770

29

- 30 **Grants:** This project was supported by grants from the Swedish Research Council, Swedish
- 31 Endocrine Society, Karolinska Institutet and Stockholm County Council.

32

33 **Disclosure Summary**: We have no conflicts of interest declare.

3435

37 **Abstract** 38 39 Context Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH), CYP21A2 deficiency, results in cortisol and aldosterone 40 41 deficiency and increased production of androgens, with a good genotype phenotype correlation. 42 **Objective** 43 To study psychosocial outcomes in relation to clinical severity, CYP21A2 genotype, in men and 44 women. 45 Design 46 An epidemiological study with a matched cohort control design. 47 **Setting** 48 All known CAH patients in Sweden. 49 **Participants** 50 588 patients, >95% with known severity of CAH; 100 controls per patient matched for sex, year 51 and place of birth. 52 Main outcome and measures 53 Proxies for quality of life were selected: level of education, employment, income, sick-leave, 54 disability pension, marriage and children 55 Results 56 Women with salt-wasting (SW) CAH had completed primary education less often (OR 0.3), not 57 explained by neonatal salt-crisis or hypoglycemia since the men did not differ from controls. 58 Men and women in the less severe I172N genotype group were more likely to have an academic 59 education (OR 1.8) SW women were more likely to have an income in the top 20 percentile (OR 60 2.0). Both men and women had more disability pension (OR 1.5) and sick leave (OR 1.7). The men 61 more often had long lasting employment (OR 3.1). Men were more often (OR 1.6) while women 62 were less often married (OR 0.7). Patients had children less often (OR 0.3).

63

Conclusions

- This study shows important outcome differences regarding education, employment, marriage
- and fertility depending on sex and severity of CAH. The mechanisms behind this and the
- 67 increased risk for sick leave or disability pension in both men and women should be identified to
- 68 improve medical and psychological care.

70 **Background** Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) due to 21-hydroxylase deficiency results in varying degrees of 71 72 cortisol and aldosterone deficiency and at the same time increased androgen production. The clinical 73 presentation of classical CAH ranges from the severe salt-wasting (SW) form with risk of developing 74 hypoglycemia and adrenal salt crisis, which may be lethal, to simple virilizing (SV) form in which the 75 synthesis of aldosterone is less impaired. The androgen excess, present already in utero, results in 76 varying degrees of prenatal virilization of the external genitalia in 46,XX individuals, which can result 77 in uncertainty of sex assignment at birth. CAH is included in the neonatal screening in several 78 countries (1). The Swedish screening program for CAH was started in 1986. The incidence is reported 79 to be 1 in 15000 live births in most populations and 1 in 9000 in Sweden (2). 80 In the milder non-classical (NC) form there is no prenatal virilization and the patients may come to 81 diagnosis due to signs of increased androgen production such as growth acceleration or 82 pseudopubertas precox in childhood and infertility or hirsutism in adults (3,4). 83 84 Medical treatment consists of glucocorticoid and mineralocorticoid substitution with the aim to 85 decrease ACTH and thereby the adrenal androgen production (5). The balance between over-86 treatment, with the risk of developing obesity, and under-treatment, resulting in increased androgen 87 production is often difficult. Both over- and under-treatment result in a compromised final height. In 88 the long term, over-substitution with glucocorticoids can lead to secondary complications in adulthood 89 as obesity, increased cardiovascular risk, and decreased bone mineral density (3). 90 The deficit in endogenous cortisol production affects systems vital for stress and glucose regulation in 91 the body. Endogenous cortisol production is necessary for normal adreno-medullary differentiation 92 and epinephrine synthesis. In CAH the reduction in epinephrine levels correlates with the severity of 93 the disease (4,6) In addition, glucocorticoid replacement cannot mimic endogenous cortisol release 94 completely. A recent study also point to the importance of evaluating type of glucocorticoid treatment 95 as this can influence quality of life (7). 96 Traditionally, genital surgery in virilised females has been performed early in life. However, the 97 surgical outcome has not been altogether satisfactory, even when using modern techniques. There is an 98 ongoing debate about optimal timing and indications for feminizing surgery (8-10) 99 Studies on patients with CAH have taught us much of what is known today about the effects of 100 androgen on brain development and behavior. Several aspects of gender related behavior such as toy 101 play (11), activity level (12), playmate preference (13), career choice (14) and sexual orientation (15) 102 have been shown to be related to the severity of CAH, i.e. to the degree of prenatal androgen exposure 103 (16).

Quality of life and psychological outcome studies on CAH have yielded conflicting results. General psychosocial adaptation, as compared to siblings, was not found to differ (17), while the self-reported health-related quality of life has been reported to be negatively affected, particularly in women (18-21). Sexual functioning was reported to be impaired (22-24) and women with CAH were reported more often to be living alone (14) while this has not been reported in males (3)

Fertility is generally reported to be impaired in both women and men with CAH, (18,23,25) but pregnancy rates were reported to be normal for those who seek medical attention (26,27) and most males seeking medical attention seem to succeed in fathering a child eventually (25).

There is a good genotype-phenotype correlation (28,29). In a Swedish follow-up study women in the null genotype group were considerably more affected by the disease, also compared to the I2 splice genotype group (8,14). However, the patient's perception of how the disease had affected relationships with relatives and close friends did not correlate with disease severity, indicating that coping strategies are important.(30)

Sweden is an exceptionally suitable country for epidemiological studies with several nationwide population based registers. A national CAH registry was recently created (2) enabling epidemiological studies on this nonbiased unselected national cohort of patients. The aim of the present study was to investigate psychosocial factors that can be interpreted as proxies for quality of life in relation to the *CYP21A2* genotype or clinical severity, in both men and women.

Methods

All patients with confirmed *CYP21A2* deficiency born 1910 to 2009, included in a national CAH registry at the Swedish screening laboratory (2) were included in the study. The CAH registry originally comprised 572 patients, born before January 2010. However, 12 patients could not be included due to incomplete personal identification number, 13 cases were not identified in the epidemiological data-base, and in two cases the personal identification number had been re-used. Thus, in total 545 patients were included from the registry. An additional 748 patients had been given the diagnosis of CAH (ICD-8: 255.01, 255.08, ICD-9: 2552, 255C, and ICD-10: E25.0) in the national patient register at least once. From the latter cohort 180 patients with a CAH diagnosis on more than two occasions were further scrutinized. Those who had subsequently been given other diagnoses, i.e. Addison's disease, Cushings syndrome, acromegaly, or had received glucocorticoid treatment due to malignancies, were excluded. The remaining 43 patients, identified via the diagnosis registry and with a possible diagnosis of CAH, were included as a separate group in the study. Hence, the national CAH registry comprised more than 90% of the diagnosed patients in the country.

140 The final sample thus consisted of 588 patients with CAH. For some statistical analyses, only patients 141 born 1925-1991 were assessed, as the younger ones would not be eligible for the measures studied. 142 143 **Sub-classification of patients** 144 Patients with a known CYP21A2 genotype were classified into genotype groups depending on the 145 severity of the mildest allele (31). In addition, patients were given a clinical classification. The null 146 and I2 splice genotype groups were included in the SW group, and the I172N and P30L genotype 147 groups in the SV group. Patients with genetically verified (V281L, or P453S genotype) or clinically 148 diagnosed NC CAH were labelled the NC group. Patients for whom no mutation analysis had been 149 performed, were given a clinical classification, SW, SV, or NC if the clinical presentation was known 150 by the authors (AN or HF). Patients with an unknown severity were designated as unknown (NA) 151 (Table 1). 152 153 154 The CYP21A2 genotype was known in more than 85% of the patients (Table 1). There were more 155 women than men in the cohort but the age distribution was approximately similar. The age distribution 156 is shown in table 2. For each patient 100 controls from the general population were matched for sex 157 and the year and place of birth. When the patient had immigrated to Sweden controls were matched for 158 this factor as well. 159 160 All patients' and controls' identities were coded before they were linked to several longitudinal 161 nationwide population-based registries in Sweden: the National Patient Register (maintained by the 162 National Board of Health and Welfare) which contains discharge diagnoses based on the international 163 classification of diagnoses (ICD) of inpatient care, with partial coverage since 1964 and complete 164 coverage since 1987 and outpatient care since 2001. The Multi-Generation Register (Statistics 165 Sweden) contains information about relationships between people born after 1932, registered 166 nationally after 1961, and their parents/adoptive parents; the Migration Records (Statistics Sweden) 167 comprise registered migrations since 1901; the Longitudinal Integrated Database for health insurance 168 and labour market studies (LISA) comprises data on income, education, occupation, employment 169 status, social transfers, etc. from 1990 to 2009; the Register of Education (Statistics Sweden) holds 170 information about education for the years 1985–1989. 171 172 173 Measures 174 The proportion of individuals who were eligible for secondary education was assessed as an indication 175 of school achievement. It was possible to obtain this information for persons born between 1982-1991. 176 For the rest of the measures patients born during 1925–1991 could be included (LISA). Employment

177 was assessed by two parameters: employment during 3–7 years or more than 7 years. Disposable 178 income based on family income comprises the total earned income and allowances for the period 1990-2009 (LISA). For each year, the 20th percentile of the income in the population was calculated. 179 180 The individuals were then divided into groups depending on income < 20%, 20-80%, and > 80% 181 percentiles. The odds ratio (OR) was calculated for the risk of falling into the lowest or highest income 182 categories. The frequency of periods with sick leaves longer than 14 consecutive days for more than 183 two years was investigated (LISA). The information on disability pension, was available from 1990 to 184 2004 (LISA). Social welfare support was defined as anyone in the family having received this 185 financial support during more than one year (LISA). Marriage indicates the first registered marriage or 186 partnership for this and .the number of biological children in the Multi-Generation Registry was used. 187 188 The study was approved by the Ethics Committee Karolinska Institutet. 189 190 **Statistics** 191 A matched cohort design was used to equalize the time at risk in the patient and the controls. Risks 192 were estimated using Conditional regression analyses and Cox regression. ORs were calculated with 193 95% confidence intervals (CIs). OR with a confidence interval not surpassing 1.0 was considered 194 significant. Calculations were performed using SAS version 9.3 (Statistical Analyses Systems). 195 196 **Results** 197 The proportion of patients born in Sweden differed between genotype groups. In the NC group and the 198 P30L genotype group 84% and 75% respectively had been born in Sweden while 95% of the patients 199 in the null, I2 splice and I172N genotype groups were born in Sweden. Table 3 describes the results 200 below in detail. The table with all results for the different genotype groups can be found in the 201 supplement. 202 203 Education 204 Women with CAH had completed primary education less often than controls (OR 0.3 [0.2–0.6]). This 205 was significant for women with SW CAH (OR 0.3 [0.1-0.7]) but was not observed in SW men (OR 206 1.2 [0.3-4.6]). The same trend was seen in SV (OR 0.3 [0.1-1.1]) and NC women and men (OR 0.5 207 [0.1-1.9]) but not in men with known severity. 208 With regard to the level of education achieved the trend was toward the SW group more often having 209 primary education as the highest level attained. Primary education as the highest level of education 210 achieved was noted more often for women in the null genotype group (OR 3.2 [1.1–9.5]). The SV 211 group more often had an academic education than controls (OR 1.5 [1.0-2.3]). This held true for men 212 and women in the I172N genotype group (OR 1.8 [1.1–2.8]). The trend was in the same direction also

213

for the NC groups.

214	
215	Employment
216	Men with CAH were more likely to have been employed for more than 7 years (OR, 3.1 [1.1–8.8]).
217	Patients in the NC group tended to more often be employed during 3-7 years (OR 7.6 [1.5–37.4)]. In
218	all other instances, the patients and controls did not differ significantly.
219	
220	Income
221	Disposable family income did not show significant differences for any of the groups except for SW
222	women that were more likely to be in the top 20th percentile compared to controls.
223	
224	Sick leave and disability pension
225	Patients with CAH more often had disability pension (OR 1.5 [1.0-2.2]) and were more often on sick
226	leave than controls (OR 1.7 [1.2–2.4]). In the SW patients this was not significant; but this group more
227	often had disability pension (OR 2.0 [1.0–3.9]). However, men in the null genotype group had periods
228	of sick leave more often (OR 4.8 [1.1–21.1]). Men and women with SV CAH had been on sick leave
229	more often than controls (men and women OR 2.8 [1.5–5.4]; men OR 3.5 [1.3–9.4]; women OR 2.6
230	[1.1-6.4]) but did not have disability pension more often. Men and women with I172N genotype were
231	more likely to have been on sick leave (OR 4.9 [2.2–11.2]). On the contrary, among NC patients, the
232	risk of being on sick leave was lower than for the controls (OR 0.3 [0.1–0.7]). However, the NC group
233	received disability pension more often (OR 3.3 [1.0-11.1]).
234	
235	Social welfare
236	The probability of having received social welfare was not significantly increased except for among
237	women with the NC form (OR 2.4 [1.0–6.2]).
238	
239	Marriage
240	As a group, patients were married to the same extent as controls, however, men were more likely to be
241	married compared to controls (OR 1.6 [1.0-2.5]). Women with SW CAH were married less often (OR
242	0.5 [0.2-1.1]). This was significant for women in the I2 splice genotype group (OR 0.3 [0.1–0.9]).
243	There were a total of 6 partnerships registered among women with CAH and 25 in the 100 times larger
244	control group.
245	
246	Children
247	Patients with CAH were less likely to have biological children than controls (OR 0.3 [0.2–0.3]). All
248	SW and SV, women and men, had significantly less often children (SW OR 0.1 [0.1–0.2]; SV OR 0.4
249	[0.2–0.7]). When assessing the genotype groups, this was significant for women with null mutations

OR 0.0 [0.0-0.2] both women and men with I2 splice mutations (OR 0.1 [0.1-0.3]), and in the I172N group (OR 0.4 [0.2–0.8]).

252253

254

255256

257

258

259

260

261

262

263

250

251

Discussion

This is the largest population-based epidemiologic study on psychosocial outcome conducted in CAH patients with a clinically or genetically verified diagnosis of 21-hydroxylase deficiency. Molecular genetics were available for more than 80% of the patients. It is also unique that the registry covered more than 90% of the total CAH population identified in the country. We investigated parameters that captures psychosocial aspects of daily life and may reflect the prerequisites for a good quality of life: having a partner, being able to work and support oneself, staying healthy and independent, and for some, the possibility of having children. The total cohort of CAH patients did not differ greatly from the general population in a number of the parameters investigated. However, using sex, the clinical classification (SW, SV, NC) and the *CYP21A2* genotype enabled us to identify important differences and difficulties within the patient population that would not have become evident otherwise.

264265266

267

268

269

270

271

272

273

274

275

276

277

278

279

280

281

282

283

There were some unexpected findings regarding education. We saw that the risk of not completing the primary education curriculum was increased for girls/women particularly in the SW group, while this was not the case for boys. There are multiple possible reasons for failing to achieve in school. One could be cognitive deficits or learning difficulties. In patients with CAH, hypoglycaemia together with salt-crisis, has been suggested to be one reason for the weaker cognitive performance seen in the null genotype group (32). In addition, overtreatment with high levels of hydrocortisone has been shown to affect cognitive functions such as memory (33). The risk was increased also in assessments for women with SV forms of CAH, but not for men in any of the groups. It is therefore unlikely that hypoglycemia and salt-crisis, which would have been more common among the boys before the screening results were available, is the explanation for this difference. It is possible that women receive higher doses of hydrocortisone in order to prevent the effects of excess androgens, possibly affecting cognitive functions negatively. A more likely explanation is that the results reflect psychological and social problems that the girls might encounter during the school years due to the effects of prenatal androgen exposure, which may affect their adjustment and relations to peers. Additive effects of various risk factors, such as vulnerability to stress, are possible and underline the importance of coping and the accessibility to psychological support during these critical teenage years and as young adults. Further studies are needed to investigate and identify such risk factors in order to improve preventive care and support.

284285

286

The level of education has been assessed in some previous studies. Both a higher and lower percentage of patients had a superior educational level compared to controls depending on the Prader stage

(20,23) and no statistical differences were found compared to the general population (21). Our results indicate higher levels of education in the SV and NC groups. However, increased probability of not finishing primary education was also observed for women in several of the severity groups. This suggests that there may be subgroups of patients, with or without a completed education. Employment was not significantly lower for women in the null genotype group, even though some of them did not finish primary school. This implies that a negative impact of having a disease such as CAH can be present at different times during the life span, but it does not have to be permanent.

The patients with CAH were more often on sick leave and more likely to receive disability pension. We interpret this as being two aspects of the same negative effect of the disease. A decreased biological ability to cope with stress and stressful situations may contribute to the increase in sick leave and disability pension. Further studies are needed to properly assess the mechanisms behind this increase. Contrary to the findings in Norway (20) we did not detect any significant economic differences between the patient groups. However, an interesting finding was the increased likelihood of women in the SW group to be in the top 20th percentile income group, compared to controls. This could possibly be explained by the choice of more male dominated occupations (14) with a higher average income level. It can also indicate that there are subgroups of patients that succeed in finishing school and then fare well, or that some patients due to the acquirement of coping strategies are able to deal better with their situation as they grow older. This further underlines the importance of psychological support.

Women in the SW groups were less often married. The rest of the women did not differ significantly from controls. Men were more often married than controls, the reason for this is unknown. Both men and women with classical CAH (SW and SV forms) had fewer biological children than their controls, confirming previous findings. Earlier research has reported both decreased fertility (23,26,27) and a reduced interest in infants (34) among women with CAH. The proportion of female patients who were married was lower, although the difference expressed as OR for being married, differed less than the likelihood that women with classical CAH would have children, suggesting decreased fertility. The higher proportion of women with CAH with homosexual orientation, especially in the more severe genotype groups (15) may be a contributing factor.

Fertility in men has also been reported to be impaired (25,35). Our data show that even though more men than women with CAH had children, the frequency was considerably lower than in the general population. Further studies are needed to properly assess the reasons behind the fact that patients with CAH are less likely to have children despite living in stable relationships.

Both men and women differed from controls in several of the measures studied. Women were in some respects more affected by the disease, especially the more severe forms of the disease. However, also

women in the NC group seemed to have more difficulties than the controls. They did not finish school to the same extent and they more often received disability pension and social welfare support. This group differs from the other patients in that they were most often diagnosed late, due to symptoms and signs of androgen excess, as opposed to being diagnosed in the neonatal period either clinically or through screening. Hence, they may be more affected by the disease and have attracted medical attention later on the basis of their own perceptions of the androgen symptoms, and possibly therefore psychologically affected.

There are limitations with this study related to the time periods that the available registers in Sweden cover. The Diagnosis Registry was started in 1964 but it did not have complete coverage until 1987. The pharmaceutical registry has been in place since 2005, and does not cover drugs prescribed on license, which includes hydrocortisone preparations in Sweden. Aspects of treatment could therefore not be assessed. The school performance variables are available for patients born after 1982 due to changes in the school system and the registries. The LISA registry, where much of the data is collected started in 1990, and can therefore include patients alive at some point during this period. It would be interesting to perform analyses to compare the group identified by screening and those who were not, or make comparisons for patients born before and after treatment became available in the 1950. For most outcomes however, this was not meaningful due to paucity of data from either the older or younger patients in the registries. The large differences in survival rate during different time periods as reported in a previous publication (Gidlöf et al 2013), adds to these difficulties by making the number of patients exceedingly small during earlier years.

Conclusion

This large epidemiological study on a nonbiased national cohort of patients with known severity of CAH showed that the patients differed significantly from the matched controls on a number of parameters that can be interpreted as indicators of quality of life. Patients with the severe forms were more affected by the disease, and women were more affected than men, especially regarding education and fertility aspects. Despite the increased risk for women with SW CAH not to finish primary school they were more likely to have a high income. All patients and particularly the men were more often on sickleave than controls. Both men and women were more likely to have disability pension. Further studies to identify the underlying explanations for these findings are important to improve the future care of these patients in terms of medical as well as psychological care from an early age.

References

361		
362 363	1.	White PC, Bachega TASS 2012 Congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to 21 hydroxylase deficiency: from birth to adulthood. Semin. Reprod. Med. 30:400–409
364 365 366	2.	Gidlöf S 2013 One hundred years of congenital adrenal hyperplasia in Sweden, a retrospective, population-based cohort study. Lancet diabetes and Endocrinology :http:—dx.doi.org—10.1016—
367 368	3.	Falhammar H, Thorén M 2012 Clinical outcomes in the management of congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Endocrine 41:355–373
369	4.	Merke DP, Bornstein SR 2005 Congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Lancet 365:2125–2136
370 371 372 373	5.	Speiser PW, Azziz R, Baskin LS, Ghizzoni L, Hensle TW, Merke DP, et al. 2010 Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Due to Steroid 21-Hydroxylase Deficiency: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 95:4133–4160
374 375 376	6.	Merke DP, Chrousos GP, Eisenhofer G, Weise M, Keil MF, Rogol AD, et al. 2000 Adrenomedullary dysplasia and hypofunction in patients with classic 21-hydroxylase deficiency. N. Engl. J. Med. 343:1362–1368
377 378 379 380	7.	Han TS, Krone N, Willis DS, Conway GS, Hahner S, Rees DA, et al. 2013 Quality of life in adults with congenital adrenal hyperplasia relates to glucocorticoid treatment, adiposity and insulin resistance: United Kingdom Congenital adrenal Hyperplasia Adult Study Executive (CaHASE). European Journal of Endocrinology 168:887–893
381 382 383	8.	Nordenskjöld A, Holmdahl G, Frisén L, Falhammar H, Filipsson H, Thorén M, et al. 2008 Type of mutation and surgical procedure affect long-term quality of life for women with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 93:380–386
384 385 386	9.	Braga LH, Pippi Salle JL 2009 Congenital adrenal hyperplasia: a critical appraisal of the evolution of feminizing genitoplasty and the controversies surrounding gender reassignment. Eur J Pediatr Surg 19:203–210
387 388 389 390	10.	Nordenström A, Frisén L, Falhammar H, Filipsson H, Holmdahl G, Janson PO, et al. 2010 Sexual function and surgical outcome in women with congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to CYP21A2 deficiency: clinical perspective and the patients' perception. J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab. 95:3633–3640
391 392 393 394	11.	Nordenström A, Servin A, Bohlin G, Larsson A, Wedell A 2002 Sex-typed toy play behavior correlates with the degree of prenatal androgen exposure assessed by CYP21 genotype in girls with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 87:5119–5124
395 396 397	12.	Pasterski V, Hindmarsh P, Geffner M, Brook C, Brain C, Hines M 2007 Increased aggression and activity level in 3- to 11-year-old girls with congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH). Horm Behav 52:368–374
398 399 400	13.	Hines M, Kaufman FR 1994 Androgen and the development of human sex-typical behavior: rough-and-tumble play and sex of preferred playmates in children with congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH). Child Dev 65:1042–1053
401 402	14.	Frisén L, Nordenström A, Falhammar H, Filipsson H, Holmdahl G, Janson PO, et al. 2009 Gender role behavior, sexuality, and psychosocial adaptation in women with congenital

403		adrenal hyperplasia due to CYP21A2 deficiency. J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab. 94:3432–3439
404 405 406	15.	Meyer-Bahlburg HFL, Dolezal C, Baker SW, New MI 2008 Sexual orientation in women with classical or non-classical congenital adrenal hyperplasia as a function of degree of prenatal androgen excess. Arch Sex Behav 37:85–99
407 408 409	16.	Berenbaum SA, Duck SC, Bryk K 2000 Behavioral effects of prenatal versus postnatal androgen excess in children with 21-hydroxylase-deficient congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 85:727–733
410 411	17.	Berenbaum SA, Korman Bryk K, Duck SC, Resnick SM 2004 Psychological adjustment in children and adults with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. J. Pediatr. 144:741–746
412 413 414	18.	Arlt W, Willis DS, Wild SH, Krone N, Doherty EJ, Hahner S, et al. 2010 Health status of adults with congenital adrenal hyperplasia: a cohort study of 203 patients. J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab. 95:5110–5121
415 416	19.	Johannsen TH, Ripa CPL, Mortensen EL, Main KM 2006 Quality of life in 70 women with disorders of sex development. European Journal of Endocrinology 155:877–885
417 418 419	20.	Nermoen I, Husebye ES, Svartberg J, Lovas K 2010 Subjective health status in men and women with congenital adrenal hyperplasia: a population-based survey in Norway. European Journal of Endocrinology 163:453–459
420 421	21.	Kuhnle U, Bullinger M 1997 Outcome of congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Pediatr. Surg. Int. 12:511–515
422 423 424	22.	Wisniewski AB, Migeon CJ, Malouf MA, Gearhart JP 2004 Psychosexual outcome in women affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to 21-hydroxylase deficiency. J. Urol. 171:2497–2501
425 426 427	23.	Gastaud F, Bouvattier C, Duranteau L, Brauner R, Thibaud E, Kutten F, et al. 2007 Impaired sexual and reproductive outcomes in women with classical forms of congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 92:1391–1396
428 429 430	24.	Malouf MA, Inman AG, Carr AG, Franco J, Brooks LM 2010 Health-related quality of life, mental health and psychotherapeutic considerations for women diagnosed with a disorder of sexual development: congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Int J Pediatr Endocrinol 2010:253465
431 432 433	25.	Falhammar H, Nyström HF, Ekström U, Granberg S, Wedell A, Thorén M 2012 Fertility, sexuality and testicular adrenal rest tumors in adult males with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. European Journal of Endocrinology 166:441–449
434 435 436	26.	Casteràs A, De Silva P, Rumsby G, Conway GS 2009 Reassessing fecundity in women with classical congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH): normal pregnancy rate but reduced fertility rate. Clin. Endocrinol. (Oxf) 70:833–837
437 438 439	27.	Hagenfeldt K, Janson PO, Holmdahl G, Falhammar H, Filipsson H, Frisén L, et al. 2008 Fertility and pregnancy outcome in women with congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to 21-hydroxylase deficiency. Hum. Reprod. 23:1607–1613
440	28.	Wedell A 2011 Molecular genetics of 21-hydroxylase deficiency. Endocr Dev 20:80–87
441 442 443	29.	Krone N, Rose IT, Willis DS, Hodson J, Wild SH, Doherty EJ, et al. 2013 Genotype- Phenotype Correlation in 153 Adult Patients With Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia due to 21- Hydroxylase Deficiency: Analysis of the United Kingdom Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

444 445		Adult Study Executive (CaHASE) Cohort. Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism 98:E346–E354							
446 447	30.	30. Nordenström A 2011 Adult women with 21-hydroxylase deficient congenital adrenal hyperplasia, surgical and psychological aspects. Curr. Opin. Pediatr. 23:436–442							
448 449 450	31.	Wedell A, Ritzén EM, Haglund-Stengler B, Luthman H 1992 Steroid 21-hydroxylase deficiency: three additional mutated alleles and establishment of phenotype-genotype relationships of common mutations. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 89:7232–7236							
451 452	32.	32. Berenbaum SA, Bryk KK, Duck SC 2010 Normal intelligence in female and male patients with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Int J Pediatr Endocrinol 2010:853103							
453 454	33.	Het S, Ramlow G, Wolf OT 2005 A meta-analytic review of the effects of acute cortisol administration on human memory. Psychoneuroendocrinology							
455 456	34.	Leveroni CL, Berenbaum SA 1998 Early androgen effects on interest in infants: evidence from children with congenital adrenal hyperplasia. Developmental Neuropsychology							
457 458	35.	Jääskeläinen J, Voutilainen R 2007 Long-term outcome of classical 21-hydroxylase deficiency: diagnosis, complications and quality of life. Acta Paediatrica 89:183–187							
459									
460 461 462 463									
464	Legen	ds to tables							
465 466 467	Table	1							
468	Sub-cl	assification of patients into clinical severity and CYP21A2 genotype groups.							
469 470	*inclu	ding genotype groups P482S and P453S and clinically diagnosed NC							
471									
472									
473	Table	2							
474									
475	Age di	stribution of the patients in the different CYP21A2 genotype groups, males and females.							
476									
477	Table								
478		ratios (OR) for all the studied measures, assessed for the whole cohort of patients, women and							
479		and the clinical severity groups. OR with 95% confidence interval in parenthesis is given.							
480	Signifi	icant differences in bold caracters.							
481	m 11								
482	Table 4	4							

483	Odds ratios for the measures studied, for women and men in all the different subgroups; CYP21A2
484	genotype groups, not classified (NA) and epid (patients identified through national patient registry).
485	*Denotes that odds ratio was not possible to calculate
486	

487 **Tables**

488

Table 1

489

Clinical group	genotype		male	female	
SW		240	105	135	
	Null		41	59	
	clin SW		9	9	
	I2 splice		55	67	
SV		167	76	91	
	I172N		58	72	
	clinSV		6	7	
	P30		12	12	
NC		75	19	56	
	V281L		14	42	
	NC*		5	14	
unknown		106	53	53	
	NA		39	24	
	Epid		14	29	
Total		588	253	335	

490

491

492

493 Table 2

494 495

> I2splice Clin I172N Clin epid total Null P30 NC NA SWSVMales 253 **1921-1960** 27 1 3 0 2 14 3 0 2 2

1961-1991	130	20	6	26	22	3	5	10	30	9
1991-2009	96	20	1	26	22	0	7	9	8	3
Females	335									
1911-1960	37	0	0	4	11	0	0	9	1	12
1961-1990	188	30	7	36	41	6	9	29	19	11
1991-2010	110	29	2	27	20	1	3	18	4	6

Table 3

all born 1982-91	All patients	All women	All men 0.9 (0.4-2.1)	
complete education	0.5 (0.3-0.9)	0.3 (0.2-0.6)		
all born 1925-1991				
primary education (10 yr)	0.8 (0.6-1.1)	0.8 (0.5-1.4)	0.8 (0.5-1.3)	
higher education	0.7 (0.4-1.2)	0.9 (0.4-1.7)	0.5 (0.2-1.3)	
working 3-7 years	1.3 (0.7-2.2)	1.4 (0.7-2.8)	1.3 (0.5-3.6)	
working >7 years	1.8 (0.992-3.2)	1.6 (0.8-3.2)	3.1 (1.1-8.8)	
highincome	0.9 (0.7-1.2)	0.9 (0.7-1.2)	0.8 (0.6-1.2)	
lowincome	0.9 (0.6-1.4)	0.8 (0.5-1.4)	1.0 (0.5-2.0)	
sickleave	1.7 (1.2-2.4)	1.3 (0.8-2.0)	2.8 (1.6-4.8)	
disability pension	1.5 (1.0-2.2)	1.4 (0.9-2.4)	1.6 (0.8-3.2)	
social wellfare	1.0 (0.7-1.4)	1.1 (0.7-1.7)	0.9 (0.5-1.6)	
marriage	1.0 (0.8-1.4)	0.7 (0.5-1.0)	1.6 (1.0-2.5)	
children	0.3 (0.2-0.3)	0.2 (0.1-0.3)	0.4 (0.2-0.6)	

506 Table 4

	SW women	SW men	SW together	SV women	SV men	SV together	NC women	NC men	NC together
complete education	0.3(0.1-0.7)	1.2(0.3-4.6)	1.4(0.4-5.2)	0.3(0.1-1.1)	1.0(0.2-4.9)	0.6(0.2-1.5)	0.5(0.1-2.5)	0.5(0.0-6.0)	0.5(0.1-1.9)
born 1982- 94 n	80	61	140	69	49	118	38	10	38
primary education (10 yr)	1.4(0.7-2.9)	1.2(0.5-2.5)	1.3(0.8-2.2)	0.5(0.1-1.6)	0.5(0.2-1.5)	0.5(0.2-1.1)	0.4(0.1-1.9)	1.9(0.2-19.5)	0.6(0.3-1.2)
higher education	0.7(0.4-1.1)	0.9(0.5-1.7)	0.7(0.5-1.1)	1.4(0.8-2.4)	1.7(0.9-3.4)	1.5(1.0-2.3)	1.9(0.8-4.1)	1.7(0.4-7.7)	1.8(0.9-3.5)
working 3- 7 years	0.7(0.2-2.6)	1.4(0.3-6.7)	0.9(0.3-2.5)	1.7(0.4-7.5)	1.7(0.2-15.2)	1.5(0.5-5.0)	6.5(1.2-35.1)	>999.999	7.6(1.5-37.4)
working >7 years	2.0(0.6-6.7)	2.9(0.6-13.6)	2.3(0.9-5.8)	1.0(0.2-4.7)	7.3(0.7-79.8)	1.5(0.4-5.3)	3.5(0.6-20.8)	>999.999	4.5(0.8-25.4)
highincom e	2.0(1.0-4.2)	1.0(0.5-1.9)	0.9(0.5-1.4)	1.0(0.6-2.0)	0.5(0.2-1.0)	1.3(0.7-2.2)	2.0(0.8-5.3)	2.7(0.3-23)	2.1(0.9-4.9)
lowincome	1.2(0.5-3.1)	0.5(0.1-1.9)	0.9(0.4-1.9)	0.6(0.1-2.7)	0.3(0.0-2.9)	0.5(0.1-1.7)	1.3(0.4-4.4)	>999.999	1.0(0.9-5.0)
sickleave	1.6(0.9-3.0)	1.7(0.7-4.4)	1.6(0.9-3.0)	2.6(1.1-6.4)	3.4(1.3-9.4)	2.8(1.4-5.4)	0.3(0.1-1.1)	0.5(0.1-8.5)	0.3(0.1-0.7)
disability pension	1.7(0.7-4.0)	2.2(0.7-6.9)	2.0(1.0-3.9)	0.9(0.3-2.6)	0.9(0.2-3.5)	0.8(0.4-1.9)	3.4(0.9-11.8)	<0.001	3.3(1.0-11.1)
social wellfare	0.6(0.3-1.4)	1.1(0.4-2.6)	0.8(0.4-1.4)	0.7(0.3-1.8)	0.7(0.2-3)	0.7(0.3-1.5)	2.4(1.0-6.2)	1.2(0.1-10.8)	2.0(0.9-4.9)
marriage	0.5(0.2-1.1)	1.6(0.7-3.5)	0.9(0.5-1.5)	1.1(0.6-2.2)	1.8(0.8-4.4)	1.4(0.8-2.3)	1.4(0.5-3.9)	3.9(0.5-32.7)	1.7(0.7-4.3)
children	0.05(0.0-0.1)	0.4(0.2-0.8)	0.1(0.1-0.2)	0.4(0.2-0.7)	0.3(0.2-0.8)	0.4(0.2-0.7)	0.9(0.3-2.7)	0.9(0.1-7.1)	0.9(0.3-2.4)