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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The clinical spectrum of mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) type I is variable and range from the mildest attenuated form (Scheie syndrome) and the severest form (Hurler syndrome). Patients with Scheie syndrome suffer, despite being attenuated, from variable musculoskeletal, ophthalmological, and cardiac symptoms that sometimes delay or hinder reaching a proper diagnosis.

**Aim of the case report:** To highlight the different presentation of a patient with Scheie syndrome.

Description: We report a 30-year-old girl with Scheie syndrome, the firstborn of first-cousin parents presented at the age of 7 years with arthralgia and limitation of movements of several joints and so misdiagnosed as juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. She also suffered from corneal cloudiness, short stature, and no coarse facial features. Her skeletal survey at that time showed no abnormality as well as her Echocardiography. The diagnosis of MPS was confirmed by low alpha L-iduronidase enzyme activity. She received enzyme replacement therapy (ERT), which was started late and on an irregular basis. Therefore, her disease continued to progress despite regular ERT, especially avascular organs like corneas

**Conclusion:** Scheie syndrome should be suspected in patients with rheumatoid like symptoms, especially in the presence of other MPS characteristic features like corneal cloudiness. Late start of treatment hinders the patient's chance of optimum ERT effect.

**Keywords:** ERT: Enzyme replacement therapy; GAGs: Glycosaminoglycan; MPS Mucopolysaccharidoses

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#### **List of Abbreviations**

ARSB : N-acetylgalactosamine-4-sulfatase gene

BBB : Blood-Brain Barrier

BiPAP : Bilevel positive airway pressure ventilators

C6S : chondroitin-6-sulfate CNS : Central nervous system

CPAP : Continuous positive airway pressure

CSF : Cerebrospinal fluid
CT : Computed tomography
CTS : Carpal tunnel syndrome
DNA : Deoxyribonucleic acid

E.N.T : Ear nose throat ECM : Extracellular matrix

ERT : Enzyme replacement therapy

FEV1 : Forced expiratory volume in 1 second

FVC : Forced vital capacity GAGs : Glycosaminoglycan

GALNS : N-acetylgalactosamine-6-sulfate sulfatase

GLB1 : β-galactosidase

GVHD : Graft-versus-host disease

HGSNAT : Membrane bound lysosomal enzyme acetyl-

CoA: a-glucosamine N-acetyltransferase

HLA : Human leukocyte antigen

HSCT : Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

ICP : Intracranial pressure ICV : Intracerebroventricular

IDS : Iduronate sulfateIOP : Intraocular pressureIQ : Intelligence quotient

JIA : Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

## List of Abbreviations (Cont.)

KS : Keratan sulfate

LVH : Left ventricular hypertrophy MPS : Mucopolysaccharidoses

MRI : Magnetic resonance imaging

NAGLU : N-acetyl-alpha-d-glucosaminidase NMD : Nonsense-mediated mRNA decay

nmDMD : Nonsense mutations causing Duchenne

muscular dystrophy

OME : Otitis media with effusion OSA : Obstructive sleep apnea

QOL : Quality of life

rhASB : Recombinant human N-acetylgalactosamine-

4-sulfatase

rhGALNS: Recombinant human N-acetylgalactosamine-

6-sulfate sulfatase

rhGUS : Recombinant human beta-glucuronidase

SCRT : Stop codon read-through TLR4 : Toll-Like Receptor 4

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#### Introduction

Mucopolysaccharides are essential constituents of connective tissue, including cartilage and vessel walls. They are composed of long sugar chains, containing highly sulfated, alternating uronic acid and hexosamine residues, assembled into repeating units. The polysaccharide chains are bound to specific core proteins within complex macromolecules called proteoglycans. Depending on the composition of the repeating units, several mucopolysaccharides are known. Their degradation takes place inside the lysosomes and requires several acid hydrolases. Deficiencies of specific degradative enzymes are the cause of a variety of disorders, collectively termed mucopolysaccharidoses (Neufeld and Muenzer et al., 1995).

Mucopolysaccharidoses are a group of rare lysosomal storage diseases, each being related to a particular mutation responsible for a deficiency of glycosaminoglycan degrading enzymes, leading to an accumulation of glycosaminoglycans in tissues. Many of them are diagnosed in children or teenagers and have a severe prognosis because of organ failure, however, some of them have a more progressive presentation, with musculoskeletal symptoms at the forefront and a lifespan that nearly reaches that of the general population. These milder forms are more likely to be diagnosed in adults, in patients who have suffered for years and sometimes even decades with unrecognized mucopolysaccharidosis. Indeed, they can sometimes mimic