Chronic Pulmonary Aspergillosis and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Complicating Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis in an Adult Saudi Male: A Case Report

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Background: Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) is an extremely rare autoimmune, necrotizing granulomatous disease of unknown etiology affecting small and medium-sized blood vessels. Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) is a rare fungal infection with high morbidity and mortality that usually affects immunocompetent or mildly immunosuppressed patients with underlying respiratory disease. Antifungal agents (voriconazole, itraconazole) are the mainstay of therapy. Intravenous drug therapy (amphotericin B or an echinocandin), alone or in combination with azoles, is the last resort in special situations such as azole failure, resistance, or severe disease. Sometimes CPA and GPA coexist and are difficult to distinguish due to the nonspecific symptoms and similarity of clinical and radiological features, so a high degree of suspicion is required to make the correct diagnosis.

Case Presentation: We reported that a 28-year-old man from Saudi Arabia was diagnosed with GPA. The patient had been complaining of cough, fatigue, polyarthralgia and red eyes for 40 days before he was admitted to our hospital. The diagnosis of GPA was confirmed by clinical and radiological examinations and a pathological report of a lung biopsy, and he was treated with immunosuppressive drugs. The patient's condition was complicated by chronic pulmonary aspergillosis and type 2 diabetes mellitus. Initial treatments included systemic glucocorticoids, methotrexate, followed by rituximab and voriconazole, finally intravenous cyclophosphamide and amphotericin B, with no complete remission. The thoracic surgical team postponed surgical debridement of the significant cavitary lung lesions until the active fungal infection could be brought under control.

Conclusion: The clinical and radiological features of GPA are similar to those of pulmonary tuberculosis, chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, and lung cancer. The lack of clear clinical symptoms of GPA requires a high degree of suspicion for early diagnosis. This case illustrates the dilemma of diagnosis and treatment of GPA and superimposed fungal infection. Secondary infection, particularly fungal infection, must be considered when GPA cannot be controlled with an immunosuppressant.

Keywords: granulomatous with polyangiitis, pulmonary aspergillosis, lung abscess, vasculitis

Background

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) (formerly known as Wegener's granulomatosis) is an extremely rare autoimmune, necrotizing granulomatous disease of unknown etiology that affects small and medium-sized blood vessels in multiple organs, but most

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commonly the upper respiratory tract, lungs (more than 90%), and kidneys, but also the skin, eyes, muscles, and nervous system.^{1,2} Treatment of GPA depends on its severity and whether it has resulted in organ damage. In patients with active, non-severe GPA (GPA without life- or organ-threatening manifestations), start induction treatment with methotrexate and glucocorticoids. In patients with active, severe GPA, treatment with rituximab versus cyclophosphamide is recommended to induce remission and may improve survival by 20% to 80%. Rituximab may be preferable in cases of hepatic or renal dysfunction or recurrent relapses during treatment with methotrexate.^{3,4}

Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) is a rare fungal infection with high morbidity and mortality. CPA usually occurs in patients with underlying pulmonary diseases such as previous tuberculosis, COPD, sarcoidosis, or lung cancer. The diagnosis of CPA depends on the presence of compatible clinical symptoms and radiologic findings with a positive serum *Aspergillus* precipitin test or isolation of an *Aspergillus* species from respiratory specimens (ie, sputum or bronchial aspirate fluid). Oral triazole therapy for CPA is now considered standard treatment. Oral voriconazole is also effective in CPA and has been acceptably tolerated in several studies as first-line therapy or after itraconazole (either due to failure or intolerance).⁵

Sometimes CPA and GPA coexist and are difficult to distinguish due to the nonspecific symptoms and similarities in clinical and radiological features, so a high degree of suspicion is required to make the correct diagnosis.⁶

The prevalence of fungal infections in Saudi Arabia is not known because there are no data on the burden of fungal diseases in Saudi Arabia.⁷ The prevalence of CPA has been estimated to be 3.4/100,000 in Saudi Arabia.⁸ There are fewer cases of CPA associated with superimposed pulmonary *Aspergillus* infections, especially in

Saudi Arabia. We report this case from eastern Saudi Arabia, a case of GPA with multiple pulmonary nodules that had developed into multiple cavitary lesions and were refined by chronic pulmonary aspergillosis.

Case Presentation

In this report, we describe a 28-year-old Saudi man who was previously healthy. His medical history dates back to January 2020, when he had a 40-day dry cough, fever, fatigue, and red eyes, as well as abnormal chest x-rays. He smoked 10 packs a year. In August 2019, he underwent a lumbar laminectomy for left sciatica. Prior to admission, he had dry cough, red eyes, blurred vision, arthralgia in both knees, and low back pain. His chest X-ray showed an isolated pulmonary nodule in the right upper lobe, so he was referred to the pulmonary clinic (Figure 1A).

Since pulmonary tuberculosis is common in our area, we performed outpatient tuberculosis screening by sputum analysis for acid fast bacteria by smear and PCR. The result of the test was negative. A second chest X-ray 2 weeks later revealed bilateral pulmonary nodules, the largest in the right upper lobe.

He was admitted to another hospital, where an examination and flexible bronchoscopy with transbronchial biopsy of the right upper lobe was performed, which revealed no endoluminal lesion.

He denied fever, rash, numbness, headache, joint swelling, nasal congestion or discharge, or change in urine color. His examination revealed a body mass index of 30.5 kg/m², a temperature of 37.0°C, a blood pressure of 130/80 mmHg, a heart rate of 110 beats per minute, and an oxygen saturation of 95%. His eyes were red bilaterally, without discharge. We found no nasal polyps or deformities. The chest was auscultated bilaterally with equal air entry. His abdomen was neither tender nor distended and

Figure 1 (A) Radiograph of the right upper lobe nodal consolidation with internal cyst formation. (B) Radiograph of right upper lobe cavitary mass like opacity with left lower lobe nodule. (C) Chest radiograph, multiple bilateral cavitary lesions with air-fluid levels, and the largest in the right upper lobe.

there was no evidence of organomegaly. The patient had no accessible lymphadenopathy, rash, or arthritis. An ophthalmologist noted bilateral episcleritis.

Subsequent chest radiographs showed: enlargement of the right upper lobe nodule with formation of a cavitory massive opacity and enlargement of the left lower lobe nodule (Figure 1B).

An imaging examination on February 10, 2020 revealed multiple nodules of varying sizes on both sides of the chest and an enlarged lung mass in the right upper lobe with multiple mediastinal lymph nodes (Figure 2A and B). Infectious etiologies included bacterial infections, tuberculosis, and even mycoses. Sarcoidosis and granulomatosis with polyangiitis are other differential diagnoses. The possibility of a neoplastic process also cannot be ruled out. His investigations revealed microscopic haematuria and proteinuria and mild eosinophilia in the blood (Table 1).

He was admitted to our hospital on February 15, 2020, and a CT-guided lung biopsy was performed under local anesthesia without complications from the cavitory lesion of the right upper lobe (Figure 2C and D). In addition to intravenous steroids (methylprednisolone 1), we started ambulatory steroids (prednisolone 50 mg daily) and methotrexate 25 mg every other week for five days.

Histopathology of the cavitory lesion of the right upper lobe revealed the following: The medium-sized vessels (arteries and veins) are typically absent due to inflammation and are replaced by scattered necrosis containing karyorrhectic neutrophils and eosinophils with fibrinoid necrosis (probable foci of leukocytoclastic vasculitis). The lesion consists of epithelioid-granulomatous collections of granulomas with occasional central small necrosis and multinucleated giant Langerhans cells. An overlap syndrome between GPA and eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis has been reported in the literature. Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis was ruled out in this case based on the clinical history (no asthma, no atopy, and no significant peripheral eosinophilia) (Figure 3A and B).

His immunological profile showed positive results for antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA) C, rheumatoid factor, but negative results for p-ANCA, antinuclear antibody (ANA) and anticyclic citrullinated antibody (CCA). As he has no children and is single, he refused cyclophosphamide.

He received a bolus of intravenous (IV) methylprednisolone three times a month for 3 months and oral prednisolone 50 mg in combination with methotrexate 25 mg once a week and sometimes mycophenolate

Figure 2 (A) CT thorax mediastinal window: right upper lobe mass like with central cavitation, 7.3×7 cm in size. (B) CT thorax pulmonary window, multiple bilateral nodules show dominance of lower lobe with bilateral mild bronchial wall thickening. (C) CT thorax mediastinal window: CT-guided needle biopsy from the right upper lobe mass with central cavitation. (D) CT thorax pulmonary window. Cavitation of the right upper lobe. (E) CT thorax pulmonary window, October 1/2021: Right upper lobe cavitory lesion measuring 3.8×2.4 cm, previously 3.8×3 × 2.8 cm with solid internal component and Crescent air sign, raising the possibility of underlying fungal ball. (F) CT thorax pulmonary window, October 1/2021: showed bilateral cavitory lung lesions, one right lower lobe, one lingula and 2 left lower lobe.

Table I Laboratory Results on Admission and Follow Up

	February 2020	September 2020	November 2020	March 2021	July 2021	October 2021
Hemoglobin g/l	13.1	13.5	13.2			12.9
Hematocrit	36.6	38.7	38.9			
WBC Count × 10 ⁹ /l	19.0	25.5	18.7	13.4		22.2
RBC Count 10 ¹² /l	4.97	5.23	5.26	5.6		5.5
Platelets × 10 ⁹ /l	345	433	458	490		476
Rheumatoid Factor	Positive					
ANA, Anti CCP	Negative					
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate mm/h	80	110	74	45		
C-reactive protein, mg/l	80	350	180	34		169
Transferees, Alanine	43	67	69	22		15
Transferees, Aspartate	24	42	25	34		13
HBA1c	6	9.6	8.5	8	7	
c-ANCA	1:20	1:20	1:10			
p-ANCA	Negative	Negative	Negative			
Urine analysis Albumin	Trace	Trace	Nil	Nil		
WBCs urine	2–5	2–5	2–5	2–5		0–2
RBCs urine	20–25	2–5	2–5	2–5		0–2
Sputum culture	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative		Negative
Blood culture						
Serum galactomannan		Negative	Negative		Negative	
Sputum fungal culture		Positive for aspergillus	Positive for aspergillus	Negative		Positive for aspergillus
BALF galactomannan Normal: <0					8.3	

mofetil (2 grams daily). After 3 months, his condition still had not improved clinically and radiologically, so rituximab 2 grams IV 500 mg was given every 2 weeks for 4 doses, but he developed a severe allergic reaction after the fourth dose.

On September 17, 2020, in addition to fever, he developed increased cough, yellowish, sometimes bloody sputum, fatigue, and shortness of breath. He developed arthralgia and his eyes became red again. Clinically, he had a temperature of 39°C, a pulse of 140 beats per minute, and a respiratory rate of 28 beats per minute.

Eyes were red, no lower limb edema, no rash, no arthritis. Heart murmur was normal with no murmur. Dullness in the chest over both bases and distant air entry. A repeat chest x-ray showed progression of dimensions of multiple cavities with air-fluid levels (Figure 1C). Blood and sputum cultures were negative for bacteria, but sputum cultures were positive for *Aspergillus* on 3 occasions. On many occasions, the serum galactomannan test was negative. His inflammatory markers were elevated, and COVID-19 was repeatedly negative. He was recently diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and was taking basal and normal

Figure 3 (A and B) Histopathological findings of lung biopsy of right upper lobe, medium-sized vessels (arteries and veins) are rarely seen and are probably destroyed by the inflammation and replaced by scattered relatively small necrosis consisting of degenerating karyorrhectic neutrophils with basophilia and eosinophils with fibrinoid necrosis (probable foci of leukocytoclastic vasculitis). B, there are small epithelioid granulomatous collections with occasional central small necrosis, and few multinucleated giant Langerhans-type cells are noted.

insulin. Empirically, an intravenous antibiotic was initiated, but after the result of a culture, voriconazole 200 mg/8 hours was administered intravenously for two weeks, followed by an oral dose.

During treatment, prednisolone 20 mg daily and voriconazole 200 mg thrice daily were given along with azathioprine 100 mg po daily and trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole 480 mg daily. He had purulent manifestations (cough and sputum with excessive sputum and fever, myalgia and fatigue with elevated inflammatory markers with negative sputum and blood cultures. Multiple courses of IV broad spectrum antibiotics were administered, each lasting three weeks, both inpatient and outpatient.

In March 2021, he was clinically stable with partial radiological improvement.

He developed bilateral cataracts and a bilateral cataractomy was performed on 2 occasions under local anesthesia.

In June 2021, he developed an episode of purulent manifestations (cough and excessive sputum) with fever, myalgia and fatigue with an increase in inflammatory markers with negative sputum and blood cultures. Fungal culture in sputum was positive for *Aspergillus fumigatus*. Intravenous cyclophosphamide 500 mg monthly for 3 months with intravenous amphotericin b (Ambisome) 200 mg daily for 12 weeks. He began to become asymptomatic and improved clinically, radiologically, and laboratory. The oral steroid was reduced to 10 mg prednisolone daily. With trimethoprim and prophylaxis for gastritis and osteoporosis.

After 12 weeks of treatment with IV Ambisome and restarting oral voriconazole (200 mg three times daily)

without sufficient response, he was admitted to King Faisal Special Hospital in Riyadh and evaluated in July 2021 by flexible bronchoscope (BAL) and CT guided lung biopsy of the left lower lobe. BALF was negative for malignancy, viruses and fungi (by staining) but positive for galactomannan (8,3). Serum galactomannan was negative (0.09).

The cardiothoracic surgeon, pulmonary rheumatology, and infectious disease team recommended continuing drug treatment for the fungal infection, as the patient had multiple lung cavity lesions, some of which had air fluid (active infection?), and reducing the oral corticosteroid to 10 mg daily. Lung biopsy revealed nonspecific inflammation.

Follow-up CT on October 1, 2021 showed that the bilateral cavitary lung lesions had decreased in size and had markedly increased wall thickening (Figure 2E and F).

On October 26, 2021, he was reexamined at King Faisal Specialized Center by a multidisciplinary team. It was recommended to continue medical treatment and perform surgical intervention after ponding until the fungal infection is under control or complications occur.

Discussion and Conclusions

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis is a form of systemic vasculitis that results in necrotizing granulomatous vasculitis of the respiratory tract, kidneys, skin, peripheral nervous system, joints, and other organs.¹⁻³ The incidence of GPA is about 10 cases per 1 million people and is slightly more common in men than in women, although there are no published data on the incidence of GPA in Saudi Arabia.⁴ The diagnosis of GPA depends on clinical,

laboratory, radiological, and histopathological evaluation. GPA usually involves a triad of (a) upper respiratory tract (sinusitis, crusty rhinitis, saddle nose) and lower respiratory tract (pulmonary nodules, cavities, and alveolar haemorrhage), (b) systemic vasculitis, and (c) glomerulonephritis-ANCA-positive results (82 to 94%) support but do not confirm the diagnosis of GPA.⁹ A biopsy of the affected organ is usually required to confirm the diagnosis and rule out infection or malignancy (scattered multinucleated giant cells, necrotizing granulomas with nonspecific inflammation and tissue necrosis accompanied by necrotizing vasculitis).² In active, non-severe GPA (GPA without life- or organ-threatening manifestations), induction therapy begins with methotrexate and glucocorticoids; methotrexate is equivalent but may be associated with a higher relapse rate. In patients with active, severe GPA, treatment with rituximab is recommended over cyclophosphamide for induction of remission. Rituximab may be preferable in cases of hepatic or renal dysfunction or recurrent relapse during treatment with methotrexate. Long-term therapy with trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole may prevent recurrent infections and prophylaxis of *Pneumocystis carinii* and induce remission of non-severe disease.³

Our patient had multiorgan involvement, including episcleritis, polyarthralgia, pulmonary nodules and cavities, microscopic hematuria, blood eosinophilia, positive c-ANCA and rheumatoid factor with elevated ESR and CRP. A lung biopsy revealed GPA and positive c-ANCA, ruling out the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis and lung cancer. Initial treatment included systemic glucocorticoids, methotrexate, followed by rituximab and cyclophosphamide with a prophylactic dose of trimethoprim.

Infections, especially pulmonary infections, may also be a complication of immunosuppressive treatment. Symptoms of exacerbation of GPA or infection may be difficult to recognize in some clinical situations. The clinical picture, laboratory findings, and chest radiographs, especially high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT), are required for differentiation. The most complicated problem in the management of GPA patients is finding the right balance between the immunosuppression needed to treat the disease and minimizing the risk of bacterial infection.¹⁰

Aspergillosis is an infection of the lung caused by the genus *Aspergillus* (mostly *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Aspergillus flavus*) and can be chronic or acute. Usually, chronic infection or colonization occurs in people with

lung disease. There are several forms of chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, including chronic cavitary pulmonary aspergillosis and chronic fibrosing pulmonary aspergillosis, aspergillomas, and *Aspergillus* nodules.⁵ The prevalence of fungal infections in Saudi Arabia is not known because there are no data on the burden of fungal diseases in Saudi Arabia.⁷ The prevalence of CPA was estimated to be 3.4/100,000 in Saudi Arabia.⁸

The current criteria for establishing chronic pulmonary aspergillosis are (i) compatible clinical symptoms (fever, fatigue, sputum production, hemoptysis, or shortness of breath), (ii) compatible radiological findings (one large cavity or more than two small cavities, either with or without aspergilloma for 1–3 months), and (iii) a positive serum *Aspergillus* precipitin test or isolation of an *Aspergillus* species from respiratory specimens (ie, sputum, transtracheal aspirate, or bronchial aspirate fluid).^{5,11}

The presence of a fungal ball strongly suggests aspergilloma as a manifestation of CPA. For a definitive diagnosis, microbiological confirmation is required to rule out other diagnoses such as tuberculosis and to determine the presence of fungus. Radiographs showing cavities may raise suspicion, but a positive Ig-G test for *Aspergillus* is required for confirmation.^{12,13} In a minority of patients with chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, cultures are positive for *Aspergillus fumigatus*, and serum galactomannan is usually negative. If the sputum culture is negative, bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage may be required. The BALF-galactomannan test has a sensitivity and specificity of about 38–50% and 87–100% for the diagnosis of CPA.¹⁴ Elevated inflammatory markers such as C-reactive protein and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate are very common in patients with chronic pulmonary aspergillosis but are not specific.^{5,13} Current medical treatments for aggressive invasive aspergillosis include voriconazole and liposomal amphotericin B in combination with surgical debridement.^{5,13,15}

Chronic cavitary pulmonary aspergillosis requires life-long antifungal treatment. Oral triazole therapy for CPA is now considered standard treatment. Oral voriconazole (200 mg twice daily; may be increased to 300 mg twice daily based on therapeutic drug monitoring) is also effective in CPA and has been acceptably tolerated in several studies as first-line therapy or after itraconazole (200 mg twice daily). Currently, the choice between the two agents depends on cost, availability, toxicity, and tolerability; therefore, they are used interchangeably as first-line therapy.^{5,15} Intravenous drug therapy, alone or in

combination with azoles, is the last resort in cases of clinical failure, pan-azole resistance, or drug toxicity, but can also be used in some situations with severe disease progression. Drugs administered intravenously include amphotericin B or an echinocandin.^{5,13}

Surgery serves two important purposes for CPA patients: it can relieve symptoms that are disabling or life-threatening, and it can even cure some patients if the localized disease does not respond to antifungal therapy. Due to the low prevalence of CPA and the significant number of health conditions that prevent surgery, the evidence on surgical intervention is limited to large case series compiled over long periods of time.^{4,16,17}

This patient's condition was complicated by type 2 diabetes mellitus and chronic *Aspergillus* infection, which caused additional disease. This patient's diabetes was managed with basal insulin in combination with immunosuppression and antifungal therapy, so he was scheduled for surgical debridement of the two large cavities in the right upper and lower lobes, but the multidisciplinary team recommended continuing medical treatment and not performing surgery until the fungal infection was under control or if complications occurred.

GPA are extremely rare and the occurrence of aspergillosis is also extremely rare. Few cases of pulmonary *Aspergillus* infection have been reported as a complication of GPA. In both cases, pulmonary cavitations or nodules may occur. Detection of superimposed mycosis requires repeated sputum cultures for fungal detection and serum galactomannan (positive predictive value 25–62%). In patients with diffuse lung involvement, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) is usually useful in diagnosing invasive pulmonary aspergillosis. Because of the risk of bleeding, transbronchial biopsies are not recommended. Histopathological examination is also required to diagnose invasive pulmonary aspergillosis.^{11,13,16}

Arfaj et al encountered 23 cases of GPA between 1990 and 2001 and reported that the lung was affected in 65.2% and the ANCA test was positive in 78.9%. The findings of chest CT were pulmonary nodules in (80.0% and cavities in (53.3%) patients. Lung biopsies showed chronic granulomatous inflammation with vasculitis and necrosis. 63% of patients received intravenous cyclophosphamide, and 10.5% required rituximab therapy.⁴ Al-Harbi et al investigated the etiology of lung granulomas (either transbronchial or endobronchial biopsies, CT-guided core biopsies, or surgical specimens) between 2005 and December 2013, and GPA was detected in 18 of 158 cases.¹⁸ He et al

reported: One patient with GPA had pulmonary mycosis (sputum cultures showed *Candida albicans* 3+ and *Aspergillus*), which was successively treated with immunosuppressants and antifungal therapies.¹⁹ Richter et al examined the bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) of 33 patients with GPA to determine the predominant pathogens and reported the growth of mycoses in only one case.²⁰ Invasive fungal disease is considered rare and prophylactic antifungal treatment should be considered in immunocompromised hosts.¹¹ Yagi et al reported invasive pulmonary aspergillosis (IPA) due to *A. lentulus* in an adult diagnosed by bronchoscopy 3 weeks after starting systemic corticosteroid therapy for ANCA-associated vasculitis, which improved after treatment with the antifungal drug voriconazole.²¹ Seven of 157 patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis were found to have IPA. Two patients were classified as Wegener's granulomatosis and 5 as microscopic polyangiitis. Despite intensive antifungal therapy, only 3 patients survived.²² Le Thi Huong et al²³ and Martens²⁴ reported a case of pulmonary aspergilloma as a complication of Wegener's granulomatosis.

What Makes Our Case Unique?

The typical differential diagnosis for cavitary lesions of the lung is broad and may include infection (bacterial, tuberculosis, fungal), malignancy, septic embolism, infected cyst, necrotizing rheumatoid nodule, or GPA. Our case illustrates the dilemma in diagnosing and treating GPA and CPA in a patient who presents atypically, and this case is one of the few cases described in the literature as GPA with CPA.

Conclusion

The clinical and radiological features of GPA are similar to those of pulmonary tuberculosis, chronic pulmonary aspergillosis, and lung cancer. The lack of clear clinical symptoms of GPA requires a high degree of suspicion for early diagnosis. This case illustrates the dilemma of diagnosis and treatment of GPA and superimposed fungal infection. Secondary infection, particularly fungal infection, must be considered when GPA cannot be controlled with an immunosuppressant. Targeted diagnostic testing and appropriate early antifungal therapy should be instituted as soon as possible, minimizing immunosuppressive medication.

Abbreviations

ANCA, antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody; ANA, antinuclear antibody; AIDS, Acquired immunodeficiency

syndrome; BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid; CPA, chronic pulmonary aspergillosis; RF, rheumatoid factor; ASP, Aspergillus; CT, computed tomography; GPA, granulomatosis with polyangiitis; IPA, invasive pulmonary aspergillosis; WBC, white blood count; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; C-S, culture and sensitivity; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; IV, intravenous; ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate; CRP, C-reactive protein; Anti CCA, anti-cyclic citrullinated antibodies; RBCs, red blood cells.

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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this article.

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