

Supplemental Data

**Loss-of-Function Myeloperoxidase Mutations
Are Associated with Increased Neutrophil Counts
and Pustular Skin Disease**

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Supplemental Note: Case Reports

The four individuals harbouring bi-allelic *MPO* mutations are described below.

GYFAP0014 is a British 54-year-old female of European descent. She was diagnosed with Acrodermatitis Continua of Hallopeau (ACH, a localised pustular eruption affecting the nails and distal phalanxes) aged 10. She also has a history of generalised pustular psoriasis that flared during pregnancy (at age 36 and 39) with widespread pustulation, high-fever, severe neutrophilia ($>15,000$ cells/mm³) and elevated CRP levels (>100 mg/L). Following several years of quiescent disease on infliximab infusions (5mg per kg every 10 weeks) and oral methotrexate (5mg per week) co-therapy, both treatments were withdrawn at age 52. Skin clearance has subsequently been maintained (2 years follow up to date). Her comorbidities include anxiety and depression. She has a body mass index (BMI) of 30. She does not have concurrent plaque psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, and there is no family history of psoriasis.

DDPLM001 is a 35-year-old British female of European descent. She has been suffering from palmoplantar pustulosis since she was 24. She also has ACH with nail loss on her left hand and is affected by chronic plaque psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Her BMI is 26 and she is an ex-smoker. She has been receiving ciclosporin for the past 3 years with good effect. Her previous treatments include methotrexate and oral PUVA. There is no family history of psoriasis.

SCAR2124 is a female from Germany who presented with acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) at age 80, requiring an admission to hospital for 23 days. She suffered from widespread pustulation, fever and severe neutrophilia ($>15,000$ cells/mm³). The culprit drugs (in order of suspicion) are methotrexate, pantoprazole and sultamicillin (ampicillin/sulbactam).

SCAR2567 is a female from Germany who presented with AGEP secondary to hydroxychloroquine at age 70. She suffered from high fever and pustulation, requiring an admission to hospital for 5 days. Her comorbidities include previous giant cell arteritis.

Supplemental Subjects and Methods

Study participants

The study was carried out according to the principles of the declaration of Helsinki and was approved by the ethics committees of participating institutions. Written informed consent was also obtained from all participants. Ninety-four individuals with generalised or acral forms of pustular psoriasis were ascertained through the APRICOT clinical trial (Anakinra in Pustular psoriasis, Response In a Controlled Trial; EudraCT n. 2015-003600-23) and its sister mechanistic study PLUM (Pustular psoriasis, eLucidating Underlying Mechanisms). Forty-eight additional cases were recruited outside of these programmes at St John's Institute of Dermatology (London, UK), Glasgow Western Infirmary (UK), Zurich University Hospital (Switzerland) and Hospital Sultanah Aminah (Johor Bahru, Malaysia). Pustular psoriasis was diagnosed by expert dermatologists, based on clinical examination and/or published consensus criteria¹. Given various reports of digenic inheritance in GPP², individuals harbouring deleterious alleles at known disease loci were not excluded from the study cohort.

Subjects affected by AGEF were actively recruited by a network of hospitals in six countries. All were interviewed by trained investigators who recorded detailed information on the clinical course of the disease, previous medical history and suspected causative factors including infections and medications. Drug intake in the month before hospital admission was also recorded in a systematic way. All case notes were reviewed by a multinational expert committee of dermatologists blinded for information on risk factors. Clinical photographs were viewed together with clinical information from the case record forms and histological information. Cases were then assessed with a published scoring system³ and were either excluded from the cohort or classified as definite, probable or possible. Only definite and probable cases were included in this study.

Given previous evidence of digenic inheritance in pustular skin disorders, affected individuals were included in the study, even if they harboured mutations at known disease loci^{2,4}.

Healthy volunteers for MPO inhibition studies were recruited among the personnel of St John's Institute of Dermatology.

Whole-exome sequencing and Sanger sequencing

Five affected individuals were exome sequenced as part of previously published studies^{4,5}. For the remaining samples libraries were prepared with the Agilent SureSelect Human All Exome kit and run on an Illumina HiSeq3000 instrument. Paired-end reads were aligned to the hg19 reference genome with Novoalign (Novocraft Technologies) After the removal of duplicate reads, SNPs and small insertion deletions were identified with SAMtools⁶. Finally, variant files were annotated with ANNOVAR⁷. The same pipeline was used to process 590 control exomes generated by the UK Institute of Cancer Research⁸.

Given that none of the affected individuals had an affected parent, exome profiles were filtered based on an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. To maximise the likelihood of detecting deleterious loss-of-function alleles, variants were only retained if they: i) caused splicing, stop-gain, stop-loss and frameshift changes; ii) occurred in homozygosity; iii) had a MAF ≤ 0.01 in the ExAC dataset and in our in-house sequencing database; iv) were associated with CADD pathogenicity scores $>15^9$.

Upon completion of the filtering process, the *MPO* coding region was screened by Sanger sequencing in 14 additional GPP subjects, using the primers listed in Table S7. The gene was also examined in 109 APP sufferers, by interrogating whole-exome data generated as described above.

Systematic literature review

The PubMed database was queried using the terms (MPO deficiency) or (myeloperoxidase deficiency). The search, which was restricted to articles written in English and published before June 2019, retrieved 225 papers. Following the removal of reviews and irrelevant studies (e.g. characterisation of animal models and cell lines), 28 original articles were examined in detail.

Neutrophil RNA-sequencing

Neutrophil RNA-sequencing of 8 unrelated GPP individuals and 11 healthy controls was carried out as part of a previous study¹⁰. Briefly, the MACSxpress Whole Blood Neutrophil Isolation Kit (Miltenyi Biotec) was used to isolate high-purity (>95%) neutrophil populations. Following mRNA capture, samples were sequenced on a NextSeq 500 Illumina platform. Reads were then aligned to the HG38 genome and quantified with HTseq-count¹⁰.

Here, the expression profile of the individual carrying the c.2031-2A>C variant was compared to that of the 11 controls. Fold changes (FC) were calculated by dividing the gene expression levels (RPKM) observed in the proband by the mean RPKM of the controls. FC values were then converted into z-scores by normalising their distribution to a mean of zero and standard deviation of 1. Finally, p-values were computed based on the normal distribution and adjusted for multiple testing (Bonferroni correction). The specificity of the gene expression changes was assessed through a parallel analysis of the 7 remaining GPP subjects, which were compared to the 11 healthy controls.

Cell viability and apoptosis assays

Neutrophils were purified using the MACSxpress Whole Blood Neutrophil Isolation Kit (Miltenyi) and 10^6 cells were cultured in 500 μ l RPMI (Gibco) supplemented with 1% BSA (Sigma-Aldrich). For viability assays, cultures were treated with 400 μ M ABAH (Abcam) for 4h after which 100nM PMA (Cayman Chemicals) or vehicle was added to the medium. After 20h, live cells were counted with a Nucleocounter NC-200 (ChemMetec). For apoptosis assays, cultures were treated with 400 μ M ABAH for 4h after which 25nM PMA or vehicle was added to the medium. After 20h, cells were processed

with the Annexin-V-FLUOS Staining Kit (Sigma Aldrich) and analysed on a BD FACSCanto™ II Flow Cytometry System. All experiments were carried out three times.

Analysis of UK Biobank dataset

The phenotypes associated with the c.2031-2A>C mutation were identified with the PheWAS function of The Gene ATLAS browser (a database reporting the results of 778 genome-wide association studies, carried out in UK Biobank using an additive genetic model¹¹). To validate the association between c.2031-2A>C and neutrophil count variation, the details of additional MPOD alleles were retrieved from the OMIM database and used in further Gene ATLAS queries.

Statistical tests

The frequency of the c.2031-2A>C/c.2031-2A>C genotype was compared in cases vs. gnomAD controls¹² (non-Finnish European exomes v.2.1.1 and non-Finnish European genomes v.3), using Fisher's exact test. The effects of ABAH on PMA treated cells were assessed with a non-parametric ANOVA (Friedman's test).

Supplemental Tables

Table S1: Composition of the study cohort

Diagnosis	Sex	Ancestry	Average age of onset
GPP-WES (n=19)	4 males 15 females	European (n=9); Asian (n=9); Romani (n=1)	31 years
GPP-Sanger (n=14)	3 males 11 females	European (n=10); Asian (n=4)	40 years
APP (n=109)	22 males 87 females	European (n=109)	44 years

APP, Acral Pustular psoriasis; GPP, Generalized Pustular Psoriasis; WES, whole-exome sequencing

Table S2: Rare loss-of-function variants identified in 19 unrelated GPP individuals

Gene	Variant	Global MAF	Pathogenicity score (CADD) ¹	Gene function
<i>ARAP1</i>	c.4070+5G>T	0.0005	22.8	Modulates actin cytoskeleton remodelling
<i>CCSER2</i>	c.1868+5T>A	0.0003	15.8	Might play a role in microtubule bundling
<i>DMBT1</i>	c.1504C>T	0.00002	35.0	Candidate tumour suppressor gene for brain, lung, oesophageal, gastric, and colorectal cancers
<i>EIF4G1</i>	c.698-3C>T	0.0016	16.5	Encodes a component of the EIF4F protein complex
<i>FAM83A</i>	c.871C>T	0.0018	36.0	Probable proto-oncogene activating AKT/TOR signalling
<i>MPO</i>	c.2031-2A>C	0.0043	32.0	Major component of azurophilic granules; produces hypohalous acids that are essential to the microbicidal activity of neutrophils

¹CADD scores>15.0 are considered as evidence of pathogenicity; MAF, minor allele frequency

Table S3: Myeloperoxidase deficiency alleles reported in the OMIM database

cDNA (protein) change	Clinvar accession n.	dbSNP ID	UK Biobank MAF (n. of homozygotes; %)
c.2031-2A>C (p.Phe678_Ser745delins(71))	VCV000003632	rs35897051	0.0064 (14; 0.003%)
c.1715T>G (p.Leu572Trp)	VCV000003631	rs119469012	n/a
c.1705C>T (p.Arg569Trp)	VCV000003626	rs119468010	0.0035 (4; 0.001%)
c.1555_1568del (p.Met519fs)	VCV000003629	rs536522394	n/a
c.1501G>A (p.Gly501Ser)	VCV000003634	rs119469013	n/a
c.1495C>T (p.Arg499Cys)	VCV000003635	rs119469014	n/a
c.995C>T (p.Ala332Val)	VCV000003630	rs28730837	0.016 (121; 0.03%)
c.752T>C (p.Met251Thr)	VCV000003628	rs56378716	0.013 (76; 0.02%)
c.518A>G (p.Tyr173Cys)	VCV000003627	rs78950939	0.0012 (1; 0.0002%)

MAF, minor allele frequency; n/a: not available

Table S4: Rare and low-frequency *MPO* variants observed in the replication cohort¹

cDNA change	Protein change	dbSNP ID	MAF among gnomAD controls	MAF among cases	Mutation class (status)
c.752T>C	p.Met251Thr	rs56378716	0.014	0.012	missense (heterozygous)
c.995C>T	p.Ala332Val	rs28730837	0.018	0.016	missense (heterozygous)
c.1379G>A	p.Arg460Gln	rs149133270	0.002	0.004	missense (heterozygous)
c.1643G>A	p.Arg548Gln	rs144371238	0.0001	0.004	missense (heterozygous)
c.1705C>T	p.Arg569Trp	rs119468010	0.003	0.004	missense (heterozygous)
c.2149A>G	p.Ile717Val	rs2759	0.029	0.032	missense (heterozygous)

¹Excluding the c.2031-2A>C allele, which is described in the main text

Table S5: Association of pustular skin disease and myeloperoxidase deficiency

<i>Case report</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 46-year-old male with MPOD, plaque psoriasis and GPP.• Identical twin with mild pustular psoriasis.	Stendahl and Lindgren ¹³
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 61-year-old female with MPOD and annular pustular psoriasis	De Argila et al. ¹⁴
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20-year-old male with MPOD developed generalized pustular eruptions following injury	Nguyen and Katner ¹⁵
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 81-year-old female with MPOD and pyoderma gangrenosum	Disdier et al. ¹⁶

GPP, Generalized pustular psoriasis; MPOD, myeloperoxidase deficiency

Table S6: Genes upregulated in the neutrophils of the c.2031-2A>C homozygous GPP individual

Gene	fold change	z-score	p value	adj p value
<i>PBK</i>	33.00	27.02	1.06E-159	1.66E-155
<i>GPR33</i>	33.00	27.02	1.06E-159	1.66E-155
<i>COL14A1</i>	27.50	22.37	7.88E-110	1.24E-105
<i>GUCY1A2</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>SLC10A4</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>DEFB1</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>DPP10</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>PURG</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>CALCB</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>DUOXA1</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>BDKRB2</i>	22.00	17.72	2.40E-69	3.77E-65
<i>DEFA3</i>	21.56	17.35	1.65E-66	2.58E-62
<i>METTL7B</i>	15.40	12.15	3.71E-33	5.82E-29
<i>NNMT</i>	15.40	12.15	3.71E-33	5.82E-29
<i>SLC22A16</i>	13.17	10.26	5.67E-24	8.89E-20
<i>CES1</i>	13.02	10.13	2.07E-23	3.24E-19
<i>USP2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>C11orf45</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>CLEC3B</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MAGEL2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>FRAS1</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MUC12</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLIT3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>ALPK2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>HCN4</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>IGFBP5</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>C9orf47</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>GLRA3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>TERT</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>CLDN1</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>PLEKHS1</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MISP</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>KSR2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>PRSS16</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>LRRC66</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLC26A7</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MUSK</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>PDYN</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SCG2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MEPE</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLC7A13</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>ZNF474</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SHC2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SUN3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>EN2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>ATP4B</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12

<i>BMP4</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>RASGEF1C</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>ACTL6B</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLC22A3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>KLRC2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>CXCL13</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>VCX</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>OR5K2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>KITLG</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>TTC36</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>IFNB1</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>DPPA5</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>C6orf99</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLC10A6</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>LHB</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>CXCL11</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>WFDC2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>CAPN11</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>XAGE3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>MLN</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>IGFL3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SPINK1</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>HIST1H2BM</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>SLC22A31</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>DIRAS2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>PGA3</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>FIGNL2</i>	11.00	8.43	1.53E-16	2.40E-12
<i>BCAR1</i>	9.26	6.96	1.23E-11	1.93E-07
<i>CRYGD</i>	9.00	6.74	5.63E-11	8.83E-07
<i>AZU1</i>	8.96	6.70	7.17E-11	1.12E-06
<i>NRP1</i>	8.80	6.57	1.73E-10	2.72E-06
<i>ELANE</i>	8.52	6.33	7.98E-10	1.25E-05
<i>PXMP2</i>	8.25	6.10	3.30E-09	5.17E-05
<i>LURAP1L</i>	8.25	6.10	3.30E-09	5.17E-05
<i>ABCA8</i>	7.86	5.77	2.37E-08	3.71E-04
<i>TPSD1</i>	7.86	5.77	2.37E-08	3.71E-04
<i>EDA2R</i>	7.86	5.77	2.37E-08	3.71E-04
<i>CABP1</i>	7.86	5.77	2.37E-08	3.71E-04
<i>GPR15</i>	7.75	5.68	3.97E-08	6.23E-04
<i>BUB1B</i>	7.40	5.39	2.01E-07	3.14E-03
<i>PTCRA</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>C2orf80</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>MARCH2</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>NDNF</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>STEAP1B</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>OR52I2</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>GRK1</i>	7.33	5.33	2.76E-07	4.33E-03
<i>SMIM10</i>	6.88	4.94	2.02E-06	3.16E-02
<i>CTSG</i>	6.87	4.93	2.08E-06	3.26E-02

Table S7: Primer sequences

Target	Primer ID	Sequence (5' to 3')	Annealing T (°C)
<i>MPO</i> Exon 1	MPO Ex1 F	CTTCCTCTACCTCACCCAC	62
	MPO Ex1 R	CTATCAGGCCCCAGAGCTAG	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 2	MPO Ex2 F	TTCCTAGCTCTGGGGCCT	62
	MPO Ex2 R	CCTCTCCACCTTCAAGCT	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 3	MPO Ex3 F	CAAAGCCTTGCCTCTGTCTG	62
	MPO Ex3 R	TGGAGGAAGAAGTTGAGGGG	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 4-5	MPO Ex4-5 F	CCCCTCAACTTCTTCCTCCA	62
	MPO Ex4-5 R	TCAGCTGATCAGTGGGGAAG	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 6	MPO Ex6 F	GCCAGCTGATCTCCGTGT	62
	MPO Ex6 R	CAGCGTCTGGGAAAGGAAAC	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 7	MPO Ex7 F	CTGCTCATTAACCCTGCACC	62
	MPO Ex7 R	CCACAAGCTGCTCACAAACA	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 8	MPO Ex8 F	GGGGTTTCAGTGGAGCAAAT	62
	MPO Ex8 R	TCAACCCTCCCAACACCAAT	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 9	MPO Ex9 F	CCAAGAGCAGGCAGAGACT	64
	MPO Ex9 R	AGGCTAGAGAGTCAGACCAGA	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 10	MPO Ex10 F	TCTCGAATCCTCCTGACCCT	64
	MPO Ex10 R	TCTAATATGCTTTGGAGAGGGC	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 11	MPO Ex11 F	TCTCCAGTGACCTCCCCA	62
	MPO Ex11 R	AGGAGGAAATTTGGGCTCCA	
<i>MPO</i> Exon 12	MPO Ex12 F	ATATCCTGGGAGCAGCACAA	62
	MPO Ex12 R	CATTTTCTCAGCTGCACCCA	

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