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49 ABSTRACT

50 *Aims.* – Mutations of the *LMNA* gene encoding lamin A/C induce heterogeneous phenotypes ranging 51 from cardiopathies and myopathies to lipodystrophies. The aim of this study was to compare 52 cardiometabolic complications in patients with heterozygous *LMNA* mutations at the 482nd codon, the 53 'hotspot' for partial lipodystrophy, with carriers of other, non-R482 *LMNA* mutations.

Methods and results. - This study included 29 patients with R482 LMNA mutations, 29 carriers of 54 non-R482 LMNA mutation and 19 control subjects. Cardiac and metabolic phenotypes were compared 55 56 between groups. A family history of either cardiac implantable electronic devices (CIEDs; P < 0.001) 57 or sudden death (P < 0.01) was more frequent in non-R482 than R482 carriers. The non-R482 carriers 58 also had more abnormalities on electrocardiography and received CIEDs more often than R482 carriers (P < 0.001). On cardiac ultrasound, non-R482 patients had greater frequencies of left atrial 59 enlargement (P < 0.05) and lower left ventricular ejection fractions (P < 0.01) than R482 carriers. In 60 contrast, R482 carriers had lower BMI (P < 0.05), leptin (P < 0.01) and fat mass (P < 0.001), but 61 higher intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratios (P < 0.001) and prevalences of diabetes (P < 0.01) and 62 hypertriglyceridaemia (P < 0.05) than non-R482 carriers, with a trend towards more coronary artery 63 64 disease. However, non-R482 carriers had higher intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratios (P < 0.02) and prevalences of diabetes (P < 0.001) and hypertriglyceridaemia (P < 0.05) than the controls. 65

66 *Conclusion.* – Non-R482 carriers present more frequently with arrhythmias than R482 carriers, who 67 twice as often have diabetes, suggesting that follow-up for laminopathies could be adjusted for 68 genotype. Non-R482 mutations require ultra-specialized cardiac follow-up, and coronary artery 69 disease should not be overlooked. Although overlapping phenotypes are found, *LMNA* mutations 70 essentially lead to tissue-specific diseases, favouring genotype-specific pathophysiological 71 mechanisms.



74 INTRODUCTION

75 Lamin A/C gene mutations are associated with heterogeneous phenotypes ranging from cardiomyopathies with or without muscular dystrophies to lipodystrophies—collectively referred to as 76 'laminopathies' [1, 2]. The LMNA gene encodes A-type lamins (lamins A/C), members of the 77 intermediate filament protein family that are required for nuclear lamina formation. Recent studies 78 have suggested that *LMNA* mutations affect epigenetic regulation of developmental pathways [3–5]. 79 80 Lamin A/C gene mutations have been described over the entire gene. Nevertheless, the rarity of the 81 disease makes phenotype–genotype correlation difficult. Familial partial lipodystrophy type 2 82 (FPLD2) is characterized by progressive fat loss in the extremities at puberty, associated with severe 83 insulin resistance, diabetes and hypertriglyceridaemia with muscle hypertrophy [6, 7]. FPLD2 is related to heterozygous LMNA gene mutations, especially those at the 'hotspot' codon Arg482 (R482) 84 85 in exon 8.

86 The severity of LMNA-related cardiomyopathies has been demonstrated in several studies showing frequent atrioventricular blocks and ventricular arrhythmias often requiring cardiac implantable 87 electronic devices (CIEDs), as well as severe heart failure, especially in the context of dilated 88 89 cardiomyopathy [8-23]. Recommendations have already been given concerning the need for 90 implanting defibrillators rather than pacemakers in laminopathies with cardiac involvement [24, 25]. 91 However, some of these reports could have been biased by exclusive cardiac recruitment [23]. Indeed, patients with the R482 genotype, whose metabolic phenotype is well described, have rarely been 92 93 reported to have primary cardiomyopathies, although ischaemic heart disease might be more prevalent 94 [26, 27]. Nevertheless, unlike the cardiovascular phenotype, the metabolic phenotype of cardiac laminopathies remains largely unknown. 95

96 Thus, the aim of the present study was to compare cardiometabolic complications in patients with
97 *LMNA* mutations at R482, the hotspot for FPLD2, with those in carriers of other *LMNA* mutations.

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99 PATIENTS and METHODS

100 Study design

101 This retrospective longitudinal study was conducted at one university hospital over a 15-year period 102 (from 2000 to 2015). All patients referred to the institution's endocrinology and metabolism 103 department with a diagnosis of laminopathy were included. Patients were classified into two groups 104 according to genotype: (i) those with the heterozygous *LMNA* R482 mutation; or (ii) those with other 105 lamin A/C mutations. The cardiometabolic phenotypes in these two groups were then compared, while 106 the metabolic phenotypes in these two groups were further compared with a control group.

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108 **Patients**

109 A total of 157 patients were referred because of suspected laminopathy by either endocrinologists who 110 suspected lipodystrophic syndromes, or by cardiologists or geneticists because of unexplained cardiac abnormalities or familial screening. After subjecting these patients to careful clinical and biological 111 examinations, and obtaining their written informed consent, their LMNA genes were studied by direct 112 113 sequencing. Clinical and biological data were collected from patients' medical files. In addition to 114 gender, their age at the time of their first and last cardiometabolic evaluations were recorded for 115 calculation of the average follow-up duration. In addition, 19 healthy subjects matched for age and gender, and recruited from the PHRC-Clin.gov2009-AO-1169-48 trial, served as the control group for 116 117 metabolic assessment.

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119 Cardiac outcomes

The following cardiac parameters were collected from the patients' medical files: (*i*) family history of CIED or sudden death, considered positive for any patient with at least one first-degree relative with an implanted device or who had died suddenly; (*ii*) abnormal electrocardiography (ECG), defined as the presence of at least one of the following during follow-up: atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter, highgrade atrioventricular (AV) block, ventricular ectopy, or complete left bundle branch block; (*iii*)

abnormal ECG on Holter monitoring, defined as the presence of non-sustained (NSVT) or sustained 125 ventricular tachycardia (VT), high-grade AV block, or atrial flutter or atrial fibrillation; (iv) use of a 126 127 CIED, defined as a pacemaker or automatic implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD) acquired during follow-up (before or after diagnosis of the LMNA mutation); (v) CIED interrogation, when ventricular 128 rhythm disorders correspond to the presence of at least one NSVT or VT episode retrieved from stored 129 electrograms during scheduled follow-up visits; (vi) abnormalities on echocardiography, defined by 130 131 the presence of at least one of the following as per international guidelines for echocardiography measurements: left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) < 50%; left atrial enlargement; and/or LV 132 hypertrophy or LV enlargement [28]; patients with non-ischaemic heart disease (cardiomyopathies), 133 defined by LV dilatation and/or altered LVEF, were also noted, and LV diastolic function was 134 assessed by E/A ratio if available; (vii) smoking status, recorded as either currently active or over the 135 136 past 3 years; (viii) screening for ischaemic heart disease, which included myocardial ischaemia screening with an exercise stress test in five patients with R482 and six patients with non-R482 137 138 mutations, radionuclide angiography (six R482, one non-R482) or dobutamine stress 139 echocardiography (two R482); and coronary angiography in four patients because of positive non-140 invasive screening or acute coronary syndrome (two patients); and (ix) screening for atheromatosis by Doppler ultrasound of the carotid and lower-limb arteries. 141

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143 Metabolic outcomes

The following metabolic parameters were also collected from patients' medical records of the last endocrinological evaluation or, for the control group, from the PHRC-Clin.gov2009-AO-1169-48 database: (*i*) body mass index (BMI), assessment of fasting blood glucose (FBG) and triglycerides, as measured by routine techniques, and fasting C-peptide and leptin using radioimmunoassay [RIA-coat C-peptide (Mallinckrodt France SARL, Paris, France), detection limit: 0.2 ng/mL] and Human Leptin RIA kits (EMD Millipore Corporation, Burlington, MA, USA; normal range in normal-weight subjects: women 7.4 \pm 3.7 ng/mL, men 3.8 \pm 1.8 ng/mL), respectively; (*ii*) diabetes and glucose

intolerance by subjecting participants not already being treated for diabetes at inclusion to a 75-g oral 151 glucose tolerance test (OGTT), which was interpreted according to American Diabetes Association 152 153 criteria; (iii) hypertension, defined as blood pressure > 140/90 mmHg or use of an antihypertensive drug; (iv) use of lipid-lowering agents (such as statins, fibrates, ezetimib); (v) use of antidiabetic 154 treatments (such as metformin or any other antidiabetic drugs, including glucagon-like peptide-1 155 receptor agonists and insulin); (vi) body fat-mass percentage, as measured by dual-energy X-ray 156 157 absorptiometry (DXA; Lunar DPX-IQ, GE Healthcare, Chicago, IL, USA); and (vii) ratio of intraabdominal/total abdominal fat mass, as calculated by measurement of subcutaneous and visceral fat 158 surface areas from 1-cm reconstructed slices of abdominal L4 magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), 159 160 which is contraindicated in cases of CIED and was therefore only performed in 22 R482 and 12 non-R482 patients. 161

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163 Statistical analysis

Qualitative variables, expressed in absolute numbers and percentages, were compared by chi-squared or Fisher's exact test for values < 5. For quantitative variables, the Shapiro–Wilk test for normality was performed, with results expressed as medians with interquartile ranges (Q25–Q75), and compared using the Mann–Whitney test. Analyses were carried out with GraphPad Prism 6 software (GraphPad Software Inc., La Jolla, CA, USA). Any differences with *P* values < 0.05 were considered significant.

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170 **RESULTS**

171 Description of the two groups

In all, 60 patients carried *LMNA* mutations; however, as two were excluded because their medical files were incomplete, 58 patients were ultimately included in this study: 29 patients from eight families carried the heterozygous R482W mutation, and 29 patients from 16 families carried another heterozygous *LMNA* mutation.

The gender ratio between the LMNA R482 and non-R482 groups did not differ, although the 176 number of women tended to be higher in the R482 group (22 vs 16; P = 0.09). There were also no 177 178 differences between the two groups in terms of age at first evaluation [R482: 43 (24-50.5) years vs non-R482: 39 (28.2–47.5) years; P = 0.9] and duration of follow-up [R482: 5 (2–11) years vs non-179 R482: 4 (1–9) years; P = 0.42]. These patients' genotypes and their main phenotypic features are 180 presented in Table I, and their diagnostic circumstances are depicted in Fig. 1. The proportion of 181 182 diabetes patients in the R482 group increased during the follow-up period from 11 to 24 out of 29 patients (from 37.9% to 82.7%), and from 6 to 12 out of 29 patients (from 20.7% to 41.4%) in the non-183 184 R482 group, as determined at the last evaluation.

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186 Cardiovascular phenotype (Table II, Fig. 2 A)

187 The frequency of a family history of sudden death (P < 0.01) or CIED use (P < 0.001) was 188 significantly lower in the R482 *vs* non-R482 mutation groups, as was the frequency of abnormal ECG 189 (P < 0.001). The frequency of abnormal Holter monitoring also differed significantly between the two 190 groups, with a greater frequency of abnormalities, especially NSVT, in the non-R482 mutation group 191 compared with the R482 group (P < 0.01).

192 In addition, the frequency of implantable CIEDs was significantly lower in R482 vs non-R482 193 mutation patients (P < 0.001). More specifically, the only patient in the R482 group (R482Q mutation) 194 with a CIED, a pacemaker implanted at age 46, died at age 60 after several years of dialysis. In the non-R482 group, there were 16 CIEDs, including eight pacemakers, seven of which were later 195 upgraded to defibrillators when their indication for cardiac laminopathies was standardized [23], and 196 197 eight defibrillators as first-line devices. The only remaining non-R482 patient with a pacemaker, implanted at age 33, developed end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and died suddenly during dialysis at 198 age 50, just before genetic results were obtained. Seven VT episodes were recorded by CIEDs in seven 199 200 different non-R482 patients.

201 There was no difference in frequency of cardiac ultrasound abnormalities between the two patient 202 groups (P = 0.18). Nevertheless, the frequency of left atrial enlargement was significantly lower in 203 patients with R482 vs non-R482 mutations (P < 0.05), and median LVEF was significantly higher in 204 patients with R482 vs non-R482 mutations (P < 0.01), but with no difference in LV hypertrophy (P =1.00) or LV diastolic diameter (P = 0.76). Five patients, all in the non-R482 group, had a cardiac 205 phenotype of non-ischaemic heart disease (Table I). Of the remaining population, 16 (seven R482 and 206 207 nine non-R482 carriers) had normal systolic function and E/A measurements. In the R482 group, 4/7 had impaired relaxation (E/A < 1) vs none in the non-R482 group whereas, in the non-R482 group, 3/9 208 209 had restrictive filling patterns (E/A > 2) vs none in the R482 group (Table II). The rate of deaths during the follow-up period was similar in both groups (P = 1.00), but was more often related to 210 cardiac causes in the non-R482 group. ESRD related to long-term severely insulin-resistant diabetes 211 212 worsened the prognosis in two cases.

There was no difference in the number of smokers (P = 0.33) between the two groups. Also, no patient in the non-R482 group tested positive for cardiac ischaemia or significant coronary stenosis, which contrasted with positive diagnoses in 38% and 14% of patients, respectively, with R482 mutations. However, screening tests for cardiac ischaemia tended to be performed more often (P = 0.09) in patients with R482 mutations, who more often had diabetes (P < 0.01) than the non-R482 patients. Comparison of peripheral atherosclerotic features showed no differences between the two groups (lower limb: P = 0.78; carotid atheromatosis: P = 0.42).

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221 Metabolic phenotype (Table III, Fig. 2 B, C)

BMI (P < 0.05), blood leptin (P < 0.01) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels (P < 0.05) and fat-mass percentages (P < 0.001) were all significantly lower in patients with R482 *vs* non-R482 mutations. In contrast, median fasting C-peptide (P < 0.05) and glucose (< 0.001) levels, intraabdominal/total abdominal fat-mass ratio (P < 0.001), and frequencies of diabetes or glucose intolerance (P < 0.01), metformin treatment (P < 0.01) and hypertriglyceridaemia (P < 0.05) were all significantly higher in patients with R482 *vs* non-R482 mutations. There were no differences between the two groups in rates of hypertension (P = 0.11) or in median triglyceride (P = 0.15), total cholesterol (P = 0.73) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol (P = 0.82) levels, or use of lipidlowering (P = 0.10) or antidiabetic treatments other than metformin (P = 0.24), including insulin (P =0.14).

232 Comparison of the two LMNA mutation groups to an age- and gender-matched healthy control group 233 (Table III) revealed that BMI (P < 0.02), intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratio (P < 0.05; Fig. S1; see supplementary materials associated with this article online), leptin levels (P < 0.01), frequency of 234 hypertriglyceridaemia (P < 0.05) and diabetes or glucose intolerance (P < 0.001) were significantly 235 higher, whereas HDL levels (P < 0.02) were significantly lower, in the non-R482 group compared 236 237 with the controls. Similarly, intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratio (P < 0.001; Fig. S1) and frequency of hypertriglyceridemia (P < 0.05) and diabetes or glucose intolerance (P < 0.001) were significantly 238 higher, but HDL level (P < 0.02) and fat-mass percentage significantly lower, in the R482 vs the 239 240 control group.

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242 **DISCUSSION**

This large-scale, single-centre, *LMNA* mutation cohort comparing cardiometabolic complications in patients with R482 mutations with carriers of other *LMNA* mutations showed more arrhythmias in the non-R482 than R482 group, which tended to have a greater frequency of coronary artery disease. On the other hand, the rate of diabetes in the non-R482 group was 40%, but twofold higher than that in the R482 group. Each group also showed higher intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratios, a hallmark of lipodystrophy, than the control group.

Recognized only since 1999, laminopathies are rare diseases with multiple phenotypes, some of which overlap [1]. Yet, despite their rarity, nearly 60 patients from 24 families were identified at our centre alone, with a greater number of families with non-R482 than R482 mutations (16 *vs* 8 patients, respectively). As the northern region of France, where our patients were from, has four million inhabitants, the prevalence of patients with *LMNA* mutations and *LMNA*-related FPLD2 in this area is estimated to be 14.5 and 7.25 cases/million people, respectively, which is twice the prevalence reported in a recent study [29]. Moreover, our results do not reflect any founder-effect bias, as 16 different mutations were identified in the non-R482 group, two of the eight R482 families were of Portuguese descent, and two of the remaining six families had two different types of mutations (R482W and R482Q). Indeed, laminopathies are most likely underrecognized, given their variable phenotype [1, 2, 7], although the phenotype may perhaps be better recognized in this region, known for its high levels of obesity and diabetes, due to an anticipation phenomenon [30].

One limitation of our study is that it was retrospective. All investigations were not performed in every patient, but were adjusted according to clinical situation and guidelines for follow-up of type 2 diabetes. For this reason, the number of patients who underwent each investigation has been systematically mentioned. On the other hand, the size of our cohort was relatively large for such a rare disease, and all evaluations were performed at the same centre using the same methods, thereby strengthening all data comparisons.

267 Concerning the cardiac phenotype, there was a marked difference between the R482 and non-R482 268 groups in familial history of CIED use or sudden cardiac death, arguing in favour of a better cardiac 269 prognosis for R482 than for other LMNA mutations. This point, which has never been emphasized 270 before, was easy to explore during clinical assessment of the patients' medical histories and was 271 confirmed by cardiac investigations. Indeed, the frequencies of abnormal ECG and left atrial dilatation 272 were significantly lower, and LVEF significantly higher, in patients with R482 vs non-R482 273 mutations. The latter patients were also more likely to have CIEDs, and five cases of non-ischaemic 274 heart disease were found in this group. In contrast, patients with R482 mutations tended to have more frequent positive non-invasive tests for ischaemia or documented severe coronary artery disease. 275 276 However, diastolic function was altered in some patients in both groups, but with different patterns: 277 there was restrictive filling in non-R482 carriers, but impaired relaxation in R482 carriers, a possible 278 consequence of the high incidence of diabetes in the latter. Also, the large number of carriers in the R482 families suggests that the prognosis for the R482W group in terms of mortality may be better. 279 280 Finally, although gender did not significantly differ, there tended to be more men in the non-R482 group, which might reflect a bias, as male gender has been reported to be a risk factor for sudden cardiac death in laminopathies [31]. However, this link was possibly related to the fact that male gender is more often associated with non-R482 mutations, including non-missense mutations, which are also known to be associated with higher risk of severe cardiac disorders [31]. Nevertheless, no definitive conclusions concerning coronary artery disease can be drawn, as there was also a trend for more frequent screening in the R482 group, most likely because those patients more often also had diabetes.

288 From a metabolic perspective, the prevalence of diabetes and hypertriglyceridaemia was higher in 289 R482 than in non-R482 carriers. The R482 carriers also had lower BMIs, and lower levels of leptin 290 and fat mass, but higher MRI-assessed visceral fat levels, than non-R482 carriers, which is in 291 accordance with the lipodystrophic phenotype of R482 carriers. Interestingly, the intra-/total 292 abdominal fat-mass ratio, a hallmark of lipodystrophy [32], was significantly higher in the non-R482 293 vs control group, thereby arguing for a specific lipodystrophy fat distribution even in patients with 294 non-R482 mutations. It is also noteworthy that the frequency of diabetes reached 40% in the non-R482 group, but often required OGTT to make the diagnosis. Diabetes is known to promote atherosclerosis 295 296 and findings in vitro favour a direct proatherogenic effect of the LMNA R482W mutation in endothelial cells, which is consistent with the trend towards a greater frequency of coronary heart 297 298 disease in the R482 group [26, 27]. However, the diagnosis of lipodystrophy is easier to make, as the metabolic syndrome (MetS) is more severe in women than in men [33-35]. This gender difference in 299 300 disease phenotype might be modulating the expression of coronary artery disease, thereby worsening the cardiovascular prognosis for women which, before menopause, is usually considered better than 301 302 that for men. Also, our results support more systematic screening for MetS, especially by OGTT, in 303 the non-R482 group, and for silent myocardial ischaemia in both groups of mutations, especially in 304 cases with diabetes.

Finally, comparisons between R482 and non-R482 carriers have revealed different cardiometabolic phenotypes with different types of risk, a point that has never been emphasized before. Patients with R482 mutations have an FPLD2 phenotype, which may sometimes be associated with other features, 308 such as myopathy [7]. In this group, diabetes is present in 80% of cases, yet the cardiac phenotype 309 seems less severe than in non-R482 cases, and is mostly the result of insulin resistance and 310 atherosclerosis. These findings are concordant with the low frequency of arrhythmia events reported in 311 patients with R482 mutations in the literature in contrast to the non-negligible frequency of coronary artery disease [26, 27]. Indeed, patients with non-R482 mutations often have a severe cardiac 312 phenotype, such as an initial conduction or rhythm disorder with a risk of sudden cardiac death, and 313 314 diabetes is present in 40% of these patients. Thus, such patients should be screened for ventricular arrhythmias and dilated cardiomyopathy by Holter monitoring and echocardiography, with 315 316 consideration of electrophysiological studies, CIED use or cardiac transplantation where appropriate. In any case, the presence of ventricular arrhythmias, especially when associated with diabetes or a 317 318 familial history of CIED use, should prompt LMNA genetic testing and subsequent ICD implantation.

The reason for the different expressions of the disease in our two patient groups remains unexplained. Limited peripheral adipose tissue storage capacity has recently been emphasized in the pathogenesis of human insulin resistance [36]. Frequent and/or early atherosclerotic complications could be mediated through oxidative stress and mitochondrial dysfunction. Recent studies suggest that *LMNA* mutations affect epigenetic regulation of developmental pathways, and might alter myogenesis and adipogenesis processes in a genotype-specific manner [3–5]. These mechanisms, however, have yet to be explored.

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In conclusion, these results suggest that cardiac follow-up of laminopathies might be adjusted according to genotype, with more aggressive screening for arrhythmias in non-R482 patients. Also, it is important to consider laminopathies as a differential diagnosis when faced with an unexplained rhythm disorder, especially if there is a familial history of CIED use, sudden cardiac death and/or a personal history of diabetes. In addition, coronary artery disease should not be overlooked, especially when diabetes is present.

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458 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

459 Fig. 1. Flow chart of patient recruitment for the study.

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461 Fig. 2. Main differences between R482 and non-R482 groups in cardiac and metabolic outcomes. 462 CIED: cardiac implantable electronic device; LVEF: left ventricular ejection fraction; BMI: body mass 463 index; * P < 0.05; ** P < 0.01; *** P < 0.001.

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Fig. S1. Comparison of intra-abdominal/total abdominal fat-mass ratios as measured by magnetic resonance imaging in R482 (dark grey) and non-R482 (light grey) mutation groups, and age- and gender-matched healthy controls (striped). * P < 0.02; *** P < 0.001.

Figure 1

Flowchart of patients recruitment



Figure 2

Main differences in cardiac and metabolic outcomes

between R482 (dark) and non-R482 (light) groups

CIED: Cardiac implantable electronic device

LVEF : Left ventricular ejection fraction

* *P* < 0.05; ** *P* < 0.01; *** *P* < 0.001



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Fig 2

Table I

Main characteristics of the R482 and non-R482 mutation groups

	Families (n)	Patients (n)	ITG or diabetes (n)	Personal CIED use (n)	Specific features (n)	Variant dbSNP ID or reference
R482 group	8	29	24	1	29 FPLD	
c.1444C>T p.(Arg482Trp)	6	23	19	0	1 severe myopathy	rs57920071
c.1445G>A p.(Arg482Gln)	2	6	5	1		rs11575937
Non-R482 group	16	29	12	16		
c.139G>T p.(Asp47Tyr)		1	1	1	1 CGL + progeria	[1, 2]
c.310C>G p.(Leu104Val)		1	0	1	1 FPLD	NPR
c.398G>T p.(Arg133Leu)		2	1	1	2 CGL + progeria	rs60864230
c.448A>G p.(Thr150Ala)		4	2	2	1 NIHD	rs58917027
c.467G>A p.(Arg156His)		1	0	0	1 FPLD	rs764475194
c.481G>A p.(Glu161Lys)		4	0	1	1 NIHD	rs28933093
c.694G>C p.(Gly232Arg)		1	1	0	1 CGL + myopathy	rs267607609

1	0	1	1 NIHD	NPR
1	1	1	1 FPLD	NPR
3	1	2	1 NIHD	rs56816490
2	1	1	1 FPLD	rs267607545
3	1	3	1 NIHD	NPR
1	1	1	1 FPLD + myopathy	NPR
1	0	0	FPLD	rs62636506
1	1	1	Severe myopathy	rs58932704
2	1	0	1 FPLD	rs142000963
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ITG: glucose intolerance; CIED: cardiac implantable electronic device; dbSNP ID: Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Database identification number; CGL: congenital generalized lipodystrophy; FPLD: familial partial lipodystrophy; NPR: never previously reported; NIHD: non-ischaemic heart disease

Table II

Cardiac phenotype: comparison of R482 and non-R482 mutation groups

	R482 (N = 29)	Non-R482 (N = 29)	Р
ARRHYTHMIA DISORDERS			
Familial history of sudden cardiac death, n/N (%)	3/29 (10.3%)	13/29 (44.8%)	< 0.01
Familial history of CIED, n/N (%)	1/29 (3.4%)	16/29 (55.2%)	< 0.001
Abnormal ECG n^{1}/N (%)	2/29 (6.9%)	15/29 (51.7%)	< 0.001
Abnormal Holter ECG, n/n ¹ (%)	0/16 (0%)	9/26 (35.6%)	< 0.01
CIED, n/N (%)	1/29 (3.4%)	16/29 (55.2%)	< 0.001
Type of CIED	1 PM	1 PM, 15 Defib	
VT episodes	0 recorded	7/16	
Abnormal/performed echocardiography, n/n^2 (%)	3/19 (15.8%)	10/26 (38.5%)	0.18
Atrial enlargement, n/n^2 (%)	1/19 (5.3%)	9/26 (34.6%)	< 0.05
LV ejection fraction, median (%) [IQR]	67.5 [61.2–70]	56.5 [45-62.7]	< 0.01
LV hypertrophy, n/n^2 (%)	2/19 (10.5%)	2/26 (7.7%)	1
LV diastolic diameter, median (mm) [IQR]	50 [43–54]	51 [44–54]	0.76
Number of $E/A < 1/N E/A$ measured	4/7 (57%)	0/9 (0%)	_
Number of $E/A > 2/N E/A$ measured	0/7 (0%)	3/9 (33%)	-
CARDIAC ISCHAEMIC DISORDERS			
Smokers, n/N (%)	4/29 (13.8%)	8/29 (27.6%)	0.33
Screening test for myocardial ischaemia, n^3/N (%)	13/29 (45%)	7/29 (24%)	0.09
Abnormal test, n/n^3 (%)	5/13 (38%)	0 /7 (0%)	0.11
Coronarography, n^4/N (%)	4/29 (14%)	2/29 (7%)	0.67
Significant coronary stenosis, n/n ⁴	4/4 (2 ACS)	0/2	0.06
Angioplasty/stenting, n/N (%)	2/29 (7%)	0/29 (0%)	0.46
Death during follow-up, n/N (%)	3/29 (10.3%)	3/29 (10.3%)	1
	1 Parkinson's disease	2 cardiac failure	
	1 myopathy 1 dialysis + PM	1 dialysis + PM	
PERIPHERAL ATHEROMATOSIS	-		
Lower-limb vascular Doppler US, n ⁵ /N (%)	15/29 (52%)	11/29 (38%)	0.29

Atheromatosis, n/n^5 (%)	6/15 (40%)	5/11 (45%)	0.78
Carotid Doppler US, n^6/N (%)	15/29 (52%)	11/29 (38%)	0.29
Atheromatosis, n/n^6 (%)	4/15 (26.6%)	5/11 (45%)	0.42

n: number of cases; N: number of investigated patients; ^{1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6} refer to the number of cases performed in each category CIED: cardiac implantable electronic device; ECG: electrocardiography; PM: pacemaker; Defib: defibrillator; VT: ventricular tachycardia; LV: left ventricular; IQR: interquartile range (Q25–Q75); ACS: acute coronary syndrome; US: ultrasound

Table III

Metabolic phenotype: R482 and non-R482 mutation groups compared with age- and gender-matched healthy controls

	R482 (N = 29)	Non-R482 (N = 29)	P (R482 vs non-R482)	Controls (N = 19)	P (controls vs R482 and/or non-R482)
Body mass index, kg/m ²	24 [22–27]	27 [22–29]	< 0.05	22 [21–24]	< 0.02 <i>vs</i> non-R482
Diabetes or glucose intolerance, n/N (%)	24/29 (82.7%)	12/29 (41.4%)	< 0.01	0/19 (0%)	0.001 vs R482 and non-R482
Hypertension, n/N (%)	17/29 (58.6%)	11/29 (37.9%)	0.11	0/19 (0%)	_
HDL cholesterol, mg/dL	0.4 [0.3–0.4]	0.48 [0.4–0.5]	< 0.05	0.63 [0.45-0.74]	< 0.02 <i>vs</i> R482 and non-R482
Triglyceride > 150 mg/dL, n/N (%)	16/29 (55.2%)	8/29 (27.6%)	< 0.05	0/19	< 0.05 vs R482 and non-R482
Metformin, n/N (%) Lipid-lowering treatment, n/N (%)	17/29 (58.6%) 14/29 (48.3%)	7/29 (24%) 8/29 (27.6%)	< 0.01 0.10	0/19 (0%) 0/19 (0%)	
Fat mass, %	20 [17.7–22.8]	29.7 [18.7–38.1]	< 0.001	22 [20–30]	< 0.01 vs R482, 0 07 vs non-R482
Intra-/total abdominal fat-mass ratio	0.59 [0.47–0.67]	0.36 [0.22–0.45]	< 0.001	0.20 [0.11-0.30]	< 0.001 vs R482, < 0.02 vs non-R482
Leptin, ng/mL	5.2 [2.8-8.0]	15.9 [5.2–22.3]	< 0.01	4.6 [4.1–10.7]	< 0.01 <i>vs</i> non-R482

Data are expressed as medians [Q25–Q75] unless otherwise indicated HDL: high-density lipoprotein