

KEY SIGNS INDICATING THAT YOUR PATIENT WITH MOVEMENT DISORDERS, INCLUDING ATAXIA, MAY HAVE A TREATABLE CONDITION

Help Improve Outcomes in Cerebrotendinous Xanthomatosis (CTX) With Earlier Diagnosis

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Untreated or undiagnosed CTX may lead to serious short- and long-term clinical implications.^{1,2}

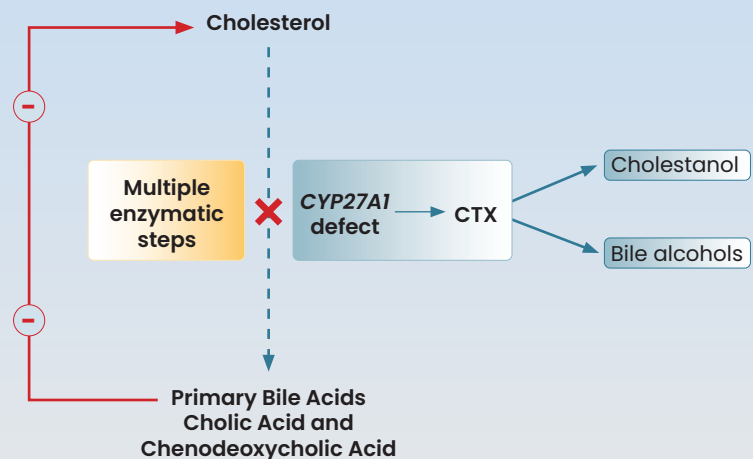
What is CTX?

CTX is a rare autosomal-recessive lipid storage and metabolic disease.^{1,3,4}

MECHANISM OF DISEASE

- CTX is caused by mutations in the *CYP27A1* gene, which codes for the mitochondrial enzyme of sterol-27-hydroxylase that converts cholesterol to bile acids.¹
- Sterol-27-hydroxylase deficiency reduces the production of cholic acid and chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA)—the most common endogenous bile acids.⁵⁻⁷
- As bile acids are inhibitors of *CYP7A1*, a negative feedback mechanism is lost and the process of cholesterol elimination is interrupted.^{6,8}
- The negative feedback mechanism leads to toxic effects due to^{6,8}:
 - Increased levels of bile alcohols and other bile acid precursors, including 7-hydroxycholesterol and 7 α , 12 α -dihydroxy-4-cholesten-one.
 - Accumulation of cholestanol throughout the body.

The Mechanism of CTX: Interruption Due to *CYP27A1* Defect⁸



IMPACT OF DISEASE

Untreated CTX May Progress to Irreversible Neurologic Problems.^{1,9,10}

Without early diagnosis and management, neurologic problems can progress, leading to physically disabling neurological dysfunction, psychiatric disturbances, intellectual disability, and even dementia.^{1,2}

Challenge of Diagnosis

- CTX is challenging to diagnose owing to its variability and multisystemic effects.¹

DELAY IN DIAGNOSIS

- Current mean age (\pm SD) at diagnosis is 35.5 \pm 11.8 years.¹
- CTX signs and symptoms are variable in onset and severity and not every patient experiences all clinical manifestations.¹

Because the clinical manifestations of CTX affect different organ systems, patients are likely to present to different specialists, potentially leading to delayed diagnosis and underdiagnosis.^{1,11}

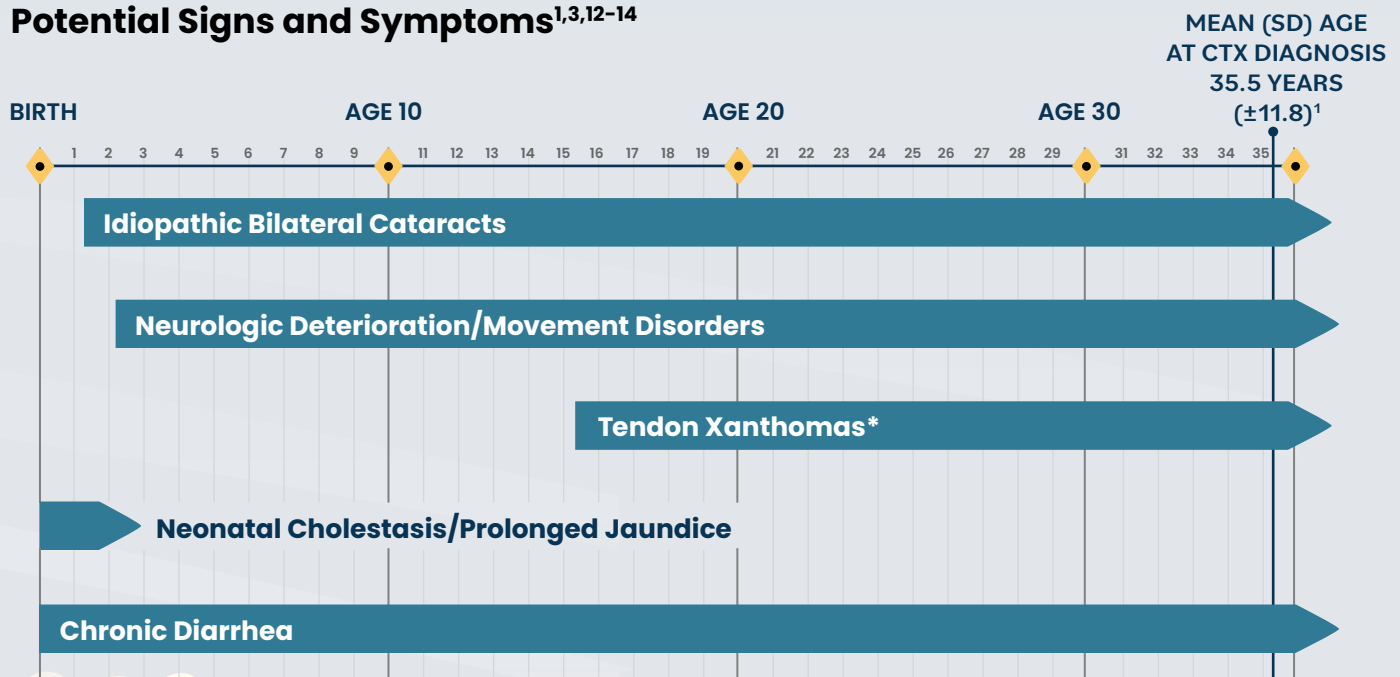
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KEY CTX SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

CTX causes an array of clinical manifestations.¹

If your patient has more than one of the below signs and symptoms, you should suspect CTX.^{1,3,12-14}

Potential Signs and Symptoms^{1,3,12-14}



*A small number of genetic disorders affect lipoproteins and can lead to xanthomas: cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX), familial hypercholesterolemia, and sitosterolemia.

Deep Dive on Neurologic Deterioration/Movement Disorders

- CTX can lead to serious neurologic problems.^{1,9,10}
- Ataxia is one of the key manifestations of progressive neurological dysfunction in patients with CTX.^{1,15}
- Consider testing for CTX if your patient has a history of:



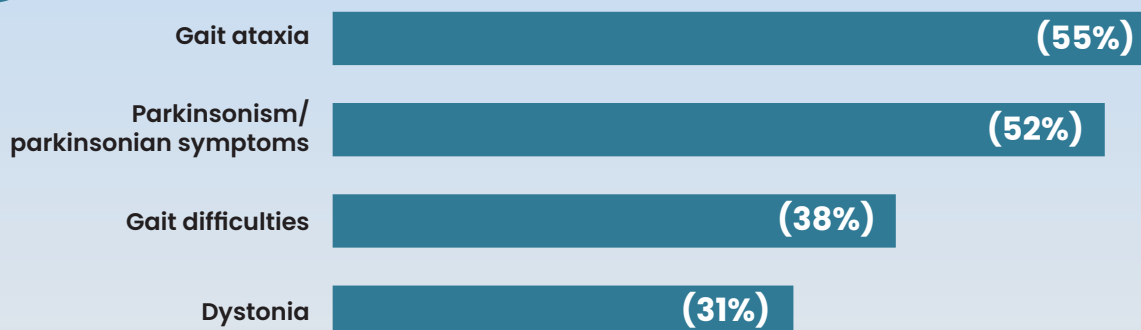
Idiopathic Bilateral Cataracts

- Affects ~85% of patients with CTX^{9,12}



Neurologic Deterioration/Movement Disorders

- Patients with CTX frequently present with movement disorders (frequency)^{16,17}



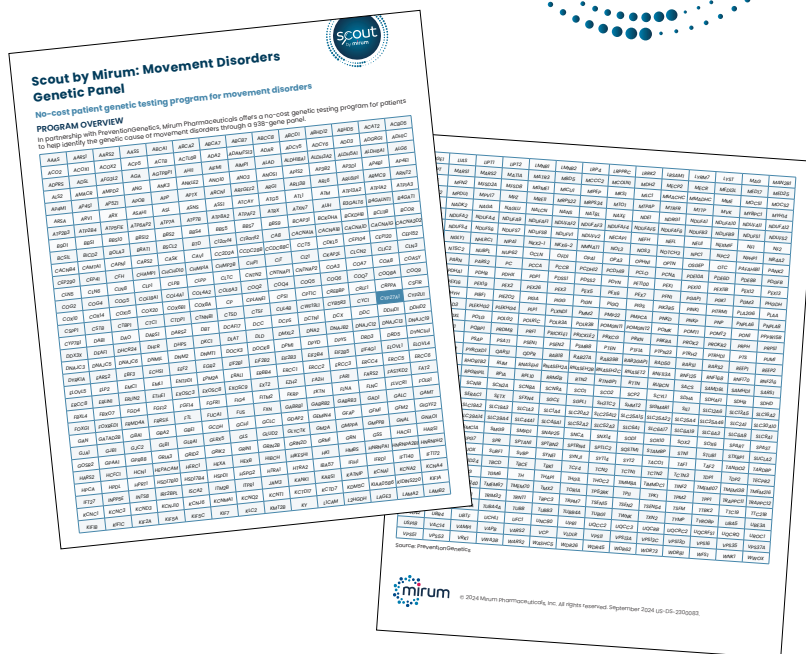
Patients with CTX whose diagnosis is missed or delayed may face severe intellectual and physical disability in their early adult years.^{1,12}

- Patients with advanced CTX show evidence of lipid deposits and loss of white matter in many areas of the brain.^{18,19}
- Early developmental milestones may be achieved punctually, but patients then begin to fall behind.¹
 - Patients may exhibit poor school performance, learning difficulties, sustained infantile behavior, and lack of age-appropriate self-care skills.
- ~50% have experienced seizures.⁹
- ~70% have pyramidal signs, such as increased deep tendon reflexes, pathologic reflexes, and spastic paraplegia.^{1,12,20,21}
- 60% have cerebellar signs.¹²
 - Neurological imaging has revealed progressive unsteady paraparetic gait as a predominant symptom of CTX in adults.²²
 - Cerebellar ataxia usually becomes evident, presenting in the second or third decade of life.^{1,23}

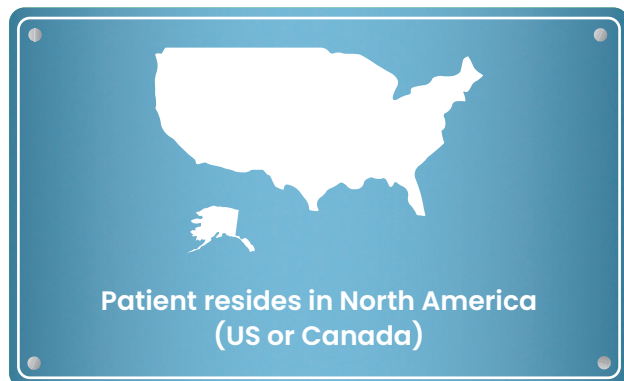
SCOUT BY MIRUM: Movement Disorders Genetic Panel*



Mirum Pharmaceuticals has partnered with PreventionGenetics, a College of American Pathologists-accredited laboratory,[†] to offer a no-cost genetic test panel to identify up to 938 genes to help diagnose genetic causes of movement disorders.



Criteria for No-Cost Testing*



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CASE STUDY:

A 55-year-old with tendon xanthomas

Presenting symptoms

- Admitted to the hospital for investigations relating to a slowly progressive paraparesia and joint deformities

Medical and family history

- Difficulty standing and walking since infancy
- Bilateral juvenile cataracts
- Unable to complete education because of intellectual disability
- 3 siblings died in childhood, one from an undiagnosed neurological disorder
- Unknown whether patient's parents were related

Physical and neurological examination

- Physical examination:
 - Tendon xanthomas—firm, round, noninflammatory, subcutaneous tumors measuring 6 cm in diameter over the knees and elbows, which adhered to tendons
 - Yellowish papules of 2 to 3 mm in diameter in the superior eyelid, compatible with xanthelasmas
- Neurological findings included:
 - Mental retardation, spastic-ataxic gait, bilateral Babinski sign, symmetric amyotrophy on inferior and superior extremities, and hyperactive deep tendon reflexes with associated left Achilles clonus
- Ligamentous hyperlaxity was observed
- Electroencephalogram showed a mild disorganization of the basic activity of theta waves

Laboratory testing and imaging studies

- Standard laboratory test values were normal
- Biopsy from the left knee:
 - Infiltrate of foam cells surrounded by fibrous tracts
 - Inflammatory cells such as lymphocytes, histiocytes, and neutrophils were observed around the foam cells in some areas and a cholesterol cleft was found
- Magnetic resonance imaging:
 - Cerebral and cerebellar atrophy and hyperintense signals in the mesencephalic peduncles, protuberance, and cerebellar hemispheres

Diagnosis/outcome

- Because of these signs and symptoms, CTX was suspected and later confirmed by laboratory testing
- Appropriate management was initiated; however, due to the advanced state of the patient's disease, only slight improvement in spasticity was noted



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