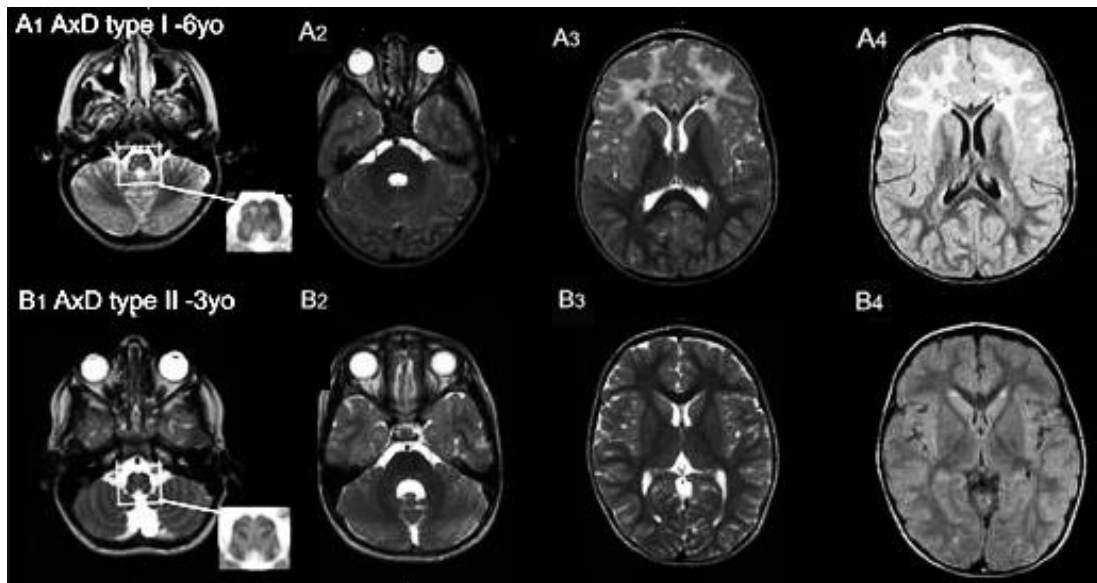


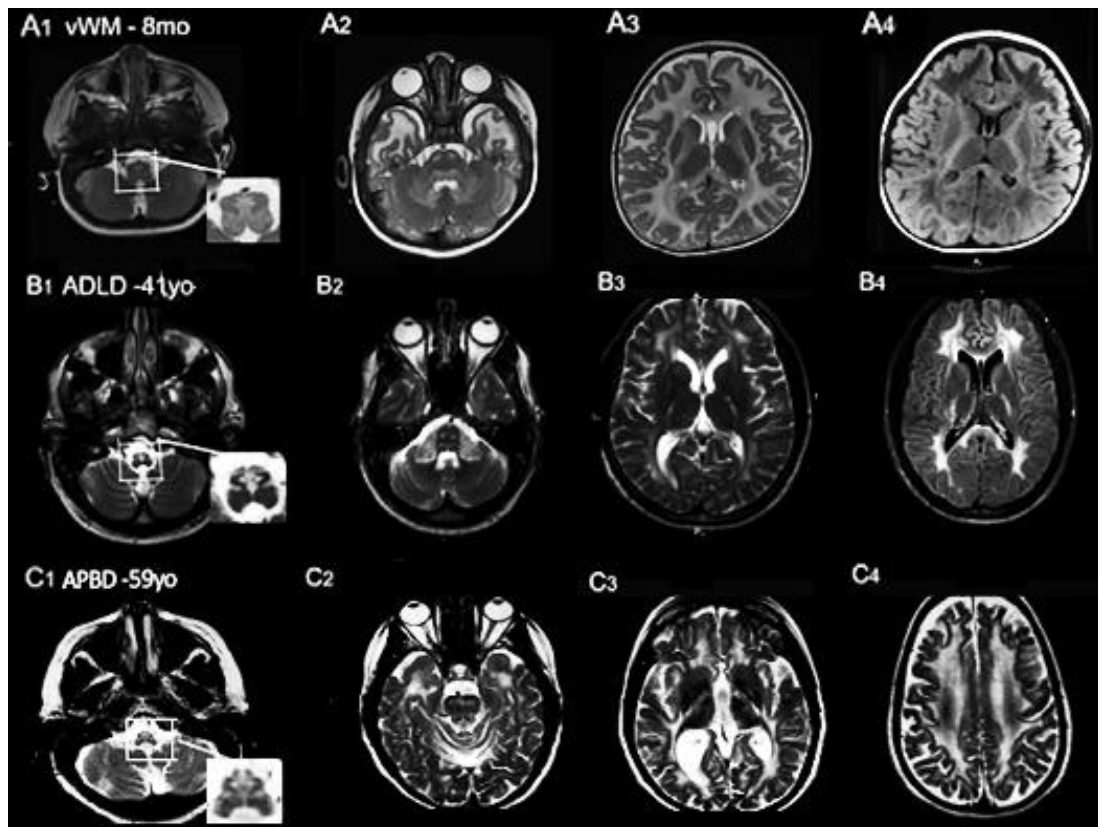
## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL



**Figure 1: Additional brain MRI features in subjects with AxD presenting the *Chipmunk sign*.**

A: Type I AxD, 6-year-old patient; B: type II AxD, 3-year-old patient. Brain axial T2WI (1,2,3).

Brain axial T2 FLAIR sequences for all subjects (4). *Chipmunk sign* in axial T2WI focused on the medulla oblongata (boxes in A<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>). Typical frontal white matter involvement predominance in AxD type I (A<sub>3-4</sub>), in contrast with the AxD type II, that does not show supratentorial white matter involvement (B<sub>3-4</sub>).



**Figure 2: Additional brain MRI features in subjects with other leukodystrophies presenting the *Chipmunk sign*.**

A: Vanishing White Matter (VWM), 8-month-old patient; B: Adult-onset autosomal dominant leukodystrophy (ADLD), 41-year-old patient; C: Adult Polyglucosan Body Disease (APBD), 59-year-old patient. *Chipmunk sign* in axial T2WI focused on the medulla oblongata (boxes in A<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>). Diffuse cerebral white matter involvement in VWM, ADLD and APBD (A<sub>3-4</sub>, B<sub>3-4</sub>, C<sub>3-4</sub>), with no evidence of disease gradient, unlike AxD. VWM shows white matter rarefaction (T2 FLAIR sequences A<sub>4</sub>), absent in other subjects (T2 FLAIR sequences B<sub>4</sub>, T2WI C<sub>4</sub>).

Table 1: Presence of the *Chipmunk Sign* in individuals diagnosed with non-AxD leukodystrophies and genetic leukoencephalopathies.

Diagnosis	<i>Chipmunk sign</i>		Total
	Absent	Present	
4H Leukodystrophy	4	1	5
AARS	2	0	2
AARS2	1	0	1
ADLD	2	1	3
AGS	11	0	11
APBD	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
AxD	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>
Cockayne	3	0	3
DARS	5	0	5
EARS2	2	0	2
GM1	2	0	2
HABC	4	0	4
HDLS	1	0	1
Krabbe infantile	2	0	2
Krabbe juvenile	1	0	1
MCT8 deficiency	1	0	1
Mcomplex I	1	0	1
MLD	2	0	2
NDUFA2	1	0	1
NDUFS7	1	0	1
PEX5	1	0	1
PMD	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
POLG1	2	0	2
RMND1	2	0	2
SDH	4	0	4
SURF1	1	0	1
VWM	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
XALD	2	0	2
XALD_ao	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>129</b>

4H: 4H Leukodystrophy; AARS: AARS-related leukoencephalopathy; AARS2: AARS2-related leukoencephalopathy; ADLD: Autosomal dominant leukodystrophy with autonomic disease, AGS: Aicardi-Goutieres Syndrome; APBD: Adult Polyglucosan Body Disease; AxD: Alexander Disease; Cockayne Syndrome; DARS: DARS-associated leukoencephalopathy; EARS2: Leukoencephalopathy with thalamus and brainstem involvement and high lactate; GM1: Gangliosidosis GM1; HABC: Hypomyelination with atrophy of Basal ganglia and Cerebellum; HDLS: Hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with neuroaxonal spheroids; MCT8: MCT8 Deficiency; MComplex I: Mitochondrial Complex I deficiency; MLD: Metachromatic Leukodystrophy; NDUFA2: NDUFA2-related disorder; NDUFS7: NDUFS7-related leukoencephalopathy; PEX5: Peroxisome Biogenesis Factor 5 deficiency; PMD: Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease; POLG1: POLG1-related leukoencephalopathy; RMND1: RMND1-related leukoencephalopathy; SDH: Succinate Dehydrogenase deficiency; SURF1: SURF1-related leukoencephalopathy; VWM: Vanishing White Matter; XALD: X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy.