

## Diagnosis and treatment in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease

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Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disease was described by Charcot and Marie in France and, independently, by Tooth in England in 1886. CMT is the most common form of inherited motor and sensory neuropathy, and is a genetically heterogeneous disorder of the peripheral nervous system. Therefore, many genes have been identified as CMT-causative genes. Traditionally, subclassification of CMT have been divided into autosomal dominant inherited demyelinating (CMT1) and axonal (CMT2) neuropathies, X-linked neuropathy (CMTX), and autosomal recessive inherited neuropathy (CMT4). Recently, intermediate type (CMT-Int) with NCVs between CMT1 and CMT2 is considered as a CMT type. There are several related peripheral neuropathies, such as Déjérine-Sottas neuropathy (DSN), congenital hypomyelination (CH), hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies (HNPP) and giant axonal neuropathy (GAN). Great advances have been made in understanding the molecular basis of CMT, and 17 distinct genetic causes of CMT have been identified. The number of newly discovered mutations and identified genetic loci is rapidly increasing, and this expanding list has proved challenging for physicians trying to keep up with the field. Identifying the genetic cause of inherited neuropathies is often important to determine at risk family members as well as diagnose the patient. In addition, the encouraging studies have been published on rational potential therapies for the CMT1A. Now, we develop a model of how the various genes may interact in the pathogenesis of CMT disorder.

**Key Words:** Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, Peripheral nervous system, Schwann cell, Axonopathy, Gene

Tooth<sup>1,2</sup>  
 가 (syndrome) CMT  
 가 (Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease; CMT) 1886 Charcot Marie,  
 가 CMT1,  
 가 CMT2, X  
 가 CMTX,  
 가 CMT4<sup>3</sup>  
 가 CMT1 CMT2  
 가 CMT (CMT-Int)  
 가 CMT<sup>4</sup>  
 Déjérine-Sottas neuropathy (DSN),

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tion (CH), congenital hypomyelination (CH), hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies (HNPP), axonal neuropathy (GAN)가 CMT

congenital hypomyelination (Table 1).<sup>5</sup>

CMT1A (onapristone), NT-3 (Neurotrophin-3) (ascorbic acid)<sup>6-8</sup>

CMT 가

**Table 1.** Hereditary motor and sensory neuropathies classification

Type	Gene	Locus	Inheritance	Protein	Cellular localization	Mutation
<b>CMT type 1</b>						
CMT1A	<i>PMP22</i>	17p11.2-p12	AD	Peripheral myelin protein 22	Compact myelin	Duplication Point mutation
CMT1B	<i>MPZ</i>	1q22	AD	Myelin protein zero	Compact myelin	Point mutation
CMT1C	<i>LITAF</i>	16p13.1-p12.3	AD	SIMPLE		Point mutation
CMT1D	<i>EGR2</i>	10q21.1-q22.1	AD	Early growth response protein 2	Nucleus	Point mutation
CMTX	<i>Cx32 (GJB1)</i>	Xq13.1	XD	Gap junction beta-1 protein (connexin 32)	Non-compact myelin	Point mutation Deletion (rare)
<b>CMT type 2</b>						
CMT2A	<i>MFN2</i>	1p36	AD	Mitofusin 2	Mitochondrial GTPase (function axonal transport)	Point mutation
	<i>KIF1B</i>	1p36	AD	Kinesin-like protein KIF1B	Microtubular transport	Point mutation
CMT2B	<i>RAB7</i>	3q21	AD	Ras-related protein Rab-7		Point mutation
CMT2C	<i>Unknown</i>	12q23-q24	AD	Unknown		
CMT2D	<i>GARS</i>	7p15	AD	Glycyl-tRNA synthetase		Point mutation
CMT2E	<i>NEFL</i>	8p21	AD	Neurofilament triplet L protein	Neurofilaments	Point mutation
CMT2F	<i>HSP27</i>	7q11-21	AD	Small heat shock protein 27		Point mutation
<b>CMT type 4</b>						
CMT4A	<i>GDAP1</i>	8q13-q21.1	AR	Ganglioside-induced differentiation protein-1		Point mutation
CMT4B1	<i>MTMR2</i>	11q22	AR	Myotubularin-related protein 2	Cytoplasm	Point mutation
4B2	<i>SBF2</i>	11p15	AR	SET binding factor 2	Cytoplasm	Point mutation
CMT4C	<i>KIAA1985</i>	5q32	AR	Unknown		Point mutation
CMT4D	<i>NDRG1</i>	8q24.3	AR	n-myc downstream regulated gene 1 protein		
CMT4E	<i>EGR2</i>	10q21.1-q22.1	AR	Early growth response protein 2	Nucleus	Point mutation
CMT4F	<i>PRX</i>	19q13.1-q13.2	AR	Periaxin	Ab/Ad-axonal membrane	Point mutation
<b>Related peripheral neuropathy</b>						
DSN	<i>PMP22</i>	17p11.2	AR	Peripheral myelin protein 22	Compact myelin	Point mutation
	<i>MPZ</i>	1q22	AR	Myelin protein zero	Compact myelin	Point mutation
	<i>EGR2</i>	10q21.1-q22.1	AR	Early growth response protein 2	Nucleus	Point mutation
	<i>NEFL</i>	8p21	AR	Neurofilament triplet L protein	Neurofilaments	Point mutation
	<i>PRX</i>	19q13.1-q13.2	AD	Periaxin	Ab/Ad-axonal membrane	Point mutation
CH	<i>PMP22</i>	17p11.2	AD	Peripheral myelin protein 22	Compact myelin	Point mutation
	<i>MPZ</i>	1q22	AD	Myelin protein zero	Compact myelin	Point mutation
	<i>EGR2</i>	10q21.1-q22.1	AD	Early growth response protein 2	Nucleus	Point mutation
HNPP	<i>PMP22</i>	17p11.2	AD	Peripheral myelin protein 22	Compact myelin	Deletion Point mutation
GAN	<i>Gigaxonin</i>	16q24.1	AR	Gigaxonin	Cytoskeleton	Point mutation

CMT; Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, AD; autosomal dominant, AR; autosomal recessive, DSN; Déjérine-Sottas neuropathy, CH; congenital hypomyelination

HNPP; hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsy, GAN; giant axonal neuropathy

1. CMT  
 CMT 가 2500 1  
 CMT1,  
 CMT2, CMT4, CMTX  
 DSN, CH, HNPP, GAN . CMT1 CMT2  
 가  
 CMT 가

1) CMT1  
 CMT  
 가  
 PMP22 MPZ, EGR2, LITAF, NEFL

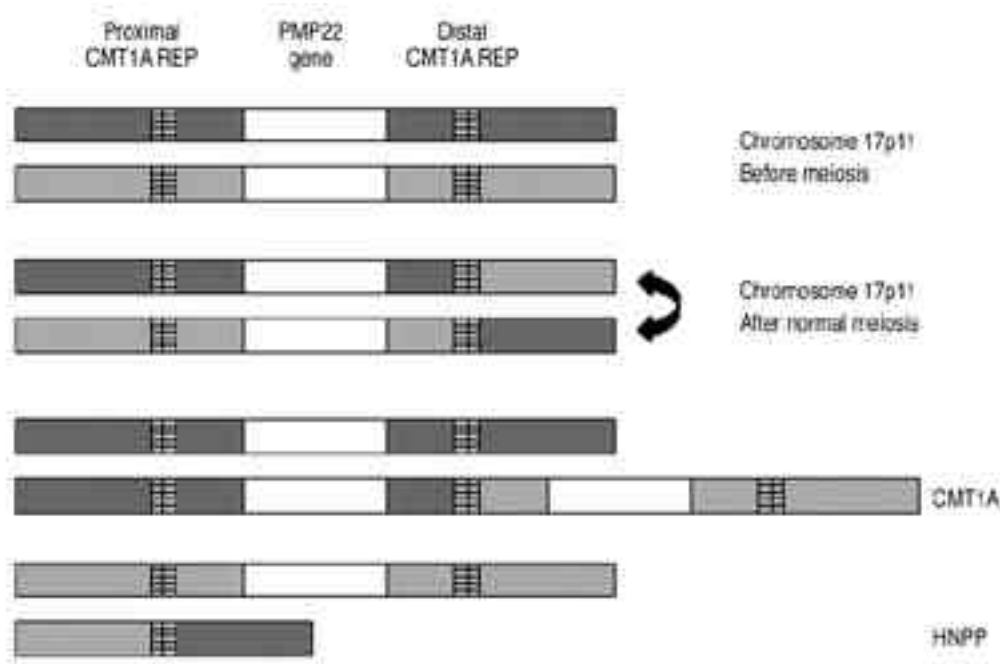
(1) CMT1A  
 CMT 가 CMT1  
 50~70% .<sup>5</sup> CMT1A 10

CMT PMP22 (peripheral myelin protein 22)  
 17p11.2-p12  
 PMP22  
 (point mutation)가  
 (Fig. 1). 가  
 CMT1A

DSN  
 CMT1A mRNA 가 ,  
 (Fig. 2-A).<sup>11</sup> PMP22  
<sup>12</sup>

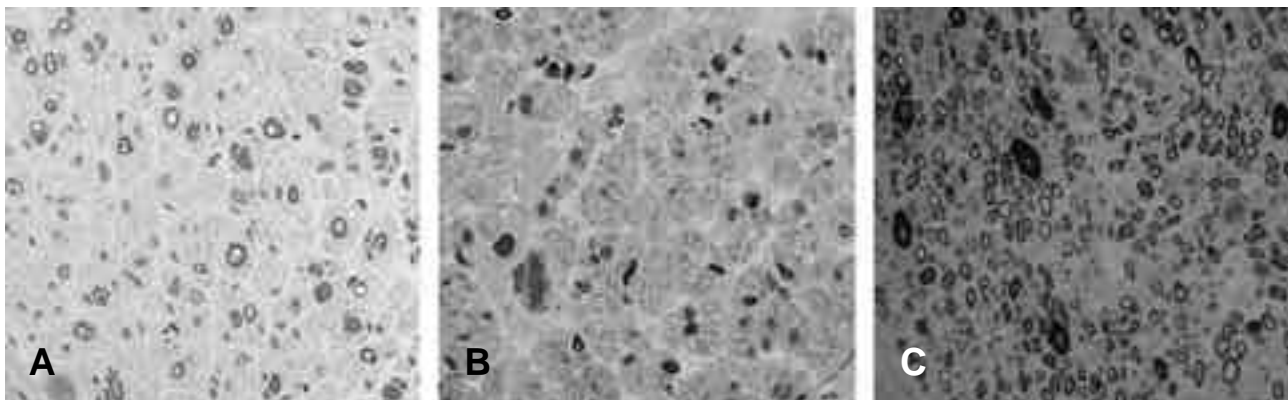
(2) CMT1B  
 CMT1B 1q22 MPZ (myelin protein zero) . MPZ 248  
 ,  
 50%  
 MPZ CMT1B  
 DSN, CMT2, CH .<sup>13,14</sup>  
 MPZ CMT2  
 CH .<sup>15,16</sup>

(3) CMT1C  
 LITAF  
 CMT1C  
 가 20~25 m/s .<sup>18</sup> CMT1C



**Figure 1.** CMT1A duplication and HNPP deletion are the reciprocal products of a recombination event (unequal crossing over) during meiosis mediated through the flanking repeat elements (CMT1A-REPs).

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SIMPLE LITAF CMT1A CMTX 가  
, E3 ubiquiton  
ligase Nedd4  
(4) CMT1D X  
CMT1D 100%  
zinc finger (transcription factor) 50%  
EGR2 (early growth response 2; X 가  
Krox20 EGR2 28  
CMT1D CMT4E  
DSN, CH EGR2 2) CMT2  
Schwann cell  
promyelinating stage CMT 1  
Schwann cell EGR2  
Cx32 EGR2 Schwann cell 20  
CMT 2A MFN2  
2004 CMT2A (major gene)  
8~23%  
(5) CMTX  
Cx32(connexin 32; gap junction binding protein 1: GJB1) paranode Schwann cell incisure (gap junction)  
Cx32 가 X CMTX  
CMT 10~16% 가  
Cx32 가 22,23  
5~7%  
Cx32 oligo-  
Schwann cell dendrocyte CMT Mitofusin 2  
24 CMTX 가 31  
25-27 X  
29,30 CMT2A  
Zhao (2001 )  
Kinesin 1B- (KIF1B)  
32  
1p36 (centromere) 2004  
Züchner KIF1B GTPase  
1.65 Mb 가 7가  
mitofusin 2 (MFN2) 가  
8~23%  
Kinesin 1B- (KIF1B)  
가 가 가



**Figure 2.** (A) Sural nerve biopsy of a patient with CMT1A shows many onion bulbs with several Schwann cells and their process around myelinated fibers (toluidine blue x 400). (B) The semithin section shows marked decreased myelinated nerve fibers of sural nerve in a patient with CMT2A (toluidine blue stain x 400). (C) Transverse section of sural nerve in a patient with hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies shows thickened myelin sheaths (toluidine blue x 400).

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MFN2

CMT2A

(Fig. 2-B). MFN2

MFN2

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(2) CMT2B

CMT2B

3q21 RAB7 가

36 RAB7 endosome intra-cellular vesicle traffic G RAB

RAB7

RILP dynein-dynactin motor recruitment

Dynactin

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(3) CMT2C

CMT2C (locus)

12q23 - q24 가

CMT2C

가

38

(4) CMT2D

Glycyl - tRNA synthetase

CMT2D

39 CMT2D 가

glycyl - tRNA synthetase aminoacyl tRNA synthetase , CMT2D

pyramidal CMT

CMT5

glycyl - tRNA syn - thetase 가

(5) CMT2E

CMT2E

(neurofilament light chain)

NEFL

CMT2E

CMT1 DSN

가

가

CMT1

NEFL (neurofilament)

가

40

NEFL

CMT2

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NEFL

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(6) CMT2F

sHSPs (small heat - shock proteins)

CMT2 (distal hereditary motor neuropathy; dHMN)

43 sHSP

, apoptosis

44 Nature Genetics

Evgrafov - crystallin (sHSP27)=sHSP27 C-terminal tail

가 CMT2F dHMN

43 Irobi (sHSP22)=sHSP22 -crystallin

가 dHMN 2

45 sHSP22 sHSP27

46,47

3) CMT4

(1) CMT4A

8q13 - q21.1 GDAP1 (Ganglioside - induced differentiation - associated protein 1)

CMT4A

, mRNA GDAP1

Schwann cell

48 - 50 GDAP1

가 Schwann cell

, Schwann cell

가

(2) CMT4B

CMT4B

CMT4B1 CMT4B2

CMT4B1 11q23<sup>57</sup> Periaxin Schwann cell ab-  
 MTMR2 (myotubularin - related phos- axonal membrane  
 phatase 2)<sup>51</sup> Schwann cell , Schwann cell ad-  
 MTMR2 axonal peri-axonal cytoplasm ,  
 (teased fiber)가 가<sup>58,59</sup>  
 (segmental)  
 MTMR2가 (wrapping)  
<sup>52</sup>  
 CMT4B2 SBF2 (SET binding factor 2) 4) Related peripheral neuropathy  
<sup>53</sup> 11p15 DSN 1893 Charcot Déjérine  
 SBF2 MTMR13 (myotubulin - related protein 13) Sottas<sup>60</sup> DSN  
 , CMT4B1 MTMR2 가 CMT3 ,  
 (homology) 가 DSN 가  
 CMT4B2 , CMT3 CMT  
 CMT4B1<sup>53</sup> 가 NEFL 가 PMP22, MPZ, EGR2,  
 , CMT4B1 CMT4B2 가 PRX  
 misfolding DSN 가 15 m/s<sup>61</sup>  
 (3) CMT4C  
 CMT 4C KIAA1985  
<sup>54</sup> KIAA1985 (2) CH  
 (comparative CH  
 sequence alignment) 가 10 m/s . CH  
 (multiple) SH3 , DSN  
 TPR<sup>54</sup> CH PMP22 MPZ EGR2가  
 (4) CMT4D<sup>15,19</sup>  
 CMT4D 8q24 (3) HNPP  
 ' N - myc downstream - regulated gene ' 17p11.2 - p12 가 (deletion)  
<sup>55</sup>  
 HNPP (hereditary neuropathy  
 with a liability to pressure palsies)가<sup>62</sup> HNPP  
 PMP22 mRNA  
 (5) CMT4E  
 CMT4E PMP22 frameshift  
 zinc finger<sup>63</sup> HNPP  
 EGR2 EGR2 tomacula가 ,  
 CMT4E CMT1D, DSN, CH  
<sup>19</sup> (CMT1D ) 가 (Fig. 2-  
 (6) CMT4F  
 Periaxin C) HNPP가 CMT1A  
 Schwann cell CMT4F<sup>56</sup> Periaxin (4) GAN  
 (cytoskeleton) (giant axonal neuropathy;  
 GAN)

gigaxonin (node of Ranvier) (masses of tightly woven neurofilaments) 가 CMT1A

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2. CMT

CMT1A CMT 가 PMP22 mRNA (overexpression) 가 mRNA 가

12

66

50%

33%

6

3) NT-3 (neurotrophin-3) Schwann cell N-CAM surface adhesion molecule, laminin fibronectin neurotrophic factor 가 CMT

70

가 Schwann cell

1) (onapristone) CMT1A PMP22 MPZ

가 Schwann cell xenograft Schwann cell-neuron (neurofilament) 가 가 71

neurotrophic agent

CMT1A가 NT-3 Schwann cell NT-3가 (denervated) CMT Schwann cell , insulin-like growth factor (IGF) platelet-derived growth factor-BB (PDGF-BB) 가 Schwann cell xenograft 가 NT-3 8

NT-3 가 , CMT1A 가 가

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2) (ascorbic acid) Schwann cell (dorsal root ganglion cell; DRG) CMT . CMT

가  
PMP22

CMT

가

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