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ABSTRACT

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d X-linked KS type 2, an Kabuki syndrome (KS) is a rare but recognizable condition that consists of a characteristic face, short stature, various organ malformations and a variable degree of intellectual disability. Mutations in *KMT2D* have been identified as the main cause for KS, while mutations in *KDM6A* are a much less frequent cause. Here, we report a mutation screening in a case series of 347 unpublished patients, in which we identified 12 novel *KDM6A* mutations (KS type 2) and 208 mutations in *KMT2D* (KS type 1), 132 of them novel. Two of the *KDM6A* mutations were maternally inherited and 9 were shown to be *de novo*. We give an up-to-date overview of all published mutations for the two Kabuki syndrome genes and point out possible mutation hot spots and strategies for molecular genetic testing. We also report the clinical details for 11 patients with KS type 2, summarize the published clinical information, specifically with a focus on the less well defined X-linked KS type 2, and comment on phenotype-genotype correlations as well as sex-specific phenotypic differences. Finally, we also discuss a possible role of *KDM6A* in Kabuki-like Turner syndrome and report a mutation screening of *KDM6C* (*UTY*) in male KS patients.

Key words: Kabuki syndrome, *KDM6A, MLL2, KMT2D, UTY, KDM6C*

BACKGROUND

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ponents that cont Kabuki syndrome (KS) is a rare genetic syndrome that is characterized by postnatal growth retardation, mild to moderate intellectual disability, organ malformation, endocrinological and hematological abnormalities in combination with very recognizable facial features. It is mainly caused by heterozygous mutations in lysine (K)-specific methyltransferase 2D (*KMT2D;* formerly *MLL2* ; MIM 602113; NM_003482.3*)* Approximately 56% to 75% of Kabuki syndrome cases are caused by mutations in *KMT2D* [Ng et al., 2010; Hannibal et al., 2011; Li et al., 2011; Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. *KMT2D* encodes a methyltransferase responsible for histone 3 lysine 4 (H3K4) di- and trimethylation, which is an epigenetic mark for euchromatin and active transcription [Issaeva et al., 2007; Smith et al., 2011]. The H3K4 methyltransferases (KMT2 group, also called trithorax group) act in multi-protein complexes that contain various shared and some distinct components that contribute to the specific function of each complex [Smith et al., 2011]. One important component of the KMT2D containing complex (called ASCOM) is KDM6A, a H3K27 demethylase responsible for removal of repressive polycomb-derived methylation marks [Agger et al., 2007; Hong et al., 2007]. Whole-gene and intragenic deletions as well as point mutations in lysine (K)-specific demethylase 6A (*KDM6A;* formerly *UTX*; MIM 300128; NM_021140.3) have been identified in patients with KS, which led to the definition of two subtypes of KS: *KMT2D*-associated, autosomal-dominant Kabuki syndrome type 1 (KS1) and *KDM6A*-associated, X-linked-dominant Kabuki syndrome type 2 (KS2). Several mutation screening studies have revealed that mutations in *KDM6A* account for approximately 5 to 8% of Kabuki syndrome cases [Banka et al., 2015; Cheon et al., 2014; Dentici et al., 2015; Micale et al., 2014; Miyake et al., 2013b]. Very recently, we reported mutations in the genes *RAP1A* (MIM 179520) and *RAP1B* (MIM 179530) as novel rare causes of Kabuki and Kabuki-like syndromes [Bögershausen et al., 2015]. Furthermore, a homologue of *KDM6A* called *KDM6C* (*UTY*; MIM 400009; NM_182660.1), another H3K27 demethylase, is located on the Y-chromosome

[Walport et al., 2014] and constitutes a possible candidate gene for Kabuki syndrome in male individuals.

Feb. Percindent In this study, we collected a cohort of 347 unpublished patients with a clinical diagnosis of Kabuki syndrome and screened them for mutations in *KMT2D* and subsequently in *KDM6A*. 208 patients in our cohort harbored mutations in *KMT2D*. Of the *KMT2D* negative patients, one received whole exome sequencing and 88 received Sanger sequencing of *KDM6A,* by which we identified twelve novel *KDM6A* mutations. We discuss the molecular and clinical findings and compare them to the literature with a focus on the rare X-linked KS2. We also report a mutation screening of *KDM6C* (*UTY*) in male patients, which did not identify any mutations, and discuss Kabuki-like Turner syndrome as an important differential diagnosis for female patients.

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METHODS

Patients

We obtained written informed consent from all patients or their legal guardians for the molecular genetic analyses and for publication of the results. We obtained written informed consent for publication of photographs from the concerned parties. The study was performed according to the Declaration of Helsinki protocol. Blood samples were collected from the patients and their parents and DNA was extracted from peripheral blood lymphocytes by standard extraction procedures. Patient IDs presented in this publication were assigned arbitrarily by order of mutations and do not relate to the identity of the patients.

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Mutation screening and Sanger sequencing

Mutation screenings were performed using standard methods for PCR amplification and Sanger sequencing. Primer sequences for *KDM6A and KMT2D* were designed with the primer 3 software, available at the UCSC genome browser, or the primer 3 webtool (http://primer3.ut.ee/). Specific primers for *KDM6C* (*UTY*) were custom-designed using the Oligo[®] software (Molecular Biology Insights, Cascade, USA) in order to avoid amplification of the highly homologous *KDM6A* gene. Primer sequences are available on request. The entire coding sequence of the respective genes was analyzed and mutations were confirmed by a second PCR on an independent DNA solution.

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 Formal Exerce Below), or 2.) proven to be de novo Identified mutations were classified as disease causing if they were 1.) either truncating or predicted to be deleterious (see below), or 2.) proven to be *de novo* or already published as *de novo* in another patient with Kabuki syndrome, and 3.) absent from the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP). Variants of unknown significance were defined as variants that were 1.) non-truncating, 2.) predicted to be deleterious, and 3.) absent from the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP) but for which *de novo* occurrence could not be proven. Non-disease-causing variants were defined as variants that were 1.) inherited from a healthy parent and/or 2.) annotated in a database of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP). Non-disease-causing variants (polymorphisms) identified in our cohort are not reported in this study.

De novo occurrence of the *KDM6A* mutation identified by whole-exome sequencing in patient P1 was confirmed by Sanger sequencing of the specific exon according to standard methods.

Current HGVS standard was employed for mutation nomenclature. Nucleotide numbering referring to cDNA uses +1 as the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence, with the initiation codon as codon 1. Mutation nomenclature was double checked with the Mutalyzer software: https://mutalyzer.nl/.

Novel variants were submitted to the locus specific databases at LOVD: www.lovd.nl/KDM6A www.lovd.nl/KMT2D.

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Prediction programs

Prediction of the mutation effect was performed for missense mutations and in-frame deletions with the programs PROVEAN (http://provean.jcvi.org/index.php), SIFT (http://sift.jcvi.org/), and Mutation Taster (http://www.mutationtaster.org/). The effect of splice site mutations was analyzed with Human Splicing Finder version 3 (http://www.umd.be/HSF3/) and Mutation Taster. Please see Supp. Table 3 and Supp. Table 4 for in-silico prediction output.

Databases

The following databases were used for this study: The Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC): http://exac.broadinstitute.org/; The Exome Variant Server (EVS): http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS/; Database of human single nucleotide Polymorphisms (dbSNP): http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/; The 1000 Genomes:

http://www.1000genomes.org/; HGMD: http://www.biobase-international.com/product/hgmd; The UCSC browser: http://genome.ucsc.edu/; The human protein reference database: http://www.hprd.org/; COSMIC: http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic; DECIPHER: https://decipher.sanger.ac.uk/; PubMed: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/.

Literature review

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2011; Li et al., We searched the HGMD database for mutations in *KMT2D* and *KDM6A* and, additionally, conducted a search for further mutations described in original articles in PubMed using the terms "Kabuki syndrome", "*MLL2* mutation", and "*KMT2D* mutation" in different combinations. We examined the clinical and molecular information available from the retrieved 20 mutation screening studies [Banka et al., 2012; Cheon et al., 2014; Courcet et al., 2013; Dentici et al., 2015; Hannibal et al., 2011; Li et al., 2011; Lin et al., 2015; Lindgren et al., 2013; Lindsley et al., 2015; Liu et al., 2015; Makrythanasis et al., 2013; Micale et al., 2011; Micale et al., 2014; Miyake et al., 2013; Morgan et al., 2015; Ng et al., 2010; Paderová et al., 2016; Paulussen et al., 2011; Subbarayan et al., 2014; Van Laarhoven et al., 2015] and 18 molecularly proven case reports [Brackmann et al., 2013; Cappuccio et al., 2014; Gohda et al., 2015; Karagianni et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2013; 2016; Kokitsu-Nakata et al., 2012; McVeigh et al., 2015; Ratbi et al., 2013; Riess et al., 2012; Roma et al., 2015; Schulz et al., 2014; Soden et al., 2014; Takagi et al., 2014; Tanaka et al., 2012; Verhagen et al., 2014; Yuen et al., 2015; Zaidi et al., 2013; Zarate et al., 2012]. Only articles that were fully available online were included in the analysis. However, to ensure a consistent genotype-phenotype analysis, we did not consider any case reports from before the identification of *KMT2D* as the first causative gene. We evaluated all published mutations in *KMT2D* (Supp. Table 1) and *KDM6A* (Supp. Table 2) and assigned them to three variant classes: disease-causing variant (DC), variant of unknown significance (VUS), or non-disease-causing variant (NDC). According to our classification, a disease-causing (DC) variant must fulfil the following criteria: It is either a truncating variant or a non-truncating variant

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Mutation load score

To evaluate the mutation load of a single exon as a function of its size, we established a mutation load score (MLS), calculated as the number of mutations (n) divided by the number of basepairs (bp) of an exon, multiplied by 100 (MLS = $\frac{n}{bp}$ ·100). The score was calculated for

disease-causing variants identified by literature review and our own study, and the numbers include recurrent mutations. Mutations affecting more than one exon, i.e. large deletions/duplications, were excluded from the calculation. Mutations affecting splice sites were allocated to the corresponding exon (i.e. intron $2 =$ exon 2). A score of 1 equals 1 mutation per 100 bp. For *KMT2D* we retrieved an average MLS of 3.74, with a standard deviation (SD) of 3.80. According to the expected normal distribution, a MLS > mean + 2 SD (= 11.33) was regarded as the cut-off for an unexpectedly high mutation load. For *KDM6A* we obtained an average MLS 0.82 +/- a standard deviation of 1.08, and a cut-off of 2.98. However, the small

number of known mutations in this gene impedes the interpretation of this result, which is therefore only exemplary.

PATIENT COHORT

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212); she was then negative for a mutation in
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IDENTIFIED *KMT2D* **MUTATIONS**

Sanger sequencing of all coding exons and exon-intron boundaries of *KMT2D* in 347 patients with a tentative diagnosis of Kabuki syndrome identified 208 mutations (Table 1), 132 of which have not been reported before. We identified 76 nonsense mutations, 69 small deletions/duplications, 45 missense variants, 15 splice site mutations, and 3 in-frame deletions.

 De novo occurrence was proven if parental DNA was available (n = 103). Three patients had inherited the mutation from an affected parent.

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192 mutations identified in this study could be classified as disease causing (DC). 16 mutations were classified as variants of unknown significance (VUS) due to lack of parental samples for segregation analysis. These were mostly novel, non-truncating mutations, which were predicted to be damaging and absent from the queried databases of human genetic variations (for details on in-silico prediction for *KMT2D* missense mutations and in-frame deletions please refer to Supp. Table 3). Non-disease causing variants (polymorphisms) identified in our patients are not reported.

PUBLISHED *KMT2D* **MUTATIONS**

To date, 424 variants in the *KMT2D* gene have been reported. Except for one patient with autism spectrum disorder and one patient with congenital heart disease, all reported patients with *KMT2D* variants had been diagnosed with Kabuki syndrome (Supp. Table 1). Among these 424 variants were 121 nonsense mutations, 106 small deletions, 55 small insertions or

For Printed and November 10 and November 2010 and November 2010 and November 2011 and November 2011 and November 2011 and November 2013 and No duplications, 93 missense variants, and 36 splice site variants. Additionally, five indels, six large deletions (>20 bp), and two large insertions have been published (Supp. Table 1, Figure 1A). When we evaluated the reported variants against the above described pathogenicity criteria (mutation type, segregation, prediction, annotation in public databases of normal genetic variation), we assessed 33 of these variants as non-disease-causing (NDC) (Supp. Table 1). 32 variants were judged as VUS (Supp. Table 1), consisting of 24 missense variants, two nonframeshifting small deletions, one non-frameshifting small insertion, one non-frameshifting large deletion, and four splice site variants. Segregation analysis would be needed in order to confirm pathogenicity of these variants. We judged 359 of the reported mutations as disease causing, 42 of which are recurrent mutations (reported 2 to 7 times; Supp. Table 1). The mutation types from our study and the literature are depicted in Figure 1A. We counted each mutation by number of published records (= number of patients) to analyze the exon distribution in detail, and together with the newly identified mutations in this study, we were able to analyze the distribution of 621 disease-causing variants (NDC and VUS excluded) (Figure 1C).

IDENTIFIED *KDM6A* **MUTATIONS**

Trio whole-exome sequencing (WES) in a *KMT2D* mutation-negative patient (P212) identified the novel one-basepair duplication c.171dupT in exon 2 of *KDM6A*. This mutation leads to a frameshift and a premature stop codon at amino acid position 64: p.(Gly58Trpfs*7). *De novo* occurrence was observed in the WES data sets and subsequently confirmed by Sanger sequencing (Supplementary Figure 1). Sanger sequencing in 88 additional patients who were negative for mutations in *KMT2D* identified 11 additional variants in *KDM6A* (Figure 2; Table 2, Supplementary Figure 1), including two nonsense mutations, two small insertions, three missense variants, and four splice site mutations. Of the 12 patients with KS2, seven are female and five are male (Table 2). Nine of the mutations were shown to be *de novo*, while two were inherited. One male patient (P214) had inherited the c.2729A>G, p.(Asn910Ser) variant from his

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The mutation detection rate for *KDM6A* among the *KMT2D* negative group was 13.5%.

PUBLISHED *KDM6A* **MUTATIONS**

To date, 33 germline mutations in *KDM6A* have been published. The 18 published point mutations consist of five nonsense mutations, five small deletions, two missense variants, and six splice site mutations. Additionally, seven large deletions, seven large duplications/insertions, and one complex genomic rearrangement, have been published (Supp. Table 2). Most of the published *KDM6A* mutations were judged as disease causing according to our classification system. Only the missense variant c.2939A>T, p.(Asp980Val) published by Micale et al. [2014] and four large duplications published by Lindgren et al. [2013] were judged as VUS because proper segregation had not been proven (Supp. Table 2). The mutation types of the diseasecausing mutations from the literature ($n = 29$, including one recurrent mutation) and this study

(n = 11) are depicted in Figure 1B. The exon distribution of all point mutations from the literature and our own study (n = 29, including one recurrent mutation) is depicted in Figure 1D.

MUTATION SCREENING OF *KDM6C*

We also investigated the hypothesis of the *KDM6A* homologue *KDM6C* (*UTY*) as a candidate gene for Kabuki syndrome in male patients. Mutation screening of 15 male KS patients negative for *KMT2D* mutations did not identify any causative mutation in *KDM6C* (*UTY*).

FINDINGS IN KABUKI-LIKE TURNER SYNDROME

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For three of the six patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome, we confirmed the respective karyotypes by SNP arrays, but did not detect any additional chromosomal aberrations that might explain the Kabuki-like phenotype. In the patients with the , X and the 45 , X / 46 , X , i (X q) karyotypes, one copy of *KDM6A*, which is located on chromosome Xp11.3, is missing. In the patients with the 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype, the exact breakpoint of the ring chromosome could not be defined, thus, it is unknown whether *KDM6A* is present within the ring or not. Interestingly, many literature reports of patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome state that *KDM6A* was included in the ring, meaning that two copies should be present. However it is

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possible, that the ring structure of the chromosome impedes correct transcription of this copy or, that enhancer elements/long range regulators are missing from the ring chromosome.

KDM6A mutation screening of all six Kabuki-like Turner syndrome patients with either a 45,X, a 45,X/46,X,i(X), or a 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype did not reveal any sequence variant that might be considered causative of the Kabuki-like phenotype in these patients.

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To further analyze the exon distribution of the published and novel mutations and to establish mutation hot spots independent of exon size, we established a mutation load score (MLS), which images the number of mutations relative to the number of basepairs of an exon. For this calculation, we used the location of all disease-causing variants retrieved from the literature or identified in our study (including recurrent mutations) and we found that in most of the largest exons the number of mutations does not exceed the expected mutation load (cut-off 11.33). Thus, the apparent clustering of mutations in these exons is mainly attributable to their size. Only exons 14, 52 and 53 hold an unexpectedly high number of mutations, with MLS of 12.36, 21.62 and 15.60, respectively. Exon 48 is the only large exon with a MLS close to the cut-off of 9.47, and it would probably exceed the cut-off if all missense variants classified as VUS were

included in the calculation. Together with the high MLS of exons 52 and 53 this might indicate a potential clustering of mutations at the 3' end of the *KMT2D* gene (Figure 1C).

Based upon these observations, two-step diagnostic approaches, for example starting with exons 27 to 54 or starting with the large exons and exons 51-53, could be useful and economic diagnostic testing strategies if Sanger sequencing is to be applied (see clinical relevance).

A further aspect about *KMT2D* mutations is that they are mostly private mutations, reported in only a single patient (Supp. Table 1): only 58 of the 621 disease-causing mutations have been found in more than one patient. The most frequently identified mutations are c.15142C>T, p.(Arg5048Cys) in exon 48 (9 patients) and c.6595delT, p.(Tyr2199Ilefs*65) in exon 31 (8 patients).

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Finally, large genomic aberrations of the *KMT2D* locus seem to be very rare: Banka et al. [2013] identified intragenic or whole-gene deletions/duplications of *KMT2D* in 3 out of 64 patients by

MLPA analysis. However, deletions or duplications of the *KMT2D* locus have been reported in only 10 patients in the DECIPHER database, and >80 MLPA analyses in patients with Kabuki syndrome in our own laboratory have not identified a single aberration. Priolo et al. [2012] did not find any deletions/duplications *KMT2D* in a cohort of 120 patients with Kabuki syndrome, indicating that large deletions of *KMT2D* are relatively rare events, compared to point mutations,.

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Apart from these 5' mutations, the identified and the published mutations in *KDM6A* show a clustering towards the 3' end of the gene (Figure 1D). We also calculated mutation load scores (MLS) for *KDM6A.* However, the result is not representative due to the small number of *KDM6A* point mutations yet described. Overall, 69% of all disease causing point mutations were located in exons 16 – 29 (Figure 1D). Therefore, it may be advisable to divide this large gene into two sets for diagnostic Sanger sequencing approaches, starting with exons 16 - 29, followed by exons 1 – 15.

In terms of mutation type, *KMT2D* and *KDM6A* show different profiles with regard to point mutations *.* Both genes show a large proportion of nonsense mutations and small deletions/insertions (Figure 1A,B), but splice site mutations are the most frequent mutation type for *KDM6A* as opposed to *KMT2D* where splice site mutations play a minor role (27.5% vs. 7.9%, Figure 1A,B).

Genomic aberrations of the *KDM6A* locus appear to be much more frequent than genomic aberrations of the *KMT2D* locus: 67 patients with deletions, duplications, triplications or complex genomic rearrangements of the *KDM6A* locus have been annotated in DECIPHER. Additionally, *KDM6A* was initially identified as a causative gene for Kabuki syndrome by the identification of whole-gene or intragenic deletions in three patients by Lederer et al. [2012]. However, Priolo et al. [2012] did not find any deletions/duplications of *KDM6A* or *KMT2D* in a cohort of 120 patients with Kabuki syndrome, indicating that such aberrations seem to be relatively rare compared to the other known genetic causes of the disease.

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tomach carcinoma (COS Interestingly, the *KDM6A* missense mutation c.3763C>T, p.(Arg1255Trp), identified in a patient in this study, which has never been described in Kabuki syndrome before, has been found as a somatic mutation in stomach carcinoma (COSMIC ID: COSM4109565). Somatic mutations in *KMT2D* and *KDM6A* are frequently found in cancer [Huether et al., 2014]; however, an increased cancer risk has not yet been described for patients with germline mutations. Longterm follow up of these patients will be needed to confirm or exclude an associated cancer risk in Kabuki syndrome.

Since *KDM6A* is located on the X-chromosome, we wondered about a potential connection to Kabuki-like Turner syndrome. A small proportion of patients with Turner syndrome, and especially of those with a derivative X-chromosome, have been described in the literature to present with facial features reminiscent of Kabuki syndrome [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013 and references therein], and also the patients described by Lederer et al. [2012], carrying larger deletions of *KDM6A*, have overlapping features with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome. We asked whether patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome might have modifying variants within *KDM6A* or a submicroscopic chromosomal aberration in addition to the missing X-chromosome. $\mathbf{1}$

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However, screening of six unrelated Turner syndrome patients with Kabuki-like features did not identify any sequence variants of *KDM6A* that might account for the peculiar phenotype. Neither did the SNP array analyses in three patients reveal any additional chromosomal aberrations or a shared X-chromosomal abnormality. Thus, the cause of the Kabuki-like features in these patients with Turner syndrome remains unclear. Clinically, both syndromes constitute important differential diagnoses in girls with Kabuki-like facial features and short stature, which may be hard to distinguish. We noted earlier that the facial features in Kabuki-like Turner syndrome tend to be coarser than in true KS [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. Multiple lentigines may also point towards Kabuki-like Turner syndrome and warrant karyotyping before the initiation of the molecular analysis of the KS genes.

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le KDM6A copy *KDM6A* escapes X-inactivation [Greenfield et al., 1998; Miyake et al., 2013b]. It has been hypothesized that *KDM6C* (*UTY*), the Y-chromosome homologue of *KDM6A*, may compensate for the loss of the single *KDM6A* copy in male patients with X-linked KS2. A recent study could now show that, contrary to prior reports [Agger et al., 2007; Hong et al., 2007], KDM6C does indeed catalyze demethylation of histone 3 lysine 27 [Walport et al., 2014], a finding that supports the assumed functional redundancy of KDM6A and KDM6C, making *KMD6C* an interesting candidate gene for KS in male patients. Lederer et al. [2012] previously reported a mutation screening of *KDM6C* in 15 *KMT2D* mutation-negative patients, which did not identify any disease-causing mutations. Neither did our screening of 15 unrelated male KS patients reveal a causative mutation. X-Inactivation in female patients seems to be independent of *KDM6A* mutation status, as shown by Miyake et al. [2013b]. X-Inactivation was determined in one of our patients (P5) and, in reference to an assumed cut-off of 90%:10%, did not appear skewed with 78%:22%.

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6 of patients wi The identification of the second Kabuki syndrome gene, *KDM6A,* has allowed defining two subgroups of the disorder by molecular genetic criteria. The question remains whether the two subtypes can also be distinguished by clinical criteria. For this study, the clinical details of eleven patients with KS2 were analyzed and compared with the literature (Table 3; Figure 3, Figure 4): Renal abnormalities have been reported to appear in approximately 40% of patients with KS1 [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. In this study we observed a renal malformation in three patients (= 27%): P210 has ureteral duplication and hydronephrosis and P210 has a horseshoe kidney, the exact type of malformation was not documented in P219. Miyake et al. [2013b] reported that all of their patients with KS2, but only half of their patients with KS1 showed short stature. We have reported short stature to be present in 58% and microcephaly to appear in 29% to 56% of patients with KS1 [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. Interestingly, four of our patients with KS2 were of short stature (36%) and five had microcephaly (45%), indicating that postnatal growth retardation appears at comparable frequencies in both KS subtypes. Miyake et al. [2013b] also noted that arched eyebrows, fifth finger brachydactyly, and hypotonia in infancy were more frequent in individuals with KS1 than in individuals with KS2. However, 9/11 patients with KS2 in this study had a combination of at least seven typical facial features (Table 3). 8/11 had arched eyebrows, and we noted the eyebrows to be rather bushy in most of them (Figure 3). 8/11 even had the typical eversion of the lower eyelid. Thus, in our study the facial phenotype of KS2 appeared quite classical. Hypotonia in infancy and feeding difficulties were each observed in 9/11 patients. Fifth finger brachydactyly and fifth finger clinodactyly were seen in 7/11 and 6/11 patients, respectively. The rate of congenital heart disease (CHD) in this cohort was similar to the reported frequency in KS1 (40-50%) [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. We observed CHD in 4 out of 11 patients: Septal defects in three, and coarctation of the aorta in one patient. One patient had a bicuspid aortic valve and one had left ventricular hypertrophy in addition (Table 3).

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The most consistent features observed among our patients with KS2 (long palpebral fissures, large, prominent ears, persistent fetal finger pads, and intellectual disability (Figure 3, Table 3)) are also among the key clinical features that mark KS1. Summing up, we could identify no clinical features specific for KS2 or KS1, which would allow distinguishing the two subtypes clinically. Consequently, the classical diagnostic approach should be based on the frequency of detected mutations and should thus entail Sanger sequencing of *KMT2D*, followed by Sanger sequencing of *KDM6A*, followed by MLPA for both genes and/or high resolution array-CGH. While MLPA may be more sensitive and detect small gains or losses of genetic material, array-CGH would allow the simultaneous detection of differential diagnoses. In view of the large number of exons $(54 + 29 = 83)$, a next-generation-sequencing (NGS) panel or exome sequencing, in combination with array-CGH or MLPA represents a more up-to-date and costeffective approach. However, an NGS strategy might not yet be possible for routine diagnostics

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Furthermore, sex-specific phenotypic differences between male and female patients with pathogenic *KDM6A* mutations have been proposed. The only female patient in the study of Miyake et al. [2013a] showed a much milder phenotype than the two male patients; however,

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Another male patient (P214), who carried the hemizygous *KDM6A* missense mutation c.2729A>G, p.(Asn910Ser), presented with some, but not all of the classic KS facial features. He had intellectual disability and bilateral cleft lip/palate, but no heart or renal malformations. His mother carries the mutation in the heterozygous state. At presentation she appeared unaffected. Unfortunately, she was not available for clinical reevaluation. Lederer et al. [2014] reported a three-generation family with two affected boys whose mother and maternal grandmother were both carriers of a truncating *KDM6A* mutation and showed only few features reminiscent of KS but not the typical KS phenotype. Lederer et al. [2014] argued in the direction of a more pronounced phenotype in male patients, especially with regard to facial features and cognitive achievements, an observation also made by Banka et al. [2015]. The fact that patient P214 inherited the *KDM6A* mutation from his seemingly unaffected mother also argues in favor

of reduced expressivity or even reduced penetrance of the KS2 phenotype in females. In consequence, female mutation carriers with mild phenotypes might be undetected until they give birth to an affected son. Further studies are needed to confirm this hypothesis.

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For Particip In summary, we expand the known clinical and molecular spectrum of the new Kabuki syndrome subtype KS2 and add to the mutation spectrum of KS1. We were able to confirm that female patients with KS2 may have a rather mild manifestation of Kabuki syndrome and may even develop normally with regard to cognitive function. Phenotypic features that might allow distinguishing between the Kabuki syndrome subtypes could not be defined. Therefore, molecular genetic testing should be performed by order of frequency in case of a Sanger sequencing approach or, if possible, by next generation sequencing. We hypothesize that screening of larger cohorts might still identify very rare mutations in *KDM6C*. Future studies applying modern sequencing technologies in large cohorts will most likely identify additional causative genes for Kabuki syndrome, as we have recently demonstrated by the identification of *RAP1A* and *RAP1B* [Bögershausen et al., 2015].

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Figure 2. Overview of identified *KDM6A* mutations relative to a schematic representation of the *KDM6A* gene and KDM6A protein structure.

Figure 3. Clinical characteristics of patients with KS type 2. **A,** Facial features of patients P209, P210, P214, P216, P219 and P220: Note the typical facial features with long palpebral fissures, arched and nicked eyebrows, prominent ears, a depressed nasal tip, and downslanting corners of the mouth. Note repaired cleft lip/palate in P3. **B,** Lateral views of patients P209, P210, P214, and P219. Characteristic features such as large or dysplastic ears, long palpebral fissures and a depressed nasal tip, might be more readily appreciable from the side. **C,** Hands of patients P209, P210, P214, P211, P216, and P219: Note persistent fetal finger pads. P209 shows a

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simian crease on the left and 5th finger clinodactyly (pictures are from newborn period). P210 shows 5th finger brachy- and clinodactyly. P214 shows a distally placed thumb on the left hand and 5th finger clinodactyly on both. Patients P210, P211, and P219 show relatively thick thumbs.

Figure 4. Facial features of patient P211 over the time span of 6 years: as a newborn, at 2.5 and at 6 years of age ($y = y$ ears). Note how the typical facial features are hardly visible in the newborn period but become more pronounced with increasing age.

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Mutation Update for Kabuki syndrome genes *KMT2D* **and** *KDM6A* **and further delineation of X-linked Kabuki syndrome subtype 2**

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ABSTRACT

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m novel-in-a-case-series of 98 unpublished patients. Two of the
ally inherited and 9 were shown to b Kabuki syndrome (KS) is a rare but recognizable condition that consists of a characteristic face, short stature, various organ malformations and a variable degree of intellectual disability. Mutations in *KMT2D* has have been identified as the main causative gene for KS, while mutations in *KDM6A* are a much less frequent cause of KS. Here, we report a mutation screening in a case series of 347 unpublished patients, in which we identified we report six-12 novel *KDM6A* mutations (KS type 2) and in *KDM6A* (KS type 2) and 44 208 mutations in *KMT2D* (KS type 1), 132 of them novel in a case series of 98 unpublished patients. Two of the *KDM6A* mutations were maternally inherited and 9 were shown to be *de novo*. We also review all published mutations in both genes and point out possible mutation hot spots and strategies for molecular genetic testing. We give an up-to-date overview of all published mutations for the two Kabuki syndrome genes and point out possible mutation hot spots and strategies for molecular genetic testing. We also report the clinical details for 11 patients with KS type 2, We summarize the published clinical information, specifically with a focus on the less well defined Xlinked KS type 2, and comment on phenotype-genotype correlations as well as sex-specific phenotypic differences. Moreover, we present the second instance of a maternally inherited *KDM6A* mutation with probable reduced penetrance in the mother. Finally, we also discuss a possible role of *KDM6A* in Kabuki-like Turner syndrome and report a mutation screening of *KDM6C* (*UTY*) in male KS patients.

Key words: Kabuki syndrome, *KDM6A, MLL2, KMT2D, UTY, KDM6C*

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BACKGROUND

Formerly *MLL2*; MIM 602113<u>; NM 003482.3)</u>.--Approximately
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2011; Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. *KMT2D* encodes a
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another H3K27 demethylase, is located on the Y-chromosome [Walport et al., 2014] and constitutes a possible candidate gene for Kabuki syndrome in male individuals. In this study, we collected a cohort of 98-347 unpublished patients with a clinical diagnosis of Kabuki syndrome and screened them for mutations in *KMT2D* and subsequently in *KDM6A*. 44 208 patients in our cohort harbored mutations in *KMT2 D*. Of the *KMT2D* negative patients,*D,* and in one received whole exome sequencing and the 88 patients negative for *KMT2D*received Sanger sequencing of *KDM6A*, mutations by which we identified six twelve novel *KDM6A* mutations. We discuss the molecular and clinical findings and compare them to the literature with a focus on the rare X-linked KS2. We also report a mutation screening of *KDM6C* (*UTY*) in male patients, which did not identify any mutations, and discuss Kabuki-like Turner syndrome as an important differential diagnosis for female patients.

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METHODS

Patients

We obtained written informed consent from all patients or their legal guardians for the molecular genetic analyses and for publication of the results. We obtained written informed consent for publication of photographs from the concerned parties. The study was performed according to the Declaration of Helsinki protocol. Blood samples were collected from the patients and their parents and DNA was extracted from peripheral blood lymphocytes by standard extraction procedures. Patient IDs presented in this publication were assigned arbitrarily by order of mutations and do not relate to the identity of the patients.

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For P Exonic and adjacent intronic regions were enriched from genomic DNA of one patient (P1) and her parents using the 50 Mb SureSelect XT Human All Exon enrichment kit from Agilent Technologies (Santa Clara, USA) and sequencing was performed on a GAIIx sequencer from Illumina (Illumina, San Diego, USA). Alignment against the GRCh37 human reference was performed with Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (BWA, version 0.6.2), PCR-duplicates marking with Picard (version 1.84), indel realignment, base quality recalibration and variant calling with the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK, version 2.3-4), and annotation with Annovar (version 2013Feb21). The resulting variants were filtered to exclude variants present in dbSNP 135, the Exome Variant Server, the 1000 Genomes Project, or our in-house database and variants that were not predicted to affect protein sequence or exon splicing (please see prediction programs and databases for URLs). For *de novo* analysis, all variant loci in the patient's dataset were compared to the parental datasets. Only variants covered in all three samples and present in less than 5% of the reads in the parental datasets were considered.

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Mutation screening and Sanger sequencing

Mutation screenings were performed using standard methods for PCR amplification and Sanger sequencing. Primer sequences for *KDM6A and KMT2D* were designed with the primer 3 software, available at the UCSC genome browser, or the primer 3 webtool (http://primer3.ut.ee/). Specific primers for *KDM6C* (*UTY*) were custom-designed using the Oligo ® software (Molecular Biology Insights, Cascade, USA) in order to avoid amplification of the highly homologous *KDM6A* gene. Primer sequences are available on request. The entire coding sequence of the respective genes was analyzed and mutations were confirmed by a second PCR on an independent DNA solution.

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FIFT S Identified mutations were classified as disease causing if they were 1.) either truncating or predicted to be deleterious (see below), or 2.) proven to be *de novo* or already published as *de novo* in another patient with Kabuki syndrome, and 3.) absent from the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP). Variants of unknown significance were defined as variants that were 1.) non-truncating, 2.) predicted to be deleterious, and 3.) absent from the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP) but for which *de novo* occurrence could not be proven. Non-disease-causing variants were defined as variants that were 1.) inherited from a healthy parent and/or 2.) annotated in a database of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP). Non-disease-causing variants (polymorphisms) identified in our cohort are not reported in this study.

De novo occurrence of the *KDM6A* mutation identified by whole-exome sequencing in patient P1 was confirmed by Sanger sequencing of the specific exon according to standard methods. Current HGVS standard was employed for mutation nomenclature. Nucleotide numbering referring to cDNA uses +1 as the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence, with the initiation codon as codon 1. Mutation nomenclature was double checked with the Mutalyzer software: https://mutalyzer.nl/.

Novel variants were submitted to the locus specific databases at LOVD: www.lovd.nl/KDM6A www.lovd.nl/KMT2D.

SNP array

-like phenotype: one patient with a 45,X, one patient with a
t with a 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype. We employed the Affymetrix
hy 6.0 utilizing more than 906,600 SNPs and more than 946,000
y number variations. Quantitative dat SNP arrays were performed in three patients with cytogenetically diagnosed Turner syndrome who presented with a Kabuki-like phenotype: one patient with a 45,X, one patient with a 45,X/46,X,i(Xq), and one patient with a 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype. We employed the Affymetrix genome-wide Human SNP Array 6.0 utilizing more than 906,600 SNPs and more than 946,000 probes for the detection of copy number variations. Quantitative data analysis was performed with GTC 4.1 (Affymetrix Genotyping Console) using a reference file of ATLAS Biolabs GmbH (100 samples). We used the Segment Reporting Tool (SRT) to locate segments with copy number changes in the copy number data with the assumption of a minimum of 10 kb per segment and minimum genomic size of five markers of a segment.

Prediction programs

Prediction of the mutation effect was performed for missense mutations and in-frame deletions with the programs PolyPhen-2 (http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/), PROVEAN (http://provean.jcvi.org/index.php), SIFT (http://sift.jcvi.org/), and Mutation Taster (http://www.mutationtaster.org/). The effect of splice site mutations was analyzed with Human Splicing Finder version 3 (http://www.umd.be/HSF3/) and BDGP splice site prediction (http://www.fruitfly.org/seq_tools/splice.html)Mutation Taster. Please see Supp. Table 3 and Supp. Table 4 for in-silico prediction output.

Databases

The following databases were used for this study: The Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC): http://exac.broadinstitute.org/; The Exome Variant Server (EVS):

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http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS/; Database of human single nucleotide Polymorphisms (dbSNP): http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/; The 1000 Genomes: http://www.1000genomes.org/; HGMD: http://www.biobase-international.com/product/hgmd; The UCSC browser: http://genome.ucsc.edu/; The human protein reference database: http://www.hprd.org/; COSMIC: http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic; DECIPHER: https://decipher.sanger.ac.uk/; PubMed: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/.

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L2 mutation", and "*KMT2D* mutation" in different We searched the HGMD database for mutations in *KMT2D* and *KDM6A* and, additionally, conducted a search for further mutations described in original articles in PubMed using the terms "Kabuki syndrome", "*MLL2* mutation", and "*KMT2D* mutation" in different combinations. We examined the clinical and molecular information available from the retrieved 20 mutation screening studies [Banka et al., 2012; Cheon et al., 2014; Courcet et al., 2013; Dentici et al., 2015; Hannibal et al., 2011; Li et al., 2011; Lin et al., 2015; Lindgren et al., 2013; Lindsley et al., 2015; Liu et al., 2015; Makrythanasis et al., 2013; Micale et al., 2011; Micale et al., 2014; Miyake et al., 2013; Morgan et al., 2015; Ng et al., 2010; Paderová et al., 2016; Paulussen et al., 2011; Subbarayan et al., 2014; Van Laarhoven et al., 2015] and 18 molecularly proven case reports [Brackmann et al., 2013; Cappuccio et al., 2014; Gohda et al., 2015; Karagianni et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2013; 2016; Kokitsu-Nakata et al., 2012; McVeigh et al., 2015; Ratbi et al., 2013; Riess et al., 2012; Roma et al., 2015; Schulz et al., 2014; Soden et al., 2014; Takagi et al., 2014; Tanaka et al., 2012; Verhagen et al., 2014; Yuen et al., 2015; Zaidi et al., 2013; Zarate et al., 2012]. Only articles that were fully available online were included in the analysis. However, to ensure a consistent genotype-phenotype analysis, we did not consider any case reports from before the identification of *KMT2D* as the first causative gene. We evaluated all published mutations in *KMT2D* (SupplementarySupp. Table 1) and *KDM6A*

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exariant server, see aboveda (SupplementarySupp. Table 2) and assigned them to three variant classes: disease-causing variant (DC), variant of unknown significance (VUS), or non-disease-causing variant (NDC). According to our classification, a disease-causing (DC) variant must fulfil the following criteria: It is either a truncating variant or a non-truncating variant that was proven to be *de novo* or has been described as *de novo* in another patient with a comparable phenotype and it is not listed in any public database of normal genetic variation. A variant of unknown significance (VUS) is a non-truncating sequence alteration with unknown inheritance, which is not present in any public database of normal genetic variation (such as the ExAC browser, the dbSNP database, the 1000 Genomes, or the Exome variant server, see abovedatabases) and which ispreferably predicted to be disease causing by the at least one prediction programs algorithm (see aboveSupp. Table 3, Supp. Table 4), however the last criterion is not requisite if a variant is absent from all databases. Finally, a variant will be classified as a non-disease-causing (NDC) variant if it is a non-truncating variant, the inheritance of which is unknown or which was inherited from an unaffected parent, and/or which is listed in public databases (see above), and/or if the same patient additionally carries a separate variant that is judged as disease causing.

Mutation load score

To evaluate the mutation load of a single exon as a function of its size, we established a mutation load score (MLS), calculated as the number of mutations (n) divided by the number of basepairs (bp) of an exon, multiplied by 100 (MLS = $\frac{n}{bp}$ 100). The score was calculated for

disease-causing variants identified by literature review and our own study, and the numbers include recurrent mutations. Mutations affecting more than one exon, i.e. large deletions/duplications, were excluded from the calculation. Mutations affecting splice sites were allocated to the closest corresponding exon $(i.e.$ intron $2 =$ exon $2)$. A score of 1 equals 1

mutation per 100 bp. For *KMT2D* we retrieved an average MLS of 2.943.74, with a standard deviation (SD) of 2.493.80. According to the expected normal distribution, a score MLS > MLS mean + 2 SD (= $7.9211.33$) was regarded as the cut-off for an unexpectedly high mutation load. For *KDM6A* we obtained an average MLS 0.6282, +/- a standard deviation of 1.0708, and a cutoff of 2.7698. However, the small number of **known** mutations in this gene impedes the interpretation of this result, which is therefore only exemplary.

PATIENT COHORT

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request for molecular genetic The present cohort consists of 98-347 patients with a tentative diagnosis of Kabuki syndrome, established by external clinicians, from different referral centers. It includes patients from Germany, France, Turkey, and Australia. The DNAs were sent to our laboratory laboratories in Cologne and Montpellier with a request for molecular genetic analysis of the Kabuki syndrome genes *KMT2D* and *KDM6A*. We started the study in 2012, after we had completed our pilot studyThe patients reported here have not been previously reported elsewhere [Li et al., 2011]. The only patient who had already been included in the our first mutation screening study [Li et al., 2011] is Patient 1 (P1P212); she was then negative for a mutation in *KMT2D* and we now performed whole-exome sequencing. Four of the patients with *KDM6A* mutations were referred from Turkish centers (P2112, P3P214, P4P216, P6P220) and two came from German centers (P209 and P5P211), with one (P5P211) being of Turkish descent, and the other six came from France. Patients with *KDM6A* mutations were not preselected according to clinical criteria and did not obviously differ from the overall cohort. Five patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome originated from Turkey and one from Australia. They had already been cytogenetically diagnosed and were referred due to their striking clinical overlap with Kabuki syndrome. Of the *KMT2D* negative patients, one received whole exome sequencing and 88 received Sanger sequencing of *KDM6A.* Clinical details were available for 11 patients with KS2, unfortunately we

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IDENTIFIED *KMT2D* **MUTATIONS**

Sanger sequencing of all coding exons and exon-intron boundaries of *KMT2D* in 98-347 patients with a tentative diagnosis of Kabuki syndrome identified 44-208 mutations (Table 1), -24 132 of which have not been reported before (Table 1), while 20 were recurrent (Table 2). We identified $46 - 76$ nonsense mutations, $44 - 69$ small deletions/duplications, $8 - 45$ missense variants, 15 splice site mutations, and one 3 in-frame deletions. De novo occurrence was proven if parental DNA was available ($n = 28103$). Three patients had inherited the mutation from an affected parent.

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192 mutations identified in this study could be classified as disease causing (DC). 16 mutations were classified as variants of unknown significance (VUS) due to lack of parental samples for segregation analysis. These were mostly novel, non-truncating mutations, which were predicted

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to be damaging and absent from the queried databases of human genetic variations (for details on in-silico prediction for *KMT2D* missense mutations and in-frame deletions please refer to Supp. Table 3). Non-disease causing variants (polymorphisms) identified in our patients are not

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19565), and was predicted to be dam Non-truncating mutations were located in the important domain-coding exons 48 to 53, which encode the FYRN, FYRC, and SET domains of KMT2D, except for one missense mutation in exon 28 (c.6109G>C, p.(Asp2037His)). This mutation is not listed in the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP), is annotated as an oncogenic mutation in the database (COSM4109565), and was predicted to be damaging by four prediction programs (Mutation Taster, PolyPhen-2, SIFT, PROVEAN). *De novo* occurrence could not be proven for this mutation due to lack of parental DNA. This is thus the only variant identified in study that we classified as a variant of unknown significance (VUS). Known non-diseasecausing variants identified in our cohort are not reported.

PUBLISHED *KMT2D* **MUTATIONS**

To date, 415 424 mutations variants in the *KMT2D* gene have been reported. Except for one patient with autism spectrum disorder and one patient with congenital heart disease, all reported patients with reported *KMT2D* variants mutations had been diagnosed with Kabuki syndrome
(SupplementarySupp. Table 1). Among these 415 424 variants mutations were 117 121 nonsense mutations, $98-106$ small deletions, 55 small insertions or duplications, $96-93$ missense variantsmutations, and $37-36$ splice site variantsmutations. Additionally, four-five indels, six grosslarge deletions (>20 bp), and two grosslarge insertions have been published (SupplementarySupp. Table 1, Figure 1A).

When we evaluated the reported variants mutations against the above described pathogenicity criteria (mutation type, segregation, prediction, annotation in public databases of normal genetic variation), we assessed $39-33$ of these variants as non-disease-causing (NDC)

(SupplementarySupp. Table 1). 31-32 variants were judged as VUS (SupplementarySupp. Table 1), consisting of 24 missense variants, one-two non-frameshifting small deletions, one non-frameshifting small insertion, one non-frameshifting grosslarge deletion, and four splice site variants. Segregation analysis would be needed in order to confirm pathogenicity of these variants. We judged 345-359 of the reported mutations as disease causing, 35-42 of which are recurrent mutations (reported 2 to 5-7 times; Supplementary Supp. Table 1). The mutation types from our study and the literature are depicted in Figure 1A. We counted each mutation by number of published records (= number of patients) to analyze the exon distribution in detail, and together with the newly identified mutations in this study, we were able to analyze the mutation types and ddistribution of 420-621 disease-causing variants (NDC and VUS excluded) (Figure $4A_1C$).

IDENTIFIED *KDM6A* **MUTATIONS**

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Hentified mutations in this Trio whole-exome sequencing (WES) in a *KMT2D* mutation-negative patient (P4P212) identified the novel one-basepair duplication c.171dupT in exon 2 of *KDM6A*. This mutation leads to a frameshift and a premature stop codon at amino acid position 64: p.(Gly58Trpfs*7). *De novo* occurrence was observed in the WES data sets and subsequently confirmed by Sanger sequencing (Figure 2ASupplementary Figure 1). Sanger sequencing in 43-88 additional patients who were also-negative for mutations in *KMT2D* identified *five*-11 additional mutations-variants in *KDM6A* (Figure 2A, BFigure 2; Table 32, Supplementary Figure 1), including two two nonsense mutations, one two small insertions, two three missense variants, and one four splice site mutation<u>s</u>. Of the 12 patients with KS2, sevenaffected patients, five are female and one five is are male (Table 2P3). The Nine five female patients were shown to haveof the mutations were shown to be -de novo-mutations, while two were inherited. the One male-male patient (P214) had inherited the c.2729A>G, p.(Asn910Ser) mutation variant from his mother
(Supplementary Figure 1Figure 2A), whose phenotype could not be ascertained, and another

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aster and PROVEAN. Most importantly, it is not annotated in the
genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP), and it was therefore
sease causing with reduced penetrance. Howe (P215) had inherited the c.3073A>G, p.(Ser1025Gly) mutation from his clinically affected mother. While the boy showed a recognizable Kabuki phenotype, the mother's phenotype was reported to be mild. However, clinical details on this family are unavailable. A KS phenotype of the mother was not remarked at the presentation of her son. The family was lost to follow up, and the mother could not be clinically reevaluated. The mutation in P3-P214 affects a highly conserved asparagine residue at position 910 and was predicted to be damaging by the prediction programs Mutation Taster and PROVEAN. Most importantly, it is not annotated in the current databases of normal genetic variation (EVS, ExAC, dbSNP), and it was therefore considered to be most likely disease causing with reduced penetrance. However, according to our classification system, the variant was classified as VUS. The mutation in P215 is also predicted to affect protein function and was absent from the above mentioned databases. Because of the mild Kabuki syndrome phenotype visible in the carrier parent, the mutation was classified as disease causing (for details on in-silico prediction for inherited and *de novo KDM6A* missense mutations please refer to Supp. Table 3). *KDM6A* could not be tested in 10 of our patients, either because we did not receive their consent for *KDM6A* testing or because we did not have sufficient DNA.

The mutation detection rate for *KDM6A* among the *KMT2D* negative group was was 6.1% the overall cohort and 13.65 % among the *KMT2D*-negative patients. .

PUBLISHED *KDM6A* **MUTATIONS**

To date, 30–33 germline mutations in *KDM6A* have been published. The 46–18 published point mutations consist of fourfive nonsense mutations, five small deletions, two missense variants, and five six splice site mutations. Additionally, six seven grosslarge deletions, seven grosslarge duplications/insertions, and one complex genomic rearrangement, have been published
(SupplementarySupp. Table 2). Most of the published *KDM6A* mutations were judged as disease causing according to our classification system. Only the missense variant c.2939A>T,

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p.(Asp980Val) published by Micale et al. [2014] and four grosslarge duplications published by Lindgren et al. [2013] were judged as VUS because proper segregation had not been proven (SupplementarySupp. Table 2). The mutation types of the disease-causing mutations from the literature (n = , including one recurrent mutation) and this study (n = 511) are depicted in Figure 1B (n = 31). The exon distribution of all point mutations from the literature and our own study (n = 29, including one recurrent mutation) is depicted in Figure 1D.

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MUTATION SCREENING OF *KDM6C*

We also investigated the hypothesis of the *KDM6A* homologue *KDM6C* (*UTY*) as a candidate gene for Kabuki syndrome in male patients. Mutation screening of 15 male KS patients negative for *KMT2D* mutations did not identify any causative mutation in *KDM6C* (*UTY*).

FINDINGS IN KABUKI-LIKE TURNER SYNDROME

The patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome all had long palpebral fissures, arched eyebrows, dense eye-lashes, and a short columella. The typical eversion of the lower eye-lid was seen in two patients. A remarkable similarity was seen in the form of the nose: a round, fleshy, sometimes bulbous nasal tip was seen in most patients. The eyebrows, although arched were also bushy and not laterally sparse as it is frequently seen in KS. They all had short stature with normal head circumference. One had a bicuspid aortic valve and aortic coarctation, as well as

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nknown whether *KDM6A* is present within the ring or not
eports of patients with Kabuki-like Turn</u> hydronephrosis. A second patient had a horseshoe kidney with double collecting system. Another had congenital hip dislocation. For three of the six patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome, we confirmed the respective karyotypes by SNP arrays, but did not detect any additional chromosomal aberrations that might explain the Kabuki-like phenotype. In the patients with the , X and the 45 , $X/46$, X , $i(Xq)$ karyotypes, one copy of *KDM6A*, which is located on chromosome Xp11.3, is missing. In the patients with the 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype, the exact breakpoint of the ring chromosome could not be defined, thus, it is unknown whether *KDM6A* is present within the ring or not. Interestingly, many literature reports of patients with Kabuki-like Turner syndrome state that *KDM6A* was included in the ring, meaning that two copies should be present. However it is possible, that the ring structure of the chromosome impedes correct transcription of this copy or, that enhancer elements/long range regulators are missing from the ring chromosome. *KDM6A* mutation screening of all six Kabuki-like Turner syndrome patients with either a 45,X, a **Formatted:** Font: Italic **Formatted:** Font: Not Italic **Formatted:** Font: Italic

45,X/46,X,i(X), or a 45,X/46,X,r(X) karyotype did not reveal any sequence variant that might be considered causative of the Kabuki-like phenotype in these patients.

DIAGNOSTIC RELEVANCE OF THE MOLECULAR RESULTS FOR *KMT2D*

In our case series mutations in *KMT2D* were identified in 44-208 patients (4560%). 24 of these mutations have not been reported before (Table 1), while 20 were recurrent mutations (Table 2). The identified mutations were mainly truncating $(46-76)$ nonsense and $44-69$ frameshifting mutations). Exon 39 seems to be prone to nonsense mutations, while frameshifting mutations were predominantly located in exon 31. Mmissense mutations occurred most frequently in exon 48. Overall, exon 31 48 showed the highest number of mutations in our study (946), closely followed by exon 48-39 (458 mutations). Taken together, the largest exons (10, 11, 31, 34, 39,

and 48<u>)</u> account for 6369.71% of all mutations identified in this study- (Figure 1C) and 63.37% of all mutations analyzed (this study and literature), which is an expected result.

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calculation, we used the The distribution of the *KMT2D* mutations identified in our study is similar to previously published results: the highest number of mutations can be found in the largest exons (10, 11, 31, 34, 39, and 48), which is an obvious result. To further analyze the exon distribution of the published and novel mutations and to establish mutation hot spots independent of exon size, we established a mutation load score (MLS), which images the number of mutations relative to the number of basepairs of an exon. For this calculation, we used the location of all disease-causing variants retrieved from the literature or identified in our study (including recurrent mutations) and we found that in most of the largest exons the number of mutations does not exceed the expected mutation load (cut-off 7.9211.33). Thus, the apparent clustering of mutations in these exons is mainly attributable to their size. Only exons , 52 and 53 hold an unexpectedly high number of mutations, with MLS of 12.36, $9.1721.62$ and $13.54115.60$, respectively—. Exon 48 is the only large exon with a MLS close to the cut-off of 9.47, and it would probably exceed the cut-off if all missense variants classified as VUS were included in the calculation. Together with the high MLS of exons 52 and 53 this might indicateindicating a potential clustering of mutations at the 3' end of the *KMT2D* gene (Figure 1C).

Based upon these observations, two-step diagnostic approaches to Sanger sequencing, for example starting with exons 27 to 54 or starting with the large exons + and exons 51-53, could be useful and economic diagnostic testing strategies if Sanger sequencing is to be applied (see clinical relevance).-

A further aspect about *KMT2D* mutations is that they are mostly private mutations, reported in only a single patient (SupplementarySupp. Table 1): only 35-58 of the 420-621 disease-causing mutations have been found in more than one patient. Interestingly, 19 (54%) of these recurrent

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mutations, are located in exons 48 to 53. Thus, exons 48 to 53 may be regarded as a hot spot recurrent mutations. However, tThe most frequently reported identified mutations are c.15142C>T, p.(Arg5048Cys) in exon 48 (9 patients) and $-(c.6595de)$ T, p.(Tyr2199Ilefs*65)), in exon 31 (8 patients) which has been found in five patients so far, is located in exon 31.

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1. asterisks). Due to the raren While most patients harbor only a single disease causing *KMT2D* mutation, the studies by Makrythanasis et al. [2013], Micale et al. [2014], and Liu et al. [2015] each described a patient who carried two disease-causing, *de novo* missense variants in *KMT2D* (SupplementarySupp. Table 1, mutations marked with asterisks). Due to the rareness of *de novo* mutations, *de novo* occurrence of a mutation in the gene that is known to cause the phenotype diagnosed in a patient is usually considered a strong indicator of pathogenicity. The mutations in the patients mentioned above were both judged disease causing according to our criteria. However, in a vital developmental gene like *KMT2D* we would expect biallelic mutations with deleterious functional consequences to be lethal at the embryonic stage. Thus, it appears most likely that these mutations are located in-cis, a phenomenon that has already been described in Rett syndrome [Bunyan and Robinson, 2008]. Another possibility is false paternity.

Finally, large genomic aberrations of the *KMT2D* locus seem to be very rare: Banka et al.
[20122013] identified intragenic or whole-gene deletions/duplications of *KMT2D* in 3 out of 64 patients by MLPA analysis. However, deletions or duplications of the *KMT2D* locus have been reported in only 10 patients in the DECIPHER database (Supplementary Table 3), and >80 MLPA analyses in patients with Kabuki syndrome in our own laboratory have not identified a single aberration. Priolo et al. [2012] did not find any deletions/duplications *KMT2D* in a cohort of 120 patients with Kabuki syndrome, indicating that large deletions of *KMT2D* are relatively rare events, compared to point mutations,.

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DIAGNOSTIC RELEVANCE OF THE MOLECULAR RESULTS FOR *KDM6A*

Our study recapitulates the published mutation detection rate for *KDM6A*: iln our case series, we identified six twelve novel *KDM6A* mutations (Figure 2A, B, Figure 2, Table 32, Supplementary Figure 1) in five female and one male patient out ofin a cohort of 4489 patients. This equals 6.1% of the entire cohort and (= 13.65 %) of the analyzed *KMT2D* mutation-negative group. Five Nine of the mutations could be shown to be *de novo,* and four of them were truncatingwhile two were inherited (Table 32, Supplementary Figure 1)*.* Parental samples were unavailable for patient P213. The mutations c.171dupT and c.190G>T identified in patients P1 and P2 represent the most N-terminal mutations yet described and are located before the first TPR motif of the KDM6A protein (Figure 22B, 2A).

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Ferminal mutations yet described Apart from these 5' mutations, the identified and the published mutations in *KDM6A* show a clustering towards the 3' end of the gene (Figure 1D). We also calculated mutation load scores (MLS) for *KDM6A.* However, the result is not representative due to the small number of *KDM6A* point mutations yet described. Overall, 78.2669% of all disease causing point mutations were located in exons 16 – 29 (Figure 1D). Thus, the distribution of mutations in *KDM6A* appears to be shifted towards the 3' end. Therefore, it may be advisable to divide this large gene into two sets for diagnostic Sanger sequencing approaches, starting with exons 16 - 29, followed by exons 1 – 15.

In terms of mutation type, *KMT2D* and *KDM6A* show a similardifferent profiles with regard to point mutations *.* Both genes show a large proportion of nonsense mutations and small deletions/insertions (Figure 1A,B), but . The only striking difference is a relatively high number of splice site mutations are the most frequent mutation type for-in *KDM6A* compared withas opposed to *KMT2D* where splice site mutations play a minor role *KMT2D* (2927.5% vs. 7.9%, Figure 1A,B).

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Genomic aberrations of the *KDM6A* locus appear to be much more frequent than genomic aberrations of the *KMT2D* locus: 67 patients with deletions, duplications, triplications or complex genomic rearrangements of the *KDM6A* locus have been annotated in DECIPHER (Supplementary Table 3). Additionally, *KDM6A* was initially identified as a causative gene for Kabuki syndrome by the identification of whole-gene or intragenic deletions in three patients by Lederer et al. [2012]. However, Priolo et al. [2012] did not find any deletions/duplications of *KDM6A* or *KMT2D* in a cohort of 120 patients with Kabuki syndrome, indicating that such aberrations seem to be relatively rare compared to the other known genetic causes of the disease.

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Since *KDM6A* is located on the X-chromosome, we wondered about a potential connection to Kabuki-like- Turner syndrome. A small proportion of patients with Turner syndrome, and especially of those with a derivative X-chromosome, have been described in the literature to present with facial features reminiscent of Kabuki syndrome [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013 and references therein], and also the patients described by Lederer et al. [2012], carrying larger deletions of *KDM6A*, have overlapping features with Kabuki-like- Turner syndrome. We asked whether patients with Kabuki-like-_Turner syndrome might have modifying variants within *KDM6A* or a submicroscopic chromosomal aberration in addition to the missing X-chromosome.

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> However, screening of six unrelated Turner syndrome patients with Kabuki-like features did not identify any sequence variants of *KDM6A* that might account for the peculiar phenotype. Neither did the SNP array analyses in three patients reveal any additional chromosomal aberrations or a shared X-chromosomal abnormality. Thus, the cause of the Kabuki-like features in these patients with Turner syndrome remains unclear. Clinically, both syndromes constitute important differential diagnoses in girls with Kabuki-like facial features and short stature, which may be hard to distinguish. We noted earlier that the facial features in Kabuki-like Turner syndrome tend to be coarser than in true KS [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. Multiple lentigines may also point towards Kabuki-like Turner syndrome and warrant karyotyping before the initiation of the molecular analysis of the KS genes.

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ar syndrome and warrant kar *KDM6A* escapes X-inactivation [Greenfield et al., 1998; Miyake et al., 2013b]. It has been hypothesized that *KDM6C* (*UTY*), the Y-chromosome homologue of *KDM6A*, may compensate for the loss of the single *KDM6A* copy in male patients with X-linked KS2. A recent study could now show that, contrary to prior reports [Agger et al., 2007; Hong et al., 2007], KDM6C does indeed catalyze demethylation of histone 3 lysine 27 [Walport et al., 2014], a finding that supports the assumed functional redundancy of KDM6A and KDM6C, making *KMD6C* an interesting candidate gene for KS in male patients. Lederer et al. [2012] previously reported a mutation screening of *KDM6C* in 15 *KMT2D* mutation-negative patients, which did not identify any disease-causing mutations. Neither did our screening of 15 unrelated male KS patients reveal a causative mutation. X-Inactivation in female patients seems to be independent of *KDM6A* mutation status, as shown by Miyake et al. [2013b]. X-Inactivation was determined in one of our patients (P5) and, in reference to an assumed cut-off of 90%:10%, did not appear skewed with 78%:22%.

CLINICAL RELEVANCE

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 For Peer Peer Reviewa The identification of the second Kabuki syndrome gene, *KDM6A,* has allowed defining two subgroups of the disorder by molecular genetic criteria. The question remains whether the two subtypes can also be distinguished by clinical criteria. At this stage, it appears that the clinical features of patients with both KS types are essentially the same. For this study, the clinical details of eleven patients with KS2 were analyzed and compared with the literature (Table 3; Figure 3, Figure 4):. Renal abnormalities have been reported to appear in approximately 40% of patients with KS1 [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. In this study seem to be less frequent in KS2 than in KS1 [Lederer et al., 2014]. In our cohort, we also observed a renal malformation in three patients $(= 27%)$ only in a single patient: $P210$ had has ureteral duplication and hydronephrosis and P210 has a horseshoe kidney, the exact type of malformation was not documented in P219. (Table 4). Miyake et al. [2013b] reported that all of their patients with KS2, but only half of their patients with KS1 showed short stature. We have reported short stature to be present in 58% and microcephaly to appear in 29% to 56% of patients with KS1 [Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013]. Interestingly, none-four of our patients with KS2 was were of short stature (36%) and only three-five had microcephaly (45%), indicating that postnatal growth retardation appears at comparable frequencies in both KS subtypes.. Miyake et al. [2013b] also noted that arched eyebrows, fifth finger brachydactyly, and hypotonia in infancy were more frequent in individuals with KS1 than in individuals with KS2. All-However, 9/11 patients of our patients with KS2 in this study had a combination of at least seven typical facial features (Table 4<u>3),. 8/11</u> and all of them had arched eyebrows, <u>and we noted the eyebrows to be rather bushy</u> in most of them (Figure 3). long palpebral fissures, and a depressed nasal tip. 8/11 even had the typical eversion of the lower eyelid. Thus, in our study the facial phenotype of KS2 appeared guite classical. Hypotonia in infancy and feeding difficulties were each observed in 9/11 patients5/6 of our patients with KS2. Fifth finger brachydactyly and fifth finger clinodactyly were seen in 3/57/11 and 6/11-and 4/-5- patients, respectively, respectively. The rate of congenital

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Banka et al. [2015] suggested that neonatal hypoglycemia may be more frequent among the KS2 patient group, and indeed, this complication was observed in 5/10 patients in this cohort.; however, this complication was only observed in one of our patients.

Long incisors and long great toes have been proposed as hallmark features of KS2 [Banka et al., 2015; Lederer et al., 2012], but neither could be observed in our patients (Table 43). The former may, however, still develop with secondary dentition. A long first toe was also seen in the patient reported by Yang et al. [2016], who had a 227 kb deletion of chromosome X including exons 1 and 2 of *KDM6A.* Thus, a long great toe, initially described by Lederer et al [2012], may be an indicator of a *KDM6A* exonic deletion.

The most consistent features observed among our patients with KS2 (long palpebral fissures, large, prominent ears, persistent fetal finger pads, and intellectual disability (Figure 3, Table 3))

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are also among the key clinical features that mark KS1. The phenotypes annotated for the patients with large genomic aberrations of *KDM6A* and *KMT2D* in DECIPHER include a variety notoms that also occur in Kabuki syndrome, and some of the patients may very well have abuki-like phenotype, while others may show unspecific syndromic features. The phenotype be modulated by the presence of more than one genomic aberration, or very large genomic rations that span numerous genes in some patients (Supplementary Table 3). All in all, the phenotype and family information is too limited and not standardized enough to draw meaningful conclusions.

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solution of** PresentlySumming up, it seems that there arewe could identify no clinical features specific for KS2 or KS1, which would allow distinguishing the two subtypes clinically. Consequently, in the classical diagnostic approach should be based on the frequency of detected mutations and should thus entail Sanger sequencing of *KMT2D*, followed by Sanger sequencing of *KDM6A*, followed by MLPA for both genes and/or high resolution array-CGH. While MLPA may be more sensitive and detect small gains or losses of genetic material, array-CGH would allow the simultaneous detection of differential diagnoses. In view of the large number of exons (54 + 29 = 83), a next-generation-sequencing (NGS) panel or exome sequencing, in combination with Arrayarray-CGH or MLPA represents a more up-to-date and cost-effective approach. However, an NGS strategy might not yet be possible for routine diagnostics in some countries, because the NGS techniques may presently not be reimbursed by health insurances.

GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE CORRELATIONS

The small number of published patients with *KDM6A* mutations does not yet allow establishing solid genotype-phenotype correlations with regard to mutation type or location. Reviews of the published patient cohorts and our own clinical experience have taught us that no valid genotype-phenotype correlations yet exist for *KMT2D*-associated Kabuki syndrome subtype 1.

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bble in patients with trunca Miyake et al. [2013b] proposed that the facial phenotype might be less pronounced in patients with non-truncating versus truncating *KMT2D* mutations. However, of the patients whose pictures are shown, the two patients with the least typical facial phenotype (namely KMS-02 and KMS-91) carry sequence variants of *KMT2D* that we judged to be either non-disease-causing or of unknown significance according to our classification system. These patients might thus have been misdiagnosed. The other three patients with non-truncating mutations (KMS-42, KMS-56, and KMS-58) carry disease-causing *de novo* missense mutations and they show a rather typical facial phenotype. In our initial study [Li et al., 2011], we also observed that the facial phenotype can even be quite unremarkable in patients with truncating *KMT2D* mutations. Thus, the impression that the facial phenotype is less typical in patients with non-truncating mutations is not necessarily true. In general, the recognition of the typical facial features may also depend on the age at clinical presentation. We and others [Banka et al., 2012; Bögershausen and Wollnik, 2013] noted that the facial features may be hard to distinguish in the neonatal period and in adulthood, while they are most striking in toddlers and children in the school age (Figure 4).

Furthermore, sex-specific phenotypic differences between male and female patients with pathogenic *KDM6A* mutations have been proposed. The only female patient in the study of Miyake et al. [2013a] showed a much milder phenotype than the two male patients; however, she had a 3-bp in-frame deletion, while the male patients carried truncating mutations. Banka et al. [2015] observed in their study that the intellectual disability was more profound in male patients. We can confirm this finding, but would like to add that the mutation type might also play a role for expressivity: We identified the frameshifting mutation c.2226_2227dupCA, p.(Ser743Thrfs*13) in exon 17 of *KDM6A* in a male patient (P213) with a convincing facial phenotype, and severe intellectual disability, muscular hypotonia and feeding problems. At age 10 years he could neither walk nor speak and was severely cachectic in spite of hypercaloric feeding (Table 3). Our female KS2 patients with on the other hand KS2 (Table 4) showed a

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rather mild phenotype with mild to moderate intellectual disability and a low frequency of organ malformations. Only patient P4212, carrying an N-terminal truncating mutation, showed cortical atrophy and white matter anomalies on cranial MRI in addition to seizures and intellectual disability, i.e., a severe manifestation. On the other hand, patient P216, who carries a *de novo* missense mutation in exon 26, shows normal cognitive capacities and development, except for a mild motor delay in the second year of life. This also indicates that, apart from sex, the functional effect of the respective mutations might be a modulator of disease severity.

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OSer), presented with some, but The Another male patient in this study (P3P214), who carried the hemizygous *KDM6A* missense mutation c.2729A>G, p.(Asn910Ser), presented with some, but not all of the classic KS facial features. He had intellectual disability and bilateral cleft lip/palate, but no heart or renal malformations. His mother carries the mutation in the heterozygous state. At presentation she appeared unaffected. Unfortunately, she was not available for clinical reevaluation. Lederer et al. [2014] reported a three-generation family with two affected boys whose mother and maternal grandmother were both carriers of a truncating *KDM6A* mutation and showed only few features reminiscent of KS but not the typical KS phenotype. Lederer et al. [2014] argued in the direction of a more pronounced phenotype in male patients, especially with regard to facial features and cognitive achievements, an observation also made by Banka et al. [2015]. The fact that patient P3 P214 inherited the *KDM6A* mutation from his seemingly unaffected mother also argues in favor of reduced expressivity or even reduced penetrance of the KS2 phenotype in females. In consequence, female mutation carriers with mild phenotypes might be undetected until they give birth to an affected son. Further studies are needed to confirm this hypothesis.

ANIMAL MODELS FOR KDM6A

According to Welstead et al. [2012], *Kdm6a* knock-out (KO) mice show a reduced number of somites, neural tube defects and heart malformations that cause midgestation lethality. Interestingly, female homozygous KO embryos were more severely affected than hemizygous

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embryonic lethality. Work on *Kd* males, indicating a partial compensation of *Kdm6a* loss by *Kdm6c* (*UTY*). Thieme et al. [2013] recently generated a conditional KO mouse model and showed that *Kdm6a* is responsible for stem cell migration and hematopoiesis. Adult conditional KO female mice showed myelodysplasia, while males did not, supporting the mentioned role of *Kdm6c.* Wang et al. [2012] also observed notochord, cardiac and hematopoietic abnormalities in *Kdm6a* KO mice with survival until birth in males and midgestation lethality in females. Lee et al. [2012] could show that Kdm6a promotes a developmental program that is essential for heart development by inducing chromatin changes at cardiac-specific enhancers. They could show that *Kdm6a* KO mice exhibit heart defects and embryonic lethality. Work on *Kdm6a* KO embryonic stem cells (ESCs) has shown that KDM6A has functions related and unrelated to H3K27 demethylase activity and is required for the induction of ecto- and mesoderm during differentiation as well as epigenetic reprogramming [Mansour et al., 2012; Morales Torres et al., 2013]. In the zebrafish, loss of *kdm6a* leads to craniofacial and brain defects [Lindgren et al., 2013; Van Laarhoven et al., 2015; Bögershausen et al., 2015]. Interestingly, morpholino knock-down (MO) of the established Kabuki syndrome genes *kmt2d* and *kdm6a* as well as of the novel causative genes *rap1a* and *rap1b* cause similar craniofacial abnormalities, and zebrafish morphants for *kmt2d* and *rap1*, as well as *Kmt2d* knock-out mice show aberrations of the MAPK signaling pathway [Bögershausen et al., 2015].

CONCLUSIONS AND PROSPECTS

In summary, we expand the known clinical and molecular spectrum of the new Kabuki syndrome subtype KS2 and add to the mutation spectrum of KS1. We were able to confirm that female patients with KS2 may have a rather mild manifestation of Kabuki syndrome and may even develop normally with regard to cognitive function. Phenotypic features that might allow distinguishing between the Kabuki syndrome subtypes could not be defined. Therefore, molecular genetic testing should be performed by order of frequency in case of a Sanger

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sequencing approach or, if possible, by next generation sequencing. We hypothesize that screening of larger cohorts might still identify very rare mutations in *KDM6C*. Future studies applying modern sequencing technologies in large cohorts will most likely identify additional causative genes for Kabuki syndrome, as we have recently demonstrated by the identification of *RAP1A* and *RAP1B* [Bögershausen et al., 2015].

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Figure 2. Identified *KDM6A* mutations. **A**, Electropherograms of the identified mutations in patients P1-6. **B,** Overview of identified *KDM6A* mutations relative to a schematic representation of the *KDM6A* gene and KDM6A protein structure.

Figure 3. Clinical characteristics of patients with KS type 2. A, Facial features of patients P209, P210, P3P214, P4P216, P219 and P6P220: Note the typical facial features with long palpebral fissures, arched and nicked eyebrows, prominent ears, a depressed nasal tip, and downslanting corners of the mouth. Note repaired cleft lip/palate in P3. **B,** Lateral views of patients P209, P210, and P3P214, and P219. Characteristic features such as large or dysplastic ears, long palpebral fissures and a depressed nasal tip, might be more readily appreciable from the side.

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C, Hands of patients P209, P210, P3P214, P4P211, P5P216, and P219: Note persistent fetal finger pads. P209 additionally shows aberrant with a simian crease on the left and $5th$ finger clinodactyly (pictures are from newborn period). $P210$ shows $5th$ finger brachy- and clinodactyly. $P3-P214$ shows a distally placed thumb on the left hand and $5th$ finger clinodactyly on both. Patients P210, P211, and P219 show relatively thick thumbs.

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For the Manuscript Contract Cont Figure 4. Facial features of patient P5-P211 over the time span of 6 years: as a newborn, at 2.5 and at 6 years of age ($y = years$). Note how the typical facial features are hardly visible in the newborn period but become more pronounced with increasing age.

Overview of mutation type and exon distribution of KMT2D and KDM6A mutations. 254x190mm (300 x 300 DPI)

Overview of identified KDM6A mutations relative to a schematic representation of the KDM6A gene and KDM6A protein structure. 254x190mm (300 x 300 DPI)

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Clinical characteristics of patients with KS type 2. 190x254mm (300 x 300 DPI)

Table 1. Identified point mutations in *KMT2D.*

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 Abbreviations: DC = Disease-causing variant, definitely or very likely pathogenic (truncating variant, or non-truncating and *de novo*, or described *de novo* in another patient, prediction disease causing), VUS = variant of unknown significance (non-truncating, inheritance unknown, not present in any public database of normal genetic variation, prediction disease causing), n.a. = not applicable. * = Inherited from an affected parent. RefSeq: NM_003482.3. Mutation nomenclature according to HGVS. Nucleotide numbering referring to cDNA
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Table 2. Point mutations in *KDM6A* **identified in our cohort.**

Abbreviations: DC = Disease-causing variant, definitely or very likely pathogenic (truncating variant, or non-truncating and *de novo*, or described *de novo* in another patient, prediction disease causing), VUS = variant of unknown significance (non-truncating, inheritance unknown, not present in any public database of normal genetic variation, prediction disease causing), n.a. = not applicable. * Maternally inherited, maternal phenotype unknown. ** Inherited from affected mother. RefSeq: NM_021140.3. Mutation nomenclature according to HGVS. Nucleotide numbering referring to cDNA uses +1 as the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence, with the initiation codon as codon 1.

Table 3. Clinical findings in patients with *KDM6A* mutations.

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Supplementary Figure 1. Electropherograms of the identified mutations in patients P209-220. Mut = mutated sequence, Ref = reference sequence.

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Supplementary Table 1: Published mutations in *KMT2D.*

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Supplementary Table 2: Published mutations in *KDM6A.*

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Supplementary Table 3: In-silico prediction for all missense variants and non-frameshifting deletions / duplications in *KDM6A* **and** *KMT2D* **identified in this study.**

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For diabases and prediction programs can be found in the methods section. Abbreviations: AA pos = amino acid position, Ref = reference amino acid, Alt = alternative amino acid, dbSNP = database of single nucleotide polymorphisms, ExAC = Exome Accession Consortium, 1000G = 1000 Genomes, EVS = Exome Variant Server. Mutation nomenclature according to HGVS. Nucleotide numbering referring to cDNA uses +1 as the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence, with the initiation codon as codon 1. URLs for databases and prediction programs can be found in the methods section.

Abbreviations: HSF3 = Human Splicing Finder Version 3, ENST = Transcript ID, WT = wild-type, dbSNP = database of single nucleotide polymorphisms, ExAC = Exome Accession Consortium, 1000G =
1000 Genomes, EVS = Exome Variant