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**AN ASSESSMENT OF NON-SYNDROMIC CONGENITAL  
CATARACT LINKAGE IN THE SUBJECTS SELECTED AT  
ALLIED HOSPITAL, FAISALABAD**<sup>1</sup>Dr. Muhammed Hanif, <sup>2</sup>Dr. Ahsan Ali, <sup>3</sup>Dr. Shafaq Javed<sup>1</sup>BHU Thatha Khairo Matmal, Pindi Bhattian, Hafizabad<sup>2</sup>MO Bhau Kot Naou Bahar Nankana Sahb<sup>3</sup>Jinnah Hospital Lahore**Abstract:**

**Purpose:** Through homozygosity mapping and linkage analysis, our aim is find a cataract locus which affects a family cataract locus which affects a family. An identification of a CATI family was done from Mayo Hospital, Lahore in March 2016. This family have autosomal recessive non-syndromic congenital cataract (ARCC). This family have a common practice of consanguineous manages in the family and their four affected members. By using the standard phenol chloroform method, we extracted DNA. To observe linkage with 12 reported loci of ARCC, genotyping was done with 28 sets of microsatellite markers. On SSR markers, the DNA obtained was passed. To find the pattern of banding, native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis was carried out. The result indicates that there was no linkage of kindred with all known reported loci of ARCC. After the study was performed it is deduced that might be presence of a novel gene participation in the cause of autosomal recessive congenital cataract. Using 392 sets of microsatellite markers or whole exam sequencing, in order to point out the causative gene, it is therefore needed to carry out genome wide association scan.

**Keywords:** Genome wide association scan, Linkage, Microsatellite markers.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

All over the world, the most common cause of childhood blindness is a cataract. A cataract is an opacification of lens. Congenital cataract is a Mendelian disease. This disease has an estimated frequency of about 1 per 4000 live births [1]. With approximate occurrence of about 1 – 15 per 10,000 live births, congenital can be either syndromic or non-syndromic [2 – 4]. There is a great variation in the structure and acuteness of congenital cataract. Mainly the nuclear, cortical, polar, sub-capsular parts of lens are affected by it. There is a less chance that whole lens is affected by this variation [5]. About 30 genes have been reported and identified through linkage analysis up till now. The selection of most of these genes is done from crystalline family. The crystallin family includes alpha crystallin (CRYBB1, CRYBB2, CRYBB3, CRYBB1, CRYBA3 and CRYBA4) and gamma crystallin (CRYGA, CRYGC, CRYGD and CRYGS) [6-7]. Remaining changes in gene sequences are found in genes encoding major intrinsic proteins, gap junction proteins, transmembrane protein 114, lens intrinsic membrane protein 2, heat shock transcription factors and paired like home domain transcription factor 3. Thirty-eight autosomal dominant and 12 autosomal recessive loci have been surveyed up till now. Eight changes in gene sequence have been reported from the 12 mapped autosomal recessive loci, [8 – 18]. One of the reliable methods is linkage analysis. This method not only allows us to map novel locations but also help us in positional cloning of previously known positional cloning of previously known loci [19 – 20]. In societies where consanguineous marriages are practiced commonly, this method becomes helpful. According to a survey, 60% of marriages are within the families in these societies [21].

**MATERIAL & METHODS:**

Family enrolment and clinical evaluation. The registration of the family was done from Mayo Hospital, Lahore in March 2016. This study was

approved by institutional review board. From the 9 participating subjects, we obtain a written and signed agreement. These subjects are with the study being performed in accordance with the tenets of the members of the family, we obtained a detailed medical history.

**LINKAGE ANALYSIS:**

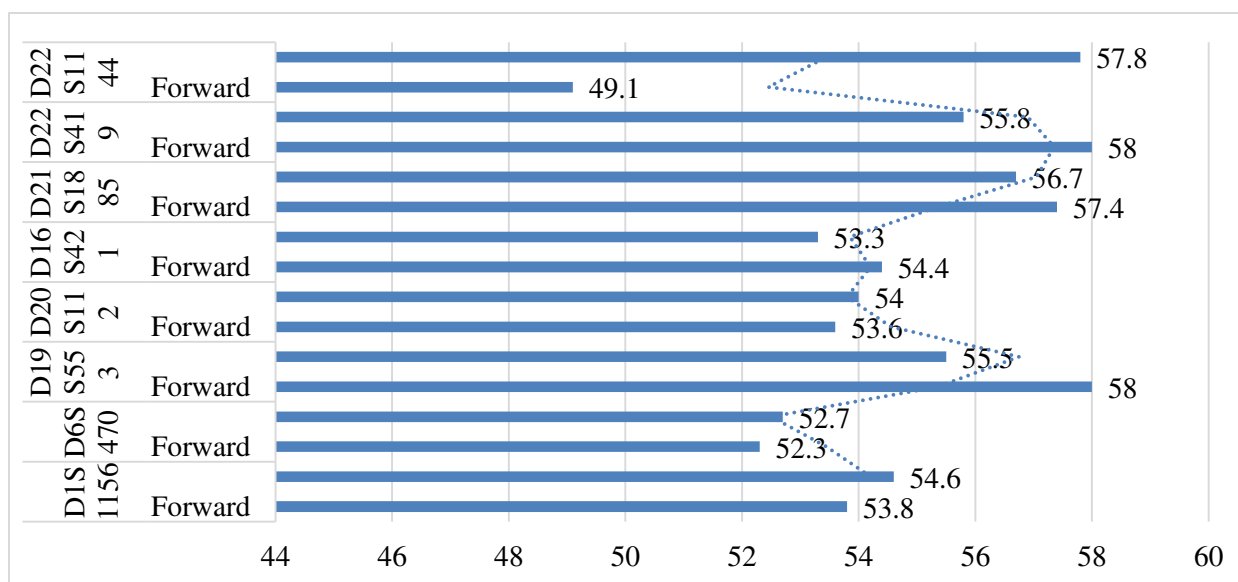
From each of the family members, blood sample withdrawn was 5ml. According to the standard method, extraction of genomic DNA was done [22] and we performed agarose gel electrophoresis. By starting the construction of master mixture, PCR was performed. 2mi of template DNA (80ng), 2-5mi of 10x PCR buffer, 1.0mi of DNTPS (100mm), 2-5mi MgCl<sub>2</sub> (1.5mm), 1.25mi of both forward and reverse primer (10 pic moles) each, 13-9mi of water and 0-5mi of Tag (0-5U) DNA polymerase (Tag Gold, ABI) are included in the reaction mixture. In a Bio-Rad thermal cycler, amplification was done. In Table 1, there is a list of sequence of some primers used excessively, along with their T<sub>m</sub>. With an initial inactivation step at 95<sup>0</sup>C for about 5 minutes, the conditions were followed by 35 cycle's denaturation at 95<sup>0</sup> C for 45sec, and annealing at 58<sup>0</sup>C for 45sec with a final extension at 72<sup>0</sup>C for 10minutes. On 8% non-denaturing polyacrylamide gel, the product of PCR was passed. On the gel documentation system, the pattern of banding was observed. In the end, haplotypes were constructed.

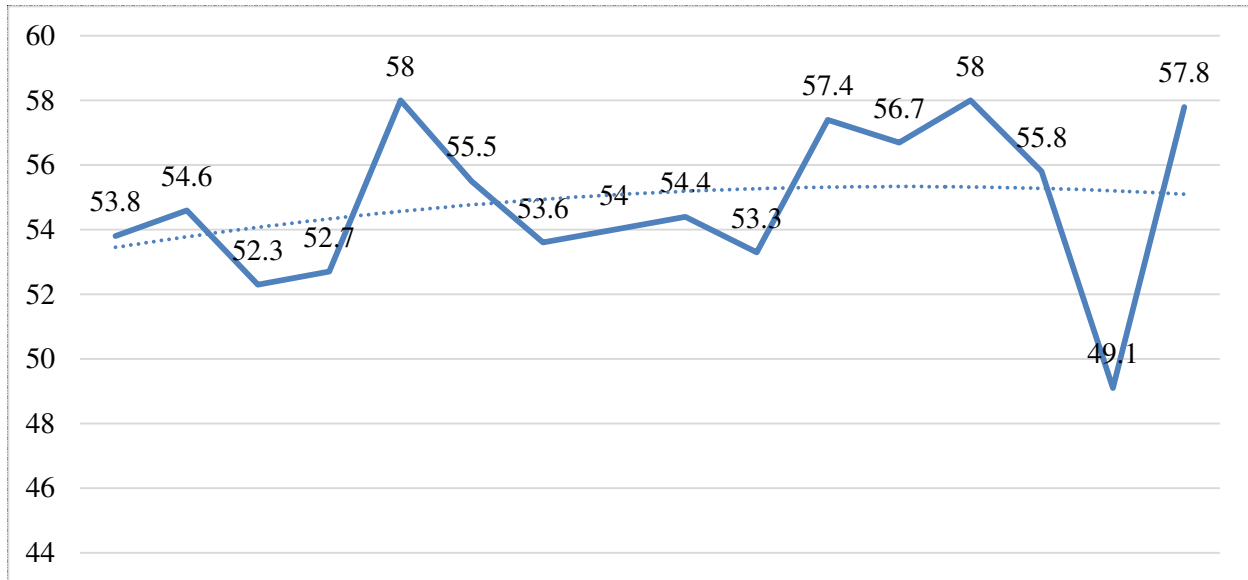
**RESULTS:**

After screening 12 reported loci of ARCC with the CAAT family was shown by the result. No linkage was seen in this study. All reported loci were excluded. Therefore, by using genome wide scan or exam sequencing, further work is required. This will result in recognizing the position of the particular locus and the possible causative gene present within that area.

**Table:** Sequence of some commonly used primers along with their melting temperature

Oligo nam	Primer	Orientation 5' - - - -3'	Tm
D1S1156	Forward	GCAACAGAAGGAGACTCTG	53.8
	Reverse	TGAAGCCTCGGTCATAGAG	54.6
D6S470	Forward	AAGCGATCTCACCATATACAC	52.3
	Reverse	ACACTGCAAACGATTACCA	52.7
D19S553	Forward	CATGCCTCTAGTCCCAGCT	58
	Reverse	GACAAATGCCAGAAAGCCTG	55.5
D20S112	Forward	ATGGGTGTGCCAAATCTC	53.6
	Reverse	TTCTTGTAAGTCAGACAGCATCA	54
D16S421	Forward	ACATGAACCGATTGGACTGA	54.4
	Reverse	CCGTTCCCTATATTTCTCTGG	53.3
D21S1885	Forward	AGCATGGCACTGGCATC	57.4
	Reverse	AGGACAAGTTTGGCCCC	56.7
D22S419	Forward	GGCTCAGGGACTCTGGA	58
	Reverse	GGCCAATCGGTAGGTCA	55.8
D22S1144	Forward	GCTGAAATTGCCAAAGTTTA	49.1
	Reverse	GAGCCTCTGGTCCTCTGT	57.8





### DISCUSSION:

Therefore, for the screening of genome of this family, there is a requirement of father study. By using 392 highly polymorphic microsatellite markers or by whole exam sequencing, screening of genome of this family can be done. The gene which showed partial linkage is CRYBB3 and screened by using closely spaced markers. While doing fine mapping of CRYBB3 gene, no complete linkage was confirmed with this gene. Only one mutation has been reported in CRYBB3 in a 2onular form of cataract according to our present information. This mutation is reported in a family with autosomal recessive mode. Of inheritance with the change at position number 493 in exon 6 with a changes of G to C nucleotide, [23] genes encoding B crystallin have been observed with many polymorphisms. Most of these genes are with the autosomal dominant mode of inheritance. Previous work indicated that in position of CRYBB2 gene, three differ families were linked to 22qll region. In spite having different ethnic background, these genes have the some mutation [24 – 26].

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