

# Nosology and Classification of Genetic Skeletal Disorders: 2006 Revision

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The objective of the paper is to provide the revision of the Nosology of Constitutional Disorders of Bone that incorporates newly recognized disorders and reflects new molecular and pathogenetic concepts. Criteria for inclusion of disorders were (1) significant skeletal involvement corresponding to the definition of skeletal dysplasias, metabolic bone disorders, dysostoses, and skeletal malformation and/or reduction syndromes, (2) publication and/or MIM listing, (3) genetic basis proven or very likely, and (4) nosologic autonomy confirmed by molecular or linkage analysis and/or distinctive diagnostic features and observation in multiple individuals or families. Three hundred seventy-two different conditions were included and placed in 37 groups defined by molecular, biochemical and/or radiographic criteria. Of these conditions, 215 were associated with one or more of 140 different genes. Nosologic status was classified as final (mutations or locus identified), probable (pedigree evidence), or *bona fide* (multiple observations and clear diagnostic criteria, but no pedigree or locus evidence yet). The number of recognized genetic disorders with a significant skeletal component is growing and the distinction between dysplasias, metabolic bone disorders, dysostoses,

and malformation syndromes is blurring. For classification purposes, pathogenetic and molecular criteria are integrating with morphological ones but disorders are still identified by clinical features and radiographic appearance. Molecular evidence leads to confirmation of individual entities and to the constitution of new groups, but also allows for delineation of related but distinct entities and indicates a previously unexpected heterogeneity of molecular mechanisms; thus, molecular evidence does not necessarily simplify the Nosology, and a further increase in the number of entities and growing complexity is expected. By providing an updated overview of recognized entities with skeletal involvement and of the underlying gene defects, the new Nosology can provide practical diagnostic help, facilitate the recognition of new entities, and foster and direct research in skeletal biology and genetic disorders. © 2006 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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## INTRODUCTION

Following the discovery on numeric chromosomal aberrations medical genetics experienced a historical boost in the early 1960s, culminating in the Birth Defects Conferences. Shortly thereafter, the accumulating evidence of the great heterogeneity of genetic skeletal disorders prompted a group of experts from various countries to prepare a document to reach an agreement on the nomenclature of what was then called "Constitutional (or Intrinsic) Disorders of Bone" [INCDB, 1970; NCDB, 1971a,b; McKusick and Scott, 1971]. The "Nomenclature" was meant to bring together experts in radiology, clinical genetics and pediatrics to agree on the denomination and classification of the skeletal disorders, syndromes and metabolic diseases that were being described at a rapid pace. Much has changed since the first Nomenclature was published in 1970. Revision has been prepared in 1977, 1983, 1992, 1997, and 2001 [INCDB, 1978, 1983; INCO, 1998; Hall, 2002]. Electronic means have tremendously accelerated the pace at which new observations and results can be made public; knowledge on the molecular basis of disorders has increased to the point that the causative gene is known for approximately one-half of the close to 400 disorders included today. Because of the wealth of available data on the clinical and radiographic features, inheritance pattern, and—in many cases—the molecular basis, the determination of nomenclature name and classification of each disorder should now be called "nosology," while the term "constitutional" can be replaced with "genetic." Following the establishment of the International Skeletal Dysplasia Society in 1999, and to cope with the increasing complexity of information, revisions of the Nosology have been delegated to an expert group nominated ad hoc within the ISDS to guarantee balanced representation of clinical, radiological and molecular expertise.

## METHODS

The Nosology Group of the International Skeletal Dysplasia Society met in August 2005 to revise the 2001 edition of the Nosology [Hall, 2002]. In the preceding months, curators (usually two to three for every group of disorders) had been appointed who were responsible for reviewing the recent literature and discussing possible changes ahead of the meeting. During the meeting, a consensus was reached for changes to be made, and the drafts were circulated for correction after the meeting. The criteria used for inclusion of individual disorders were:

- (1) significant skeletal involvement, corresponding to the definition of skeletal dysplasias, metabolic bone disorders, dysostoses, and skeletal malformation and/or reduction syndromes,

- (2) publication and/or listing in OMIM (meaning that observations should not find their way into the Nosology before they achieve peer-reviewed publication status),
- (3) genetic basis proven by pedigree or very likely based on homogeneity of phenotype in unrelated families,
- (4) nosologic autonomy confirmed by molecular or linkage analysis and/or distinctive diagnostic features and observation in multiple individuals or families.

## RESULTS

Three hundred seventy-two different conditions were included and placed in 37 groups defined by molecular, biochemical and/or radiographic criteria. Of these conditions, 215 were associated with one or more of 140 different genes. Nosologic status was classified as final (mutations or locus identified), probable (pedigree evidence), or *bona fide* (multiple observations and clear diagnostic criteria, but no pedigree or locus evidence yet). The results are presented in Table I. Within a group, disorders with known molecular basis have been listed preceding those with lesser degree of evidence; however, variants of the same disorder have been kept together. The Table I features direct links to OMIM entries.

## DISCUSSION

The first criterion, the definition of "significant skeletal involvement," leaves some degree of subjectivity. The 2001 revision of the Nosology began to include more dysostoses, and the present revision goes much farther in including disorders such as dysostoses or malformation syndromes that have a skeletal component. The MIM catalogue contains many entries that include some degree of skeletal involvement, and the decision on inclusion or exclusion on the basis of what is "significant" involvement can be arbitrary.

Similar considerations apply to criterion number 4—"nosologic autonomy." Is the disorder in question an independent nosologic entity or perhaps a variant of some already existing entity? Are the diagnostic criteria specific enough to ensure accurate diagnosis? Can a genetic basis be assumed with reasonable confidence? Particularly among the disorders that have not yet benefited from molecular confirmation, the nosologic autonomy remains subject to a degree of arbitrariness. For these disorders, discussion within the Nosology group, where individual opinions can be harmonized and, if needed, corrected by the collective expertise, is of paramount importance. There are a relatively large

TABLE I. 2006 Revision of the Nosology and Classification of Genetic Disorders of Bone

Name of Disorder	Inheritance	MIM No.	Locus	Gene	Protein	MIM No.	Notes
<b>1. FGFR3 group</b>							
Thanatophoric dysplasia type 1 (TD1)	AD	187600	4p16.3	FGFR3	FGFR3	134934	Includes previous San Diego type
Thanatophoric dysplasia type 2 (TD2)	AD	187601	4p16.3	FGFR3	FGFR3	134934	
SADDAN (severe achondroplasia-development delay-acanthosis nigricans)	AD	See 134934	4p16.3	FGFR3	FGFR3	134934	
Achondroplasia	AD	100800	4p16.3	FGFR3	FGFR3	134934	
Hypochondroplasia	AD	146000	4p16.3	FGFR3	FGFR3	134934	
Hypochondroplasia-like dysplasia	AD, SP						Similar to hypochondroplasia but unlinked to FGFR3, probably heterogeneous
<i>See also Group 30 for craniosynostoses syndromes linked to FGFR3 mutations; LADD in Group 36 for another FGFR3-related phenotype; and Torrance dysplasia (Group 2) and the severe spondyloplastic dysplasias (Group 12) for the differential diagnosis of TD1 and TD2.</i>							
<b>2. Type 2 collagen group</b>							
Achondrogenesis type 2 (ACG2; Langer-Saldino)	AD	200610	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Platyspondylitic dysplasia, torrance type	AD	151210 (erroneous)	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	See also Severe Spondyloplastic dysplasias (Group 13)
Hypochondrogenesis	AD	200610	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenital (SEDC)	AD	183900	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Spondyloepimetaphyseal dysplasia (SEMD)	AD	184250	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Strudwick type							
Kniest dysplasia	AD	156550	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia	AD	271700	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Mild SED with premature onset arthrosis	AD		12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	Includes SED Namaqualand type
Stickler syndrome type 1	AD	108300	12q13.1	COL2A1	Type 2 collagen	120140	
Stickler-like syndrome							Unlinked to either COL2A1, COL11A1 or COL11A2
<b>3. Type 11 collagen group</b>							
Stickler syndrome type 2	AD	604841	1p21	COL11A1	Type 11 collagen alpha-1 chain	120280	
Marshall syndrome	AD	154780	1p21	COL11A1	Type 11 collagen alpha-1 chain	120280	
Otospondyliomegapephysseal dysplasia (OSMED), recessive type	AR	215150	6p21.3	COL11A2	Type 11 collagen alpha-2 chain	120290	
Otospondyliomegapephysseal dysplasia (OSMED), dominant type (Weissenbacher-Zweymüller syndrome, Stickler syndrome type 3)	AD	215150	6p21.3	COL11A2	Type 11 collagen alpha-2 chain	120290	
<i>See also Stickler syndrome type 1 in Group 2</i>							
<b>4. Sulphation disorders group</b>							
Achondrogenesis type 1B (ACG1B)	AR	600972	5q32.3-33	DITDST	SLC26A2 sulfate transporter	606718	
Atelosteogenesis type 2 (AO2)	AR	256050	5q32.3-33	DITDST	SLC26A2 sulfate transporter	606718	Includes de la Chapelle dysplasia and McAlister dysplasia

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Diastrophic dysplasia (DTD) MED, autosomal recessive type (rMED; EDM4)	AR AR	222600 226900	5q32-33 5q32-33	DTDST DTDST	SLC26A2 sulfate transporter SLC26A2 sulfate transporter	606718 606718	See also multiple epiphyseal dysplasias and pseudoachondroplasia
SEMD Omani type	AR	608637	10q22.1	CHST3	Chondroitin 6-sulfotransferase	603799	Group (Group 9)
SEMD Pakistani type	AR	603005	10q23-q24	PAPS2	PAPS-Synthetase 2	603005	See also SEMD Group (Group 11)
<b>5. Perlecan group</b> Dyssegmental dysplasia, Silverman-Handmaker type	AR	224410	1q36-34	PLC (HSPPG2)	Perlecan	142461	Relationship to dyssegmental dysplasia, Rolland-Desbuquois type (Group 11) unclear
Schwartz-Jampel syndrome (myotonic chondrodystrophy)	AR	255800	1q36-34	PLC (HSPPG2)	Perlecan	142461	Includes previous Burton dysplasia
<b>6. Filamin group</b> Frontometaphyseal dysplasia Osteodysplasty Melnick-Needles Otopalatodigital syndrome type 1 (OPD1) Otopalatodigital syndrome type 2 (OPD2) Atelosteogenesis type 1 (AO1)	XLD XLD XLD XLD AD	305620 309350 311300 304120 108720	Xq28 Xq28 Xq28 Xq28 3p14.3	FLNA FLNA FLNA FLNA FLNB	Filamin A Filamin A Filamin A Filamin A Filamin B	300017 300017 300017 300017 603381	Includes Boomerang dysplasia, Piepkorn dysplasia, and spondylohumero-femoral (giant cell) dysplasia
Atelosteogenesis type 3 (AO3) Larsen syndrome Spondylo-carpal-tarsal dysplasia	AD AD AR	108721 150250 272460	3p14.3 3p14.3 3p14.3	FLNB FLNB FLNB	Filamin B Filamin B Filamin B	603381 603381 603381	
<b>7. Short-rib dysplasia (with or without polydactyly) group</b> Chondroectodermal dysplasia (Ellis-van Creveld) SRP type 1/3 (Saldino-Noonan/Verma-Naumoff) SRP type 2 (Majewski) SRP type 4 (Beemer) Oral-Facial-Digital syndrome type 4 (Mohr-Majewski) Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia (ATD; Jeune) Thoracolaryngopelvic dysplasia (Barnes)	AR AR AR AR AR AR AD	225500 263510 263520 269860 258860 208500 187760	4p16 4p16	EVC1 EVC2	EVC gene 1 EVC gene 2	604831 607261	
<b>8. Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia and pseudoachondroplasia group</b> Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) type 1 (EDM1) Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) type 2 (EDM2) Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) type 3 (EDM3)	AD AD AD AD	177170 132400 600204 600969	19p12-13.1 19p13.1 1p32.2-33 20q13.3	COMP COMP COL9A2 COL9A3	COMP COMP Collagen 9 alpha-2 chain Collagen 9 alpha-3 chain	600310 600310 120260 120270	

Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) type 5 (EDM5)	AD	607078	2p23-24	MATN3	Matrilin 3	602109
Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) type 6 (EDM6)	AD	120210	6q13	COL9A1	Collagen 9 alpha-1 chain	120210
Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED), other types					Some MED cases unlinked to known genes	
Familial hip dysplasia (Beukes) <i>See also multiple epiphyseal dysplasia, recessive type (rMED, EDM4) in substitution disorders (Group 4)</i>	AD	142669	4q35			
<b>9. Metaphyseal dysplasias</b>						
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Schmid type (MCS)	AD	156500	6q21-22.3	COL10A1	Collagen 10 alpha-1 chain	120110
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Schmid type (MCS)	AR	250250	9p13	RMRP	RNA component of	157660
Cartilage-hair-hypoplasia (CHH; metaphyseal dysplasia, McKusick type)	AD	156400	3p22-21.1	PTHR1	PTH/PTHrP receptor 1	168468
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Jansen type	AR	260400	7q11	SBDS	SBDS gene, function still unclear	607444
Metaphyseal dysplasia with pancreatic insufficiency and cyclic neutropenia (Shwachman–Bodian–Diamond syndrome, SBDs)	AD	309645		MMP13	Matrix metalloproteinase 13	600108
Metaphyseal anadysplasia	AD	607115	1q44	CLASI	Cryptopyrin	606416
Chronic infantile neurologic cutaneous articular syndrome (CINCA)/neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID)	AD	250400				
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Spahr type	AR	250215				
Metaphyseal acrocyphodysplasia (various types)	AR	184252				
<b>10. Spondylometaphyseal dysplasias (SMD)</b>						
Spondylometaphyseal dysplasia Kozlowski type	AD	184252				
Spondylometaphyseal dysplasia, Sutcliffe/corner fracture type	AD	184255				
SMD with severe genu valgum	AD	184253				
SMD with cone-rod dystrophy	AR	608940				
<i>See also disorders in Group 11 as well as SMD Sedaghatian type in Group 12</i>						
<b>11. Spondylo-epic-metaphyseal dysplasias (SEMD)</b>						
Dyggve-Melchior-Claussen dysplasia (DMC)	AR	223800	18q12-21.1	DYM	Dymecllin	607461
Immuno-osseous dysplasia (Schimke)	AR	242900	2q34-36	SMARCAL1	SWI/SNF-related regulator of chromatin subfamily A-like protein 1	606622
Progressive pseudorheumatoid dysplasia (PPRD)	AR	208230	6q22-23	WTSP3	WNNT1-inducible signaling pathway protein 3	603400
SED Kimbenley type	AD	608361	15q26.1	AGC1	Agrecan core protein	155760
SED Wolfson-Rallison type	AR	226980	2p12	EIF2AK3	Translation initiation factor 2-alpha kinase-3	604032
SEMD Matrilin type	AR	608728	2p23-p24	MATN3	Matrilin 3	602109
SEMD Missouri type	AD	602111	11q22.3	MMP13	Matrix metalloproteinase 13	600108
Metatropic dysplasia (various forms)	AD/AR	156530	Xp22	SEDL	Sedlin	300202
SED tarda, X-linked (SED-XL)	XLR	313400				

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Dyssegmental dysplasia, Rolland-Deshouquois type	AR	224400					Unclear whether related to perlecan or not
SPONASTRIME dysplasia	AR	271510					
SEMD Maroteaux type (pseudo-Morquio type 2)	AR	184095					
SEMD short limb—abnormal calcification type	AR	271665					See also other dysplasias with stippling in Group 20
SEMD with joint laxity (SEMD-JL) Beighton type	AR	271640					
SEMD with joint laxity (SEMD-JL) leptoacrylic or Hall type	AD	603546					
SEMD Handigodu type	AD						Includes Mseleni joint disease
Late onset SED, recessive type	AR						
See also: <i>Opismodysplasia</i> (Group 14), <i>SEMDs</i> (Group 11), <i>mucopolysaccharidosis type 4</i> ( <i>Morquio syndrome</i> ) and other conditions in Group 26							
<b>12. Severe spondyloplastic dysplasias</b>							
Achondrogenesis type 1A (ACG1A)	AR	200600					
SMD Sedaghatian type	AR	250220					
Opismodysplasia	AR	258480					
Fibrochondrogenesis	AR	228520					
Schneckenbecken dysplasia	AR	209250					
See also: <i>Thanatophoric dysplasia, types 1 and 2</i> (Group 1), <i>Achondrogenesis type 1B</i> (ACG1B, Group 4), <i>ACG2</i> and <i>Torrance dysplasia</i> (Group 2)							
<b>13. Moderate spondyloplastic dysplasias (Brachyomias)</b>							
Brachyomia, Hobaek/Toledo types	AR	271530					
Brachyomia, autosomal dominant type	AD	271630					
See also <i>SED tarda (SED-XL)</i> and <i>late-onset recessive SED (both in Group 11)</i>		113500					
<b>14. Acromelic dysplasias</b>							
Trichorhinophalangeal dysplasia types 1/3	AD	190350	8q24	TRPS1	Zinc finger transcription factor	604386	Microdeletions syndrome; see also Multiple Cartilaginous Exostoses in Group 28
Trichorhinophalangeal dysplasia type 2 (Langer-Giedion)	AD	190351	8q24	TRPS1	Zinc finger transcription factor	604386	
Acrocapitofemoral dysplasia	AR	607778	2q33-q35	EXT1	Exostosin 1	608177	
Angel-shaped phalangogiphyseal dysplasia (ASPED)	AD	105835	20q11.2	IHH GDF5	Indian hedgehog Growth and differentiation factor 5	600726 601146	See also Brachydactyly type C (Group 34)
Weill–Marchesani syndrome, recessive type	AR	277600	19p13	ADAMTS10	Metalloproteinase with thrombospondin-like repeats	608990	
Weill–Marchesani syndrome, dominant type	AD	608328	15q21.1	FBN1	Fibrillin 1	134797	See also Shprintzen–Goldberg syndrome (Group 30)

Brachydactyly-Hypertension syndrome (Bilginturian)	AD	112410	12p12.2-11.2
Acrodyostosis	AD	101800	
Acrolaryngeal dysplasia	AD		
Acromicric dysplasia	AD?	102370	
Cranoectodermal dysplasia (Sensenbrenner)	AR	218330	
Craniofacial conondysplasia	AD		
Familial digital arthropathy with brachydactyly	AD	606835	
Geleophysic dysplasia	AD?	231050	
Saldino-Mainzer dysplasia	AR	266920	
<i>See also Short rib dysplasias (Group 7)</i>			
<b>15. Acromesomelic dysplasias</b>			
Acromesomelic dysplasia type Maroteaux	AR	602875	9p13-12
Grebbe dysplasia	AR	200700	20q11.2
Fibular hypoplasia and complex brachydactyly (Du Pan)	AR	228900	20q11.2
Acromesomelic dysplasia with genital anomalies	AR	609441	4q23-24
Acromesomelic dysplasia, Osebold-Remondini type	AD	112910	
<b>16. Mesomelic and rhizo-mesomelic dysplasias</b>			
Dyschondrosteosis (Leri-Weill)	Pseudo-AD	127300	Xpter-p22.32 (pseudo-autosomal)
Langer type (homozygous dyschondrosteosis)	Pseudo-AR	249700	Xpter-p22.32 (pseudo-autosomal)
Robinow syndrome, recessive type	AR	268310	9q22
Robinow syndrome, dominant type	AD	180700	SHOX
Mesomelic dysplasia, Kantaputra type	AD	156232	Short stature—homeobox gene
Mesomelic dysplasia, Nievergelt type	AD	163400	Short stature—homeobox gene
Mesomelic dysplasia, Kozlowski-Reardon type	AR	249710	ROR2
Mesomelic dysplasia with acral synostoses (Verloes-David-Pfeiffer type)	AD	600383	Receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 2
Mesomelic dysplasia, Savarirayan type (Triangular Tibia-Fibular Aplasia)	SP	605274	
Omodyplasia, dominant type	AD	164745	
Omodyplasia, recessive type	AR	108721	
<b>17. Bent bones dysplasias</b>			
Campomelic dysplasia (CD)	AD	114290	17q24.3-25.1
Stüve-Wiedemann dysplasia	AR	601559	SOX9
			SRY-box 9
			LIFR
			Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor
			151443
			Includes acampomelic campomelic dysplasia (ACD) as well as mild campomelic dysplasia (MIM 602196)
			Includes formerly neonatal Schwartz-Jampel syndrome or SJL type 2

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Cumming syndrome		211890					
Kyphomelic dysplasia, several forms		211350					
<i>Bent bones at birth can be seen in a variety of conditions, including Antley-Bixler syndrome, cartilage-hair hypoplasia, hypophosphatasia, osteogenesis imperfecta, dyssegmental dysplasia, and others</i>							
<b>18. Slender bone dysplasia Group</b>							
3M syndrome	AR	273750	6p21.1	CUL7	Cullin 7	609577	
Kenny-Caffey dysplasia type 1	AR	244460	1q42-q43	TBCE	tubulin-specific chaperone E	604934	
Kenny-Caffey dysplasia type 2	AD	127000					
Microcephalic osteodysplastic primordial dwarfism type 1/3 (MOPD1)	AR	210710					
Microcephalic osteodysplastic primordial dwarfism type 2 (MOPD2; Majewski type)	AR	210720					
Microcephalic osteodysplastic dysplasia, Saul-Wilson type	AR						
IMAGE syndrome (Intrauterine Growth Retardation, Metaphyseal Dysplasia, Adrenal Hypoplasia, and Genital Anomalies)	XLR	300290	Chr. X				
Osteocraniospondrosis	SP	602361					
Desbuquois dysplasia	AR	251450	17q25.3				
Recessive Larsen-like syndrome	AR	245600					
Pseudodystrophic dysplasia	AR	264180					
<i>See also: Atelostogenesis type 3 and Larsen syndrome (Group 6); SEMDs with joint laxity (Group 11)</i>							
<b>20. Chondrodysplasia punctata (CDP) Group</b>							
CDP Conradi-Hünemann type (CDPX2)	XLD	302960	Xp11	EBP	Emopamil-binding protein	300205	
CDP X-linked recessive, brachytelephalangic type (CDPX1)	XLR	302950	Xp22.3	ARSE	Arylsulfatase E	300180	
CHILD (congenital hemidysplasia, ichthyosis, limb defects)	XLD	308050	Xp11	NSDHL	NAD(P)H steroid dehydrogenase-like protein	300275	
CHILD (congenital hemidysplasia, ichthyosis, limb defects)	XLD	308050	Xq28	EBP	Emopamil-binding protein	300205	
Greenberg dysplasia	AR	215140	1q42.1	LBR	Lamin B receptor, 3-beta-hydroxysterol delta (14)-reductase	600024	Includes hydrops-ectopic calcification-moth-eaten appearance dysplasia (HEM)
Rhizomelic CDP type 1	AR	215100	6q22-24	PEX7	Peroxisomal PEX7 receptor	601757	
Rhizomelic CDP type 2	AR	222765	1q42	DHPAT	Dihydroxyacetonephosphate acyltransferase (DHAPAT)	602744	
Rhizomelic CDP type 3	AR	600121	2q31	AGPS	Alkylglycerone-phosphate synthase (AGPS)	603051	
Astley-Kendall dysplasia	SP						
CDP tibial-metacarpal type	AD	118651					

Dapple diaphyseal dysplasia	AR						Possibly identical to Greenberg dysplasia
<i>See also SEMD short limb–abnormal calcification type in Group 11. Stippling can occur in several syndromes such as Zellweger, Smith–Lemli–Opitz and others</i>							
<b>21. Neonatal osteosclerotic dysplasias</b>							
Blomstrand dysplasia	AR	215045	3p22-21.1	PTHR1	PTH/PTHrP receptor 1	168468	Caused by recessive inactivating mutations; see also Eiken dysplasia (Group 25) and Jansen dysplasia (Group 9)
Desmosterolemiosis	AR	602398	1p33-31.1	DHCR24	3-beta-hydroxysterol delta-24-reductase	606418	See also other sterol-metabolism related conditions in Group 20
Caffey disease (including infantile and attenuated forms)	AD	114000	17q21-22	COL1A1	Collagen 1, alpha-1 chain	120150	See also the various forms of osteogenesis imperfecta related to collagen 1 genes (Group 24)
Caffey disease (severe variants with prenatal onset)	AR	114000					
Raine dysplasia	AR	259775					
<b>22. Increased bone density group (without modification of bone shape)</b>							
Osteopetrosis, severe neonatal or infantile forms	AR	259700	11q13	TCIRG1	Subunit of ATPase proton pump	604592	
AR	16p13	CLCN7	Chloride channel GLCSTM1) Osteopetrosis associated transmembrane protein	602727			
AR	6q21			607649			
Osteopetrosis, intermediate form	AR	259710	16p13	CLCN7	Chloride channel pump	602727	
Osteopetrosis with renal tubular acidosis	AR	259730	8q22	CA1	Carbonic anhydrase 1	114800	
Osteopetrosis, late-onset form type 1	AD	166600	11q13.4	LRP5	Low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 5	603506	Includes Worth type osteosclerosis (MIM 144750)
Osteopetrosis, late-onset form type 2	AD	166600	16p13	CLCN7	Chloride channel pump	602727	
Osteopetrosis with ectodermal dysplasia and immune defect (OLEDAID)	XL	300301	Xq28	IKBKG (NEMO)	Inhibitor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer, kinase of	300301	
Pyknodysostosis	AR	265800	1q21	CTSK	Cathepsin K	601105	
Osteopikrosis	AD	155950	12q14	IEMD3	LEM domain-containing 3	607844	Includes Buschke–Ollendorff syndrome (MIM 166700)
Melorheostosis with osteopoikilosis	AD	155950	12q14	IEMD3	LEM domain-containing 3	607844	Includes mixed sclerosing bone dysplasia
Melorheostosis							no germline IEMD3 mutations identified so far
Dysosteoclerosis	AR						
Osteomesopyknosis	AD						
Osteopathia striata with cranial sclerosis	XLD						
Osteopetrosis with infantile neuroaxonal dysplasia	AR?						
Osteosclerosis, Stanescu type	AD						

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Name of Disorder	Inheritance	MIM No.	Locus	Gene	Protein	MIM No.	Notes
<b>23. Increased bone density group with metaphyseal and/or diaphyseal involvement</b>							
Craniometaphyseal dysplasia, autosomal dominant type	AD	123000	5p15.2-14.2	ANKH	Homolog of mouse ANK (ankylosis) gene	605145	
Diaphyseal dysplasia Camurati-Engelmann	AD	131300	19q13	TGFbeta1	Transforming growth factor beta 1	190180	
Diaphyseal dysplasia Camurati-Engelmann, type 2				GJA1	Gap junction protein alpha-1	121014	Unlinked to TGFbeta1
Oculodentoskeletal dysplasia (ODOD) mild type	AD	164200	6q22-23				Possibly homozygous form of mild ODOD
Oculodentoskeletal dysplasia (ODOD) severe type	AR	257850					
Osteoectasia with hyperphosphatasia (Juvenile Paget disease)	AR	239000	8q24	OPG	Osteoprotegerin	602643	
Sclerosteosis	AR	269500	17q12-21	SOST	Sclerostin	605740	
Endosteal hyperostosis, van Buchem type	AR	239100	17q12-21	SOST	Sclerostin	605740	52 kb deletion downstream from SOST
Trichodentoskeletal dysplasia	AD	190320	17q21	DLX3	Distal-less homeobox 3	600525	
Craniometaphyseal dysplasia, autosomal recessive type	AR	218400	6q21-22				
Diaphyseal medullary stenosis with bone malignancy	AD	112250	9p21-p22				
Craniodiaphyseal dysplasia	AR/AD?	218300/122860					
Craniometadiaphyseal dysplasia, Wormian bone type	AR	259100					
Crano-osteoarthropathy							
Endosteal sclerosis with cerebellar hypoplasia	AR	213002					
Lenz-Majewski hyperostotic dysplasia							
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Braun-Tinschert type	XL	151050					
Pachydermoperiostosis	AD/AR	605946					
Pyle disease	AR	1067100					
Diaphyseal dysplasia with anemia (Ghosal)	AR	265900					
	AR	231095					Syndromic status uncertain
<b>24. Decreased bone density group</b>							
Osteogenesis imperfecta type 1	AD	106200	17q21-22	COL1A1	Collagen 1, alpha-1 chain	120150	
	AD	166240	7q22.1	COL1A2	Collagen 1, alpha-2 chain	120160	
Osteogenesis imperfecta type 2	AD	106210	17q21-22	COL1A1	Collagen 1, alpha-1 chain	120150	
	AD	106210	7q22.1	COL1A2	Collagen 1, alpha-2 chain	120160	
Metaphyseal dysplasia, Braun-Tinschert type	AR	106210	3p22-p24.1	CRTAP	Cartilage-associated protein	605497	
Pyle disease	AR	106210	3p22-p24.1	P3H1/LEPRE1	Prolyl 3-Hydroxylase 1 (Leprecan)	610339	
Diaphyseal dysplasia with anemia (Ghosal)							
Osteogenesis imperfecta type 3	AD	259420	17q21-22	COL1A1	Collagen 1, alpha-1 chain	120150	
	AD	259420	7q22.1	COL1A2	Collagen 1, alpha-2 chain	120160	
	AR	259420	3p22-p24.1	CRTAP	Cartilage-associated protein	605497	see also Osteogenesis imperfecta type 7, below
Osteogenesis imperfecta type 3	AR	259420	3p22-p24.1	P3H1/LEPRE1	Prolyl 3-Hydroxylase 1 (Leprecan)	610339	
	AR	203760	7q22.1	COL1A2	Collagen 1, alpha-2 chain	120160	Extremely rare instances of recessive COL1A2 mutations giving OI at homozygosity



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Name of Disorder	Inheritance	MIM No.	Locus	Gene	Protein	MIM No.	Notes
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 3B	AR	252920	17q21	NAGLU	N-ac-beta-D-glucosaminidase	252920	
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 3C	AR	252930	8p11-q13		Ac-CoA:alpha-glucosaminide N-acetyltransferase		
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 3D	AR	252940	12q14	GNS	N-Acetylglucosamine 6-sulfatase	607664	
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 4A	AR	253000	16q24.3	GALNS	Galactosamine-6-sulfatase	253000	
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 4B	AR	253010	3p21.33	GLBI	beta-Galactosidase	230500	
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 6	AR	253200	5q13.3	ARSB	Arylsulfatase B	253200	
Mucopolysaccharidosis type 7	AR	253220	7q21.11	GUSB	beta-Glucuronidase	253220	
Fucosidosis	AR	250000	1p34	FUCA	alpha-Fucosidase	230000	
alpha-Mannosidosis	AR	248500	19p13.2-12	MANA	alpha-Mannosidase	248500	
beta-Mannosidosis	AR	248510	4q22-25	MANB	beta-Mannosidase	609489	
Aspartyl glucosaminuria	AR	208400	4q23-27	AGA	Aspartyl-glucosaminidase	208400	
GMI Gangliosidosis, several forms	AR	230500	3p21.14-2	GLB1	beta-Galactosidase	230500	
Sialidosis, several forms	AR	256550	6p21.3	NEU1	Neuramidase (sialidase)	608272	
Sialic acid storage disease SIASD	AR	269920	6q14-q15	SLC17A5	Sialin (sialic acid transporter)	604322	
Galactosidosis, several forms	AR	256540	20q13.1	PPGB	beta-Galactosidase	256540	
Multiple sulfatase deficiency	AR	272200	3p26	SUMF1	protective protein	607939	
Mucolipidosis II (I-cell disease)	AR	252500	4q21-23	GNPTA	Sulfatase-modifying factor-1	607840	
Mucolipidosis III (Pseudo-Hurler polydystrophy)	AR	252600	4q21-23	GNPTA	N-Acetylglucosamine 1-phosphotransferase	607840	
<b>27. Osteolysis group</b>							
Familial expansile osteolysis	AD	174810	18q22.1	TNFRSF11A	Sulfatase-modifying factor-1	603499	
Infantile systemic hyalinosis	AR	236490	4q21	CMG2	N-Acetylglucosamine 1-phosphotransferase	608041	Includes Juvenile Hyaline Fibromatosis (JHF, 228600) and Puretic syndrome
Mandibuloacral dysplasia type A	AR	248370	1q21.2	LMNA	Lamin A/C	150330	
Progeria, Hutchinson-Gilford type	AD	176670	1q21.2	LMNA	Lamin A/C	150330	
Mandibuloacral dysplasia type B	AR	608612	1p34	ZMPSTE24	Zinc metalloproteinase	606480	
Torg-Winchester syndrome	AR	259600	16q13	MMP2	Matrix metalloproteinase 2	120360	Includes Nodulosis-Arthropathy-Osteolysis syndrome (MIM 605156)
Hadiu-Cheney syndrome	AD	277950					
Multicentric carpal-tarsal osteolysis with and without nephropathy	AD	102500					
Cherubism	AD	118400	4p16	SH3BP2	SH3 domain-binding protein 2	602104	
Fibrous dysplasia, polyostotic form	SP	174800	20q13	GNAS1	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein, alpha-stimulating activity subunit 1	139320	Somatic mosaicism and imprinting phenomena; includes McCune-Albright syndrome
Progressive osseous heteroplasia	AD	166350	20q13	GNAS1	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein, alpha-stimulating activity subunit 1	139320	Gene subject to imprinting
Gnathodiphysal dysplasia	AD	166260	11p15.1-14.3	TMEM16E	Transmembrane protein 16E	608662	

Multiple cartilaginous exostoses 1	AD	133700	8q23-24.1	EXT1	Exostosin-1	608177
Multiple cartilaginous exostoses 2	AD	133701	11p12-11	EXT2	Exostosin-2	608210
Multiple cartilaginous exostoses 3	AD	600209	19p			
Osteoglophonic dysplasia	AD	166250	8p11	FGFR1	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 1	136350 See also Craniostenosis syndromes in Group 30
Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP)	AD, SP	135100	2q23-24	ACVR1	Activin A (BMP type 1) receptor	102576
Carpotarsal osteochondromatosis	AD	127820				
Cherubism with gingival fibromatosis (Ramon syndrome)	AR	266270				
Dysplasia epiphysealis hemimelica (Trevor)	SP	127800				
Enchondromatosis (Ollier)	SP	166000				
Spondyloenchondrodyplasia (SPENCD)	AR, AD?	271550				
Enchondromatosis with hemangioma (Maffucci)	SP	166000				
Genochondromatosis	AD	137360				
Metachondromatosis	AD	156250				
Metaphyseal chondromatosis with D-2-hydroxyglutaric aciduria	SP	see 271550				
Dyspondyloenchondromatosis	SP					
Cheiro-spondyloenchondromatosis	SP					
Cleidocranial dysplasia	AD	119600	6p21	RUNX2	Runt related transcription factor 2	600211
CDAGS syndrome (craniosynostosis, delayed fontanel closure, parietal foramina, imperforate anus, genital anomalies, skin eruption)	AR	603116	22q12-13			
Yunis-Varon dysplasia	AR	216340				
<b>29. Cleidocranial dysplasia group</b>						
Cleidocranial dysplasia	AD	101600	8p12	FGFR1	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 1	136350 All have FGFR1 P252R mutation (phenotype generally milder than FGFR2-related Pfeiffer)
CDAGS syndrome (craniosynostosis, delayed fontanel closure, parietal foramina, imperforate anus, genital anomalies, skin eruption)	AD	101200	10q26.12	FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	176943
Craniostenosis with cutis gyrata (Beare-Stevenson)	AD	123790	10q26.12	FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	176943
Crouzon syndrome	AD	123500	10q26.12	FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	176943
Pfeiffer syndrome (FGFR1-related)	AD	101600	10q26.12	FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	176943 Includes Jackson-Weiss syndrome (MIM 123150) and Antley-Bixler variants caused by FGFR2 mutations (see below)
Apert syndrome	AD					
Craniostenosis with cutis gyrata (Beare-Stevenson)	AD					
Crouzon syndrome	AD					
Pfeiffer syndrome (FGFR2-related)	AD					
Crouzon-like craniosynostosis with acanthosis nigricans (Crouzonodermoskeletal syndrome)	AD	4p16.3	FGFR3	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 3	134934 Defined by specific FGFR3 A391E mutation	
Craniostenosis Muenke type	AD	602849	4p16.3	FGFR3	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 3	134934 FGFR3 P250R mutation
Antley-Bixler syndrome	AR	201750	7q11.23	POR	Cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase	124015 Cases with FGFR2 mutations classified as Pfeiffer syndrome (MIM 207410)

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Craniofrontonasal syndrome Craniosynostosis Boston type	XLD AD	304110 604757	Xq13.1 5q35.2	EFNB1 MSX2	Ephrin B1 MSX2	300035 123101	Heterozygous P148H mutation in a single family
Saethre–Chotzen syndrome Shprintzen–Goldberg syndrome	AD AD	101400 182212	7p21.1	TWIST1	TWIST1	601622	Some affected individuals reported to have FBN1 mutations (MIM 134797) RECQL4 might not account for all cases of Baller-Gerold
Baller–Gerold syndrome	AR	218600	8q24.3	RECQL4	RECQL4 Protein-like 4	603780	
Parietal foramina (isolated) Parietal foramina (isolated)	AD AD AR	168500 168500 201000	11q11.2 5q34-35	ALX4 MSX2	Aristless-like 4 Muscle segment homeobox 2	605420 123101	
Carpenter syndrome							
<i>See also Cole–Carpenter syndrome in Group 24 and CDAGS syndrome in Group 29</i>							
<b>31. Dysostoses with predominant craniofacial involvement</b>							
Mandibulo-facial dysostosis (Treacher-Collins, Franceschetti-Klein)	AD	154500	5q32	TCOF1		606847	
Oral-facial-digital syndrome type I (OFD1)	XLR	311200	Xp22.3	CXORF5		300170	
Weyer acrofacial (acrodental) dysostosis	AD	193530	4p16	EVCI		604831	
Acrofacial dysostosis, Nager type	AD/AR	154400					
Frontonasal dysplasia	SP	136760					
Hemifacial microsomia	SP/AD	164210					
<i>Miller syndrome (postaxial acrofacial dysostosis) See also Oral-facial-digital syndrome type IV in the Short Rib Dysplasias (Group 7)</i>	AR	263750					
<b>32. Dysostoses with predominant vertebral and costal involvement</b>							
Curranino syndrome	AD	176450	7q36	HLXB9	Homeobox gene HB9	142994	
Spondylocostal dysostosis type 1 (SCD1)	AR	277300	19q13	DL3	Delta-like 3	602768	
Spondylocostal dysostosis type 2 (SCD2)	AR	608681	15q26	MESP2	Mesoderm posterior (expressed in) 2	605195	
Spondylocostal dysostosis type 3 (SCD3)	AR	609713	7p22	LFNG	Lunatic fringe	602576	
Spondylocostal dysostosis, dominant type	AD						
Jarcho–Levin syndrome	AR						
Cerebro-costo-mandibular syndrome (rib gap syndrome)	AD/AR					117650	
Ischio-spinal dysostosis	SP/AR					148900	
<i>Klippel-Feil anomaly with laryngeal malformation See also Spondylocarpotarsal dysplasia in Group 26</i>	AD						

**33. Patellar dysostoses**

Ischiopubic patellar dysplasia  
Nail-patella syndrome

AD  
AD

147891  
161200

Ear-patella-short stature syndrome (Meier-Gorlin)

AR<sup>2</sup>  
AR

606170  
224690

**34. Brachydactyly (with or without extraskelatal manifestations)**

Brachydactyly type A1

Brachydactyly type A1

Brachydactyly type A2

Brachydactyly type A2

Brachydactyly type A3

Brachydactyly type B

Brachydactyly type B  
Brachydactyly type C

Brachydactyly type D

Brachydactyly type D

Brachydactyly type E

Brachydactyly type E

Feingold syndrome (microcephaly-oculo-digito-

esophageal-duodenal syndrome)

Hand-Foot-Genital

Keutel syndrome

Albright hereditary osteodystrophy (AHO)

AD, AR  
AD

112500

112600

112600

112700

113000

149000

245150

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17q21-q22  
9q34.1

2q35-36  
5q31  
4q23

BMPRIB

Indian Hedgehog  
Bone Morphogenetic  
Protein Receptor, 1B

TBX4  
LMX1B  
transcription factor 1  
Not linked to BMRP1B

Not linked to ROH2

See also ASPED (group 14)  
and other GDF5 disorders

600726

603248

602575

601719

602337

601146

See also HOXD13  
and other GDF5 disorders

142989

Not linked to HOXD13  
and other GDF5 disorders

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Not linked to HOXD13  
and other GDF5 disorders

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**35. Limb hypoplasia-reduction defects group**

De Lange Syndrome  
Fanconi anemia

AD

122470

227650

AD

142900

607323

AR

268300

AD

122470

227650

SP

600430

180849

302380

112450

135900

301940

173800

SP

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Name of Disorder	Inheritance	MIM No.	Locus	Gene	Protein	MIM No.	Notes
Tetra-amelia	AR	273395	17q21	WNT3	Wingless-type MMTV integration site family, member 3	165330	
Ulnar-mammary syndrome	AD	181450	12q24.1	TBX3	T-box gene 3	601621	
Ankyloblepharon-Ectodermal dysplasia-Cleft lip/palate (AEC)	AD	106260	3q27	P63 (TP63)	Tumor Protein p63	603273	
Ectrodactyly-ectodermal dysplasia cleft-palate syndrome type 3 (EFC3)	AD	604292	3q27	P63 (TP63)	Tumor Protein p63	603273	
Ectrodactyly-ectodermal dysplasia cleft-palate syndrome type 1 (EFC1)	AD	129900	7q11.2-12.3				
Ectrodactyly-ectodermal dysplasia cleft-palate syndrome type 2 (EFC2)	AD	602077	Chr.19	CDH3	Cadherin 3	114021	
Ectrodactyly-ectodermal dysplasia-macular dystrophy syndrome (EEM)	AR	225280	16q22				
Limb-mammary syndrome (including ADULT syndrome)	AD	603273	3q27	P63 (TP63)	Tumor Protein p63	603273	
Split Hand-Foot malformation, isolated form, type 4 (SHFM4)	AD	605289	3q27	P63 (TP63)	Tumor Protein p63	603273	
Split Hand-Foot malformation, isolated form, type 1 (SHFM1)	AD	183600	7q21.3-22.1				
Split Hand-Foot Malformation, isolated form, type 2 (SHFM2)	XL	313350	Xq26				
Split Hand-Foot malformation, isolated form, type 3 (SHFM3)	AD	600095	10q24	Dactylin	Dactylin	608071	
Split Hand-Foot malformation, isolated form, type 5 (SHFM5)	AD	606708	2q31				
Split Hand-Foot malformation with tibial hypoplasia Adams-Oliver syndrome	AD	119100					
Al-Awadi Raas-Rothschild limb-pelvis hypoplasia-aplasia	AD	100300					
Femoral hypoplasia-Unusual facies syndrome Femur-Fibula-Ulna syndrome	SP? AR?	134780 228200					
Fuhmann syndrome	AD	228930					
Hanhart syndrome (Hypoglossia-hypodactyly)	AD	103300					
Scapulo-iliac dysplasia (Kosenow?)	AD	169550					
Thrombocytopenia-Absent Radius (TAR)	AR?/AD?	274000					
Syndromic status uncertain							
<b>36. Polydactyly-Syndactyly-Triphalangism group</b>							
Preaxial Polydactyly type 1 (PPD1)	AD	174400	7q36	SHH	Sonic Hedgehog	600725	Regulatory mutation
Preaxial Polydactyly type 1 (PPD1)	AD	174400					Some instances not linked
Preaxial Polydactyly type 2 (PPD2)/Triphalangeal Thumb (PTP)	AD	174500	7q36	SHH	Sonic Hedgehog	600725	Regulatory mutation
Preaxial Polydactyly type 2 (PPD2)/Triphalangeal Thumb (PTP)	AD	174500					Some instances not linked
Preaxial Polydactyly type 3(PPD3)	AD	174600					
Preaxial Polydactyly type 4 (PPD4)	AD	174700	7p13	GLI3	Gli-Kruppel Family Member 3	165240	
Grieg Cephalopolysyndactyly syndrome	AD	175700	7p13	GLI3	Gli-Kruppel Family Member 3	165240	
Pallister-Hall syndrome	AD	146510	7p13	GLI3	Gli-Kruppel Family Member 3	165240	

Fibulin1—associated complex syndactyly	AD	608180	22q13.3	FBLN1	Fibulin 1
Syndactyly	AD	186000	2q31	HOXD13	Homeobox D13
Syndactyly type 3	AD	186100	6q22-24	CX43	142989
Townes-Brocks syndrome (Renal-Ear-Anal-Radial syndrome)	AD	107480	16q12.1	SALL1	Connexin 43
Radial synostosis				SAL-like 1	121014
Lacrimo-Auriculo-Dento-Digital syndrome (LADD)	AD	149730	10q26.12	FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2
			4p16.3	FGFR3	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 3
			5p13-p12	FGF10	Fibroblast growth factor 10
Acrocallosal syndrome	AR	200990	7p13		602115
Acro-pectoral syndrome	AD	605967	7q36		
Acro-peectoro-vertebral dysplasia (F-syndrome)	AD	102510	2q36		
Mirror-image polydactyly of hands and feet	AD	135750	14q13		
(Laurin-Sandrow syndrome)					
Mirror-image polydactyly of feet with tibial hypoplasia	AD	188770			
Syndactyly type 1	AD	185900	2q34-36		
Postaxial Polydactyly			Several loci		
Multiple synostoses syndrome type 1	AD	186500	17q22	NOG	Noggin
					602991 Heterogeneous
Multiple synostoses syndrome type 2	AD	186500	20q11.2	GDF5	Includes synphalangism-brachydactyly-deafness syndrome
Proximal synphalangism type 1	AD	185800	17q22	Factor 5	601146
Proximal synphalangism type 2	AD	185800	20q11.2	NOG	
				GDF5	602991
Radio-ulnar synostosis with amegakaryocytic thrombocytoopenia	AD	605432	7p15-14.2	Factor 5	601146
				HOXA11	142958

**37. Defects in joint formation and synostoses**

*See also Spondylo-Carpal-Tarsal dysplasia (Group 6); Mesomelic Dysplasia with Acral Synostoses (Group 16); Antley Bixler syndrome (Group 30)*

number of disorders that are listed in MIM but have been found not to meet inclusion criteria, in most instances because of too few observations or because of the lack of features allowing clear diagnostic distinction from other disorders. It is likely that additional observations or molecular elucidation will allow for the inclusion of many of these disorders in the future, either as distinct entities or as "variants" of already existing ones. In this sense, the Nosology illustrates the many things we do not yet know.

The organization of disorders into Groups has been changed significantly compared to the 2001 version [Hall, 2002]. More groups based on a common affected molecule or biochemical pathway have been created (Groups 1–6). Several groups are based on the anatomical localization of radiographic changes (Groups 7–16). Groups 17–19 are defined by macroscopic criteria and clinical features (bent bones, slender bones, presence of multiple dislocations). Groups 20–25 and 27 take into account features of mineralization (increased or reduced bone density, disturbed mineralization stippling, osteolysis). Group 26 encompasses the large group of lysosomal disorders with skeletal involvement. Group 28 comprises disorders with so-called abnormal development of skeletal components such as exostoses, ecchondromas, and ectopic calcification. This group is quite heterogeneous and may need to be revised in the future with the help of newer molecular data. Finally, Groups 29–37 are dedicated to the dysostoses (with Group 29 including cleidocranial dysplasia as a well-known example of transition between dysplasia and dysostosis) that follow again anatomical criteria (cranium, face, axial skeleton, extremities) with additional criteria reflecting principles of embryonal development such as limb reduction or hypoplasia (proximal-distal growth) versus terminal differentiation and patterning of the digits or joint formation. Additionally we have converted all Roman numerals to Arabic numbering to make electronic searches more straightforward.

Criticism to the previous versions of the Nosology has focussed on its "hybrid" nature, in the sense that it does not stick to a systematic approach, be it clinical or molecular. It is true that the Nosology is not necessarily aimed at being a diagnostic tool; other papers can be more useful in this respect [Unger, 2002; Offiah and Hall, 2003]. On a similar line, other papers have focused on the molecular aspects of genetic disorders of bone [Hermanns and Lee, 2001; Superti-Furga et al., 2001; Kornak and Mundlos, 2003]. Thus, the Nosology should coexist with other classifications based on the clinical and radiographic approach to diagnosis or based on the affected molecular systems and pathways, and it is hoped that electronic means will facilitate transition and interactions between the various classification criteria that can be applied. Efforts are in place to establish a

web-based system enabling databases searches for molecular defects, pathways, and clinical features.

In spite of these limitations, the Nosology can offer a rapid help and orientation in this complex field. For the clinician who is struggling for a diagnosis, a simple listing of disorders grouped by cardinal features can help in indicating the way of further enquiries and consultation of appropriate sources. The boundaries between skeletal dysplasias and dysostoses, metabolic and molecular disorders, and multiple congenital anomalies syndromes is becoming progressively less sharp, and the diagnostic process requires knowledge that crosses the boundaries between these subspecialty areas. For the expert, the Nosology offers a quick reminder of the many differential diagnoses for one given disorder. In some instances, the Nosology as the list of currently recognized disorders will constitute the standard against which a possible "new" disorder should be compared. And last but not least, the Nosology offers a catalogue of genes involved in skeletal development and homeostasis and should be of interest and of inspiration to all those who are working in skeletal biology and medicine.

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