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Fugitive acromegaly has known to be mostly caused by pituitary acidophil stem cell adenoma, characterized by relatively short clinical history, large and locally invasive tumor, and relatively low hormonal activity. Here we report an unusual case of fugitive acromegaly initially presented as invasive prolactinoma. Abstract termed fugitive AA 48-year-old man with a huge pituitary mass extending to the suprasellar area was referred in December 2007. He had undergone transsphenoidal surgery in November 1999 due to a large invasive prolactinoma. The tumor has grown progressively despite therapy with dopamine agonists. Subtle features of acromegaly were noted and measured serum IGF-1 level was also high (733.0 ng/ml). Oral glucose tolerance test revealed that basal and nadir levels of GH were 1.56 ng/mL and 1.0 ng/mL, respectively. As a therapeutic trial, long-acting octreotide LAR (20 mg IM, monthly) was added. The tumor size was markedly reduced in 6 months on MRI examination. Immunohistochemical staining of the tumor tissue obtained at the surgery in 1999 showed positive staining for GH and PRL. Double immunofluorescence staining showed mixed positivity for GH and PRL in the majority of tumor cells. However, two hormones were co-localized in the minority of tumor cells, indicating that tumors were composed of three different cells (GH, PRL and GH/PRL). This patient was overlooked initially for the diagnosis of fugitive acromegaly due to normal serum GH level and no acromegalic features although histological evidence for GH production was present. IGF-1 measurement would be helpful for the diagnosis of fugitive acromegaly.

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: The role of S6K1 signaling in diet-induced insulin resistance and pancreatic beta-cell size regulation

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Mice deficient for S6 Kinase 1 (S6K1), an effector of the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) are small at birth, display reduced pancreatic b-cell size and pronounced hypoinsulinemia. Here we show that *S6K1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice also exhibit severe intrauterine growth retardation (IUGR) and placental deficits, fetal pathologies normally associated with impaired b-cell development and diabetes in later life. Unexpectedly, amelioration of the placental abnormalities and resulting IUGR by tetraploid embryo complementation did not restore b-cell size and insulin levels. However, selective expression of S6K1 in b-cells of *S6K1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice restored cell size, insulin levels, and glucose tolerance, but had no effect on fat mass, lean mass, energy expenditure or birth weight. Critically, re-expression of S6K1 in b-cells restored 40S ribosomal protein S6 phosphorylation, which has been implicated in the control of b-cell size and insulin homeostasis. These findings indicate that during development reduced S6K1-dependent signaling in b-cells, rather than in the placenta, is the cause of impaired insulin secretion in the adult.