

# James

a 4-year-old male diagnosed  
with congenital athymia

## ► Presentation and diagnosis

- **T cell receptor excision circle (TREC) newborn screening** detected a deficiency of naive T cells, which may indicate either severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) or congenital athymia<sup>1</sup>
- Underwent **complete blood count differential and lymphocyte phenotyping** by flow cytometry. Fewer than 50 naive T cells/mm<sup>3</sup> were detected in the peripheral blood. The patient presented with a T<sup>B</sup><sup>+</sup>NK<sup>+</sup> phenotype, indicating a need for further testing<sup>1</sup>
- Additional **panel-based genetic testing** ruled out SCID<sup>1</sup>
- Chromosomal microarray identified 22q11.2 deletion, **confirming a congenital athymia diagnosis** associated with complete DiGeorge syndrome<sup>1</sup>

### **This is a hypothetical patient case study and is not indicative of treatment outcomes.**

The steps to confirming a diagnosis presented here are not exhaustive and may differ on a case-by-case basis.

Additional supportive care may be needed to manage a patient's associated conditions. These may include complete DiGeorge syndrome (22q11.2 deletion syndrome), CHARGE\* syndrome, *FOXP1* deficiency, and diabetic embryopathy.<sup>1</sup>

## ► Supportive care plan

- **Infection control measures were initiated** in the hospital immediately following the positive TREC screening results and suspicion of congenital athymia<sup>1</sup>
  - **Isolation:** The patient was placed in a room with laminar air flow (LAF). Visitors were required to properly sterilize and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) before entering<sup>1</sup>
  - **Supportive therapies:** Started on prophylaxis for *Pneumocystis jirovecii*; immunoglobulin (IgG) replacement therapy; and antibiotic, antimicrobial, and antifungal prophylaxis<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Received no live or inactive vaccines<sup>3</sup>
  - Mother was instructed to stop breastfeeding to decrease risk of cytomegalovirus (CMV) transmission<sup>1</sup>
- **After confirmation of congenital athymia and the patient was deemed appropriate for treatment, the patient was referred to a qualified treatment center** to receive RETHYMIC<sup>4</sup>
  - **Discharged from the hospital** and brought home until treatment with RETHYMIC became available
  - It was recommended that this family follow strict isolation measures, including restricting visitors and frequent handwashing<sup>3</sup>



Not an  
actual  
patient.

## Indication

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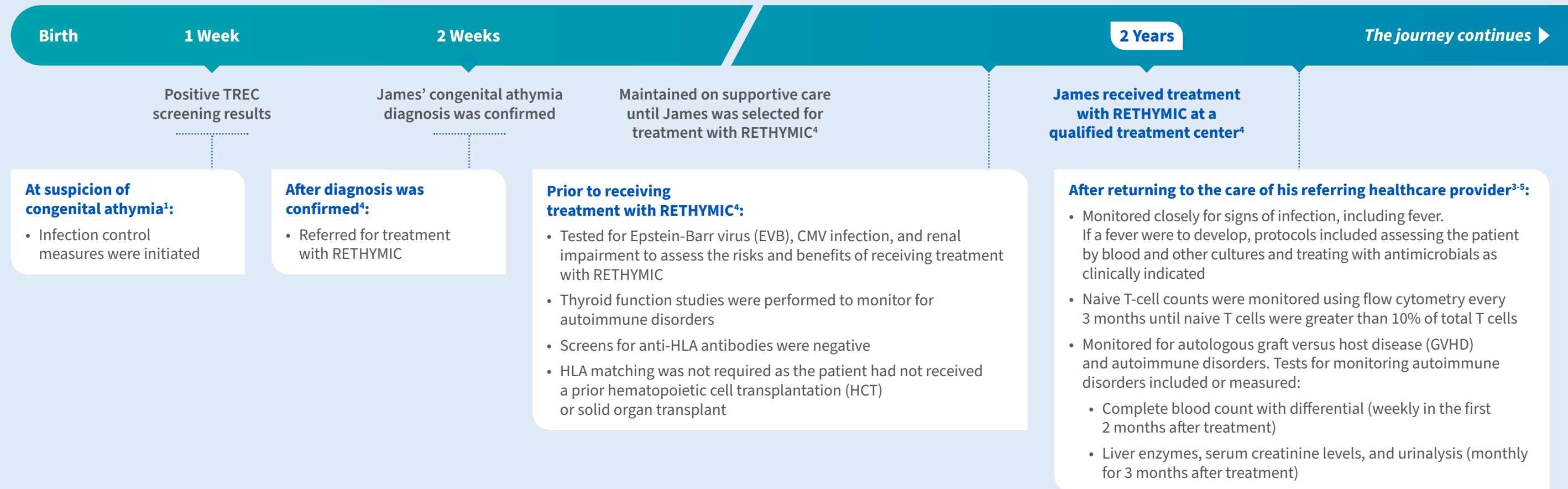
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**Infection Control and Immunoprophylaxis:** Immune reconstitution sufficient to protect from infection is unlikely to develop prior to 6-12 months after treatment with RETHYMIC. Follow infection control measures until the development of thymic function is established as measured by flow cytometry. Closely monitor patients for signs of infection. If fever develops, assess the patient via lab results and treat as clinically indicated. Patients should be maintained on immunoglobulin replacement therapy (IgG) and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia prophylaxis until specified criteria are met. IgG trough level should be checked 2 months after stopping IgG to determine whether the patient may remain off IgG.

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# James' congenital athymia treatment journey

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## Important Safety Information (cont'd)

**Graft versus Host Disease (GVHD):** RETHYMIC may cause or exacerbate pre-existing GVHD, for which patients should be closely monitored and treated. Risk factors include atypical complete DiGeorge anomaly phenotype, prior hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT), and maternal engraftment. Patients with specified elevated baseline T cell proliferative response to PHA should receive immunosuppressants to decrease this risk. GVHD may manifest as fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, elevated bilirubin and liver enzymes, enteritis, and/or diarrhea.

**Autoimmune Disorders:** Autoimmune-related adverse events occurred in patients treated with RETHYMIC. These events included thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, proteinuria, hemolytic anemia, alopecia, hypothyroidism, autoimmune hepatitis, autoimmune arthritis, transverse myelitis, albinism, hyperthyroidism, and ovarian failure. Monitor complete blood counts with differential, liver enzymes, serum creatinine, urinalysis, and thyroid function.

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## Continuing to monitor James after treatment with RETHYMIC

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2 Years,  
2 Months

### 2 months after treatment<sup>4</sup>:

- From this point, complete blood count with differential was performed monthly

2 Years,  
3 Months

### 3 months after treatment<sup>3,4</sup>:

- Tested for Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and CMV infection
- Naive T-cell counts were monitored using flow cytometry
- From this point, liver enzymes and serum creatinine levels were tested and urinalysis was performed every 3 months

2 Years,  
6 Months

First evidence of naive CD4<sup>+</sup>  
T cells detected post-implantation<sup>4</sup>

### 6 months after treatment<sup>3,4</sup>:

- Naive T-cell counts were monitored using flow cytometry
- Thyroid function studies were performed

2 Years,  
9 Months

### 9 months after treatment<sup>3,4</sup>:

- Naive T-cell counts were monitored using flow cytometry

The journey continues ▶

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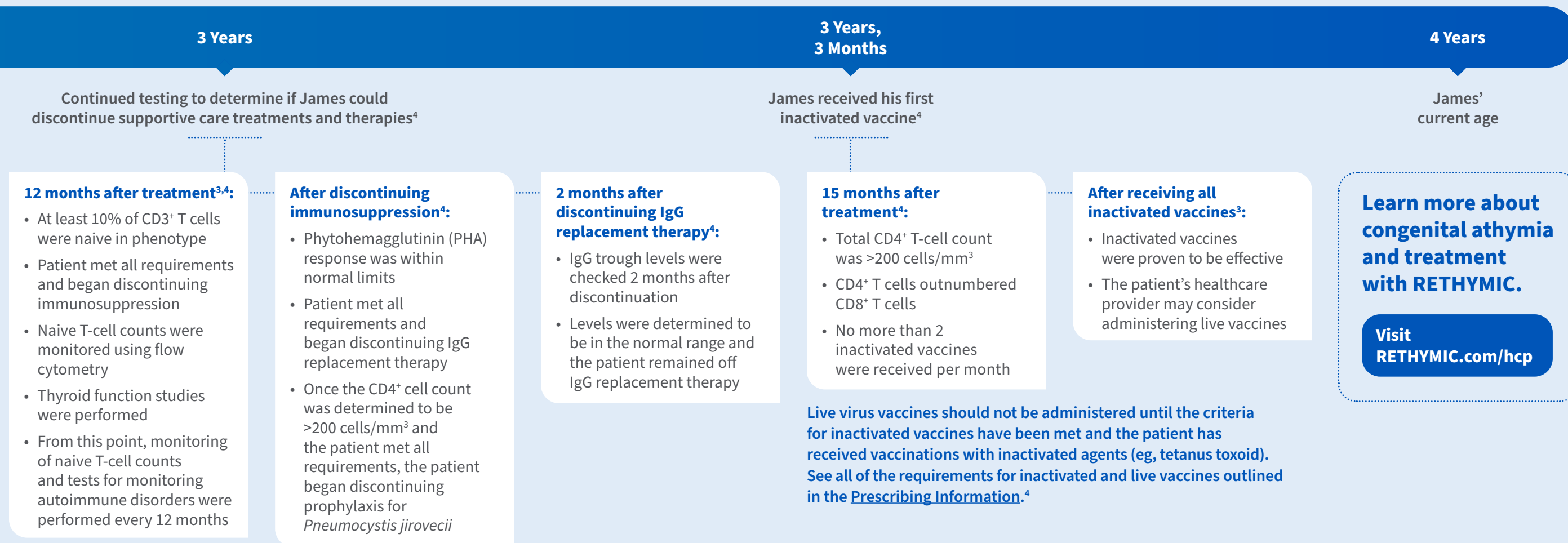
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## Relaxing James' infection prevention measures and administering vaccines

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**Deaths:** Of the 105 patients in clinical studies, 29 patients died, including 23 deaths in the first year (<365 days) after implantation.

**Adverse Reactions:** The most common (>10%) adverse events included hypertension, cytokine release syndrome, rash, hypomagnesemia, renal impairment/failure, thrombocytopenia, and GVHD.

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