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**Introduction**

The functional matrix theory: larger sella turcica in hyperfunctioning pituitary and smaller ones in hypofunctioning pituitary

**Case report**

**General data**

- dwarf: a height of 4.5 feet and a weight of 31 kg
- hypopituitarism
- basal growth hormone levels: 0.30 ng/mL at 3 years of age and 2.10 ng/mL at 11 years of age
- Growth hormone replacement therapy (-)

**Clinical finding**

- Profile: mildly convex with competent lips
- Molar relation: class I molars with proclined incisors and generalized spacing; class I skeletal base (lateral cephalogram)
- the loss of her upper left central incisor (due to trauma)
- Generalized microdontia with short conical roots(pan)



- Sella turcica: the vertical dimension=3.5 mm and anteroposterior dimension =4 mm. (ranges from 4 to 12 mm for the vertical and from 5 to 16 mm for the anteroposterior dimensions)

**Discussion**

- The pituitary should be formed before the cartilaginous sella.
- > the pituitary gland starts functioning even before the cartilaginous precursor of the sella is being formed
- (2) Any growth increase of sella must follow that of pituitary.
- > The increase occurs as a result of resorption at the interior wall of the dorsum sella.

-> Hypophysis have been shown to increase in size with age related to the function of the anterior lobe of pituitary

(3) Any abnormal growth morphology of pituitary should be reflected in the sella as well

->An enlarged sella turcica: pituitary tumours (adenomas, meningioma, prolactinoma, and craniopharyngioma), cystic lesion (Rathke's cleft cyst and mucocele), aneurysm, pituitary hyperplasia (primary hypothyroidism), acromegaly, gigantism, and Nelson syndrome

-> A decrease in sella size: primary hypopituitarism, growth hormone deficiency, Williams's syndrome, and Cushing's syndrome due to adrenocortical adenoma, Sheehan's syndrome

### **Conclusion**

All these literature reports and reviews strongly suggest a correlation between sella turcica and pituitary gland

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1	下列何種疾病患者之顱骨側面放射線影像 (lateral skull view), 最常見到蝶鞍 (sella turcica) 擴大之情形? (A) 肢端肥大症 (acromegaly) (B) 甲狀腺功能過旺 (hyperthyroidism) (C) 副甲狀腺功能過旺 (hyperparathyroidism) (D) 腦下垂體功能不足 (hypopituitarism)
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2	下列何者是 hypopituitarism 的臨床表現? (A) Microdontia (B) Hypodontia (C) Hyperdontia (D) Macrodontia
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