Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI: **ARSB** Gene Deletion/Duplication

**Test Code:** LZ  
**Turnaround time:** 2 weeks  
**CPT Codes:** 81228 x1

**Condition Description**

Mucopolysaccharidosis type VI (MPS VI), also known as Maroteaux-Lamy Syndrome, is a lysosomal storage disorder caused by absence or dysfunction of the enzyme arylsulfatase B (N-acetylgalactosamine 4-sulfatase). This enzyme is one of a group responsible for the degradation of dermatan sulfate, a glycosaminoglycan (GAG) normally broken down in the lysosomes. In MPS VI, insufficient enzyme activity is available and the degradation of dermatan sulfate is blocked, leading to accumulation of this substrate in the lysosomes of several tissues.

The clinical presentation can vary from mild to severe. The major clinical manifestations are corneal clouding, joint stiffness, and a skeletal dysplasia known as dysostosis multiplex. Unlike most lysosomal storage disorders, intelligence is unaffected. Macrocephaly and sternal abnormalities can be present at birth, and inguinal/umbilical hernias are common. Restriction of joint movement develops sometime in the first few years of life, and a typical crouched posture is assumed. Hepatomegaly, corneal clouding, claw-hand deformities, cardiac valve involvement, decreased pulmonary function, and sleep apnea become evident as the child ages. Respiratory infections are common. Growth in height is usually less than normal, but variable with the severity of disease. Facial features become more coarse with age, and individuals with MPS VI often resemble one another. Deafness, both sensorineural or conductive, is seen in all types of mucopolysaccharidoses, including MPS VI. Spinal cord compression is a typical complication in older children and adults. Carpal tunnel syndrome and nerve compression is also seen in older children and adults. Enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) for MPS VI has been approved by the FDA and is available for treatment of this disorder.

Mutations in the **ARSB** gene result in reduced activity of the arylsulfatase B enzyme. Diagnostic sequencing analysis of the **ARSB** gene coding region is available for MPS VI patients and their at-risk relatives on a clinical basis.

For questions about testing for MPS VI, call the Emory Genetics Laboratory at (404) 778-8499 or (855) 831-7447. For further clinical information about lysosomal storage diseases, including management and treatment, call the Emory Lysosomal Storage Disease Center at (404) 778-8565 or (800) 200-1524.

**References:**

**Genes**

**ARSB**

**Indications**

- Confirmation of a clinical diagnosis of MPS VI (Maroteaux-Lamy).  
- Prenatal testing for known familial mutations.  
- Assessment of carrier status in high risk family members known mutation analysis.

**Methodology**

DNA isolated from peripheral blood is hybridized to a CGH array to detect deletions and duplications. The targeted CGH array has overlapping probes which cover the entire genomic region.

Please note that a “backbone” of probes across the entire genome are included on the array for analytical and quality control purposes. Rarely, off-target copy number variants causative of disease may be identified that may or may not be related to the patient's phenotype. Only known pathogenic off-target copy number variants will be reported. Off-target copy number variants of unknown clinical significance will not be reported.

**Detection**

Detection is limited to duplications and deletions. Array CGH will not detect point mutations or intronic mutations. Results of molecular analysis must interpreted in the context of the patient's clinical and/or biochemical phenotype.

**Specimen Requirements**

Submit only 1 of the following specimen types

* Preferred specimen type: Whole Blood

**Type:** Whole Blood

Specimen Requirements:
In EDTA (purple top) or ACD (yellow top) tube:
Infants (2 years): 3-5 ml
Older Children & Adults: 5-10 ml

Specimen Collection and Shipping: Refrigerate until time of shipment. Ship sample within 5 days of collection at room temperature with overnight delivery.

**Type: Saliva**

Specimen Requirements:

Oragene™ Saliva Collection kit (available through EGL) used according to manufacturer instructions.

Specimen Collection and Shipping: Store sample at room temperature. Ship sample within 5 days of collection at room temperature with overnight delivery.

**Special Instructions**

Submit copies of diagnostic biochemical test results with the sample. Sequence analysis is required before deletion/duplication analysis by targeted CGH array. If sequencing is performed outside of Emory Genetics Laboratory, please submit a copy of the sequencing report with the test requisition. Contact the laboratory if further information is needed.

**Related Tests**

- Mucopolysaccharide screen (urine GAG) (GA)
- Known mutation analysis (Custom Diagnostics) is available to test family members.
- Prenatal testing is available for known familial mutations only.
- Please call the Laboratory Genetic Counselor for specific requirements for prenatal testing before collecting a fetal sample.