Glycogen Storage Disorders- Liver: Sequencing Panel

Test Code: MM151  
Turnaround time: 6 weeks  
CPT Codes: 81407 x1, 81250 x1, 81406 x1

Condition Description

Glycogen storage disorders (GSDs) are a group of inherited genetic defects of glycogen metabolism. Most of them have autosomal recessive inheritance, however there are a few exceptions. There are more than 20 subtypes classified by the specific enzyme deficiency, affected tissue, and disease phenotype. Clinical and biochemical features continue to be used reliably to assign patients to this general disease category. Identification of the precise genetic defect is important, as molecular analysis is likely to expand the clinical spectrum of GSDs, may provide data relevant to prognosis and future therapeutic intervention and is important for carrier testing and early prenatal diagnosis.

The overall incidence of GSDs as a group is estimated to be 1 in 20,000-43,000 births. GSDs primarily affect the liver, the muscle, or both. Although the phenotype range is broad, the majority of clinical manifestations are hepatomegaly, failure to thrive, hypoglycemia, hyperlactatemia, hyperuricemia, and hyperlipidemia. The GSD - Liver Sequencing Panel covers 11 genes in which pathogenic variants cause a liver isoforms of GSD and disorders that have overlapping phenotype with GSDs.

References:

- Burwinkel et al. (2005), Am J Hum Genet, 76:1034-1049.

Genes

AGL, FBP1, G6PC, GBE1, GYS2, PHKA2, PHKB, PHKG2, PYGL, SLC2A2, SLC37A4

Indications

This test is indicated for:

- Confirmation of a clinical diagnosis of glycogen storage disorders (GSDs).
- Carrier testing in adults with a family history of glycogen storage disorders (GSDs).

Methodology

Next Generation Sequencing: In-solution hybridization of all coding exons is performed on the patient's genomic DNA. Although some deep intronic regions may also be analyzed, this assay is not meant to interrogate most promoter regions, deep intronic regions, or other regulatory elements, and does not detect single or multi-exon deletions or duplications. Direct sequencing of the captured regions is performed using next generation sequencing. The patient's gene sequences are then compared to a standard reference sequence. Potentially causative variants and areas of low coverage are Sanger-sequenced. Sequence variations are classified as pathogenic, likely pathogenic, benign, likely benign, or variants of unknown significance. Variants of unknown significance may require further studies of the patient and/or family members.

Detection

Next Generation Sequencing: Clinical Sensitivity: Unknown. Mutations in the promoter region, some mutations in the introns and other regulatory element mutations cannot be detected by this analysis. Large deletions/duplications will not be detected by this analysis. Results of molecular analysis should be interpreted in the context of the patient’s clinical/biochemical phenotype.

Analytical Sensitivity: ~99%.

Specimen Requirements

Submit only 1 of the following specimen types

Type: Saliva

Specimen Requirements:
Oragene™ Saliva Collection Kit

Oragene™ Saliva Collection Kit used according to manufacturer instructions. Please contact EGL for a Saliva Collection Kit for patients that cannot provide a blood sample.

Specimen Collection and Shipping:
Please do not refrigerate or freeze saliva sample. Please store and ship at room temperature.

Type: DNA, Isolated

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Specimen Requirements:
Microtainer
8µg
Isolation using the Perkin Elmer™ Chemagen™ Automated Extraction method or Qiagen™ Puregene kit for DNA extraction is recommended.

Specimen Collection and Shipping:
Refrigerate until time of shipment in 100 ng/µL in TE buffer. Ship sample at room temperature with overnight delivery.

Type: Whole Blood (EDTA)

Specimen Requirements:
EDTA (Purple Top)
Infants and Young Children (2 years of age to 10 years old): 3-5 ml
Older Children & Adults: 5-10 ml
Autopsy: 2-3 ml unclotted cord or cardiac blood

Specimen Collection and Shipping:
Ship sample at room temperature for receipt at EGL within 24 hours of collection. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

Related Tests

- Pompe (dry blood spot - test code DZ; leukocytes - DW).
- Glycogen Storage Disorders- Liver: Deletion/Duplication Panel

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