Multiple Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (MADD): Gene Deletion/Duplication Panel

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

### Condition Description

Multiple acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MADD), which is also called glutaric aciduria type II (GAI), is an autosomal recessive disorder of mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation, amino acid, and choline metabolism [1]. In most cases, this disorder is due to enzymatic defects of either electron transfer flavoprotein (ETF) or electron transfer flavoprotein dehydrogenase, both of which are required for electron transfer in the mitochondrial respiratory chain.

Three clinical phenotypes have been described [2]. The neonatal onset with the congenital anomalies such as renal cystic dysplasia, facial dysmorphism, rocker bottom feet, and abnormalities of the external genitalia is categorized as type I. Patients with neonatal onset but without congenital abnormalities, are categorized as type II. Newborns (Type I and II) may present with hypotonia, hepatomegaly, hypoketic hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis, and hyperammonemia. Severe cardiomyopathy or symptoms of Reye syndrome-like decompensations have been reported [3]. The remaining patients present with the late-onset form of the disease (Type III). They develop with heterogeneous symptoms such as intermittent episodes of vomiting, hypoglycemia, and metabolic acidosis, muscle weakness and progressive lipid storage myopathy [4]. During acute decompensations, the late-onset patients have organic aciduria and increase of all chain length acylcarnitines. Some patients respond to the treatment with riboflavin.

Three genes have been shown to be involved in patients with MADD. **ETFA** (15q23-25) and **ETFB** (19q13.3) genes encode the two ETF subunits while the **ETFDH** (4q32) gene encodes the electron transfer flavoprotein dehydrogenase [5]. Gene sequence analysis is available to test for mutations in the **ETFA**, **ETFB**, and **ETFDH** genes (GQ).

### References


### Genes

**ETFA, ETFB, ETFDH**

### Indications

This test is indicated for:

- Confirmation of a clinical/biochemical diagnosis of MADD
- Carrier testing in adults with a family history of MADD

### 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.

### Detection

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

Prevalence: MADD is rare with incidence estimates of 1:250,000 live births [7].

### Specimen Requirements

**Submit only 1 of the following specimen types**

**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 72 hours of collection. Do not freeze.

Type: DNA, Isolated

Specimen Requirements:
Microtainer
3µg
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.

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 EGL Genetics, please submit a copy of the sequencing report with the test requisition. Contact the laboratory if further information is needed.

Related Tests
- Biochemical tests for diagnosis of MADD include Urine Organic Acids (OA) and Plasma Acylcarnitine Profile (AR)
- Sequence analysis of the ETFA, ETFB, ETFDH genes is available and is required before deletion/duplication analysis.
- Prenatal testing is available to couples who are confirmed carriers of mutations. Please contact the laboratory genetic counselor to discuss appropriate testing prior to collecting a prenatal specimen.