## Condition Description

Autosomal dominant optic atrophy, Kjer type, is the most common form of hereditary optic neuropathy. The incidence of ADOA is approximately 1 in 50,000 to 1 in 10,000 live births. It is a childhood onset disorder typically characterized by a progressive loss in central vision, color vision deficits (dyschromatopsia), decreased visual acuity, decreased sensitivity of the central retinal field (paracentral scotomas), and asymmetric degeneration of the retinal ganglion cells visible as pallor of the optic disk. The underlying defect is retinal ganglion cell degeneration. The disease phenotype displays both inter- and intra-familial variability with incomplete penetrance.

Mutations in the \textit{OPA1} gene, located on chromosome 3q28-q29, cause Kjer type autosomal dominant optic atrophy. \textit{OPA1} consists of 31 exons and encodes a mitochondrial dynamin-related GTPase, a protein thought to be involved in maintaining the structure and function of mitochondria. Approximately 90% of autosomal dominant optic atrophy patients carry a mutation in \textit{OPA1}.

## Genes

\textit{OPA1}

## Indications

This test is indicated for patients with a diagnosis of optic atrophy. Sequencing is not appropriate for prenatal samples in which familial mutations have not been identified.

## 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 interpreted in the context of the patient's clinical and/or biochemical phenotype.

## Specimen Requirements

Submit only 1 of the following specimen types

### Type: DNA, Isolated

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<td>EDTA (Purple Top) Infants and Young Children (2 years of age to 10 years old): 3-5 ml Older Children &amp; Adults: 5-10 ml Autopsy: 2-3 ml unclotted cord or cardiac blood</td>
<td>Ship specimen at room temperature for receipt at EGL within 72 hours of collection. Do not freeze.</td>
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## 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

- Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (QC) is a mitochondrial disorder characterized by atrophy of the optic nerve.
- \textit{OPA3} gene sequencing.
- Prenatal testing may be available to family members if mutations are identified. Please contact the laboratory genetic counselor to arrange prior to collecting a prenatal specimen.