Ichthyosis Follicularis with Atrichia and Photophobia (IFAP) Syndrome: **MBTPS2 Gene Sequencing**

**Test Code:** SMBTP  
**Turnaround time:** 6 weeks  
**CPT Codes:** 81479 x1

### Condition Description

Ichthyosis follicularis with atrichia and photophobia (IFAP) syndrome is an X-linked condition characterized by follicular ichthyosis, total or partial atrichia (alopecia), and varying degrees of photophobia. The most prominent feature of the syndrome is congenital atrichia with the majority of affected boys having total atrichia at birth. There have been reports of sparse or thin hair. In more severe cases, other findings of this syndrome may include neurological abnormalities, including seizures and intellectual disability, failure to thrive, nail dystrophy, atopic manifestation, inguinal hernia, aganglionic megacolon, and renal, vertebral, and testicular anomalies. It is inherited in an X-linked manner. Female carriers may be phenotypically normal or may have a milder phenotype including a linear pattern of follicular ichthyosis, hypohidrosis, hypotrichosis, and mild atrophoderma. Phenotypic variability has been reported between families but there is usually very minor variability within a family.

In five out of six unrelated IFAP syndrome patients, missense mutations were identified in the **MBTPS2** gene (Xp22.1).

For patients with suspected IFAP syndrome, sequence analysis is recommended as the first step in mutation identification. For patients in whom mutations are not identified by full gene sequencing, deletion/duplication analysis is appropriate.

**References:**


### Genes

**MBTPS2**

### Indications

This test is indicated for:

- Confirmation of a clinical diagnosis of IFAP syndrome.
- Carrier testing in adults with a family history of IFAP syndrome.

### Methodology

PCR amplification of 13 exons contained in the **MBTPS2** gene is performed on the patient's genomic DNA. Direct sequencing of amplification products is performed in both forward and reverse directions, using automated fluorescence dideoxy sequencing methods. The patient's gene sequences are then compared to a normal reference sequence. Sequence variations are classified as mutations, benign variants unrelated to disease, or variations of unknown clinical significance. Variants of unknown clinical significance may require further studies of the patient and/or family members. This assay does not interrogate the promoter region, deep intronic regions, or other regulatory elements, and does not detect large deletions.

### Detection

Clinical Sensitivity: In five out of six unrelated IFAP syndrome patients, missense mutations were identified in the **MBTPS2** gene (Xp22.1). Mutations in the promoter region, some mutations in the introns and other regulatory element mutations cannot be detected by this analysis. Large deletions will not be detected by this analysis. Results of molecular analysis should be interpreted in the context of the patient's clinical and/or biochemical phenotype.

Analytical Sensitivity: ~99%

### 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 24 hours of collection. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

**Type: DNA, Isolated**

**Specimen Requirements:**

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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: Saliva

Specimen Requirements:
Oragen™ 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.

Related Tests

- Deletion/duplication analysis of the MBTPS2 gene by CGH array is available for those individuals in whom sequence analysis is negative.
- Custom diagnostic mutation analysis (KM) is available to family members if mutations are identified by targeted mutation testing or sequencing analysis.
- Prenatal testing is available only for known familial mutations to individuals who are confirmed carriers of mutations. Please contact the laboratory genetic counselor to discuss appropriate testing prior to collecting a prenatal specimen.
- X-Linked Intellectual Disability panels are available for 30, 60, and 90 genes.