

Cortical Brain Malformations Panel

Sequence Analysis and Exon-Level Deletion/Duplication Testing of 61 Genes

Panel Gene List: ACTB*, ACTG1, ADGRG1, AKT3, ARFGEF2, ARX*, ASPM, ATP6V0A2, B3GALNT2, B4GAT1**, CCND2, CIT, CUL4B, DCHS1*, DCX, DYNC1H1, FAT4, FKRP**, FKTN, FLNA, GMPPB, GPSM2, ISPD, KATNB1, KIF1BP, KIF2A, KIF5C, LAMB1, LAMC3, LARGE1, NDE1, NEDD4L, OCLN[^], PAFAH1B1, PIK3CA, PIK3R2, POMGNT1*, POMGNT2, POMK, POMT1, POMT2, PQBP1, RAB18, RAB3GAP1, RAB3GAP2, RELN, RTTN, SRD5A3, SRPX2, TBC1D20, TMEM5, TUBA1A*, TUBA8, TUBB, TUBB2A*, TUBB2B, TUBB3, TUBB4A*, TUBG1, VLDLR, WDR62

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**No deletion/duplication analysis for the B4GAT1 and FKRP gene

[^]No sequencing of exons 5-9 of the OCLN gene

Clinical Features:

Abnormal neuronal migration leads to a variety of brain malformation disorders, including lissencephalies and subcortical band or periventricular nodular heterotopias.¹⁻⁴ MRI is necessary to detect and classify the abnormality in this group of cortical brain malformation disorders. While the neuroradiologic examination often delineates the specific type of malformation in an individual, lissencephaly, heterotopias, and polymicrogyria can sometimes be coincident.⁵⁻⁷

Lissencephaly is characterized by a thickened cortex and the absence of folds or gyri (agyria) or the presence of abnormally wide gyri (pachygyria). Lissencephalies can present in different forms and with varying severity, ranging from complete agyria to mixed agyria and pachygyria, or simplified gyri with subcortical band heterotopia (double cortex) (SBH). Lissencephalies uniformly cause developmental delay, epilepsy, and intellectual disability.⁸

Periventricular nodular heterotopia (PVNH) is characterized by the presence of uncalcified nodules of gray matter along the lateral ventricles.^{1,9} X-linked PVNH is typically lethal in males, and affected females mainly present with focal seizures. A more severe phenotype, including microcephaly, intellectual disability, epilepsy, and quadriplegia is seen in a rare autosomal recessive form of PVNH.

Polymicrogyria results from abnormal folding of the cerebral cortex, leading to an excessive number of small gyri that can be distinguished from the absence of gyri and thickened cortex in lissencephaly.^{1,4,10} Polymicrogyria restricted to a specific region of the cortex (focal polymicrogyria) can cause minimal neurologic impairment, but when it is widespread (generalized polymicrogyria) the phenotype is very severe and can consist of intractable epilepsy, intellectual disability, and cerebral palsy.

Genetics:

The various forms of cortical brain malformations demonstrate clinical and genetic heterogeneity.¹¹ Classic lissencephaly occurs as an autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive, or X-linked trait.^{1,4} PFAFH1B1 (LIS1) is among the most prominent genes mutated in individuals with lissencephaly. Loss of PFAFH1B1 alone causes epilepsy and developmental delay, but with absence of severe dysmorphism. Deletion of this gene along with adjacent ones in the terminal end of the short arm of chromosome 17 causes Miller-Dieker syndrome, characterized by epilepsy, dysmorphic features, severe developmental delay and, occasionally, heart defects and omphalocele. Somatic variants in PFAFH1B1 and DCX have been described.^{9,10} Cobblestone lissencephaly and lissencephaly with cerebellar hypoplasia segregate as autosomal recessive disorders and lissencephaly with agenesis of the corpus callosum is an X-linked disorder. Lissencephaly can sometimes occur together with heterotopias or polymicrogyria, depending on the affected gene and the type of pathogenic variant. PVNH most often presents as an X-linked dominant trait, but a rare autosomal recessive form also exists.⁹ Polymicrogyria can present as an isolated finding or can appear alongside other brain malformations, depending on the gene affected and the type of pathogenic variant.¹⁰ There are autosomal dominant as well as recessive forms of polymicrogyria.

Test Methods:

Using genomic DNA extracted from the submitted specimen, the complete coding regions and splice site junctions of the genes tested are enriched using a proprietary targeted capture system developed by GeneDx for next-generation sequencing with CNV calling (NGS-CNV). The enriched targets are simultaneously sequenced with paired-end reads on an Illumina platform. Bi-directional sequence reads are assembled and aligned to reference sequences based on NCBI RefSeq transcripts and human genome build GRCh37/UCSC hg19. After gene specific filtering, data are analyzed to identify sequence variants and most deletions and duplications involving coding exons; however, technical limitations and inherent sequence properties effectively reduce this resolution for some genes. Alternative sequencing or copy number detection methods are used to analyze or confirm regions with inadequate sequence or copy number data by NGS. Reportable variants include pathogenic variants, likely pathogenic variants and variants of uncertain significance. Likely benign and benign variants, if present, are not routinely reported but are available upon request.

Test Sensitivity:

The clinical sensitivity of sequencing and deletion/duplication analysis of the genes included in this panel depends in part on the patient's clinical phenotype. Specific information about the diagnostic yield for each gene in selected populations is summarized in the following table(s). The technical sensitivity of sequencing is estimated to be > 99% at detecting single nucleotide events. It will not reliably detect deletions greater than 20 base pairs, insertions or

rearrangements greater than 10 base pairs, or low-level mosaicism. The copy number assessment methods used with this test cannot reliably detect copy number variants of less than 500 base pairs or mosaicism and cannot identify balanced chromosome aberrations. Assessment of exon-level copy number events is dependent on the inherent sequence properties of the targeted regions, including shared homology and exon size. For the OCLN gene, sequencing of exons 5-9 was not performed. Gene specific exclusions for exon-level deletion/duplication testing for this panel are: B4GAT1 and FKR1P genes, no copy number testing, ACTB, ARX, OCLN, POMGNT1, TUBA1A, TUBB2A and TUBB4A genes, only whole gene deletions or duplications may be detected.

Gene	Protein	Inh.	Disease Associations
<i>ACTB*</i>	Actin, Beta	AD	Up to 80% of Baraitser-Winter syndrome ¹²
<i>ACTG1</i>	Actin, Gamma-1	AD	Up to 20% of Baraitser-Winter syndrome ¹²
<i>ADGRG1 (GPR56)</i>	Adhesion G protein-coupled receptor G1	AR	Up to 100% of typical of bilateral frontoparietal polymicrogyria ^{13,14}
<i>AKT3</i>	V-AKT murine thymoma viral oncogene homolog 3	AD	~30% of megalencephaly-polymicrogyria-polydactyly-hydrocephalus syndrome (MPPH) ¹⁵
<i>ARFGEF2</i>	ADP ribosylation factor guanine nucleotide exchange factor 2	AR	Rare in PVNH ^{16,17}
<i>ARX*</i>	Aristaless-related homeobox protein	XL	70-95% of XLAG ^{18,19} , 3-10% in XLID ^{20,21}
<i>ASPM</i>	Abnormal spindle-like, microcephaly-associated protein	AR	25-50% of MCPH ²²
<i>ATP6V0A2</i>	Lysosomal H(+)-ATPase V0 subunit A2	AR	21-24% of autosomal recessive cutis laxa type II ^{23,24}
<i>B3GALNT2</i>	Beta-1,3-N-Acetylgalactosaminyltransferase 2	AR	Rare in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ²⁵
<i>B4GAT1 (B3GNT1)**</i>	Beta-1,4-Glucuronyltransferase 1	AR	Rare in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{26,27}
<i>CCND2</i>	Cyclin D2	AD	~30% of MPPH ¹⁵
<i>CIT</i>	Citron rho-interacting serine/threonine kinase	AR	Rare in MCPH ^{28,29,30}
<i>CUL4B</i>	Cullin 4B	XL	2-3% in XLID ^{31,32}

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<i>DCHS1*</i>	Dachsous cadherin-related 1	AD/ AR	~40% of Van Maldergem syndrome ³³
<i>DCX</i>	Doublecortin	XL	Up to 100% XL lissencephaly, 10% of classic lissencephaly, 85% females and ~30% males with SBH ^{8,19,34}
<i>DYNC1H1</i>	Dynein, cytoplasmic 1, heavy chain 1	AD	5% of malformations of cortical development (MCD) ³⁵
<i>FAT4</i>	FAT atypical cadherin 4	AR	~20% of Hennekam syndrome ³⁶ ~60% of Van Maldergem syndrome ³³
<i>FKRP**</i>	Fukutin-related protein	AR	~2% of cobblestone lissencephaly ^{37,38} , 9% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ³⁹ , 6% of limb-girdle MD ⁴⁰
<i>FKTN</i>	Fukutin	AR	~7% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ⁴¹ Does not include the Japanese founder mutation in the 3' UTR ⁴²
<i>FLNA</i>	Filamin A	XL	49% of PVNH ¹⁷
<i>GMPPB</i>	GDP-Mannose Pyrophosphorylase B	AR	Rare in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{43,44}
<i>GPSM2</i>	G protein signaling modulator 2	AR	Up to 100% of Chudley-McCullough syndrome ⁴⁵
<i>ISPD</i>	Isoprenoid synthase domain-containing protein	AR	~6% of cobblestone lissencephaly ³⁸ , ~30% of Walker-Warburg syndrome and ~11% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{46,47} Rare in LGMD ⁴⁸
<i>KATNB1</i>	Katanin regulatory subunit B1	AR	<1% of MCD ^{49,50}
<i>KIF1BP</i> (<i>KIAA1279</i>)	KIF1 binding protein	AR	Up to 100% of Goldberg-Shprintzen megacolon syndrome ^{51,52}

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<i>KIF2A</i>	Kinesin heavy chain member 2A	AD	1% of MCD ^{34,53}
<i>KIF5C</i>	Kinesin family member 5C	AD	Rare in MCD ^{34,54,55}
<i>LAMB1</i>	Laminin, Beta-1	AR	Rare in cobblestone lissencephaly ⁵⁶
<i>LAMC3</i>	Laminin, Gamma-3	AR	Rare in pachygyria ⁵⁷
<i>LARGE1</i>	LARGE xylosyl- and glucuronyltransferase 1	AR	2-5% of cobblestone lissencephaly ^{37,38} ~1% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{39,40}
<i>NDE1</i>	nudE neurodevelopment protein 1	AR	Rare ^{58,59,60}
<i>NEDD4L</i>	Neural precursor cell expressed, developmentally down-regulated 4-like, E3 ubiquitin protein ligase	AD	Unknown in PVNH ⁶¹
<i>OCN</i> ^{*^}	Occludin	AR	Up to 100% of bilateral band-like calcification and polymicrogyria ^{62,63}
<i>PAFAH1B1 (LIS1)</i>	Platelet-Activating Factor Acetylhydrolase 1b, Regulatory Subunit 1	AD	~40-65% of classic lissencephaly ^{8,64}
<i>PIK3CA</i>	Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha	AD	~40% of megalencephaly-capillary malformation (MCAP) ⁶⁵
<i>PIK3R2</i>	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase regulatory subunit 2	AD	~40% of MPPH ¹⁵
<i>POMGNT1</i> [*]	Protein O-Mannose Beta 1-2-N-Acetylglucosaminyltransferase	AR	11-18% of cobblestone lissencephaly ^{37,38} 8-10% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{39,40}
<i>POMGNT2 (GTDC2)</i>	Protein O-Mannose Beta-1,4-N-Acetylglucosaminyltransferase 2	AR	Rare in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ⁶⁶
<i>POMK</i>	Protein O-Mannose kinase	AR	Unknown in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{67,68}
<i>POMT1</i>	Protein O-Mannosyltransferase 1	AR	27-34% of cobblestone lissencephaly ^{37,38} 9-21% of alpha-dystroglycanopathies ^{39,40}
<i>POMT2</i>	Protein O-Mannosyltransferase 2	AR	8-11% of cobblestone lissencephaly ^{37,38} 9-11% of alpha-

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			dystroglycanopathies ^{39,40}
<i>PQBP1</i>	Polyglutamine binding protein 1	XL	Unknown in PVNH ⁶⁹ ~1% of X-linked intellectual disability ⁷⁰
<i>RAB18</i>	RAS-associated protein	AR	5% of Warburg Micro syndrome ⁷¹
<i>RAB3GAP1</i>	Rab3 GTPase-activating protein (catalytic subunit)	AR	41% of Warburg Micro syndrome ⁷¹
<i>RAB3GAP2</i>	Rab3 GTPase-activating protein (non-catalytic subunit)	AR	7% of Warburg Micro syndrome ⁷¹
<i>RELN</i>	Reelin	AR	Rare ^{72,73}
<i>RTTN</i>	Rotatin	AR	Rare ⁷⁴
<i>SRD5A3</i>	Steroid-5-alpha-reductase 3	AR	Up to 100% of SRD5A3-CDG ⁷⁵
<i>SRPX2</i>	Sushi repeat-containing protein	XL	Rare ⁷⁶
<i>TBC1D20</i>	TBC1 domain family, member 20	AR	5% of Warburg Micro syndrome ⁷⁷
<i>TMEM5</i>	Transmembrane protein 5	AR	~6% of cobblestone lissencephaly ⁴⁰ Rare in alpha-dystroglycanopathies ⁶⁷
<i>TUBA1A*</i>	Tubulin, Alpha-1A	AD	1% of classic lissencephaly 30% of lissencephaly with cerebellar hypoplasia ^{5,78} ~43% of complex cortical malformations ⁷⁹
<i>TUBA8</i>	Tubulin, Alpha-8	AR	Rare ⁸⁰
<i>TUBB</i>	Tubulin, Beta	AD	~3% of complex cortical malformations ⁸¹
<i>TUBB2A*</i>	Tubulin, Beta-2A	AD	Rare ⁸¹
<i>TUBB2B</i>	Tubulin, Beta-2B	AD	~3% in cortical malformations including lissencephaly and polymicrogyria ^{5,82} ~17% of complex cortical malformations ⁷⁹

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<i>TUBB3</i>	Tubulin, Beta-3	AD	~10% of complex cortical malformations ⁷⁹
<i>TUBB4A*</i>	Tubulin, Beta-4A	AD	Rare in hypomyelinating leukodystrophy-6 (HLD6) ⁸³
<i>TUBG1</i>	Tubulin, Gamma-1	AD	~3% of complex cortical malformations ⁷⁹
<i>VLDLR</i>	Very low density lipoprotein receptor	AR	Rare cerebellar hypoplasia with simplified gyri ^{84,85}
<i>WDR62</i>	WD repeat-containing protein 62	AR	Unknown ⁸⁶

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