

DNA TEST REPORT - MEDGENOME LABORATORIES

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Test Requested:	HBB Gene Analysis [Trio] [MGM1872]		

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS / SYMPTOMS / HISTORY

Mr. Vasu Dadoo and his wife are presented with Beta Thalassemia Minor. Mr. Vasu Dadoo is being evaluated for the pathogenic variations in the *HBB* gene.

RESULTS

CARRIER OF PATHOGENIC VARIANT CAUSATIVE OF THE REPORTED PHENOTYPE

Gene (Transcript) #	Location	Variant	Zygosity	Disease (OMIM)	Inheritance	Classification
HBB (-) (ENST00000335295.4)	Intron 1	c.92+5G>C (Splice variant)	Heterozygous	Beta Thalassemia	Autosomal recessive	Pathogenic

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BACKGROUND

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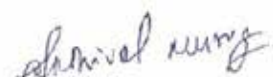
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BACKGROUND

Beta thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that reduces the production of hemoglobin. Mutations in the HBB gene cause beta thalassemia. The HBB gene is responsible for the synthesis of a protein called beta-globin which is a component (subunit) of hemoglobin. Mutations in this gene can result in decreased (β^+) or no (β^0) β -globin production leading to autosomal recessive disorders like β -thalassemia and sickle cell anemia. Approximately 20 mutations, including deletions, insertions, base substitutions and alternate splice variants, are known to be responsible for abnormal β -globin production in South-East Asians. Of these, del619bp, IVS1-5 G>C; nt 147, IVS1-1 G>T; nt 143, codon 8/9 (+G) and codon 41/42(-TTCT) are more prevalent in the Indian population. HBB genetic testing can be used for diagnostic purposes in individuals with clinical symptoms of β -thalassemia or a haemoglobinopathy. Parents who have symptoms, family history of the disorder, or are known carriers of the disease, can benefit from prenatal testing for mutations in this gene.

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TEST METHODOLOGY

NGS

Targeted gene sequencing: Selective amplification and sequencing of the targeted region of the genome/genes is performed. Targeted sequencing represents a cost-effective approach to detect variants present in multiple/large genes in an individual. DNA was used to perform targeted amplification of the complete *HBB* gene. Libraries were prepared using the amplified product and sequenced to mean coverage of >100x on Illumina sequencing platform.

The sequences obtained are aligned to human reference genome (GRCh37/hg19) using BWA program [2, 3] and analyzed using Picard and Sentieon version 201808.01 to identify variants relevant to the clinical indication. We follow the GATK best practices framework for identification of variants in the sample. Gene annotation of the variants is performed using VEP program [6] against the Ensembl release 87 human gene model [7]. Clinically relevant mutations were annotated using published variants in literature and a set of diseases databases - ClinVar, OMIM, GWAS, HGMD and SwissVar [8-15]. Common variants are filtered based on allele frequency in 1000Genome Phase 3, ExAC, EVS, dbSNP147, 1000 Japanese Genome and our internal Indian population database [16-20]. Non-synonymous variants effect is calculated using multiple algorithms such as PolyPhen-2, SIFT, Mutation Taster2, Mutation Assessor, and LRT. Only non-synonymous variants, splice site variants and previously reported intronic, silent and promoter variants found in the *HBB* gene were used for clinical interpretation.

Molecular genetic testing is performed in order to obtain information for genetic counseling of at-risk family members. It is indicated for prognostication in individuals who represent a simplex case (i.e., who are the only affected member in a family or carrier), identification of the *HBB*-619 deletion mutation can help predict the clinical phenotype and assess the risk of developing this in progeny.

***Genetic test results are reported based on the recommendations of American College of Medical Genetics [1], as described below:**

Variant	A change in a gene. This could be disease causing (pathogenic) or not disease causing (benign).
Pathogenic	A disease causing variation in a gene which can explain the patients' symptoms has been detected. This usually means that a suspected disorder for which testing had been requested has been confirmed.

Likely Pathogenic	A variant which is very likely to contribute to the development of disease however, the scientific evidence is currently insufficient to prove this conclusively. Additional evidence is expected to confirm this assertion of pathogenicity.
Variant of Uncertain Significance	A variant has been detected, but it is difficult to classify it as either pathogenic (disease causing) or benign (non-disease causing) based on current available scientific evidence. Further testing of the patient or family members as recommended by your clinician may be needed. It is probable that their significance can be assessed only with time, subject to availability of scientific evidence.

*The transcript used for clinical reporting generally represents the canonical transcript (according to Ensembl release 87 gene model), which is usually the longest coding transcript with strong/multiple supporting evidence. However, clinically relevant variants annotated in alternate complete coding transcripts could also be reported.

Variants annotated on incomplete and nonsense mediated decay transcripts will not be reported.

#The *in silico* predictions are based on Variant Effect Predictor, Ensembl release 87 (SIFT version - 5.2.2; PolyPhen - 2.2.2); LRT version - November, 2009 release from dbNSFPv3.1 and Mutation Taster2 based on build NCBI 37 / Ensembl 69 [21].

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