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Germline Mutation Analysis Panel for Cancer Predisposition

Sample Information				
Sample Type: Blood				
Clinical Indications				
Diagnosed with ovarian cancer (age at diagnosis: ~59 years).				
Test Details				
Inherited cancer: All 86 genes in the germline cancer predisposition panel (listed in attached Appendix) were assessed for any key and incidental findings in the genes recommended by ACMG (American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics).				
Results				
A heterozygous ' pathogenic ' variant was detected in exon 11 of the <i>BRCA2</i> gene.				
Gene	Variation	Zygoty	Inheritance	Clinical significance
<i>BRCA2</i>	chr13:32914407_32914415delinsAA c.5915_5923delinsAA p.Ala1972GlufsTer30	Heterozygous	Dominant	Pathogenic
<p><i>Disclaimer:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Quality:</i> The coverage was >20X with a read quality >Q20, variants with confidence score greater than 50 were considered for SNV (single nucleotide variant) calling. • For the deletion/duplication nomenclature, the most 3' position possible in the sequence is arbitrarily assigned to have been changed. (Human Genome Variation Society guidelines). 				
Interpretation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This individual does not carry any germline pathogenic (disease-causing) or likely pathogenic (likely disease causing) variant in the 30 genes associated with hereditary breast and endocrine cancer predisposition. • The probability that a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant, inclusive of SNVs (single nucleotide variants), indels (small deletions, duplications or insertions) and structural variants (large deletions/duplications or complex rearrangements), in the tested genes was not detected by the test is extremely small and is close to 0%. Additional testing using MLPA (Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification) based test for detection of large deletion/duplication variants can further reduce this probability. 				

- A negative test result reduces but does not exclude the possibility that this individual's personal history of cancer has a genetic cause, as it may be due to variation in a genomic region not covered by the test, such as weakly associated genes or due to poorly understood polygenic variants.
- The individual carries one copy (heterozygous) of a pathogenic variant in the *BRCA2* gene, which may be associated with hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome (HBOC) predisposition.
- HBOC is characterized by an increased risk for female and male breast cancer, ovarian cancer (includes fallopian tube and primary peritoneal cancers), and to lesser extent other cancers, such as prostate and pancreatic. Women with *BRCA2* germline pathogenic variations (in heterozygous state) are at an increased lifetime risk for breast cancer (38%-84%) and ovarian cancer (16.5%-27%) and to lesser extent other cancers¹.
- HBOC, caused due to variations in the *BRCA2* gene, shows an autosomal dominant mode of inheritance, which means one copy of the altered gene in an individual is sufficient to increase the risk of developing cancer. If the variant is not a new variant (de novo) in this individual, then each first degree relative (children, siblings and parents) has 50% chance of having this variation.

Recommendations

Genetic counseling is recommended for the patient and other family members. The physician can request reanalysis of the data, and this is recommended on an annual basis. Data from this test can be reassessed for the presence of any variants that may be newly linked to established genes or to newly identified disorders since the date of this report that could be associated with the patient's phenotype, based on currently available scientific information. A charge may apply for reanalysis.

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Gene and Variant Interpretation - Key Findings

Gene: *BRCA2* (Entrez: 675) (+ve Strand)

The *BRCA2* gene, besides *BRCA1* is one of the major genes related to hereditary breast cancer. It functions as a tumor suppressor, which means that it keeps cells from growing and dividing too fast or in an uncontrolled way. It is involved in the maintenance of genomic stability and the homologous recombination pathway, which repairs double-strand DNA breaks. Approximately 10% of breast cancer cases are thought to be hereditary and about 25% of these are caused by germline pathogenic variations (in heterozygous state) in the tumor suppressor genes, *BRCA1* and *BRCA2*². In addition, pathogenic variations (in heterozygous state) in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* account for around 15 percent of ovarian cancers overall³. *BRCA2*-related tumors usually express estrogen and progesterone receptors and tend to have similar features to sporadic breast cancers, unlike *BRCA1*-related cancers^{4,5}.

Variant 1

Transcript: NM_000059 chr13:32914407_32914415delinsAA, c.5915_5923delinsAA, p.Ala1972GlufsTer30

The identified heterozygous indel variant (c.5915_5923delinsAA) lies in exon 11 of the *BRCA2* gene and is predicted to cause a frameshift and consequent premature termination of the protein (p.Ala1972GlufsTer30). The truncated protein is predicted to have a length of 2000 amino acids (aa) as opposed to the original length of 3418 aa. The resultant protein is likely to lack the major functional domains of the protein, such as the DNA binding domain and C-terminal RAD51-interacting domain^{6,7}; this will likely result in loss-of-function. Moreover, due to introduction of a premature stop codon, this aberrant transcript will likely be targeted by the nonsense mediated mRNA decay (NMD) mechanism⁸. The identified variant seems to be a novel variant, as it has not been previously reported in literature.

Truncating variants, such as p.Asn1973Ilefs ([RCV000256743.2](#)) and p.Ser1979Terfs ([RCV000113505.3](#)), lying downstream of the identified variant, have been reported as 'pathogenic' in the ClinVar database with respect to familial breast-ovarian cancer.

The identified variant is predicted to produce a truncated protein, which might result in loss-of-function. It lies in the vicinity of other pathogenic variants associated with familial breast-ovarian cancer. Thus, the variant has been labelled as 'pathogenic'.

Limitations of Gene Coverage

For each test gene, all gene target regions were adequately covered by greater than 20 reads.

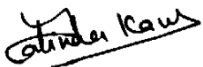
Gene	HGMD variants not covered	% of Coding Region under covered
MSH2	2/686	0.07%

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Appendix

Test Description

The MolQ Germline Cancer Predisposition Panel include genes associated with both common (e.g., breast, colorectal) and rare cancers. The test involves preparation of a target sequence enrichment based library from the patient's genomic DNA (gDNA) using Illumina's Nextera's technology. The panel covers 86 unique genes and includes variation coverage for all coding exons (>97%) and essential splice sites.

Genes evaluated: 86 genes

AIP, ALK, APC, ATM, BLM, BMPRIA, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, BUB1B, CDC73, CDH1, CDK4, CDKN2A, CEP57, CHEK2, CYLD, DDB2, DICER1, DIS3L2, EGFR, EPCAM, ERCC2, ERCC3, ERCC4, ERCC5, EXT1, EXT2, EZH2, FANCA, FANCB, FANCC, FANCD2, FANCE, FANCF, FANCG, FANCI, FANCL, FANCM, FH, FLCN, GPC3, HNF1A, HRAS, KIT, MAX, MEN1, MET, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, NF1, NF2, NSD1, PALB2, PMS1, PMS2, PRF1, PRKARIA, PTCH1, PTEN, RAD51C, RAD51D, RB1, RECQL4, RET, SBDS, SDHAF2, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD, SLX4, SMAD4, SMARCB1, STK11, SUFU, TP53, TSC1, TSC2, VHL, WRN, WT1, XPA, XPC.

Methodology

Sample preparation: Genomic DNA from saliva, blood or any other standard tissue source is used to make the library. "Nextera" library preparation uses a transposon based shearing of the genomic DNA and allows the DNA to be "tagmented" (fragmented and tagged simultaneously in the same tube). Limited cycle PCR step allows the incorporation of adaptors, platform-specific tags and barcodes to prepare the DNA sequencing libraries.

Target Enrichment: Approximately 500 ng of each library is used for target enrichment. For this panel, up to 12 libraries can be combined into a single tube and set up for enrichment, to generate adequate coverage on a Miseq sequencer. Two simultaneous enrichment steps are performed to optimize the pull down of regions of interest using target specific probes.

Sequencing Details: Sequencing is performed using a standard v2 kit on Illumina Miseq with the expected data output of 4.0-5 GB. For this panel, the output size is 0.253 MB, optimum cluster density to be achieved during sequencing is 750-1000 clusters/mm².

Analysis

The trimmed fastq files were generated using MiSeq Reporter from Illumina. The reads were aligned against the whole genome build hg19. Five bas e-pairs from the 3' end of the reads were trimmed, as were 3' end bases with quality below 10. Reads which had length less than 25bp after trimming were not considered for alignment. A maximum of 5 matches of alignment score at least 90% were computed. The reads were realigned using the local realignment tool. Reads that failed vendor QC, reads with average quality less than 20, reads with ambiguous characters were all filtered out. The NGS variant caller was used to detect variants at locations in the target regions covered by a minimum of 10 reads with at least 2 variants reads. Variants with a decibel score of at least 50 were reported.

Limitations

This test is based on a research protocol. At present FDA has determined that clearance or approval is not necessary for this test. Variants that have not been confirmed by an independent analysis could represent technical artifacts. Some types of genetic abnormalities may not be detectable by this test. It is possible that the genomic region where a disease causing variation exists in the proband was not captured using the current technologies and therefore was not detected. Additionally, it is possible that a particular genetic abnormality may not be recognized as the underlying cause of the genetic disorder due to incomplete scientific knowledge about the function of all genes in the human genome and the impact of variants on those genes. The quality of sequencing varies between regions. Many factors such as homopolymers, GC-rich regions etc. influence the quality of sequencing. This may result in an occasional error in sequence reads.