

Overview

Useful For

Providing a genetic evaluation for patients with a personal or family history suggestive of Bartter syndrome

Establishing a diagnosis of Bartter syndrome

Genetics Test Information

This test utilizes next-generation sequencing to detect single nucleotide, deletion-insertion, and copy number variants in 6 genes associated with Bartter syndrome: BSND, CLCNKA, CLCNKB, KCNJ1, MAGED2, and SLC12A1. See [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Bartter Syndrome Gene Panel](#) in Method Description for additional details.

Identification of a disease-causing variant may assist with diagnosis, prognosis, clinical management, familial screening, and genetic counseling for Bartter syndrome.

Special Instructions

- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing](#)
- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Hereditary Renal Genetic Testing Patient Information](#)
- [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Bartter Syndrome Gene Panel](#)

Method Name

Sequence Capture and Amplicon-Based Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Varies

Ordering Guidance

The genes associated with Gitelman syndrome (SLC12A3) and autosomal dominant familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia (FHH) (CASR) are not included on this panel. If testing for these disorders and Bartter syndrome on a single panel is desired, order RSCGP / Nephrocalcinosis, Nephrolithiasis, and Renal Electrolyte Imbalance Gene Panel, Varies. [It is inappropriate to order both this test and RSCGP on the same patient because the genes on this panel are included on the RSCGP panel.](#)

Targeted testing for familial variants (also called site-specific or known mutations testing) is available for the genes on this panel. See FMTT / Familial Variant, Targeted Testing, Varies. [To obtain more information about this testing option,](#)

[call 800-533-1710.](tel:800-533-1710)

Customization of this panel and single gene analysis for any gene present on this panel are available. For more information, see CGPH / Custom Gene Panel, Hereditary, Next-Generation Sequencing, Varies.

Shipping Instructions

Specimen preferred to arrive within 96 hours of collection.

Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. Call 800-533-1710 for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

Acceptable: Any anticoagulant

Specimen Volume: 3 mL

Collection Instructions:

- 1. Invert several times to mix blood.
- 2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated

Forms

- 1. **New York Clients-Informed consent is required.** Document on the request form or electronic order that a copy is on file. The following documents are available:
 - [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing](#) (T576)
 - [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing \(Spanish\)](#) (T826)
- 2. [Hereditary Renal Genetic Testing Patient Information](#) (T918)
- 3. [If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Renal Diagnostics Test Request](#) (T830) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

1 mL

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Bartter syndrome (BS) is a rare, hereditary tubulopathy of highly variable severity that can cause renal salt-wasting in infants and young children due to impaired sodium/chloride reabsorption in the thick ascending limb of the nephron.(1)

Characteristic clinical features are hypokalemic, hypochloremic metabolic alkalosis and normal blood pressure despite hyperreninemia and hyperaldosteronism.(1) Children with BS have hypercalciuria and normal serum magnesium levels and may present with symptoms in early childhood or before birth. These symptoms distinguish BS from a more common and milder renal salt-wasting disorder called Gitelman syndrome, which features hypocalciuria and low serum magnesium levels and typically presents after 6 years of age. Autosomal dominant hypocalcemia may resemble Bartter syndrome in patients with a markedly activating gain-of-function variant but is distinguishable from BS by mode of inheritance and the presence of hypocalcemia and hypomagnesemia.

Age of onset and disease severity is highly variable in Bartter syndrome. The most severe form, antenatal Bartter syndrome (also known as hyperprostaglandin E syndrome or neonatal Bartter syndrome), typically results in polyhydramnios, leading to premature birth. Infants often demonstrate failure to thrive and have significant polyuria resulting in risk for life-threatening salt and water loss.

There are four subtypes of Bartter syndrome that typically present antenatally. BS type 1, caused by biallelic alterations in *SLC12A1*, may also feature fever, vomiting, and nephrocalcinosis in infancy. BS type 2, caused by biallelic variants in *KCNJ1*, causes symptoms like BS type 1, but patients may demonstrate transient hyperkalemia and acidosis. BS type 4a, caused by biallelic alterations in *BSND*, and BS type 4b, caused by alterations in *CLCNKA* and *CLCNKB*, may be accompanied by sensorineural deafness in addition to renal salt-wasting and related symptoms. Type 4b is also inherited in an autosomal recessive (or biallelic) pattern or can result from digenic inheritance.

Classic Bartter syndrome, also known as type 3, is the second major form of BS and is caused by alterations in *CLCNKB*. All BS type 3 patients have marked hypochloremia. Age of onset varies in BS type 3 and may correlate with genotype, with individuals with truncating variants presenting earlier in life. Individuals with BS type 3 may present antenatally with polyhydramnios, during infancy with failure to thrive and lethargy, or in adolescence or adulthood with symptoms of chronic hypokalemia, such as constipation, muscle cramps, salt-craving, nocturia, and vomiting. Nephrocalcinosis is uncommon in BS type 3, and patients are usually normocalciuric but may still have severe electrolyte imbalances.

A third form of BS called transient neonatal Bartter syndrome (BS type 5), is associated with severe polyhydramnios and extreme salt wasting at birth that spontaneously resolves in the first few months of life in surviving patients. BS type 5 is caused by variants in *MAGED2* inherited in an X-linked recessive pattern.

Although there is some phenotypic overlap between Bartter syndrome, Gitelman syndrome, and autosomal dominant hypocalcemia, they have different genetic causes.

This panel does not include the genes associated with Gitelman syndrome (*SLC12A3*) or autosomal dominant hypocalcemia (*CASR*). If simultaneous genetic testing for Bartter syndrome, Gitelman syndrome and/or autosomal dominant hypocalcemic hypercalciuria is desired, order RSCGP / Nephrocalcinosis, Nephrolithiasis, and Renal Electrolyte Imbalance Gene Panel, Varies.

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

All detected variants are evaluated according to American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics recommendations.(2) Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance.

Cautions

Clinical Correlations:

Test results should be interpreted in the context of clinical findings, family history, and other laboratory data.

Misinterpretation of results may occur if the information provided is inaccurate or incomplete.

If testing was performed because of a clinically significant family history, it is often useful to first test an affected family member. Detection of a reportable variant in an affected family member would allow for more informative testing of at-risk individuals.

To discuss the availability of additional testing options or for assistance in the interpretation of these results, contact the Mayo Clinic Laboratories genetic counselors at 800-533-1710.

Technical Limitations:

Next-generation sequencing may not detect all types of genomic variants. In rare cases, false-negative or false-positive results may occur. The depth of coverage may be variable for some target regions; assay performance below the minimum acceptable criteria or for failed regions will be noted. Given these limitations, negative results do not rule out the diagnosis of a genetic disorder. If a specific clinical disorder is suspected, evaluation by alternative methods can be considered.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. Confirmation of select reportable variants will be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

This test is validated to detect 95% of deletions up to 75 base pairs (bp) and insertions up to 47 bp. Deletions-insertions (delins) of 40 or more bp, including mobile element insertions, may be less reliably detected than smaller delins.

Deletion/Duplication Analysis:

This analysis targets single and multi-exon deletions/duplications; however, in some instances single exon resolution cannot be achieved due to isolated reduction in sequence coverage or inherent genomic complexity. Balanced structural rearrangements (such as translocations and inversions) may not be detected.

This test is not designed to detect low levels of mosaicism or to differentiate between somatic and germline variants. If there is a possibility that any detected variant is somatic, additional testing may be necessary to clarify the significance of results.

Genes may be added or removed based on updated clinical relevance. Refer to the [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Bartter Syndrome Gene Panel](#) for the most up to date list of genes included in this test. For detailed information regarding gene specific performance and technical limitations, see Method Description or contact a laboratory genetic counselor.

If the patient has had an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant or a recent blood transfusion, results may be inaccurate due to the presence of donor DNA. Call Mayo Clinic Laboratories for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.

Reclassification of Variants:

At this time, it is not standard practice for the laboratory to systematically review previously classified variants on a regular basis. The laboratory encourages healthcare providers to contact the laboratory at any time to learn how the classification of a particular variant may have changed over time.

Variant Evaluation:

Evaluation and categorization of variants are performed using published American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology recommendations as a guideline.(2) Other gene-specific guidelines may also be considered. Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance. Variants classified as benign or likely benign are not reported.

Multiple in silico evaluation tools may be used to assist in the interpretation of these results. The accuracy of predictions made by in silico evaluation tools is highly dependent upon the data available for a given gene, and periodic updates to these tools may cause predictions to change over time. Results from in silico evaluation tools are interpreted with caution and professional clinical judgement.

Rarely, incidental findings or secondary findings may implicate another predisposition or presence of active disease. Incidental findings may include, but are not limited to, results related to the sex chromosomes. These findings will be carefully reviewed to determine whether they will be reported.

Clinical Reference

1. Fulchiero R, Seo-Mayer P. Bartter Syndrome and Gitelman Syndrome. *Pediatr Clin North Am*. 2019 Feb;66(1):121-134.
2. Richards S, Aziz N, Bale S, et al: Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology. *Genet Med* 2015 May;17(5):405-424.

Performance

Method Description

Capture-based and amplicon-based next-generation sequencing (NGS) and/or Sanger sequencing is performed to test for the presence of variants in coding regions and intron/exon boundaries of the genes analyzed, as well as some other regions that have known disease-causing variants. The human genome reference GRCh37/hg19 build was used for sequence read alignment. At least 99% of the bases are covered at a read depth over 30X. Sensitivity is estimated at above 99% for single nucleotide variants, above 94% for deletions-insertions (delins) less than 40 base pairs (bp), above 95% for deletions up to 75 bp and insertions up to 47 bp. NGS and/or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based quantitative method is performed to test for the presence of deletions and duplications in the genes analyzed.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. See the [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Bartter Syndrome Gene Panel](#) for details regarding the targeted genes analyzed for each test and specific gene regions not routinely covered.(Unpublished Mayo

method)

Confirmation of select reportable variants may be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

Genes analyzed: BSND, CLCNKA, CLCNKB, KCNJ1, MAGED2, SLC12A1

PDF Report

Supplemental

Day(s) Performed

Varies

Report Available

28 to 42 days

Specimen Retention Time

Whole blood: 2 weeks (if available); Extracted DNA: 3 months

Performing Laboratory Location

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Fees & Codes

Fees

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

Test Classification

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

81404
81406
81407
81479
81479 (if appropriate for government payers)

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
RBART	Bartter Syndrome Gene Panel	51966-0

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
618101	Test Description	62364-5
618102	Specimen	31208-2
618103	Source	31208-2
618104	Result Summary	50397-9
618105	Result	82939-0
618106	Interpretation	69047-9
618107	Additional Results	82939-0
618108	Resources	99622-3
618109	Additional Information	48767-8
618110	Method	85069-3
618111	Genes Analyzed	48018-6
618112	Disclaimer	62364-5
618113	Released By	18771-6