

Notification Date: March 11, 2025 Effective Date: March 27, 2025

21-Hydroxylase Gene, CYP21A2, Full Gene Analysis, Varies

Test ID: CYPZ

Explanation: On the effective date, the Method, Specimen Required, and Specimen Stability will be updated for this assay.

Current Method

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Amplification followed by DNA Sequence Analysis and Gene Dosage Analysis by Multiplex Ligation-Dependent Probe Amplification (MLPA)

Current Specimen Required

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

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA)
Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:

1. Invert several times to mix blood.

2. Send specimen in original tube. **Do not** aliquot. **Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred)

4 days/Refrigerated 14 days

Prenatal Specimens

Due to its complexity, consultation with the laboratory is required for all prenatal testing; call 800-533-1710 to speak to a genetic counselor.

Specimen Type: Amniotic fluid

Container/Tube: Amniotic fluid container

Specimen Volume: 20 mL

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated

(preferred)/Ambient

Additional information:

New Method

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Amplification followed by DNA Sequence Analysis and Gene Dosage Analysis by Multiplex Ligation-Dependent Probe Amplification (MLPA) and droplet digital PCR (ddPCR)

New Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For information about testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant, call 800-533-1710.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

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

Acceptable: None
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 4 days (preferred)/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days

Additional Information:

1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.

2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

Specimen Type: Cord blood

Container/Tube:

1. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULAF / Culture for Genetic Testing, Amniotic Fluid. An additional 2 to 3 weeks is required to culture amniotic fluid before genetic testing can occur.

2. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Chorionic villi

Container/Tube: 15-mL tube containing 15 mL of

transport media

Specimen Volume: 20 mg

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated

Additional Information:

- 1. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing. An additional 3 to 4 weeks is required to culture fibroblasts before genetic testing can occur.
- 2. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Acceptable

Specimen Type: Confluent cultured cells

Container/Tube: T-25 flask Specimen Volume: 2 Flasks

Collection Instructions: Submit confluent cultured

cells from another laboratory.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient

(preferred)/Refrigerated

Additional Information: All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

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

Acceptable: None Specimen Volume: 3 mL Collection Instructions:

1. Invert several times to mix blood.

2. Send specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot. Specimen Stability Information**: Ambient (preferred) 4 days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen, 4 days

Additional Information:

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the preferred volume of blood must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.
- 3. While a properly collected cord blood sample may not be at risk for maternal cell contamination, unanticipated complications may occur during collection. Therefore, maternal cell contamination studies are recommended to ensure the test results reflect that of the patient tested and are available at an additional charge.
- 4. Order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Extracted DNA

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2 mL with skirted conical

base

Acceptable: Matrix tube, 1 mL Collection Instructions:

1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mcL at a concentration of 75 ng/mcL.

2. Include concentration and volume on tube.

Specimen Stability Information: Frozen (preferred) 1

year/Ambient/Refrigerated

Additional Information: DNA must be extracted in a CLIA-certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including applicable anticoagulants). Our laboratory has experience with Chemagic, Puregene, Autopure, MagnaPure, and EZ1 extraction platforms and cannot guarantee that all extraction methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be reported as failed and a charge will be applied. If applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated due to DNA quality will be noted in the report.

Prenatal Specimens

Due to its complexity, consultation with the laboratory is required for all prenatal testing; call 800-533-1710 to speak to a genetic counselor.

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Amniotic fluid

Container/Tube: Amniotic fluid container

Specimen Volume: 20 mL

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred)

<24 hours/Ambient <24 hours

Additional information:

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 24 hours of collection. Culture and extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 24 hours and will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULAF / Culture for Genetic Testing, Amniotic Fluid. An additional 2 to 3 weeks is required to culture amniotic fluid before genetic testing can occur.
- 3. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Chorionic villi

Container/Tube: 15-mL tube containing 15 mL of transport

media

Specimen Volume: 20 mg

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred)

<24 hours/Ambient <24 hours
Additional Information:</pre>

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- 2. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing. An additional 3 to 4 weeks is required to culture fibroblasts before genetic testing can occur.
- 3. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Prenatal cultured fibroblasts (eg, products of conception), amniocytes, or other confluent cultured cells. This does not include cultured chorionic villi.

Container/Tube: T-25 flask Specimen Volume: 2 Flasks

Collection Instructions: Submit confluent cultured cells

from another laboratory.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) <24

hours/Refrigerated <24 hours)

Additional Information:

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 24 hours of collection. Culture and extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 24 hours and will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULAF / Culture for Genetic Testing, Amniotic Fluid or CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing.
- 3. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Cultured chorionic villi

Container/Tube: T-25 flasks Specimen Volume: 2 Full flasks

Collection Instructions: Submit confluent cultured cells from another laboratory.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) <24 hours/Refrigerated <24 hours

Additional Information:

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 24 hours of collection. Culture and/or extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 24 hours and will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing
- 3. All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Current Specimen Stability					
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container		
Varies	Ambient (preferred)				
	Frozen				
	Refrigerated				

New Specimen Stability					
Specimen	Temperature	Time	Special Container		
Varies	Varies				

Questions

Contact Michelle Raths, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.