

# Cytochrome P450 2C19, *CYP2C19*

## Indications for Ordering

- Assess genetic risk of abnormal drug metabolism for drugs metabolized by *CYP2C19*
- Investigate genetic causes that might contribute to a personal or family history of an adverse drug event or therapeutic failure involving a drug metabolized by *CYP2C19*

## Test Description

Polymerase chain reaction/fluorescence monitoring

- Variant alleles detected – \*2-4, \*6-10, \*17

## Tests to Consider

### Primary test

[Cytochrome P450 2C19, \*CYP2C19\* – 9 Variants 2012769](#)

- May aid in drug selection and dose planning for drugs metabolized by *CYP2C19*

### Related tests

- Many drugs can be metabolized by alternative cytochrome P450 (*CYP*) enzymes
- Additional genotyping tests are available for *CYP2C9* ([2012766](#)), *CYP2D6* ([0051232](#)), and *CYP3A5* ([2012740](#)) as single gene tests or in a panel ([2013098](#))
  - Panel includes a comprehensive medication guide based on the genotypes detected
- Therapeutic drug monitoring and/or metabolic ratios may be useful for evaluating the pharmacokinetics of a particular drug, for a particular patient
  - See the [ARUP Laboratory Test Directory](#) ([www.aruplab.com/](http://www.aruplab.com/)) for a list of available drug-specific testing

## Disease Overview

**Prevalence** – allele frequencies differ among ethnic groups

- Most common no function alleles are \*2 and \*3
  - *CYP2C19*\*2 – Oceanian 54.9%, South Asian 34.4%, African American 18.3%, Caucasian 14.6%, Middle Eastern 13.2%
  - *CYP2C19*\*3 – Oceanian 13.9%, East Asian 8.5%, Middle Eastern 2.6%, Caucasian 0.6%, African American 0.3%
  - *CYP2C19*\*17 – Caucasian 21.5%, African American 19.4%, South Asian 16.5%, Oceanian 2.5%
- Poor metabolizer phenotype (caused by two no function *CYP2C19* alleles) occurs in 2-15%

- Intermediate metabolizer phenotype (caused by one no function *CYP2C19* allele with a functional or \*17 allele) occurs in 18-45%
- Rapid metabolizer (caused by the *CYP2C19*\*17 with a functional allele) and ultra-rapid metabolizer phenotypes (caused by two \*17 alleles) occurs in 5-30%

### Treatment issues

- *CYP2C19* is an isoenzyme involved in the metabolism of many clinically used drugs, including
  - Antidepressants
  - Antimalarials
  - Clopidogrel
  - Diazepam
  - Phenytoin
  - Proton pump inhibitors
  - R-warfarin
  - Tamoxifen
- Some drugs are
  - Activated by the pathway (eg, clopidogrel)
  - Inactivated by the pathway (eg, amitriptyline, escitalopram)
- Pharmacogenetic variation may lead to inappropriate concentrations of drugs and metabolites resulting in
  - Toxicity and risk of adverse drug reactions
  - Lack of therapeutic benefit
- Actual metabolic phenotype is subject to
  - Drug/drug interactions
  - Clinical factors
  - Other nongenetic factors

### Treatment guidelines

- The Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) has published dosing guidelines for *CYP2C19* genotypes and
  - Clopidogrel (eg, Plavix)—refer to [CPIC dosing guideline](#) (<https://www.pharmgkb.org/guideline/PA166104948>)
  - Tricyclic antidepressants (eg, amitriptyline)—refer to [CPIC dosing guideline](#) (<https://www.pharmgkb.org/guideline/PA166105006>)
  - Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (eg, citalopram)—refer to [CPIC dosing guideline](#) (<https://www.pharmgkb.org/guideline/PA166127638>)

## Genetics

**Gene** – *CYP2C19*

**Inheritance** – autosomal codominant

**Penetrance** – drug dependent

**Variants detected** – see table

**Structure/function** – located on chromosome 10

## Test Interpretation

### Sensitivity/specificity

- Clinical sensitivity – drug dependent
- Analytical sensitivity/specificity – >99%

| Allele Designation | Nucleotide Change (NM_000769) | Reference Sequence Identifier | Variant Effect               | Predicted Enzyme Activity |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *2                 | c.681G>A                      | rs4244285                     | Splicing defect              | No function               |
| *3                 | c.636G>A                      | rs4986893                     | Creates stop codon           | No function               |
| *4                 | c.1A>G                        | rs28399504                    | Loss of initiation codon     | No function               |
| *6                 | c.395G>A                      | rs72552267                    | R132Q                        | No function               |
| *7                 | c.891+2T>A                    | rs72558186                    | Splicing defect              | No function               |
| *8                 | c.358T>C                      | rs41291556                    | W120R                        | No function               |
| *9                 | c.431G>A                      | rs17884712                    | R114H                        | Decreased function        |
| *10                | c.680C>T                      | rs6413438                     | P227L                        | Decreased function        |
| *17                | c.-806C>T                     | rs12248560                    | Increased gene transcription | Increased function        |

## References

- Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium guidelines for *CYP2C19* genotype and clopidogrel therapy: 2013 update, the 2013 supplement and other relevant resources at [www.pharmgkb.org](http://www.pharmgkb.org)
- Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) guideline for *CYP2D6* and *CYP2C19* genotypes and dosing of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, available along with the 2015 supplement and other relevant resources at [www.pharmgkb.org](http://www.pharmgkb.org)
- Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) guideline for *CYP2D6* and *CYP2C19* genotypes and dosing of tricyclic antidepressants, available along with the 2013 supplement and other relevant resources at [www.pharmgkb.org](http://www.pharmgkb.org)
- The human cytochrome P450 (CYP) allele nomenclature database, available at [www.cypalleles.ki.se/](http://www.cypalleles.ki.se/)

## Results

- By report

## Limitations

- Only the targeted *CYP2C19* variants will be detected
- Diagnostic errors can occur due to rare sequence variations
- Risk of therapeutic failure or adverse reactions with *CYP2C19* substrates may be affected by genetic and nongenetic factors that are not detected by this test  
This result does not replace the need for therapeutic drug or clinical monitoring