

Skeletal Dysplasia Panel, Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication

Skeletal dysplasias are a heterogeneous group of more than 400 disorders characterized by abnormal growth of cartilage or bone. Some skeletal dysplasias are detectable prenatally while others are not evident until after birth or in later childhood. Symptoms are dependent on the specific skeletal dysplasia and include the shortening of the bones of the arms and legs >3 standard deviations below the mean; head circumference >75th percentile, bone abnormalities (eg, bowed or fractured, irregular, thickened, or thin) undermineralization of bones, abnormal ribs and/or small chest circumference, and polydactyly.

When skeletal dysplasia is suspected prenatally, the fetal skeletal dysplasia panel is the recommended first-line test because providers correctly predict the accurate skeletal dysplasia diagnosis in only 40% of prenatal cases. When skeletal dysplasia is suspected postnatally, radiographs and medical genetic consultation are recommended. If a geneticist is confident in the clinical diagnosis, targeted testing for the specific disorder should be performed. If two or more diagnoses are being considered, the skeletal dysplasia panel is recommended.

Genetics

Genes

See [Genes Tested](#) table for genes included in this panel.

Prevalence

~1/5,000 births¹

Etiology

Pathogenic variants in numerous genes with various inheritance patterns (see [table below](#))

Test Interpretation

Methodology

This test is performed using the following sequence of steps:

- Selected genomic regions, primarily coding exons and exon-intron boundaries, from the targeted genes are isolated from extracted genomic DNA using a probe-based hybrid capture enrichment workflow.
- Enriched DNA is sequenced by massively parallel sequencing (MPS; also known as next generation sequencing [NGS]) followed by paired-end read alignment and variant calling using a custom bioinformatics pipeline. The pipeline includes an algorithm for detection of large (single exon-level or larger) deletions and duplications.
- Sanger sequencing is performed as necessary to fill in regions of low coverage and in certain situations, to confirm variant calls.
- Large deletion/duplication calls made using MPS are confirmed by an orthogonal exon-level microarray when sample quality and technical conditions allow.

Clinical Sensitivity

- Variable, dependent on specific skeletal dysplasia
- Clinical sensitivity of the most common prenatally detected skeletal dysplasias:
 - Thanatophoric dysplasia, 99%²
 - *COL1A1/2*-related osteogenesis imperfecta, >97%³
 - Achondroplasia, 99%⁴

Tests to Consider

[Skeletal Dysplasia Panel, Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication 2012015](#)

Method: Massively Parallel Sequencing

Use to assess for causative gene variant(s) in individuals with clinical features of a skeletal dysplasia

[Skeletal Dysplasia Panel, Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication, Fetal 2012010](#)

Method: Massively Parallel Sequencing

- Use to assess for causative variant(s) in a fetus with clinical features of a skeletal dysplasia
- May also be used as predictive testing in a fetus known to be at risk for a skeletal dysplasia based on family history

[Familial Targeted Sequencing 3005867](#)

Method: Massively Parallel Sequencing

- Testing for a known familial sequence variant by sequencing gene of interest. A copy of the family member's test result documenting the familial gene variant is REQUIRED.
- To determine if the variant(s) of interest are detectable by this assay, contact an ARUP genetic counselor at 800-242-2787.

See [Related Tests](#)

- Achondrogenesis type IB, >90%⁵
- Campomelic dysplasia, ~92%⁶
- Diastrophic dysplasia, >90%⁵

Analytic Sensitivity

For massively parallel sequencing:

Variant Class	Analytic Sensitivity (PPA) Estimate ^a (%) and 95% Credibility Region	Analytic Specificity (NPA)
SNVs	>99 (96.9-99.4)	>99.9
Deletions 1-10 bp ^b	93.8 (84.3-98.2)	>99.9
Insertions 1-10 bp ^b	94.8 (86.8-98.5)	>99.9
Exon-level ^c deletions	97.8 (90.3-99.8) [2 exons or larger] 62.5 (38.3-82.6) [Single exon]	>99.9
Exon-level ^c duplications	83.3 (56.4-96.4) [3 exons or larger]	>99.9

^aGenes included on this test are a subset of a larger methods-based validation from which the PPA values are derived. These values do not apply to testing performed by multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA).

^bVariants greater than 10 bp may be detected, but the analytic sensitivity may be reduced.

^cIn most cases, a single exon deletion or duplication is less than 450 bp and 3 exons span a genomic region larger than 700 bp.

bp, base pairs; PPA, positive percent agreement; NPA, negative percent agreement; SNVs, single nucleotide variants

Limitations

- A negative result does not exclude diagnosis of a skeletal dysplasia.
- Diagnostic errors can occur due to rare sequence variations.
- Interpretation of this test result may be impacted if the individual has had an allogeneic stem cell transplantation.
- The following will not be evaluated:
 - Variants outside the coding regions and intron-exon boundaries of the targeted genes
 - Regulatory region variants and deep intronic variants
 - Breakpoints of large deletions/duplications
 - *EVC* (NM_153717) 1 exon is not sequenced due to technical limitations of the assay
 - Deletions/duplications in the upstream regulatory region of *SOX9*
- The following may not be detected:
 - Deletions/duplications/insertions of any size by MPS
 - Large duplications less than 3 exons in size
 - Noncoding transcripts
 - Some variants due to technical limitations in the presence of pseudogenes, repetitive, or homologous regions
 - Variants in the chr17:70,119,704-70,119,743 region of *SOX9* exon 3
 - Low-level somatic variants
 - Single exon deletions/duplications in the following exons:

Gene	Exon(s)
<i>COL1A2</i>	(NM_000089) 3
<i>EVC</i>	(NM_153717) 1
<i>EVC</i>	(NM_001306090) 1
<i>EVC</i>	(NM_001306092) 1
<i>FGFR1</i>	(NM_001354367) 18

Gene	Exon(s)
<i>FGFR1</i>	(NM_001354369) 18
<i>FGFR1</i>	(NM_001354370) 17
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001353212) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001353213) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001353214) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001353215) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374428) 15
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374429) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374430) 14, 18
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374431) 14
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374432) 13
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374433) 17
<i>DYM</i>	(NM_001374441) 9
<i>NEK1</i>	(NM_001374422) 17
<i>NEK1</i>	(NM_001374423) 16
<i>POR</i>	(NM_001382655) 3

Genes Tested

Gene	MIM Number	Disorder	Inheritance
<i>AGPS</i>	603051	Rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata, type 3	AR
<i>ALPL</i>	171760	Hypophosphatasia, adult Odontohypophosphatasia	AD, AR
		Hypophosphatasia, infantile Hypophosphatasia, childhood	AR
<i>ARSL</i>	300180	Chondrodysplasia punctata, XL	XL
<i>CANT1</i>	613165	Desbuquois dysplasia 1	AR
		Epiphyseal dysplasia, multiple, 7	
<i>CCN6</i>	603400	Progressive pseudorheumatoid dysplasia	AR
<i>CILK1</i>	612325	Endocrine-cerebro-osteodysplasia	AR, AD
		Epilepsy, juvenile myoclonic, susceptibility to, 10	

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Gene	MIM Number	Disorder	Inheritance
<i>COL1A1</i>	120150	Caffey disease Combined osteogenesis imperfecta and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome 1 Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, arthrochalasia type, 1 Osteogenesis imperfecta, types I, II, III, and IV	AD
<i>COL1A2</i>	120160	Combined osteogenesis imperfecta and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome 2 Osteogenesis imperfecta, types II, III, and IV Osteoporosis, postmenopausal	AD
		Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, cardiac valvular type	AR
<i>COL2A1</i>	120140	Achondrogenesis, type II or hypochondrogenesis Avascular necrosis of the femoral head Czech dysplasia Kniest dysplasia Legg-Calve-Perthes disease Osteoarthritis with mild chondrodysplasia Platyspondylic lethal skeletal dysplasia, Torrance type SMED Strudwick type Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia, Stanescu type Stickler syndrome, type 1 Stickler syndrome, type 1 nonsyndrome ocular	AD
<i>COL10A1</i>	120110	Metaphyseal chondrodysplasia, Schmid type	AD
<i>COL11A1</i>	120280	Marshall syndrome Stickler syndrome, type II Otospondylomegapiphyseal dysplasia, autosomal dominant	AD
		Fibrochondrogenesis 2	AD, AR
		Fibrochondrogenesis 1 Otospondylomegapiphyseal dysplasia, autosomal recessive	AR
<i>COMP</i>	600310	Carpal tunnel syndrome 2 Epiphyseal dysplasia, multiple, 1 Pseudoachondroplasia	AD
<i>CRTAP</i>	605497	Osteogenesis imperfecta, type VII	AR
<i>DDR2</i>	191311	Warburg-Cinotti syndrome	AD
		Spondylometapiphyseal dysplasia, short limb-hand type	AR
<i>DLL3</i>	602768	Spondylocostal dysostosis 1, AR	AR
<i>DYM</i>	607461	Dyggve-Melchior-Clausen disease Smith-McCort dysplasia	AR
<i>DYNC2H1</i>	603297	Short-rib thoracic dysplasia 3 with or without polydactyly	AR, Digenic
<i>EBP</i>	300205	Chondrodysplasia punctata 2, X-linked dominant	XL

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		MEND syndrome		
<i>EVC</i>	604831	Ellis-van Creveld syndrome	AR	
<i>EVC2</i>	607261	Weyers acrofacial dysostosis	AD	
		Ellis-van Creveld syndrome	AR	
<i>FGFR1</i>	136350	Hartsfield syndrome	AD	
		Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism 2 with or without anosmia		
		Jackson-Weiss syndrome		
		Osteoglophonic dysplasia		
		Pfeiffer syndrome		
		Trigonocephaly 1		
<i>FGFR2</i>	176943	Antley-Bixler syndrome without genital anomalies or disordered steroidogenesis	AD	
		Apert syndrome		
		Beare-Stevenson cutis gyrata syndrome		
		Bent bone dysplasia syndrome		
		Craniofacial-skeletal-dermatologic dysplasia		
		Craniosynostosis, nonspecific		
		Crouzon syndrome		
		Jackson-Weiss syndrome		
		Lacrimoauriculodentodigital (LADD) syndrome		
		Pfeiffer syndrome		
		Saethre-Chotzen syndrome		
		Scaphocephaly and Axenfeld-Rieger anomaly		
		Scaphocephaly, maxillary retrusion, and mental retardation		
<i>FGFR3</i>	134934	Achondroplasia	AD	
		Achondroplasia, severe, with developmental delay and acanthosis nigricans (SADDAN)		
		Crouzon syndrome with acanthosis nigricans		
		Hypochondroplasia		
		Lacrimoauriculodentodigital (LADD) syndrome		
		Muenke syndrome		
		Thanatophoric dysplasia, type I		
		Thanatophoric dysplasia, type II		
		Captodactyly, tall stature, and hearing loss syndrome (CATSHL)		AD, AR
		<i>FKBP10</i>		607063
Osteogenesis imperfecta, type XI				
<i>FLNA</i>	300017	Cardiac valvular dysplasia, X-linked	XL	
		Frontometaphyseal dysplasia 1		
		Heterotopia, periventricular, 1		
		Intestinal pseudoobstruction, neuronal		
		Melnick-Needles syndrome		
		Otopalatodigital syndrome, type I		
		Otopalatodigital syndrome, type II		
		Terminal osseous dysplasia		

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<i>FLNB</i>	603381	Atelosteogenesis, type I Atelosteogenesis, type III Boomerang dysplasia Larsen syndrome	AD
		Spondylocarpotarsal synostosis syndrome	AR
<i>GDF5</i>	601146	Brachydactyly, type A2 Brachydactyly, type C Multiple synostoses syndrome 2 Symphalangism, proximal 1B	AD
		Brachydactyly, type A1, C	AD, AR
		Acromesomelic dysplasia 2A Acromesomelic dysplasia 2B	AR
<i>GNPAT</i>	602744	Rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata, type 2	AR
<i>HSPG2</i>	142461	Dysegmental dysplasia, Silverman-Handmaker type Schwartz-Jampel syndrome, type 1	AR
<i>IFT80</i>	611177	Short-rib thoracic dysplasia 2 with or without polydactyly	AR
<i>INPPL1</i>	600829	Opsismodysplasia	AR
<i>LBR</i>	600024	Greenberg dysplasia	AR
		Pelger-Huet anomaly	AD
<i>LIFR</i>	151443	Stuve-Wiedemann syndrome/Schwartz-Jampel type 2 syndrome	AR
<i>NEK1</i>	604588	Short-rib thoracic dysplasia 6 with or without polydactyly	AR, Digenic
		Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, susceptibility to, 24	AD
<i>NPR2</i>	108961	Acromesomelic dysplasia 1, Maroteaux type	AR
		Epiphyseal chondrodysplasia, Miura type Short stature with nonspecific skeletal abnormalities	AD
<i>P3H1</i>	610339	Osteogenesis imperfecta, type VIII	AR
<i>PCNT</i>	605925	Microcephalic osteodysplastic primordial dwarfism, type II	AR
<i>PEX7</i>	601757	Peroxisome biogenesis disorder 9B Rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata, type 1	AR
<i>POR</i>	124015	Antley-Bixler syndrome with genital anomalies and disordered steroidogenesis	AR
<i>PPIB</i>	123841	Osteogenesis imperfecta, type IX	AR

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<i>PTH1R</i>	168468	Metaphyseal chondrodysplasia, Murk Jansen type Failure of tooth eruption, primary	AD
		Chondrodysplasia, Blomstrand type Eiken Syndrome	AR
<i>RUNX2</i>	600211	Cleidocranial dysplasia	AD
		Cleidocranial dysplasia, forme fruste, dental anomalies only	
		Cleidocranial dysplasia, forme fruste, with brachydactyly	
		Metaphyseal dysplasia with maxillary hypoplasia with or without brachydactyly	
<i>SERPINH1</i>	600943	Osteogenesis imperfecta, type X	AR
<i>SLC26A2</i>	606718	Achondrogenesis, type IB	AR
		Atelosteogenesis, type II	
		De la Chapelle dysplasia	
		Diastrophic dysplasia	
		Diastrophic dysplasia, broad bone-platyspondylic variant	
		Epiphyseal dysplasia multiple, 4	
<i>SLC35D1</i>	610804	Schneckenbecken dysplasia	AR
<i>SMACRCAL1</i>	606622	Schimke immunoosseous dysplasia	AR
<i>SOX9</i>	608160	Campomelic dysplasia	AD
		Campomelic dysplasia	
		Campomelic dysplasia with autosomal sex reversal	
<i>TRIP11</i>	604505	Achondrogenesis, type IA	AR
		Odontochondrodysplasia 1	
<i>TRPV4</i>	605427	Brachyolmia type 3	AD
		Digital arthropathy-brachydactyly, familial	
		Hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy, type IIc	
		Metatropic dysplasia	
		Neuronopathy, distal hereditary motor, type VIII	
		Parastremmatic, dwarfism	
		Scapuloperoneal spinal muscular atrophy	
		SED, Maroteaux type	
		Spondylometaphyseal dysplasia, Kozlowski type	
<i>TTC21B</i>	612014	Nephronophthisis 12	AR, AD
		Short-rib thoracic dysplasia 4 with or without polydactyly	AR
<i>WDR19</i>	608151	Nephronophthisis 13	AR
		Senior-Loken syndrome 8	
<i>WDR35</i>	613602	Short-rib thoracic dysplasia 7 with or without polydactyly	AR
		Cranioectodermal dysplasia 2	

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Additional Resources

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Related Information

[Skeletal Dysplasias](#)

Related Tests

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Method: Polymerase Chain Reaction/Fluorescence Monitoring

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