

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Panel, Sequencing

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Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a genetically heterogeneous disorder characterized by left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) in the absence of loading conditions, such as hypertension. Although some individuals with HCM remain asymptomatic, symptoms, when present, can include shortness of breath, chest pain, palpitations, orthostasis, and syncope. Affected individuals are at risk for arrhythmias, outflow tract obstruction, thromboembolic complications, heart failure, and sudden cardiac death.

Onset of familial idiopathic HCM may range from infancy to adulthood, although it often occurs in adolescence or early adulthood, and the risk for developing HCM is reduced after 50 years of age. Syndromic forms of HCM include extracardiac manifestations; however, such disorders can present as isolated LVH. Identification of syndromic forms of HCM is important because such disorders often have specific extracardiac management recommendations. Molecular testing for individuals with HCM is recommended to determine if a genetic etiology can be identified, which can facilitate patient management and screening of at-risk relatives.

Disease Overview

Associated Disorders

Familial HCM

- Onset in adolescence or early adulthood is most common; risk for developing HCM after 50 years of age is reduced
- Most commonly implicated genes are those encoding sarcomeric proteins:
 - *MYBPC3* (50% of HCM cases)
 - *MYH7* (33% of HCM cases)

Select Syndromes Associated with HCM

Syndrome(s)	Gene(s)	Clinical Features
Danon disease	<i>LAMP2</i>	Skeletal myopathy Retinal dystrophy
Fabry disease	<i>GLA</i>	Periodic pain crises Agiokeratomas Hypohidrosis Ocular abnormalities Proteinuria/decreased renal function
Glycogen storage disease II	<i>GAA</i>	Poor feeding Macroglossia Motor delay/muscle weakness Respiratory difficulty
Glycogen storage disease of the heart, congenital	<i>PRKAG2</i>	Neonatal hypoglycemia Vacuolar myopathy

CNS, central nervous system

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Method: Massively Parallel Sequencing

- Use to determine etiology of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) in symptomatic individuals.
- Useful for presymptomatic testing in individuals with a family history of HCM or sudden cardiac death.
- Test includes genes associated with familial HCM and common syndromic forms of HCM (including Noonan syndrome/RASopathy); mitochondrial genes are not interrogated.

If a familial sequence variant has been previously identified, targeted sequencing for that variant may be appropriate; refer to the [Laboratory Test Directory](#) for additional information.

Syndrome(s)	Gene(s)	Clinical Features
		Facial differences/macroglossia
Mitochondrial disease	mtDNA or nuclear genes associated with mitochondrial function	Up to 60% of individuals with a mitochondrial disorder may exhibit HCM
RASopathies	<i>BRAF, HRAS, KRAS, MAP2K1, MAP2K2, NRAS, PTPN11, RAF1, RIT1, SOS1</i>	20-30% of individuals with Noonan syndrome have HCM Other features include variable developmental delay, short stature, characteristic facial features, and cutaneous abnormalities
Transthyretin amyloidosis	<i>TTR</i>	Progressive peripheral sensorimotor neuropathy and autonomic neuropathy Vitreous opacities CNS amyloidosis

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Genetics

Genes

See table of [Genes Tested](#).

Etiology

- Pathogenic germline variants in sarcomeric genes or other genes associated with HCM¹
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Penetrance

Variable; influenced by gene and age

Prevalence of HCM

1 in 500

Inheritance

- Familial HCM is typically autosomal dominant.
- Compound heterozygous or digenic heterozygous variants may result in severe and early onset disease.
- Genes with X-linked, autosomal recessive, or mitochondrial inheritance are also associated with HCM.
- De novo variation may be found in children or adults.
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Test Description

Clinical Sensitivity

50-60% for familial HCM, 20-30% for isolated HCM²

Analytic Sensitivity

For massively parallel sequencing:

Variant Class	Analytic Sensitivity (PPA) Estimate ^a (%)	Analytic Sensitivity (PPA) 95% Credibility Region ^a (%)
SNVs	99.2	96.9-99.4
Deletions 1-10 bp	93.8	84.3-98.2
Deletions 11-44 bp	99.9	87.8-100
Insertions 1-10 bp	94.8	86.8-98.5
Insertions 11-23 bp	99.9	62.1-100

^aGenes included on this test are a subset of a larger methods-based validation from which the PPA values are derived.

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

Limitations

- A negative result does not exclude a heritable form of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
- Diagnostic errors can occur due to rare sequence variations.
- Interpretation of this test result may be impacted if this patient has had an allogeneic stem cell transplantation.
- The following will not be evaluated:
 - Variants outside the coding regions and intron-exon boundaries of targeted gene(s)
 - Variants in the mitochondrial genome
 - Regulatory region and deep intronic variants
 - Large deletions/duplications in any of the tested genes (Large deletions/duplications account for ~1% of causative variants for familial HCM.³)
 - Noncoding transcripts
 - The following exons are not sequenced due to technical limitations of the assay:
 - *BRAF* (NM_004333) exon(s) 5, 18
 - *FLNC* (NM_001458) exon(s) 47, 48
 - *PRKAG2* (NM_016203) exon(s) 10, 13
- The following may not be detected:
 - Deletions/duplications/insertions of any size by massively parallel sequencing
 - Some variants due to technical limitations in the presence of pseudogenes, repetitive, or homologous regions
 - Low-level somatic variants

Genes Tested			
Gene	MIM #	Associated Disorder(s)	Inheritance
<i>ACTC1</i>	102540	HCM 11 DCM 1R Atrial septal defect 5	AD
<i>ACTN2</i>	102573	HCM 23 with or without LVNC DCM 1AA with or without LVNC	AD
<i>AGL</i>	610860	Glycogen storage disease III	AR
<i>ALPK3</i>	617608	HCM 27	AR
<i>BRAF</i>	164757	Cardiofaciocutaneous syndrome 1 Noonan syndrome 7	AD
<i>CACNA1C</i>	114205	Timothy syndrome LQTS 8	AD

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<i>CSRP3</i>	600824	HCM 12	AD
<i>DES</i>	125660	Myofibrillar myopathy 1	AD/AR
		DCM 1I	AD
<i>FHL1</i>	300163	Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy 6 Reducing body myopathy 1B Uruguay faciocardiomusculoskeletal syndrome	XL
<i>FLNC</i>	102565	HCM 26	AD
		Restrictive cardiomyopathy 5	
		Distal myopathy 4	
<i>GAA</i>	606800	Glycogen storage disease II (Pompe)	AR
<i>GLA</i>	300644	Fabry disease	XL
<i>HRAS</i>	190020	Costello syndrome	AD
<i>JPH2</i>	605267	HCM 17	AD
<i>KRAS</i>	190070	Cardiofaciocutaneous syndrome 2	AD
		Noonan syndrome 3	
<i>LAMP2</i>	309060	Danon disease	XL
<i>MAP2K1</i>	176872	Cardiofaciocutaneous syndrome 3	AD
<i>MAP2K2</i>	601263	Cardiofaciocutaneous syndrome 4	AD
<i>MYBPC3</i>	600958	HCM 4	AD
		DCM 1MM	
<i>MYH7</i>	160760	HCM 1 DCM 1S	AD
		Myosin storage myopathy	AR
<i>MYL2</i>	160781	HCM 10	AD
<i>MYL3</i>	160790	HCM 8	AD
<i>NRAS</i>	164790	Noonan syndrome 6	AD
<i>PLN</i>	172405	HCM 18	AD
		DCM 1P	
<i>PRKAG2</i>	602743	Lethal congenital glycogen storage disease of heart	AD
		HCM 6	
		Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome	

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<i>PTPN11</i>	176876	Noonan syndrome 1 LEOPARD syndrome 1	AD
<i>RAF1</i>	164760	Noonan syndrome 5 DCM 1NN LEOPARD syndrome 2	AD
<i>RIT1</i>	609591	Noonan syndrome 8	AD
<i>SOS1</i>	182530	Noonan Syndrome 4	AD
<i>TNNC1</i>	191040	HCM 13 DCM 1Z	AD
<i>TNNI3</i>	191044	HCM 7 Restrictive cardiomyopathy 1 DCM 1FF	AD
		DCM 2A	AR
<i>TNNT2</i>	191045	HCM 2 Restrictive cardiomyopathy 3 DCM 1D	AD
<i>TPM1</i>	191010	HCM 3 DCM 1Y	AD
<i>TTR</i>	176300	Transthyretin-related amyloidosis	AD

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Related Information

[Dilated Cardiomyopathy Panel, Sequencing](#)
[Noonan Spectrum Disorders Panel](#)
[Cardiomyopathy and Arrhythmia Panel, Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication](#)
[Familial Transthyretin Amyloidosis \(TTR\) Sequencing](#)

