

SAMPLE REPORT

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BRCANext-Expanded[™] +RNAinsight[®]: Analyses of 23 Genes Associated with Hereditary Breast & Gynecologic Cancer

RESULTS

CHEK2

Pathogenic Mutation: c.1100delC

SUMMARY

POSITIVE: Pathogenic Mutation Detected

INTERPRETATION

- This individual is heterozygous for the c.1100delC (p.T367Mfs*15) pathogenic mutation in the CHEK2 gene.
- Risk estimate: up to a 2 fold increased risk of breast cancer and colon cancer.
- The expression and severity of disease for this individual cannot be predicted.
- Genetic testing for pathogenic mutations in family members can be helpful in identifying at-risk individuals.
- Genetic counseling is a recommended option for all individuals undergoing genetic testing.

No additional pathogenic mutations, variants of unknown significance, or gross deletions or duplications were detected. Genes Analyzed (23 total): *ATM, BARD1, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, CDH1, CHEK2, DICER1, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, NBN, NF1, PALB2, PMS2, PTEN, RAD51C, RAD51D, RECQL, SMARCA4, STK11* and *TP53* (sequencing and deletion/duplication); *EPCAM* (deletion/duplication only). RNA data is routinely analyzed for use in variant interpretation for all genes.

CHEK2 Additional Information

The c.1100deIC pathogenic mutation, located in coding exon 10 of the CHEK2 gene, results from a deletion of one nucleotide at position 1100, causing a translational frameshift with a predicted alternate stop codon (p.T367Mfs*15). This alteration is located within the kinase domain, and is reported to abolish the kinase activity of CHK2 (Wu X et al. J. Biol. Chem. 2001 Jan;276(4):2971-4). Clinic-based studies have estimated an approximately 2-fold increase in female breast cancer, colorectal cancer, and melanoma risk associated with this alteration (The CHEK2 Breast Cancer Case-Control Consortium. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 2004 Jun;74(6):1175-82; Xiang HP et al. Eur. J. Cancer. 2011 Nov;47(17):2546-51; Weischer M et al. J. Invest. Dermatol. 2012 Feb;132(2):299-303). However, a recent population-based study found a 2-fold increase in female breast cancer risk and 6-fold increase in stomach cancer risk associated with this alteration, but did not find a statistically significant association with colon cancer or melanoma (Näslund-Koch C et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 2016 Apr;34(11):1208-16). Another study found that risk for estrogen receptor (ER) positive breast cancer was more pronounced than risk for ER-negative breast cancer and estimated that the cumulative risks for development of ER-positive and ER-negative tumors by age 80 in carriers were 20% and 3%, respectively, compared with 9% and 2%, respectively, in the general population of the United Kingdom (Schmidt MK et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 2016 Aug;34(23):2750-60). This alteration has also been reported in male breast cancer cohorts (Leedom TP et al. Cancer Genet. 2016 Sep;209:403-407; Hallamies S et al. BMC Cancer 2017 Sep:17:620), and was identified in 5/692 men with metastatic prostate cancer who were unselected for family history of cancer or age at diagnosis (Pritchard CC et al. N. Engl. J. Med. 2016 Aug;375:443-53). In addition to the clinical data presented in the literature, this alteration is expected to result in loss of function by premature protein truncation or nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. As such, this alteration is interpreted as a disease-causing mutation.

The CHEK2 gene (NM_007194.3) is involved in the Fanconi anemia (FA)–BRCA pathway, which is critical for DNA repair by homologous recombination and the maintenance of genomic stability, and interacts in vivo with ATM, BRCA1, and p53.Studies indicate that mutations in the

CHEK2 gene may confer an increased risk of developing many types of cancer including breast, prostate, colon, and kidney (Cybulski C et al. Am J Hum Genet. 2004;75:1131-1135; Xiang HP et al. Eur J Cancer. 2011 Nov;47(17):2546-51; Näslund-Koch C et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 2016 Apr;34(11):1208-16; Pritchard CC et al. N. Engl. J. Med. 2016 Aug;375(5):443-53; Carlo MI et al. JAMA Oncol. 2018 Sep 1;4(9):1228-1235). A female carrier of a *CHEK2* mutation has approximately a 2 fold increase in lifetime breast cancer risk and a female carrier of *CHEK2* homozygous mutations has a 4-6 fold increase in lifetime breast cancer risk; however this risk may be modified by breast cancer family history (*CHEK2* Breast Cancer Case-Control Consortium. Am J Hum Genet. 2004 Jun;74(6):1175-82; Walsh T et al. JAMA. 2006;295(12):1379-1388; Cybulski C et al. J CLin Oncol. 2011 Oct 1;29(28):3747-52; Adank et al. J Med Genet. 2011 Dec;48(12):860-3). Male and female monoallelic *CHEK2* founder mutation carriers have a 2- to 3-fold increase in renal cell carcinoma (Näslund-Koch C et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 2016 Apr;34(11):1208-16; Carlo MI et al. JAMA Oncol. 2018 Sep 1;4(9):1228-1235; Zlowocka-Perlowska E et al. JAMA Oncol. 2019 Apr 1;5(4):576). Increased risks of male breast cancer have also been reported (Wasielewski et al. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2009 Jul;116(2):397-400).

Order Summary: The following products were included in the test order for this individual. Please note: tests on hold and those that have been cancelled (including reflex testing steps cancelled due to a positive result in a preceding test) are excluded. For additional information, please contact Ambry Genetics.

■ BRCANext-ExpandedTM +RNAinsight® (Product Code 8860-R)

ASSAY INFORMATION

Methodology: The BRCANext-Expanded™ +RNAinsight® test is a comprehensive screen of 23 genes associated with breast and/or gynecologic cancers. Genomic deoxyribonucleic acid (gDNA) and ribonucleic acid (RNA) are isolated from the patient's specimen using standardized methodology and quantified. RNA is converted to complementary DNA (cDNA) by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Sequence enrichment of the targeted coding exons and adjacent intronic nucleotides is carried out by a bait-capture methodology using long biotinylated oligonucleotide probes followed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and Next-Generation sequencing. Additional DNA analyses include Sanger sequencing for any regions missing or with insufficient read depth coverage for reliable heterozygous variant detection. Variants in regions complicated by pseudogene interference, variant calls not satisfying depth of coverage and variant allele frequency quality thresholds, and potentially homozygous variants are verified by Sanger sequencing. For BRCA2 and MSH2, the Portuguese founder mutation, c.156_157insAlu (also known as 384insAlu), and the coding exons 1-7 inversion, respectively, are detected by next generation sequencing and confirmed by multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA) or PCR and agarose gel electrophoresis. Gross deletion/duplication analysis for the genes sequenced (excluding PMS2) is performed using a custom pipeline based on read-depth from NGS data and/or targeted chromosomal microarray with confirmatory MLPA when applicable. Gross deletion/duplication analysis of PMS2 is performed using MLPA kit P008-B1. If a deletion is detected in exons 13, 14, or 15 of PMS2, double stranded sequencing of the appropriate exon(s) of the pseudogene PMS2CL will be performed to determine if the deletion is located in the PMS2 gene or pseudogene. All sequence analysis is based on the following NCBI reference sequences: ATM- NM 000051.3, BARD1- NM 000465.2, BRCA1- NM 007294.3, BRCA2- NM 000059.3, BRIP1-NM 032043.2, CDH1- NM 004360.3, CHEK2- NM 007194.3, DICER1-NM 177438.2, MLH1- NM 000249.3, MSH2- NM 000251.1, MSH6-NM_000179.2, NBN- NM_002485.4, NF1-000267.3, PALB2- NM_024675.3, PMS2- NM_000535.5, PTEN- NM_000314.4, RAD51C-NM_058216.1, RAD51D- NM_002878.3, RECQL- NM_002907.3, SMARCA4- NM_001128849.1, STK11- NM_000455.4, TP53- NM_000546.4.

Analytical Range: The BRCANext-Expanded[™] +RNAinsight® test targets detection of DNA sequence mutations in 22 genes (*ATM, BARD1, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, CDH1, CHEK2, DICER1, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, NBN, NF1, PALB2, PMS2, PTEN, RAD51C, RAD51D, RECQL, SMARCA4, STK11* and *TP53*) by either Next-Generation or Sanger sequencing of all coding domains and well into the flanking 5' and 3' ends of all the introns and untranslated regions. For *RECQL*, only missense variants in the helicase and RCQ domains (codons 63-592) and exonic truncating variants and are routinely reported. Gross deletion/duplication analysis determines gene copy number for the covered exons and untranslated regions of the sequenced genes and *EPCAM*. For *EPCAM*, only gross deletions encompassing the 3' end of the gene are reported. RNA transcripts are screened for 16 genes (*ATM, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, CDH1, CHEK2, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, NF1, PALB2, PMS2* exons 1-10, *PTEN, RAD51C, RAD51D,* and *TP53*) and compared to a human reference pool. The absence or presence of RNA transcripts meeting quality thresholds are incorporated as evidence towards assessment and classification of DNA variants. Any regions not meeting RNA quality thresholds are excluded from analysis. Regions routinely excluded due to chronically low expression in human peripheral lymphocytes include: *BRCA2* (exon 1), *BRIP1* (exons 18, 20), *CDH1* (Exons 1, 2, 16), and *CHEK2* (exons 1, 7, 8).

Result Reports: Results reported herein may be of constitutional or somatic origin. This methodology cannot differentiate between these possibilities. In result reports, DNA alterations in the following classifications are always reported, and are based on the following definitions:

- **Pathogenic Mutation**: alterations with sufficient evidence to classify as pathogenic (capable of causing disease). Previously described pathogenic mutations, including intronic mutations at any position, are always reported when detected.
- Variant, Likely Pathogenic (VLP): alterations with strong evidence in favor of pathogenicity. Previously described likely pathogenic variants, including intronic VLPs at any position, are always reported when detected.
- Variant, Unknown Significance (VUS): alterations with limited and/or conflicting evidence regarding pathogenicity. Note, intronic VUSs are always reported out to 5 basepairs from the splice junction when detected.

Alterations of unlikely clinical significance (those with strong/very strong evidence to argue against pathogenicity) are not routinely included on results reports. These include findings classified as "likely benign" and "benign" alterations.

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ASSAY INFORMATION (Supplement to Test Results - Continued)

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Clinician Management Resource for CHEK2

This overview of clinical management guidelines is based on this patient's positive test result for a *CHEK2* gene mutation. Unless otherwise stated, medical management guidelines used here are limited to those issued by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network[®] (NCCN[®])^{1,2} in the U.S. Please consult the referenced guideline for complete details and further information.

Clinical correlation with the patient's past medical history, treatments, surgeries and family history may lead to changes in clinical management decisions; therefore, other management recommendations may be considered. Genetic testing results and medical society guidelines help inform medical management decisions but do not constitute formal recommendations. Discussions of medical management decisions and individualized treatment plans should be made in consultation between each patient and his or her healthcare provider, and may change over time.

SCREENING/SURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS	AGE TO START	FREQUENCY		
Female Breast Cancer				
Breast Screening ¹ Mammography with consideration of tomosynthesis Consider breast MRI with contrast 	40 years old, or 5-10 years before the earliest known breast cancer in the family	Every 12 months		
For consideration of risk-reducing mastectomy, manage based on family history	Individualized	N/A		
Colorectal Cancer ²				
Colonoscopy For patients with colorectal cancer, please refer to the surveillance recommendations for post-colorectal cancer resection in the NCCN Guidelines for Colon Cancer and Rectal Cancer.	For probands unaffected by colorectal cancer with a first degree relative with colorectal cancer, 40 years old or 10 years prior to age of first degree relative's age at colorectal cancer diagnosis For probands unaffected by colorectal cancer and no first degree relative with colorectal cancer, 40 years old	Every 5 years		
Prostate Cancer ³				
No specific screening guidelines exist at this time	N/A	N/A		

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Understanding Your Positive CHEK2 Genetic Test Result

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH A PATHOGENIC MUTATION OR VARIANT, LIKELY PATHOGENIC

4 Things To Know

1	CHEK2 mutation	Your testing shows that you have a pathogenic mutation or a variant that is likely pathogenic in the <i>CHEK2</i> gene.
2	Cancer risks	You have an increased chance to develop female breast cancer, colorectal cancer, and possibly other cancers.
3	What you can do	There are risk management options to detect cancer early or lower the risk to develop cancer. It is important to discuss these options with your doctor, and decide on a plan that best manages cancer risks.
4	Family	Family members may also be at risk – they can be tested for the CHEK2 mutation that was identified in you.

CHEK2 Mutations in the Family

There is a 50/50 random chance to pass on an *CHEK2* mutation to your sons and daughters. The image to the right shows that both men and women can carry and pass on these mutations.



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Result	MUTATION	Your testing shows that you have a pathogenic mutation (a disease-causing change in the gene, like a spelling mistake) or a variant that is likely pathogenic in the <i>CHEK2</i> gene. Both of these results should be considered positive.
Gene	CHEK2	Everyone has two copies of the <i>CHEK2</i> gene, which we randomly inherit from each of our parents. Mutations in one copy of the <i>CHEK2</i> gene can increase the chance for you to develop certain types of cancer in your lifetime.
Cancer Risks	INCREASED	You have an increased chance to develop female breast cancer (around twice as high as the average woman), colorectal cancer, and possibly other cancers such as male breast cancer, prostate, thyroid, ovarian, or kidney.
Management Options	FOR WOMEN	Options for early detection and prevention for women depend on your family history of cancer and may include: breast exam, mammogram, breast MRI, and options for preventive surgery. Talk to your doctor about what options may be right for you.
Management Options	FOR MEN & WOMEN	Options for early detection and prevention for both women and men depend on your family history of cancer and may include colonoscopies, comprehensive physical exams, or other screening options. Talk to your doctor about what options may be right for you.
Risk Management	VARIES	Risk management decisions are very personal, and the best option depends on many factors. Screening typically begins earlier than the general population and is often more frequently performed. It is important to discuss these options with your doctor.
Family Members	50/50 CHANCE	Your close relatives (like your parents, brothers, sisters, and children) have a 50/50 random chance of inheriting the <i>CHEK2</i> mutation that you carry, and other family members (like your aunts, uncles, cousins) may also inherit it. Your relatives can be tested for this same mutation. Depending on the family history, those who DO NOT have it may not have an increased chance (above the general population) to develop cancer.
Next Steps	DISCUSS	It is recommended that you share this information with family members so they can learn more and discuss this with their healthcare providers.
Reach Out	RESOURCES	 Ambry's Hereditary Cancer Site for Families patients.ambrygen.com/cancer American Cancer Society cancer.org FORCE facingourrisk.org Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) ginahelp.org National Society of Genetic Counselors nsgc.org Canadian Society of Genetic Counsellors cagc-accg.ca

Please discuss this information with your healthcare provider. The cancer genetics field is continuously evolving, so updates related to your *CHEK2* result, medical recommendations, and/or potential treatments may be available over time. This information is not meant to replace a discussion with a healthcare provider, and should not be considered or interpreted as medical advice.

PROMP Prospective Registry Of MultiPlex Testing

Opportunity to Enroll in Hereditary Cancer Research

Genetic testing can help individuals and families by giving them a clearer idea of their cancer risks. Genetic tests (called multi-gene or multiplex panels) look for changes in several different genes, all in a single test. While all of the genes on these panels have been tied to an increased risk of cancer, we understand the risks associated with some of the genes better than we understand others. One way to help improve our understanding is to enroll people with pathogenic mutations or variants of unknown significance in registries. Registries typically follow people over many years to learn more about these alterations and how they impact their health.

How can I find a research registry?

There are several hereditary cancer research registries that are studying individuals who have had multiplex panel testing. One registry that is open to individuals nationwide is PROMPT (or **P**rospective **R**egistry **O**f **M**ulti**P**lex **T**esting). PROMPT is an online registry for patients and families who have had multiplex testing and have been found to have a genetic variation which may be linked to an increased risk of cancer. PROMPT is a joint effort involving several academic medical centers and commercial laboratories, working together to learn more about the genes that are studied on multiplex panels. PROMPT will allow researchers to better understand the cancer risks associated with changes in these genes and thus provide a better understanding of the best way to take care of individuals who have such changes.

What is involved in participation?

Participation in the study simply involves completing online surveys. Additionally, the PROMPT team may reach out to you to talk about ways that you can get more involved with the research effort. Your participation will help researchers learn more and improve the ability of this genetic testing to help people.

How do I enroll?

You can learn more about or register for PROMPT by going to <u>www.promptstudy.info</u> or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you again for considering taking part in PROMPT!



If you would like to read more about multiplex panels, including details about specific genes, please visit our informational website at <u>www.promptstudy.info</u>.



Opportunity for Connections

Receiving a positive genetic test for a cancer predisposition gene can feel like an isolating and confusing time for you and your family. Questions such as "Where did this variant come from?" or "What can I do to help others in my family?" are common. This is why the University of Washington has a public health initiative called ConnectMyVariant.

The ConnectMyVariant initiative seeks to help people talk to their relatives, share important genetic information, expand family trees, identify and connect with close and distant at-risk relatives, and help individuals guide others to get genetic testing.

"Prevention Through Connection"

Almost all mutations (harmful genetic variants) happened for the first time with a single person in history. That person could be alive today or could have lived hundreds of years ago. Other people with your same genetic variant are probably related to you through the same ancestor. This means that your specific variant is a key to understanding your past. It is also a key that you can use to help many relatives prevent cancer before it happens.

Your close relatives may have your variant and you can talk to them about their possible genetic risk now. Your distant relatives could also share your same genetic variant and may not know about it. These relatives may have had similar experiences with their health and the disease, the same experiences with doctors, and have had to face the same life-planning decisions. Reaching out and helping at-risk relatives get genetic testing may help them prevent cancer and save lives.

