

Premature Ovarian Failure Panel

Test code: EN0901

Is a 16 gene panel that includes assessment of non-coding variants.

Is ideal for patients with a clinical suspicion of premature ovarian failure.

Please note, this panel does not include FMR1 trinucleotide repeat expansion.

About Premature Ovarian Failure

Premature ovarian failure (POF) is a heterogenous group of disorders characterized by the absence of menarche or premature depletion of ovarian follicles before the age of 40 years. The most severe forms, where pubertal development is also affected, are often due to total ovarian dysgenesis whereas post-pubertal menstrual cycle disappearance is often associated with milder forms with earlier than normal depletion of follicles. Regardless of the primary cause, patients with POF have often lower than normal levels of gonadal hormones and higher than normal levels of gonadotropins. POF causes infertility, however, this is not absolute in all patients. In addition, associated hormone dysbalance may lead to premature aging in several tissues. Therefore, the risk of osteoporosis and osteopenia as well as predisposition to cardiovascular and neurological diseases are increased. It is estimated that 1:10 000 women less than 20 years of age, 1:1 000 women less than 30 years of age and 1:100 of women less than 40 years of age have POF.

Availability

4 weeks

Gene Set Description

Genes in the Premature Ovarian Failure Panel and their clinical significance

Gene	Associated phenotypes	Inheritance	ClinVar	HGMD
BMP15	Premature ovarian failure 4, Ovarian dysgenesis 2	XL	5	25
CYP17A1	Adrenal hyperplasia, congenital, due to 17-alpha-hydroxylase deficiency	AR	35	126
CYP19A1	Aromatase deficiency, Aromatase excess syndrome	AR	17	52
FOXL2	Premature ovarian failure, Blepharophimosis, epicanthus inversus, and ptosis	AD	74	215
FSHR	Ovarian dysgenesis, Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome	AD/AR	17	36
GALT	Galactosemia	AR	238	330
GNAS	McCune-Albright syndrome, Progressive osseous heteroplasia, Pseudohypoparathyroidism, Albright hereditary osteodystrophy	AD	64	274
LHCGR	Precocious puberty, male, Leydig cell hypoplasia, Luteinizing hormone resistance, female	AR	34	76
LMNA	Heart-hand syndrome, Slovenian, Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, Muscular dystrophy, congenital, LMNA-related, Lipodystrophy (Dunnigan), Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, Malouf syndrome, Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), Mandibuloacral dysplasia type A, Progeria Hutchinson-Gilford type	AD/AR	250	564
NOBOX	Premature ovarian failure 5	AD	5	15

NR5A1	Adrenocortical insufficiency, Premature ovarian failure, 46,XY sex reversal	AD	28	183
POLG	POLG-related ataxia neuropathy spectrum disorders, Sensory ataxia, dysarthria, and ophthalmoparesis, Alpers syndrome, Progressive external ophthalmoplegia with mitochondrial DNA deletions, Mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome	AD/AR	89	290
POR	Disordered steroidogenesis due to cytochrome p450 oxidoreductase deficiency, Antley-Bixler syndrome	AR	14	70
STAG3	Premature ovarian failure 8	AR	6	6
STAR	Lipoid adrenal hyperplasia	AR	34	83
WT1	Denys-Drash syndrome, Frasier syndrome, Wilms tumor, Nephrotic syndrome, type 4	AD	42	183

*Some regions of the gene are duplicated in the genome. [Read more.](#)

The gene has suboptimal coverage (means <90% of the gene's target nucleotides are covered at >20x with mapping quality score (MQ>20) reads), and/or the gene has exons listed under Test limitations section that are not included in the panel as they are not sufficiently covered with high quality sequence reads.

The sensitivity to detect variants may be limited in genes marked with an asterisk (*) or number sign (#). Due to possible limitations these genes may not be available as single gene tests.

Gene refers to the HGNC approved gene symbol; Inheritance refers to inheritance patterns such as autosomal dominant (AD), autosomal recessive (AR), mitochondrial (mi), X-linked (XL), X-linked dominant (XLD) and X-linked recessive (XLR); ClinVar refers to the number of variants in the gene classified as pathogenic or likely pathogenic in this database ([ClinVar](#)); HGMD refers to the number of variants with possible disease association in the gene listed in Human Gene Mutation Database ([HGMD](#)). The list of associated, gene specific phenotypes are generated from [CGD](#) or Mitomap databases.

Non-coding disease causing variants covered by the panel

Gene	Genomic location HG19	HGVS	RefSeq	RS-number
FSHR	Chr2:49381593	c.-37A>G	NM_000145.3	
FSHR	Chr2:49381679	c.-123A>G	NM_000145.3	
FSHR	Chr2:49381694	c.-138A>T	NM_000145.3	
GALT	Chr9:34646606	c.-96T>G	NM_000155.3	
GALT	Chr9:34647075	c.83-11T>G	NM_000155.3	
GALT	Chr9:34648082	c.508-29delT	NM_000155.3	rs111033711
GALT	Chr9:34648519	c.687+66T>A	NM_000155.3	
GALT	Chr9:34648904	c.820+13A>G	NM_000155.3	rs111033768
GALT	Chr9:34649617	c.1059+56C>T	NM_000155.3	rs111033821
GNAS	Chr20:57478716	c.2242-11A>G	NM_080425.2	
LMNA	Chr1:156100609	c.513+45T>G	NM_170707.3	



LMNA	Chr1:156105681	c.937-11C>G	NM_170707.3	rs267607645
LMNA	Chr1:156107037	c.1608+14G>A	NM_170707.3	
LMNA	Chr1:156107433	c.1609-12T>G	NM_170707.3	rs267607582
POR	Chr7:75544501	c.-5+4A>G	NM_000941.2	
STAR	Chr8:38003676	c.466-11T>A	NM_000349.2	

Test Strengths

The strengths of this test include:

- CAP accredited laboratory
- CLIA-certified personnel performing clinical testing in a CLIA-certified laboratory
- Powerful sequencing technologies, advanced target enrichment methods and precision bioinformatics pipelines ensure superior analytical performance
- Careful construction of clinically effective and scientifically justified gene panels
- Some of the panels include the whole mitochondrial genome (please see the Panel Content section)
- Our Nucleus online portal providing transparent and easy access to quality and performance data at the patient level
- Our publicly available analytic validation demonstrating complete details of test performance
- ~2,000 non-coding disease causing variants in our clinical grade NGS assay for panels (please see 'Non-coding disease causing variants covered by this panel' in the Panel Content section)
- Our rigorous variant classification scheme
- Our systematic clinical interpretation workflow using proprietary software enabling accurate and traceable processing of NGS data
- Our comprehensive clinical statements

Test Limitations

This panel does not cover premature ovarian failure related to premutations in *FMR1*. Genes with partial, or whole gene, segmental duplications in the human genome are marked with an asterisk (*) if they overlap with the UCSC pseudogene regions. The technology may have limited sensitivity to detect variants in genes marked with these symbols (please see the Panel content table above).

This test does not detect the following:

- Complex inversions
- Gene conversions
- Balanced translocations
- Some of the panels include the whole mitochondrial genome (please see the Panel Content section)
- Repeat expansion disorders unless specifically mentioned
- Non-coding variants deeper than ± 20 base pairs from exon-intron boundary unless otherwise indicated (please see above Panel Content / non-coding variants covered by the panel).

This test may not reliably detect the following:

- Low level mosaicism in nuclear genes (variant with a minor allele fraction of 14.6% is detected with 90% probability)
- Stretches of mononucleotide repeats
- Low level heteroplasmy in mtDNA (>90% are detected at 5% level)
- Indels larger than 50bp
- Single exon deletions or duplications
- Variants within pseudogene regions/duplicated segments
- Some disease causing variants present in mtDNA are not detectable from blood, thus post-mitotic tissue such as skeletal muscle may be required for establishing molecular diagnosis.



The sensitivity of this test may be reduced if DNA is extracted by a laboratory other than Blueprint Genetics.

For additional information, please refer to the Test performance section and see our Analytic Validation.

Test Performance

The genes on the panel have been carefully selected based on scientific literature, mutation databases and our experience.

Our panels are sectioned from our high-quality, clinical grade NGS assay. Please see our sequencing and detection performance table for details regarding our ability to detect different types of alterations (Table).

Assays have been validated for various sample types including EDTA-blood, isolated DNA (excluding from formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue), saliva and dry blood spots (filter cards). These sample types were selected in order to maximize the likelihood for high-quality DNA yield. The diagnostic yield varies depending on the assay used, referring healthcare professional, hospital and country. Plus analysis increases the likelihood of finding a genetic diagnosis for your patient, as large deletions and duplications cannot be detected using sequence analysis alone. Blueprint Genetics' Plus Analysis is a combination of both sequencing and deletion/duplication (copy number variant (CNV)) analysis.

The performance metrics listed below are from an initial validation performed at our main laboratory in Finland. The performance metrics of our laboratory in Seattle, WA, are equivalent.

Performance of Blueprint Genetics high-quality, clinical grade NGS sequencing assay for panels.

	Sensitivity % (TP/(TP+FN))	Specificity %
Single nucleotide variants	99.89% (99,153/99,266)	>99.9999%
Insertions, deletions and indels by sequence analysis		
1-10 bps	99.2% (7,745/7,806)	>99.9999%
11-50 bps	99.13% (2,524/2,546)	>99.9999%
Copy number variants (exon level dels/dups)		
1 exon level deletion (heterozygous)	100% (20/20)	NA
1 exon level deletion (homozygous)	100% (5/5)	NA
1 exon level deletion (het or homo)	100% (25/25)	NA
2-7 exon level deletion (het or homo)	100% (44/44)	NA
1-9 exon level duplication (het or homo)	75% (6/8)	NA
Simulated CNV detection		
5 exons level deletion/duplication	98.7%	100.00%
Microdeletion/-duplication sdrs (large CNVs, n=37)		
Size range (0.1-47 Mb)	100% (25/25)	

The performance presented above reached by Blueprint Genetics high-quality, clinical grade NGS sequencing assay with the following coverage metrics

Mean sequencing depth	143X
Nucleotides with >20x sequencing coverage (%)	99.86%

Performance of Blueprint Genetics Mitochondrial Sequencing Assay.

	Sensitivity %	Specificity %
ANALYTIC VALIDATION (NA samples; n=4)		
Single nucleotide variants		
Heteroplasmic (45-100%)	100.0% (50/50)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (35-45%)	100.0% (87/87)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (25-35%)	100.0% (73/73)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (15-25%)	100.0% (77/77)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (10-15%)	100.0% (74/74)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (5-10%)	100.0% (3/3)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (<5%)	50.0% (2/4)	100.0%
CLINICAL VALIDATION (n=76 samples)		
All types		
Single nucleotide variants n=2026 SNVs		
Heteroplasmic (45-100%)	100.0% (1940/1940)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (35-45%)	100.0% (4/4)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (25-35%)	100.0% (3/3)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (15-25%)	100.0% (3/3)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (10-15%)	100.0% (9/9)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (5-10%)	92.3% (12/13)	99.98%
Heteroplasmic (<5%)	88.9% (48/54)	99.93%
Insertions and deletions by sequence analysis n=40 indels		
Heteroplasmic (45-100%) 1-10bp	100.0% (32/32)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (5-45%) 1-10bp	100.0% (3/3)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (<5%) 1-10bp	100.0% (5/5)	99,997%
SIMULATION DATA /(mitomap mutations)		
Insertions, and deletions 1-24 bps by sequence analysis; n=17		

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Homoplasmic (100%) 1-24bp	100.0% (17/17)	99.98%
Heteroplasmic (50%)	100.0% (17/17)	99.99%
Heteroplasmic (25%)	100.0% (17/17)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (20%)	100.0% (17/17)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (15%)	100.0% (17/17)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (10%)	94.1% (16/17)	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (5%)	94.1% (16/17)	100.0%
Copy number variants (separate artificial mutations; n=1500)		
Homoplasmic (100%) 500 bp, 1kb, 5 kb	100.0%	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (50%) 500 bp, 1kb, 5 kb	100.0%	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (30%) 500 bp, 1kb, 5 kb	100.0%	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (20%) 500 bp, 1kb, 5 kb	99.7%	100.0%
Heteroplasmic (10%) 500 bp, 1kb, 5 kb	99.0%	100.0%
The performance presented above reached by following coverage metrics at assay level (n=66)		
	Mean of medians	Median of medians
Mean sequencing depth MQ0 (clinical)	18224X	17366X
Nucleotides with >1000x MQ0 sequencing coverage (%) (clinical)	100%	
rho zero cell line (=no mtDNA), mean sequencing depth	12X	

Bioinformatics

The target region for each gene includes coding exons and ± 20 base pairs from the exon-intron boundary. In addition, the panel includes non-coding variants if listed above (Non-coding variants covered by the panel). Some regions of the gene(s) may be removed from the panel if specifically mentioned in the "Test limitations" section above. The sequencing data generated in our laboratory is analyzed with our proprietary data analysis and annotation pipeline, integrating state-of-the-art algorithms and industry-standard software solutions. Incorporation of rigorous quality control steps throughout the workflow of the pipeline ensures the consistency, validity and accuracy of results. Our pipeline is streamlined to maximize sensitivity without sacrificing specificity. We have incorporated a number of reference population databases and mutation databases such as, but not limited to, [1000 Genomes Project](#), [gnomAD](#), [ClinVar](#) and [HGMD](#) into our clinical interpretation software to make the process effective and efficient. For missense variants, *in silico* variant prediction tools such as [SIFT](#), [PolyPhen](#), [MutationTaster](#) are used to assist with variant classification. Through our online ordering and statement reporting system, Nucleus, the customer has an access to details of the analysis, including patient specific sequencing metrics, a gene level coverage plot and a list of regions with inadequate coverage if present. This reflects our mission to build fully transparent diagnostics where customers have easy access to crucial details of the analysis process.

Clinical Interpretation

We provide customers with the most comprehensive clinical report available on the market. Clinical interpretation requires a fundamental understanding of clinical genetics and genetic principles. At Blueprint Genetics, our PhD molecular geneticists,



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medical geneticists and clinical consultants prepare the clinical statement together by evaluating the identified variants in the context of the phenotypic information provided in the requisition form. Our goal is to provide clinically meaningful statements that are understandable for all medical professionals regardless of whether they have formal training in genetics.

Variant classification is the corner stone of clinical interpretation and resulting patient management decisions. Our classifications follow the [ACMG guideline 2015](#).

The final step in the analysis of sequence variants is confirmation of variants classified as pathogenic or likely pathogenic using bi-directional Sanger sequencing. Variant(s) fulfilling the following criteria are not Sanger confirmed: the variant quality score is above the internal threshold for a true positive call, and visual check-up of the variant at IGV is in-line with the variant call. Reported variants of uncertain significance are confirmed with bi-directional Sanger sequencing only if the quality score is below our internally defined quality score for true positive call. Reported copy number variations with a size <10 exons are confirmed by orthogonal methods such as qPCR if the specific CNV has been seen less than three times at Blueprint Genetics.

Our clinical statement includes tables for sequencing and copy number variants that include basic variant information (genomic coordinates, HGVS nomenclature, zygosity, allele frequencies, in silico predictions, OMIM phenotypes and classification of the variant). In addition, the statement includes detailed descriptions of the variant, gene and phenotype(s) including the role of the specific gene in human disease, the mutation profile, information about the gene's variation in population cohorts and detailed information about related phenotypes. We also provide links to the references used, congress abstracts and mutation variant databases used to help our customers further evaluate the reported findings if desired. The conclusion summarizes all of the existing information and provides our rationale for the classification of the variant.

Identification of pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants in dominant disorders or their combinations in different alleles in recessive disorders are considered molecular confirmation of the clinical diagnosis. In these cases, family member testing can be used for risk stratification within the family. In the case of variants of uncertain significance (VUS), we do not recommend family member risk stratification based on the VUS result. Furthermore, in the case of VUS, we do not recommend the use of genetic information in patient management or genetic counseling.

Our interpretation team analyzes millions of variants from thousands of individuals with rare diseases. Thus, our database, and our understanding of variants and related phenotypes, is growing by leaps and bounds. Our laboratory is therefore well positioned to re-classify previously reported variants as new information becomes available. If a variant previously reported by Blueprint Genetics is re-classified, our laboratory will issue a follow-up statement to the original ordering health care provider at no additional cost.

CPT code(s) *

81405 x2, 81406 x4, 81479

* The CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.

ICD Codes

Refer to the most current version of ICD-10-CM manual for a complete list of ICD-10 codes.

Sample Requirements

- Blood (min. 1ml) in an EDTA tube
- Extracted DNA, min. 2 µg in TE buffer or equivalent
- Saliva (Please see [Sample Requirements](#) for accepted saliva kits)

Label the sample tube with your patient's name, date of birth and the date of sample collection.

We do not accept DNA samples isolated from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue. In addition, if the patient is

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affected with a hematological malignancy, DNA extracted from a non-hematological source (e.g. skin fibroblasts) is strongly recommended.

Please note that, in rare cases, mitochondrial genome (mtDNA) variants may not be detectable in blood or saliva in which case DNA extracted from post-mitotic tissue such as skeletal muscle may be a better option.

Read more about our sample requirements [here](#).

For Patients

Other

- [Chapman C et al. The genetics of premature ovarian failure: current perspectives. Int J Womens Health. 2015 Sep 23;7:799-810.](#)
- [GeneReviews - Blepharophimosis, Ptosis, Epicanthus Inversus Syndrome](#)
- [GeneReviews - Blepharophimosis, Ptosis, and Epicanthus Inversus](#)
- [Genetic Disorders UK](#)
- [Genetics Home Reference - Aromatase Deficiency](#)
- [Genetics Home Reference - Progressive External Ophthalmoplegia](#)
- [Laven JS et al. Genetics of Early and Normal Menopause. Semin Reprod Med. 2015 Nov;33\(6\):377-83.](#)
- [NORD - Blepharophimosis, Ptosis, Epicanthus Inversus Syndrome](#)
- [Patient Information UK](#)
- [The Daisy Network](#)
- [You & Your Hormones](#)