

Name:	Dummy	Case ID:	XXX
Age:	19 Years	Sample Type:	Blood
Sex:	Male	Sample receipt date:	11/03/2024
Referring Clinician:	Dr. XXX	Reporting date:	11/04/2024
Test Requested:	Whole Genome Mitochondrial NGS analysis		

#### CLINICAL HISTORY:

Dummy, a 19-year-old male came for the genetic evaluation for LHON.

**Clinician's Suspicion:** ?LHON (Leber hereditary optic neuropathy).

#### VARIANTS RELEVANT TO INDICATION FOR TESTING

A *likely pathogenic* variant in the *MT-ND4* gene was identified in this individual. No other variants of relevance to the indication were identified. Please see below for more detailed variant information.

Gene & Transcript	Variant	Zygoty	Location	Disorder	Inheritance	ACMG Classification
<i>MT-ND4</i>	c.1019G>A p.Arg340Hisfs*121	Homoplasmy	Exon 1	Leber hereditary optic neuropathy [OMIM ID: <a href="#">535000</a> ]	Mitochondrial Inheritance	<b>Likely pathogenic</b> PM2, PM1, PP5, & PM5

#### DETAILED VARIANT INFORMATION (VARIANTS RELEVANT TO INDICATION FOR TESTING)

##### ***MT-ND4* Chr. MT:11778 – Likely pathogenic:**

The missense variant *MT-ND4*(*MT-ND4*):c.1019G>A (p.Arg340Hisfs\*121) causes a change at the same amino acid residue as a previously established pathogenic variant. This variant was found in ClinVar (Variant [9708](#)) with a classification of Pathogenic and a review status of 3 stars, reviewed by an expert panel. The p.Arg340Hisfs\*121 variant is not reported in any individuals in gnomAD All. The p.Arg340Hisfs\*121 variant is not reported in any individuals in 1kG All. There is a small physicochemical difference between arginine and histidine, which is not likely to impact secondary protein structure as these residues share similar properties. 2 variants within 6 amino acid positions of the variant p.Arg340Hisfs\*121 have been shown to be pathogenic, while none have been shown to be benign. For these reasons, this variant has been classified as **Likely Pathogenic**.

##### **Leber hereditary optic neuropathy [OMIM ID: [535000](#)]:**

Leber optic atrophy, also known as Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON), can be caused by mutation in multiple genes encoded by the mitochondrial genome (mtDNA). Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON) typically presents in young adults as bilateral painless subacute visual failure. The peak age of onset in LHON is in the second and third decades of life, with 95% of those who lose their vision doing so before age 50 years. Very rarely, individuals first manifest LHON in the seventh and eighth decades of life. Males are four to five times more likely to be affected than females, but neither sex nor mutational status significantly influences the timing and severity of the initial visual loss ([GeneReviews](#)).

.0001 LEBER OPTIC ATROPHY -MTND4, LHON11778A: The allele changes the highly conserved arginine at amino acid 340 to a histidine (R340H). This allele accounts for over 50% of Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON; 535000) cases among Caucasians and over 90% of the cases in Asians. The mutation has not been observed in random population controls, may be either homoplasmic or heteroplasmic within families, and has been shown to have arisen multiple times on different mtDNA haplotypes in association with the disease (Wallace et al., 1988; Singh et al., 1989). In families harboring this mutation, approximately 33 to 60% of the maternal relatives are affected and of these, about 80% are males. Visual recovery is seen in only 4% of cases. Chinnery

et al. (2001) analyzed 17 independent pedigrees that harbored the 11778G-A mutation. They made the following observations: (1) The frequency of blindness in males was related to the mutation load in the individual's blood. (2) Mothers with 80% or less mutant mtDNA in blood were less likely to have clinically affected sons than mothers with 100% mutant mtDNA in their blood. (3) Within individual lineages, changes in mutation load from one generation to the next were largely determined by random genetic drift. Phasukkijwatana et al. (2006) examined 30 unrelated pedigrees of Thai or Chinese origin with LHON and the 11778G-A mutation. Compared to Caucasian and Japanese populations with the same mutation, the pedigrees in the study showed a lower male-to-female ratio (2.6:1) of affected persons and a higher prevalence of blood heteroplasmy (37% of the pedigrees contained at least 1 heteroplasmic 11778G-A individual). The estimated overall penetrance was 37% for males and 13% for females ([OMIM](#)).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the clinical features and the observed genetic findings the following have been recommended:

1. Please note that the genetic information obtained from the patient's genomic DNA was analyzed for regions of the mtDNA, and mutations in regions other than these regions have not been assessed.
2. Genetic counseling is recommended for the patient to discuss the potential clinical implications of this result.
3. **Clinical/ Genotype-phenotype correlation is strongly recommended.**
4. **Sanger validation of identified variant(s) in the proband and segregation analysis in the parents, affected and unaffected family members and close relatives is recommended.**
5. If the above results do not correlate completely with patient phenotype, additional testing is advised based on clinician's recommendation.

## METHODOLOGY

DNA extraction is done by QIAamp Blood mini kit. Mitogenome is amplified in two amplicons using long range PCR kit. Amplified Amplicons were pooled in equimolar concentration and then the whole genome library was prepared by QIASeq FX DNA Library Kit. Mito-WGS library was sequenced on Novaseq 6000 to generate with 2X150 bp chemistry to generate 0.5 GB of data. The sequence reads were pre-processed to remove adapter contamination and low-quality bases using the fastp tool. The high-quality trimmed reads were mapped on rCRS mitochondrial sequence using BWA-MEM. Duplicated reads were removed using Mark Duplicate followed by a variant recalibration module incorporated in the GATK tool. Variant calling was performed using GATK mutect2 mitochondrial mode in the setting of ploidy 1. Mitochondrial haplogroup assignment and contamination check was done using haplocheck. Mitochondrial variant annotation was carried out using Varseq & further checked using web server MSeqDR mvTool.

## GENES STUDIED

*MT-ND1, MT-ND2, MT-ND3, MT-ND4L, MT-ND4, MT-ND5, MT-ND6, MT-CYB, MT-CO1, MT-CO2, MT-CO3, MT-ATP6, MT-ATP8, MT-RNR2, MT-RNR1, MT-RNR2, MT-TA, MT-TR, MT-TN, MT-TD, MT-TC, MT-TE, MT-TQ, MT-TG, MT-TH, MT-TI, MT-TL1, MT-TL2, MT-TK, MT-TM, MT-TF, MT-TP, MT-TS1, MT-TS2, MT-TT, MT-TW, MT-TY, MT-TV.*

## IMPORTANCE

1. These test results should be interpreted by the referring clinician only in conjunction with the patient's clinical history, other test results and any previous analysis of appropriate family members.
2. Only phenotype-related Pathogenic and Likely Pathogenic variations reported in the Mito Map database as well as literatures are reported. Haplogroups are not analyzed. A list of variants other than the above is available on request.
3. The classification and interpretation of all the variants in this assay reflects the current state of scientific understanding at the time this report was issued. In some instances, the classification and interpretation of such variants may change as new scientific information comes to light.

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2. This test has not been validated by the FDA, NABL or CAP, and it has been determined by the accrediting bodies that such validation is not required at this time.
3. The analysis is based on the clinical summary provided by the clinician.
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8. Intronic variants are not assessed using this method.
9. Large deletions of more than 10 bp or copy number variations/chromosomal rearrangements cannot be assessed using this method.
10. Certain genes may not be covered completely, and few variants could be missed. Variants not detected by the assay that was performed may impact the phenotype.
11. The variants have not been validated by Sanger sequencing.
12. Incidental or secondary findings (if any) that meet the ACMG guidelines can also be given upon request.
13. Variants that have coverage below  $\leq 20$  are not taken into consideration.

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  - c. Incorrect sample type.
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