NSD1 analysis for Sotos Syndrome

Clinical Features:
Sotos syndrome is characterized by characteristic facial features, developmental delay, and increased height and head circumference. Other features may include: neonatal jaundice, scoliosis, seizures, strabismus, conductive hearing loss, congenital heart defects, renal anomalies, and behavioral problems (1).

Inheritance:
Sotos syndrome is an autosomal dominant condition that occurs in 1 in 14,000 live births (1). More than 95% of cases appear to be de novo. Recurrence risk for unaffected parents of an isolated case is <1%. However, due to the variability in expression, parents of affected individuals may be carriers. Recurrence risk for affected individuals and carrier parents is 50%.

Molecular Genetics:
Microdeletions and mutations of the NSD1 gene have been identified in approximately 80% of patients with a clinical diagnosis of Sotos syndrome (2, 3). Recently, intragenic deletions of one or more exons of NSD1 have been reported in approximately 5% of patients with a clinical diagnosis of Sotos syndrome (4). These intragenic deletions/duplications will not be detected by FISH or CGH analysis.

Additional Resources:
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Test methods:
Comprehensive sequence coverage of the coding regions and splice junctions of the NSD1 gene is performed. Targets of interest are enriched and prepared for sequencing using the Agilent SureSelect system. Sequencing is performed using Illumina technology and reads are aligned to the reference sequence. Variants are identified and evaluated using a custom collection of bioinformatic tools and comprehensively interpreted by our team of directors and genetic counselors. All pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants are confirmed by Sanger sequencing. The technical sensitivity of this test is estimated to be >99% for single nucleotide changes and insertions and deletions of less than 20 bp. We also offer deletion/duplication analysis of the NSD1 gene by MLPA or oligonucleotide array-CGH to identify deletions/duplications of one or more exons. Partial exonic copy number changes and rearrangements of less than 400 bp may not be detected by array-CGH. Array-CGH will not detect low-level mosaicism, balanced translocations, inversions, or point mutations that may be responsible for the clinical phenotype. The sensitivity of this assay may be reduced when DNA is extracted by an outside laboratory.

NSD1 sequencing
Sample specifications: 3 to 10 cc of blood in a purple top (EDTA) tube
Cost: $1,000
CPT codes: 81406
Turn-around time: 4 weeks

NSD1 deletion/duplication analysis
Sample specifications: 3 to 10 cc of blood in a purple top (EDTA) tube
Cost: $1000
CPT codes: 81405
Turn-around time: 4 weeks
NSD1 mutation analysis (sequencing and del/dup analysis)

Sample specifications: 3 to 10 cc of blood in a purple top (EDTA) tube
Cost: $1700
CPT codes: 81405, 81406
Turn-around time: 4 weeks

Note: The sensitivity of our assay may be reduced when DNA is extracted by an outside laboratory.

Results:
Results, along with an interpretive report, will be faxed to the referring physician. Additional reports will be provided as requested. All abnormal results will be reported by telephone or email.

For more information about our testing options, please visit our website at dnatesting.uchicago.edu or contact us at 773-834-0555.

References:
2. Douglas J, Hanks S, Temple IK et al. NSD1 mutations are the major cause of Sotos syndrome and occur in some cases of Weaver syndrome but are rare in other overgrowth phenotypes. Am J Hum Genet 2003: 72: 132-143.

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