

MGM2529 : Colorectal advanced panel by NGS & Microsatellite Instability (MSI) by fragment analysis

Report Details

Sample ID / Order ID: 9161412 / 1311178
 Collection Date: NA
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Specimen Information

Specimen Site: Colon
 Specimen Received: FFPE Tissue Blocks [1]
 Specimen Tested: FMK 536/25 F
 Tumor Content (%): 60

Ordering Clinician

Clinician: Dr. Senaka Kandededara
 Affiliation: Aegle Omics Private Limited
 Serviced By: 18718
 Report Status: Final

Clinical Summary:

Right hemicolectomy specimen -Well-differentiated adenocarcinoma, pT2N1.

TEST RESULT SUMMARY

Microsatellite Instability (MSI) Test

Status - Stable

Kindly refer to the complete MSI reports below.

Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Results

POSITIVE

| Gene | Findings | Gene | Findings |
|-------|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| AKT1 | Not Detected | BRAF | Not Detected |
| ERBB2 | Not Detected | HRAS | Not Detected |
| KRAS | Not Detected | NRAS | Not Detected |
| NTRK1 | Not Detected | NTRK2 | Not Detected |
| NTRK3 | Not Detected | PIK3CA | Not Detected |
| POLD1 | Not Detected | POLE | Not Detected |
| PTEN | Not Detected | RET | Not Detected |
| SMAD4 | Frameshift deletion | | |

Please refer to the complete variant details in the result table in page 2.

Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Test Result

Result - POSITIVE

CLINICALLY RELEVANT VARIANT/S DETECTED

| AMP Classification [^] | CDS variant details | Interpretation | Treatment Recommendations | [§] Treatment Response |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SMAD4 p.Asp52MetfsTer6 (FRAMESHIFT-DEL) Variant Allele Frequency - 7.2% | | | | |
| Tier II | c.147del (ENST00000342988.8) | Oncogenic | NA | Prognostic |

No clinically significant fusion has been detected in this sample

Note: The patient tumor is wild type for *KRAS*, *NRAS* and *BRAF* mutation. Anti-EGFR monoclonal antibodies are indicated for the *EGFR* expressing colorectal cancer patients, having wild type *KRAS*, *NRAS* and *BRAF*. Kindly correlate clinically [NCCN Guidelines: Colon/Rectal Cancer, Version 2.2025].

Kindly note that *SMAD4* p.Asp52MetfsTer6 has been detected at read support below the QC pass criteria. Confirmation of this variant by alternative methods is recommended. Kindly correlate clinically.

[^]Refer to Glossary section for the classification criteria details.

[§]Drug Approvals are based on US-FDA Guidelines. Kindly refer to local guidelines if required.

ADDITIONAL BIOMARKERS DETECTED

This section provides information about variants that do not have any therapeutic value. However, these variants may or may not have a likely oncogenic effect.

No other biomarkers that warrants to be reported was detected

ACTIONABLE BIOMARKER DETAILS

SMAD4 (p.Asp52MetfsTer6) - FRAMESHIFT-DEL

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gene: SMAD4 | Exon: 2 | Variation Allele Frequency: 7.2% |
| Nucleotide change: chr18:g.51047193del | Protein change: p.Asp52MetfsTer6 | Population MAF: 0 (1000G);0(gnomAD); |
| cDNA change: c.147del | Variation Type: FRAMESHIFT-DEL | In-silico Predictions: NA(SIFT); NA(LRT); NA(Polyphen2) |
| Transcript ID: ENST00000342988.8 | Variation Allele Depth/Total depth: 69/958x | Gene Function: Tumor Suppressor Gene |

Gene Summary: SMAD4 encodes a member of the Smad family of signal transduction proteins. Smad proteins are phosphorylated and activated by transmembrane serine-threonine receptor kinases in response to transforming growth factor (TGF)-beta signaling. The product of SMAD4 forms homomeric complexes and heteromeric complexes with other activated Smad proteins, which then accumulate in the nucleus and regulate the transcription of target genes. This protein binds to DNA and recognizes an 8-bp palindromic sequence (GTCTAGAC) called the Smad-binding element (SBE). The protein acts as a tumor suppressor and inhibits epithelial cell proliferation. It may also have an inhibitory effect on tumors by reducing angiogenesis and increasing blood vessel hyperpermeability. The encoded protein is a crucial component of the bone morphogenetic protein signaling pathway. The Smad proteins are subject to complex regulation by post-translational modifications. Mutations or deletions in SMAD4 have been shown to result in pancreatic cancer, juvenile polyposis syndrome, and hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia syndrome.

Clinical and Therapeutic Relevance: SMAD4 is part of a transcriptional complex in the TGF beta signaling pathway that regulates the expression of genes involved in cell proliferation, differentiation, invasion, and survival. The frequency of mutations in sporadic colorectal cancers (CRC) is approximately 2-10%, where the missense mutation is the most frequent type, followed by nonsense and frameshift. Nonsense mutations could lead to SMAD4 loss of function and expression, and subsequently to activation of TGF beta signaling. In a retrospective study on tumor samples from 241 CRC patients who received capecitabine, the loss of SMAD4 expression predicts significantly worse disease-free and overall survival. Preclinical data for SMAD4-deficient cell lines show chemoresistance to 5-fluorouracil. A meta-analysis study including > 2000 patients with pancreatic or colorectal cancer showed that loss of SMAD4 expression was significantly correlated with chemoresistance. In a study of 734 patients with CRC, 90 (12%) patients had SMAD4 mutations. This study revealed that SMAD4 mutation was associated with colon cancer more than with rectal cancer (odds ratio 2.85;p<0.001), shorter overall survival than in wild-type SMAD4 cases (median, 29 months versus 56 months). In the same study, a subset of patients with metastatic CRC (n = 44) having wild-type for KRAS, NRAS, and BRAF who received anti-epidermal growth factor receptor therapy with mutated SMAD4 (n = 13) had shorter progression-free survival duration than the patients with wild-type for SMAD4 (n = 31) (median,111 days versus 180 days) [PMID: 28267766]. Kindly correlate clinically.

PubMed References: [34048444](#), [30587545](#), [26647806](#), [25681512](#), [24384683](#), [23139211](#), [28267766](#)

AMP-ASCO-CAP CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

Genetic test results are reported based on the somatic variant classification recommendations of College of American Pathologists (CAP) /American society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)/Association of Molecular Pathologists (AMP) [PMID: 27993330] as described in the table below:

| Tier | Criteria |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Tier I | Variants of strong clinical significance. |
| Tier II | Variants of potential clinical significance. |
| Tier III | Variants of unknown clinical significance |
| Tier IV | Benign or likely benign variants |

DISCLAIMER

- **Decisions regarding treatment action plans should not be solely based on these test results. These findings are highly recommended to be correlated with the patient's clinical, pathological, radiological and family history for decisions on diagnosis, prognosis, or therapeutics.**
- The therapy information provided in this report is based on FDA approved drugs data, NCCN guidelines, peer reviewed published literature, standard clinical databases, and strength of biomarker results till date. These therapies may or may not be suitable/beneficial to a particular patient. This clinical report summarises potentially effective medications, potentially ineffective medications, and medications that may pose a higher risk of adverse reactions by mapping the patient's genetic alterations to the biomedical reference information. The report may also provide prognostic and diagnostic biomarkers detected or shown for the given disease context. The treatment recommendations for the variants classified in Tier II are not provided.
- The clinical trials information provided in this report is compiled from www.clinicaltrials.gov as per currently available data, however completeness of information provided herein cannot be guaranteed. This information should only be used as a guide and specific eligibility criteria should be reviewed thoroughly for the concerned patient. MedGenome Labs does not guarantee or promise an enrolment in any clinical trials.
- The identification of a genomic biomarker does not necessarily imply pharmacological effectiveness or ineffectiveness. The medications identified by the treating physician may or may not be suitable for use on a particular patient. Thus, the clinical report does not guarantee that any particular agent will be effective in the treatment of any particular condition. Also, the absence of a treatment option does not determine the effectiveness or predict an ineffective or safety-relevant effect of a medication selected by the treating physician.
- The classification and clinically relevant information for the reported variants is based on peer-reviewed publications, public clinical databases, medical guidelines (NCCN, ASCO, AMP) or other publicly available information and it has been ensured that the information provided is up to date at the time of report generated, however continuous updates may happen in public domains. Also, the classification of variants can change based on the updated literature evidence. Re-analysis of the results can be requested at additional cost.
- This test is performed on the patient's tumor sample without a paired blood sample; therefore, it may include variations which may be of germline origin. However, this test is designed and validated for the detection and reporting of somatic genomic variants only and does not discriminate between germline and somatic variants. If clinically warranted, appropriate germline testing and genetic counselling for the patient should be considered for further evaluation.
- **Due to poor quality of FFPE tissue blocks, the QC parameters for extracted RNA may not pass to proceed further with the testing, therefore there is a possibility of assay failure at various steps (RNA QC, Library QC, Bioinformatics QC) or compromised results that include low gene coverage and low variant depth.** However, sample status in such scenarios shall be sent through mail to the ordering clinician.
- This test has been validated at MedGenome Labs and the limit of detection (LOD) of allele fraction for SNVs and InDels is $\geq 5\%$ and for fusions is ≥ 10 spanning reads. However, the report may include, at the discretion of laboratory director, the variants with lower allele

burden (3-5%) having strong or potential clinical significance or those have been reported earlier in the patient. Variants with <1% allele fraction and variants of uncertain significance with <5% allele fraction are not routinely reported. However, possibility of false negative or false positive below the limit of detection of this assay cannot be ruled out.

- Large deletions and deep intronic variations are not detected in this assay.
- Copy Number Variations (CNVs) are based on the RNA expression data using a CNV prediction model developed with control samples. Hence, the chromosome coordinates and size of the CNV can not be determined. It is recommended to confirm the CNVs by alternate methods, such as FISH as the sensitivity of NGS for detecting CNVs is not 100%.
- **Additional case specific disclaimer : None**

TEST DESCRIPTION

The MedGenome's Colorectal panel is a high throughput next-generation sequencing assay covering key genes to detect SNVs, InDels, CNVs and fusions and aids in diagnosis, prognosis and therapeutics of the colorectal cancer patients.

TEST METHODOLOGY

Sample type: FFPE Specimen; A histopathologic review is performed to determine the tumor content in the FFPE block/curls.

Extraction and Library Preparation: Tumor nucleic acid is extracted from FFPE (Formalin fixed) tissue block and used to perform targeted gene capture using a custom hybrid capture kit.

Sequencing: The QC passed libraries are sequenced to a minimum depth of 250X on validated Illumina sequencing platform.

Data Analysis: The sequences are processed using a customized and validated analysis pipeline designed to accurately detect all classes of genomic alterations (SNVs, InDels, CNVs and Fusions).

Variant Annotation and Reporting: The variants are annotated using our in-house annotation pipeline. Reportable genomic alterations and fusions are prioritized, classified, and reported based on AMP-ASCO-CAP guidelines [PMID: [27993330](#)] and NCCN guidelines.

Limit of Detection (LOD): The LOD for SNVs and InDels is 5% Variant allele Frequency (VAF) and for fusions is >10 spanning reads.

The transcript used for clinical reporting generally represents the canonical transcript (according to Ensembl release 99 human gene model), which is usually the longest coding transcript with strong/multiple supporting evidence. However, clinically relevant variants annotated in alternate complete coding transcripts could also be reported. Variants annotated on incomplete, and nonsense mediated decay transcripts are not reported.

§This test is developed, and its performance characteristics is determined by MedGenome Labs Ltd.

GENES ANALYSED

| SNVs/InDels | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|--------|
| AKT1 | BRAF | ERBB2 | HRAS | NRAS | POLE | POLD1 | PIK3CA |
| PTEN | SMAD4 | KRAS | | | | | |

| CNVs |
|-------|
| ERBB2 |

| FUSIONS | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-----|
| NTRK1 | NTRK2 | NTRK3 | RET |

CLINICAL TRIALS

The following trials are potentially best suited for your patient's indication, considering all reported treatment recommendations. See <https://clinicaltrials.gov> (clinical trials from NCT) or <https://trialsearch.who.int> (clinical trials from other registries) for more information.

Clinical trials in total : 0 Trial countries : IN-India, US-United States

| S.No | Title | Phase and ID | Intervention | Disease | Age & Sex |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| No Clinical Trials. | | | | | |

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MGM527: Microsatellite Instability (MSI) by fragment analysis

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Specimen Information

Specimen Site: Colon
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 Specimen Tested: FMK 536/25 F
 Tumor Content (%): 60

Ordering Clinician

Clinician: Dr. Senaka Kandegedara
 Affiliation: Aegle Omics Private Limited
 Serviced By: 18718
 Report Status: Final

Clinical Summary:

Right hemicolectomy specimen -Well-differentiated adenocarcinoma, pT2N1.

Kindly note that this is the MSI report. The final NGS report including the status of SNVs & Indels, Fusions, and CNV will be released on or before 10-06-2025 based on the QC status.

TEST RESULT SUMMARY

Microsatellite Instability (MSI) Status - **Stable**



Summary of Markers

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Count of markers reported Unstable | 0 |
| Count of markers reported Stable | 11 |
| Reported Unstable Rate | 0.00% |
| Unstable Markers | None |

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- MSI screening has long been recognized as important in the care of patients with colorectal cancer (CRC) or endometrial cancer (EC).
- High-frequency MSI (MSI-H) is also recognized as a potential marker for germline mutations in certain DNA mismatch repair (MMR) genes associated with Lynch syndrome [PMID: 15872200].
- MSI has been found in several cancer types, including non-small cell lung cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, urothelial cancer, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and brain cancer. The expansion of MSI clinical trials into other cancers may elucidate the prognostic and predictive value of MSI for non-colorectal [PMID: 35955855].
- NCCN® guidelines recommend universal screening for 15+ different cancer types by MSI and/or IHC analysis [www.nccn.org]
- MSI-H status is predictive of a positive response to immunotherapies such as immune checkpoint blockade inhibitors [PMID: 26028255]
- The 2015 paper by Le et al. reported the extended analysis on the efficacy of PD-1 blockade in patients with advanced mismatch repair-deficient cancers of both colorectal cancer and non-colorectal origins. Following 41 patients, the study found that patients with mismatch repair deficient tumors, experienced an objective response rate of 40% and a progression-free survival rate of 78%. In contrast, the objective response rate was 0% and the progression-free survival rate was 11% for mismatch repair-proficient

- The College of American Pathologists (CAP), in collaboration with the Association of Molecular Pathology (AMP), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), and patient advocacy group Fight Colorectal Cancer (Fight CRC) convened a multidisciplinary expert and advisory panel to develop evidence-based guidelines to identify the optimal clinical laboratory test to identify defects in DNA mismatch repair (dMMR) in patients with solid tumor malignancies who are being considered for immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) therapy. MSI by PCR was recommended for colorectal cancer, patients with gastroesophageal and small bowel cancer and other solid malignancies [PMID: 35920830].
- On June 29, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration approved pembrolizumab (KEYTRUDA, Merck & Co.) for the first-line treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) colorectal cancer [www.fda.gov].
- The FDA approved pembrolizumab on May 23, 2017, for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with unresectable or metastatic, microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H), or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) solid tumors that have progressed following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options and for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic MSI-H or dMMR colorectal cancer that has progressed following treatment with a fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan [www.fda.gov].

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- Due to poor quality of FFPE tissue blocks, the QC parameters for extracted DNA may not pass to proceed further with the testing, therefore there is a possibility of assay failure or compromised. However, sample status in such scenarios shall be sent through mail to the ordering clinician.
- This test has been validated at MedGenome Labs as per the CAP guidelines with 100% sensitivity and specificity.
- The results of this test are dependent on the tumor content in the tissue sample provided. A minimum of >10% tumour content is required for a successful testing.
- In case of MSI negative or MSS patients, if there is a co-existing strong personal or family history of HNPCC related cancers for this patient, consider microsatellite instability and IHC testing on a different tumor block to further evaluate the possible role of defective DNA mismatch repair.
- **Additional case specific disclaimer: In this case, the markers "ABI-20A and BAT-40" had failed in amplification. Hence, the MSI status of this subject has been interpreted based on the status of 11 out of 13 markers. Kindly correlate clinically**

TEST METHODOLOGY

This assay detects the presence of microsatellite instability (MSI) in DNA samples through multiplex PCR [1] and fragment analysis and screens for 13 mononucleotide markers listed in table below. Mononucleotide markers like BAT-25, BAT-26 and BAT-40 markers are selected as per the NCI guidelines. A revised guidelines suggests mononucleotide marker panel is more sensitive for MSI-H tumors than other microsatellite markers. Dinucleotide markers are less sensitive, and if only dinucleotide markers are positive, it is mandatory to test additional mononucleotide markers to rule out MSI-L [PMID: 14970275]. This kit contains 13 mononucleotide markers for higher resolution and two STR sequences that can be used to

track sample identity [PMID: 35884597][PMID: 35982978].

| | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| ABI-16 | ABI-19 | ABI-20B | BAT-26 | CAT-25 | NR-22 | NR-27 |
| ABI-17 | ABI-20A | BAT-25 | BAT-40 | NR-21 | NR-24 | |

The primers are fluorophore tagged at the 5' end and the end-point PCR product is analyzed by Fluorophore Capillary Electrophoresis. The tumor tissue is classified as MSS/MSI-L/MSI-H as mentioned in the table below.

| MSI Result | Interpretation[PMID: 35884597] |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MSI-High | Unstable marker rate:- 30% - 100% |
| MSI-Low | Unstable marker rate:- 5% - 29.99% |
| MSS(Microsatellite Stable) | Unstable marker rate:- 0% |

RECOMMENDATION

Test results should be interpreted in context of clinical findings, family history, and other laboratory data. If results obtained do not match other clinical or laboratory findings, please contact the laboratory for possible interpretation. Misinterpretation of results may occur if the information provided is inaccurate or incomplete.

REFERENCE

1. Application note: TrueMark MSI Assay—a simplified solution for analyzing microsatellite instability in FFPE tumor samples, 2020.

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