

CDT1 gene

chromatin licensing and DNA replication factor 1

Normal Function

The *CDT1* gene provides instructions for making a protein that is important in the copying of a cell's DNA before the cell divides (a process known as DNA replication). The protein produced from this gene is one of a group of proteins known as the pre-replication complex. In a multi-step process, the components of this complex attach (bind) to certain regions of DNA known as origins of replication (or origins), where the process of DNA copying begins. When the pre-replication complex is attached to the origin, replication is able to begin at that location. This tightly controlled process, called replication licensing, helps ensure that DNA replication occurs only once per cell division and is required for cells to divide.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

Meier-Gorlin syndrome

Mutations in the *CDT1* gene cause Meier-Gorlin syndrome, a condition characterized by short stature, underdeveloped kneecaps, and small ears. These mutations alter the CDT1 protein, typically by changing single protein building blocks (amino acids) or by leading to production of an abnormally short version of the CDT1 protein. As a result, assembly of the pre-replication complex is impaired, which disrupts replication licensing; however, it is not clear how a reduction in replication licensing leads to Meier-Gorlin syndrome. Researchers speculate that such a reduction delays the cell division process, which slows growth of the bones and other tissues during development. It is not known why development of the kneecaps and ears is particularly affected.

Other Names for This Gene

- CDT1_HUMAN
- DNA replication factor Cdt1
- Double parked, Drosophila, homolog of
- DUP
- RIS2

Additional Information & Resources

Tests Listed in the Genetic Testing Registry

- Tests of CDT1 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=81620\[geneid\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=81620[geneid]))

Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%28%28CDT1%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28chromatin+licensing+and+DNA+replication+factor+1%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+AND+%28%28Genes%5BMH%5D%29+OR+%28Genetic+Phenomena%5BMH%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+1080+days%22%5Bdp%5D%29>)

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

- CHROMATIN LICENSING AND DNA REPLICATION FACTOR 1; CDT1 (<https://omim.org/entry/605525>)

Gene and Variant Databases

- NCBI Gene (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/81620>)
- ClinVar ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=CDT1\[gene\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=CDT1[gene]))

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Genomic Location

The *CDT1* gene is found on chromosome 16 (<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/chromosome/16/>).

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