GRHPR gene

glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate reductase

Normal Function

The *GRHPR* gene provides instructions for making an enzyme called glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate reductase. This enzyme plays a role in preventing the buildup of a potentially harmful substance called glyoxylate by converting it to a substance called glycolate, which is easily excreted from the body. Additionally, this enzyme can convert a compound called hydroxypyruvate to D-glycerate, which is eventually converted to the simple sugar glucose (by other enzymes) and used for energy.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

Primary hyperoxaluria

More than 25 mutations in the *GRHPR* gene have been found to cause primary hyperoxaluria type 2. This condition is caused by the overproduction of a substance called oxalate. Excess amounts of this substance lead to kidney and bladder stones, which begin in childhood and often result in kidney disease by early adulthood. Deposition of oxalate in multiple other tissues throughout the body (systemic oxalosis) can cause additional health problems.

GRHPR gene mutations either disrupt production of the glyoxylate and hydroxypyruvate reductase enzyme or alter its structure. As a result, enzyme activity is absent or severely reduced and the conversion of glyoxylate to glycolate is impaired. Glyoxylate builds up and is converted to a compound called oxalate. The oxalate is filtered through the kidneys and is either excreted in urine as a waste product or combines with calcium to form calcium oxalate, a hard compound that is the main component of kidney and bladder stones. Increased oxalate levels in the blood can lead to systemic oxalosis, particularly affecting bones and the walls of blood vessels in people with primary hyperoxaluria type 2.

Other Names for This Gene

- D-glycerate dehydrogenase
- GLXR
- glyoxylate reductase/hydroxypyruvate reductase

- GRHPR_HUMAN
- PH2

Additional Information & Resources

Tests Listed in the Genetic Testing Registry

- Tests of GRHPR (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=9380[geneid])

Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%28%28GRHPR%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28glyoxylate+reductase/hydroxypyruvate+reductase%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+OR+%28GLXR%5BTIAB%5D%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D)

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

- GLYOXYLATE REDUCTASE/HYDROXYPYRUVATE REDUCTASE; GRHPR (https://omim.org/entry/604296)

Gene and Variant Databases

- NCBI Gene (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/9380)
- ClinVar (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=GRHPR[gene])

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Genomic Location

The *GRHPR* gene is found on chromosome 9 (https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/chromosome/9/).

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