

SLC34A2 gene

solute carrier family 34 member 2

Normal Function

The *SLC34A2* gene provides instructions for making a protein called the type IIb sodium-phosphate cotransporter, which plays a role in the regulation of phosphate levels (phosphate homeostasis). Although this protein can be found in several organs and tissues in the body, it is located mainly in the millions of small air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs, specifically in cells called alveolar type II cells. These cells produce and recycle surfactant, which is a mixture of certain phosphate-containing fats (called phospholipids) and proteins that lines the lung tissue and makes breathing easy. The recycling of surfactant releases phosphate into the alveoli. Research suggests that the type IIb sodium-phosphate cotransporter normally helps clear this phosphate.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

Pulmonary alveolar microlithiasis

At least 18 *SLC34A2* gene mutations have been identified in people with pulmonary alveolar microlithiasis, a disorder in which many tiny fragments (microliths) of a compound called calcium phosphate gradually accumulate in the alveoli. These deposits eventually cause widespread lung damage (interstitial lung disease) that leads to breathing problems.

SLC34A2 gene mutations are thought to impair the activity of the type IIb sodium-phosphate cotransporter, resulting in the accumulation of phosphate in the alveoli. The accumulated phosphate forms the microliths that cause the signs and symptoms of pulmonary alveolar microlithiasis.

Other Names for This Gene

- NAPI-3B
- NAPI-IIb
- NPTIIb
- sodium-dependent phosphate transport protein 2B
- sodium/phosphate cotransporter 2B
- solute carrier family 34 (sodium phosphate), member 2

- solute carrier family 34 (type II sodium/phosphate cotransporter), member 2
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- type II sodium-dependent phosphate transporter 3b

Additional Information & Resources

Tests Listed in the Genetic Testing Registry

- Tests of SLC34A2 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=10568\[geneid\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=10568[geneid]))

Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%28SLC34A2%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28%28NAPI-3B%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28NAPI-IIb%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+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D>)

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

- SOLUTE CARRIER FAMILY 34 (SODIUM/PHOSPHATE COTRANSPORTER), MEMBER 2; SLC34A2 (<https://omim.org/entry/604217>)

Gene and Variant Databases

- NCBI Gene (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/10568>)
- ClinVar ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=SLC34A2\[gene\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=SLC34A2[gene]))

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Genomic Location

The *SLC34A2* gene is found on chromosome 4 (<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/chromosome/4/>).

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