CATSPER1 gene
cation channel sperm associated 1

Normal Function

The CATSPER1 gene provides instructions for producing a protein that is found in the tail (flagellum) of sperm cells. The CATSPER1 protein plays a role in sperm cell movement (motility) and is required for sperm cells to push through the outside membrane of the egg cell during fertilization. The CATSPER1 protein is embedded in the membrane of sperm cells and is necessary for positively charged calcium atoms (calcium cations) to enter the cell. Calcium cations are required for a type of sperm motility called hyperactivation. Hyperactivation is characterized by vigorous movements of the sperm tail, which are necessary for the sperm to push through the membrane of the egg cell during fertilization.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

CATSPER1-related nonsyndromic male infertility

At least two mutations in the CATSPER1 gene have been found to cause CATSPER1-related nonsyndromic male infertility. These mutations are thought to lead to the production of a CATSPER1 protein that may be altered, nonfunctional, or quickly broken down (degraded) by the cell. A lack of functional CATSPER1 protein impairs calcium entry into the sperm cell, which decreases motility and prevents hyperactivation. Lack of hyperactivation results in sperm that are unable to push through the membrane of the egg cell and achieve fertilization. These sperm abnormalities are the cause of infertility in affected males. Male infertility is the only symptom of CATSPER1-related nonsyndromic male infertility.
Chromosomal Location

Cytogenetic Location: 11q13.1, which is the long (q) arm of chromosome 11 at position 13.1

Molecular Location: base pairs 66,016,752 to 66,026,518 on chromosome 11 (Homo sapiens Updated Annotation Release 109.20200228, GRCh38.p13) (NCBI)

Credit: Genome Decoration Page/NCBI

Other Names for This Gene

- cation channel sperm-associated protein 1
- cation channel, sperm associated 1
- CATSPER
- CTSR1_HUMAN
- sperm-associated cation channel 1
- sperm ion channel

Additional Information & Resources

Educational Resources
- Developmental Biology (sixth edition, 2000): Action at a Distance: Mammalian Gametes
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK10010/?rendertype=box&id=A1381

Clinical Information from GeneReviews
- CATSPER-Related Male Infertility
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK22925

Scientific Articles on PubMed
- PubMed
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28CATSPER1%5BTIAB%5D%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+AND+CATSPER1+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+CATSPER1+AND+human%5Bmh%5D
Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

• CATION CHANNEL, SPERM-ASSOCIATED, 1
  http://omim.org/entry/606389

Research Resources

• Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology
  http://atlasgeneticsoncology.org/Genes/GC_CATSPER1.html

• HGNC Gene Symbol Report

• Monarch Initiative
  https://monarchinitiative.org/gene/NCBIGene:117144

• NCBI Gene

• UniProt
  https://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q8NEC5

Sources for This Summary

  Free article on PubMed Central: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2667975/

• OMIM: CATION CHANNEL, SPERM-ASSOCIATED, 1
  http://omim.org/entry/606389


Reprinted from Genetics Home Reference:
  https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/gene/CATSPER1

Reviewed: April 2010
Published: April 28, 2020

Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications
U.S. National Library of Medicine
National Institutes of Health
Department of Health & Human Services