COL4A5 gene
collagen type IV alpha 5 chain

Normal Function

The COL4A5 gene provides instructions for making one component of type IV collagen, which is a flexible protein. Specifically, this gene makes the alpha5(IV) chain of type IV collagen. This chain combines with two other types of alpha (IV) chains (the alpha3 and alpha4 chains) to make a complete type IV collagen molecule. Type IV collagen molecules attach to each other to form complex protein networks. These networks make up a large portion of basement membranes, which are thin sheet-like structures that separate and support cells in many tissues. Type IV collagen alpha3-4-5 networks play an especially important role in the basement membranes of the kidney, inner ear, and eye.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

Alport syndrome

More than 400 mutations in the COL4A5 gene have been found to cause Alport syndrome. Most of these mutations change single protein building blocks (amino acids) in a region where the alpha5(IV) collagen chain combines with other type IV collagen chains. Other mutations in the COL4A5 gene severely decrease or prevent the production of alpha5(IV) chains. As a result, there is a serious deficiency of the type IV collagen alpha3-4-5 network in the basement membranes of the kidney, inner ear, and eye. In the kidney, other types of collagen accumulate in the basement membranes, eventually leading to scarring of the kidneys and kidney failure. Mutations in this gene can also lead to abnormal function in the inner ear, resulting in hearing loss.
Chromosomal Location

Cytogenetic Location: Xq22.3, which is the long (q) arm of the X chromosome at position 22.3

Molecular Location: base pairs 108,439,838 to 108,697,545 on the X chromosome (Homo sapiens Updated Annotation Release 109.20200228, GRCh38.p13) (NCBI)

Credit: Genome Decoration Page/NCBI

Other Names for This Gene

• ASLN
• ATS
• CA54
• CO4A5_HUMAN
• collagen IV, alpha-5 polypeptide
• collagen of basement membrane, alpha-5 chain
• collagen type IV alpha 5
• collagen, type IV, alpha 5
• collagen, type IV, alpha 5 (Alport syndrome)

Additional Information & Resources

Educational Resources

• Molecular Biology of the Cell (fourth edition, 2002): A model of the molecular structure of a basal lamina
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK26810/?rendertype=figure&id=A3581

• Molecular Biology of the Cell (fourth edition, 2002): Basal Laminae Perform Diverse Functions
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK26810/#A3583
Clinical Information from GeneReviews

- Alport Syndrome
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1207

Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28COL4A5%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+1800+days%22%5Bdp%5D

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

- COLLAGEN, TYPE IV, ALPHA-5
  http://omim.org/entry/303630

Research Resources

- Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology
  http://atlasgeneticsoncology.org/Genes/GC.COL4A5.html

- ClinVar
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=COL4A5%5Bgene%5D

- HGNC Gene Symbol Report

- Monarch Initiative
  https://monarchinitiative.org/gene/NCBIGene:1287

- NCBI Gene

- UniProt
  https://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P29400

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