TBX5 gene
T-box 5

Normal Function

The TBX5 gene provides instructions for making a protein called T-box 5 that plays an important role in the formation of tissues and organs during embryonic development. This protein regulates the activity of other genes by attaching (binding) to specific regions of DNA. On the basis of this action, the T-box 5 protein is called a transcription factor.

During embryonic development, the T-box 5 protein turns on (activates) genes involved in the normal development of the hands and arms (upper limbs). The T-box 5 protein also activates genes that play an important role in the growth and development of the heart. This protein appears to be particularly important for the formation of the wall (septum) that separates the right and left sides of the heart. The T-box 5 protein is also critical to the formation of the electrical system that coordinates contractions of the heart chambers.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

Holt-Oram syndrome

More than 70 mutations in the TBX5 gene have been found to cause Holt-Oram syndrome. Most of these mutations prevent the production of the T-box 5 protein. Other mutations change one of the protein building blocks (amino acids) used to make the T-box 5 protein. Researchers believe that a change in amino acids impairs the protein's ability to bind to DNA. As a result of TBX5 mutations, genes that are important for development of the heart and upper limbs are probably not activated. Abnormal development of the heart and upper limbs is characteristic of Holt-Oram syndrome.
Chromosomal Location

Cytogenetic Location: 12q24.21, which is the long (q) arm of chromosome 12 at position 24.21

Molecular Location: base pairs 114,353,911 to 114,408,708 on chromosome 12 (Homo sapiens Updated Annotation Release 109.20200522, GRCh38.p13) (NCBI)

Other Names for This Gene

• HOS
• T-box transcription factor TBX5
• TBX5_HUMAN

Additional Information & Resources

Educational Resources
• Developmental Biology (sixth edition, 2000): Specification of forelimb or hindlimb: Tbx4 and Tbx5
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK10003/#A3934

Clinical Information from GeneReviews
• Holt-Oram Syndrome
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1111

Scientific Articles on PubMed
• PubMed
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28%28TBX5%5BTIAB%5D%29+%29+OR+%28T-box+5%5BTIAB%5D%29+AND+%28%28Genes%5BMH%5D%29+OR+%28Genetic+Phenomena%5BMH%5D%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+1800+days%22+AND+human%5Bmh%5D

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM
• T-BOX 5
  http://omim.org/entry/601620
Research Resources

- Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology
  http://atlasgeneticsoncology.org/Genes/GC_TBX5.html
- ClinVar
  https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=TBX5%5Bgene%5D
- HGNC Gene Symbol Report
- Monarch Initiative
  https://monarchinitiative.org/gene/NCBIGene:6910
- NCBI Gene
- UniProt
  https://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q99593

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