

Sickle Cell Anemia

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disorder characterized by anemia, episodes of pain, and frequent infections. A person must have two HbS variants in the HBB gene in order to have this condition.

Erin, you **do not have the variant** we tested.

You could still have a variant not covered by this test.



How To Use This Test

This test does not diagnose any health conditions.

Please talk to a healthcare professional if this condition runs in your family, you think you might have this condition, or you have any concerns about your results.

[Review the Carrier Status tutorial](#)

[See Scientific Details](#)

+ Intended Uses

- To test for the HbS variant in the HBB gene.
- To identify carrier status for sickle cell anemia.

- Limitations

- Does **not report** if someone has two copies of a tested variant.
- This report only discusses sickle cell anemia, not other forms of sickle cell disease. [See the beta thalassemia report for more information.](#)

🌐 Important Ethnicities

- This test is most relevant for people of **African** descent.

You are likely not a carrier.

This result is relevant for you because you have **African** ancestry.



We ruled out the HbS variant for sickle cell anemia.

This is the only variant that causes sickle cell anemia.

The HbS variant is most common in people of African or African American descent.

Our test indicates that you do not carry this variant.



About Sickle Cell Anemia



When symptoms develop

Symptoms typically develop by early childhood.

How it's treated

Treatment focuses on managing pain and preventing complications. Certain medications or blood transfusions may improve symptoms.



Typical signs and symptoms

- Anemia
- Fatigue
- Episodes of pain
- Frequent infections
- Stroke
- Injury to multiple organs



Ethnicities most affected

This condition is most common in people of African descent.

Read more at

[Genetics Home Reference](#)

[GeneReviews](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#)

Consider talking to a healthcare professional if you are concerned about your results.



If you're starting a family, a genetic counselor can help you and your partner understand if additional testing might be appropriate.

[Connect with a GC](#)



Share your results with a healthcare professional.

[Print report](#)



Learn more about this condition and connect with support groups.

[Learn more](#)

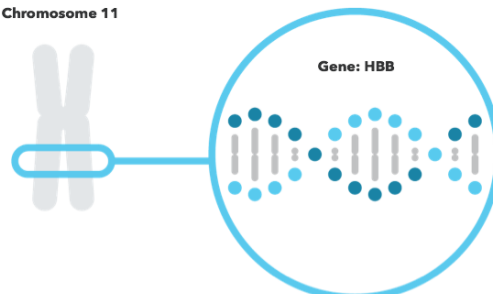
Sickle cell anemia is caused by the HbS variant in the HBB gene.

HBB

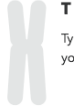
The HBB gene contains instructions for making a protein called beta-globin. This protein is part of a larger protein called hemoglobin that is found in red blood cells. Hemoglobin transports oxygen from the lungs to all other cells of the body. Certain variants in HBB alter the structure of hemoglobin, making it defective in transporting oxygen.

[Read more at Genetics Home Reference](#)

Chromosome 11



You have no variants detected by this test.

Variants Detected		View All Tested Markers	
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Marker Tested	Your Genotype*	Additional Information	
HbS Gene: HBB Marker: i3003137	T Typical copy from one of your parents  T Typical copy from your other parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Biological explanation> Typical vs. variant DNA sequence(s)> Percent of 23andMe customers with variant> References [1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] ClinVar ↗	

*This test cannot distinguish which copy you received from which parent. This test also cannot determine whether multiple variants, if detected, were inherited from only one parent or from both parents. This may impact how these variants are passed down.

23andMe always reports genotypes based on the 'positive' strand of the human genome reference sequence (build 37). Other sources sometimes report genotypes using the opposite strand.

Test Interpretation

Post-test carrier risk for sickle cell anemia is the chance of still being a carrier for the condition if you do not have the variant tested. This chance depends on how common it is to be a carrier for sickle cell anemia and whether the variants we tested tend to be found in people of your ethnicity.

The HbS variant is the only variant that causes sickle cell anemia. Because this variant was not detected, you are not a carrier according to this test.

Test Details

Indications for Use

The 23andMe PGS Carrier Status Test for Sickle Cell Anemia is indicated for the detection of the HbS variant in the HBB gene. This test is intended to be used to determine carrier status for sickle cell anemia in adults, but cannot determine if a person has two copies of a tested variant. The test is most relevant for people of African and African American descent.

Special Considerations

- Carrier screening for hemoglobinopathies such as sickle cell anemia is recommended by ACOG for people of African descent considering having children.

Test Performance Summary

Carrier Detection Rate & Relevant Ethnicities

The "carrier detection rate" is an estimate of the percentage of carriers for this condition that would be identified by this test. Carrier detection rate is provided only where sufficient data is available.

Ethnicity	Carrier Detection Rate	Notes
African American	100% (This report covers the only variant that causes sickle cell anemia)	[2]
African	100% (This report covers the only variant that causes sickle cell anemia)	[2]

Analytical Performance

Accuracy was determined by comparing results from this test with results from sequencing for 54 samples with known variant status. 54 out of 54 genotype results were correct. About 1 in 10,400 samples may receive a **Not Determined** result. This can be caused by random test error or unexpected DNA sequences that interfere with the test. It can also be caused by having two copies of a variant tested.

Warnings and Limitations

- This test does not diagnose any health conditions.
- Positive results in individuals whose ethnicities are not commonly associated with this condition may be incorrect. Individuals in this situation should consider genetic counseling and follow-up testing.
- Share results with your healthcare professional for any medical purposes.
- If you are concerned about your results, consult with a healthcare professional.

See the [Package Insert](#) for more details on use and performance of this test.

* Variants not included in this test may be very rare, may not be available on our genotyping platform, or may not pass our testing standards.

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