

Genomic Unity® Case Study

Shifting the diagnostic paradigm with a whole genome platform



Heteroplasmic mitochondrial deletion explains multiorgan dysfunction in 19-year-old female

Clinical presentation

A 19-year-old female presented with a history of short stature and failure to thrive throughout childhood, with multiorgan symptoms present since at least 14 years of age, including:

- Hearing loss
- Retinitis pigmentosa
- Kidney failure, resulting in renal transplant
- Type I diabetes
- Hypertrichosis

Results and interpretation

Varietyx **Genomic Unity® Whole Genome Analysis** identified a heteroplasmic (20%), pathogenic mitochondrial deletion ~2.3kb in size.

The deletion spans the *MT-ND5*, *MT-TH*, *MT-TL2* and *MT-TS2* genes.

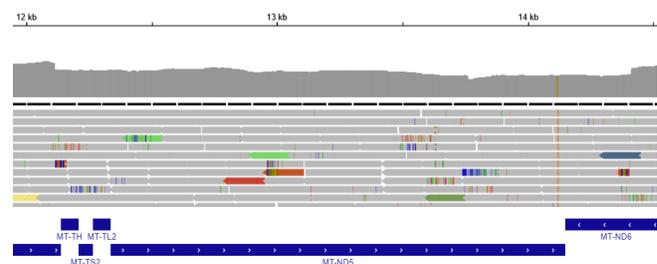
Diagnosis: Mitochondrial DNA deletion syndrome

Previous genetic testing

Multiple tests were performed including:

- Retinal dystrophy panel
- Mitochondrial genome sequencing (2x)
- Mitochondrial genome deletion analysis

Genomic Unity® Whole Genome Analysis was ordered because of its ability to identify all major variant types in a single test.



Uniform data from WGS clearly shows the mitochondrial deletion

The Variantyx difference

Why was this heteroplasmic mitochondrial deletion detected by Genomic Unity® Whole Genome Analysis, and not detected by other tests?



Mitochondrial genes are not typically included in retinal dystrophy panels.

Variantyx genome analysis does not exclude any gene, including mitochondrial genes.



The relatively low level of heteroplasmy (20%) and relatively small size of the deletion (~2.3kb) fall near the lower end of the detection limits of the mitochondrial deletion test ordered.

Variantyx genome analysis includes >2000x coverage of the mitochondrial genome, with detection of heteroplasmy $\geq 5\%$

Variantyx tests that would have identified this variant

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Genomic Unity® Mitochondrial Genome Analysis | Genomic Unity® Comprehensive Mitochondrial Disorders Analysis

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