

# X-linked agammaglobulinemia

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Description:

Defects in the Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) gene cause agammaglobulinemia. Agammaglobulinemia is characterized by failure to produce mature B lymphocyte cells and is associated with a failure of Ig heavy chain rearrangement. Two thirds of cases are familial, and one third of cases are believed to arise from new mutations. Mutations of the BTK gene are found in approximately 80% of patients with agammaglobulinemia.

### Alternative names:

- XLA
- Bruton type agammaglobulinemia
- X-linked hypogammaglobulinemia

### Classification:

- Deficiencies predominantly affecting antibody production
  - Agammaglobulinemia

### Inheritance:

X-linked

### OMIM:

- %300310 Agammaglobulinemia, X-linked, type 2; AGMX2
- \*300300 Bruton agammaglobulinemia tyrosine kinase; BTK

### Cross references:

#### Phenotype related immunodeficiencies:

- IDR factfile for X-linked hypogammaglobulinemia with growth hormone deficiency
- IDR factfile for BLNK deficiency
- IDR factfile for Ig $\alpha$  deficiency
- IDR factfile for  $\mu$  heavy-chain deficiency
- IDR factfile for  $\lambda$ 5 surrogate light-chain deficiency

### Incidence:

1: 200,000

## CLINICAL INFORMATION

### Description:

Most patients with XLA develop recurrent bacterial infections, particularly otitis, sinusitis and pneumonia, in the first two years of life. The most common organisms are *S. pneumoniae* and *H. influenzae*. The serum IgG is usually less than 200 mg/dl and the IgG and IgA are generally less than 20 mg/dl. Approximately 20% of patients present with a dramatic, overwhelming infection, often with neutropenia. Another 10-15% have higher concentrations of serum immunoglobulin than expected or are not recognized to have immunodeficiency until after 5 years of age. Complications can lead to bronchiectasis, chronic sinus damage, and also chronic meningoencephalitis due to echoviruses and coxsackieviruses. Ureaplasma/Mycoplasma septic arthritis may occur.

### Diagnosis:

## Diagnostic laboratories:

### Clinical:

- Agammaglobulinemia X-linked, ORPHANET
- Bruton Agammaglobulinemia, eMedicine

### Genetic:

- BTK, IDdiagnostics
- University of Tennessee, GeneTest
- Center for Blood Research Boston, MA , GeneTests
- University Medical Center Utrecht, EDDNAL
- Hospital Universitario La Fe(Valencia), EDDNAL
- Ulleval University Hospital - Department of Medical Genetics (Oslo), EDDNAL
- North East Thames Regional Clinical Molecular Genetics Laboratory (London), EDDNAL

## Therapeutic options:

- (Intravenous) immunoglobulins, antibiotic therapy together with physiotherapy and postural drainage in case of lung damage. Ciprofloxacin is a valuable antibiotic but is not licensed for small children. Oral poliovaccine should not be given because of the risk of paralytic disease.
- Bruton Agammaglobulinemia, eMedicine
- Hypogammaglobulinemia, eMedicine

## Research programs, clinical trials:

- Improved Healthcare for Patients with Primary Antibody Deficiencies through new Strategies Elucidating their Pathophysiology (IMPAD)
- European Initiative for Primary Immunodeficiencies
- Immune Regulation in Patients with Common Variable Immunodeficiency and Related Syndromes, ClinicalTrials.gov

## GENE INFORMATION

### Names:

**HUGO name:** BTK

**Alias(es):** AGMX1, AT, ATK, BPK, B cell progenitor kinase, IMD1, PSCTK1, XLA, Bruton agammaglobulinemia tyrosine kinase, Tyrosine-protein kinase BTK

### Localization:

#### Reference sequences:

**DNA:** U78027 (EMBL) , **cDNA:** X58957 (EMBL) , **Protein:** Q06187 (SWISSPROT)  
Other Sequences

#### Chromosomal Location:

Xq21.3-q22

#### Maps:

BTK (Map View)

#### Markers:

stSG89, stSG50199, WIAF-1356-STS,  
sWXD2767

## Variations / Mutations:

- BTKbase; Mutation registry for X-linked agammaglobulinemia
- HGMD; The human gene mutation database
- BTKbase; Polymorphisms/Variations
- dbSNP; Single nucleotide polymorphism

## Other gene-based resources:

Ensembl: ENSG00000010671, GENATLAS:  
BTK, GeneCard: BTK, UniGene: 159494, Entrez  
Gene: 695, euGenes: 695, GDB: 120542

## PROTEIN INFORMATION

### Description:

#### Protein function:

Plays a crucial role in B-cell ontogeny.  
Transiently phosphorylates GTF2I on tyrosine residues in response to B cell receptor crosslinking.

#### Catalytic activity:

ATP + a protein tyrosine = ADP + protein tyrosine phosphate.

#### Subunit:

Binds GTF2I through the PH domain.

#### Subcellular location:

Cytoplasmic and membrane-associated.

#### Post-translational modification:

Autophosphorylated on Tyr-223 and Tyr-551.  
The tyrosine phosphorylation of Tyr-223 may create a docking site for a SH2 containing protein.

## Structures (PDB):

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| 1BTK | PH domain and BTK motif from Bruton's tyrosine kinase mutant R28C                                |
| 1AWW | SH3 domain from Bruton's tyrosine kinase, NMR, 42 structures                                     |
| 1AWX | SH3 domain from Bruton's tyrosine kinase, NMR, minimized average structure                       |
| 1B55 | PH domain from Bruton's tyrosine kinase in complex with inositol 1,3,4,5-tetrakisphosphate       |
| 1BWN | PH domain and BTK motif from Bruton's tyrosine kinase mutant E41K in complex with Ins(1,3,4,5)P4 |
| 1K2P | Crystal Structure Of Bruton'S Tyrosine Kinase Domain   |

## Domains:

### Pleckstrin homology domain (PH): 1-138

Pfam: PF00169; PH, InterPro: IPR001849; PH, SMART: SM00233; PH, PROSITE: PS50003; PH\_DOMAIN

### Tec homology domain (TH): 139-215

### Src homology 3 domain (SH3): 216-280

Pfam: PF00018; SH3, SH3; Smart, InterPro: IPR001452; SH3, SMART: SM00326; SH3, PROSITE: PS50002; SH3

### Src homology 2 domain (SH2): 281-377

Pfam: PF00017; SH2, SH2; Smart, InterPro: IPR000980; SH2, SMART: SM00252; SH2, PROSITE: PS50001; SH2

### Tyrosine kinase domain (TK): 378-659

Pfam: PF00069; pkinase, TyrKc; Smart, InterPro: IPR001245; Tyr\_pkinase, SMART: SM00219; TyrKc

## Other features:

### BTK motif: 139-165

InterPro: IPR001562; BTK, Pfam: PF00779;  
BTK, SMART: SM00107; BTK

### ATP nucleotide phosphate-binding region: 408-416

### ATP binding site: 430

### Other related resources:

InterPro: IPR000719; Euk\_pkinkase, PROSITE:  
PS00107; PROTEIN\_KINASE\_ATP,  
PROSITE: PS00109;  
PROTEIN\_KINASE\_TYR, PROSITE:  
PS50011; PROTEIN\_KINASE\_DOM

## Expression pattern for human:

Tissue	Exp. (%)	Clones
Pheochromocytoma	22.49	1:1560
Leukocyte	15.62	4:8982
Lymph	9.26	17:64395
B-cells	8.49	4:16533
Tonsil, enriched for germinal center B-cells	6.72	7:36522
Lung metastatic chondrosarcoma	5.44	1:6448
Corresponding non cancerous liver tissue	5.04	2:13909
Mixed	4.65	8:60341
Bone marrow	3.53	2:19854
Human skeletal muscle	3.26	1:10746

## Animal models:

### Mouse:

MGD: ; Btk

## OTHER RESOURCES

## Societies:

### General:

- International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies (IPOPI)
- Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF)
- March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
- NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID)

## Other information sources:

- Primary Agammaglobulinemia by The Doctors' Medical Library