

CUBN (Vitamin B12)

Gene Report

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DISCLAIMER

This report does not diagnose this or any other 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.

Personal information

NAME

Sample Client

SEX AT BIRTH

Male

HEIGHT

5ft 5" 165cm

WEIGHT

137lb 62kg



How this works

Our Wellness Reports analyze how your DNA influences your health.
We then use this analysis to give you personalized risk estimates and recommendations.



Similarly, our Trait Reports look at how your DNA influences your traits.



Your DNA is like an instruction manual — it contains a lot of information.
You can think of it as a blueprint for your body.

Genetic variants are parts of DNA that differ from person to person. Some can make you more vulnerable to certain health issues, while others may influence traits such as eye color.



We use artificial intelligence and machine learning to analyze all this information.
We then summarize your results as a risk score or display it on a gauge.

In total, we analyze up to 83 million genetic variants.

When we give a risk score, the risk icon tells you if you are at a higher or lower risk compared to other people:



Genotype color info:

AA

You don't have any risk alleles

AA

You have 1 risk allele

AA

You have 2 risk alleles

Your risk is also displayed as a percentile. This will tell you how your risks compare to our sample population. The lower your percentile number, the lower your risk. The "50th percentile" would be an average risk.

Similarly, the gauge tells you your relative risk score compared to our sample population, or it indicates a specific trait or haplotype you are more likely to have based on your genetic variants.

When applicable, we also list top evidence-based recommendations that may help lower your risk. The focus is on recommendations that may be of benefit to you, based on your genetics.

Our recommendations come in four categories: lifestyle, diet, supplements and drugs.
The following icons tell you which category a recommendation falls into:



Our team of scientists also ranks each recommendation.
We rank based on impact and the strength of evidence in the medical literature.

Impact shows how strongly a recommendation will affect your health in a certain area.
Evidence is how much scientific support there is for the recommendation. Rankings are from 1 to 5 (low to high):



Impact

Impact scores range from 1-5. These scores reflect how much of an effect each recommendation can have. An impact score of 5 predicts the biggest effect.

When a recommendation affects something we can measure, we use those measurements to assign the impact score. For example, a recommendation that decreases cholesterol by 20% will have a higher impact score than one that decreases it by 5%.

Some recommendations affect things that we cannot directly measure, like stress or mood. For these, the impact score is based on how well they work relative to other recommendations and standard treatments. The best ones get the highest scores.

If there is a lot of research that shows a recommendation works especially well for your genotype, the impact score gets increased.

Recommendation Evidence

5 / 5

Recommendations that are considered effective and generally recommended by experts and medical bodies.

4 / 5

Recommendations that are considered likely effective and that have multiple independent meta-analyses and a great many studies supporting them.

3 / 5

Recommendations that are considered possibly effective and have many studies supporting them

2 / 5

Recommendations that have insufficient evidence, with two or several clinical trials supporting them, or many studies but with ambiguous results.

1 / 5

Recommendations that have insufficient evidence, with a single clinical trial, or with many studies most of which didn't find support for the recommendation.

0 / 5

No evidence in humans.

Genotype-specific Evidence

High-quality

Direct evidence that a recommendation helps more in people with your gene variant (many clinical trials, a few large clinical trials, or a meta-analysis).

Medium-quality

Direct evidence that a recommendation helps more in people with your gene variant (a few clinical trials or one large clinical trial).

Low-quality

Direct evidence that a recommendation helps more in people with your gene variant (a single clinical trial or more trials with inconsistent results).

Indirect

A recommendation may help more in people with your gene variant because it targets a specific gene or protein affected by your variant (e.g., MTHFR, dopamine).

In theory

A recommendation may help more in people with your gene variant because it targets a specific mechanism affected by your variant (e.g., inflammation, oxidative stress).

Some things to keep in mind:

- Genetics doesn’t play a considerable role in a condition or a trait.
- There is not enough research available to estimate a genetic predisposition.
- There are technical limitations to estimating or presenting a genetic predisposition.
- The topic is sensitive, and a genetic predisposition should only be estimated and presented by a healthcare professional.

Introduction

The [CUBN](#) gene plays a crucial role in our body's ability to **absorb vitamin B12**. It encodes for a protein called **cubilin**, which is essential for the uptake of vitamin B12 in the intestines [\[R\]](#).

Vitamin B12 is vital for red blood cell formation, nerve function, and DNA synthesis. Variants in the CUBN gene may affect the absorption of vitamin B12, causing a deficiency. Identifying these variants is crucial to optimize vitamin B12 intake and avoid related health issues [\[R\]](#).

CUBN Variant and Health

The main CUBN gene variant is [rs1801222](#). This variant seems to reduce CUBN activity, affecting vitamin B12 absorption.

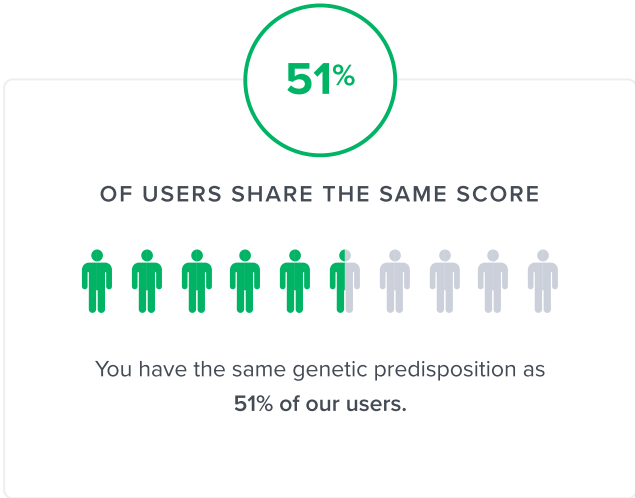
Its “A” allele is linked to [R](#), [R](#), [R](#), [R](#), [R](#):

- Lower vitamin B12 levels
- Increased homocysteine levels
- Pernicious anemia (B12 deficiency anemia)
- Megaloblastic (large cell) anemia



HIGHER ACTIVITY

Likely higher CUBN activity based on the genetic variants we looked at



Your top variants that most likely impact your genetic predisposition:

GENE	SNP	GENOTYPE
CUBN	rs1801222	GG

The number of "risk" variants in this table doesn't necessarily reflect your overall result.

Your Recommendations

Your recommendations are prioritized according to the likelihood of it having an impact for you based on your genetics, along with the amount of scientific evidence supporting the recommendation.

You'll likely find common healthy recommendations at the top of the list because they are often the most impactful and most researched.

DOSAGE		DOSAGE	
1	Dietary Vitamin B12	2	Vitamin B12100 mcg

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Dietary Vitamin B12

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EVIDENCE

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How to implement

Incorporate foods rich in vitamin B12 into your daily diet, such as beef, chicken, fish, and dairy products. If you are vegetarian or vegan, consider fortified cereals or plant-based milks. Aim to meet the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for adults of 2.4 micrograms of vitamin B12 per day.

Description

Vitamin B12 is important for nerve function, red blood cell production, and overall energy metabolism. It's crucial for preventing pernicious anemia and maintaining neurological health.

How it helps

People with methylation issues may have increased needs for B vitamins, especially B12 and folate. B12 is crucial for removing homocysteine, which tends to be higher in people with poor methylation [\[R\]](#).

High dietary intake of vitamin B12 is associated with lower homocysteine levels [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#).

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How to implement

Take a 50 mcg vitamin B12 supplement daily, preferably with a meal to enhance absorption.

TYPICAL STARTING DOSE

100 mcg

Description

Vitamin B12 is a water-soluble vitamin primarily found in animal-based foods like meat, fish, and dairy products. It plays a crucial role in maintaining healthy nerve cells, DNA synthesis, and red blood cell formation. Vitamin B12 deficiency can lead to anemia, neurological issues, and fatigue.

[Vitamin B12](#) is important for [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#):

- Building DNA
- Nervous system function
- Energy production

You can get vitamin B12 from [\[R\]](#):

- Animal products (meat, fish, eggs, and dairy)
- Fortified foods
- Supplements

Adults should be getting **2.4 micrograms** of vitamin B12 every day [\[R\]](#).

How it helps

People with methylation issues may have higher homocysteine and increased needs for vitamin B12 [\[R\]](#).

Supplementation with vitamin B12 (1 mg/day) may lower homocysteine levels in older people [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#).

Methylcobalamin is the active form of vitamin B12 that might be more suitable for people with poor methylation [\[R\]](#).

In people supplementing with [folate](#), taking vitamin B12 (0.5 mg/day), may further lower homocysteine levels. The combination may work in healthy people and those at risk of dementia or heart disease [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#), [\[R\]](#).

The combination of folate, vitamin B12, vitamin B6, and omega-3 fatty acids may further lower homocysteine levels [\[R\]](#).

B vitamins are required for the enzymes that break down homocysteine to work [\[R\]](#).

Please note: *B12 may interact with certain medications, including tetracycline. If you have Leber’s disease please consult your doctor before supplementing with B12.*