SelfDecode™

GCH1 (Cardiovascular)

Gene Report

REPORT CATEGORIES

HEART & BLOOD VESSELS

PAIN

Sample Client

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Personal information

NAME

Sample Client

SEX AT BIRTH

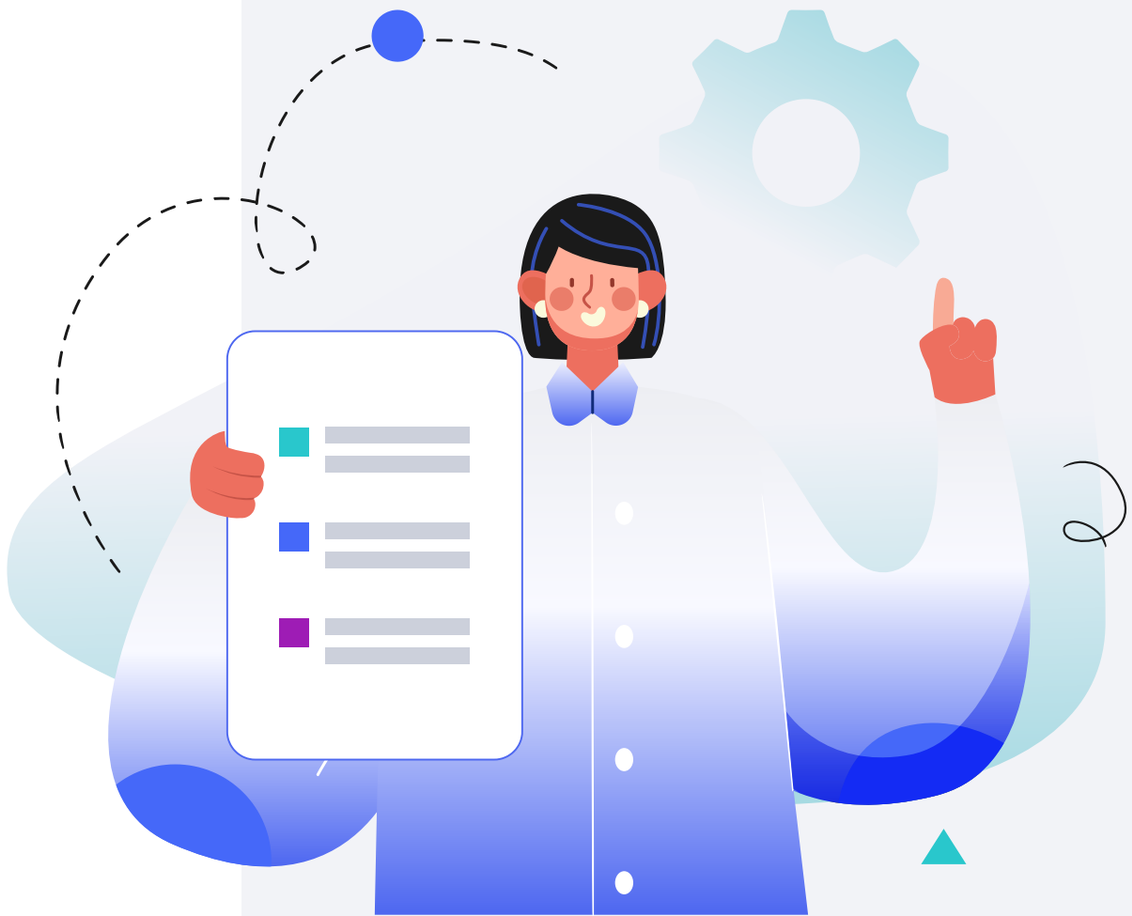
Male

HEIGHT

5ft 5" 165cm

WEIGHT

137lb 62kg

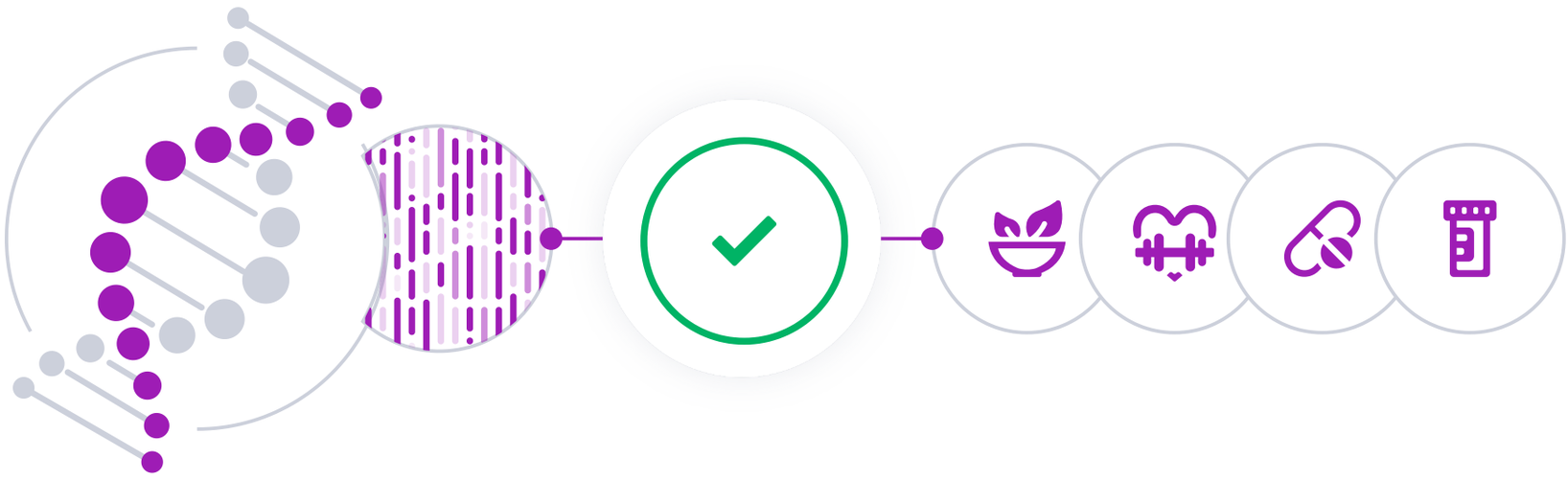


DISCLAIMER

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.

How this works

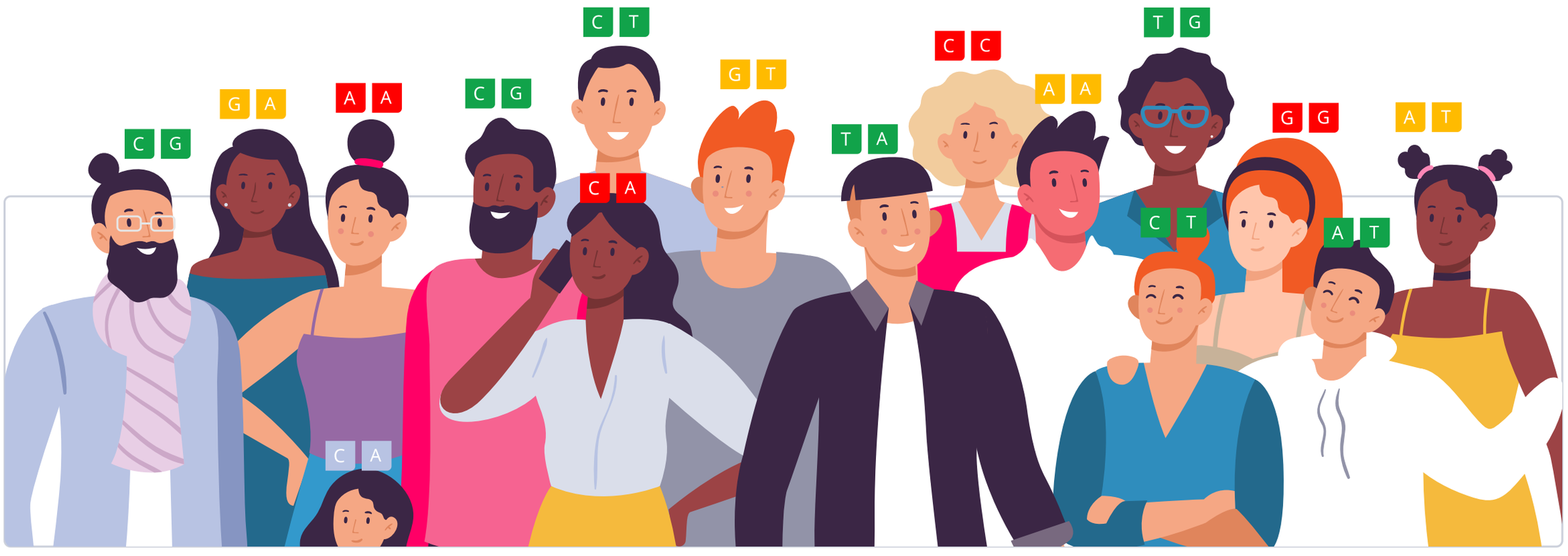
Our Wellness Reports analyze how your DNA influences your health.
We then use this analysis to give you personalized risk estimates and recommendations.



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.

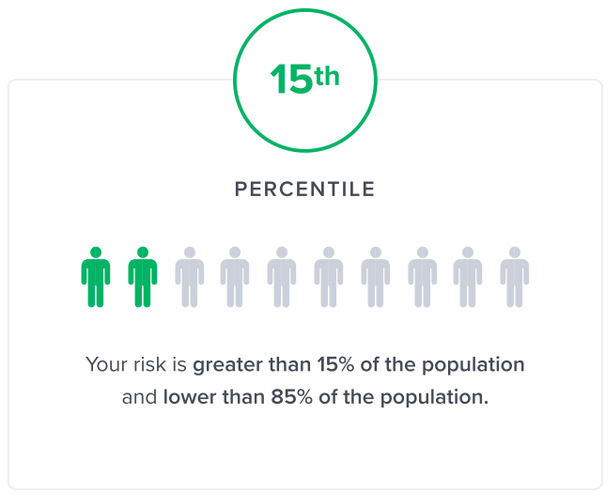
Genetic variants are parts of DNA that differ from person to person. Some can make you more vulnerable to certain health issues, while others may influence traits such as eye color.



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.

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

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



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, afew 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 *GCH1* gene encodes the enzyme needed for the first step and rate-limiting enzyme in the biosynthesis of **BH4** (tetrahydrobiopterin).

BH4 supports the function **eNOS**, the enzyme that helps make **nitric oxide** in the blood vessels. It also supports other enzymes, used in the production of [R, R]:

- Neurotransmitters (serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine)
- Melatonin

Through these pathways, BH4 plays a role in cardiovascular health, pain perception, mood, and more.

GCH1 Variants, BH4 and Health Outcomes

The following three variants may **reduce GCH1 activity**. They have been linked to **lower BH4 levels,** especially in people with both copies [R]:

- rs10483639-C
- rs3783641-A
- rs8007267-T

People with these variants may be prone to **blood vessel issues**, especially if they have diabetes or heart disease. Lower BH4 levels mean less nitric oxide, a substance that widens the blood vessels and keeps them healthy [R, R].

On the other hand, BH4 is involved in pain signalling, and these variants are linked to **reduced pain sensitivity** [R, R, R].

Note that these variants are often inherited together, meaning you will likely have either all or none.

HIGHER ACTIVITY

Likely higher GCH1 activity based on the genetic variants we looked at

60%

OF USERS SHARE THE SAME SCORE

You have the same genetic predisposition as **60% of our users.**

Your top variants that most likely impact your genetic predisposition:

GENE	SNP	GENOTYPE
GCH1	rs10483639	GG
GCH1	rs8007267	CC
GCH1	rs3783641	TT

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
1	Vitamin C	2000 mg

1

Vitamin C

IMPACT 2 / 5

EVIDENCE 2 / 5

How to implement

Take 500-2000 mg of vitamin C supplement daily. It can be taken at any time of the day, with or without food, according to personal preference or tolerance.

TYPICAL STARTING DOSE

2000 mg

Description

Vitamin C is an essential nutrient. This means that our bodies can't produce it on their own, so we have to get it from food or supplements [R].

Foods rich in Vitamin C include: [R]

- Citrus Fruits
- Peppers
- Brussel sprouts
- Kiwi
- Broccoli
- Tomato
- Cantaloupe
- Cauliflower
- Spinach

Vitamin C has antioxidant properties. It supports immunity, heart health, and wound healing [R, R].

Vitamin C deficiency is called *scurvy.* In the past, many sailors suffered from it [R].

How it helps

Tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) produced by GCH1 is essential for NOS3 function. In a few studies, middle-aged and elderly people who took BH4 had improved vasodilation and circulation, which the authors attributed to NO. Supplements that could increase BH4 availability, such as *methylfolate* and vitamin C, are promising subjects for additional research [R, R, R].

Next Steps

Remember, your genes only tell one important part of your health story!

Now that you've seen your DNA-based results for this health topic, let's take a look at other contributing factors.

Your lab results

Your lab results are impacted by the combined effect of your genes, environment and lifestyle.

Lab tests will give you the best picture of your current health status, while your genes provide insight into your health predispositions and which recommendations are best for you.

LDL Cholesterol	103 mg/dL	0 · 100 · 130 · 189	9 Nov 2025
HDL Cholesterol	42 mg/dL	40 · 90	9 Nov 2025
Homocysteine	12.84 umol/L	5 · 9 · 15 · 100	9 Nov 2025
hs-CRP	1.6 mg/L	0 · 0.5 · 3 · 100 · 500	9 Nov 2025