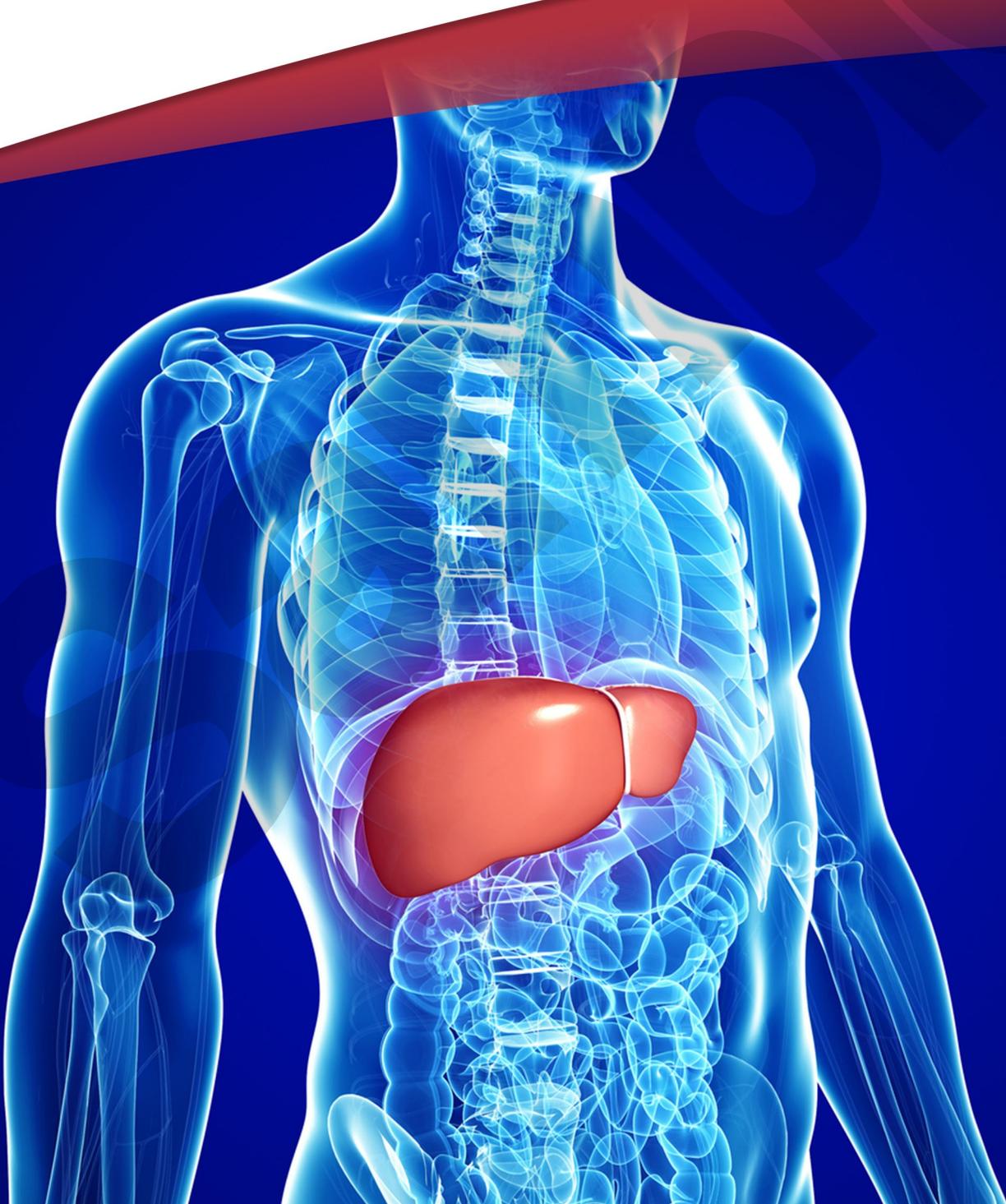


Detoxification Report



Detoxification

The human body is exposed to thousands of toxins every single day which need to be detoxified. Substances including environmental pollutants, food additives, pesticides, medication, alcohol and hormones are transformed from being fat-soluble to water-soluble, allowing them to be more easily excreted from the body via urine and bile.

Detoxification occurs predominantly in the liver in two major phases: Phase 1 Reactions and Phase 2 Conjugation, and a less well-known third phase: Phase 3 Antiporter Activity.

Poor detoxification can impact many systems, leading to various symptoms including:

- **Gastro-intestinal:** halitosis, bitter taste, bloating, fatty stools, constipation, diarrhoea, intolerance to fatty foods, swollen liver, gallbladder problems
- **Immune:** food allergies, skin issues (rashes, itchiness), asthma, recurrent infections
- **Endocrine:** infertility, PMS, weight gain, depression, anxiety, mood swings
- **Nervous:** headaches, dementia, poor memory and concentration, neuralgia
- **Musculo-skeletal:** muscle aches and weakness, arthritis
- **Other:** sensitivity to chemicals and odours, chronic fatigue, anaemia and premature ageing

Detoxification pathways are influenced significantly by genetic variance, as well as nutrition, age, sex, lifestyle habits such as drinking coffee or smoking.

The Detoxification report describes the genes, nutrients, and lifestyle and environmental factors that can impact detoxification. In addition to a detoxification overview diagram, it provides five personalised summary pathways and detailed results, followed by a detoxification guide. The pathways covered are:

- Alcohol
- Mould
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- Paracetamol
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Detoxification Summary

Phase 1 reactions

Cytochrome P450s

- CYP1A1** ●●
- CYP1A2** ●▲
- CYP1B1** ●●▲
- CYP2A6** ●
- CYP2C19** ●●▼▼
- CYP2C9** ●●
- CYP2D6** ●●●▲▲
- CYP2E1** ●
- CYP3A4** ●

Alcohol

- ADH1B** ●●
- ADH1C** ●●▲▲▲▲
- ALDH2** ●

Pesticides, Lipids

- PON1** ●●▼

ROS detoxification

- GPX1** ●
- NQO1** ●
- SOD2** ●●▼▼

Phase 2 conjugation

Glucuronidation

- UGT1A1** ●●▼
- UGT1A6** ●

Sulphonation

- SULT1A1** ●▼
- SULT1E1** ●
- SULT2A1** ●▼

Acetylation

- NAT1** ●
- NAT2** ●●▼

Glutathione conjugation

- GSTM1** ●
- GSTP1** ●●▼
- GSTT1** ●

Methylation

- COMT** ●●▼▼
- TPMT** ●●

Phase 3 antiporter

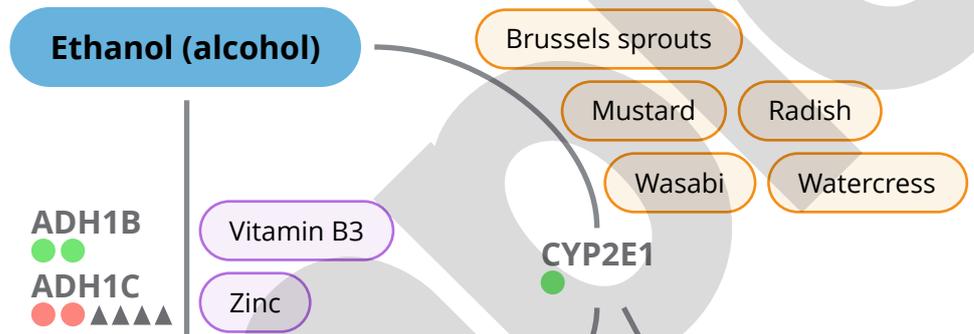
Antiporter

- ABCB1** ●

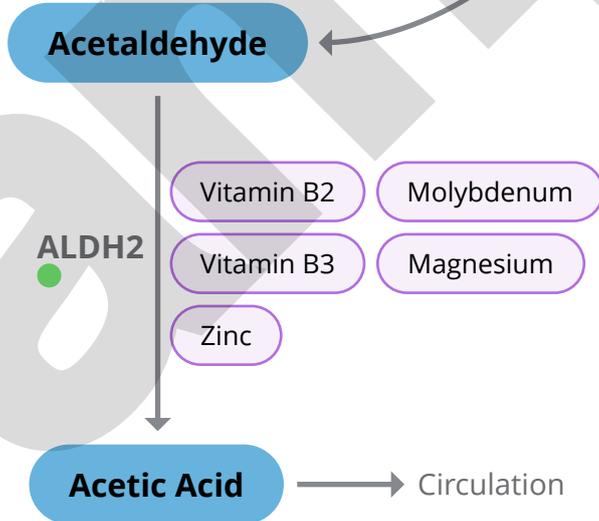
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Alcohol Detoxification

Phase 1

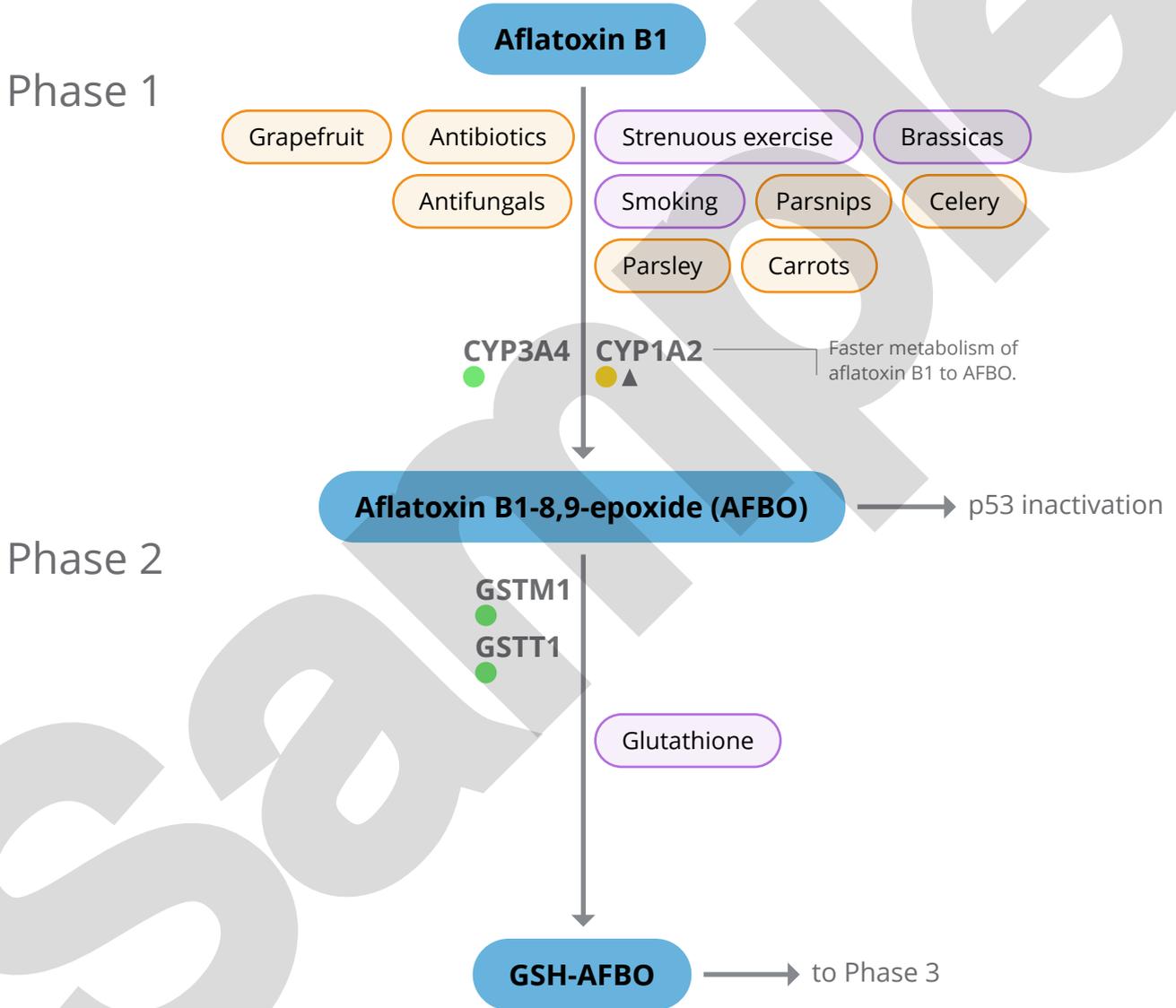


Phase 2

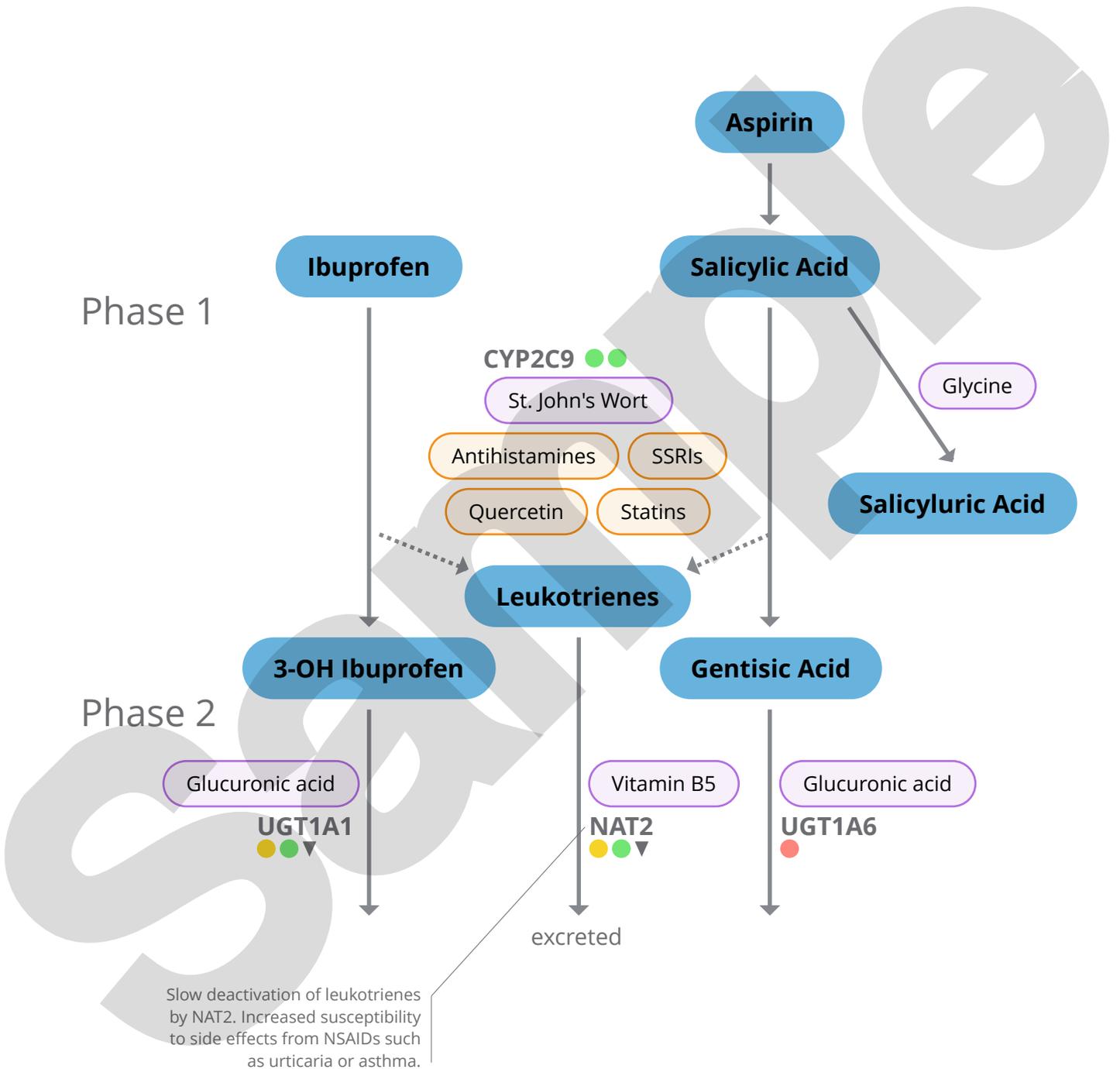


Mould Detoxification

This diagram specifically focuses on aflatoxin B1 but other types of moulds follow a similar detoxification pathway.



Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) Detoxification



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Detailed Results for Phase 1

ADH1B rs1229984	CC	 <p>Relatively slow conversion of ethanol to acetaldehyde, compared to the T allele. No exceptional risk of acetaldehyde toxicity or symptoms. Most common genotype in European and African populations, but occurs as low frequency in Asian populations.</p> <p>Replenish cofactors NAD+ (vitamin B3) and zinc, which may be depleted by alcohol metabolism.</p>
ADH1B 	GG	 <p>Relatively slower conversion of ethanol to acetaldehyde, compared to the A allele. No exceptional risk of acetaldehyde toxicity or symptoms. Most common genotype in all populations.</p> <p>Replenish cofactors NAD+ (vitamin B3) and zinc, which may be depleted by alcohol metabolism.</p>
ADH1C 	CC ▲▲	 <p>Although this is the 'wild' type, it is reported as negative (red) due to higher enzyme activity and rate of conversion of ethanol to acetaldehyde. Increased risk of acetaldehyde toxicity after consuming alcohol which may cause unpleasant symptoms such as facial flushing, urticaria, dermatitis, rhinitis and asthma like reactions, more severe hangovers and protein and DNA damage. Most common genotype in Asians. May be protective against alcoholism.</p> <p>Replenish cofactors NAD+ (vitamin B3) and zinc, which may be depleted by alcohol metabolism.</p>
ADH1C 	TT ▲▲	 <p>Although this is the 'wild' type, it is reported as negative (red) due to higher enzyme activity and rate of conversion of ethanol to acetaldehyde. Increased risk of acetaldehyde toxicity after consuming alcohol which may cause unpleasant symptoms such as facial flushing, urticaria, dermatitis, rhinitis and asthma like reactions, more severe hangovers and protein and DNA damage. Most common genotype in Asians. May be protective against alcoholism.</p> <p>Replenish cofactors NAD+ (vitamin B3) and zinc, which may be depleted by alcohol metabolism.</p>

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A Guide to Detoxification

This guide provides detailed explanations of the genes and gene products involved in detoxification.

Toxins

Toxins are exogenous and endogenous substances that are harmful to the body and are capable of causing disease.

Exogenous toxins include alcohol, cigarette smoke, diet (sugar, trans-fats, food additives), environmental pollutants (smoke, pesticides and herbicides), household detergents, cosmetics, radiation, water (chlorine and fluorine), mould, pollen, heavy metals (aluminium, lead, mercury etc.), and pharmaceutical drugs.

The majority of endogenous toxins are products and by-products of digestion, but also result from stress, oxidative stress, dysbiosis, bacterial, fungal or viral infection, hormones and inflammatory chemicals, such as histamine.

The rate at which the liver, and other organs, can eliminate toxins determines individual susceptibility to increased toxic load. High toxic load can cause a wide range of symptoms affecting gastro-intestinal, immune, endocrine, nervous and musculo-skeletal systems.

The detoxification pathways are influenced by nutrition, age, sex, lifestyle habits such as drinking coffee or smoking, as well as genetic variance. In this report we will focus on five detoxification pathways: alcohol, mould, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), paracetamol and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Phase 1 Reactions

During Phase 1, substrates are primed for conjugation by the addition or exposure of a binding site via oxidation, reduction or hydrolysis reactions. A significant side effect of Phase 1 detoxification is the production of free radicals as the toxins are transformed, making them more reactive and potentially damaging.

Increased Phase 1 enzyme activity may be helpful and/or unhelpful since it increases the metabolism of environmental toxins but can also alter the efficacy or toxicity of certain prescription medications, and can lead to higher circulating free radicals. For this reason, we report increased Phase 1 enzyme activity due to genetic variance as negative.

The CYP450 enzymes

The cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzymes are a large superfamily of enzymes, requiring heme and NADPH as cofactors, responsible for metabolising thousands of endogenous and exogenous substances. They are expressed in the membranes of mitochondria and the endoplasmic reticulum of cells - primarily the liver, but also in other organs and systems. CYP enzymes function as monooxygenases and effect oxidation by transfer of one oxygen atom through a number of steps.

Some CYPs metabolise only one or very few substrates while others are responsible for metabolising multiple substrates. Many genetic polymorphisms have been discovered for the CYP450s which can explain the differences in metabolism of steroids, fatty acids, and xenobiotics between individuals.

Inducers increase the activity of CYPs and accelerate the metabolism of the substrates handled by the respective enzymes. Some substrates are also inducers. In general, cigarette smoke, charred food, caffeine, alcohol, cruciferous vegetables and St. John's Wort are all potent inducers of Phase 1 enzymes. On the contrary, inhibitors of CYPs reduce the metabolism of the substrates and may lead to altered efficacy (of prescription medications, for example) or toxicity of any substrate or metabolite.

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How to Read the Report

Genes

Results are listed in order of the gene short name. The 'rs' number is the reference sequence number that identifies a specific location on the genome. It is also known as a SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) pronounced 'snip', polymorphism or mutation.

Personalised Result

Your genotype result is shown as two letters (A,G,T or C) which represent the DNA bases present at that location.

GPX1
rs1050450

AG ▼

Less efficient removal of hydrogen peroxide, which can increase risk of accumulation and oxidative damage, TPO antibodies and Hashimoto's. Ensure good intake of antioxidants, particularly glutathione and selenium.

Arrow Direction

The direction of the arrow indicates the potential effect of the SNP on gene expression, where applicable - it can increase or decrease activity, or neither.

- ▲ up-regulates or increases the activity and effect on the gene
- ▼ down-regulates or decreases the activity and effect on the gene
- No arrow - no effect on the activity of the gene

Highlight Colour

The genotype result highlight indicates the potential effect of the SNP on gene function in a particular context.

- RED** the effect of the variant is negative
- AMBER** the effect of the variant is somewhat negative
- GREEN** no variation, or the effect of the variant is positive

Pathway Diagram Key

Cofactor

Inhibitor

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