

## Names for FORS ( ISBT 031) Blood Group Alleles

### Intro

General description: The FORS blood group system consists of one antigen, FORS1 (rare), and this carbohydrate structure is present in the RBC membrane as part of the globo-series biosynthetic pathway of glycolipids. The terminal carbohydrate moiety is a GalNAc extension of the P antigen (globoside, Gb4). The glycosyltransferase that synthesizes the FORS1 antigen consists of 347 amino acids and is considered non-functional in most individuals. In antigen-positive individuals the glycosyltransferase is made active by an amino acid substitution due to a point mutation in exon 7.

Gene name: *GBGT1*  
Number of exons: 7  
Initiation codon: Within exon 2  
Stop codon: Within exon 7  
Entrez Gene ID: 26301  
LRG: NG\_033868.1 (genomic)  
LRG sequence: NM\_021996.5 (transcript)

Reference allele: *GBGT1\*01N.01*

Antithetical antigens: n.a.

Phenotype	Allele name	Nucleotide change	Exon Intron	Predicted amino acid change	(Reference No.) PMID	Accession number	rs number
Null phenotypes							
FORS:-1 (FORS-)	<i>GBGT1*01N.01</i>				PMID: 23255552	HE583599	
FORS:-1 (FORS-)	<i>GBGT1*01N.02</i>	c.58C>T	2	p.Leu20Phe	PMID: 23255552	HE583600	rs2073924
FORS:-1 (FORS-)	<i>GBGT1*01N.03</i> (old: <i>GBGT1*02N</i> )	c.363C>A	7	p.Tyr121Ter			rs35898523
FORS:-1 (FORS-)	<i>GBGT1*01N.04</i>	c.363C>A c.870C>T	7 7	p.Tyr121Ter p.Gly290Gly	PMID: 23255552	HE583596	rs35898523 rs35902535
Activating variation							
FORS:1 (FORS+)	<i>GBGT1.01.01</i>	c.887G>A	7	p.Arg296Gln	PMID: 23255552	HE583597	rs375748588
FORS:1 (FORS+)	<i>GBGT1.01.02</i>	c.58C>T c.887G>A	2 7	p.Leu20Phe p.Arg296Gln	PMID: 23255552	HE583598	rs2073924 rs375748588

## References

- PMID 23255552 Svensson L, Hult AK, Stamps R, Ångström J, Teneberg S, Storry JR, Jørgensen R, Rydberg L, Henry SM, Olsson ML. Forssman expression on human erythrocytes: biochemical and genetic evidence of a new histo-blood group system. *Blood*. 2013;21;121(8):1459-68.

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<b>8</b>	Allele	changed	<i>GBGT1*02N</i>
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