

Barone's Amino Acid Code Cheatsheet


There are **20 amino acids** and 9 of them are essential.
Here are the one and three letter codes for the amino acids:

Amino acid	Three letter code	One letter code
Alanine	ala	A
Arginine	arg	R
Asparagine	asn	N
Aspartic acid	asp	D
Cysteine	cys	C
Glutamic acid	glu	E
Glutamine	gln	Q
Glycine	gly	G
Histidine*	his	H
Isoleucine*	ile	I
Leucine*	leu	L
Lysine*	lys	K
Methionine*	met	M
Phenylalanine*	phe	F
Proline	pro	P
Serine	ser	S
Threonine*	thr	T
Tryptophan*	trp	W
Tyrosine	tyr	Y
Valine*	val	V

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*Essential Amino Acids

The amino acid letter codes are often used when describing mutations. Here are some key mutations that you should know for the boards!

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Cystic Fibrosis	CFTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ΔF508 Deletion of Phenylalanine at 508 • Results in a misfolded CFTR protein that is tagged with ubiquitin and destroyed by the proteasome complex.
Cystic Fibrosis	CFTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G551D Missense mutation • Glycine is replaced by Aspartic acid at position 551 • Results in a defective CFTR protein.
Hemochromatosis	HFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C282Y Missense mutation • Cystine is replaced by Tyrosine at position 282 • Results in decreased hepcidin and overabsorption of iron in the small intestine.
Hemochromatosis	HFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H63D Missense mutation • Histidine is replaced by Aspartic acid at position 63 • Results in decreased hepcidin and overabsorption of iron in the small intestine.
Sickle cell anemia	Beta globin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E6V Missense mutation • Gluutamic acid is replaced by Valine at position 6 • Results in to formation of Hb S.
Melanoma Hairy Cell Leukemia Many other tumors	B-Raf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V600E Missense mutation • Valine is replaced by Glutamic acid at position 600 • Results in activation of the BRAF serine-threonine kinase.
Hyperprothrombinemia (Hypercoaguability)	Prothrombin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20210A Missense mutation • Glycine is replaced by Alanine in the position 20210 • Results in increased plasma prothrombin levels.
Factor V Leiden (Hypercoaguability)	Factor V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G1691A Missense mutation • Glycine is replaced by Alanine in the position 1691 • Results in loss of the Factor V cleavage site that activated protein C uses to breakdown Factor V.
Polycythemia vera Essential thrombocythemia Myelofibrosis	JAK2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V617F Missense mutation • Valine is replaced by Phenylalanine in position 617 • Results in overactivity of the JAK2 tyrosine kinase causing EPO-independent myloproliferation and overproduction of RBCs (P.vera) or Platelets (ET).
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