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## **Supplemental Data**

### **Mutations in *KARS*, Encoding Lysyl-tRNA**

### **Synthetase, Cause Autosomal-Recessive**

### **Nonsyndromic Hearing Impairment DFNB89**

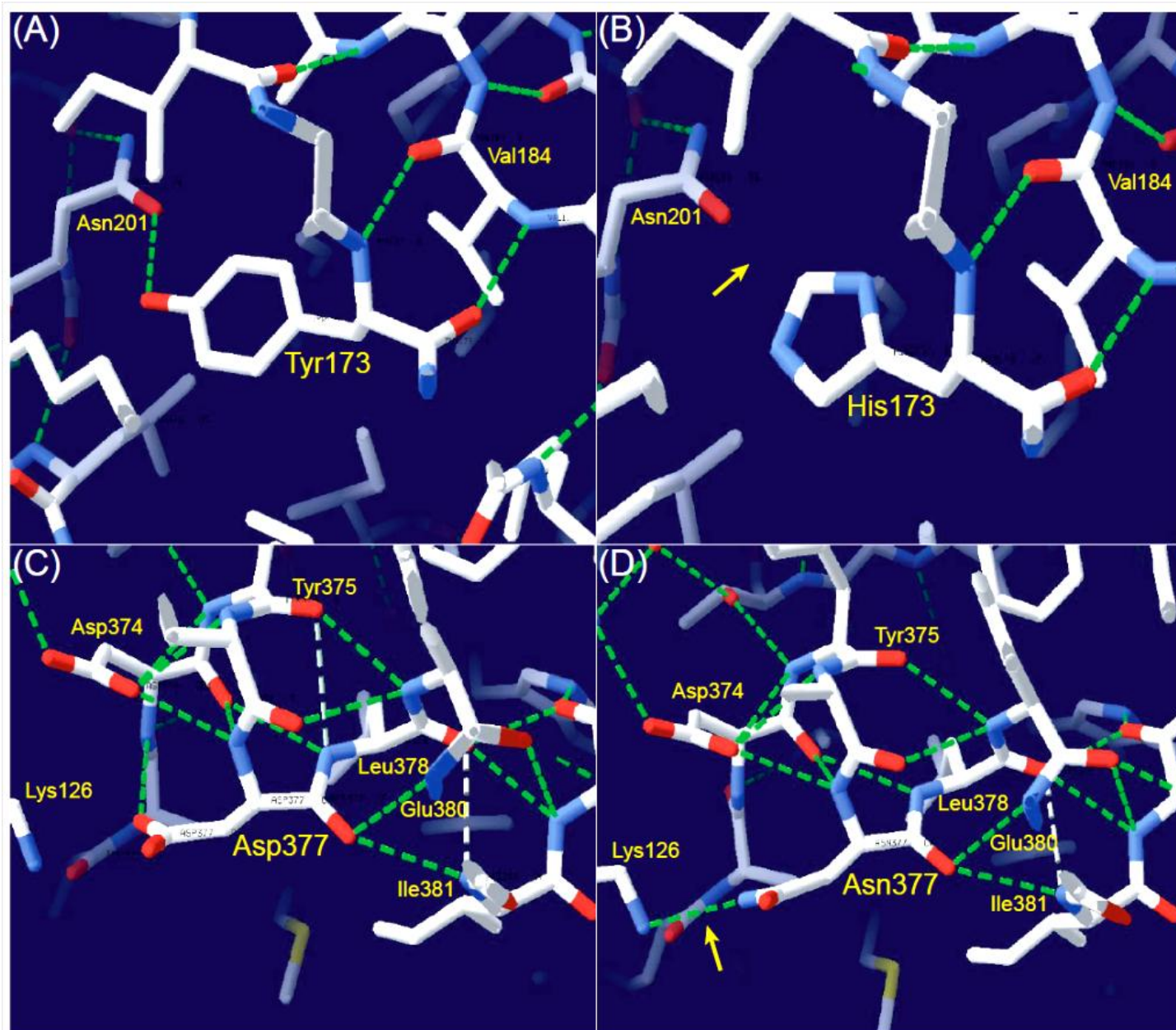
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### Figure S1. Multiple-Sequence Alignment for KARS and Similar Proteins

Aligned sequences are from 165 non-human species, including 8 primates, 14 placental mammals, 3 non-placental mammals, 3 avian, 2 reptiles, 2 amphibians, 7 bony fish, 27 insects, 2 arachnids, 9 roundworms, 2 flatworms, 8 water animals, 22 plants, 44 fungi and 12 other eukaryotes. Protein sequences were derived from the UniProtKB database using blastp and aligned using ClustalW2. For the human sequence, residues 166-180 and 370-384 from KARS (NP\_001123561) are shown. The tyrosine residue at position 173 is highly conserved, and is replaced by a phenylalanine in only 3 of 165 proteins from non-human species (highlighted in cyan), namely *Harpegnathos saltator* (Jerdon's jumping ant), *Apis mellifera* (honeybee) and *Anopheles gambiae* (mosquito). The aspartic acid residue at position 377 (blue letters highlighted in yellow) is identical in all aligned sequences.





**Figure S2. Structural Modeling for Altered KARS**

H-bonds are shown as green dotted lines.

(A) Wild-type KARS with tyrosine at position 173.

(B) Altered KARS with histidine at position 173. Yellow arrow indicates loss of an H-bond between  $\beta$ -strand 2 and  $\alpha$ -helix 3.

(C) Wild-type KARS with aspartic acid at position 377.

(D) Altered KARS with asparagine at position 377. Yellow arrow points to a gained H-bond between interacting KARS monomers. Additionally an H-bond between asparagine residues at positions 374 and 377 is lost, possibly resulting in loss of  $\alpha$ -helix 9.

**Table S1. ABR Findings in Individuals with *KARS* Mutations**

Individual ID	dB	Side	Latency Wave I (ms)	Latency Wave III (ms)	Latency Wave V (ms)	Inter-peak I-III	Inter-peak III-V	Inter-peak I-V
4406 IV-2	100	Right	1.30	3.65	5.55	2.35	1.90	4.25
		Left	1.10	3.55	5.05	2.45	1.50	3.95
	90	Right	2.85	4.95	7.00	2.10	2.05	4.15
		Left	1.90	4.00	6.05	2.10	2.05	4.15
	80	Right	--	3.35	--	--	--	--
		Left	--	--	5.95	--	--	--
4406 IV-7 <sup>a</sup>	100	Right	1.00	3.60	5.65	2.60	2.05	4.65
		Left	1.31	4.65	6.85	3.34	2.20	5.54
	90	Right	--	3.40	5.05	--	1.65	--
		Left	--	3.10	5.90	--	2.80	--
	80	Right	--	5.23	--	--	--	--
		Left	--	--	--	--	--	--

<sup>a</sup> For individual IV-7 the compliance peak for the tympanogram on the left ear was absent (type B ear), indicating possible middle ear effusion or otitis media at the time of testing.

**Table S2. Interexonic Primer Pairs for Zebrafish and Mouse *Kars* Gene**

Exon	Forward	Reverse
zf_Kars_1	CAGAATATGCCAACTGCAAGCGC	CCATGACCTGCAGCTTGACTCC
zf_Kars_2	CCTGATCCCTGGTGGCGCAGT	AGCTCTTGGGTCATGCTGATTCCG
zf_Kars_3	GGAGGTGAAGTGCATCAACCCAA	CCCTCTGCAGGTGCAGCTGGT
Mus_Kars_1	TCAGAGGGAACCTTCGACTGGGC	GTTGGCCATGACTTGTAACCTTGAC
Mus_Kars_2	GAGACATAATTGGAGTTGAGGGCA	TGCATAGGCCATGTAGAACTCACA
Mus_Kars_3	TCAGCATGGTAGAAGAGCTTGAGA	ATCGGTGAGAAACATGGTGAGCC