

MEDICAL UPDATE LETTER FOR DONOR #10295 (PERSEUS) - 2024-06-06

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To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to provide a medical update regarding Donor #10295 (Perseus).

This letter is intended for all recipients and facilities who have purchased vials from donor #10295 (Perseus).

Seattle Sperm Bank has been notified that multiple children of donor #10295 (Perseus) have been diagnosed with failure to thrive and cow's milk protein allergy. Four children of donor #10295 (Perseus), all with unique egg sources, are reported to have a history of failure to thrive. Three of these four children are also reported to have cow's milk protein allergy. Some of the children have outgrown failure to thrive and/or cow's milk protein allergy with age and/or treatment.

What is Failure to Thrive (FTT)?

Failure to thrive (FTT) is a term used for children who are not growing and gaining weight at a typical rate. FTT occurs when a child is either not receiving enough calories or is unable to properly use the calories, resulting in failure to grow or gain weight over a period of time. Failure to thrive occurs in 5%-10% of infants/children. Sometimes an underlying cause of FTT is identified and sometimes the cause is unknown. Treatment for FTT will depend on the cause, the child's age, and the associated symptoms, but the goal is typically to provide the child with enough calories to support their growth.

What is Cow's Milk Protein Allergy (CMPA)?

Cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA) is a food allergy in infants and young children, occurring when the immune system reacts to proteins in cow's milk. Symptoms may include gastrointestinal symptoms like reflux, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, as well as skin and respiratory symptoms. The primary treatment is avoidance of cow's milk and milk-containing products. Many children outgrow CMPA in their toddler years, but some individuals may continue to have the allergy into adulthood.

We contacted donor #10295 (Perseus) and he denied any known personal or family history of cow's milk protein allergy, reflux, and/or failure to thrive.

Summary

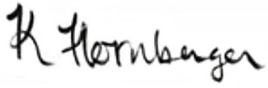
We encourage you to share this family history update with your child's pediatrician. Based on the reported medical updates, there may be an increased chance for children of #10295 (Perseus) to develop cow's milk protein allergy and failure to thrive.

If Seattle Sperm Bank receives additional medical information that would impact the chance for other medical conditions in children of this donor, we will notify you by sending a follow-up letter. Please notify Seattle Sperm Bank of births and pregnancies beyond the first trimester using [SSB's birth reporting webpage](#) and notify the genetics team if your child receives any medical diagnoses. If you would like to connect with other recipients of donor #10295 (Perseus), consider joining Seattle Sperm Bank's donor sibling registry, [SSB Connects](#).

Please reach out if any questions arise or if clarification would be helpful.

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