

WFS1 F515S — Wolframin

Phenylalanine → Serine at position 515. Transmembrane helix 7. ClinVar Uncertain significance, AlphaMissense 0.801, DynaMut2 $\Delta\Delta G$ -3.33 kcal/mol (destabilising).

IDENTITY

Variant	F515S (p.Phenylalanine515Serine)
DNA change	c.1544T>C
Gene · Protein	WFS1 · Wolframin (890 aa)
UniProt	O76024 · WFS1_HUMAN
ClinVar accession	VCV002000596
Amino acid change	Phenylalanine (F) → Serine (S)

STRUCTURAL CONTEXT

AlphaFold model	AF-O76024-F1, v6
pLDDT at residue 515	86.50 HIGH CONFIDENCE
Domain	Transmembrane helix 7
Position context	Inside Transmembrane helix 7 · position 515 is bilayer-embedded
IDR flag	No — pLDDT well above 50 threshold

Position 515 sits in a transmembrane helix (Transmembrane helix 7). Wolframin has eleven such helices anchoring it in the ER membrane; substitutions inside the bilayer-embedded segments can disrupt helix packing, lipid contacts, and the overall ER topology of the protein. The wild-type residue is large aromatic hydrophobic (phenylalanine); the mutant is small polar (serine — hydroxyl). The chemistry shift implies altered local packing, hydrogen-bonding, and/or electrostatics at this site.

COMPUTATIONAL PREDICTIONS

ALPHAMISSENSE

0.801am_class: **likely pathogenic** —
threshold > 0.564DYNAMUT2 $\Delta\Delta G$ **-3.33** kcal/molDestabilising · Job
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PLDDT (ALPHAFOLD)

86.50

high confidence

CLINICAL EVIDENCE

ClinVar classification	UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE
Review status	criteria provided, single submitter
Last evaluated	2022/06/28 00:00
Inheritance	Inheritance pattern not specified in ClinVar entry; WFS1 has both AD and AR presentations.
WFS1 variant landscape	F515S is 1 of ~326 pathogenic-spectrum variants in WFS1 (out of 2,243 in ClinVar) <ul style="list-style-type: none">(no conditions catalogued)

RESEARCH PATH DECISION TREE

$\Delta\Delta G < 2$ + binding site affected \rightarrow CATEGORY 3 – docking experiments $\Delta\Delta G$ 2–4 \rightarrow CATEGORY 2 – pharmacological chaperones $\Delta\Delta G > 4$ \rightarrow CATEGORY 1 – gene therapy pLDDT < 50 \rightarrow CATEGORY 5 – IDR, experimental only Stable fold + functional site hit \rightarrow CATEGORY 4 – site-specific docking

Category 2 — Moderately Destabilizing

$|\Delta\Delta G|=3.33$ in the 2–4 range. Pharmacological chaperone candidate.