If you have a child/children suffering from SLC13A5 Deficiency and you are a heterozygous carrier parent, you can donate your and your child’s blood samples and Skin Biopsies to the SLC13A5 Deficiency Bio-bank at Coriell (https://www.coriell.org/1/NIGMS/Affected-Families-Donate-Here/Request-a-Donation-Kit). Please follow these steps:

1) Please write an email to Coriell at NIGMS@Coriell.org asking that you are interested in donating your and your child’s blood sample/skin biopsy/both. Here is a sample email:
   “Hi Coriell,
   My name is “XYZ” and I came to know about the Coriell bio-bank through TESS Research Foundation. I am interested in donating blood/skin biopsy samples for following family members for the SLC13A5 Deficiency Bio-bank.
   * Child’s name (Date of Birth) - SLC13A5 Deficiency
   * You/your partner’s name (Date of Birth) - Carrier

   Please let me know how to proceed.

   Thanks,
   “XYZ”

2) You will get an email from Coriell asking for the address to which the sample collection kit should be sent. After you send them the address, you will receive the appropriate sample collection kits mailed to the address.

3) Please bring these kits to the doctor or the lab, so that samples could be collected.

4) Finally you or your lab can mail the samples back to Coriell free-of-cost using the shipping labels provided with the kit. Coriell can also inform you on reimbursements for any associated cost.

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