
Overview

Useful For

Diagnosis of mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II, Hunter syndrome) in whole blood specimens

This test is **not useful** for determining carrier status for MPS II.

Genetics Test Information

This test provides diagnostic testing for individuals with positive newborn screen results or clinical signs and symptoms suspicious for mucopolysaccharidosis type II (MPS II, Hunter syndrome).

Testing Algorithm

The following algorithms are available:

[-Lysosomal Storage Disorders Diagnostic Algorithm, Part 1](#)

[-Lysosomal Storage Disorders Diagnostic Algorithm, Part 2](#)

Special Instructions

- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing](#)
- [Biochemical Genetics Patient Information](#)
- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Lysosomal Storage Disorders Diagnostic Algorithm, Part 2](#)
- [Lysosomal Storage Disorders Diagnostic Algorithm, Part 1](#)

Method Name

Fluorometric Enzyme Assay

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Whole blood

Necessary Information

Provide a reason for testing with each specimen.

Specimen Required**Container/Tube:**

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA)

Acceptable: Yellow top (ACD)

Specimen Volume: 2 mL

Forms

1. **New York Clients-Informed consent is required.** Document on the request form or electronic order that a copy is on file. The following documents are available:

-[Informed Consent for Genetic Testing](#) (T576)

-[Informed Consent for Genetic Testing-Spanish](#) (T826)

2. [Biochemical Genetics Patient Information](#) (T602)

3. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Biochemical Genetics Test Request](#) (T798) with the specimen.

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Minimum Volume

0.5 mL

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Whole blood	Ambient (preferred)	7 days	
	Refrigerated	7 days	

Clinical & Interpretive**Clinical Information**

The mucopolysaccharidoses are a group of disorders caused by the deficiency of any of the enzymes involved in the stepwise degradation of dermatan sulfate, heparan sulfate, keratan sulfate, or chondroitin sulfate, also known as glycosaminoglycans (GAG). Accumulation of GAG in the lysosomes interferes with normal functioning of cells, tissues, and organs. Mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II, Hunter syndrome) is an X-linked lysosomal storage disorder caused by the deficiency of iduronate sulfatase (IDS) enzyme and gives rise to the physical manifestations of the disease.

Clinical features and severity of symptoms are widely variable ranging from severe infantile onset disease to an attenuated form, which generally has a later onset with a milder clinical presentation. Symptoms may include coarse facies, short stature, enlarged liver and spleen, hoarse voice, stiff joints, cardiac disease, and profound neurologic involvement leading to developmental delays and regression. As an X-linked disorder, MPS II occurs primarily in male patients with an estimated incidence of 1 in 120,000 male births, although symptomatic carrier females have been reported. Treatment availability, including hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and enzyme replacement therapy, makes early diagnosis desirable, as early initiation of treatment has been shown to improve clinical outcomes. Newborn screening for MPS II has been implemented in some states.

A diagnostic workup in an individual with MPS II typically demonstrates elevated levels of urinary GAG and increased amounts of both dermatan sulfate and heparan sulfate (see MPSQU / Mucopolysaccharides Quantitative, Random, Urine and MPSBS / Mucopolysaccharides, Blood Spot). Reduced or absent activity of IDS can confirm a diagnosis of MPS II but may also be deficient in unaffected individuals with pseudodeficiency as well as individuals with multiple sulfatase deficiency. Enzymatic testing is not reliable to detect carriers. Molecular genetic testing of the *IDS* gene allows for detection of the disease-causing variant in affected individuals and subsequent carrier detection in female relatives (see MPS2Z / Hunter Syndrome, Full Gene Analysis, Varies). Currently, no clear genotype-phenotype correlations have been established.(1)

Reference Values

> or =1.5 nmol/hour/mL

Interpretation

Results below 1.5 nmol/hour/mL in properly submitted specimens are consistent with iduronate-2-sulfatase deficiency (mucopolysaccharidosis II: MPS II, Hunter syndrome). If clinically indicated, consider further confirmation by molecular genetic analysis of the *IDS* gene. Note that this enzyme's activity can also be reduced in multiple sulfatase deficiency (MSD).(2) If clinically indicated, consider biochemical genetic testing of other sulfatasases or molecular genetic testing of the *SUMF1* gene to exclude MSD.

Normal results (> or =1.5 nmol/hour/mL) are not consistent with iduronate-2-sulfatase deficiency.

Cautions

The presence of a pseudodeficiency allele may cause reduced activity of iduronate-2-sulfatase in the artificial substrate used in this assay.

Enzyme levels may be normal in individuals receiving enzyme replacement therapy or who have undergone bone marrow transplant.

Iduronate-2-sulfatase can also be deficient in individuals with multiple sulfatase deficiency.

Clinical Reference

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Performance**Method Description**

The whole blood specimen is spotted onto filter paper and dried overnight. A 3-mm (one-eighth inch) disk is punched out of the dried blood spot into a microcentrifuge tube and inactivated bovine serum albumin is added. The extraction liquid is combined a substrate in a black 96-well plate. A blank is prepared using only preincubation extraction liquid, substrate, and filter paper punch containing no blood. All patients, controls, and blanks are set up in duplicate. After 2 incubations, a stop buffer is added to all wells. Calibrators are prepared and analyzed on every plate to calculate enzyme activity results based on fluorescence units in patient wells versus calibrators. The calibration is derived from 4-methylumbelliferone that is serially diluted manually in the plate, with the highest calibrator being equivalent to an enzyme activity of 3.125 nmol/hour/mL. The plate is then ready to be read using the spectrofluorometer. Fluorescence readings for duplicate wells are averaged, and the average fluorescence is used to calculate the enzyme activity result. (Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Specimen Retention Time

1 year

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees & Codes**Test Classification**

This test was developed, and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

82657

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
I2SW	Iduronate-2-sulfatase, B	79462-8

Result ID	Reporting Name	LOINC®
35211	Reviewed By	18771-6
35212	Interpretation (I2SW)	59462-2
61902	Iduronate-2-sulfatase, B	79462-8