

Overview

Useful For

Determining proliferation of tumor cells in paraffin-embedded tissue blocks from patients diagnosed with breast carcinoma

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
KIBM	Ki67 Breast IHC Manual	No	No

Testing Algorithm

Cases that are not able to be scanned for automated analysis will be changed to the manual process for analysis.

Method Name

Immunohistochemistry, Automated Quantitation

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Special

Ordering Guidance

Ki-67 immunohistochemistry testing on intracystic papillary carcinoma and solid papillary carcinoma, without clearly stating invasive carcinoma, is not appropriate and will be canceled without processing.

If ordering for diagnostic purposes, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation and request the stain.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green pathology address label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

Necessary Information

1. **Pathologist's name, address, and phone number are required.**
2. **Include accompanying pathology report stating the final diagnosis.** If not available, a preliminary diagnosis is acceptable **only** if it refers to invasive or metastatic breast carcinoma.

Specimen Required

[Supplies: Pathology Packaging Kit \(T554\)](#)

Specimen Type: Preferred: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block containing invasive or metastatic breast carcinoma

Acceptable: 2 Unstained sections, containing invasive or metastatic breast carcinoma, on charged slides cut at 4 microns less than 1 month ago. Tissue on the slides should have been fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin. Also send one hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide if possible.

Submission Container/Tube: Pathology Packaging Kit

Collection Instructions: Submit paraffin-embedded invasive or metastatic breast carcinoma tissue.

Additional Information: Paraffin block will be returned with the final report.

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

[-Oncology Test Request \(T729\)](#)

[-Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request \(T763\)](#)

Reject Due To

No specimen should be rejected.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Special	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Ki-67 (MIB-1 clone) is a monoclonal antibody that reacts with cells undergoing DNA synthesis by binding to the Ki-67 antigen, a marker known to be expressed only in proliferating cells. By measuring the amount of tumor cells expressing Ki-67, an estimate of DNA synthesis can be determined. Studies suggest that Ki-67 (MIB-1) analysis of paraffin-embedded tissue specimens may provide useful prognostic and predictive information in various tumor types.

Reference Values

Varies by tumor type; values reported from 0% to 100%

Interpretation

Results will be reported as a percentage of tumor cells staining positive for Ki-67 (MIB-1). Quantitative Ki-67 (MIB-1) results should be interpreted within the clinical context for which the test was ordered.

The scoring method using Aiforia artificial intelligence for image analysis was developed and validated in the Biomarker and Image Analysis Laboratory, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Mayo Clinic (see Method Description).

Cautions

The paraffin block analyzed must be representative of the patient's tumor.

Test results should be interpreted in the context of clinical findings and other laboratory data.

Clinical Reference

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Performance**Method Description**

A 4 micron-thick section is cut from the paraffin block. The section is stained with an immunoperoxidase method using the monoclonal antibody Ki-67 (MIB-1 clone). This is the paraffin nuclear epitope to the Ki-67 antigen. Any nucleus that has an antigen-antibody complex will cause the bright-field, brown chromogen, diaminobenzidine (DAB), to precipitate onto it. All nuclei, both DAB positive and negative, are counterstained with diluted hematoxylin.

[Ki-67 \(MIB-1\)-stained slides are scanned using the Leica Aperio GT450 digital scanner. The captured digital image is analyzed in Aiforia by an artificial intelligence algorithm. The Aiforia software renders a percentage of positive-staining tumor nuclei. A technologist reviews the analyzed digital image and ensures at least 80% of the total invasive or metastatic cancer is analyzed appropriately. The Aiforia data and corresponding slide are reviewed by a pathologist for final interpretation.\(Unpublished Mayo method\)](#)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

4 to 6 days

Specimen Retention Time

1 week after results are reported. Material made at Mayo Clinic may be retained at Mayo Clinic indefinitely.

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees & Codes

Fees

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

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

88361

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
KI67B	Ki67 Breast IHC Automated	85330-9

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
MA023	Tumor type	44638-5
MA024	Tumor classification	21918-8
70995	Interpretation	85330-9
70996	Participated in the Interpretation	No LOINC Needed
70997	Report electronically signed by	19139-5
70999	Material Received	81178-6
71627	Disclaimer	62364-5
71841	Case Number	80398-1