

Overview

Useful For

Aids in the identification of activated and neoplastic melanocytes

Reflex Tests

Test ID	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHTOI	IHC Initial, Tech Only	No	No
IHTOA	IHC Additional, Tech Only	No	No

Testing Algorithm

For the initial technical component only immunohistochemical (IHC) stain performed, the appropriate bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOI). For each additional technical component only IHC stain performed, an additional bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOA).

Method Name

Immunohistochemistry

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

TECHONLY

Advisory Information

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green pathology address label and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

Specimen Required

Supplies: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693)

Specimen Type: Tissue

Preferred: 2 Unstained positively charged glass slide (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick.

Acceptable: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue block

Digital Image Access

1. Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can

be accessed through this website: www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/index.html

2. Clients ordering stains using a manual requisition form will not have access to digital images.
3. Clients wishing to access digital images must place the order for IHC stains electronically. Information regarding digital imaging can be accessed through this website: www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/faq.html

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763) with the specimen.

Reject Due To

Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides	Reject
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Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical and Interpretive

Clinical Information

The HMB45 immunostain identifies an antigen that is associated with a premelanosomal glycoprotein found in activated and neoplastic melanocytes. Most melanomas (approximately 90%) react with HMB45. HMB45 staining is cytoplasmic and is usually diffuse, but may be focal. Benign nevi (moles), and other tumors that have melanin production (such as peripheral nerve sheath tumors), also stain positively.

Interpretation

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). Mayo Clinic cannot provide an interpretation of tech only stains outside the context of a pathology consultation. If an interpretation is needed, refer to PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case. All material associated with the case is required. Additional specific stains may be requested as part of the pathology consultation, and will be performed as necessary at the discretion of the Mayo pathologist.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity and documentation is retained at Mayo Clinic Rochester. If a control tissue is not included on the slide, a scanned image of the relevant quality control tissue is available upon request. Contact 855-516-8404.

Interpretation of this test should be performed in the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

Cautions

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect immunoreactivity. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature and are antigen-dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut fresh.

Clinical Reference

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3. Wick MR, Swanson PE, Rocamora A: Recognition of malignant melanoma by monoclonal antibody HMB-45. An immunohistochemical study of 200 paraffin-embedded cutaneous tumors. *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology* 1988;15(4):201-207
4. Yu CH, Chen HH, Liu CM, et al: HMB-45 may be more sensitive marker than S-100 or melan-A for immunohistochemical diagnosis of primary oral and nasal mucosal melanomas. *J Oral Pathol Med* 2005;34(9):540-545

Performance

Method Description

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Cartun RW, Taylor CR, Dabbs DJ: Techniques of immunohistochemistry: Principles, pitfalls, and standardization. In: Dabbs DJ, ed. *Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry*. 5th ed. Elsevier; 2019:1-46)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) and Time(s) Test Performed

Monday through Friday

Analytic Time

1 day

Maximum Laboratory Time

3 days

Specimen Retention Time

Until staining is complete.

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees and 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 Regional Manager. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

Test Classification

This test has been cleared, approved or is exempt by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

CPT Code Information

88342-TC, primary

88341-TC, if additional IHC

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
HMB45	HMB45 IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC Value
70772	HMB45 IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result