Overview

Useful For
Assessing a patient's immunological (IgG) response to *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) vaccine
Assessing immunity against HIB
Aiding in the evaluation of immunodeficiency when the patient is tested pre- and postvaccination

Method Name
EnzymeImmunoassay(EIA)

NY State Available
Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type
Serum

Specimen Required

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Serum gel
Acceptable: Red top

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

Forms
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Microbiology Test Request (T244) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume
0.2 mL

Reject Due To

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gross hemolysis</th>
<th>Reject</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Gross lipemia</td>
<td>Reject</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Specimen Stability Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specimen Type</th>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Special Container</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Serum</td>
<td>Refrigerated (preferred)</td>
<td>7 days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Frozen</td>
<td>7 days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Clinical and Interpretive

Clinical Information

*Haemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) is an encapsulated gram-negative coco-bacillary bacterium that can cause devastating disease in young children including meningitis, bacteremia, cellulitis, epiglottitis, pneumonia, and septic arthritis.

One of the great advances in modern medicine has been the development of an effective vaccine against HIB. A patient's immunological response to HIB vaccine can be determined by measuring anti-HIB IgG antibody using this enzyme immunoassay (EIA) technique.

Reference Values

> or =0.15 mg/L

Reference values apply to all ages.

Interpretation

An anti-*Haemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) IgG antibody concentration of 0.15 mg/L is generally accepted as the minimum level for protection at a given time; however, it does not confer long-term protection. A study from Finland suggested that the optimum protective level is 1.0 mg/L postimmunization.(1) Furthermore, studies have shown that the response to HIB vaccine is age-related.

Cautions

This assay does not provide diagnostic proof of the presence or absence of immune deficiency. Results must be confirmed by clinical findings and other laboratory tests.

Clinical Reference


Performance

Method Description

Microwells are precoated with the *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (HIB) capsular polysaccharide antigen conjugated to human serum albumin. The calibrators, controls, and diluted patient specimens are added to the wells and antibodies recognizing the HIB antigen bind during the first incubation. After washing the wells to remove all unbound proteins, purified peroxidase-labeled rabbit antihuman IgG (gamma chain specific) conjugate is added. The conjugate binds to the captured human antibody and the excess unbound conjugate is removed by a further wash step. The bound conjugate is visualized with 3,3', 5,5' tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) substrate, which gives a blue reaction product, the intensity of which is proportional to the concentration of antibody in the specimen. Phosphoric acid is added to each well to stop the reaction. This produces a yellow end point color, which is read at 450 nm.(Madore DV, Anderson P, Baxter BD, et al: Interlaboratory study evaluating quantitation of antibodies to
Test Definition: HIBS
Haemophilus influenzae B Ab, IgG, S


**PDF Report**
No

**Day(s) and Time(s) Test Performed**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 8 a.m.

**Analytic Time**
Same day/1 day

**Maximum Laboratory Time**
6 days

**Specimen Retention Time**
2 weeks

**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**
86684

**LOINC® Information**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test ID</th>
<th>Test Order Name</th>
<th>Order LOINC Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HIBS</td>
<td>Haemophilus influenzae B Ab, IgG, S</td>
<td>11257-3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Result ID</th>
<th>Test Result Name</th>
<th>Result LOINC Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>83261</td>
<td>Haemophilus influenzae B Ab, IgG, S</td>
<td>11257-3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>