

## Overview

### Useful For

Assessing the response to mirikizumab therapy

Assessing the need for dose escalation

Evaluating the potential for dose de-escalation or discontinuation of therapy

Monitoring patients who need to be above a certain mirikizumab concentration to improve the odds of a clinical response for therapy optimization

### Testing Algorithm

For information see [Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn Disease Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Algorithm](#).

### Special Instructions

- [Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn Disease Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Algorithm](#)

### Method Name

Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS)

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Serum

### Ordering Guidance

Therapeutic drug monitoring of mirikizumab may be useful when assessing response to therapy is difficult or when patients need to be above a certain therapeutic concentration to improve the odds of a clinical response for therapy optimization, dose increases, or de-escalation or discontinuation of therapy.

### Specimen Required

**Supplies:** Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)

**Collection Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Serum gel

**Acceptable:** Red top

**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 0.5 mL Serum

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Draw blood immediately before next scheduled dose (trough specimen).
2. Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

**Forms**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send [Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request](#) (T728) with the specimen.

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

Serum: 0.25 mL

**Reject Due To**

Gross hemolysis	OK
Lipemia	Reject
Gross icterus	OK

**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	28 days	
	Ambient	28 days	
	Frozen	28 days	

**Clinical & Interpretive****Clinical Information**

Drug and target:

Mirikizumab (Omvoh, Lilly) is a humanized IgG4 monoclonal antibody that selectively binds the p19 subunit of interleukin 23 (IL23), inhibiting IL23 signaling.

Indications:

Mirikizumab is US Food and Drug Administration-approved for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). It is used in moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn disease (CD).

Pharmacokinetic highlights:

Mirikizumab has linear pharmacokinetics with dose-proportional exposure. Higher body weight is associated with lower mean concentrations of the drug. Dosing for UC is 300 mg IV at weeks 0, 4 and 8, followed by 200 mg subcutaneous injections at week 12 and every 4 weeks thereafter. Dosing for CD is 900 mg IV at weeks 0, 4 and 8, and 300 mg subcutaneous injections at week 12 and every 4 weeks thereafter. Steady state is achieved after approximately 16 weeks in therapy, and laboratory testing is recommended at trough, after steady state.(1)

Immunogenicity:

During clinical trials, 23% of UC and 13% of CD patients developed anti-drug-antibodies (ADA), with no clinically significant effect of ADA on safety of mirikizumab. In UC subjects only, some of the ADA identified had an association with reduced trough concentrations.

Evidence for therapeutic drug monitoring:

The prescribing information for mirikizumab notes an exposure-response relationship in UC, and in CD, this is not yet fully characterized. Validated therapeutic ranges and trough targets have not been established. Model-based steady state mirikizumab exposures during subcutaneous maintenance doses every 4 weeks in patients with IBD suggest trough concentrations ranging from 1.5 to 3.0 mcg/mL and C<sub>max</sub> (peak) around 10 to 11 mcg/mL.

### Reference Values

Lower limit of quantitation = 0.5 mcg/mL

### Interpretation

The optimal therapeutic concentration of mirikizumab associated with favorable outcomes in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is not known at this time. The recommendation is to use the lowest concentration that maintains response. Model-based analyses suggest steady-state trough concentrations of 1.5 to 3.0 mcg/mL, with peak concentrations of approximately 10 to 11 mcg/mL during subcutaneous maintenance dosing every-4 weeks in patients with IBD.

Therapeutic thresholds vary according to the disease, treatment regimen, and response or lack of response to therapy.

### Cautions

Lipemic samples will be rejected.

### Clinical Reference

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### Performance

### Method Description

Mirikizumab is extracted from serum and measured by liquid chromatography mass spectrometry.(Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Wednesday

**Report Available**

2 to 9 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

2 weeks

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

**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. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

**CPT Code Information**

80299

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
MIRI	Mirikizumab, S	In Process

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
623669	Mirikizumab, S	In Process