Test Definition: JO1

Jo 1 Antibodies, IgG, Serum

Overview

Useful For

Evaluating patients with clinical features of idiopathic inflammatory myositis, especially those with clinical features suggestive of anti-synthetase syndrome or interstitial lung disease

Testing Algorithm

For more information see Connective Tissue Disease Cascade.

Special Instructions

- Connective Tissue Disease Cascade

Method Name

Multiplex Flow Immunoassay

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Serum

Specimen Required

Collection Container/Tube:
Preferred: Serum gel
Acceptable: Red top
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial
Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL
Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Kidney Transplant Test Request with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

0.35 mL

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject

Gross icterus	OK
Heat-Treated	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	21 days	
	Frozen	21 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Based on their specificity, autoantibodies in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (IIM) are grouped into myositis specific (MSA) and myositis associated autoantibodies (MAA).(1-3) Among the MSA, autoantibodies against aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (aaRSs) represent the most common antibodies and can be detected in 25% to 35% of patients with mainly anti-synthetase syndrome (ASSD).(1-4) ASSD is an autoimmune disease characterized by the presence of autoantibodies targeting one of several aaRSs along with clinical features including interstitial lung disease, myositis, Raynaud's phenomenon, arthritis, mechanic's hands, and fever.(3,4) The family of aaRSs consists of highly conserved cytoplasmic and mitochondrial enzymes, one for each amino acid, which are essential for the RNA translation machinery and protein synthesis. Along with their main functions, aaRSs are involved in the development of immune responses, regulation of transcription, and gene-specific silencing of translation.(4)

Anti-Jo-1 autoantibody is the most frequently detected anti-aaRS antibody in ASSD and targets the histidyl tRNA synthetase which catalyses the binding of the histidine to its cognate tRNA during protein synthesis.(4,5). Other described anti-aaRSs reported in ASSD include PL-7 (threonyl), PL-12 (alanyl), OJ (isoleucyl), EJ (glycyl), KS (asparaginyl), Zo (phenylalanyl) and Ha (tyrosyl).(4) The presence these autoantibodies has become a key feature for classification and diagnosis of IIM and is increasingly used to define clinically distinguishable IIM subsets. Each anti-ARS antibody seems to define a distinctive clinical phenotype.(3)

In addition to the characteristic features associated with the presence of anti-Jo-1 antibodies in patients with ASSD, testing for anti-aaRS autoantibodies including anti-Jo-1 antibody maybe indicated with cytoplasmic speckled pattern using HEp-2 substrate by indirect immunofluorescence assay.(6,7) In the context of ASSD, their presence may be associated with positivity for anti-Ro52 antibodies which is an MAA.(8) In routine clinical testing, anti-Jo-1 antibody testing maybe performed using a variety of solid-phase immunoassays such as the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, line immunoassay, chemiluminescence immunoassay, fluorescent enzyme immunoassay, and multiplex immunoassay such as the BioPlex.(6,9,10) The performance characteristics of these assays for the detection of anti-Jo-1 antibody have not been extensively investigated to establish comparability.(9,10)

For more information see Connective Tissue Disease Cascade.

Reference Values

<1.0 U (negative)
> or =1.0 U (positive)
Reference values apply to all ages.

Interpretation

A positive result for anti-Jo 1 antibody is suggestive of anti- synthetase syndrome or may indicate a risk for myositis with or without interstitial lung disease.

Cautions

A negative test for Jo 1 antibodies does not exclude the diagnosis of idiopathic inflammatory myositis.

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Performance

Method Description

Recombinant Jo 1 antigen is coupled covalently to polystyrene microspheres, which are impregnated with fluorescent dyes to create a unique fluorescent signature. Jo 1 antibodies, if present in diluted serum, bind to the Jo 1 antigen on the microspheres. The microspheres are washed to remove extraneous serum proteins. Phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated antihuman IgG antibody is then added to detect IgG anti-Jo 1 bound to the microspheres. The microspheres are washed to remove unbound conjugate, and bound conjugate is detected by laser photometry. A primary laser reveals the fluorescent signature of each microsphere to distinguish it from microspheres that are labeled with other antigens, and a secondary laser reveals the level of PE fluorescence associated with each microsphere. Results are calculated by comparing the median fluorescence response for Jo 1 microspheres to a 4-point calibration curve.(Package insert: Bioplex 2200 ANA Screen. Bio-Rad Laboratories, 02/2019)

PDF Report

No

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Day(s) Performed
Monday through Saturday

Report Available
1 to 3 days

Specimen Retention Time
14 days

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 has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US 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
86235

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
JO1	Jo 1 Ab, IgG, S	33571-1

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
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