
Reporting Title: Tropheryma whipplei PCR**Performing Location:** Rochester**Necessary Information:****Specimen source is required.****Specimen Requirements:**

The high sensitivity of amplification by polymerase chain reaction requires the specimen to be processed in an environment in which contamination of the specimen by *Tropheryma whipplei* DNA is unlikely.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:**Specimen Type:** Fresh tissue or biopsy**Sources:** Small intestine (duodenum, ileum, or jejunum), lymph node, bone, joint, synovial, liver, pancreas, spleen, lung, heart valve (and other heart tissues), or brain**Container/Tube:** Sterile container**Specimen Volume:** Entire collection or 5 mm(3) - approximately the size of a pencil eraser**Collection Instructions:**

1. Collect fresh tissue specimen.
2. Submit tissue only, do not add fluid to tissue.
3. Refrigerate or freeze specimen.

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred) <7 days /Frozen <7 days**Preferred Paraffin-embedded tissue block:****Supplies:** Tissue Block Container (T553)**Specimen Type:** Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block (FFPE)**Sources:** Small intestine (duodenum, ileum, or jejunum), lymph node, bone, joint, synovial, liver, pancreas, spleen, lung, heart valve (and other heart tissues), or brain**Container/Tube:** Tissue block**Collection Instructions:** Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block to be cut and returned.**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated**Acceptable Paraffin-embedded tissue block:****Specimen Type:** Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block (FFPE)**Sources:** Small intestine (duodenum, ileum, or jejunum), lymph node, bone, joint, synovial, liver, pancreas, spleen, lung, heart valve (and other heart tissues), or brain**Container/Tube:** Sterile container for each individual cut section (scroll).**Collection Instructions:** Perform microtomy and prepare five separate 10-micron sections. **Each section (scroll) must be placed in a separate sterile container for submission.****Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated**Specimen Type:** Fluid**Sources:** Cerebrospinal or ocular (eg, vitreous humor)**Container/Tube:** Sterile vial**Specimen Volume:** 0.5 mL

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred) <7 days/Frozen <7 days

Specimen Type: Synovial fluid

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA)

Acceptable: Pink top (EDTA), royal blue top (EDTA), sterile vial containing EDTA-derived aliquot, red clot tube (no anticoagulant), or sterile container

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

Collection Instructions: Send specimen in original tube (preferred).

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred) <7 days /Frozen <7 days

Forms:

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

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
TWRP	SRC56	Specimen Source	Plain Text	Yes

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
SRC56	Specimen source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
22302	Tropheryma whipplei PCR, Result	Alphanumeric		97206-7

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87798

Reference Values:

Not applicable