



# Test Definition: NGTCL

MayoComplete T-Cell Lymphoma,  
Next-Generation Sequencing, Varies

## Overview

### Useful For

Aiding in establishing diagnosis, refining prognosis, and potentially identifying targeted therapies for the optimal management of patients with T-cell lymphomas

### Genetics Test Information

[This test includes next-generation sequencing to evaluate the following 22 genes and select intronic regions: ARID1B, CCR4, CXCR4, DDX3X, DNMT3A, EZH2, FYN, IDH1, IDH2, JAK1, JAK3, KMT2D, KRAS, MSC, NOTCH1, NRAS, PLCG1, RHOA, STAT3, STAT5B, TET2, and TP53.](#) For a list of genes and exons targeted by this test, see [Targeted Genes Interrogated by T-cell Lymphoma Next-Generation Sequencing](#).

### Special Instructions

- [Hematopathology Patient Information](#)
- [Targeted Genes Interrogated by MayoComplete T-cell Lymphoma Next-Generation Sequencing](#)

### Highlights

This test utilizes next-generation sequencing for the detection of somatic mutations with diagnostic, prognostic, or therapeutic value in a set of genes associated with mature T-cell lymphomas.

### Method Name

Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Varies

### Shipping Instructions

Whole blood, bone marrow aspirate, and body fluid specimens must arrive within 14 days of collection.

### Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

#### Preferred:

**Specimen Type:** Bone marrow aspirate

**Container/Tube:**

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**Preferred:** Lavender or pink top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin)

**Specimen Volume:** 2 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Invert several times to mix bone marrow.
2. Send bone marrow specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**
3. Label specimen as bone marrow.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred) 14 days/Refrigerate 14 days

**Additional Information:** To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

**Specimen Type:** Whole blood

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Lavender or pink top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin)

**Specimen Volume:** 3 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**
3. Label specimen as blood.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred) 14 days/Refrigerate 14 days

**Additional Information:** To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

**Specimen Type:** Paraffin-embedded tissue

**Container/Tube:** Paraffin block

**Collection Instructions:**

1. If available, send 1 representative hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide.
2. Minimum amount of tumor nuclei is 20%
3. Required amount of tissue area is at least 25 mm<sup>2</sup>
4. Tissue should be fixed in 10% neutral-buffered formalin. Other fixatives are not acceptable.
5. Decalcified specimens (eg, bone marrow core biopsies) are not acceptable.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient

**Additional Information:** If the quality of the biopsy specimen is poor or the target tumor cell population is below 20%, testing should not be ordered. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

**Acceptable:**

**Specimen Type:** Tissue slide

**Slides:** 20 unstained slides

**Container/ Tube:** Transport in plastic slide holders.

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Send 20 unstained, nonbaked slides with 5-micron thick sections of tissue.
2. If available, also send 1 representative hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide.
3. Minimum amount of tumor nuclei is 20%

4. Required amount of tissue area is at least 25 mm(2)
5. Tissue should be fixed in 10% neutral-buffered formalin. Other fixatives are not acceptable.
6. Decalcified specimens (eg, bone marrow core biopsies) are not acceptable.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient

**Additional Information:** Testing may be canceled if resultant extracted DNA does not meet concentration requirements.

**Specimen Type:** Frozen tissue

**Container/Tube:** Plastic container

**Specimen Volume:** 100 mg

**Collection Instructions:** Freeze tissue within 1 hour of collection

**Specimen Stability Information:** Frozen

**Additional Information:** Testing may be canceled if resultant extracted DNA does not meet concentration requirements.

**Specimen Type:** Body fluid

**Container/Tube:** Sterile container

**Specimen Volume:** 5 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Specify the type of fluid being submitted

**Specimen Stability Information:** Refrigerated 14 days/Frozen 14 days

**Additional Information:** Testing may be canceled if resultant extracted DNA does not meet concentration requirements.

**Specimen Type:** Extracted DNA

**Container/Tube:** 1.5- to 2-mL tube

**Specimen Volume:** Entire specimen

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Label specimen as extracted DNA and source of specimen
2. Indicate volume and concentration of DNA on label

**Specimen Stability Information:** Frozen (preferred)/Refrigerated/Ambient

**Additional Information:** DNA must be extracted in a CLIA-certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including applicable anticoagulants). We cannot guarantee that all extraction methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be reported as failed and a charge will be applied.

## Forms

1. [Hematopathology Patient Information](#) (T676)
2. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Hematopathology/Cytogenetics Test Request](#) (T726) with the specimen.

## Specimen Minimum Volume

Whole blood, bone marrow aspirate, body fluid: 0.5 mL; Frozen tissue: 50 mg; Extracted DNA: 100 microliters (mL) at 20 ng/mL; Tissue slides: 10 unstained slides

## Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
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Gross lipemia	OK
Specimens that have been decalcified (all methods)	Reject
Bone marrow core biopsies	Reject
Paraffin shavings	Reject
Fixatives other than 10% neutral-buffered formalin for paraffin-embedded tissue	Reject
Moderately to severely clotted bone marrow aspirate	Reject

## Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies	14 days	

## Clinical & Interpretive

### Clinical Information

T-cell lymphomas are a heterogeneous group of hematological disorders characterized by a range of morphological, immunophenotypic, and clinical features. Many entities share overlapping morphologic and immunophenotypic features resulting in challenges for accurate diagnosis and classification. Genomic profiling by next-generation sequencing has revealed genetic markers that aid in the classification and characterization of mature T-cell neoplasms. This test is intended to interrogate a set of genes with diagnostic, prognostic, and possible therapeutic value in a diverse group of T-cell lymphomas, which includes peripheral T-cell lymphomas and its major subtypes (eg, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphomas).

### Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

### Interpretation

Genomic variants detected by this test will be documented in a detailed laboratory-issued report. This report will contain information regarding the detected alterations and their associations with prognosis or possible therapeutic

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implications in T-cell lymphomas. The information in the clinical report may be used by the patient's healthcare professional to help guide decisions concerning management. Final interpretation of next-generation sequencing results requires correlation with all relevant clinical, pathologic, and laboratory findings and is the responsibility of the managing healthcare professional.

**Cautions**

This test is a targeted next-generation sequencing (NGS) panel assay that encompasses 22 genes with variable full exon, partial region (including select intronic or noncoding regions), or hot spot coverage (depending on specific genetic locus). Therefore, this test will not detect other genetic abnormalities in genes or regions outside the specified target areas. The test detects single-base substitutions (ie, point mutations) and small insertion or deletion type events. This test is not configured to detect structural genomic rearrangements (ie, translocations), gene fusions, copy number alterations, or large-scale (segmental chromosome region) deletions and other complex genomic changes.

This assay does not distinguish between somatic mutations and germline alterations in analyzed gene regions, particularly with variant allele frequencies near approximately 50% or 100%. If nucleotide alterations in genes associated with germline variant syndromes are present and there is a strong clinical suspicion or family history of malignant disease predisposition, additional genetic testing and appropriate counseling may be indicated. Some apparent mutations classified as variants of undetermined significance may represent rare or low population frequency polymorphisms.

Prior treatment for hematologic malignancy could affect the results obtained in this assay. Particularly, a prior allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant may cause difficulties in either resolving somatic or polymorphic alterations or assigning variant calls correctly to donor and recipient fractions if pertinent clinical or laboratory information (eg, chimerism engraftment status) is not provided.

Inadequate samples (eg, insufficient DNA quantity or quality) will preclude further testing and will be noted in the interpretive report. For formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue specimens, NGS testing should not be pursued if the quality of the biopsy specimen is poor (eg, limited sample size, presence of extensive necrosis or fibrosis) or the target tumor cell population is low (<20%).

**Clinical Reference**

1. Swerdlow S, Campo E, Harris NL, et al, eds. WHO Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues. 4th ed. IARC Press; 2017. WHO Classification of Tumours, Vol 2
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3. Lemonnier F, Gaulard P, de Leval L. New insights in the pathogenesis of T-cell lymphomas. *Curr Opin Oncol.* 2018;30(5):277-284. doi:10.1097/CCO.0000000000000474
4. Vallois D, Dobay MP, Morin RD, et al. Activating mutations in genes related to TCR signaling in angioimmunoblastic and other follicular helper T-cell-derived lymphomas. *Blood.* 2016;128(11):1490-502. doi:10.1182/blood-2016-02-698977

**Performance**

**Method Description**

This is a target-enriched next-generation sequencing (NGS) panel. DNA is extracted from validated specimen sources, including but not limited to, peripheral blood, bone marrow aspirate, and formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues. Library preparation for NGS is performed, followed by probe hybridization and capture. Sequencing of the final sample library is performed on a NGS instrument. Following bioinformatic processing of the sequencing data, the sequencing results are interpreted to provide a final clinical report. Genomic alterations are called according to human genome reference build GRCh37 (hg19). (Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**[Monday through Friday](#)**Report Available**

16 to 21 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

Bone marrow aspirate/whole blood: 2 weeks; Tissue: 1 month; Extracted DNA: 3 months; FFPE tissue: Unused portions of blocks will be returned to the client; Unstained slides/body fluid: Not retained

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

**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**

81450

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
NGTCL	T-cell Lymphoma, NGS, V	104242-3

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
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MP071	Specimen Type	31208-2
MP072	Indication for Test	42349-1
618505	NGTCL Result	No LOINC Needed
618506	Pathogenic Mutations Detected	82939-0
618507	Interpretation	69047-9
618509	Variants of Unknown Significance	93367-1
618510	Additional Information	48767-8
618508	Clinical Trials	82786-5
618511	Method Summary	85069-3
618512	Disclaimer	62364-5
618513	Panel Gene List	36908-2
618514	Reviewed By	18771-6