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Test Definition: AC1Q

Anti-C1q Antibodies, IgG, Serum

Overview

Useful For

Evaluating patients with suspected anti-C1q vasculitis

Predicting renal involvement in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus

Detection of anti-C1q antibodies in serum

Method Name

Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Serum

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
Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Specimen Minimum Volume

0.4 mL

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject
Gross icterus	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Anti-C1q antibodies have been found to be prevalent in hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis syndrome (also referred to as anti-C1Q vasculitis) as well as in some patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)1,2. These antibodies occur more frequently in lupus nephritis, particularly during active disease. The main target clinical diseases include SLE and anti-C1Q vasculitis. Anti-C1q antibodies may also be seen in infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C.

Reference Values

<20 U/mL (Negative)
20-39 U/mL (Weak Positive)
40-80 U/mL (Moderate Positive)
>80 U/mL (Strong Positive)

Interpretation

A positive result for Anti-C1q antibodies may support a diagnosis of anti-C1q vasculitis or renal involvement in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus in the appropriate clinical context.

A negative result indicates no detectable IgG antibodies to C1q and does not rule out a diagnosis.

Cautions

A positive result for anti-C1q antibodies indicates they are detectable above the assay’s lower limit of quantitation and does not unequivocally establish any diagnosis.

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Performance

Method Description
Testing for antibodies to C1q is accomplished using a laboratory-developed immunoassay.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Wednesday

Report Available
2 to 8 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
83520

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LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
AC1Q	Anti-C1q Antibodies, IgG, S	44702-9

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
AC1Q	Anti-C1q Antibodies, IgG, S	44702-9