

Test Definition: AK5TC

Adenylate Kinase 5 (AK5) IgG, Tissue
Immunofluorescence Titer, Spinal Fluid
(Non-Orderable)

Overview

Useful For

Only orderable as part of a profile. For more information see:
DMC2 / Dementia, Autoimmune/Paraneoplastic Evaluation, Spinal Fluid
ENC2 / Encephalopathy, Autoimmune/Paraneoplastic Evaluation, Spinal Fluid
EPC2 / Epilepsy, Autoimmune/Paraneoplastic Evaluation, Spinal Fluid

Evaluation of patients suspected to have autoimmune encephalitis using spinal fluid specimens

Reporting adenylate kinase 5 tissue immunofluorescence titer results as part of a profile

Method Name

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Indirect Immunofluorescence Assay (IFA)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

CSF

Specimen Required

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Specimen Minimum Volume

1.5 mL

Reject Due To

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Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject
Gross icterus	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
CSF	Refrigerated (preferred)	28 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	
	Frozen	28 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Adenylate kinase 5 IgG (AK5-IgG) is a marker intended for evaluating patients with autoimmune encephalitis, most often presenting as a non-paraneoplastic limbic encephalitis. Poor response to immunotherapy has been reported while there is no clear cancer association (non-paraneoplastic). AK5-IgG positive patients present with predominant severe amnestic syndrome, associated depression, and anxiety. Epilepsy is often absent at disease onset, however seizures may develop later.

Reference Values

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Interpretation

A positive result is consistent with adenylate kinase autoimmunity that manifests with non-paraneoplastic limbic encephalitis.

Cautions

A negative result does not exclude the diagnosis of autoimmune encephalitis.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

The patient's specimen is tested by a standardized immunofluorescence assay that uses a composite frozen section of mouse cerebellum, kidney, and gut tissues. After incubation with the specimen and washing, fluorescein-conjugated goat-antihuman IgG is applied. Neuron-specific autoantibodies are identified by their characteristic fluorescence staining patterns. Specimens that are scored positive for any neuronal nuclear or cytoplasmic autoantibody are titrated. Interference by coexisting non-neuron-specific autoantibodies can usually be eliminated by serologic absorption.(Honorat JA, Komorowski L, Josephs KA, et al. IgLON5 antibody: Neurological accompaniments and outcomes in 20 patients. Neurol Neuroimmunol Neuroinflamm. 2017;4[5]:e385)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Varies

Report Available

5 to 10 days

Specimen Retention Time

2 days

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

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LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
AK5TC	AK5 Ab IFA Titer, CSF	In Process

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
623485	AK5 Ab IFA Titer, CSF	In Process