MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES

Test Definition: NUT1F

NUTM1 (15q14) Rearrangement, FISH, Tissue

Overview

Useful For

Identifying *NUTM1* gene rearrangements in patients with nuclear protein in testis midline carcinoma to aid in confirming or excluding the diagnosis

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
_PBCT	Probe, +2	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PADD	Probe, +1	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PB02	Probe, +2	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PB03	Probe, +3	No, (Bill Only)	No
_IL25	Interphases, <25	No, (Bill Only)	No
_I099	Interphases, 25-99	No, (Bill Only)	No
_I300	Interphases, >=100	No, (Bill Only)	No

Testing Algorithm

This test does not include a pathology consult. If a pathology consultation is requested, PATHC / Pathology Consultation should be ordered and the appropriate fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) test will be ordered and performed at an additional charge.

This test includes a charge for application of the first probe set (2 FISH probes) and professional interpretation of results. Additional charges will be incurred for all reflex probes performed. Analysis charges will be incurred based on the number of cells analyzed per probe set. If no cells are available for analysis, no analysis charges will be incurred.

Appropriate ancillary probes may be performed at consultant discretion to render comprehensive assessment. Any additional probes will have the results included within the final report and will be performed at an additional charge.

Method Name

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Tissue

Shipping Instructions

Advise Express Mail or equivalent if not on courier service.

Necessary Information

1. A pathology report is required in order for testing to be performed. Acceptable pathology reports include working drafts, preliminary pathology or surgical pathology reports.
2. A reason for testing must be provided. If this information is not provided, an appropriate indication for testing may be entered by Mayo Clinic Laboratories.

Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Tissue
Container/Tube: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor tissue block

Specimen Type: Slides
Specimen Volume: 4 Consecutive, unstained, 5 micron-thick sections placed on positively charged slides and 1 hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide
Additional Information: Broken or cracked unstained slides will be rejected. Stained slides that were broken and repaired (ie, double mounted) at the client site will not be rejected, as, in most cases, they can still be reviewed under the microscope. However, due to the double mounting, digital scanning cannot be performed.

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send an Oncology Test Request (T729) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

2 consecutive, unstained, 5 micron- thick sections placed on positively charged slides, and 1 hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide.

Reject Due To

Broken or cracked unstained slides	Reject
Broken or cracked stained slides that cannot be repaired	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Tissue	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Nuclear protein in testis (NUT) midline carcinomas (NMC) are rare aggressive tumors with rapid onset. Although NMC has been described in several anatomic sites, it is commonly observed in the head, neck, or thorax. These tumors are poorly differentiated and defined by rearrangement of the *NUTM1* gene on chromosome 15q14. In the majority of cases, *NUTM1* is rearranged in an apparently balanced translocation with the *BRD4* gene on chromosome 19p13.1; however, other partners for *NUTM1* rearrangement have been reported. *NUTM1* rearrangement has not been identified in other midline malignancies. Therefore, a separation of *NUTM1*, in the proper clinical and histologic context, is diagnostic for NMC and can be confirmed by fluorescence in situ hybridization with NUT break-apart probes.

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

The presence of *NUTM1* rearrangement confirms the diagnosis of nuclear protein in testis midline carcinomas (NMC) in the proper clinical and histologic context.

The absence of *NUTM1* rearrangement rules out the diagnosis of NMC in the proper clinical and histologic context.

A positive result is detected when the percent of cells with an abnormality exceeds the normal cutoff for the probe set.

A positive result suggests rearrangement of the *NUTM1* locus which, in conjunction with the proper clinical and histologic features, is diagnostic of NMC. A negative result suggests no rearrangement of the *NUTM1* gene region at 15q14. A confirmed diagnosis of NMC results in specific clinical management that may be distinct from the management of other carcinomas.

Cautions

This test is not approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, and it is best used as an adjunct to existing clinical and pathologic information.

This test is only intended to be used in the diagnosis of nuclear protein in testis midline carcinomas (NMC). The results of this test are intended to be interpreted in association with the pathologic and clinical findings.

Fixatives other than formalin (eg, Prefer, Bouin) may not be successful for fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) assays, however non-formalin fixed samples will not be rejected.

Paraffin-embedded tissues that have been decalcified are generally unsuccessful for FISH analysis. The pathologist reviewing the hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide may find it necessary to cancel testing.

Broken or cracked unstained slides are not compatible with the instrumentation used in our performing laboratories and will be rejected. Additional material may be requested.

Attempts will be made to repair broken or cracked stained slides; however, if they are unable to be repaired (ie,

shattered in transit), they will be rejected and discarded due to safety concerns.

Supportive Data

Fluorescence in situ hybridization analysis was performed on 26 paraffin-embedded tissue samples and 25 noncancerous lymph node control specimens. Rearrangement of *NUTM1* was verified in 4 samples previously identified as nuclear protein in testis midline carcinomas (NMC) by a pathologist. The normal controls were used to generate a normal cutoff for this assay.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

The test is performed using a laboratory-developed *NUTM1* (15q14) dual-color break-apart strategy probe (BAP). Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissues are cut at 5 microns and mounted on positively charged glass slides. The selection of tissue and the identification of target areas on the hematoxylin and eosin (H and E)-stained slide is performed by a pathologist. Using the H and E-stained slide as a reference, target areas are etched with a diamond-tipped etcher on the back of the unstained slide to be assayed. The probe set is hybridized to the appropriate target areas and 2 technologists each analyze 50 interphase nuclei (100 total) with the results expressed as the percent of abnormal nuclei.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

7 to 10 days

Specimen Retention Time

Slides and H and E used for analysis are retained by the laboratory in accordance to CAP and NYS requirements. Client provided paraffin blocks and extra unstained slides (if provided) will be returned after testing is complete.

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

88271 x 2, 88291-DNA probe, each (first probe set), Interpretation and report
88271 x 2-DNA probe, each; each additional probe set (if appropriate)
88271 x 1-DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 3 probes (if appropriate)
88271 x 2-DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 4 probes (if appropriate)

88271 x 3-DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 5 probes (if appropriate)
88274-w/modifier 52-Interphase in situ hybridization, <25 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)
88274-Interphase in situ hybridization, 25 to 99 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)
88275-Interphase in situ hybridization, 100 to 300 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
NUT1F	NUTM1 (15q14), FISH, Ts	In Process

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
92323	Result Summary	50397-9
92324	Interpretation	69965-2
92325	Result	62356-1
CG997	Reason For Referral	42349-1
92326	Specimen	31208-2
92327	Source	31208-2
92328	Tissue ID	80398-1
92329	Method	85069-3
92330	Additional Information	48767-8
92331	Disclaimer	62364-5
92339	Released By	18771-6