

**Reporting Title:** CU Index**Performing Location:** Eurofins Viracor**Specimen Requirements:**

Patient Preparation: Patients taking calcineurin inhibitors should stop medication 72 hours prior to draw. Patients taking prednisone should be off their medication for 2 weeks prior to draw.

Specimen Type: Serum

Collection Container/Tube: Red or SST

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 2 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Draw 5 mL blood in a serum separator tube (SST) (plain, red-top tube is acceptable).
2. Separate from cells within 2 hours of draw. Send 2 mL of serum ambient in a plastic vial.

**Specimen Minimum Volume:**

0.5 mL

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Ambient (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	14 days	
	Refrigerated	14 days	

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
FCUIX	CU Index	Alphanumeric		63369-3

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**

No

**CPT Code Information:**

86343

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**Reference Values:**

< 10.0

The CU Index test is the second generation Functional Anti-FceR test. Patient with a CU Index greater than or equal to 10 have basophil reactive factors in their serum which supports an autoimmune basis for disease.