
Overview**Useful For**

Identification of neoplasms expressing programmed cell death 1-ligand 1 (clone 22C3)

Method Name

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen**Specimen Type**

Special

Ordering Guidance

In patients with specific tumor types, programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) immunohistochemistry (IHC) is indicated to predict response to treatment with PD-L1 inhibitors. The specific PD-L1 clone, scoring method, and eligibility requirements depend on the tumor type, stage of malignancy, previous treatment outcomes, and specific PD-L1 inhibitor under consideration. For assistance with PD-L1 test selection as well as answers to frequently asked questions, see [PD-L1 Immunohistochemistry Testing](#) on MayoClinicLabs.com.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green pathology address label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

Necessary Information

A pathology/diagnostic report and a brief history, including primary site of neoplasm, are required.

Specimen Required

Specimen Type: Tissue

Supplies: Pathology Packaging Kit (T554)

Collection Instructions: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block; or 3 unstained glass, "positively charged" slides with 4-microns formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue

Additional Information: One slide will be stained with hematoxylin and eosin and returned.

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

[Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763)

[Oncology Test Request](#) (T729)

Reject Due To

Decalcified bone Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue including alcohol-formalin-acetic acid (AFA), 95% ethanol, PREFER fixatives or Zinc formalin Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides	Reject
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Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Programmed cell death 1-ligand 1 (PD-L1), also known as B7 homolog 1 (B7-H1) or CD274, is a transmembrane protein involved in the regulation of cell-mediated immune responses through interaction with the receptor programmed death protein-1 (PD-1). PD-L1 has been identified as both a prognostic and theranostic marker in a variety of neoplasms. Overexpression of PD-L1 has been observed in carcinomas of the urinary bladder, lung, gastric and gastroesophageal junction, thymus, colon, pancreas, ovary, breast, kidney, and in melanoma and glioblastoma.

Interpretation

The results of the test will be reported in form of scores. The scoring system is based on type and origin of tumor. If additional interpretation or analysis is needed, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation along with this test.

Cautions

Preclinical studies suggest that positive programmed cell death 1-ligand 1 immunohistochemistry in tumor cells may predict tumor response to therapy with immune checkpoint inhibitors. This result should not be used as the sole factor in determining treatment, as other factors (eg, tumor mutation burden and microsatellite instability) have also been studied as predictive markers.

This test has been validated for nondecalcified paraffin-embedded tissue specimens fixed in 10% neutral-buffered formalin. Recommended fixation time is between 6 and 48 hours. This assay has not been validated on tissues subjected to the decalcification process or the use of alternative fixatives for bone and bone marrow specimens or cell blocks.

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect immunoreactivity. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature and are antigen dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut within 6 weeks.

Clinical Reference

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Performance**Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue using Dako PD-L1 clone 22C3.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

5 to 7 days

Specimen Retention Time

Until reported

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

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 using an analyte specific reagent. Its performance characteristics were determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

88360

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
22C3	PD-L1 (22C3) SemiQuant IHC, Manual	85147-7

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
603763	Interpretation	59465-5
603764	Participated in the Interpretation	No LOINC Needed
603765	Report electronically signed by	19139-5
603766	Material Received	81178-6
603767	Disclaimer	62364-5
603768	Case Number	80398-1