

Overview

Useful For

Aiding in the diagnosis of giant cell tumor of bone

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHTOI	IHC Initial, Tech Only	No	No
IHTOA	IHC Additional, Tech Only	No	No

Testing Algorithm

For the initial technical component only immunohistochemical (IHC) stain performed, the appropriate bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOI). For each additional technical component only IHC stain performed, an additional bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOA).

Method Name

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

TECHONLY

Ordering Guidance

[This test includes only technical performance of the stain \(no pathologist interpretation is performed\). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.](#)

Mayo Clinic Laboratories has multiple histone immunostains available. See table for ordering guidance.

Test ID	Published name	Indication	Mayo Clinic slide label
HG34W	Histone 3.3 G34W (H3F3A G34W) Immunostain, Technical Component Only	Giant cell tumor of bone (GCTB)	H3 G34W
HK27M	Histone H3 K27M Mutant (H3 K27M) Immunostain, Technical Component Only	K27M mutant midline gliomas	H3 K27M
HISME	Histone H3 Trimethyl K27 Immunostain,	MPNST and	H3 K27me3

	Technical Component Only	K27M mutant midline gliomas	
HK36M	Histone H3 K36M Mutant (H3F3 K36M) Immunostain, Technical Component Only	Chondroblastom a	H3 K36M

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

Specimen Required

Specimen Type: Tissue

Supplies: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693)

Container/Tube: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

Preferred:

Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block

OR

2 Unstained, positively charged glass slides (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick

Acceptable: None

Digital Image Access

1. Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can be accessed through this website: <https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/>
2. Clients ordering stains using a manual requisition form will not have access to digital images.
3. Clients wishing to access digital images must place the order for IHC stains electronically. Information regarding digital imaging can be accessed through this website: <https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/#section3>

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763) with the specimen.

Reject Due To

Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides	Reject
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Snowcoat slides	
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Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

*H3F3A* is a member of the histone H3 family and is located on chromosome 1. Histone H3 G34W is expressed in the nuclei of the mononuclear cell population of *H3F3A* altered giant cell tumor of bone (GCTB).

Interpretation

This test does not include pathologist interpretation, only technical performance of the stain. If interpretation is required, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity.

Interpretation of this test should be performed in the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

Cautions

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.

The charge of glass slides can be affected by environmental factors and subsequently may alter slide staining. Sending unsuitable glass slides can result in inconsistent staining due to poor slide surface chemistry.

- Best practices for storage of positively charged slides:
- Minimize time slides are stored after being unpackaged
  - Limit exposure to high humidity and heat
  - Minimize exposure to plastics

Clinical Reference

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**Performance**

**Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Friday

**Report Available**

1 to 3 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

Until staining 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 has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

**CPT Code Information**

88342-TC, Primary  
88341-TC, If additional IHC

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
HG34W	Histone H3 G34W IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
604698	Histone H3 G34W IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result