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Test Definition: AMYR

Beta-Amyloid Ratio (1-42/1-40), Spinal Fluid

Overview

Useful For

Assisting in the evaluation of adult patients, aged 55 years and older, presenting with cognitive impairment and are being assessed for Alzheimer disease and other causes of cognitive decline

This test is **not intended as** a screening or stand-alone diagnostic assay.

Special Instructions

- Spinal Fluid Specimen Collection Instructions for B-Amyloid (1-42/1-40)

Highlights

This test measures the beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) in cerebrospinal fluid. The beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) is a surrogate marker of amyloid plaque burden, caused by increased deposition of beta-amyloid 1-42 in the brain.

Method Name

Chemiluminescent Immunoassay/Calculation

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

CSF

Ordering Guidance

This test is intended for use in adult patients aged 55 years and older. If evaluating an individual 54 years or younger, order ADEVL / Alzheimer Disease Evaluation, Spinal Fluid.

This test only measures the beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) in cerebrospinal fluid. Individual beta-amyloid 1-42 and 1-40 concentrations are not reported. If measurement of additional neurodegeneration markers such as total Tau, phosphorylated Tau (p-Tau181), beta-amyloid (1-42), and the p-Tau/beta-amyloid 42 ratio are desired, order ADEVL / Alzheimer Disease Evaluation, Spinal Fluid.

Specimen Required

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Sarstedt 1.5 mL tube (Ref. 72.703.600), Collect at least 750 mcL of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or (> or =50% full).

Acceptable:

-CSF AD Biomarker Tube (T833; Sarstedt CSF False Bottom Tube 63.614.625 [2.5 mL])

-Sarstedt 72.694.600 (2 mL)

-Sarstedt 10 mL tube Ref. 62.610.018 (Collect at least 5 mL of CSF [> or =50% full])
All tubes should be filled to between 50% to 100% of the total empty container volume.
Specimen Volume: 0.75 to1.5 mL or at least 50% container volume
Collection Instructions:
1. This test is intended for use in adult patients aged 55 years and older. **Do not collect CSF for this test if the patient is younger than 55 years**.
2. Perform lumbar puncture and discard the first 1 to 2 mL of CSF. Note: CSF collection should be performed by the gravity drip method.
3. Discard any CSF visibly contaminated with blood.
4. Collect CSF directly into one of the listed collection tubes until the tube is at least 50% full. Specimens received with less than the required fill volume may be rejected.
5. If transporting frozen, freeze sample upright prior to placing in transport container.
6. If transporting refrigerate, tubes should be transported upright.
Note: Polystyrene collection tubes are not acceptable. Exposure of CSF to polystyrene tubes may result in falsely low beta-amyloid concentrations. For more information see Cautions.
7. Collection instructions can also be found on Spinal Fluid Specimen Collection Instructions for B-Amyloid (1-42/1-40) (T979)

Forms
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Neurology Specialty Testing Client Test Request (T732) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume
See Specimen Required

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject
Gross icterus	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
CSF	Frozen (preferred)	90 days	
	Ambient	48 hours	
	Refrigerated	14 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information
One of the neuropathologic features found in the brain of patients with Alzheimer disease (AD) is the presence of plaques composed of beta-amyloid. The two beta-amyloid peptides evaluated by this assay are 1-40 and 1-42.

Beta-amyloid 1-40 typically exists at a higher physiological concentration than beta-amyloid 1-42. In AD, beta-amyloid 1-42 accumulation, either by overproduction or decreased clearance, leads to aggregation into plaques and neurotoxicity. Beta-amyloid 1-40 is much less prone to aggregation, with levels remaining unchanged when comparing patients with AD to healthy individuals.

In cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), approximately a 50% reduction in beta-amyloid 1-42 concentrations has been observed in AD patients compared to the concentrations found in cognitively normal individuals. This is believed to be as consequence of the decrease in soluble beta-amyloid 1-42 in the brain interstitial fluid as the peptide becomes increasingly insoluble and form deposits in the form of large numbers of diffuse and neuritic plaques. Unlike beta-amyloid 1-42, the values for beta-amyloid 1-40 in CSF remain relatively stable in individuals regardless of the presence of amyloid-pathology.

Various studies have demonstrated that the use of the beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) increases diagnostic accuracy for AD versus use of beta-amyloid 1-42 alone. The beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) demonstrates high concordance with amyloid positron emission tomography (PET) when distinguishing amyloid deposition due to AD from alternative causes of mild cognitive impairment or dementia. In addition, the use of the CSF beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) could partially mitigate the effect of some preanalytical confounders that have been described to alter the results of beta-amyloid 1-42 in CSF.

Reference Values

Beta-Amyloid Ratio (1-42/1-40): > or =0.073

Interpretation

A normal beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) of 0.073 and above is consistent with a negative (normal) amyloid positron emission tomography (PET) scan result. This result indicates a reduced likelihood that a patient's cognitive impairment is due to Alzheimer disease (AD).

A beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) between 0.059 and 0.072 (likely positive) is more likely consistent with a positive amyloid PET scan result. A likely positive result does not establish a diagnosis of AD or other cognitive disorder and has increased uncertainty in regard to amyloid PET positivity.

An abnormal beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) of 0.058 and below is consistent with a positive (abnormal) amyloid PET scan result. This result does not establish a diagnosis of AD or other cognitive disorder.

The performance of the beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) compared to amyloid PET is shown below and described as amyloid PET-positive predictive value (indicated as Predictive Value: PV):

Table.

Beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40)	**Amyloid PET**				
	Positive (n=199)	Negative (n=93)	Total (n=293)	Amyloid PET-positive PV, %	95% CI, %
Positive (abnormal) (ratio < or =0.058)	171	6	177	96.6	92.8-98.4
Likely positive (ratio 0.059 to 0.072)	13	9	22	59.1	38.7-66.7
Negative	15	78	93	16.1	10.0-24.9

(ratio > or =0.073)					

Cautions

The beta-amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) results must be interpreted in conjunction with other diagnostic tools such as neurological examination, neurobehavioral tests, imaging, and routine laboratory tests.

The safety and effectiveness of this test have not been established for monitoring the effect of any therapeutic product or for predicting development of dementia or other neurologic conditions.

The amyloid ratio (1-42/1-40) has not been shown to correlate with disease severity.

Results obtained with different assay methods or kits may be different and cannot be used interchangeably.

In rare cases, some individuals can develop antibodies to mouse or other animal antibodies (often referred to as human anti-mouse antibodies [HAMA] or heterophile antibodies) which may cause interference in some immunoassays. Caution should be used in interpretation of results and the laboratory should be alerted if the result does not correlate with the clinical presentation.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

beta-Amyloid 1-40:
The Lumipulse G beta-Amyloid 1-40 is an assay system for the quantitative measurement of beta-amyloid 1-40 in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) specimens based on chemiluminescent enzyme immunoassay (CLEIA) technology by a specific two-step sandwich immunoassay method on the Lumipulse G System. The specimen is added to the particle solution. The beta-amyloid 1-40 in the specimen specifically binds to anti-beta-amyloid 1-40 monoclonal mouse antibody on the particles and antigen-antibody immunocomplexes are formed. The particles are then washed and rinsed to remove unbound materials. Alkaline phosphatase labeled anti-beta-amyloid monoclonal antibody is added that specifically binds

to the prior formed immunocomplexes on the particles and additional immunocomplexes are formed. The particles are washed and rinsed to remove unbound materials. Substrate solution is added and mixed with the particles. 3-(2'-spiroadamantane)-4-methoxy-4-(3"-phosphoryloxy) phenyl-1, 2 dioxetane disodium salt (AMPPD) contained in the substrate solution is dephosphorylated by the catalysis of alkaline phosphatase indirectly conjugated to particles. Luminescence (at a maximum wavelength of 477 nm) is generated by the cleavage reaction of dephosphorylated AMPPD. The luminescent signal reflects the amount of beta-amyloid 1-40 in the sample.(Package insert: Lumipulse G B-Amyloid 1-40. Fujirebio Inc; 02/2023)

beta-Amyloid 1-42:
The Lumipulse G beta-Amyloid 1-42 is an assay system for the quantitative measurement of beta-amyloid 1-42 in CSF specimens based on CLEIA technology by a specific two-step sandwich immunoassay method on the Lumipulse G System. The specimen and biotinylated antibody solution are both added to the antibody coated particle solution. The beta-amyloid 1-42 in the specimen specifically binds to anti-beta-amyloid 1-42 monoclonal mouse antibody on the particles and biotinylated mouse antibody. Biotinylated antibody-antigen immuno-complexes are formed. The particles are washed and rinsed to remove unbound materials. Alkaline phosphatase labeled streptavidin specifically binds to biotinylated immuno-complexes on the particles. The particles are washed and rinsed to remove unbound materials. Substrate solution is added and mixed with the particles. AMPPD contained in the substrate solution is dephosphorylated by the catalysis of alkaline phosphatase indirectly conjugated to particles. Luminescence (at a maximum wavelength of 477 nm) is generated by the cleavage reaction of dephosphorylated AMPPD. The luminescent signal reflects the amount of beta-amyloid 1-42 present in the sample.(Package insert: Lumipulse G B-Amyloid 1-42. Fujirebio Inc; 10/2022)

Ratio:
The beta-amyloid ratio is calculated by using individual measurements of beta-amyloid 1-42 and beta-amyloid 1-40.

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Thursday

Report Available
1 to 7 days

Specimen Retention Time
12 months

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

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

0358U

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
AMYR	Beta-Amyloid Ratio (1-42/1-40), CSF	98485-6

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
4240R	Beta-Amyloid Ratio	98485-6
AMYIN	Beta-Amyloid Ratio Interpretation	69048-7