Test Definition: CIFST

Cutaneous Immunofluorescence Antibodies
Titer, IgG, Serum

Overview

Useful For
Confirmation of positive IgG anti-cell surface (CS) and anti-basement membrane zone (BMZ) antibodies.

Method Name
Only orderable as a reflex. For more information see CIFS / Cutaneous Immunofluorescence Antibodies, IgG and IgG4, Serum.

Indirect Immunofluorescence Assay (IFA)

NY State Available
Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type
Serum

Specimen Required
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Collection Container/Tube:
Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)
Preferred: Serum gel
Acceptable: Red top
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial
Specimen Volume: 2 mL
Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Specimen Minimum Volume
0.5 mL

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	OK
Gross lipemia	OK
Gross icterus	OK

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Ambient	14 days	
	Frozen	30 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Immunoglobulin G (IgG) anti-basement membrane zone (BMZ) antibodies are produced by patients with pemphigoid. In most patients with bullous pemphigoid, serum contains IgG anti-BMZ antibodies, while in cicatricial pemphigoid circulating IgG anti-BMZ antibodies are found in a minority of cases.

Circulating IgG anti-BMZ antibodies are also detected in patients with epidermolysis bullosa acquisita and bullous eruption of lupus erythematosus.

Immunoglobulin G anti-cell surface (CS) antibodies are produced by patients with pemphigus. The titer of IgG anti-CS antibodies generally correlates with disease activity of pemphigus.

Reference Values

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Negative

Interpretation

Results will be negative in individuals without any known autoimmune blistering disease.

Indirect immunofluorescence (IF) testing may be diagnostic when histologic or direct IF studies are only suggestive, nonspecific, or negative.

Anti-cell surface antibodies correlate with a diagnosis of pemphigus.

Anti-basement membrane zone antibodies correlate with a diagnosis of bullous pemphigoid, cicatricial pemphigoid, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, or bullous eruption of lupus erythematosus.

Cautions

Results should be interpreted in conjunction with clinical information, histologic pattern, and results of direct immunofluorescence (IF) study. In particular, the finding of low titer (< or =1:80) anti-cell surface antibodies should not be used alone (ie, without histologic or direct IF support) to confirm a diagnosis of pemphigus.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

Frozen sections of primate esophagus are overlaid with dilutions of patient's serum, incubated, covered with fluorescein-conjugated IgG antiserum, and interpreted with a fluorescence microscope.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

2 to 7 days

Specimen Retention Time

30 days

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

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88350

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
CIFST	CIFS Titer, IgG, S	104835-4

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
622323	Cell Surface Ab Titer, IgG	104831-3
622324	Basement Membrane Titer, IgG	104836-2
622325	Other	48767-8