

# Test Definition: HERDM

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Immunohistochemistry, Manual with HER2  
FISH Reflex

## Overview

### Useful For

Determining overexpression of HER2 protein on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue sections in ductal carcinoma in situ or solid/intracystic papillary carcinoma breast tissue with a reflex to FISH testing if the specimen is equivocal (2+)

### Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
CULFB	Fibroblast Culture for Genetic Test	Yes	No
CULAF	Amniotic Fluid Culture/Genetic Test	Yes	No
HERBN	HER Breast IHC Automated NO Reflex	Yes	No
H2BR	HER2, Breast Tumor, FISH, Tissue	Yes	No
_STR1	Comp Analysis using STR (Bill only)	No, (Bill only)	No
_STR2	Add'l comp analysis w/STR (Bill Only)	No, (Bill only)	No

### Testing Algorithm

Cases that are equivocal (2+) by immunohistochemical stain will reflex to *HER2* amplification by FISH at an additional charge.

### Method Name

Ventana Pathway Immunoperoxidase Stain with Manual Quantitative Immunohistochemistry

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Special

### Ordering Guidance



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This test is only for ductal carcinoma in situ or solid/intracystic papillary carcinoma breast tissue. For gastroesophageal cancer, order HERGM / HER2, Gastric/Esophageal, Semi-Quantitative Immunohistochemistry, Manual or HERGN / HER2, Gastric/Esophageal, Semi-Quantitative Immunohistochemistry, Manual, No Reflex.

## Shipping Instructions

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

## Necessary Information

Include accompanying pathology report stating the final diagnosis.

## Specimen Required

**Supplies:** Pathology Packaging Kit (T554)

### Specimen Type:

**Preferred:** A paraffin-embedded tissue block containing breast cancer tissue that has been fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin within 1 hour from surgical collection time and for a total of 6 to 72 hours and shipped at ambient temperature

**Acceptable:** 5 Unstained sections containing breast carcinoma on charged slides cut at 4 microns less than 1 month ago and shipped at ambient temperature. Tissue on the slides should have been fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin within 1 hour from surgical collection time and for a total of 6 to 72 hours.

### Collection Instructions:

- Submit paraffin-embedded ductal carcinoma in situ or solid intracystic papillary carcinoma breast carcinoma tissue.
- Paraffin blocks will be returned with final report.

## Forms

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

## Specimen Minimum Volume

Entire specimen

## Reject Due To

No specimen should be rejected.

## Specimen Stability Information

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

## Clinical & Interpretive

### Clinical Information

The *HER2* (official gene name *ERBB2*) proto-oncogene encodes a membrane receptor with tyrosine kinase activity and homology to the epidermal growth factor receptor.



Amplification and overexpression of the *HER2* gene in human breast, endometrial, ovarian, and other epithelial cancers have been associated with a shorter disease-free interval and shorter overall survival. Overexpression of HER2 protein is an indication for Herceptin therapy in patients with breast cancer.

**Reference Values**

Reported as negative (0, 1+), equivocal (2+), and strongly positive (3+) according to the interpretation guidelines for the FDA-approved Ventana Pathway HER2 (4B5) antibody.

**Interpretation**

Results are reported as negative (0, 1+), equivocal (2+), and strongly positive (3+) according to the interpretation guidelines for the FDA-approved Ventana Pathway HER2 (4B5) antibody.

**Cautions**

The performance and quality of immunohistochemical stains in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue depends critically on proper fixation.

**Clinical Reference**

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**Performance**

**Method Description**

Testing is performed using FDA-approved Ventana Pathway HER2 (4B5) rabbit monoclonal primary antibody and a proprietary detection system.(Package insert: PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5) Rabbit Monoclonal Primary Antibody)

Scoring is performed according to ASCO/CAP guidelines as follows:

- Score of 3+ is defined as circumferential membrane staining that is complete, intense and in greater than 10% of invasive tumor cells
- Score of 2+ is defined as weak to moderate complete membrane staining observed and in greater than 10% of the invasive tumor cells; or circumferential membrane staining that is complete, intense and in less than or equal to 10% of invasive tumor cells
- Score of 1+ is defined as incomplete membrane staining that is faint or barely perceptible and in greater than 10% of the invasive tumor cells; or weak to moderate complete membrane staining observed and less than 10% of the invasive



tumor cells

-Score of 0 is defined as no staining observed or membrane staining that is incomplete and is faint or barely perceptible and in less than or equal to 10% of the invasive tumor cells.(Wolff AC, Hammond ME, Hicks DG, et al. Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Testing in Breast Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology/College of American Pathologists Clinical Practice Guideline Focused Update. [published online ahead of print May 30, 2018]. J Clin Oncol. doi: 10.1200/JCO.2018.77.8738.)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

4 to 14 days

Specimen Retention Time

Until 1 week after results are reported. Materials made at Mayo Clinic may be retained at Mayo Clinic indefinitely.

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 modified from the manufacturer's instructions. 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
HERDM	HER BreastDCIS IHC Manual + Reflex	Obsolete



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Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
MA017	Tumor classification	21918-8
70980	Interpretation	50595-8
70981	Participated in the Interpretation	No LOINC Needed
70984	Material Received	81178-6
70982	Report electronically signed by	19139-5
71623	Disclaimer	62364-5
71837	Case Number	80398-1