Sjogren’s Antibodies (SS-A and SS-B)

**CPT Code:** 86235 (x2)  
**Order Code:** C1388  
**ABN Requirement:** No  
**Synonyms:** SS-A & SS-B  
**Specimen:** Serum  
**Volume:** 1.0 mL  
**Minimum Volume:** 0.5 mL  
**Container:** Gel-barrier tube (SST, Tiger Top)

**Collection:**

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.  
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.  
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.  
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

**Transport:** Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions provided with the Cleveland HeartLab shipping box.

**Stability:**

- **Ambient (15-25°C):** 4 days  
- **Refrigerated (2-8°C):** 7 days  
- **Frozen (-20°C):** 30 days  
- **Deep Frozen (-70°C):** 30 days

**Causes for Rejection:** Grossly hemolyzed or lipemic samples; specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits

**Methodology:** Immunoassay (IA)

**Turn Around Time:** 4-5 days

**Reference Range:**
All Ages

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**Clinical Significance:** Sjögren’s antibodies (SS-B) is detected in approximately 15% of patients with Sjögren’s Syndrome. Sjögren’s antibody (SS-B) is present only if Sjögren’s antibody (SS-A) is also detected. The presence of both antibodies (SS-A and SS-B) strengthen the diagnosis of Sjögren’s Syndrome and conveys prognostic information.

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