

Beta-2-Glycoprotein I Antibody (IgM)

CPT Code: 86146

Order Code: 36553

ABN Requirement: No

Specimen:

Preferred: Sodium Citrate Plasma

Alternative: Serum

Volume: 1.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL

Container:

Preferred: Sodium Citrate (Light Blue Top) Tube

Alternative: Gel-barrier tube (SST)

Collection:

Sodium Citrate Plasma:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols. Fill the tube to the fill line.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. Do not shake.
3. Centrifuge tube for 15 minutes at approximately 1500 x g within 60 minutes of collection.
4. Using a plastic pipette, remove plasma, taking care to avoid the WBC/platelet buffy layer and place into a plastic vial.
5. Centrifuge a second time and transfer platelet-poor plasma into a new plastic vial. Plasma must be free of platelets (<10,000/mcL).
6. Label plastic vial as "NaCit Plasma" and cap tightly. Discard original tube.

Serum:

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 15 minutes at approximately 1500 x g within 60 minutes of collection.

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

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 5 days

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 14 days

Frozen (-20°C): 30 days

Causes for Rejection: Improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; gross hemolysis; gross lipemia

Methodology: Immunoassay (IA)

Turn Around Time: 2 to 3 days

Reference Range:

Clinical Significance: Beta-2-Glycoprotein 1, apolipoprotein H, is a cofactor in antiphospholipid antibody binding and is the critical antigen in the antiphospholipid antibody syndrome. Beta-2-Glycoprotein 1 antibody is more specific than cardiolipin antibody that may express reactivity in patients with syphilis and other infectious diseases.

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