T-Cell Receptor Beta Gene Rearrangement

Alternative Name
T-Cell Clonality Assessment (Beta)

Methodology
Molecular

Test Description
This test provides qualitative detection of monoclonal T-cell receptor (TCR) beta gene rearrangements by PCR and fragment analysis according to BIOMED-2 consensus primer design. This test may be ordered concurrently with or after negative results in our T-Cell Receptor Gamma Gene Rearrangement assay for gamma gene rearrangements to improve TCR rearrangement detection by ~10% in T-cell leukemias/lymphomas.

Clinical Significance
T-cell receptor (TCR) gene rearrangement analysis is commonly used for determining clonality in the diagnostic evaluation of T-cell lymphomas and leukemias. TCR gamma gene (tested separately) and beta gene rearrangement analysis (as provided in this test) together will detect most clonal TCR rearrangements in patients with T-cell lymphomas/leukemias. Results should be interpreted in clinical context for diagnosis of T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders.

Specimen Requirements
- **Peripheral blood**: 5 mL in EDTA tube.
- **Bone marrow**: 2 mL in EDTA tube.
- **FFPE tissue**: Paraffin block with at least 5mm2 of tissue size is preferred. Alternatively, send 1 H&E slide plus 4-5 unstained slides cut at 5 or more microns. Please use positively-charged slides and 10% NBF fixative. Do not use zinc fixatives.
- **Fresh tissue**: Two pieces minimum, 0.2 cm³ in RPMI. Note: not suitable for Freeze & Hold option.
- **Note**: Please exclude biopsy needles, blades, and other foreign objects from transport tubes. These can compromise specimen viability and yield, and create hazards for employees.

Note: Test in DNA-based, suitable for Freeze & Hold option, except for Fresh Tissue samples.

Storage & Transportation
For fresh specimens, use cold pack for transport. Make sure cold pack is not in direct contact with specimen.

CPT Code(s)*
81340

New York Approved
Yes

Level of Service
Global
Turnaround Time
7 days

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