Specimen Required: Collect: Plain red

Specimen Preparation: Allow serum specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transport 1 mL serum. (Min: 0.2 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen

Unacceptable Conditions: Plasma. Specimens stored or transported at room temperature for more than 48 hours. Visibly hemolyzed specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 4 months (Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)