Oligoclonal Bands in CSF and Serum
ARUP test code 0081135

Oligoclonal Bands, CSF  Positive  *

Oligoclonal Bands Number, CSF  12 Bands  H  (Ref Interval: 0-1)

Oligoclonal Bands Interpretation
Isoelectric focusing/immunofixation revealed two or more oligoclonal bands in the CSF with no corresponding bands in the serum. There were also matching or identical oligoclonal bands present in both the CSF and the serum. This result is consistent with intrathecal synthesis of immunoglobulin and is considered to be a positive result for oligoclonal bands. Oligoclonal bands are present in approximately 95 percent of patients with multiple sclerosis but may also be present in the CSF from patients with viral or bacterial meningoencephalitis, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, neurosyphilis, Guillain–Barre syndrome, or meningeal carcinomatosis.

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