Oligoclonal Bands in CSF and Serum
ARUP test code 0081135

Oligoclonal Bands, CSF
Positive *

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

Oligoclonal Bands Interpretation
See Note
Isoelectric focusing/immunofixation reveals two or more unique bands in the CSF but no bands in the serum. This 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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