Fibrillarin (U3 RNP) Antibody, IgG
ARUP test code 2012173

**Fibrillarin (U3 RNP) Ab, IgG**

Negative

**(Ref Interval: Negative)**

**Interpretive Information:** Fibrillarin (U3 RNP) Antibody, IgG

The presence of fibrillarin (U3-RNP) IgG antibodies in association with an ANA IFA nucleolar pattern is suggestive of systemic sclerosis (SSc). In SSc, these antibodies are associated with distinct clinical features, such as younger age at disease onset, frequent internal organ involvement (pulmonary hypertension, myositis and renal disease). Fibrillarin antibodies are detected more frequently in African American patients with SSc compared to other ethnic groups. Strong correlation with ANA IFA results is recommended.

In a multi-ethnic cohort of SSc patients (n=98), U3-RNP antibodies detected by immunoblot had an agreement of 98.9 percent with the gold standard immunoprecipitation (IP) assay. Approximately 71 percent (5/7) of the borderline U3-RNP results with ANA nucleolar pattern in this cohort were IP negative.

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by ARUP Laboratories. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. This test was performed in a CLIA certified laboratory and is intended for clinical purposes.

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