
0050155 Complement Component 4**C4**

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum separator tube. Also acceptable: Lavender (EDTA), pink (K₂EDTA), or green (lithium heparin).

Specimen Preparation: Allow specimen to clot at room temperature. Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection and freeze. Transport 0.5 mL serum. (Min: 0.3 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Unacceptable Conditions: Specimens left to clot at refrigerated temperature. Specimens exposed to repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 8 days; Frozen: 3 months (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)