

HOTLINE: Effective November 18, 2019

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Babesia microti Antibodies, IgG and IgM by IFA

BAB MIC AB

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL) Parallel testing is preferred, and convalescent specimens must be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens. **Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."**

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Bacterially contaminated, hemolyzed or lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)