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**0093050**      ***Babesia microti* Antibody, IgM by IFA****BAB IGM**

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

Specimen Preparation: **Separate from** cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 0.5 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)