

HOTLINE: Effective February 1, 2021

2013290 Tropheryma whipplei PCR

TWHIPPCR

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (EDTA), Pink (K2EDTA), or Serum Separator Tube (SST). Also acceptable: CSF or tissue.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL serum, plasma, whole blood, or CSF to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately. Also acceptable: Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue.

 $\underline{Storage/Transport\ Temperature:}\ \textbf{FFPE:}\ Room\ temperature.$

All Others: Frozen.

Remarks: Specimen source required

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Heparinized specimens, tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Tissue: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 1 month

FFPE: Ambient: Indefinitely; Refrigerated: Indefinitely; Frozen: Unacceptable **All Others:** Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 month