

TEST CHANGE

Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Receptor, Type B (GABA-BR) Antibody, IgG by CBA-IFA with Reflex to Titer, CSF

3001267, GABA-B CSF

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: CSF.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 0.5 mL CSF to an ARUP [standard transport tube](#). ~~Standard Transport Tube~~. (Min: 0.15 mL)

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Hemolyzed, contaminated, or severely lipemic specimens.

Remarks:

Stability: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 month

Methodology: Semi-Quantitative Cell-Based Indirect Fluorescent Antibody

Performed: Wed

Reported: 1-8 days

Note: If Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Receptor, Type B (GABA-BR) Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, CSF is positive, then a Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Receptor, Type B (GABA-BR) Antibody Titer, IgG, CSF is performed. Additional charges apply.

CPT Codes: 86255; if reflexed, add 86256

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Gamma-amino butyric acid receptor, type B (GABA-BR) antibody is found in a subset of patients with autoimmune [epilepsy and other autoimmune neurologic phenotypes](#); ~~it~~ [limbic encephalitis](#) and may occur with or without associated tumor. Decreasing antibody levels may be associated with therapeutic response. ~~therefore, clinical correlation must be strongly considered.~~ A negative test result does not rule out a diagnosis of autoimmune [neurologic disease](#). [Results should be interpreted in correlation with the patients clinical history and other laboratory findings.](#) ~~encephalitis.~~

This indirect fluorescent antibody assay utilizes GABA-BR transfected cell lines for the detection and [semiquantification of GABA-BR IgG antibody](#). ~~semi-quantification of GABA-BR IgG antibody.~~

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Reference Interval:

Less than 1:1
