

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective February 19, 2019

New Test 3001270 Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Receptor, Type B (GABA-BR)

GABA-B SER

Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, Serum

Methodology: Semi-Quantitative Indirect Fluorescent Antibody

**Performed:** Wed **Reported:** 1-8 days

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST) or Plain Red.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.15 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Hemolyzed, contaminated, or severely lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 month

Reference Interval: Less than 1:10

**Interpretive Data:** Gamma-amino butyric acid receptor, type B (GABA-BR) antibody is found in a subset of patients with autoimmune 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 encephalitis.

This indirect fluorescent antibody assay utilizes GABA-BR transfected cell lines for the detection and semi-quantification of GABA-BR IgG antibody.

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

**CPT Code(s):** 86255; if reflexed, add 86256

New York DOH approval pending. Call for status update.

**HOTLINE NOTE:** Refer to the Test Mix Addendum for interface build information.