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## IMMUNOLOGY

### MPO/PR3/GBM

**Date effective: May 2, 2022**
**Clinical Practice Change:**

The Shared Health Immunology Laboratory at St Boniface Hospital will be changing its testing methodology from the current BioPlex multiplex method to a combination of ELISA (MPO/PR3) and IFA (GBM) methods.

**Background Information:**

| Associated Diseases  | Fluorescence Pattern  | Antigens   |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's granulomatosis)                        | cANCA, rarely pANCA   | PR3, rarely MPO  |
| Microscopic polyangiitis   | cANCA, pANCA          | PR3, MPO   |
| Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss-Syndrome)             | pANCA                 | MPO  |
| Polyarteritis nodosa   | ANCA (low percentage) | Rarely PR3 or MPO  |
| Rheumatoid arthritis   | pANCA, atypical ANCA  | Rarely MPO, Lactoferrin  |
| Disseminated lupus erythematosus   | pANCA                 | Rarely MPO, Lactoferrin  |
| Ulcerative colitis (57%)<br>Primary sclerosing cholangitis<br>Crohn's disease (7%) | pANCA, atypical ANCA  | Cathepsin G, Lactoferrin, Elastase, Lysozyme, other unknown antigens |
| Autoimmune hepatitis   | pANCA, atypical ANCA  | -  |

In autoimmune glomerulonephritis autoantibodies are directed against the basal membrane of the kidney glomeruli (GBM antigen). Anti-GBM glomerulonephritis accounts for 0.5 - 2% of all glomerulonephritides.

**References/Resources:**

 Test: [Laboratory Information Manual](#)

Delphic Code: No Change

- ANCA is still orderable for diagnosis of Vasculitis and will continue to include reflex testing for MPO and/or PR3 as appropriate.
- Glomerular Basement Membrane Antibodies = GBM
- Myeloperoxidase Antibodies = MPO
- Proteinase 3 Antibodies = PR3

Sample: Serum 1.0 ml

 Normal Range: GBM <1:10 Titre (Negative)  
MPO/PR3 0-19 RU/ml

Availability: Weekdays (5-7day TAT)

 Requisition: <https://apps.sbgh.mb.ca/labmanual/test/loadDocumentPdf?documentId=2401>

**Patient Impact:**

- As no international reference serum exists for antibodies against MPO or PR3, the calibration and reporting is in relative units (RU/ml). There is no linear correlation between the multiplex and ELISA methods. Any patients being followed for treatment response or to monitor disease activity should have baseline data reevaluated.

**System Improvements:**

- Improved correlation between IFA ANCA results and MPO/PR3.
  - 30 sera from patients with microscopic polyangitis (MPA), 327 sera from patients with other autoimmune diseases and 206 sera from healthy blood donors were investigated with the EUROIMMUN Anti-Myeloperoxidase ELISA (IgG) and the EUROIMMUN ANCA IIFT (IgG) was used as reference. The ELISA showed a sensitivity of 93.3% and a specificity of 99.8% with regard to the IIFT.<sup>1</sup>
  - Sera from 163 ANCA-associated vasculitides (AAV) patients (cANCA positive), a control panel of 585 patients with other diseases and 429 healthy blood donors were analyzed using the EUROIMMUN Anti-PR3-hn-hr ELISA (IgG). The sensitivity of the ELISA for ANCA positive AAV patients was 94%, with a specificity of 99%.<sup>2</sup>

**References:**

1. EUROIMMUN: Anti-Myeloperoxidase ELISA (IgG) Test Instruction, EA\_1211G\_A\_UK\_C03.doc
2. EUROIMMUN: Anti-PR3-hn-hr ELISA (IgG) Test Instruction, EA\_1201-2G\_A\_UK\_C06.
3. EUROIMMUN: EUROPLUS Nephrology Screen 1 EUROPattern Instructions for the indirect immunofluorescence test, FC\_1250-1\_A\_UK\_C01.doc

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