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Test Definition: EWSF

Ewing Sarcoma, 22q12 (EWSR1) Rearrangement, FISH, Tissue

Overview

Useful For

Detection of *EWSR1* rearrangements irrespective of the *EWSR1* fusion partner gene

Supporting the diagnosis of many neoplasms including, but not limited to Clear cell sarcoma, Desmoplastic small round cell tumor, Ewing sarcoma, myxoid chondrosarcoma, and myxoid liposarcoma, when used in conjunction with pathologic assessment

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
_PBCT	Probe, +2	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PADD	Probe, +1	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PB02	Probe, +2	No, (Bill Only)	No
_PB03	Probe, +3	No, (Bill Only)	No
_IL25	Interphases, <25	No, (Bill Only)	No
_I099	Interphases, 25-99	No, (Bill Only)	No
_I300	Interphases, >=100	No, (Bill Only)	No

Testing Algorithm

This test includes a charge for the probe application, analysis, and professional interpretation of results for one probe set (2 individual fluorescence in situ hybridization probes). No analysis charges will be incurred if an insufficient number of representative cells are available for analysis.

Appropriate ancillary probes may be performed at consultant discretion to render comprehensive assessment. Any additional probes will have the results included within the final report and will be performed at an additional charge.

Method Name

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Tissue

Ordering Guidance

This test does not include a pathology consultation. If a pathology consultation is requested, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation, and appropriate testing will be added at the discretion of the pathologist and performed at an additional charge.

Multiple oncology (cancer) gene panels are also available. For more information see Hematology, Oncology, and Hereditary Test Selection Guide.

Shipping Instructions

Advise Express Mail or equivalent if not on courier service.

Necessary Information

1. A pathology report is required for testing to be performed. If not provided, appropriate testing and/or interpretation may be compromised or delayed. Acceptable pathology reports include working drafts, preliminary pathology, or surgical pathology reports.

2. The following information must be included in the report provided.

-Patient name

-Block number - **must be on all blocks, slides, and paperwork**

-Date of collection

-Tissue source

3. A reason for testing must be provided. If this information is not provided, an appropriate indication for testing may be entered by Mayo Clinic Laboratories.

Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Tissue block (fresh tissue is **not acceptable**)

Collection Instructions:

1. Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor tissue block.
2. Blocks prepared with alternative fixation methods (eg, Prefer, Bouin's) will be attempted but are less favorable for successful results. Provide fixation method used.

Additional Information:

1. Paraffin-embedded specimens can be from any anatomic location (skin, soft tissue, lymph node, etc.).
2. Decalcified paraffin-embedded specimens will have testing attempted; however, the success rate is approximately 50%. **Testing may be canceled** if sufficient tumor tissue is not present.
3. **Submitted fresh tissue specimens will be canceled upon receipt**. If only fresh tissue is available, embed in paraffin prior to sending.

Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Tissue slides

Slides: 1 Hematoxylin and eosin-stained and 4 unstained

Collection Instructions: Submit 1 slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin and 4 consecutive unstained, positively charged, unbaked slides with 5 micron-thick sections of the tumor tissue.

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send an Oncology Test Request (T729) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

Slides: 1 Hematoxylin and eosin stained and 2 unstained

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Tissue	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

The Ewing sarcoma breakpoint region 1 (*EWSR1*) gene encodes a protein with numerous complex activities within the cell including acting as a transcriptional regulator and mediating the activity of other proteins.(1) Oncogenic fusion of *EWSR1* at 22q12.2 with *FLI1* at 11q24.3 resulting from t(11;22)(q24.3;q12.2) or with *ERG* at 21q22.2 resulting from t(21;22)(q22.2;q12.2) was initially shown to be associated with and characteristic of Ewing sarcoma. Fusion of *EWSR1* with various partner genes has since been identified in a wide variety of neoplasms.

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

EWSR1 will be clinically interpreted as positive, negative, or equivocal.

A neoplastic clone is detected when the percent of cells with an abnormality exceeds the normal cutoff for the EWSR1 probe set.

A positive result is consistent with the presence of *EWSR1* rearrangement and likely reflects *EWSR1* fusion with a partner gene. The significance of this FISH result is dependent on clinical and pathologic features.

A negative result suggests no rearrangement of the *EWSR1* gene region is present.

A negative result does not exclude the presence of a neoplastic disorder.

Cautions

This test is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and it is best used as an adjunct to existing clinical and pathologic information.

This test is intended to be used for diagnostic purposes in a wide variety of neoplasms including Clear cell sarcoma,

Desmoplastic small round cell tumor, Ewing sarcoma, Myxoid chondrosarcoma, Myxoid liposarcoma, and Primitive neuroectodermal tumor when used in conjunction with pathologic assessment.

This fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) assay does not rule out other chromosome abnormalities.

Fixatives other than formalin (eg, Prefer, Bouin's) may not be successful for FISH assays. Non-formalin fixed specimens will not be rejected.

Paraffin-embedded tissues that have been decalcified may not be successful for FISH analysis. The success rate of FISH studies on decalcified tissue is approximately 50%, but FISH will be attempted if sufficient tumor is present for analysis.

Fluorescence in situ hybridization will be attempted if sufficient tumor is present for analysis. The pathologist reviewing the hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide may find it necessary to cancel testing if insufficient tissue/tumor is available for testing.

If no FISH signals or a lack of sufficient tumor tissue are observed post-hybridization, the case will be released indicating a lack of FISH results.

Clinical Reference

1. Rossow KL, Janknecht R. The Ewing's sarcoma gene product functions as a transcriptional activator. Cancer Res. 2001;61(6):2690-2695
2. Romeo S, Dei Tos AP. Soft tissue tumors associated with EWSR1 translocation. Virchows Arch. 2010;456(2):219-234. doi:10.1007/s00428-009-0854-3
3. Fisher C. The diversity of soft tissue tumours with EWSR1 gene rearrangements: a review. Histopathology. 2014;64(1):134-150. doi:10.1111/his.12269
4. WHO Classification of Tumours Editorial Board. Soft Tissue and Bone Tumours. 5th ed. IARC; 2020. WHO Classification of Tumours Series. Vol. 3

Performance

Method Description

This test is performed using a commercially available Ewing sarcoma breakpoint region 1 (EWSR1) dual-color, break-apart strategy fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) probe set (BAP). Paraffin-embedded tissue samples are cut at 5 microns and mounted on positively charged glass slides. The selection of tissue and the identification of target areas on the hematoxylin and eosin (H and E)-stained slide are performed by a pathologist. Using the H and E-stained slide as a reference, target areas are etched with a diamond-tipped engraving tool on the back of the unstained slide to be assayed. The probe set is hybridized to the appropriate target areas, and 2 technologists independently analyze 50 interphase nuclei (100 total) with the results expressed as the percent of abnormal nuclei.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available
7 to 10 days

Specimen Retention Time
Slides and H and E used for analysis are retained by the laboratory in accordance with regulatory requirements. Client provided paraffin blocks and extra unstained slides will be returned after testing is complete.

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Fees & Codes

Fees
- Authorized users can sign in to Test Prices for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact Customer Service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

Test Classification
This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information
88271x2
88291 - NA probe, each (first probe set), Interpretation and report
88271x2 -DNA probe, each; each additional probe set (if appropriate)
88271x1 -DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 3 probes (if appropriate)
88271x2 -DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 4 probes (if appropriate)
88271x3 -DNA probe, each; coverage for sets containing 5 probes (if appropriate)
88274 w/modifier 52 -Interphase in situ hybridization, <25 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)
88274 -Interphase in situ hybridization, 25 to 99 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)
88275 -Interphase in situ hybridization, 100 to 300 cells, each probe set (if appropriate)

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
EWSF	EWSR1 (22q12), FISH, Ts	93806-8

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
52187	Result Summary	50397-9
52189	Interpretation	69965-2
54589	Result	62356-1
CG749	Reason for Referral	42349-1

52190	Specimen	31208-2
52191	Source	31208-2
52192	Tissue ID	80398-1
52193	Method	85069-3
55030	Additional Information	48767-8
52194	Released By	18771-6
53827	Disclaimer	62364-5