



# Test Definition: HEMB

Hemoglobin (Hb) Immunostain, Technical Component Only

## Overview

### Useful For

Identification of red blood cells and red blood cell precursors

### Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHTOI	IHC Initial, Tech Only	No	No
IHTOA	IHC Additional, Tech Only	No	No

### Testing Algorithm

For the initial technical component only immunohistochemical (IHC) stain performed, the appropriate bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOI). For each additional technical component only IHC stain performed, an additional bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOA).

### Method Name

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

TECHONLY

### Ordering Guidance

This test includes only technical performance of the stain; **no pathologist interpretation is provided.**

Technical component only stains **should not** be ordered with PATHC / Pathology Consultation. If ordered with PATHC, the technical component stains **will be canceled**. Any immunohistochemistry (IHC)/in situ hybridization (ISH) stain performed as a part of the PATHC will be performed at the reviewing pathologist's discretion at an additional charge.

### Shipping Instructions

Attach the green pathology address label and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

### Specimen Required

**Supplies:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693)

**Specimen Type:** Tissue

**Container/Tube:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

**Preferred:** 2 Unstained positively charged glass slide (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick.

**Acceptable:** Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue block

### Digital Image Access

- Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can be accessed through this website: <https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/ihc-stains/>
- Clients ordering stains using a manual requisition form will not have access to digital images.
- Clients wishing to access digital images must place the order for IHC stains electronically. Information regarding digital imaging can be accessed through this website: <https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/ihc-stains/#FAQ>

### Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763) with the specimen.

### Specimen Minimum Volume

See Specimen Required

### Reject Due To

Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides	Reject
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------

### Specimen Stability Information

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

### Clinical & Interpretive

### Clinical Information

This immunostain uses antibodies to hemoglobin that stain red blood cells and their precursors in bone marrow and in other sites in a diffuse cytoplasmic staining pattern. This stain may be useful in the diagnosis of erythroleukemia or myelodysplastic neoplasms.

**Interpretation**

This test does not include pathologist interpretation, only technical performance of the stain. If interpretation is required, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity.

Interpretation of this test should be performed in the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

**Cautions**

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect immunoreactivity. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature and are antigen dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut within 6 weeks.

**Clinical Reference**

1. Chuang SS, Li CY. Useful panel of antibodies for the classification of acute leukemia by immunohistochemical methods in bone marrow trephine biopsy specimens. *Am J Clin Pathol.* 1997;107(4):410-418
2. Dong HY, Wilkes S, Yang H. CD71 is selectively and ubiquitously expressed at high levels in erythroid precursors of all maturation stages: A comparative immunochemical study with glycophorin A and hemoglobin A. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2011;35(5):723-732
3. O'Malley DP, Young SK, Perkins SL, Baldrige L, Juliar BE, Orazi A. Morphologic and immunohistochemical evaluation of splenic hematopoietic proliferations in neoplastic and benign disorders. *Mod Pathol.* 2005;18:1550-1561
4. Magaki S, Hojat SA, Wei B, So A, Yong WH. An introduction to the performance of immunohistochemistry. *Methods Mol Biol.* 2019;1897:289-298. doi:10.1007/978-1-4939-8935-5\_25

**Performance****Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Friday

**Report Available**

1 to 3 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

---

Until staining 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 has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

**CPT Code Information**

88342-TC, primary

88341-TC, if additional IHC

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
HEMB	Hemoglobin IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
70767	Hemoglobin IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result