CMV T Cell Immunity Panel
Test Code: 30360

Cell Function Testing requires special attention to specimen collection and shipping in order to ensure the integrity of the sample. Please watch Viracor’s video for complete specimen collection and shipping instructions.

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Clinical and Procedure

Clinical Utility
The CMV T Cell Immunity Panel measures the strength of T cell responses to Cytomegalovirus (CMV) specific antigens. It evaluates and reports the activity of CD4 and CD8 T cell responses independently. Effective T cell immunity against CMV is a factor in controlling CMV viral latency. CMV can affect patients with weakened immune systems and is a common risk factor in patients following solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

About Cytomegalovirus

Cytomegalovirus, also known as human herpesvirus 5, is a highly ubiquitous, double-stranded DNA virus in the Betaherpesvirinae subfamily. Following primary infection, CMV establishes a lifelong latent infection, which may reactivate in both immunocompetent and immunocompromised individuals. Clinically significant CMV infection frequently develops in immunocompromised patient populations (e.g. hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, solid organ transplant and HIV). A frequent complication after transplantation, CMV infection may cause a series of direct and indirect effects that lead to increased incidence of graft rejection, opportunistic infections, and decreased allograft and patient survival. CMV reactivations have also been reported to occur frequently in critically ill immunocompetent patients and are associated with prolonged hospitalization or death. T cell responses, both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, are vital components of CMV immune control. The monitoring of CMV-specific T cell responses utilizing intracellular cytokine staining may aid in the detection of patients at increased risk of CMV disease after transplantation and may be useful in guiding prophylaxis and preemptive therapies.

Procedure
Whole blood is stimulated with SEB, CMV antigens, or left unstimulated as a negative control and incubated at 37°C. During the incubation Brefeldin A is added, causing the interferon (IFN)-gamma to be retained inside the cell. Following the stimulation phase, cells are recovered, stained for surface markers (CD45, CD3, CD4, CD8, CD69) and intracellular IFN-gamma, and analyzed by flow cytometry. This test has not been cleared or approved for diagnostic use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Turnaround Time
3-4 business days from receipt of specimen.

Specimen Information

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**Special Instructions**

For Non-Pediatric Patients:
- Collect 10 mL whole blood in a sodium heparin tube. Tube must be at least ¾ full to maintain proper ratio of blood to anticoagulant.
- Blood must be drawn Monday through Friday after 7:00 AM CST.
- DO NOT SHIP on days when a holiday follows the shipping or set up day.
- Ship samples priority overnight Monday through Friday, at ambient temperature on the same day as collection.
- Causes for Rejection:
  - Whole blood received after stability (32 hours after collection)
  - Whole blood received cold or frozen
  - Tubes received less than 3/4 full
  - Specimens received in lithium heparin, ACD tubes or EDTA anticoagulants

- Please contact Client Services at 1-800-305-5198 if it is your first time sending Viracor a live cell test. Client Services will assist in setting up live cell shippers with you, or your courier.

For Pediatric Patients
- Minimum volume is 3 mL. Tube must be at least ¾ full to maintain proper ratio of blood to anticoagulant. Tubes that can be accepted for pediatric patients:
  - Three 1mL tubes completely full (any less will be rejected)
  - Two 2 mL tubes containing a minimum of 1.5 mL of blood in both tubes
  - One 4 mL tube containing a minimum of 3 mL of blood.
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**Shipping**

Ship Monday through Friday. All specimens must be labeled with patient's name and collection date. A Viracor Eurofins test requisition form must accompany each specimen. Ship specimens FedEx Priority Overnight® to: Viracor Eurofins Laboratories, 1001 NW Technology Dr, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

**Causes for Rejection**

Whole blood received after stability (32 hours after collection), whole blood received cold or frozen, and tubes received less than ¾ full are not accepted and are cause for rejection

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**References**
