

### Anti - Folate Receptor A Antibodies- Binding and Blocking Assay Report

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No.	Test	Values	Comments
1	<u>Binding Assay</u> (pmol IgG bound/ml serum)	75	low
2	<u>Blocking Assay</u> (pmol folate blocked/ml serum)	75	high

### **Assay Notes**

- Folate receptor (FR) blocking antibody is defined as an antibody that blocks the binding of folic acid to the folate receptor.
- Binding autoantibodies against the folate receptor recognize multiple epitopes on the folate receptor and can be blocking and binding antibodies (IgG only).
- As in the case of most autoimmune disorders, the presence of an autoantibody should be considered as possibly abnormal. Low titers of autoantibodies have been found in individuals who are otherwise healthy. Typically, lower CSF 5-MTHF levels have been associated with higher antibody titers but sometime, low CSF 5-MTHF values have been observed in patients with low titers or no antibodies.
- The concentration of antibodies is known to fluctuate over time (and in response to changes in cow's milk intake) so repeating the test, if clinically warranted, has been recommended.
- The designation "low", "medium" or "high" is arbitrary and on the cumulative experience of performing the assays, not on its clinical relevance.

### **DISCLAIMER**

At this time, the assays are provided as research tools only. They are not intended to diagnose any disease or form the basis for any clinical decisions, and are not approved by any regulatory body.

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