

Molecular Otolaryngology & Renal Research Laboratories Sample Requirements

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Genetic Renal Panel/MLPA/DNA Testing Sample Requirements:

- 3-5 cc. EDTA whole blood – MORL not responsible for broken tubes
- Saliva (OraGene OGR-500 kit) **OR** Buccal swabs, no less than 4 swabs (OraCollect OCD-100)
- 5 µg DNA, minimum concentration 50ng/µl (A260/A280 1.8-2) resuspended in 0.1mM EDTA (10mM Tris HCl, 0.1mM EDTA, pH 8, Teknova Cat# T0220)
- ***Please note: blood samples drawn from a bone marrow transplant patient will result in genetic results for the donor rather than the patient, buccal swab samples are recommended.**
- Overnight delivery, Room temperature or refrigerated (**DO NOT FREEZE WHOLE BLOOD**)
- Samples are accepted Monday-Friday.
- Samples may be refrigerated if delivery is delayed (stability – 1 week)

Serum (FH & FB autoantibody, APFA, C3b Deposition Assay, CH50, Fluid Phase Activity, C3Nef, C5Nef, C4Nef, C3 and C4 levels) Collection Protocol (minimum volume 2ml) ***PLEX treatments will affect serum tests, please wait ~14 days after PLEX to draw samples:**

1. Follow standard phlebotomy techniques to collect at least **6 cc** of whole blood drawn in a **red-top** vacutainer tube.
Note: Serum separators with “clot activators” should not be used for the serum samples.
2. Allow the blood in the **red-top** tube to clot at room temperature for 30 minutes.
3. Centrifuge the clotted blood at room temperature (1000 x g for 10 minutes).
4. Label “Serum” or “Red-top” on clean screw top-tube (s).
5. Pipette cell-free supernatant (at least 2 mL) to each labeled tube (s).
6. **Place the tube immediately at -80°C (or on dry ice). Sample must remain deep frozen.**
Note: Do not transfer cells with serum. If necessary, centrifuge a second time.

Plasma (soluble C5b-9, C3c, Ba, Bb, FD, Properdin, C5, FB, FH, FI levels) Collection Protocol (minimum volume: 2ml)

***PLEX treatments will affect plasma tests, please wait ~14 days after PLEX to draw samples:**

1. Follow standard phlebotomy techniques to collect at least **6 cc** of whole blood drawn in a **lavender-top** (EDTA) vacutainer tube.
2. Centrifuge at room temperature immediate after blood draw (1000 x g for 10 minutes).
3. Label “Plasma” or “Lavender-top” on clean screw top-tube(s).
4. Pipette cell-free supernatant (at least 2 mL) to each labeled tube (s).
5. **Place the tube immediately at -80°C (or on dry ice). Sample must remain deep frozen.**
Note: Do not transfer cells with plasma. If necessary, centrifuge a second time.

Plasma (ADAMTS-13 Activity/Inhibitor) Collection Protocol (minimum volume: 0.5ml):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow standard phlebotomy procedure to collect blood in buffered sodium citrate (light blue-top, 3.2%) plastic tubes (available in 4.5 mL, 2.7 mL or 1.8 mL full draw tubes). 2. After collection, invert the tube gently 5 to 6 times. 3. Label “Citrate Plasma” or “Blue-top” on clean cryovial screw-top tubes. 4. Store the blue-top tube upright at room temperature until centrifugation. Samples should be centrifuged between 15 to 60 minutes after blood collection for best results. 5. Re-mix the blood sample immediately prior to centrifugation by gently inverting the tube 5 to 6 times. 6. Centrifuge blood sample at room temperature in a horizontal rotor (swinging bucket rotor) for 15-20 minutes at 1500 to 1800 x g with the <i>brake off</i>. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following centrifugation, transfer the top two-thirds of the plasma layer into a new plastic tube. 2. Re-centrifuge the collected plasma at 1500 to 1800 x g with the <i>brake off</i> for an additional 15-20 minutes to remove any red cells or platelets. 3. Transfer the top two-thirds of the plasma into the previously labeled cryovials, taking care not to disturb any cells at the bottom of the tube. 7. Place the tube immediately at -80°C (or on dry ice). Sample <u>must</u> remain deep frozen.
Note: if the sample arrives at room temperature a new sample will be required. |
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Serum & Plasma Shipping Requirements:

- Serum and plasma must be frozen and shipped **OVERNIGHT** with a minimum of 3 kg (or 6 lbs) of dry ice.
- Cryovials should be put in zip lock bags and completely covered in dry ice to keep the sample frozen until it arrives in the lab.
- Delivery: Monday-Friday. **NO WEEKEND DELIVERIES**
- **Thawed OR unlabeled samples will be REJECTED for testing.**

Ship all samples to:

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