

Test Name:	Adalimumab drug level and Total anti-Adalimumab
	Antibodies (drug tolerant assay)
Referral Laboratory Name:	Blood Sciences, Royal Devon and Exeter
Laboratory Postage Address For Samples	Blood Sciences - Area A2
	Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
	Barrack Road
	Exeter
	EX2 5DW
Telephone Number For Results	01392 402935
Contact Person Name, Telephone Number and Email Address	Mandy Perry, Quality Lead, Consultant Biochemist
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Laboratory Website Address	https://www.exeterlaboratory.com/
UKAS Number	8210
Is this test ISO accredited?	Yes
Patient Preparation:	
Does the patient need to be fasting, to have	Trough level recommended (immediately before next does
stopped drugs or have any other specific	is due)
requirements?	is due)
If a Blood Test:	
What collection tube(s) can be used e.g. SST,	
EDTA, Lithium Heparin, Fluoride Oxalate or Trace	Serum
Metal?	
Is a tube containing gel acceptable?	Yes
Are there any other sample handling	
requirements e.g. protect sample from light,	No
transport on ice?	
Is centrifugation and separation required, and if	Yes - stable in whole blood and serum for 7 days at room
so is there a time limit?	temperature
Is haemolysis or lipaemia acceptable?	Yes
If a Urine Test:	
Random, 24hr or other collection time period?	n/a
Is a preservative required? (If so, what?)	n/a
Required pH of urine on receipt in laboratory or	n/a
to be pH'd prior to storage/postage?	11/ a
Other requirements	n/a
Volume/Storage/Postage:	
Sample Volume - preferred and minimum	Preferred: 300uL Minimum: 150 μL
Sample Stability Info e.g. Room Temp, 4°C or -	Stable in whole blood and serum for 7 days at room
20°C	temperature
Sample Storage Requirements – for our	Keen refrigerated until posting
laboratory prior to posting	Keep refrigerated until posting
Posting Requirements	First class post at room temperature



Assay Information:	
Assay Method	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) Note this is a
	drug tolerant ELISA assay which can detect anti-adalimumab
	antibodies in the presence of drug.
CE Marked?	Yes
EQA Scheme?	Sample Exchange with Birmingham and Sheffield
How often is EQA performed?	Quarterly
Has this test had poor performance for EQA in the last year?	No
Please give details if yes to above question	n/a
Reference range(s) and Units	Adalimumab = please see webpage:
	https://www.exeterlaboratory.com/test/adalimumab-drug-
	levels/
	Anti-Adalimumab Antibodies = ≥6 AU/mL I would probably
	say >/= 6 AU/mL = positive. Measuring range is 6-400 AU/mL
Measuring range(s) and units:	Adalimumab = 0.8 – 45 mg/L
	Anti-Adalimumab Antibodies = 6 – 400 AU/mL
Turnaround time and/or set days of analysis	10 working days
Length of sample storage by your laboratory	4-6 weeks
post-analysis	
Cost of test	£29.50 per test
Analytical Sensitivity	Drug assay: LoB 2.3 ng/mL
	Antibody assay: LoB 2.643 AU/mL, LoD 5.067 AU/mL, LoQ 10
	AU/mL
Analytical Specificity	Drug assay: no cross reactivity to other plasma proteins
	infliximab or golimumab antibodies was observed.
	Antibody assay: no cross-reactivity observed to anti-
	infliximab antibodies.
Do you use NPEx for the electronic transmission	Yes
of results for this test?	
If you use NPEx please state a contact name and	Chris Carr – Pathology IT Manager
email address	ccarr5@nhs.net