

## Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Direct Culture and Stain

Order Name: **C AFB 2**  
 Test Number: 6000130  
 Revision Date: 06/17/2026

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Direct Culture and Stain	Culture	

### SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	10 mL (5 mL)	Tissue	Sterile Screwtop Container	Room Temperature
Alternate 1	10 mL (5 mL)	Fluid	Sterile Screwtop Container	Room Temperature
Instructions	<p><b>Optimal recovery can be directly related to the specimen collected.</b> Tissue and fluid specimens should be submitted whenever possible, they are preferred for recovery of pathogens. If the tissue biopsy specimen is very small, 0.5mL of sterile saline or a small piece of moistened sterile gauze can be added to prevent drying out. CSF a minimum 5-10mL and other sterile body fluids a minimum 5mL; less than this may not have optimal recovery. Swabs are strongly discouraged, unless that is the only specimen available.</p> <p><b>Unacceptable:</b> Specimens in fixative, viral transport media, or formalin.</p>			

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	8 weeks
Notes	<p>Links to upcoming test Changes for this assay on 08/03/2026</p> <p><a href="#">06-15-19 LiveWire.xlsx</a></p> <p><a href="#">06-15-19 LiveWire.pdf</a></p>
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