

## Division of Laboratory Medicine

### Virology

# Herpes simplex 1/2 antibody (IgG type specific, Total IgM and Total IgG)

## General information

**Collection container (including preservatives):** 6mL clotted blood tube

**Specimen type:** Venous Blood

**Collection:** 6mL blood tube

**Specimen transport:** Ambient temperature via porter, courier, Royal Mail or DX compliant with IATA packing instruction 650

**Minimum volume of sample:** 2 mL

**Special precautions:** If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

## Laboratory information

**Measurement units:** Not applicable

**Biological reference units:** Not applicable

**Turnaround time for provisional result (working days):** 3 days

**Turnaround time to final result (working days):** 4 days

## Clinical information

**Clinical decision points:** Not applicable

**Factors known to significantly affect the results:** Haemolysis

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