

**Overview****Useful For**

Susceptibility testing of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex isolates growing in pure culture.

**Reflex Tests**

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
TB2LN	Susceptibility, Mtb Complex, 2 Line	Yes	No

**Additional Tests**

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
STV1	Susceptibility, Mtb Complex, Broth	No, (Bill Only)	Yes
STV2	Susceptibility, Mtb Cx, 2nd Line	No, (Bill Only)	Yes

**Testing Algorithm**

When this test is ordered, the additional test will always be performed and charged separately.

If resistance to a first line antimicrobial agent is detected, reflex testing of second line agents will be performed and charged.

**Special Instructions**

- [Infectious Specimen Shipping Guidelines](#)

**Method Name**

Broth Dilution at Critical Drug Concentrations

**NY State Available**

Yes

**Specimen****Specimen Type**

Varies

**Ordering Guidance**

If testing for the first-line agent pyrazinamide is desired, order TBPZA / Susceptibility, Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex, Pyrazinamide, Varies.

**Additional Testing Requirements**

If organism identification is not provided, CTB / Mycobacteria and *Nocardia* Culture, Varies or CTBID / Culture Referred for Identification, *Mycobacterium* and *Nocardia*, Varies **must also** be ordered and will be charged separately.

**Shipping Instructions**

1. See [Infectious Specimen Shipping Guidelines](#) in Special Instructions.
2. Place specimen in a large infectious container (T146) and label as an etiologic agent/infectious substance.

**Necessary Information**

Specimen source and suspected organism identification are required.

**Specimen Required**

**Specimen Type:** Organism

**Supplies:** Infectious Container, Large (T146)

**Container/Tube:** Middlebrook 7H10 agar slant

**Specimen Volume:** Isolate

**Collection Instructions:** Organism must be in pure culture, actively growing.

**Forms**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244) with the specimen.

**Reject Due To**

Agar plate	Reject
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**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

**Clinical & Interpretive****Clinical Information**

Initial treatment regimens for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex often include isoniazid, rifampin, ethambutol, and pyrazinamide. Susceptibility testing of *M tuberculosis* complex isolates against these antimycobacterial agents is a key component of patient management.

The Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) provides consensus protocols for the methods, antimycobacterial agents, and critical concentrations of each agent to be tested to permit standardized interpretation of *M tuberculosis*

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complex susceptibility test results.

This test uses an US Food and Drug Administration cleared commercial system for rapid broth susceptibility testing of *M tuberculosis* complex and assesses resistance to antimycobacterial drugs at the CLSI-recommended critical concentrations.

**Reference Values**

Results are reported as susceptible or resistant.

**Interpretation**

*Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex isolates are reported as susceptible or resistant to the aforementioned drugs at the critical concentrations.

Some experts believe that patients infected with strains exhibiting resistance to low levels of isoniazid but not exhibiting resistance to high levels may benefit from continuing therapy with this agent. A specialist in the treatment of tuberculosis should be consulted concerning the appropriate therapeutic regimen and dosages.

**Cautions**

Isolates not received in pure culture may have delayed results because isolation is required prior to testing.

**Clinical Reference**

1. Nahid P, Mase SR, Migliori GB, et al. Treatment of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis. An Official ATS/CDC/ERS/IDSA Clinical Practice Guideline [published correction appears in Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2020 Feb 15;201(4):500-501
2. Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). Susceptibility Testing of Mycobacteria, Nocardia spp., and Other Aerobic Actinomycetes. 3rd ed. CLSI standard M24. CLSI; 2018
3. Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). Performance Standards for Susceptibility Testing of Mycobacteria, Nocardia spp., and Other Aerobic Actinomycetes. 2nd ed. CLSI supplement M24S. CLSI; 2023

**Performance****Method Description**

This test method is based on growth or absence of growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex isolates in broth cultures containing critical concentrations of the antimycobacterial agents isoniazid, rifampin, and ethambutol. One of two FDA-cleared platforms, the BACTEC MGIT 960 (Becton Dickinson) or the VersaTREK (ThermoFisher) will be used. (Brown-Elliott, BA, Cirillo DM, Musser KA, Rowlinson M-C. Susceptibility Test Methods: Mycobacteria, Nocardia, and Other Actinomycetes. In: Carroll KC, Pfaller MA, eds. Manual of Clinical Microbiology, 13th Edition. ASM Press, 2023)

The BACTEC MGIT 960 platform measures fluorescence in a Mycobacterial Growth Indicator Tube (MGIT) containing an *M tuberculosis* complex isolate in the presence of critical concentrations of an antimycobacterial agent.

Antimycobacterial agents tested are isoniazid, rifampin, and ethambutol. (Package insert: BACTEC MGIT 960 SIRE Kit, BD Diagnostics, 2016)

The VersaTrek platform measures pressure changes inside bottles containing *M tuberculosis* complex isolates in the

presence of critical concentrations of an antimycobacterial agent. Antimycobacterial agents tested are isoniazid, rifampin, and ethambutol. (Package insert: VersaTREK Mycobacteria Detection and Susceptibility Testing system, TREK Diagnostics, 04/2014)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Sunday

**Report Available**

10 to 21 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

1 year

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Rochester

**Fees & Codes****Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

**Test Classification**

This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

**CPT Code Information**87188 x 3-Antimicrobial Susceptibility, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Complex, Broth Method**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
TB1LN	Susceptibility, Mtb Complex, 1 Line	29579-0

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
TB1LN	Susceptibility, Mtb Complex, 1 Line	29579-0