

May 6, 2011

Re: Status Update—Myelin Basic Protein (MBP), test code 0080515, testing in progress

Dear Valued ARUP Client,

Test kits for Myelin Basic Protein (ARUP test code 0080515) were received at ARUP on May 5, 2011. The shipment has been validated, and testing is in progress. It is anticipated that testing on the current backlog will be completed May 23, 2011.

The MBP test has been on delay since March 15, 2011, because the manufacturer has been unable to provide test kits due to quality-control issues. During this time period, the manufacturer provided delivery dates of March 16, March 25, April 4, and April 15. We have worked directly with the manufacturer in an attempt to resolve these quality-control issues. In the published May 9, 2011, Immediate Hot Line clients were informed that Myelin Basic Protein (ARUP test code 0080515) would be temporarily unavailable due to the reagent backorder. On May 3, 2011, ARUP was informed by the manufacturer that kits would be shipped Wednesday for Thursday delivery. The shipment was received and validated on May 5, 2011. The MBP test code will continue to be available.

The Oligoclonal Band Profile with MBP (ARUP test code 0080341) will be inactivated on May 9, 2011. Please refer to the individual panel components: Oligoclonal Band Profile (ARUP test code 0080440) and Myelin Basic Protein (ARUP test code 0080515).

MBP is often used in the evaluation of patients with suspected multiple sclerosis (MS). Diagnosis of MS is a clinical one, and laboratory data is used to support, not make, the diagnosis. In clinical assessment of suspected MS, the gold standard laboratory test is the qualitative detection of increased intrathecal IgG synthesis by isoelectric focusing electrophoresis, the Oligoclonal Band Profile (ARUP test code 0080440).

We regret any inconvenience or negative impact that may have resulted from this situation. Please refer inquiries regarding this letter to Leila Martin, technical supervisor, Electrophoresis/Manual Endocrinology, (800) 242-2787, ext. 2960, or Miles Merrell, ext 3557.

Sincerely,



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