

Intrinsic factor autoantibodies

General:

Intrinsic factor is formed in acid-secreting cells (parietal cells) of the stomach and forms an absorbable complex together with vitamin B12. If autoantibodies are developed against intrinsic factor, e.g. in connection with atrophic gastritis, a disability of vitamin B12 resorption with subsequent deficiency symptoms (pernicious anemia, megaloblastic anemia) is observed. We recommend to also test the vitamin B12 level.

Indication: Suspicion of pernicious anemia, gastritis

Material: 1 ml serum

TAT: 7-10 days*

Method: EIA

Units: U/ml

Ref. Range: <20.0

For complete list of laboratory test offered at Freiburg Medical Laboratory, please visit <http://www.fml-dubai.com/parameter-listings/>