

## Mesenchymal Epidermal Transition (MET) Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridization

### Test Description

The mesenchymal-epidermal transition (MET)/ hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) MET, located at 7q21-q31, is a proto-oncogene that encodes the tyrosine kinase receptor for HGF. Different molecular alterations in the *MET* gene have been found to determine the MET/HGF pathway activation: point mutations, amplifications, genetic polymorphisms, enhanced transcription, and autocrine activation. Alterations in the *MET* gene, including overexpression, amplification, and mutations, have been also observed in NSCLC. MET protein overexpression is variable in NSCLC, ranging from 5% to 74.6%

### Specimen

**Sample Type:** FFPE block SB-2842 B/19  
**Site:** Lung  
**Pathology ID:** MOLQ/FISH-02092019  
**Disease:** NSCLC

### Methodology

Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridization (FISH)  
Probe: Cytotest LSP MET CytoOrange/LSP CCP7 CytoGreen

### Interpretation

*MET* gene amplification is

**Negative:** tumor cells exhibit an average of < 5 copies/cell of the *MET* gene.

**Positive:** where tumor cells exhibit an average of >5 copies/cell of the *MET* gene, or MET to CEP7 signals ratio is  $\geq 2$ .

### Comments

- MET/HGF pathway has recently emerged as a potential therapeutic target in several types of human cancers including NSCLC.
- MET* gene amplification is seen in 2-4% of previously untreated non-small cell lung carcinomas and 5-20% of patients with EGFR mutated tumors with acquired resistance to EGFR. Increased copy number of *MET* has been associated with poor prognosis in patients with NSCLC.
- Various studies have shown that *MET* amplified tumors respond favorably to therapy with Crizotinib, an inhibitor of MET and ALK.

### References

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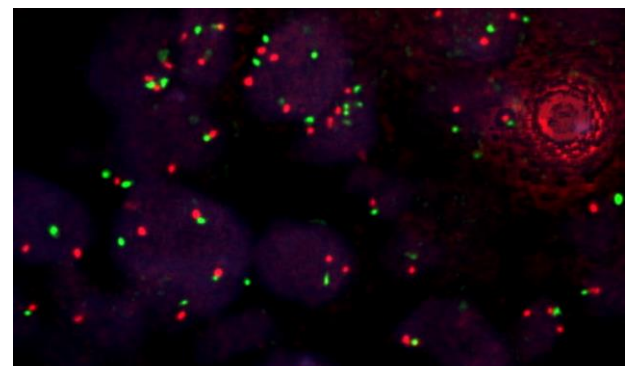
## Result

**MET gene amplification: Negative**

### Clinician

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Medical Facility: Max Hospital, Shalimar Bagh  
Pathologist: Not provided

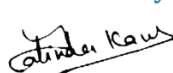
### Figure



### Microscopic Evaluation

Total number of cells scored	100
Total number of <i>MET</i> signals	276
Total number of <i>CEP7</i> signals	243
Average of <i>MET</i> copies/ cell	2.76
Computed ratio	1.13

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