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**Patient**  
**Sample, Susan**  
Gender - DOB Female - 01/01/1996  
Identifier Received  
Exagen ID 997704

## AVISE SLE Monitor Test Report

	Value	Interpretation	Reference Range
<b>Complement Component</b>			
+ EC4d - Erythrocyte-bound C4d	20 Net MFI	POSITIVE	FACS: <15 - Negative   ≥15 - Positive
Complement C3	105.120 mg/dL	Normal	Turbidimetry: 81 - 157 - Normal
Complement C4	25.025 mg/dL	Normal	Turbidimetry: 13 - 39 - Normal
<b>Antibody Component</b>			
+ Anti-dsDNA IgG	59.9 IU/mL	POSITIVE	CIA: <27 - Negative   27 - 35 - Indeterminate   ≥35 - Positive
+ Anti-C1q IgG	29.8 Units	POSITIVE	ELISA: <20 - Negative   ≥20 - Positive

### Analyte Descriptions

#### EC4d

Erythrocyte-bound C4d (EC4d) measured by flow cytometry has been shown to significantly correlate with disease activity as measured by clinical SELENA-SLEDAI [1,2]. Furthermore, reductions in EC4d levels have been shown to correlate with improvements in SF-36 score and BILAG-2004 index [2].

#### Complement C3/C4

Normalization of complement C3 and C4 proteins has been shown to correlate with disease improvements in SLE [1-3].

#### Anti-dsDNA IgG

Anti-dsDNA is quantified using a bead-based chemiluminescence immunoassay method. Relative to other methods, values produced by this method have superior correlation with disease activity [3,4].

#### Anti-C1q IgG

Autoantibodies to C1q have been shown to significantly correlate with clinical SELENA-SLEDAI values and are superior to 3 other biomarkers in their association with lupus nephritis and proteinuria [2,3,5].

### Test Method Description

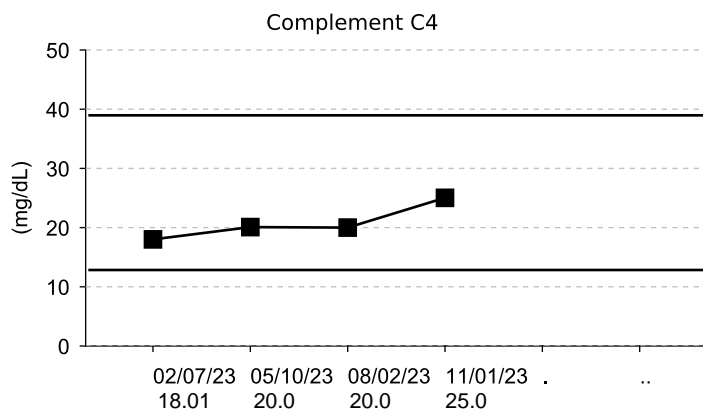
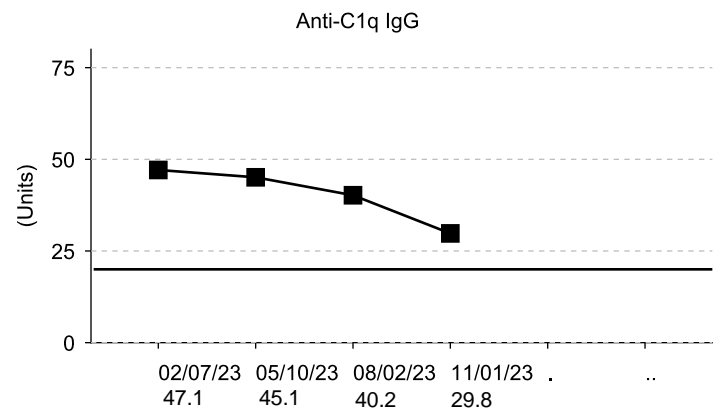
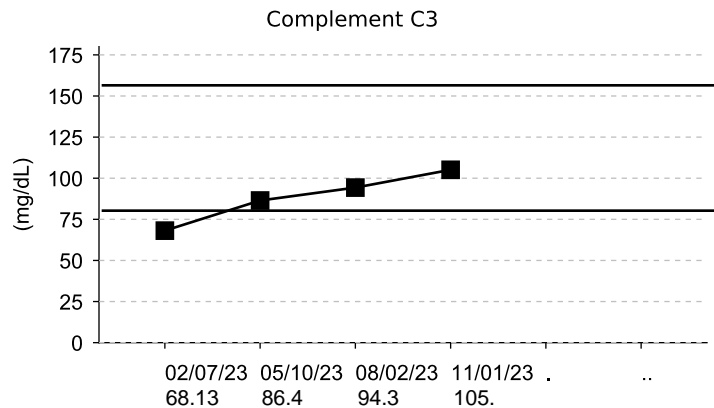
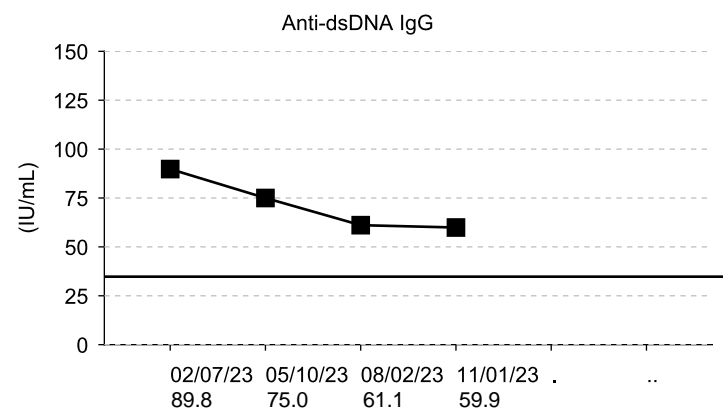
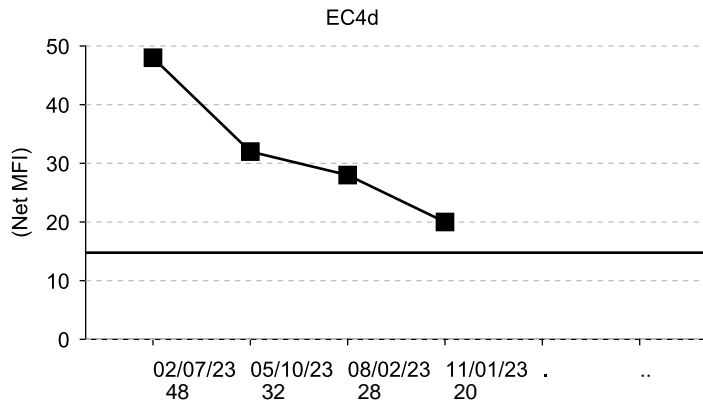
The disease monitoring panel consists of C4d bound to erythrocytes (determined by flow cytometry), soluble complement C3c and C4 proteins (determined by immunoturbidimetry), and SLE auto-antibodies (anti-double stranded DNA and anti-C1q IgG, all determined by immunoassays). Changes in EC4d, anti-dsDNA, anti-C1q and complement proteins have been shown to correlate with change in SLE disease activity, as defined by clinical SELENA-SLEDAI, BILAG index score and proteinuria [1-3].

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## Complement Component

## Antibody Component





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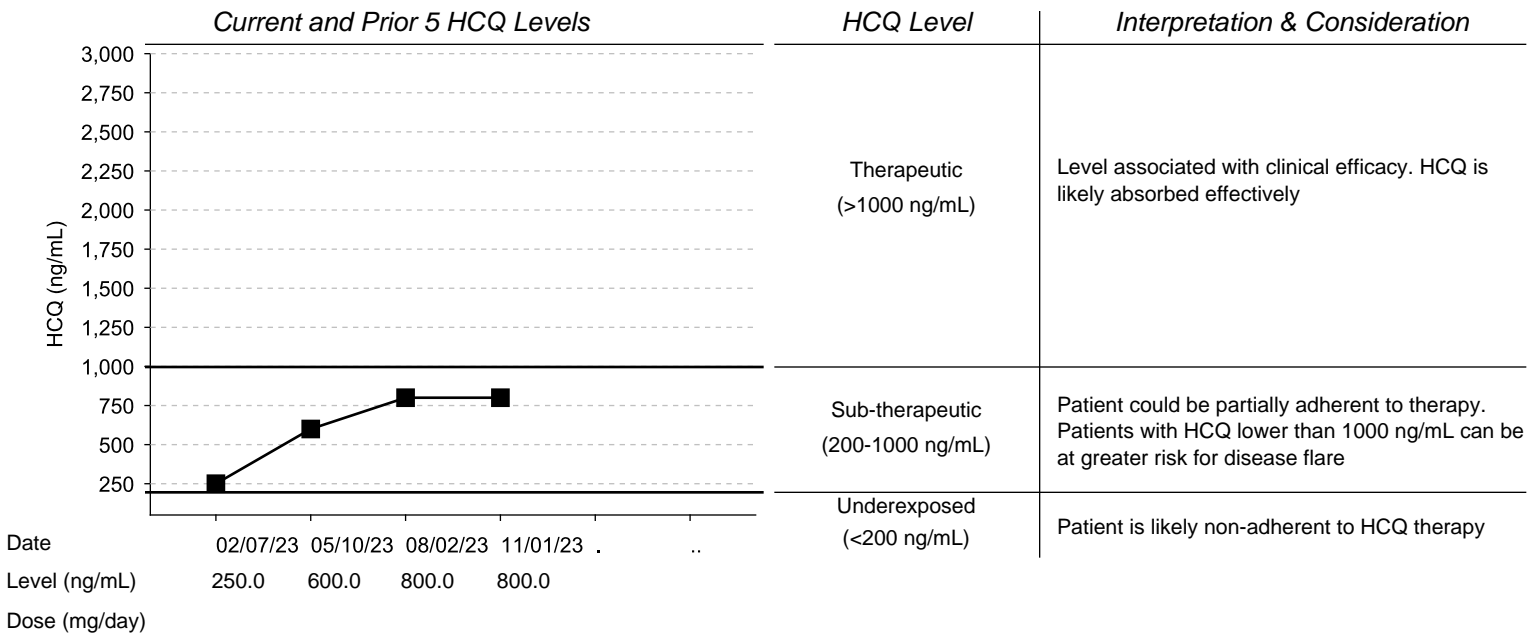
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## Avise HCQ Test Report

### Current Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) Level:

**800.0 ng/mL - Sub-therapeutic**

Hours elapsed between last dose and sample collection    HCQ Dose (mg/day)    Date HCQ Dose Initiated



### Test Method Description

HCQ concentration is determined by liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS).

This test has not been validated in pediatric populations. The HCQ blood level should be evaluated after 6 months of HCQ therapy - it has not been validated in patients treated for less than 6 months. This test cannot be used to assess the risk of HCQ toxicity.

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