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## AVISE SLE Monitor Test Report

	Value	Interpretation	Reference Range
<b>Complement Component</b>			
EC4d - Erythrocyte-bound C4d	6 Net MFI	Negative	FACS: <15 - Negative   ≥15 - Positive
Complement C3	107.6 mg/dL	Normal	Turbidimetry: 81 - 157 - Normal
Complement C4	27.0 mg/dL	Normal	Turbidimetry: 13 - 39 - Normal
<b>Antibody Component</b>			
<b>+</b> Anti-dsDNA IgG	59.9 IU/mL	POSITIVE	CIA: <27 - Negative   27 - 35 - Indeterminate   >35 - Positive
Anti-C1q IgG	18.1 Units	Negative	ELISA: <20 - Negative   ≥20 - Positive
<b>Therapy Monitoring</b>			
Hydroxychloroquine	1284.4 ng/mL	Supratherapeutic	
Methotrexate	63.4 nmol/L	Therapeutic	

### 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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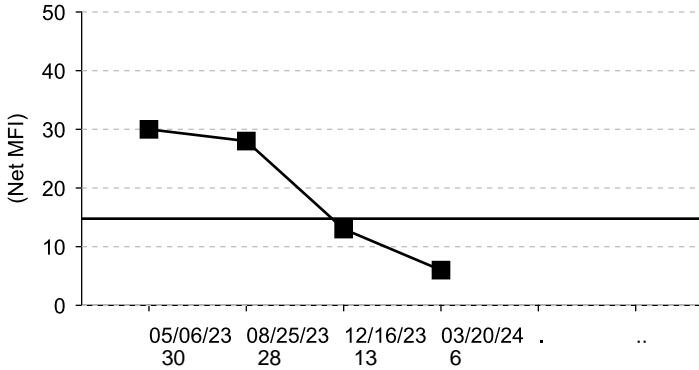
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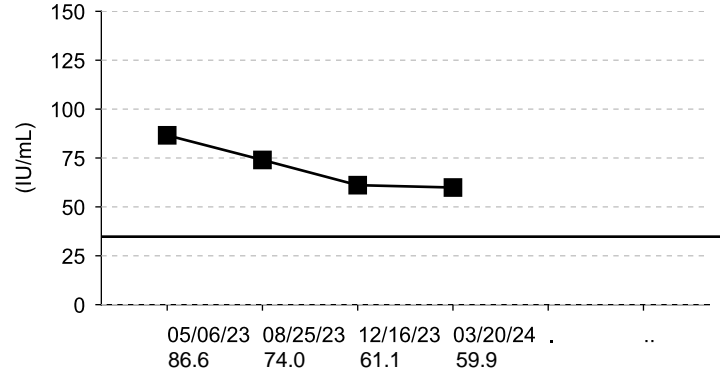
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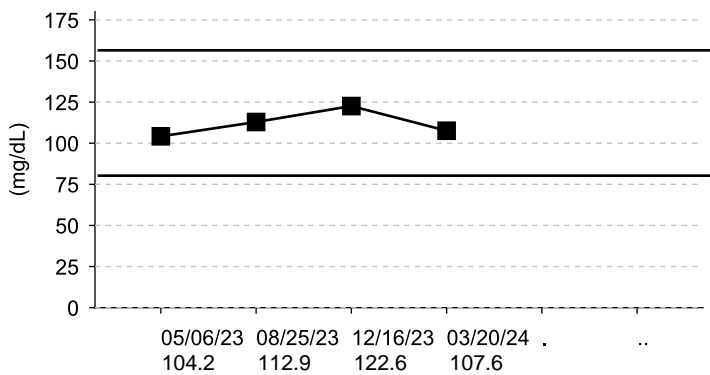
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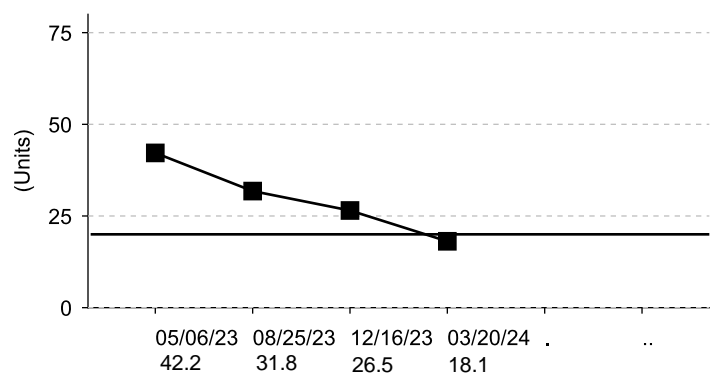
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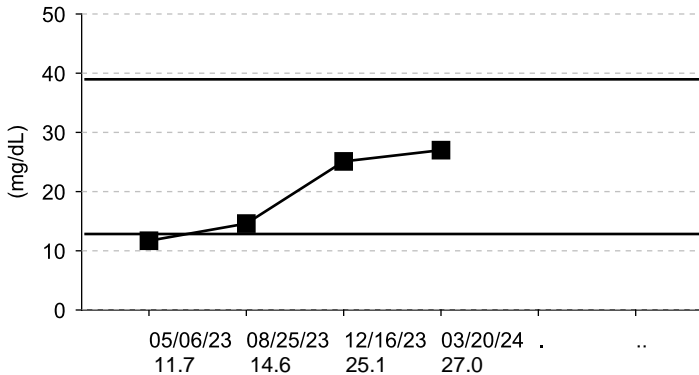
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Anti-C1q IgG



Complement C4



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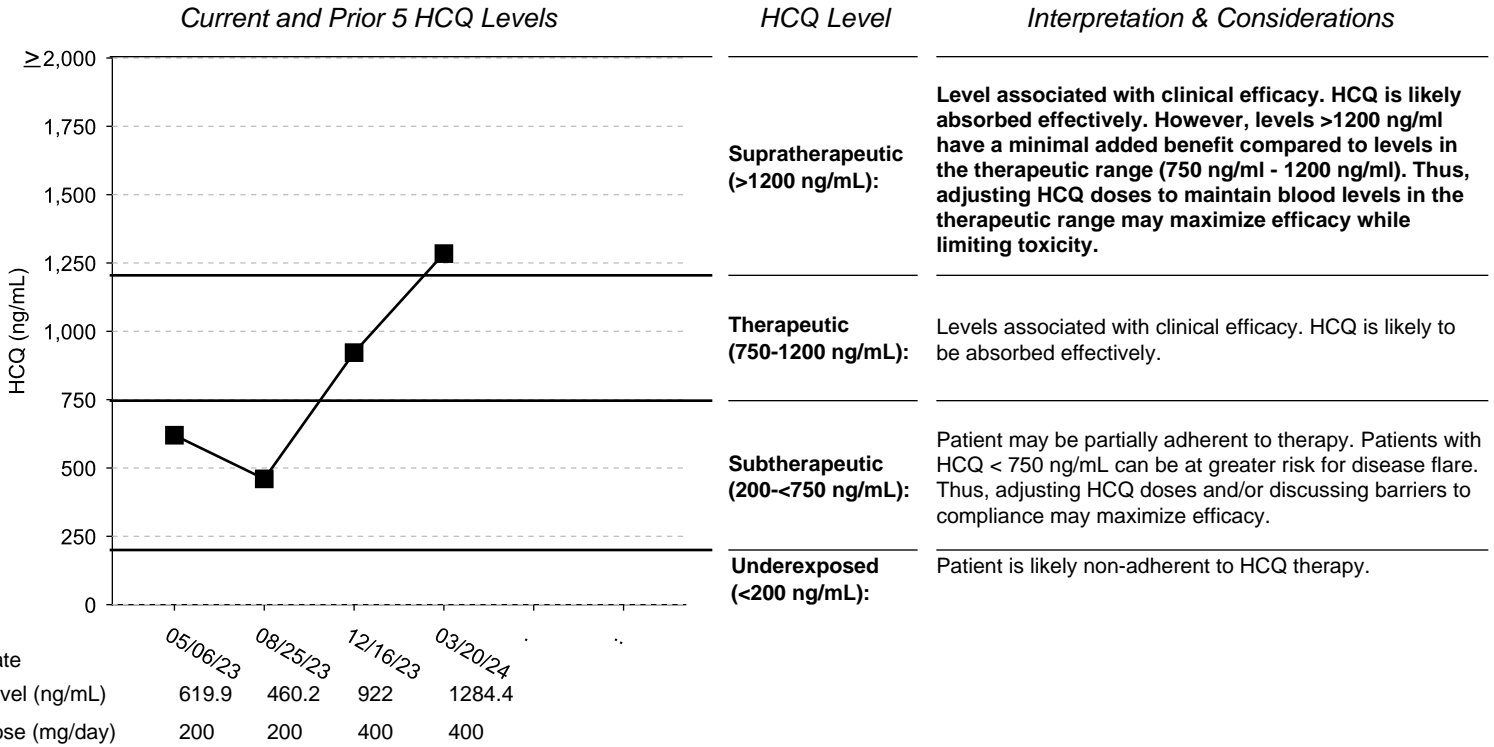
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## Avise HCQ Test Report

### Current Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) Level:

**1284.4 ng/mL - Supratherapeutic**

Current HCQ Dose (mg/day)  
 400



### Risk Factors

**Supratherapeutic:** Excessive HCQ levels may arise from (1) chronic kidney disease stage ( $\geq 3$  associated with higher odds), (2) HCQ dose (400 mg/day associated with higher odds compared to 200mg/day) and (3) substantial weight loss<sup>7</sup>.

### 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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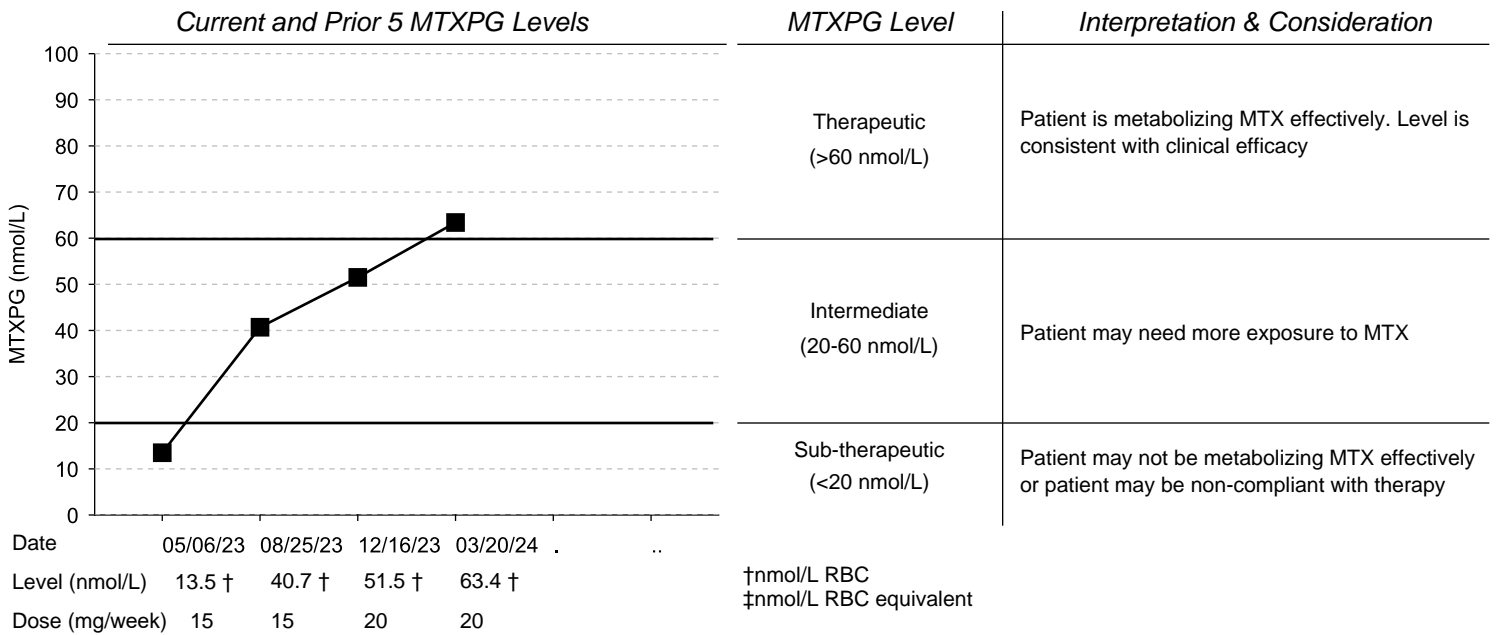
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## AVISE MTX Test Report

### Current Methotrexate Polyglutamate (MTXPG) Level:

**63.4 nmol/L - Therapeutic**

Current MTX Dose (mg/week)  
 20



### Test Method Description

AVISE MTX measures red blood cell methotrexate polyglutamates, the active metabolites of methotrexate as an aid in optimizing methotrexate dose and therapeutic efficacy in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. In a cohort of 256 rheumatoid arthritis patients taking methotrexate (range 5-25 mg/wk, median 15 mg/wk) for more than 3 months, those with a MTXPG level below 20 nmol/L were 3-fold more likely to have a poor response to methotrexate vs. those with level  $\geq 20$  nmol/L (OR =2.9; 95% CI:1.4-5.9). Those with a MTXPG level above 60 nmol/L were 5-fold more likely to have a good response to methotrexate vs. those with level  $\leq 60$  nmol/L (OR=5.5; 95% CI:2.5-12.0).

The MTXPG level is obtained by a liquid chromatographic method coupled with tandem mass spectrometry. The concentration from venous blood is expressed as nmol/L packed red blood cells (RBC). The concentration determined from whole capillary blood is expressed as nmol/L RBC equivalent. Studies supporting the clinical utility of this test are based on patients receiving methotrexate for at least 3 months. Caution should be used in interpreting results for patients on therapy for less than three months.

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