

Acid fast bacilli stain AFB

The following tests are available:

- **Auramin Staining, part of TB culture**

Indication: Suspicion Tuberculosis

Material: sputum, BAL, pleural fluid, etc.

TAT: 7-10 days, Germany

Method: Auramin staining, microscopy

Units: qualitative

Ref.- range: negative

Note: We recommend the PCR test (high sensitivity/specificity!) and/or QuantiFERON testing

- **Ziehl-Neelsen Staining**

Indication: Suspicion Tuberculosis

Material: sputum, BAL, pleural fluid, etc.

TAT: 2-5 days, specialized lab in Dubai

Method: Ziehl-Neelsen staining, microscopy

Units: qualitative

Ref.- range: negative