

Table 3

Interpretation of Testing to Detect Acute HIV Infection

	ELISA	Western blot	HIV-RNA	Interpretation
Test Result	Positive	Positive	Detectable	Chronic HIV infection
	Positive	Negative or indeterminate	<5,000 copies	Suspect false positive, repeat in 2 to 4 weeks
	Positive	Negative or indeterminate	>5,000 copies	Suspect acute HIV infection
	Negative	Negative	>5,000 copies	Suspect acute HIV infection
	Negative	Negative	Negative	Consider alternate diagnosis

From: Weintrob AC, et al. Infrequent diagnosis of primary human immunodeficiency virus. Arch Intern Med. 2003;163(17):2097–2100.