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Rheumatoid Factor IgM ELISA

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1. INTENDED PURPOSE

Rheumatoid Factor IgM is an ELISA test system for the quantitative measurement of IgM class rheumatoid factor in human serum or plasma samples. This product is intended for professional in vitro diagnostic use only. The test is used as an aid in the differential diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis (RA), and presence of rheumatoid factors (RF) is an integral part of the current ACR criteria for classification of RA. In established RA, high titres of serum IgG and especially IgM RF indicate poor prognosis. The presence of either IgG or IgA RF in patients with long-standing RA may be a prognostic indicator of systemic manifestations. Evaluation of a test result should always take into account all clinical and laboratory findings.

2. PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Fc fragments of highly purified human Immunoglobulin G are coated on to microwells.
The determination is based on an indirect enzyme linked immune reaction with the following steps:
Specific antibodies in the patient sample bind to the antigen coated on the surface of the reaction wells. After incubation, a washing step removes unbound and unspecifically bound serum or plasma components. Subesquently added enzyme conjugate binds to the immobilized antibody-antigen-complexes. After incubation, a second washing step removes unbound enzyme conjugate. After addition of substrate solution the bound enzyme conjugate hydrolyses the substrate forming a blue coloured product. Addition of an acid stops the reaction generating a yellow end-product. The intensity of the yellow color correlates with the concentration of the antibody-antigen-complex and can be measured photometrically at 450 nm.

3. WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- All reagents of this kit are intended for professional in vitro diagnostic use only.
- Components containing human serum were tested and found negative for HBsAg, HCV, HIV1 and HIV2 by FDA approved methods. No test can guarantee the absence of HBsAg, HCV, HIV1 or HIV2, and so all human serum based reagents in this kit must be handled as though capable of transmitting infection.
- Bovine serum albumin (BSA) used in components has been tested for BSE and found negative.
- Avoid contact with the substrate TMB (3,3´,5,5´-Tetramethyl-benzidine).
- Stop solution contains acid, classification is non-hazardous. Avoid contact with skin.
- Control, calibrator, sample buffer and wash buffer contain sodium azide (NaN_3) 0.09% as preservative. This concentration is classified as non-hazardous.
- Enzyme conjugate contains ProClin 300 0.05% as preservative. This concentration is classified as non-hazardous.

During handling of all reagents, controls and serum samples observe the existing regulations for laboratory safety regulations and good laboratory practice:

- First aid measures: In case of skin contact, immediately wash thoroughly with water and soap. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes and wash before reuse. If system fluid comes into contact with skin, wash thoroughly with water. After contact with the eyes carefully rinse the opened eye with running water for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if necessary.
- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Observe laboratory safety regulations. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not swallow. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not eat, drink, smoke or apply makeup in areas where specimens or kit reagents are handled. When spilled, absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

- Exposure controls / personal protection: Wear protective gloves of nitrile rubber or natural latex. Wear protective glasses. Used according to intended use no dangerous reactions known.
- Conditions to avoid: Since substrate solution is light-sensitive. Store in the dark.
- For disposal of laboratory waste the national or regional legislation has to be observed.

Observe the guidelines for performing quality control in medical laboratories by assaying control sera.

4. CONTENTS OF THE KIT

Sufficient for 96 determinations

1. **SORB MT 1 divisible microplate** consisting of 12 modules of 8 wells each. Ready to use.
2. **CAL A-E 5x 1.5 ml Calibrator A-E** (0, 15, 50, 150, 500 IU/ml), containing rheumatoid factor in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN_3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
3. **CONTROL 1 & 2 2x 1.5 ml Control positive (1) and negative (2),** containing rheumatoid factor in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN_3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use. The concentration is specified on the certificate of analysis.
4. **SAM DIL 5x 20 ml Sample Buffer**, containing PBS, BSA, detergent, preservative NaN_3 0.09%, yellow, 5 x conc.
5. **ENZ CONJ 15 ml Enzyme Conjugate** containing anti-human IgM antibodies, HRP labelled; PBS, BSA, detergent, preservative ProClin 300 0.05%, light red. Ready to use.
6. **SUB TMB 15 ml TMB Substrate**; containing 3,3', 5,5'- Tetramethylbenzidin, colorless. Ready to use.
7. **STOP SOLN 15 ml Stop solution**; contains acid. Ready to use.
8. **WASH SOLN 50x 20 ml Wash Buffer,** containing Tris, detergent, preservative NaN_3 0.09%; 50 x conc.
9. **1 Instruction for Use**
10. **1 Certificate of Analysis**

5. MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of endpoint measurements at 450 nm; optional: reference filter at 620 nm
- Data reduction software
- Multi-channel dispenser or repeatable pipette for 100 µl
- Vortex mixer
- Pipettes for 10 µl, 100 µl and 1000 µl
- Laboratory timing device
- Distilled or deionised water
- Measuring cylinder for 1000 ml and 100 ml
- Plastic container for storage of the wash solution

This ELISA assay is suitable for use on open automated ELISA processors. Each assay has to be validated on the respective automated system. Detailed information is provided upon request.

6. SPECIMEN COLLECTION, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Collect whole blood specimens using acceptable medical techniques to avoid hemolysis.
- Allow blood to clot and separate the serum or plasma by centrifugation.
- Test serum should be clear and non-hemolyzed. Contamination by hemolysis or lipemia should be avoided, but does not interfere with this assay.
- Specimens may be refrigerated at 2-8°C for up to five days or stored at -20°C up to six months.
- Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing of serum or plasma samples. This may result in variable loss of antibody activity.
- Testing of heat-inactivated sera is not recommended.

7. STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Store test kit at 2-8°C in the dark.
- Do not expose reagents to heat, sun, or strong light during storage and usage.
- Store microplate sealed and desiccated in the clip bag provided.
- Unopened reagents are stable until expiration of the kit. See labels for individual batch.
- Diluted Wash solution and Sample Buffer are stable for at least 30 days when stored at 2-8°C. We recommend consumption on the same day.

8. PROCEDURAL NOTES

- Do not use kit components beyond their expiration dates.
- Do not interchange kit components from different lots and products.
- All materials must be at room temperature (20-28°C) prior to use.
- Prepare all reagents and samples. Once started, perform the test without interruption.
- Double determinations may be done. By this means pipetting errors may become obvious.
- Perform the assay steps only in the order indicated.
- Always use fresh sample dilutions.
- Pipette all reagents and samples into the bottom of the wells.
- To avoid carryover or contamination, change the pipette tip between samples and different kit controls.
- Wash microwells thoroughly and remove the last droplets of wash solution.
- All incubation steps must be accurately timed.
- Do not re-use microplate wells.

9. PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

Wash Buffer
Dilute the contents of one vial of the buffered wash solution concentrate (50x) with distilled or deionised water to a final volume of 1000 ml prior to use.

Sample Buffer
Prior to use dilute the contents (20 ml) of one vial of sample buffer 5x concentrate with distilled or deionised water to a final volume of 100 ml.

Preparation of samples
Dilute patient samples 1:100 before the assay: Put 990 µl of prediluted sample buffer in a polystyrene tube and add 10 µl of sample. Mix well.
Note: Calibrators / Controls are ready to use and need not be diluted.

10. TEST PROCEDURE

Prepare enough microplate modules for all calibrators / controls and patient samples.
1. Pipette **100 µ**l of calibrators, controls and prediluted patient samples into the wells.
2. Incubate for **30 minutes** at room temperature (20-28 °C).
3. Discard the contents of the microwells and **wash 3 times with 300 µl** of wash solution.
4. Dispense **100 µl** of enzyme conjugate into each well.
5. Incubate for **15 minutes** at room temperature.
6. Discard the contents of the microwells and **wash 3 times with 300 µl** of wash solution.
7. Dispense **100 µl** of TMB substrate solution into each well.
8. Incubate for **15 minutes** at room temperature
9. Add **100 µl** of stop solution to each well of the modules
10. Incubate for **5 minutes** at room temperature.
11. Read the optical density at 450 nm (reference 600-690nm) and calculate the results. The developed colour is stable for at least 30 minutes. Read during this time.

Example for a pipetting scheme:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	A	P2										
B	B	P3										
C	C											
D	D											
E	E											
F	C+											
G	C-											
H	P1											

P1, ... patient sample A-E calibrators C+, C- controls

11. VALIDATION

Test results are valid if the optical densities at 450 nm for calibrators / controls and the results for controls comply with the reference ranges indicated on the Certificate of Analysis enclosed in each test kit. If these quality control criteria are not met the assay run is invalid and should be repeated.

12. CALCULATION OF RESULTS

For quantitative results plot the optical density of each calibrator versus the calibrator concentration to create a calibration curve. The concentration of patient samples may then be estimated from the calibration curve by interpolation. Using data reduction software a 4-Parameter-Fit with lin-log coordinates for optical density and concentration is the data reduction method of choice.

13. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Calibration
The assay system is calibrated against the international reference preparation 1st British Standard Preparation 64/2 for Rheumatoid Factor IgM as 100 IU/ml.

Measuring range
The calculation range of this ELISA assay is 0 - 500 IU/ml

Expected values
In a normal range study with samples from healthy blood donors the following ranges have been established with this ELISA assay: Cut-off 20 IU/ml

Interpretation of results
Negative: < 20 IU/ml
Positive: ≥ 20 IU/ml

Linearity
Patient samples containing high levels of specific antibody were serially diluted in sample buffer to demonstrate the dynamic range of the assay and the upper/ lower end of linearity. Activity for each dilution was calculated from the calibration curve using a 4-Parameter-Fit with lin-log coordinates.

Sample	Dilution	Observed IU/ml	Expected IU/ml	O/E %
1	1:100	482.7	431.7	112
	1:200	218.0	215.9	101
	1:400	108.0	107.9	100
	1:800	54.5	54.0	101
	1:1600	26.7	27.0	99
	1:3200	13.4	13.5	99
2	1:100	549.3	502.7	109
	1:200	245.4	251.4	98
	1:400	125.2	125.7	100
	1:800	61.1	62.8	97
	1:1600	32.4	31.4	103
	1:3200	15.6	15.7	99
3	1:100	220.5	221.5	100
	1:200	110.4	110.7	100
	1:400	55.6	55.4	100
	1:800	27.3	27.7	99
	1:1600	13.9	13.8	101
	1:3200	6.7	6.9	97

Limit of detection
Functional sensitivity was determined to be: 1 IU/ml

Reproducibility
Intra-assay precision: Coefficient of variation (CV) was calculated for each of three samples from the results of 24 determinations in a single run. Results for precision-within-assay are shown in the table below.
Inter-assay precision: Coefficient of variation (CV) was calculated for each of three samples from the results of 6 determinations in 5 different runs. Results for run-to-run precision are shown in the table below.

Intra-Assay		
Sample	**Mean IU/ml**	**CV %**
1	17.1	4.3
2	59.7	4.6
3	148.0	4.3

Inter-Assay		
Sample	**Mean IU/ml**	**CV %**
1	24.5	8.2
2	59.4	5.9
3	123.0	8.1

Interfering substances
No interference has been observed with haemolytic (up to 1000 mg/dl) or lipemic (up to 3 g/dl triglycerides) sera or plasma, or bilirubin (up to 40 mg/dl) containing sera or plasma. Nor have any interfering effects been observed with the use of anticoagulants (Citrate, EDTA, Heparin). However for practical reasons it is recommended that grossly hemolyzed or lipemic samples should be avoided.

Study results

Study population	**n**	**n Pos**	**%**
Rheumatoid Arthritis	302	276	91.4
Normal human sera	169	11	6.5

Clinical Diagnosis

	Pos	**Neg**	
Pos	276	11	
Neg	26	158	
	302	169	471

Sensitivity: 91.4 %
Specificity: 93.5 %
Overall agreement: 92.1 %

14. LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

This assay is a diagnostic aid. A definite clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of a single test, but should be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated concerning the entire clinical picture of the patient. Also every decision for therapy should be taken individually. The above pathological and normal reference ranges for antibodies in patient samples should be regarded as recommendations only. Each laboratory should establish its own ranges according to ISO 15189 or other applicable laboratory guidelines.

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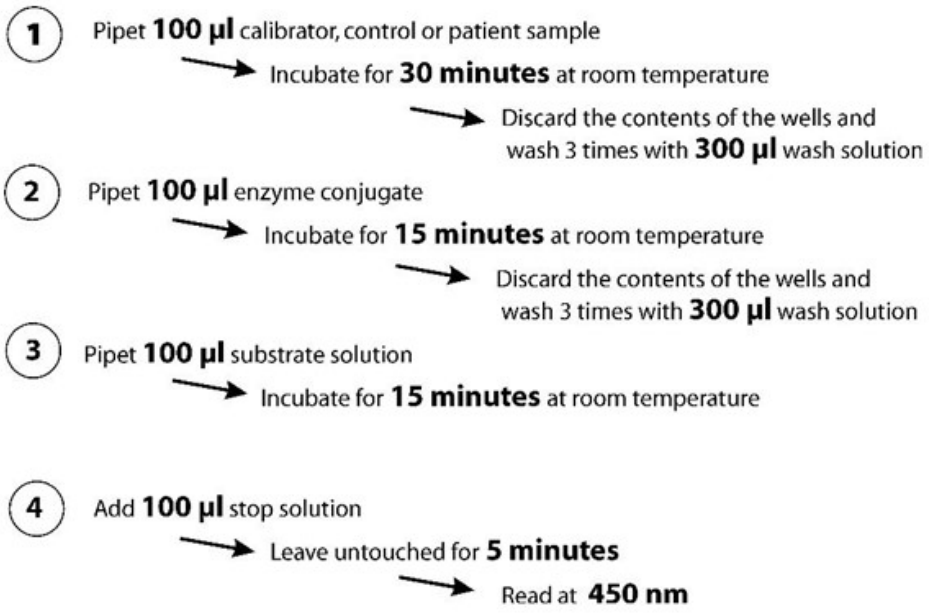
1
Pipet 100 µl calibrator, control or patient sample
Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature
Discard the contents of the wells and wash 3 times with 300 µl wash solution
2
Pipet 100 µl enzyme conjugate
Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature
Discard the contents of the wells and wash 3 times with 300 µl wash solution
3
Pipet 100 µl substrate solution
Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature
4
Add 100 µl stop solution
Leave untouched for 5 minutes
Read at 450 nm

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IVD	In vitro diagnostic device	In-vitro-Diagnostikum	Ussage Diagnostic in vitro	Diagnóstico in vitro	Per uso Diagnostica in vitro
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