

IMTEC-NUCLEOSOME-ANTIBODIES

Nucleosome

ELISA for the Quantitative Determination of Anti-Nucleosome Antibodies (IgG)

Package Size





 ITC59002 96 Tests Complete Testkit



Please read the instructions carefully before testing.

Procedural precautions:

Do not use the reagents beyond the date of expiry.

 DB14,  20x WB03,  TMB ELISA and  STOP ELISA may be interchanged between lots and test kits that share the same reagent designation.

All other reagents are specific for the individual test kit lot and must not be interchanged with other lots and test kits.

Store reagents at 2...8°C.

Intended Use










IMTEC-Nucleosome-Antibodies is an enzyme immunoassay (ELISA) for the quantitative measurement of IgG class autoantibodies against nucleosomes in human serum. The assay is intended for in vitro diagnostic use only as an aid in the diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus.

Anti-Nucleosome antibodies are regarded as a diagnostic marker for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). The antibodies can be detected in almost 100% of all patients with active SLE and in 62% of those with inactive SLE (the corresponding frequency for the detection of dsDNA antibodies in SLE is only 3.3 %). They are regarded as an early marker of the exacerbation of SLE, since they occur sooner than dsDNA antibodies.

Principle

The test is based on the immobilisation of highly purified nucleosomes to the solid phase of microtiter strips and subsequent binding of anti-nucleosome antibodies from patient serum. The bound antibodies are detected with a peroxidase-labelled secondary antibody that is directed against human IgG. After addition of substrate solution, a colour appears which intensity is proportional to the concentration and/or the avidity of the detected antibodies. Following the addition of stop solution, the colour switches from blue to yellow.

Reagents and Contents

	12	Microtiter Strips (in 1 strip holder) 8-well snap-off strips, ready for use coated with nucleosomes	
	1 – 5 5 x 1.5 ml	Calibrators IgG (white cap), human serum, inked according to concentration, ready for use anti-nucleosomes level: 12.5 U/ml (1), 25 U/ml (2), 50 U/ml (3), 100 U/ml (4), 200 U/ml (5)	
	1.5 ml	Negative Control Serum (green cap), human, ready for use	
	1.5 ml	Positive Control Serum (red cap), human, ready for use Concentrations are stated on the labels.	
 20x WB03	50 ml	Washing Buffer (black cap) Concentrate (20x) for 1 l TRIS buffer	pH 6.9 ± 0.2
 DB14	100 ml	Dilution Buffer (blue cap) ready for use Phosphate buffer	pH 7.2 ± 0.2
	15 ml	Conjugate Solution (white cap) anti-human-IgG HRP conjugate, ready for use	
 TMB ELISA	15 ml	TMB solution (black cap) ready for use, colourless to bluish 3,3', 5,5'-tetramethylbenzidin Hydrogen peroxide	pH 3.7 ± 0.2 1.2 mmol/l 3 mmol/l
 STOP ELISA	15 ml	Stop Solution (red cap) Sulphuric acid, ready for use	0.5 mol/l
	1	Adhesive Strip	

Safety Notes


Do not swallow the reagents. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and mucous membranes. All patient specimens and controls should be handled as potentially infectious. The controls have been checked on donor level for HCV and HIV-1/2 antibodies and HBsAg and found negative. Wear protective clothing and disposable gloves according to Good Laboratory Practices.

All materials contaminated with patient specimens or controls should be inactivated by validated procedures (autoclaving or chemical treatment) in accordance with applicable regulations.

Stability

The reagents are stable up to the stated expiry dates on the individual labels when stored at 2...8°C.



Reagent Preparation

Allow the testkit and all its components to reach room temperature before use! Used bottles should be closed carefully and stored at 2...8°C. Store  protected from light.

Do not use polystyrene vessels for handling of .

To avoid potential microbial and/or chemical contamination, unused reagents should never be transferred into the original vials.

Washing Buffer Solution



Any crystallised salt inside the bottle must be resolved before use. Dilute 1 part  20x with 19 parts distilled water.  is stable for 6 weeks stored at 2...8°C.

Specimen



















Patient sera, Do not use plasma samples !

Use sera freshly collected or freeze samples at –20°C. **Freeze and thaw once only.** Do not use serum samples inactivated by heat treatment at 56°C.

Allow the samples to reach room temperature (30 min.).

Dilute sera 1:101 with  (add 10 µl serum to 1 ml .

Procedure





- **Pipette 100 µl** diluted sera, ,  and  into , for blank use  instead of sample dilution, seal  with adhesive strip.
- Incubate for **1 hour** at RT.
- **Discard** the solution from . **Wash**  3 times using 300 µl  per well.
- **Discard**  and knock out residues on an absorbent paper or cloth.
- **Pipette 100 µl**  and seal  with adhesive strip.
- Incubate for **30 min.** at RT.
- **Discard** the solution from . **Wash**  3 times using 300 µl  per well.
- **Discard**  and knock out residues on an absorbent paper or cloth.
- **Pipette 100 µl**  and incubate for **10 min.**. At room temperatures above 25 °C the substrate incubation could be shortened, but should never fall short of 5 min..
- **Add 100 µl**  per well.
- **Read absorbance values at 450 nm** within the next 10 min. after stopping. Bi-chromatic measurement with a reference wavelength at 620 – 690 nm is recommended.




Automation

The IMTEC-Nucleosome-Antibodies ELISA may be processed with suitable automated ELISA analyzers. Applications have to be validated prior to diagnostic use.

Validation of the Test

The test results are valid provided the following criteria are met for the obtained results:

-  is within the indicated range (see label).
-  is lower than the cut-off-value of the test.
-  5 does not fall below an absorbance value of 0.6.
- The absorbances of  1–5 keep raising.

In order to improve accuracy of the test results we recommend to run  1–5, ,  and patient samples in duplicate.

Interpretation of Results

Plot measured absorbances against U/ml of **CAL** 1-5 in semi-log. By interpolating the plotted measuring points, a calibration curve is obtained, from which the concentrations of anti-nucleosome antibodies in the patient samples can be determined.

Results above 25 U/ml (cut-off value) are positive.

Limitations

A positive result must be used in association with clinical evaluation and diagnostic procedures. The values obtained from this assay are intended to be an aid for diagnosis only.

Elevated anti-nucleosome antibodies may occur in individuals with no evidence of clinical disease.

If the patient sample contains elevated levels of immune complexes or other immunoglobulin aggregates, false positive results by non-specific binding cannot be ruled out.

The performance characteristics for this assay have not been established for plasma samples.

Performance Characteristics

Typical performance data can be found in the Verification Report, accessible via:

www.human.de/data/gb/vr/el-59002.pdf or

www.human-de.com/data/gb/vr/el-59002.pdf

If the performance data are not accessible via internet, they can be obtained free of charge from your local distributor.

Safety Notes

STOP Warning

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

SUB Danger

H360D May damage the unborn child.

CAL **NC** **PC** **WASH** 20x **DIL** **CON** **SUB** **STOP**

P234 Keep only in original container.

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P401 Store in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

All donor units of human origin have been tested for HBsAg, HIV and HCV-antibodies and found to be negative using approved methods. However, the material should still be regarded as potentially infectious.

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