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ORG 601 Anti-CCP *hs (high sensitive)*®

NAME AND INTENDED USE

Anti-CCP hs (high sensitive)® is an ELISA test system for the quantitative measurement of IgG class autoantibodies against cyclic citrullinated peptides (CCP) in human serum or plasma. This product is intended for professional in vitro diagnostic use only.

SYMBOLS USED ON LABELS

IVD	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Manufacturer
REF	Catalogue number
Σ 96	Sufficient for 96 determinations
LOT	Batch code
	Use by
2°C 8°C	Temperature limitation
	Consult instructions for use
	Keep away from sunlight
	Do not reuse
	Date of manufacture
CE	conform to European directive 98/79/EC

MICROPLATE	Microplate
CALIBRATOR A	Calibrator
CALIBRATOR B	Calibrator
CALIBRATOR C	Calibrator
CALIBRATOR D	Calibrator
CALIBRATOR E	Calibrator
CALIBRATOR F	Calibrator
CONTROL +	Control positive
CONTROL −	Control negative
DILUENT	Sample Buffer P
CONJUGATE	Enzyme Conjugate
TMB	TMB Substrate
WASH	Stop solution
STOP	Wash Buffer
RTU	Ready to use

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Highly purified cyclic citrullinated vimentin peptides (CCP) is bound 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 stopps 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.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is one of the most common autoimmune diseases. It is characterized by a progressive inflammation of the joints, leading to gradual damage and loss of their function. Early diagnosis of RA and immediate onset of an appropriate treatment is essential for prevention of complete joint damage. In addition to rheumatoid factors, autoantibodies against citrullinated antigens (ACPA) have proven to be valuable tools for the serological diagnosis of early RA. They have become a critical component of the new 2010 ACR criteria for the classification of RA, and account for three of the six points required to verify a diagnosis of RA [2,3].
It has been demonstrated in numerous studies that antibodies against citrullinated peptides from enolase, fibrinogen and especially vimentin occur in RF-negative patients. Citrullinated vimentin has been detected in the rheumatoid synovial tissue of RA patients and is involved in the initiation of ACPA production [4,5,6].
Autoantibodies against mutated citrullinated vimentin (Anti-MCV) are sensitive and specific markers for RA. They correlate with an erosive course of disease with severe joint damage and extraarticular manifestations [7]. A strong correlation between Anti-MCV titres in RA patients and disease activity score (DAS) has been described [8].
Anti-CCP hs (high sensitive)® combines the many advantages of the detection of autoantibodies against the native autoantigen mutated citrullinated vimentin (MCV), which have been demonstrated in many publications [9-18], with the strengths of modern peptide synthesis. Anti-CCP hs (high sensitive)® is based on specific optimized peptide epitopes from the body's own MCV protein. This tailored antigen profile gives the test the highest sensitivity (up to 92%) while maintaining high specificity (up to 98%).
Anti-CCP hs (high sensitive)® detects autoantibodies very early– sometimes even years before symptoms become evident. Persons without symptoms but with an increased Anti-CCP antibody titre are at high risk for future RA development. Furthermore, a positive result is predictive for a severe course of RA. Therefore, Anti-CCP hs (high sensitive)® is an effective tool for rapid and precise routine diagnosis and favours immediate implementation of treatment.

CONTENTS OF THE KIT

ORG 601	Σ 96	Sufficient for 96 determinations
MICROPLATE	1	One divisible microplate consisting of 12 modules of 8 wells each. Ready to use. Product code on module: ***CCP***
CALIBRATOR A	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator A 0 U/ml, containing serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR B	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator B 20 U/ml, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR C	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator C 40 U/ml, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR D	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator D 100 U/ml, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR E	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator E 300 U/ml, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR F	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator F 1000 U/ml, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CONTROL +	1x 1.5 ml	Control positive, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use. The concentration is specified on the certificate of analysis.
CONTROL −	1x 1.5 ml	Control negative, containing CCP antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use. The concentration is specified on the certificate of analysis.
DILUENT	20 ml	Sample Buffer P, containing PBS, BSA, detergent, preservative sodium azide 0.09%, yellow, concentrate (5 x).
CONJUGATE	15 ml	Enzyme Conjugate containing anti-human IgG antibodies, HRP labelled; PBS, BSA, detergent, preservative PROCLIN 0.05%, light red. Ready to use.
TMB	15 ml	TMB Substrate; containing 3,3', 5,5'- Tetramethylbenzidin, colorless. Ready to use.
WASH	20 ml	Wash Buffer, containing Tris, detergent, preservative sodium azide 0.09%; 50 x conc.
STOP	15 ml	Stop solution; contains acid. Ready to use.
WASH	1	Instruction for Use: ELISA Mini-DVD
WASH	1	Certificate of Analysis

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.

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.

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 dessicated in the clip bag provided.
- Shelf life of the unopended test kit is 18 months from day of production. Unopened reagents are stable until expiration of the kit. See labels for individual batch.
- Diluted Wash Buffer and Sample Buffer are stable for at least 30 days when stored at 2-8°C. We recommend consumption on the same day.

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, performe 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 buffer.
- All incubation steps must be accurately timed.
- Do not re-use microplate wells.

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, classifiaction is non-hazardous. Avoid contact with skin.
- Control, sample buffer and wash buffer contain sodium azide 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 nitril 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.

PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

WASH

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.

DILUENT

Sample Buffer P: 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.

TEST PROCEDURE

Prepare enough microplate modules for all calibrators / controls and patient samples.

1. Pipette **100 µl** of calibrators, controls and prediluted patient samples into the wells.
   Incubate for **30 minutes** at room temperature (20-28 °C).
   Discard the contents of the microwells and **wash 3 times** with **300 µl** of wash solution.
2. Dispense **100 µ**l of enzyme conjugate into each well.
   Incubate for **15 minutes** at room temperature.
   Discard the contents of the microwells and **wash 3 times** with **300 µl** of wash solution.
3. Dispense **100 µ**l of TMB substrate solution into each well.
   Incubate for **15 minutes** at room temperature
4. **Add 100 µl** of stop solution to each well of the modules
   Incubate for **5 minutes** at room temperature.
   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	P1										
B	B	P2										
C	C	P3										
D	D											
E	E											
F	F											
G	C+											
H	C-											

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

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.

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.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Calibration

This assay system is calibrated in relative arbitrary units. It is calibrated against an external anti-CCP Assay, since no international reference sera for RA diagnostic are available so far.

Measuring range

The calculation range of this ELISA assay is 0 - 1000 U/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 U/ml

Interpretation of results

Negative: < 20 U/ml
Positive: ≥ 20 U/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 U/ml	Expected U/ml	O/E [%]
1	1:100	1109.2	1109.2	100
.	1:200	467.3	550.0	85
.	1:400	245.4	275.0	89
.	1:800	115.0	137.5	84
.	1:1600	57.1	68.9	83
.	1:3200	31.4	29.7	106
.	1:6400	14.4	14.9	97
.	1:12800	7.6	7.4	103
2	1:100	320.4	320.4	100
.	1:200	165.0	174.9	94
.	1:400	94.8	87.4	108
.	1:800	48.4	43.7	111
.	1:1600	24.6	21.9	112
3	1:100	122.1	122.1	100
.	1:200	61.0	59.3	103
.	1:400	31.3	29.7	105
.	1:800	14.5	14.8	98
.	1:1600	7.5	7.4	101

Limit of detection

Functional sensitivity was determined to be: 1 U/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 U/ml	. CV %
1	18.6	7.8
2	83.8	6.0
3	297.5	8.6

Inter-Assay		
Sample .	Mean U/ml	. CV %
1	26.4	9.9
2	75.9	7.9
3	304.7	9.6

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, Heparine). 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	259	237	91.5
Other Arthritis	22	6	27.3
Other rheumatic disease	37	1	2.7
Healthy controls	118	1	0.8

		Clinical Diagnosis		
		Pos	Neg	
ORG 601	Pos	237	8	
	Neg	22	169	
		259	177	436

Sensitivity: 91.5 %
Specificity: 95.5 %
Overall agreement: 93.1 %

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 establishe its own ranges according to ISO 15189 or other applicable laboratory guidelines.

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1. **100 µl** Standards, Kontrollen und verdünnte Patientenproben pipettieren
   → **30 Minuten** bei Raumtemperatur inkubieren
   → Inhalt der Platte verwerfen und 3 mal mit **300 µl** Waschpuffer waschen
2. **100 µl** Enzymkonjugatlösung pipettieren
   → **15 Minuten** bei Raumtemperatur inkubieren
   → Inhalt der Platte verwerfen und 3 mal mit **300 µl** Waschpuffer waschen
3. **100 µl** Substratlösung pipettieren
   → **15 Minuten** bei Raumtemperatur inkubieren
4. **100 µl** Stopplösung zugeben
   → Platte **5 Minuten** stehenlassen
   → Bei **450 nm** messen

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