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Instruction For Use
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ORG 521A Anti-beta-2-Glycoprotein I IgA

NAME AND INTENDED USE

Anti-beta-2-Glycoprotein I IgA is an ELISA test system for the quantitative measurement of I IgA class autoantibodies against beta-2-Glycoprotein I 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	MICROPLATE	Microplate
	Manufacturer	CALIBRATOR A	Calibrator
	Catalogue number	CALIBRATOR B	Calibrator
	Sufficient for 96 determinations	CALIBRATOR C	Calibrator
	Batch code	CALIBRATOR D	Calibrator
	Use by	CALIBRATOR E	Calibrator
	Temperature limitation	CALIBRATOR F	Calibrator
	Consult instructions for use	CONTROL +	Control positive
	Keep away from sunlight	CONTROL -	Control negative
	Do not reuse	DILUENT	Sample Buffer P
	Date of manufacture	CONJUGATE	Enzyme Conjugate
		TMB	TMB Substrate
		STOP	Stop solution
		WASH	Wash Buffer
		RTU	Ready to use

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Highly purified beta-2-glycoprotein I is bound to microwells.

Antibodies against the coated antigen, if present in diluted patient sample, bind to the respective antigen. Washing of the microwells removes unbound unspecific serum and plasma components. Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated anti-human antibodies immunologically detect the bound patient antibodies forming a conjugate/antibody/antigen complex. Washing of the microwells removes unbound conjugate. An enzyme substrate in the presence of bound conjugate hydrolyzes to form a blue colour. The addition of an acid stops the reaction forming a yellow end-product. The intensity of this yellow colour is measured photometrically at 450 nm. The amount of colour is directly proportional to the concentration of antibodies present in the original sample.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

Anti phospholipid syndrome (APS, Hughes Syndrome) is a systemic autoimmune disease that causes thromboses, recurrent miscarriage, and intrauterine foetal death. Clinical symptoms are accompanied by the occurrence of specific autoantibodies that are detectable in the blood of patients with APS. These antibodies bind to phospholipids like cardiolipin, or phospholipid-binding proteins like beta-2-glycoprotein I.

The clinical symptoms of APS alone are not sufficiently specific to make a definitive diagnosis. Laboratory tests thus play an important role in the diagnosis of the disease. The Scientific and Standardization Committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis defined clinical criteria and diagnostically relevant laboratory parameters in the Sapporo Criteria for the classification of anti phospholipid syndrome, published in 1999. These were revised and updated in 2006 and 2012.

They include the following laboratory parameters:

1. Detection of lupus anticoagulant (LA) in the plasma twice in the space of twelve weeks, according to the guidelines of the International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis.
2. Elevated anti-cardiolipin titre (IgG and/or IgM) in the blood. The values must be determined on two occasions at least twelve weeks apart using standardized ELISA tests for beta-2-glycoprotein I dependent cardiolipin antibodies.
3. Elevated beta-2-glycoprotein I antibody titre (IgG and/or IgM). The values must be determined on two occasions at least twelve weeks apart. Detection is performed by means of a standardized ELISA test.

The diagnosis of APS is considered as confirmed when at least one clinical and one of the laboratory criteria are fulfilled.

In primary APS autoantibodies against phospholipids appear independently, while in secondary APS phospholipid antibodies are detected in conjunction with other autoimmune diseases, such as lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, or Sjögren's syndrome. Phospholipid antibodies are detectable in only 1-5 % of healthy individuals, but they are found in 16-35 % of lupus patients.

The presence of anti-cardiolipin antibodies in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) can be related to the development of thrombosis and thrombocytopenia. In gynaecology they are supposed to cause intrauterine death or recurrent abortion. Furthermore, anti-cardiolipin antibodies have been detected in neurological disorders like cerebrovascular insufficiency, cerebral ischemia, epilepsy or chorea.

Anti-cardiolipin autoantibodies occur in the immunoglobulin classes IgG, IgM or IgA. The determination of IgM antibodies is a valuable indicator in the diagnosis of beginning autoimmune diseases, whereas IgG antibodies are present in progressive stages of manifested autoimmune disorders. The determination of IgA antibodies seems to have a greater importance in the African-Caribbean population.

Quantitative measurement of anti-cardiolipin antibodies, especially IgG, shows high specificity in therapy-monitoring of secondary APS related to SLE.

Clinical indications for determination of anti-cardiolipin antibodies are: SLE, thrombosis, thrombocytopenia, cerebral ischemia, chorea, epilepsy, recurrent abortion, intrauterine death.



The discovery that anti-phospholipid antibodies recognize plasma proteins that are associated with phospholipids rather than binding to the phospholipids themselves has been a major advance in APS research. Several reports indicate that beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies are clinically relevant. Recent studies suggest the presence of a dominant epitope on the first domain of beta-2-glycoprotein I. In contrast to antibodies recognizing other domains of beta-2-glycoprotein I, anti-domain I antibodies are found to be highly associated with clinical symptoms.

Anti-cardiolipin and anti-beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies are independent risk factors for the occurrence of vascular thrombosis and pregnancy loss. However, patients testing positive for multiple antibody specificities generally have a more severe disease and higher recurrence rates despite treatment.

Besides the standardized laboratory assays for detection of anti-cardiolipin antibodies, antibodies directed to beta-2-glycoprotein I and LA, defined in the classification criteria, several other autoantibodies have shown to be relevant to APS. Among them are antibodies against negatively-charged phospholipids, like phosphatidyl serine, phosphatidyl inositol and phosphatidic acid (PA). These antigens can improve the clinical sensitivity in patient samples with suspected APS but they will not replace the determination of autoantibodies against cardiolipin or beta-2-glycoprotein I.

Autoantibodies that bind to proteins of the coagulation cascade or complexes of these proteins with phospholipids have also been proposed to be relevant for APS. As an example, a test for anti-prothrombin antibodies in conjunction with other parameters may be a good risk marker for thrombosis. Antibodies to Annexin V may also be detectable within the clinical framework of APS with otherwise negative phospholipid antibody results.

CONTENTS OF THE KIT

ORG 521A	▽ 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: B2G
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 6.3 U/ml, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR C	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator C 12.5 U/ml, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR D	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator D 25 U/ml, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR E	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator E 50 U/ml, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CALIBRATOR F	1x 1.5 ml	Calibrator F 100 U/ml, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I antibodies in a serum/buffer matrix (PBS, BSA, detergent, NaN3 0.09%), yellow. Ready to use.
CONTROL +	1x 1.5 ml	Control positive, containing beta-2-glycoprotein I 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 beta-2-glycoprotein I 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; light red, containing anti-human IgA antibodies, HRP labelled; PBS, BSA, detergent, preservative PROCLIN 0.05%. Ready to use.
TMB	15 ml	TMB Substrate; containing 3,3', 5,5'- Tetramethylbenzidin, colorless. Ready to use.
STOP	15 ml	Stop solution; contains acid. Ready to use.
WASH	20 ml	Wash Buffer, containing Tris, detergent, preservative sodium azide 0.09%; 50 x conc.
	1	Instruction for Use: ELISA Mini-DVD
	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 desiccated in the clip bag provided.
- Shelf life of the unopened 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, 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 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, classification 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.

- 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.
- Dispense **100 µl** 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.
- Dispense **100 µl** of TMB substrate solution into each well.
Incubate for **15 minutes** at room temperature
- 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. Calibration is related to the internationally recognised reference sera from E.N. Harris, Louisville and to IRP 97/656 (IgG) and HCAL (IgG) / EY2C9 (IgM).

Measuring range

The calculation range of this ELISA assay is 0 - 100 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 8 U/ml

Interpretation of results

Negative:	< 5 U/ml
Borderline:	5 - 8 U/ml
Positive:	> 8 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 [%]
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1	1:100	69.6	69.6	100
.	1:200	34.7	34.8	100
.	1:400	15.7	17.4	90
.	1:800	8.7	8.7	100
.	1:1600	4.3	4.4	98
2	1:100	95.2	95.2	100
.	1:200	44.3	47.6	93
.	1:400	23.1	23.8	97
.	1:800	11.4	11.9	96
.	1:1600	5.4	6.0	90

Limit of detection

Functional sensitivity was determined to be: 0.5 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	71.0	3.4
2	48.1	1.7
3	9.4	2.8

Inter-Assay		
Sample	Mean U/ml	CV %
1	72.9	3.9
2	48.2	5.3
3	9.6	3.5

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

<u>Study population</u>		<u>n</u>	<u>n Pos</u>	<u>%</u>
Primary APS		8	4	50.0
Secondary APS		65	15	23.1
Normal human sera		150	4	2.7
Clinical Diagnosis				
		Pos	Neg	
ORG 521A	Pos	19	4	
	Neg	54	146	
		73	150	223
Sensitivity:		26.0 %		
Specificity:		97.3 %		
Overall agreement:		74.0 %		

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**