DRG® CCP2 (anti-CCP2) ELISA (EIA-5134)

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Please use only the valid version of the package insert provided with the kit.

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1 PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Anti-CCP2 ELISA is an enzyme immunoassay for determination of IgG autoantibodies to cyclic citrullinated peptides (CCP) in human serum.

In the first step CCP AAb from the diluted sample (as well as from the calibrators and control) bind to cyclic citrullinated peptides coated on the microtiter plate. After an incubation of 60 minutes at room temperature (RT) unbound components are removed by washing.

In a next step bound antibodies reacts with the added anti-human-IgG horseradish peroxidase (HRP) complex. Excessive conjugate is removed after 30 minutes at RT by another washing step.

HRP converts the colorless substrate TMB added into a blue product. The enzyme reaction is stopped by adding an acid solution after 15 minutes at RT. The color changes from blue to yellow. The absorbance of the resulting product is measured at 450 / 620 nm within 30 minutes. The obtained OD is direct proportional to the amount of bound antibodies.

2 SAMPLES

Specimen collection and storage

Blood is taken by venipuncture. After clotting, the serum is separated by centrifugation. Do not use lipaemic or grossly hemolytic serum samples.

The samples may be kept at 2 - 8 °C up to three days. Long-term storage requires - 20 °C.

Repeated freezing and thawing should be avoided. For multiple use, aliquot samples and keep them at – 20 °C.

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3 TEST COMPONENTS FOR 96 DETERMINATIONS

A MP	**Microtiter plate** 12 breakable strips, 8 wells per strip coated with synthetic peptides with citrulline residues	**1** vacuum sealed with desiccant
B WASHB	**Concentrated wash buffer** 10 fold, sufficient for 1000 ml	**100 ml** concentrate white capped
D CONJ	**Anti human IgG (sheep) Horseradish -peroxidase** (HRP) complex	**15 ml** ready for use red capped
E SUB	**Substrate** (3,3´,5,5´-Tetramethylbenzidin)	**15 ml** ready for use blue capped
F STOP	**Stop solution** (0.25 M sulfuric acid)	**15 ml** ready for use yellow capped
G DIL	**Sample diluent**	**100 ml** ready for use black capped
C CONTROL	**positive control** concentration: see leaflet [L] Consult accompanying documents	**1 ml** ready for use red capped
1 - 5 CAL	**Calibrators:** concentrations see leaflet [L] Consult accompanying documents	**5 vials** **1 ml** each, ready for use white capped

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3.1 Materials required

Precision pipettes 5 - 1000 µl
Multi-channel pipette
Disposable pipette tips
8 channel wash comb or microplate washer
Micro plate reader with optical filters for 450 nm and 620 or 690 nm
Graduated cylinders
Distilled or de-ionized water
Absorbent paper or paper towel
tubes (2 ml) for sample dilution
foil

3.2 Size and storage

Anti-CCP2 ELISA has been designed for 96 determinations. This is sufficient for the analysis of 42 unknown samples as well as for calibrators and control serum assayed in duplicates.

The expiry date of each component is reported on its respective label, that one of the complete kit on the box label.

Upon receipt, all components of the Anti-CCP2 ELISA have to be kept at 2 - 8 °C, preferably in the original kit box.

3.3 Preparation before use

Allow samples to reach room temperature prior to assay. Take care to agitate serum samples gently in order to ensure homogeneity.

Note: Samples have to be diluted **1 + 100**
e.g. 5 µl sample + 500 µl sample diluent (G)

Please, handle the following components carefully:

A Allow the sealed microplate to reach room temperature before opening for at least 30 minutes. Unused wells should be stored refrigerated and protected from moisture in the original bag. Carefully resealed it can be used for 8 weeks.

B Prepare a sufficient amount of **washing solution** by diluting the concentrated wash buffer (B) 1 + 9 with distilled or de-ionized water. For example, dilute 50 ml of the concentrate with 450 ml of distilled water.
B should be free of crystals before dilution, otherwise dissolve by warming up to max. 37 °C. The diluted washing solution can be stored at 2 - 8 °C up to 30 days.

D The anti-human IgG-**HRP solution** is stable up to 8 weeks at 2 - 8 °C after opening.

E Avoid exposure of **substrate solution** (E) to light.

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4 ASSAYS PROCEDURE

– Duplicates are recommended.

1. Pipette into the corresponding wells according to assay scheme
   - **100 µl** calibrators (1 - 5)
   - **100 µl** diluted sample and control serum (C).
2. Cover the plate and incubate for **60 min** at RT (18 - 25 °C).
3. Aspirate or "flick out" by striking the wells sharply onto absorbent paper to remove any residual droplets. Wash **3 times** with **300 µl** washing solution (diluted from B) with 5 seconds soaking time each.
4. Add **100 µl** of anti-human IgG - HRP (D) to each well.
5. Cover the plate and incubate for **30 min** at RT.
6. Aspirate or "flick out" by striking the wells sharply onto absorbent paper to remove any residual droplets. Wash **3 times** with **300 µl** washing solution (diluted from B) with 5 seconds soaking time each.
7. Add **100 µl** substrate solution (**E**) to each well and shake shortly.
8. Incubate for **15 min** in the **dark** at RT.
9. Add **100 µl** stop solution (**F**) to each well.

   Avoid any time shift during pipetting the samples and reagents.
10. Read the optical density (OD) **at 450 nm** versus **620 or 690 nm within 30 min** after adding the stop solution.

Please note that the washing procedure is crucial. Insufficient washing will result to poor precision and falsely elevated OD readings. After each washing step any residual fluid has to be removed completely.

The plate should be shortly shaken after each pipetting step.

Please make sure to avoid any contamination by germs or fungi or any other substances since this would lead to incorrect results.

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5 DATA PROCESSING

The standard curve is established by plotting the mean OD-values of the calibrators 1 - 5 on the ordinate, y-axis, versus their respective CCP-Ab-concentrations on the abscissa, x-axis (log scale).

The CCP Ab concentrations of the controls and the unknown diluted samples are directly read off in U/ml from the measured OD_{450} values. There is no further correction for the dilution necessary.

Anti-CCP2 ELISA may be used also with Computer Assisted Analysis with software able to use spline smoothing fitting.

We recommend 4 parameter fit.

6 TYPICAL EXAMPLE

Do not use for evaluation!

[L] Consult accompanying documents

Sample	OD (a) 450 nm	OD (b) 450 nm	OD (mean)	U/ml
Calibrator **1**	0.037	0.043	0.040	**1**
Calibrator **2**	0.304	0.285	0.295	**20**
Calibrator **3**	0.514	0.551	0.533	**40**
Calibrator **4**	1.771	1.589	1.680	**400**
Calibrator **5**	2.631	2.284	2.458	**2000**
Sample 1	1.024	1.019	1.022	103

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7 STANDARD CURVE

Typical example

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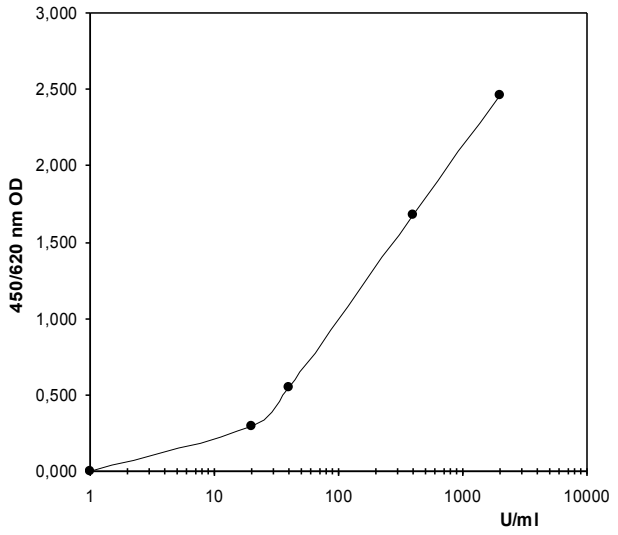

7.1 Criteria of validation

Specimens with an OD higher than Standard 5 should be diluted further by the sample diluent and the concentration of CCP antibodies should be calculated by the applied dilution factor.

8 ASSAY SCHEME

Bring all reagents to room temperature. Gently mix all reagents to ensure homogeneity.

Dilute all samples 1 + 100 (v + v) by sample diluent (G).

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Step	Activity	Material	CAL	C	Diluted samples 1, 2 etc.
1	Pipette	Samples	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
2	Incubate	Plate (A)	**1 hour at RT (18 - 25 °C)**		
3	Aspirate or decant		put sharply onto absorbent tissue		
	Pipette	Washing solution made from B	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each
4	Pipette	Anti-human IgG HRP (D)	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
5	Incubate	Plate (A)	**30 min at RT (18 - 25 °C)**		
6	Aspirate or decant		put sharply onto absorbent tissue		
	Pipette	Washing solution made from B	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each	3 x 300 µl 5 seconds each
7	Pipette	Substrate (E)	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
8	Incubate	Plate (A)	**15 min at RT (18 - 25 °C) in the dark**		
9	Pipette and mix	Stop solution (F)	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
10	Measure OD		at 450 nm versus 620 nm (or 690 nm) within 30 min		

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9 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- This kit is intended for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
- Follow the working instructions carefully. This instruction manual is valid only for the present kit with the given composition. An exchange of single components is not in agreement with CE regulations.
- The expiration dates stated on the respective labels are to be observed. The same relates to the stability stated for reconstituted reagents.
- Do not use or mix reagents from different lots.
- Do not use reagents from other manufacturers.
- Avoid time shift during pipetting of reagents.
- All reagents should be kept at 2 - 8 °C before use in the original shipping container.
- Some of the reagents contain small amounts (< 0.1 % w/v) Thimerosal and (1 % v/v) Kathon as a preservatives. They must not be swallowed or allowed to come into contact with skin or mucosa.
- *Biological risk*
  Source materials derived from human body fluids or organs used in the preparation of this kit were tested and found negative for HBsAg and HIV as well as for HCV antibodies. However, no known test guarantees the absence of such viral agents. Therefore, handle all components and all samples as if potentially hazardous.
- *Biological risk*
  Since the kit contains potentially hazardous materials, the following precautions should be observed:
  Do not smoke, eat or drink while handling kit material,
  Always use protective gloves,
  Never pipette material by mouth,
  Wipe up spills promptly, washing the affected surface thoroughly with a decontaminant.
- In any case GLP should be applied with all general and individual regulations to the use of this kit.