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# ELISA-VIDITEST anti-Borrelia recombinant IgG + VlsE (CSF)

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#### **Instruction manual**

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#### 1. TITLE

ELISA-VIDITEST anti-*Borrelia* recombinant IgG + VlsE (CSF) – the  $3^{rd}$  generation ELISA kit of high diagnostic sensitivity and specificity.

#### 2. INTENDED USE

The kit is intended for the detection of IgG antibodies to the pathogenic borrelia strains (*B. afzelii*, *B. garinii and B. burgdorferi sensu stricto*) in human serum or plasma, cerebrospinal fluid and synovial fluid and for estimation of the intrathecal antibody production. The detection of antibodies is one of the laboratory tests that help to diagnose Lyme disease (LD). The diagnosis of LD is based on the combination of clinical examination and laboratory testing. Anti-borrelia IgG antibodies are detectable 6 weeks after infection. The level of IgG antibodies usually increases with disease progression to the  $2^{nd}$  stage. During the  $3^{rd}$  stage of the disease the antibody levels in serum are high and can remain elevated for several years.

However, clinical symptoms of LD are similar to other diseases, therefore the serological methods are of use in differential diagnosis of neuroinfections, arthropathies, carditis and skin diseases.

# 3. TEST PRINCIPLE

ELISA-VIDITEST anti-*Borrelia* recombinant IgG + VIsE (CSF) is a solid-phase immunoanalytical test. The polystyrene strips are coated with the mixture of recombinant antigens. Anti-borrelia antibodies in serum samples bind to the immobilized antigens. The serum antibodies that do not bind are washed away and those that formed complexes with the antigens are later on recognised by animal anti-human IgG antibodies labelled with horseradish peroxidase. The presence of labelled antibodies is revealed by an enzymatic reaction with a chromogenic substrate. Negative sera do not react and the mild change in colour, if present, may be attributed to the reaction background.

# 4. KIT COMPONENTS

ELISA break-away strips coated	
with specific recombinant antigens STRIPS Ag	1 microplate
1.3 mL Standard A = negative control serum, r.t.u. <sup>1),2)</sup> STA/NC	1 vial
1.3 mL Standard B, r.t.u. ST B	1 vial
1.3 mL Standard C, r.t.u. ST C	1 vial
1.3 mL Standard D = calibrator, r.t.u. $STD/CAL$	1 vial
1.3 mL Standard E = positive control serum, r.t.u. $STE/PC$	1 vial
13 mL Anti-human IgG antibodies labelled with horseradish peroxidase,	
r.t.u (Px-conjugate) CONJ	1 vial
55 mL Wash buffer concentrate, 10x concentrated WASH 10x	1 vial
60 mL Dilution buffer anti- <i>Borrelia</i> rec., r.t.u. DIL	1 vial
13 mL Chromogenic substrate (TMB substrate), r.t.u. TMB	1 vial
13 mL Stop solution, r.t.u. STOP	1 vial

Instruction manual Quality control certificate <sup>1)</sup> r.t.u. ready to use <sup>2)</sup>The antibody concentration for each Standard (A-E) is mentioned in enclosed Quality control certificate (AU/mL (Arteficial units/mL)

Notice: Control sera may be colorless to yellowish or blue due to the use of different diluents.

Dilution buffer (DIL) r.t.u. is intended only for ELISA-VIDITEST anti-*Borrelia* recombinant and IS NOT INTERCHANGABLE between other ELISA-VIDITEST kits produced by VIDIA spol. s r.o.Chromogenic substrate TMB is compatible and interchangeable between ELISA-VIDITEST kits which contain TMB and not with other Chromogenic substrates TMB-O, TMB-BF.

# 5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- a. Distilled or deionised water for diluting of the Wash buffer concentrate.
- b. Appropriate equipment for pipetting, liquid dispensing and washing.
- c. Thermostat (set at 37°C) for ELISA plate incubation.
- d. Spectrophotometer/colorimeter/microplate reader wavelength 450 nm (and 620-690 nm reference filter recommended, not required).

# 6. PREPARATION OF REAGENTS AND SAMPLES

- a. Allow all kit components to reach room temperature. Turn on the thermostat to 37°C.
- b. Vortex samples (sera and cerebrospinal fluids) and the Standards in order to ensure homogeneity and mix all solutions well prior use.
- c. Dilute serum samples 1:100 (101x) in Dilution buffer and mix (e.g. 5 μL of serum sample + 500 μL of Dilution buffer). To determine intrathecal antibodies, we recommend testing sera in two dilutions: 101x and 404x. Dilute the serum 404x with a four-fold dilution of the serum diluted 101x (e.g. 150 μL dilution solution + 50 μL serum diluted 101x). Dilute cerebrospinal fluid samples 1:1 in Dilution buffer (e.g. 75 ul of cerebrospinal fluid sample + 75 μL of Dilution buffer). Dilute synovial fluid samples 1:80 in Dilution Buffer (e.g. 5 μL of synovial fluid sample + 400 μL of Dilution buffer). Do not dilute the Controls (Standards), they are ready to use.
- d. Prepare Wash buffer by diluting the Wash buffer concentrate 10 times with an appropriate volume of distilled or deionised water (e.g. 50 mL of the concentrated Wash buffer + 450 mL of distilled water). If there are crystals of salt present in the concentrated Wash buffer, warm up the vial to +32 to +37°C in a water bath. Diluted Wash buffer is stable for one month if stored at room temperature.
- e. **Do not dilute** Px-conjugate, TMB substrate and Stop solution, they are ready to use.

# 7. ASSAY PROCEDURE

#### Manufacturer will not be held responsible for results if manual is not followed exactly.

- a. Allow the microwell strips sealed inside the aluminium bag to reach room temperature. Withdraw an adequate number of strips and put the unused strips into the provided pouch and seal it carefully with the desiccant kept inside.
- b. Chose the method you intend to use (qualitative, semiquantitative or quantitative analysis, see below and/or paragraph 8) and pipette Standards and samples according to the pipetting schemes (page 3). Start with filling the first well with 100 μL of Dilution buffer DIL to estimate the reaction background. In case of choosing the <u>qualitative or semiquantitative method</u>, fill two wells with 100 μL/well of Standard D ST D/CAL (serves as calibrator), next well with Positive control serum ST E/PC and then pipette 100 μL of Standard A ST A/NC (see Fig. 1). In case of <u>quantitative method</u>, pipette all Standards A-E as singlets (ST A/NC, ST B, ST C, ST D/CAL, ST E/PC) (see Fig. 2). Fill the remaining wells with 100 μL of diluted samples (S1, S2, S3,...). It is sufficient to apply samples as singlets, however, if you wish to minimize the laboratory error apply the samples in doublets. We recommend to include positive reference

serum sample (your in-house internal control) into each run to follow the sequence, variability and accuracy of calibration.

# Incubate 30 minutes(±2 min) at 37°C.

c. Aspirate the liquid from wells into a waste bottle containing an appropriate disinfectant (see Safety Precautions). Wash and aspirate the wells four times with 250  $\mu$ L/well of Wash buffer. Avoid cross-contamination between wells!

If any liquid stays trapped inside the wells, invert the plate and tap it on an adsorbent paper to remove the remaining drops.

d. Mix well the bottle with Px-conjugate  $\boxed{\text{CONJ}}$  and add 100  $\mu$ L of Px-conjugate r.t.u. into each well.

# Incubate 30 minutes (±2 min) at 37°C.

- e. Aspirate and wash four times with  $250 \,\mu$ L/well of Wash buffer.
- f. Dispense  $100 \ \mu L$  of TMB substrate into each well.
- g. Incubate for 15 minutes (+/-30 seconds) at room temperature.
  The time measurement must be started at the beginning of TMB dispensing.
  Cover the strips with an aluminium foil or keep them in the dark during the incubation with TMB substrate.
- h. Stop the reaction by adding 100  $\mu$ L of Stop solution STOP. Use the same pipetting rhythm as with the TMB substrate to ensure the same reaction time in all wells. Tap gently the microplate few times to ensure complete mixing of the reagents.
- i. Measure the absorbance at **450 nm with a microplate reader within 10 minutes**. It is recommended to use a reference reading at 620-690 nm.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
a	DIL	S										
b	ST D/CAL											
c	ST D/CAL											
d	ST E/PC											
e	ST A/NC											
f	S1											
g	S2											
h	<b>S</b> 3											

Figure 1: Pippetting scheme: Qualitative and semiquantitative analysis

Figure 2: Pippetting scheme: Quantitative analysis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
a	DIL	<b>S3</b>										
b	ST A/NC	S										
c	ST B											
d	ST C											
e	ST D/CAL											
f	ST E/PC											
g	<b>S1</b>											
h	S2											

#### 8. PROCESSING OF RESULTS

Regardless of the method chosen, begin the processing with subtraction of the absorbance of the DIL well (background absorbance) from the absorbances in all other wells. If the absorbance of controls or tested sera are negative after background subtraction, consider them as zero value.

#### 8.1 Processing of results for Qualitative interpretation

- 1. Compute the mean of Calibrator ST D/CAL absorbance from the two corresponding wells.
- 2. Compute the cut-off value by multiplying the Calibrator mean with a Correction factor. The Correction factor value for particular Lot is written in enclosed Quality control certificate.
- 3. Samples with absorbances lower than 90% of the cut-off value are considered negative and samples with absorbances higher than 110% of the cut-off value are considered positive. For results of cerebrospinal fluid and synovial fluid see paragraph 8.2. Semiquantitative interpretation.

#### 8.2 Processing of results for Semiquantitative interpretation

Determine the Positivity Index for each serum sample as follows:

- 1. Compute the cut-off value using the Calibrator ST D/CAL mean and the Correction factor (see the previous paragraph).
- 2. Compute the Positivity Index for each sample according to the following formula:

	sample absorbance
sample Positivity Index =	
	cut-off value

3. Interpret the sample Positivity indexes according to the following tables: a)serum

Positivity Index	<b>Interpretation</b>
< 0.90	Negative
0.90 - 1.10	+/-
> 1.10	Positive*
b) <b>cerebrospinal fluid</b>	
Positivity Index	Interpretation
< 1.00	Negative
1.00 - 1.30	+/-
> 1.30	Positive*
c) synovial fluid	
Positivity Index	Interpretation
< 1.00	Negative
1.00 - 1.30	+/-
> 1.30	Positive*

\* on the basis of the Positivity Index value it is possible to estimate semiquantitatively the amount of antibodies in the sample.

Note! An indifferent sample reactivity, i.e. interpreted as +/-, requires repetition of the sample tesing. If the result is again indifferent then it is recommended to use an alternative testing method or to obtain another sample from the patient, usually withdrawn 1-2 weeks later.

Example of calculation:	
Calibrator absorbances	= 1.231; 1.198
Calibrator mean	= 1.215
Correction factor	= 0.29
Cut-off value	= 1.215 * 0.29 = 0.352
Sample absorbance	= 1.587
Sample Positivity Index	= 1.587/0.352 = 4.51

#### **8.3 Processing of results for Quantitative interpretation**

Compute the sample antibody titre in artificial units (AU/mL) as follows:

- 1. Construct the calibration curve by plotting the absorbance of Standards (y-axis in linear scale) to antibody concentration in artificial units (AU/mL) (x-axis can have logarithmic scale). ). The antibody concentration in each Standard (A-E) is mentioned **in enclosed Quality control certificate**.
- 2. Determine the unknown antibody titre in samples from the calibration curve. It is possible to use various softwares for the standard curve fitting and for the calculation of the unknowns, e.g. Winliana, KimQ. For better fitting, the polynomic (four-parameter) function is most convenient.
- 3. Calibration curve and units of standard are related to serum diluted 101x. By other dilution of serum, the cerebrospinal fluid (e.g. 2x) or the synovial fluid (e.g. 81x) you obtaine, using the calibration curve, the number of units in the sample (AU/sample). These units must be converted to the AU/ml according to this formula:

$$\frac{AU/sample * dilution of sample}{101} = AU/mL$$

Note! If the sample absorbance is out of the calibration curve (above the upper limit), repeat the test with more diluted (or less diluted) sample, e.g. 1:201 or 1:401 (1:51) for serum sample, 1:11 or 1:21 for cerebrospinal fluid sample.

# Interpretation of results: The evaluation of data in artificial units for sera is stated in the Quality Control Certificate of the kit.

Note! An indifferent sample reactivity, i.e. interpreted as +/-, requires repetition of the sample testing. If the result is again indifferent then it is recommended to use an alternative testing method or to obtain another sample from the patient, usually withdrawn 1-2 weeks later.

Diagnosis (stage)	Disease	Laboratory evidence		
		essential	supporting	
I. Early localized infection	Erythema migrans	IgM positive (3-6 weeks post- infection) <b>Often seronegative</b>	Skin biopsy	
II. Early	Borrelial lymphocytoma	IgM positive, IgG positive or	Histological	
disseminated	Myocarditis	IgM negative, IgG positive	evidence of B-cell	
infection	Ophtalmoborreliosis	Intrathecal production of specific	pseudolymphocyt	
	Neuroborreliosis	antibodies during	oma	
		neuroborreliosis.		
III. Late	Arthritis	IgM negative, IgG positive		
disseminated	Acrodematitischronica	(high titers of IgG		
infection	atrophicans	antibodies)		
	Chronical	Intrathecal production of specific		
	neuroborreliosis	antibodies during chronical		
		neuroborreliosis		

#### **8.4 Clinical interpretation of results**

# 9. DETECTION OF INTRATHECALLY PRODUCED IgG ANTIBODIES

# 9.1 Introduction

Detection of the intrathecal synthesis of IgG antibodies (detection of local synthesis of specific IgG antibodies in the central nervous system) is necessary for the diagnosis of the early and the late neuroborreliosis. It requires measurement of specific IgG antibodies in blood serum and in cerebrospinal fluid and determination of albumin and the total IgG level in both samples. The intrathecal synthesis of antibodies is determined as specific antibody index (AI) and calculated from the antibody concentration ratio in cerebrospinal fluid and blood serum in relation to the status of blood-cerebrospinal fluid barrier.

Note: If both serum and cerebrospinal fluid samples give negative results, do not count antibody index AI (intrathecal synthesis of specific antibodies is not expected).

#### 9.2 Calculation of the antibody index (AI)

**9.2.1** Calculate the ratio of the total IgG concentration in cerebrospinal fluid to the total IgG concentration in serum ( $Q_{total IgG}$ ) and the ratio of the cerebrospinal albumin level to the serum albumin level ( $Q_{total alb}$ ).

 $Q_{\text{total IgG}} = \frac{\text{total IgG in CSF}}{\text{total IgG in blood serum}} Q_{\text{total alb}} = \frac{\text{albumin in CSF}}{\text{albumin in serum}}$ 

Example of calculation:

total IgG in CSF = 0.065 g/L  
total IgG in serum = 17.29 g/L  
albumin in CSF = 0.272 g/L  
albumin in serum = 30.64 g/L  
$$Q_{\text{total IgG}} = \frac{0.065}{17.29} = 3.76 \times 10^{-3}$$
  
total alb =  $\frac{0.272}{30.64} = 8.88 \times 10^{-3}$ 

**9.2.2** Calculate the limiting quotient  $Q_{\text{lim IgG}}$  which is the amount of IgG found in cerebrospinal fluid that can originate from the systemic circulation (hyperbolic function according to Reiber et al. Clin Chem 37/7, 1153-1160 (1991)).

Compute  $Q_{lim}$  using the equation:

$$Q_{\text{lim IgG}} = 0.93 * \sqrt{(Q_{\text{totalalb}})^2 + 6 * 10^{-6}} - 1.7 * 10^{-3}$$

Example of calculation:

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$$\begin{split} Q_{lim \, IgG} &= 0.93 \, \ast \, \sqrt{(8.88 \ast 10^{-3})^2 + 6 \ast 10^{-6}} \, - 1.7 \; x \; 10^{-3} \\ Q_{lim \, IgG} &= 6.86 \, \ast \, 10^{-3} \end{split}$$

**9.2.3** Calculate the ratio of concentration of specific IgG antibodies in CSF to concentration of specific IgG in serum  $Q_{\text{spec IgG}}$ .

$$Q_{\text{spec.IgG}} = \frac{\text{spec.IgG CSF* sample dilution}}{\text{spec.IgG serum * sample dilution}}$$

Where spec. IgG CSF is the concentration of specific antibodies in AU/mL in cerebrospinal fluid and spec. IgG serum is the concentration of specific antibodies in AU/mL in serum.

Example of calculation:

spec. IgG CSF = 38 AU/mL, sample diluted 2 times in dilution buffer

spec. IgG serum = 10 AU/mL, sample diluted 101 times in dilution buffer

$$Q_{\text{spec.IgG}} = \frac{38 \times 2}{10 \times 101} = 75.2 \times 10^{-3}$$

9.2.4 Calculation of antibody index AI

a) If  $Q_{total IgG} < Q_{lim IgG}$ , then calculate AI using the formula:

$$AI = \frac{Q_{spec.IgG}}{Q_{totalIgG}}$$

Example of calculation:

 $Q_{\text{total IgG}} = 3.76 * 10^{-3}$ 

$$\begin{split} Q_{lim \ IgG} &= 6.86 \, * \, 10^{-3} \\ Q_{spec. IgG} &= 75.2 \, * \, 10^{-3} \\ Q_{total \ IgG} &= 3.76 \, * \, 10^{-3} \ < Q_{lim \ IgG} = 6.86 \, * \, 10^{-3} \\ 0.0752 \qquad co$$

$$AI = \frac{0.0732}{0.00376} = 20$$

b) If  $Q_{\text{total IgG}}$ ,  $Q_{\text{lim IgG}}$  compute AI using the formula:

$$AI = \frac{Q_{\text{spec.IgG}}}{Q_{\text{lim IgG}}}$$

Example of calculation:

$$\begin{array}{l} Q_{total \ IgG} = 13.5 \ * \ 10^{-3} \\ Q_{lim \ IgG} = 6.86 \ * \ 10^{-3} \\ Q_{spec. IgG} = 75.2 \ x \ 10^{-3} \\ AI = \frac{0.0752}{0.00686} \ = 11 \end{array}$$

#### E-CALCULATOR software for the calculation of results is available on request (free).

Note: Suitable software applications (e.g. EPI info 6) can be used for calculation of the specific antibody index.

#### 9.3 Result interpretation (according to Reiber)

AI value	Interpretation
< 1.3	negative, intrathecal synthesis not proven
1.3 - 1.5	equivocal
> 1.5	positive, intrathecal synthesis proven

*Note:* If the sample absorbance is out of the calibration curve (above the upper limit), repeat the test with different sample dilution.

# **9.4 Diagnostic interpretation of results**

Diagnostic criteria for neuroborreliosis - based on EUCALB

Diagnosis (stage)	Clinical criteria	Laboratory evidence		
		(blood serum $+ ce$	erebrospinal fluid)	
		Essential	Supporting	
Early neuroborreliosis	Meningoradiculoneuritis	Intrathecal synthesis of	Specific oligoclonal bands	
	Meningitis	specific antibodies	in CSF, significant	
	Garin-Bujadoux-		increase in titres of serum	
	BannwarthSyndrom		antibodies	
Chronic neuroborreliosis	Long standing encephalitis,	Intrathecal synthesis of	Specific oligoclonal bands	
(very rare)	meningoencephalitis	specific antibodies	in CSF	
	encephalomyelitis	Lymphocytic pleocytosis		
	radiculomyelitis	in CSF		
		Detection of specific IgG	specific IgG	
		antibodies in blood serum		

# **10. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TEST**

# **10.1 Validity of the test**

The test is valid if:

The background absorbance (the absorbance of the Dilution buffer  $\overline{\text{DIL}}$ ) is less than 0.150.

The mean absorbance values of standards/ control sera, and the ratio between the absorbance values of ST E/PC / ST D/CAL are in the ranges stated in the Quality control certificate for this kit lot.

The test is intended for the detection of IgG antibodies in human serum, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid.

# **10.2 Precision of the test**

The intraassay variability (within the test) and the interassay variability (between tests) were determined with samples of different absorbance values.

#### **10.2.1 Intraassay variability**

The coefficient of intraassay variability is max. 8%. It is measured for each particular Lot at least on 12 parallels of the same microtitration plate.

Example: (N = number of parallels of the same microtitration plate,  $\sigma$  = standard deviation)

Ν	Mean absorbance	$\pm \sigma$	CV%
16	1.335	0.050	3.8%
16	0.614	0.023	3.7%

#### **10.2.2 Interassay variability**

The coefficient of interassay variability is max. 15%. It is measured for each particular Lot as comparison of the OD values of the same serum sample in several consecutive tests.

(N = number of an independent examination of the same serum sample,  $\sigma$ = standard Example: deviation):

Ν	Mean Absorbance	$\pm \sigma$	Range (min-max)	CV%
18	1.369	0.064	1.223 - 1.476	4.7%
43	1.372	0.119	1.184 - 1.750	8.7%

#### **10.2.3 Recovery test**

Measured values of recovery test for every Lot are between 80-120% of expected values.

# **10.3 Diagnostic sensitivity and specificity**

The diagnostic sensitivity of the test is 95% and the specificity is 99%. Evaluation was performed with a set of blood samples that comprised of: a) anti-borrelia IgG positive sera, b) anti-borrelia IgG negative sera. Results were confirmed by other commercially available diagnostic test during the internal validation testing and external validation testing.

# **10.4 Limit of quantification**

The limit of quantification is 5.57 AU/mL. The limit of quantification was defined as the lowest measurable concentration which can be distinguished with 95% confidence from zero.

#### **10.5 Interference**

Haemolytic and lipemic samples have no influence on the test results up to concentration of 50 mg/mL of haemoglobin, 5 mg/mL of bilirubin and 40 mg/mL of triglycerides.

# **11. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

All ingredients of the kit are intended for laboratory use only.

Standards contain human sera that has been tested negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV-1,2 and anti-HCV. However they should be regarded as contagious and handled and disposed of according to the appropriate regulations.

Autoclave all reusable materials that were in contact with human samples for 1 hour at 121°C, burn disposable ignitable materials, decontaminate liquid wastes and non ignitable materials with 3% chloramine. Liquid wastes containing acid (Stop solution) should be neutralized in 4% sodium bicarbonate solution. The waste from strip washing disinfect in waste container using appropriate disinfection solution (e.g. Incidur, Incidin, chloramin,...) in concentrations recommended by the producer.

Handle Stop solution with care. Avoid contact with skin or mucous membranes. In case of contact with skin, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Do not smoke, eat or drink during work. Do not pipette by mouth. Wear disposable gloves while handling reagents or samples and wash your hands thoroughly afterwards. Avoid spilling or producing aerosol.

# **12. HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**

Manufacturer guarantees performance of the entire ELISA kit.

Follow the assay procedure indicated in the Instruction manual.

Wash buffer, chromogenic substrate TMB and Stop solution are interchangeable between ELISA-VIDITEST kits unless otherwise stated in the instruction manual.

Calibrator and control sera contain preservative ProClin 300® (mix of 5-Chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-Methyl-2H-iothiazol-3-one (3:1)).

Avoid microbial contamination of serum samples and kit reagents.

Avoid cross-contamination of reagents.

Avoid contact of the TMB substrate with oxidizing agents or metal surfaces.

Variations in the test results are usually due to:

- \* Insufficient mixing of reagents and samples
- \* Inaccurate pipetting and inadequate incubation times
- \* Poor washing technique or spilling the rim of well with sample or Px-conjugate
- \* Use of identical pipette tip for different solutions

# 13. STORAGE AND EXPIRATION

### The ELISA kit should be used within three months after opening.

Store the kit and the kit reagents at +2 to  $+10^{\circ}$ C, in a dry place and protected from the light. Store unused strips in the sealable pouch and keep the desiccant inside.

Store undiluted serum samples at +2 to  $+10^{\circ}$ C up to one week. For longer period make aliquots and keep them at  $-20^{\circ}$ C. Avoid repeated thawing and freezing.

Do not store diluted samples. Always prepare fresh.

Kits are shipped in cooling bags, the transport time up to 72 hours have no influence on expiration. If you find damage at any part of the kit, please inform the manufacturer immediately.

Expiration date is indicated at the ELISA kit label and at all reagent labels.

# 14. USED SYMBOLS

Σ/ number of tests ( ( Conformité Européenne – product meets the requirements of European legislation IVD in vitro diagnostics standard deviation ±σ CV coefficient of variation OD optical density manufacturer  $\Sigma$ expiration LOT Lot of kit [**/** 10℃ storage at  $+2^{\circ}C - +10^{\circ}C$ 2°C °C Celsius degree % percentage number of tested samples n value a of tested sample Α [ **i** read usage instructions Cat. No. = catalog number

15.	FLOW CHART
Step 1	Prepare reagents and samples
	$\downarrow$
Step 2	Dispense 100 µL/well of Dilution buffer, Standards and samples
	$\downarrow$
	Incubate 30 minutes at 37°C
	$\downarrow$
	Wash 4 times (250 µL/well), aspirate
	$\downarrow$
Step 3	Dispense 100 µL/well of Px-conjugate r.t.u.
	$\downarrow$
	Incubate 30 minutes at 37°C
	$\downarrow$
	Wash 4 times (250 μL/well), aspirate
	$\downarrow$
Step 4	Dispense 100 µL/well of TMB substrate
	$\downarrow$
	Incubate 15 minutes in dark at room temperature
	$\downarrow$
Step 5	Dispense 100 µL/well of Stop solution
	$\downarrow$
Step 6	Read the absorbance at 450/ 620-690 nm within 10 min.

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