



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Medizym[®] anti-GAD

- 96 determinations -

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Enzyme immunoassay for the determination of autoantibodies to **Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase (GAD₆₅ Abs)** in human serum



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RUO	For Research Use Only	LOT	Batch code
REF	Catalogue number		Manufactured by
	Expiry date		Consult operating instruction
	Consult accompanying documents		Biological risk
	Store at	WASHB	Wash buffer
MP	Microtiter plate	SUB	Substrate
CONJ	Conjugate	BUF D	Diluent for conjugate
STOP	Stop solution	BUF H	Diluent for start buffer
START	Start buffer	CAL	Calibrators
CONTROL	Control serum		

Manufactured under licence to European patent 1448 993 B1, Chinese patent ZL02822274.1, Indian patent 226484, Japanese patent 5711449, US patent 8,129,132 B1, US patent 6,682,906 B1 and US patent 6,277,586 B1

INTENDED USE

Type 1 diabetes, also known as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), results from a chronic autoimmune destruction of the insulin-secreting pancreatic beta cells, probably initiated by exposure of genetically susceptible host to environmental agents. Autoimmune destruction of beta cells is thought to be completely asymptomatic until 80-90% of the cells are lost. This process may take years to complete and may occur at any time in all ages.

During the preclinical phase, this autoimmune process is marked by circulating autoantibodies to beta cell antigens. These autoantibodies, such as anti-insulin (IAA), anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) and anti-tyrosine phosphatase ICA 512 (IA₂), are present years before the onset of type 1 diabetes and prior to clinical symptoms.

GAD, the enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of glutamate to GABA, has been identified in two isoforms, molecular weight 65,000 (GAD₆₅) and 67,000 (GAD₆₇). Although GAD autoantibodies are found in type 1 diabetes and in the rare neurological disorder Stiff-man syndrome (SMS), the GAD autoantibodies profile in the two diseases differs.

Autoantibodies of SMS patients recognize a combination of linear and conformational epitopes of GAD while GAD₆₅ autoantibodies in patients with type 1 diabetes are predominantly directed to the conformational epitopes. GAD₆₅ autoantibodies (GAD₆₅ Abs) are present in 70-80% of newly discovered type 1 diabetes.

The combination of the autoantibodies to GAD₆₅ and IA₂ is highly relevant in children and adolescence. These tests in combination are more sensitive and predictive than ICA in risk groups.

GAD₆₅ Abs also occur in a subset of adults with type 2 diabetes. These subjects can have pronounced hyperglycemia, and after therapy with oral hypoglycemic agents for several months to years they may become insulin dependent. Therefore, these subjects are thought to have a slowly progressive form of type 1 diabetes, often called latent diabetes or latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA).

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PRINCIPLE of the TEST

Medizym[®] anti-GAD is an enzyme immunoassay for the quantitative determination of autoantibodies to glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD₆₅ Abs) in human serum.

The assay system uses the ability of GAD₆₅ Abs acting divalently and forming a bridge between immobilized GAD₆₅ and liquid-phase GAD₆₅-Biotin. In the first step GAD₆₅ Ab from the sample bind to GAD₆₅ coated on the microtiter plate. In a second step GAD₆₅-Biotin binds to this complex. The bound GAD₆₅-Biotin correlates with the amount of GAD₆₅ Abs in patient's serum. Unbound GAD₆₅-Biotin is removed by washing.

The bound GAD₆₅-Biotin could be quantified by addition of Streptavidin-peroxidase and a colorogenic substrate (TMB) and reading the optical density (OD) at 450 nm.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Specimen collection and storage

Blood is taken by venipuncture. After clotting, the serum is separated by centrifugation. The use of lipemic or hemolyzed serum samples should be avoided. Don't use the plasma.

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, initially aliquot samples and keep at - 20 °C.

TEST COMPONENTS for 96 DETERMINATIONS

A	Microtiter plate	vacuum sealed
MP	12 breakable strips per 8 wells coated with human recombinant GAD ₆₅	with desiccant
B	Concentrated wash buffer	125 ml
WASHB	sufficient for 1250 ml	concentrate
D	Streptavidin-peroxidase (SA-POD)	0.7 ml
CONJ	sufficient for 14.0 ml	concentrate
E	Substrate	15 ml
SUB	(3,3',5,5'-Tetramethylbenzidin)	ready for use
F	Stop solution	12 ml
STOP	(0.25 M sulfuric acid)	ready for use
G	Diluent for SA-POD (D)	15 ml
BUF D		ready for use
H	GAD₆₅-Biotin	3 vials
START		lyophilized
J	Diluent for GAD₆₅-Biotin (H)	2 x 15 ml
BUF H		ready for use colored red
C I	negative control	0.7 ml
CONTROL		ready for use
C II	positive control	0.7 ml
CONTROL	concentration: see leaflet	ready for use
1 - 5	calibrators	5 vials
CAL	concentrations see leaflet	0.7 ml each, ready for use

Materials required

- Precision pipettes 10 - 100 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
- foil

Size and storage

Medizym® anti-GAD has been designed for 96 determinations. This is sufficient for the analysis of 40 unknown samples as well as for calibrators and control sera assayed in duplicates.

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

Upon receipt, all components of the Medizym® anti-GAD have to be kept at 2 - 8 °C, preferably in the original kit box.

Preparation before use

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

Please, handle carefully with the following components:

- A** Allow the sealed microplate to reach room temperature before opening. Unused wells should be stored refrigerated and protected from moisture in the original bag carefully resealed for 16 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** Prepare a sufficient amount of Streptavidin-peroxidase solution by diluting SA-POD concentrate (D) 1 + 19 (0.25 ml SA-POD concentrate with 4.75 ml diluent for SA-POD (G)). The SA-POD solution prepared is stable up to 16 weeks at 2 - 8 °C.
- E** Avoid exposure of substrate solution (E) to light.
- H** Prepare a sufficient amount of GAD₆₅-Biotin solution by reconstitution of one vial lyophilized GAD₆₅-Biotin (H) with 5.5 ml diluent for GAD₆₅-Biotin (J) directly prior to use. The GAD₆₅-Biotin solution can be stored at 2 - 8 °C for 3 days.

ASSAYS PROCEDURE

- Duplicates are recommended.

1. Pipette into the corresponding wells according to assay scheme
 - **25 µl** negative control (C I) and calibrators (1 - 5)
 - **25 µl** sample or control serum (C II).
2. Cover the plate and incubate for **60 min** at room temperature (18 - 25 °C) while shaking > 500 rpm.
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 reconstituted GAD₆₅-Biotin solution (prepared from H and J) to each well.
5. Cover the plate and incubate for **60 min** at room temperature (18 - 25 °C) while shaking > 500 rpm.
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** reconstituted SA-POD (prepared from D and G) to each well.
8. Cover the plate and incubate for **20 min** at room temperature (18 - 25 °C) while shaking > 500 rpm.
9. 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.
10. Add **100 µl** substrate solution (E) to each well and shake shortly.
11. Incubate for **20 min** in the **dark** at room temperature.
12. Add **100 µl** stop solution (F) after exact **20 min** to each well. Shake the plates for 5 seconds > 200 rpm.
13. Read the optical density at **450 nm** versus **620 or 690 nm** **within 15 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. Without shaking the ODs will be measured about 20 % lower with a loss of sensitivity.

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 GAD₆₅ Ab-concentrations on the abscissa, x-axis. In addition negative control (CI) should be used (see below).

The GAD₆₅ Abs concentrations of the controls and the unknown samples are directly read off in IU/ml from the measured OD₄₅₀ values.

Medizym[®] anti-GAD may be used also with Computer Assisted Analysis using software able to curves with spline smoothing fit.

TYPICAL EXAMPLE

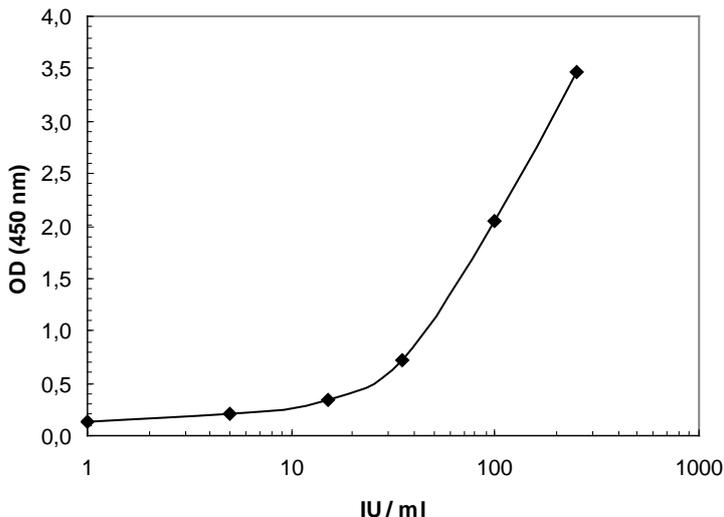
Do not use for evaluation!



Sample	OD (a) 450 nm	OD (b) 450 nm	OD (mean)	IU / ml
Control CI	0.145	0.121	0.133	1
Calibrator 1	0.244	0.283	0.264	5
Calibrator 2	0.351	0.391	0.371	18
Calibrator 3	0.684	0.740	0.712	35
Calibrator 4	1.765	1.868	1.817	120
Standard 5	3.397	3.702	3.550	250
Control CII	---	---	---	---
Sample 1	0.850	0.857	0.854	41.8

STANDARD CURVE

Typical example



REFERENCE VALUES

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negative	< 5.0 IU/ml
positive	≥ 5.0 IU/ml

It is recommended that each laboratory establishes its own normal and pathological reference ranges for serum anti-GAD₆₅ antibodies levels as usually done for other diagnostic parameters, too. Therefore, the abovementioned reference values provide only a guide.

CHARACTERISTIC ASSAY DATA

Calibration

The Medizym[®] anti-GAD is calibrated against the WHO reference preparation NIBSC 97/550 and concentrations of GAD₆₅ Abs are therefore expressed in IU/ml.

Linearity

On the basis of the heterogeneous nature of the autoantibody population and in view of epitope specificity and affinity of the autoantibodies the theoretical values expected by dilution with GAD₆₅ Abs free human serum do not correspond with the measured concentrations in some cases.

Specificity and sensitivity

Using a cut-off of 5 IU/ml the Medizym[®] anti-GAD shows a sensitivity of 92.3 % and specificity of 98.6 %, regarding newly onset type 1 diabetes.

Detection limits

The analytical sensitivity (lower detection limit, 0 ± 3 SD) was established to be 0.8 IU/ml.

The functional sensitivity was measured as 20 % of inter-assay CV at 4 IU/ml.

Intra - and inter-assay variation

Intra-assay			Inter-assay		
Sample no.	Mean Concentration (IU/ml)	CV (%)	Sample no.	Mean Concentration (IU/ml)	CV (%)
1	16	4	5	5	14
2	60	4	6	42	7
3	151	4	7	99	3
4	256	3	8	237	25

LIMITATIONS of the METHOD

Healthy individuals should be tested negative by using the Medizym[®] anti-GAD. However, GAD₆₅ Abs may also be present in apparently healthy persons.

In the rare neurological disorder, Stiff-man Syndrome (SMS) round 60 % of patients have GAD₆₅ Abs in their serum. GAD₆₅ Abs from patients with SMS have much higher titers compared with those of patients with type 1 diabetes. That's the reason why sera from subjects with suspicion of SMS should be prediluted 1:50 or 1:100 with GAD₆₅ Abs negative sera. In patients with SMS GAD₆₅ Abs occur also in cerebrospinal fluid.

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ASSAY SCHEME

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

Step	Activity	Material	CI / CAL	C II	Samples 1, 2 etc.
1	Pipette	Samples	25 µl	25 µl	25 µl
2	Incubate	Plate	1 hour at room temperature with shaking (> 500 rpm)		
3	Aspirate or decant	put sharply onto absorbent tissue			
	Pipette	Washing solution	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl
4	Pipette	GAD ₆₅ -Biotin solution	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
5	Incubate	Plate	1 hour at room temperature with shaking (> 500 rpm)		
6	Aspirate or decant	put sharply onto absorbent tissue			
	Pipette	Washing solution	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl
7	Pipette	SA-POD solution	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
8	Incubate	Plate	20 min at room temperature with shaking (> 500 rpm)		
9	Aspirate or decant	put sharply onto absorbent tissue			
	Pipette	Washing solution	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl	3 x 300 µl
10	Pipette	Substrate	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
11	Incubate	Plate	20 min at room temperature in the dark		
12	Pipette and mix	Stop solution	100 µl	100 µl	100 µl
13	Measure OD	at 450 nm versus 620 nm (or 690 nm) within 15 min			

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- **This kit is for in vitro use only.** 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) of sodium azide as a preservative. They must not be swallowed or allowed to come into contact with skin or mucosa.
- 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 patient samples as if potentially hazardous.
- 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.