

Immunoglobulin A FS*

Order Information

Cat. No.	Kit size		
1 7202 99 10 930	R1 4 x 20 mL	+	R2 2 x 8 mL
1 7202 99 10 935	R1 2 x 20 mL	+	R2 1 x 8 mL

Kits for use in conjunction with DiaSys CE applications.

Intended Use

Diagnostic reagent for quantitative in vitro determination of immunoglobulin A (IgA) in human serum or heparin plasma on automated photometric systems.

Summary

The human immunoglobulin classes (IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE and IgD) are a group of functionally and structurally closely related glycoproteins. Human IgA has a molecular weight of about 160000 dalton and consists of two identical heavy chains and two identical light chains connected by disulfide bonds in a characteristic Y-shaped form [1]. Serum IgA is produced by plasma cells (B-cells) and represents approximately 15% of all soluble immunoglobulin classes [2]. About 90% of serum IgA is monomeric while the rest is polymeric. Moreover, most of IgA is not present in serum but is located on the surface of mucous membranes [1]. Serum IgA activates the complement system through the alternative pathway, and has specific antibody functions. However, the detailed functions of serum IgA are still unclear. In secretory IgA, the two Y-shaped pieces are bound together not only by a joining chain but also by a special peptide called secretory component. Furthermore, secretory IgA is synthesized independently from serum IgA and is primarily present in body secretions like saliva, tears, colostrum, nasal secretions, tracheobronchial mucus, gastrointestinal secretions and breast milk [1,2]. The most important functions of secretory IgA are binding of microorganisms on mucous membranes, activation of alternative complement pathway and activation of inflammatory cascades [1,2]. Decreased serum IgA concentrations occur in primary as well as in secondary immunodeficiency syndromes. A high increase of one immunoglobulin class deriving from multiple myeloma might lead to a decrease in other immunoglobulin classes like IgA [1]. Furthermore, severe intestinal diseases with chronic diarrhea are associated with IgA loss. On the other hand, increased IgA levels occur in severe infections and autoimmune diseases. Especially inflammatory processes of the liver may result in elevated serum IgA levels [1,2]. Like for other Ig-classes, many forms of myeloma produce high amounts of monoclonal or polyclonal IgA. Quantitative serum IgA determination is necessary for differential diagnosis of these diseases. All methods for IgA quantitation are calibrated for polyclonal serum IgA. The quantitation of monoclonal IgA is not standardized and values may differ for different reagents and methods. Therefore, these values should only be used for follow up studies. Monoclonal immunoglobulinemia requires detailed differential diagnostic investigation in addition to the quantitative determination [1].

Method

Immunoturbidimetric test

Determination of IgA concentration by photometric measurement of antigen antibody reaction of antibodies to human IgA with IgA present in the sample.

Reagents

Components and Concentrations

R1: TRIS	pH 7.5	100 mmol/L
NaCl		150 mmol/L
R2: TRIS	pH 8.0	100 mmol/L
NaCl		300 mmol/L
Anti-human IgA antibody (goat)		< 1 %

Storage and Stability

Reagents are stable up to the date of expiry indicated on the kit, if stored at 2 – 8°C and contamination is avoided. Do not freeze and protect from light.

The open-vial stability of the reagent is 18 months until expiry date.

Warnings and Precautions

1. The reagents contain sodium azide (0.95 g/L) as preservative. Do not swallow! Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes.
2. Reagent 2 contains material of biological origin. Handle the product as potentially infectious according to universal precautions and good clinical laboratory practice.
3. In very rare cases, samples of patients with gammopathy might give falsified results [3].
4. In case of product malfunction or altered appearance that could affect the performance, contact the manufacturer.
5. Any serious incident related to the product must be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State where the user and/or patient is located.
6. Please refer to the safety data sheets (SDS) and take the necessary precautions for the use of laboratory reagents. For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed with the patient's medical history, clinical examinations and other findings.
7. For professional use only.

Waste Management

Refer to local legal requirements for chemical disposal regulations as stated in the relevant SDS to determine the safe disposal.

Warning: Handle waste as potentially biohazardous material. Dispose of waste according to accepted laboratory instructions and procedures.

Reagent Preparation

The reagents are ready to use.

Materials Required

General laboratory equipment

Specimen

Human serum or heparin plasma

Only use suitable tubes or collection containers for specimen collection and preparation.

When using primary tubes, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Stability [4]:

8 months	at	20 – 25°C
8 months	at	4 – 8°C
8 months	at	-20°C

Only freeze once. Discard contaminated specimens.

Assay Procedure

Basic settings for BioMajesty® JCA-BM6010/C

Wavelength	571 nm
Temperature	37°C
Measurement	Endpoint
Sample/Calibrator	1.0 µL
Reagent 1	125 µL
Reagent 2	25 µL
Addition reagent 2	Cycle 19 (286 s)
Absorbance 1	Cycle 17/18 (231 s/244 s)
Absorbance 2	Cycle 32/33 (464 s/478 s)
Calibration	Logit Log 2

Calculation

The concentration of IgA in unknown samples is derived from a calibration curve using an appropriate mathematical model such as logit/log. The calibration curve is obtained with 5 calibrators at different levels and NaCl solution (9 g/L) for determination of the zero value.

Conversion Factor

Immunoglobulin A [mg/dL] x 0.0625 = Immunoglobulin A [µmol/L]

Calibrators and Controls

DiaSys TruCal Protein is recommended for calibration. Calibrator values have been made traceable to the reference material ERM®-DA470k/IFCC. Use DiaSys TruLab Protein Level 1 and Level 2 for internal quality control. Quality control must be performed after calibration. Control intervals and limits have to be adapted to the individual requirements of each laboratory. Results must be within the defined ranges. Follow the relevant legal requirements and guidelines. Each laboratory should establish corrective action in case of deviations in control recovery.

	Cat. No.	Kit size
TruCal Protein	5 9200 99 10 039	5 x 1 mL
TruLab Protein Level 1	5 9500 99 10 046	3 x 1 mL
TruLab Protein Level 2	5 9510 99 10 046	3 x 1 mL

Performance Characteristics

Data evaluated on BioMajesty® JCA-BM6010/C

Measuring range up to 900 mg/dL, depending on the concentration of the highest calibrator. Linearity is given within $\pm 5\%$.

When values exceed this range, samples should be diluted 1 + 1 with NaCl solution (9 g/L) and the result multiplied by 2.

Limit of detection**	5 mg/dL
No prozone effect up to 5000 mg/dL.	

Interference by	Interferences $\leq 10\%$ up to	Analyte concentration [mg/dL]
Bilirubin (conjugated)	60 mg/dL	194
Bilirubin (unconjugated)	60 mg/dL	195
Hemolysis	900 mg/dL	195
Lipemia (triglycerides)	2000 mg/dL	199

No cross reaction with IgM or IgG was observed.

For further information on interfering substances, refer to the literature [5-7].

Precision			
Repeatability (n=20)	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Mean [mg/dL]	122	244	319
CV [%]	2.42	1.06	0.936
Between day (n=20)	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Mean [mg/dL]	122	229	316
CV [%]	1.96	2.22	2.19

Method comparison (n=100)	
Test x	Competitor Immunoglobulin A (BioMajesty® JCA-BM6010/C)
Test y	DiaSys Immunoglobulin A FS (BioMajesty® JCA-BM6010/C)
Slope	1.03
Intercept	-13.5 mg/dL
Coefficient of correlation	0.999

** lowest measurable concentration which can be distinguished from zero; mean + 3 SD (n = 20) of an analyte free specimen.

Reference Range [1]

	[mg/dL]	[$\mu\text{mol/L}$]
Adults	70 – 500	4.38 – 31.3
Children		
Newborns	1 – 6	0.06 – 0.38
3 months	10 – 34	0.63 – 2.13
6 months	8 – 60	0.50 – 3.75
9 months	11 – 80	0.69 – 5.00
12 months	14 – 90	0.88 – 5.63
2 years	21 – 150	1.31 – 9.38
4 years	30 – 190	1.88 – 11.88
6 years	38 – 220	2.38 – 13.75
8 years	46 – 250	2.88 – 15.63
10 years	52 – 270	3.25 – 16.88
12 years	58 – 290	3.63 – 18.13
14 years	63 – 300	3.94 – 18.75
16 years	67 – 310	4.19 – 19.38
18 years	70 – 320	4.38 – 20.00

Each laboratory should check if the reference ranges are transferable to its own patient population and determine own reference ranges if necessary.

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