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System information

Short name	ACN (application code number)
ATPO	10066

Intended use

Immunoassay for the in vitro quantitative determination of antibodies to thyroid peroxidase in human serum and plasma. The anti-TPO determination is used as an aid in the diagnosis of autoimmune thyroid diseases.

The electrochemiluminescence immunoassay "ECLIA" is intended for use on **cobas e** immunoassay analyzers.

Summary

Thyroid-specific peroxidase (TPO) is synthesized in the endoplasmic reticulum, where it is folded to its native state and undergoes core glycosylation, before being transported to the apical plasma membrane of thyrocytes.^{1,2}

In synergy with thyroglobulin (Tg) this enzyme has an essential function in the iodination of L-tyrosine and the chemical coupling of the resulting monoand di-iodotyrosine to form the thyroid hormones T4, T3, and rT3.³

TPO is a potential autoantigen. Elevated serum titers of antibodies to TPO are found in several forms of thyroiditis caused by autoimmunity.^{4,5} TPO was identified as the causative antigen in 1985 when studies demonstrated that human antisera reacting to "microsomal antigen" precipitated TPO prepared from Graves' disease thyroid tissue.^{6,7} Clinically the two terms anti-TPO and microsomal antibody can be used synonymously; there are differences, however, with regard to the test methods.

High anti-TPO titers are found in up to 90 % of patients with chronic Hashimoto's thyroiditis. In Graves' disease, 70 % of the patients have an elevated titer.^{4,8,9} Although the sensitivity of the procedure can be increased by simultaneously determining other thyroid antibodies (anti-Tg, TSH-receptor-antibody - TRAb), a negative finding does not rule out the possibility of an autoimmune disease. The magnitude of the antibody titer does not correlate with the clinical activity of the disease.^{8,9,10} Initially elevated titers can become negative after lengthy periods of illness or during remission. If antibodies reappear following remission, then a relapse is probable.¹¹

Whereas the usual microsomal antibody tests employ unpurified microsomes as an antigen preparation, the anti-TPO tests use a purified peroxidase. The two procedures are of comparable performance in terms of clinical sensitivity, but better lot-to-lot consistency and higher clinical specificity can be expected from anti-TPO tests due to the higher quality of the antigen used.

Recombinant antigen and polyclonal anti-TPO antibodies are used in the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay.

Test principle

Competition principle. Total duration of assay: 18 minutes.

- 1st incubation: 12 µL of sample are incubated with anti-TPO-antibodies labeled with a ruthenium complex^a.
- 2nd incubation: After addition of biotinylated TPO and streptavidin-coated microparticles, the anti-TPO antibodies in the sample compete with the ruthenium-labeled anti-TPO antibodies for the biotinylated TPO antigen. The entire complex becomes bound to the solid phase via interaction of biotin and streptavidin.
- The reaction mixture is aspirated into the measuring cell where the microparticles are magnetically captured onto the surface of the electrode. Unbound substances are then removed with ProCell II M. Application of a voltage to the electrode then induces chemiluminescent emission which is measured by a photomultiplier.
- Results are determined via a calibration curve which is instrumentspecifically generated by 2-point calibration and a master curve provided via the cobas link.

a) Tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)ruthenium(II)-complex (Ru(bpy)₃²⁺)

Reagents - working solutions

The cobas e pack is labeled as ATPO.

- M Streptavidin-coated microparticles, 1 bottle, 13.2 mL: Streptavidin-coated microparticles 0.72 mg/mL; preservative.
- R1 Anti-TPO-Ab~Ru(bpy)²⁺₃, 1 bottle, 18.8 mL: Polyclonal anti-TPO antibody (sheep) labeled with ruthenium complex 1.0 mg/L; TRIS buffer 100 mmol/L, pH 7.2; preservative.

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R2 TPO~biotin, 1 bottle, 19.7 mL: Biotinylated TPO (recombinant) 0.15 mg/L; TRIS buffer 30 mmol/L, pH 7.0; preservative.

Precautions and warnings

For in vitro diagnostic use for health care professionals. Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory reagents.

Infectious or microbial waste: Warning: handle waste as potentially biohazardous material. Dispose of waste according to accepted laboratory instructions and procedures.

Environmental hazards:

Apply all relevant local disposal regulations to determine the safe disposal. Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

This kit contains components classified as follows in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No. $1272/2008\colon$



Warning

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Prevention:

- P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapours.
- P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
- P280 Wear protective gloves.

Response:

- P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Product safety labeling follows EU GHS guidance.

Contact phone: all countries: +49-621-7590

Avoid foam formation in all reagents and sample types (specimens, calibrators and controls).

Reagent handling

The reagents in the kit have been assembled into a ready-for-use unit that cannot be separated.

All information required for correct operation is available via the cobas link.

Storage and stability

Store at 2-8 °C. Do not freeze.

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Store the **cobas e** pack **upright** in order to ensure complete availability of the microparticles during automatic mixing prior to use.

Stability:	
unopened at 2-8 °C	up to the stated expiration date
on the analyzers	16 weeks

Specimen collection and preparation

Only the specimens listed below were tested and found acceptable. Serum collected using standard sampling tubes or tubes containing separating gel.

Li-heparin plasma.

Plasma tubes containing separating gel can be used.

Criterion: Slope 0.9-1.1 + intercept within $\leq \pm$ 10 IU/mL + coefficient of correlation \geq 0.95.

Stable for 8 days at 20-25 °C, 8 days at 2-8 °C, 24 months at -20 °C (\pm 5 °C). Freeze only once.

The sample types listed were tested with a selection of sample collection tubes that were commercially available at the time of testing, i.e. not all available tubes of all manufacturers were tested. Sample collection systems from various manufacturers may contain differing materials which could affect the test results in some cases. When processing samples in primary tubes (sample collection systems), follow the instructions of the tube manufacturer.

Centrifuge samples containing precipitates before performing the assay. Do not use heat-inactivated samples.

Do not use samples and controls stabilized with azide.

Ensure the samples and calibrators are at 20-25 °C prior to measurement. Due to possible evaporation effects, samples and calibrators on the analyzers should be analyzed/measured within 2 hours.

Materials provided

See "Reagents - working solutions" section for reagents.

Materials required (but not provided)

- REF 06472931190, Anti-TPO CalSet, for 4 x 1.5 mL
- REF 05042666191, PreciControl ThyroAB, for 4 x 2.0 mL
- REF 07299001190, Diluent Universal, 45.2 mL sample diluent
- General laboratory equipment

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Additional materials for cobas e 402 and cobas e 801 analyzers:

- REF 06908799190, ProCell II M, 2 x 2 L system solution
- REF 04880293190, CleanCell M, 2 x 2 L measuring cell cleaning solution
- REF 07485409001, Reservoir Cup, 8 cups to supply ProCell II M and CleanCell M
- REF 06908853190, PreClean II M, 2 x 2 L wash solution
- REF 05694302001, Assay Tip/Assay Cup tray, 6 magazines x 6 magazine stacks x 105 assay tips and 105 assay cups, 3 wasteliners
- REF 07485425001, Liquid Flow Cleaning Cup, 2 adaptor cups to supply ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean for Liquid Flow Cleaning Detection Unit
- REF 07485433001, PreWash Liquid Flow Cleaning Cup, 1 adaptor cup to supply ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean for Liquid Flow Cleaning PreWash Unit
- REF 11298500316, ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean, 5 x 100 mL system cleaning solution

Assay

For optimum performance of the assay follow the directions given in this document for the analyzer concerned. Refer to the appropriate operator's manual for analyzer-specific assay instructions.

Resuspension of the microparticles takes place automatically prior to use.

Place the cooled (stored at 2-8 °C) **cobas e** pack on the reagent manager. Avoid foam formation. The system automatically regulates the temperature of the reagents and the opening/closing of the **cobas e** pack.

Calibration

Traceability: This method has been standardized against the NIBSC (National Institute for Biological Standards and Control) 66/387 Standard.

The predefined master curve is adapted to the analyzer using the relevant CalSet.

Calibration frequency: Calibration must be performed once per reagent lot using fresh reagent (i.e. not more than 24 hours since the **cobas e** pack was registered on the analyzer).

Calibration interval may be extended based on acceptable verification of calibration by the laboratory. $% \label{eq:calibration}$

Renewed calibration is recommended as follows:

- after 8 weeks when using the same reagent lot
- after 7 days when using the same cobas e pack on the analyzer
- as required: e.g. quality control findings outside the defined limits

Quality control

For quality control, use PreciControl ThyroAB.

In addition, other suitable control material can be used.

Controls for the various concentration ranges should be run individually at least once every 24 hours when the test is in use, once per **cobas e** pack, and following each calibration.

The control intervals and limits should be adapted to each laboratory's individual requirements. Values obtained should fall within the defined limits. Each laboratory should establish corrective measures to be taken if values fall outside the defined limits.

If necessary, repeat the measurement of the samples concerned. Follow the applicable government regulations and local guidelines for quality control.

Calculation

The analyzer automatically calculates the analyte concentration of each sample (either in IU/mL or kIU/L).

Limitations - interference

The effect of the following endogenous substances and pharmaceutical compounds on assay performance was tested. Interferences were tested up to the listed concentrations and no impact on results was observed.

Endogenous substances

Compound	Concentration tested
Bilirubin	≤ 1129 µmol/L or ≤ 66 mg/dL
Hemoglobin	≤ 0.50 mmol/L or ≤ 800 mg/dL
Intralipid	≤ 1500 mg/dL
Biotin	≤ 40.9 nmol/L or ≤ 10 ng/mL
Rheumatoid factors	≤ 1350 IU/mL

Criterion: Recovery within \pm 10 % of initial values.

Samples should not be taken from patients receiving therapy with high biotin doses (i.e. > 5 mg/day) until at least 8 hours following the last biotin administration.

Pharmaceutical substances

In vitro tests were performed on 16 commonly used pharmaceuticals. No interference with the assay was found.

In addition, the following special drugs were tested. No interference with the assay was found.

Special drugs

Drug	Concentration tested µg/mL
lodide	0.040
Carbimazole	6.00
Methimazole	16.0
Propylthiouracil	60.0
Perchlorate	400

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Drug	Concentration tested μg/mL
Propranolol	48.0
Amiodarone	40.0
Prednisolone	20.0
Hydrocortisone	40.0
Fluocortolone	20.0
Octreotide	0.060
Levothyroxine	0.143
Liothyronine	0.015

In in vitro studies the drug itraconazol caused increased anti-TPO concentration findings at the daily therapeutic dosage level.

In rare cases, interference due to extremely high titers of antibodies to analyte-specific antibodies, streptavidin or ruthenium can occur. These effects are minimized by suitable test design.

For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed in conjunction with the patient's medical history, clinical examination and other findings.

Limits and ranges

Measuring range

9-600 IU/mL (defined by the Limit of Detection and the maximum of the master curve). Values below the Limit of Detection are reported as < 9 IU/mL. Values above the measuring range are reported as > 600 IU/mL.

Lower limits of measurement

Limit of Blank, Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantitation

Limit of Blank = 8 IU/mL

Limit of Detection = 9 IU/mL

Limit of Quantitation = 15 IU/mL

The Limit of Blank, Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantitation were determined in accordance with the CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute) EP17-A2 requirements.

The Limit of Blank is the 95th percentile value from $n \ge 60$ measurements of analyte-free samples over several independent series. The Limit of Blank corresponds to the concentration below which analyte-free samples are found with a probability of 95 %.

The Limit of Detection is determined based on the Limit of Blank and the standard deviation of low concentration samples. The Limit of Detection corresponds to the lowest analyte concentration which can be detected (value above the Limit of Blank with a probability of 95 %).

The Limit of Quantitation is the lowest analyte concentration that can be reproducibly measured with an intermediate precision CV of \leq 20 %.

Dilution

Samples with anti-TPO concentrations above the measuring range can be diluted manually with Diluent Universal. The recommended dilution is 1:5. The concentration of the diluted sample must be \geq 200 IU/mL. After dilution, multiply the result by the dilution factor.

Please note: The autoantibodies are heterogeneous and this gives rise to non-linear dilution phenomena for individual samples.

Expected values

In an extended study performed with the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay on samples from 208 healthy test subjects in 3 clinical centers in Austria and Germany the upper 95th percentile was found to be 34 IU/mL.

For detailed information about reference intervals in children, adolescents and pregnant women, refer to the brochure "Reference Intervals for Children and Adults", English: [REF] 04640292.

This booklet also contains results of a detailed study about influencing factors on thyroid parameters in a well characterized reference group of adults. Different inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied (e.g. sonographic results (thyroid volume and density) as well as criteria according to the guidelines of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry - NACB).

Each laboratory should investigate the transferability of the expected values to its own patient population and if necessary determine its own reference ranges.

Specific performance data

Representative performance data on the analyzers are given below. Results obtained in individual laboratories may differ.

Precision

Precision was determined using Elecsys reagents, samples and controls in a protocol (EP05-A3) of the CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute): 2 runs per day in duplicate each for 21 days (n = 84). The following results were obtained:

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		Repeatability		Intermediate precision	
Sample	Mean IU/mL	SD IU/mL	CV %	SD IU/mL	CV %
Human serum 1	14.7	1.14	7.7	1.73	11.7
Human serum 2	37.0	1.98	5.3	2.66	7.2
Human serum 3	553	22.3	4.0	30.6	5.5
PC ^{b)} THYRO1	27.7	1.49	5.4	2.63	9.5
PC THYRO2	72.4	3.44	4.8	4.79	6.6

b) PC = PreciControl

Method comparison

a) A comparison of the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay,

 $\overleftarrow{\text{HEF}}$ 07026935190 (**cobas e** 801 analyzer; y), with the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay, $\overleftarrow{\text{REF}}$ 06368590190 (**cobas e** 601 analyzer; x), gave the following correlations (IU/mL):

Number of samples measured: 122

Passing/Bablok ¹²	Linear regression
y = 0.909x - 0.786	y = 0.894x + 0.468
т = 0.899	r = 0.998

The sample concentrations were between 9.36 and 578 IU/mL.

b) A comparison of the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay,

(FEF) 07026935190 (cobas e 402 analyzer; y), with the Elecsys Anti-TPO assay, REF 07026935190 (cobas e 801 analyzer; x), gave the following correlations (IU/mL):

Number of samples measured: 120

Passing/Bablok ¹²	Linear regression
y = 1.02x - 0.474	y = 0.999x + 0.842
т = 0.950	r = 0.997

The sample concentrations were between 9.95 and 567 IU/mL.

Analytical specificity

A 0.3 % cross-reactivity with human autoantibodies to thyroglobulin (4000 IU/mL) were found, tested with anti-TPO concentrations of approximately 50 IU/mL and 250 IU/mL.

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For further information, please refer to the appropriate operator's manual for the analyzer concerned, the respective application sheets, the product information and the Method Sheets of all necessary components (if available in your country).

A point (period/stop) is always used in this Method Sheet as the decimal separator to mark the border between the integral and the fractional parts of a decimal numeral. Separators for thousands are not used.

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device shall be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or the patient is established.

Symbols

Roche Diagnostics uses the following symbols and signs in addition to those listed in the ISO 15223-1 standard (for USA: see dialog.roche.com for definition of symbols used):

CONTENT	Contents of kit
SYSTEM	Analyzers/Instruments on which reagents can be used
REAGENT	Reagent
CALIBRATOR	Calibrator
\rightarrow	Volume for reconstitution
GTIN	Global Trade Item Number

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