Manual

IDK® sIgA ELISA

For the determination of secretory IgA in saliva and stool

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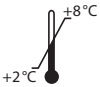

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1. INTENDED USE

This Immundiagnostik AG assay is an enzyme immunoassay intended for the quantitative determination of secretory IgA (sIgA) in saliva and stool. For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

2. INTRODUCTION

Secretory IgA (sIgA) consists of two IgA monomers joined by the J-chain and an additional secretory component. It is secreted in plasma cells located in the lamina propia of mucosal membranes. Synthesis of sIgA is independent from the synthesis of serum IgA. This means that lack of serum IgA does not necessarily correlate with a lack of sIgA1. Secretory IgA is the major immunoglobulin in saliva, tears, colostrum, nasal mucous, mother's milk, tracheobronchial and gastrointestinal secretes. It plays a major role in preventing adherence of microorganisms to mucosal sites, in activation of the alternative complement pathway and in activating inflammatory reactions.

3. MATERIAL SUPPLIED

Cat. No.	Label	Kit components	Quantity
KR8880	PLATE	Microtiter plate, pre-coated	12 x 8 wells
KR0001.C.100	WASHBUF	Wash buffer concentrate, 10x	2 x 100 ml
KR8880	CONJ	Conjugate concentrate, peroxidase-labelled (mouse anti-sIgA)	1 x 200 µl
KR8880	CAL	Calibrator, lyophilised (see specification for concentration)	2 x 1 vial
KR8880	CTRL1	Control, lyophilised (see specification for range)	2 x 1 vial
KR8880	CTRL2	Control, lyophilised (see specification for range)	2 x 1 vial
KR0002.15	SUB	Substrate (tetramethylbenzidine), ready-to-use	1 x 15 ml
KR0003.15	STOP	Stop solution, ready-to-use	1 x 15 ml
KR6999.C.100	IDK Extract®	Extraction buffer concentrate *IDK Extract*®, 2,5 x	2 x 100 ml

For reorders of single components, use the catalogue number followed by the label as product number.

4. MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

- Ultrapure water*
- Stool sample application system such as cat. no.: KR6998SAS
- Calibrated precision pipettors and 10–1000 µl single-use tips
- Foil to cover the microtiter plate
- Horizontal microtiter plate shaker
- Multi-channel pipets or repeater pipets
- Vortex
- Centrifuge, 3000 *g*
- Standard single-use laboratory glass or plastic vials, cups, etc.
- Microtiter plate reader (required filters see chapter 7)

* Immundiagnostik AG recommends the use of ultrapure water (water type 1; ISO 3696), which is free of undissolved and colloidal ions and organic molecules (free of particles > 0.2 µm) with an electrical conductivity of 0.055 µS/cm at 25 °C (≥ 18.2 MΩ cm).

5. STORAGE AND PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

- To run the assay more than once, ensure that reagents are stored at the conditions stated on the label. **Prepare only the appropriate amount necessary for each run.** The kit can be used up to 4 times within the expiry date stated on the label.
- Reagents with a volume less than **100 µl** should be centrifuged before use to avoid loss of volume.
- **Preparation of the wash buffer:** The **wash buffer concentrate (WASHBUF)** has to be diluted with ultrapure water **1:10** before use (100 ml WASHBUF + 900 ml ultrapure water), mix well. Crystals could occur due to high salt concentration in the concentrate. Before dilution, the crystals have to be redissolved at room temperature or in a water bath at 37 °C. The **WASHBUF** is stable at **2–8 °C** until the expiry date stated on the label. **Wash buffer** (1:10 diluted WASHBUF) can be stored in a closed flask at **2–8 °C for 1 month**.
- Use **100 µl** of **wash buffer** (1:10 diluted WASHBUF) as **BLANK**.
- **Preparation of the extraction buffer:** The **extraction buffer concentrate *IDK Extract*®** has to be diluted with ultrapure water **1:2.5** before use (100 ml *IDK Extract*® + 150 ml ultrapure water), mix well. Crystals could occur due to high salt concentration in the concentrate. Before dilution, the crystals have to be redissolved at 37 °C in a water bath. The ***IDK Extract*®** is stable at **2–8 °C** until the expiry date stated on the label. Extraction buffer (1:2.5 diluted *IDK Extract*®) can be stored in a closed flask at **2–8 °C for 4 months**.

- The **lyophilised calibrators (CAL)** and **controls (CTRL)** are stable at **2–8 °C** until the expiry date stated on the label. Before use, the CAL and CTRL have to be reconstituted with **500 µl of ultrapure water** and mixed by gentle inversion to ensure complete reconstitution. Allow the vial content to dissolve for 10 minutes and then mix thoroughly. **Calibrators and controls** (reconstituted CAL and CTRL) **are stable at -20 °C until the expiry date stated on the label and can be subjected to a maximum of two freeze-thaw cycles.**
- **Preparation of the conjugate:** Before use, the **conjugate concentrate (CONJ)** has to be diluted **1:101** in wash buffer (100 µl CONJ + 10 ml wash buffer). The CONJ is stable at **2–8 °C** until the expiry date stated on the label. **Conjugate** (1:101 diluted CONJ) **is not stable and cannot be stored.**
- All other test reagents are ready-to-use. Test reagents are stable until the expiry date (see label) when stored at **2**–**8 °C**.

6. STORAGE AND PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

Sample stability

Raw stool can be stored for 2 days at room temperature (15–30 °C), for 2 days at 2–8 °C or for 8 weeks at -20 °C.

Stool extract (1:100) is stable for one day at room temperature (15–30 °C), 7 days at 2–8 °C or 7 days at -20 °C with maximum 2 freeze-thaw cycles.

Saliva is stable for 1 day at 2–8 °C or 4 weeks at -20 °C.

Saliva

To avoid variation in sIgA content, take saliva samples always at the same time of the day. No food or liquid should be consumed 30 min before sample collection. Collect saliva samples using salivettes and centrifuge at 3000 *g* for 10 min.

The **saliva supernatant** must be diluted **1:2 000 in wash buffer** before performing the assay, e.g.

10 µl saliva supernatant + **990 µl** wash buffer, mix well = **dilution I** (1:100)

50 µl dilution I + **950 µl** wash buffer, mix well = **dilution II** (1:20)

This results in a final dilution of **1:2 000**

For analysis, pipet **100 µl** of **dilution II** per well.

Extraction of the stool samples

Extraction buffer (1:2.5 diluted *IDK Extract*®) is used as a **sample extraction buffer**. We recommend the following sample preparation:

Stool Sample Application System (SAS) (Cat. No.: K 6998SAS)

Stool sample tube – Instructions for use

Please note that the dilution factor of the final stool suspension depends on the amount of stool sample used and the volume of the buffer.

SAS with 1.5 ml sample extraction buffer:

Applied amount of stool:	15 mg
Buffer Volume:	1.5 ml
Dilution Factor:	1:100

Please follow the instructions for the preparation of stool samples using the SAS as follows:

a) The raw stool sample has to be thawed. For particularly heterogeneous samples we recommend a mechanical homogenisation using an applicator, inoculation loop or similar device.

b) Fill the **empty stool sample tube** with **1.5 ml sample extraction buffer** (1:2.5 diluted *IDK Extract*®) before using it with the sample. **Important:** Allow the sample extraction buffer to reach room temperature.

c) Unscrew the tube (yellow part of cap) to open. Insert the yellow dipstick into the sample. The lower part of the dipstick has notches which need to be covered completely with stool after inserting it into the sample. Place dipstick back into the tube. When putting the stick back into the tube, excess material will be stripped off, leaving 15 mg of sample to be diluted. Screw tightly to close the tube.

d) Vortex the tube well until no stool sample remains in the notches. **Important:** Please make sure that you have a maximally homogenous suspension after shaking. Especially with more solid samples, soaking the sample in the tube with sample extraction buffer for ~ 10 minutes improves the result.

e) Allow sample to stand for ~10 minutes until sediment has settled. Floating material like shells of grains can be neglected.

f) Carefully unscrew the complete cap of the tube including the blue ring plus the dipstick. Discard cap and dipstick. Make sure that the sediment will not be dispersed again.

Dilution I: 1:100

Dilution of stool samples

The supernatant of the sample preparation procedure (dilution I) is further diluted **1:125 in wash buffer**. For example:

40 µl supernatant (dilution I) + **960 µl** wash buffer, mix well = **1:25 (dilution II)**

200 µl dilution II + **800 µl** wash buffer, mix well = **1:5 (dilution III)**

This results in a final dilution of **1:125.**

For analysis, pipet **100 µl of dilution III** per well.

7. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Principle of the test

This ELISA is designed for the quantitative determination of secretory IgA in stool and saliva.

In a first incubation step, the sIgA in the samples is bound to polyclonal antibodies (rabbit anti human IgA), which are immobilised to the surface of the microtiter wells. To remove all unbound substances, a washing step is carried out. In a second incubation step, a peroxidase-labelled conjugate (mouse anti-sIgA) is added which recognises specifically the bound secretory IgA. After another washing step, to remove all unbound substances, the solid phase is incubated with the substrate, tetramethylbenzidine (TMB). An acidic stop solution is then added to stop the reaction. The colour converts from blue to yellow. The intensity of the yellow colour is directly proportional to the concentration of secretory IgA. The concentration of secretory IgA can be quantified by referring the optical density of the calibrator to a lot-dependendent master calibration curve.

Test procedure

Bring all **reagents and samples to room temperature** (15–30 °C) and mix well.

Mark the positions of calibrator/controls/blank/samples on a protocol sheet.

Take as many microtiter strips as needed from kit. Store unused strips together with the desiccant bag in the closed aluminium packaging at 2–8 °C. Strips are stable until expiry date stated on the label.

For automated ELISA processors, the given protocol may need to be adjusted according to the specific features of the respective automated platform. For further details please contact your supplier or Immundiagnostik AG.

We recommend to carry out the tests in duplicate.

1.	**Before use**, wash the wells **5 times** with **250 µl wash buffer**. After the final washing step, remove residual wash buffer by firmly tapping the plate on absorbent paper.
2.	Add each **100 µl calibrator/controls/diluted samples** into the respective wells.
3.	Cover the strips and incubate for **1 hour** at room temperature (15–30 °C) on a **horizontal shaker***.
4.	Discard the content of each well and wash **5 times** with **250 µl wash buffer**. After the final washing step, remove residual wash buffer by firmly tapping the plate on absorbent paper.
5.	Add **100 µl conjugate** (diluted CONJ) into each well.
6.	Cover the strips and incubate for **1 hour** at room temperature (15–30 °C) on a **horizontal shaker***.
7.	Discard the content of each well and wash **5 times** with **250 µl wash buffer**. After the final washing step, remove residual wash buffer by firmly tapping the plate on absorbent paper.
8.	Add **100 µl substrate** (SUB) into each well.
9.	Incubate for **10–20 min**** at room temperature (15–30 °C) in the **dark**.
10.	Add **100 µl stop solution** (STOP) into each well and mix well.
11.	Determine **absorption immediately** with an ELISA reader at **450 nm** against 620 nm (or 690 nm) as a reference. If no reference wavelength is available, read only at 450 nm. If the extinction of the highest standard exceeds the range of the photometer, absorption must be measured immediately at **405 nm** against 620 nm as a reference.

* We recommend shaking the strips at 550 rpm with an orbit of 2 mm.

** The intensity of the colour change is temperature sensitive. We recommend observing the colour change and stopping the reaction upon good differentiation.

8. RESULTS

For result evaluation, please use a four parametric logit-log model based on the standard curve of the respective kit lot and the calibrator value (CAL). All essential information on the standard curve is provided on the QC data sheet of the respective product lot.

The calibration curve can be expressed either by the concentration of each standard with its corresponding optical density or by the four parameters A,B,C and D. In both cases the optical density of the calibrator (CAL) is essential. Depending on your evaluation software program, either the one or the other kind of data described above should be entered.

Caution: Please make sure that all parameters and values are transferred accurately into your software as minor deviations can cause severe errors during evaluation.

The plausibility of the duplicate values should be examined before the automatic evaluation of the results. If this option is not available with the programme used, the duplicate values should be evaluated manually.

Saliva

The obtained results have to be multiplied with the **dilution factor of 2 000** to get the actual concentrations.

Stool

The obtained results have to be multiplied with the **dilution factor of 12 500** to get the actual concentrations.

In case **another dilution factor** has been used, multiply the obtained result with the dilution factor used.

9. LIMITATIONS

Samples with concentrations above the measurement range (see definition below) can be further diluted and re-assayed. Please consider this higher dilution when calculating the results.

Samples with concentrations lower than the measurement range (see definition below) cannot be clearly quantified.

The upper limit of the measurement range can be calculated as:

highest concentration of the standard curve × *sample dilution factor to be used*

The lower limit of the measurement range can be calculated as:

LoB × *sample dilution factor to be used*

LoB see chapter "Performance characteristics".

10. QUALITY CONTROL

Immundiagnostik AG recommends the use of external controls for internal quality control, if possible.

Control samples should be analysed with each run. Results, generated from the analysis of control samples, should be evaluated for acceptability using appropriate statistical methods. The results for the samples may not be valid if within the same assay one or more values of the quality control sample are outside the acceptable limits.

Reference range

We recommend each laboratory to establish its own reference range.

11. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy – Precision

Repeatability (Intra-Assay); n = 20

The repeatability was assessed with 2 stool samples under **constant** parameters (same operator, instrument, day and kit lot).

Sample	Mean value [µg/ml]	CV [%]
1	971.0	5.6
2	1 136.0	5.8

Reproducibility (Inter-Assay); n = 12

The reproducibility was assessed with 2 stool samples under **varying** parameters (different operators, instruments, days and kit lots).

Sample	Mean value [µg/ml]	CV [%]
1	1 279.6	8.2
2	1 277.4	7.7

Analytical sensitivity

The following values have been estimated based on the concentrations of the standard without considering possibly used sample dilution factors.

Limit of blank, LoB 2.088 ng/ml

12. PRECAUTIONS

- All reagents in the kit package are for research use only.
- Human materials used in kit components were tested and found to be negative for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. However, for safety reasons, all kit components should be treated as potentially infectious.
- Kit reagents contain sodium azide or Proclin as bactericides. Sodium azide and Proclin are toxic. Substrates for the enzymatic colour reactions are toxic and carcinogenic. Avoid contact with skin or mucous membranes.
- The stop solution consists of diluted sulphuric acid, a strong acid. Although diluted, it still must be handled with care. It can cause burns and should be handled with gloves, eye protection, and appropriate protective clothing. Any spill should be wiped up immediately with copious quantities of water. Do not breath vapour and avoid inhalation.

13. TECHNICAL HINTS

- Do not interchange different lot numbers of any kit component within the same assay. Furthermore we recommend not assembling wells of different microtiter plates for analysis, even if they are of the same batch.
- Control samples should be analysed with each run.
- Reagents should not be used beyond the expiration date stated on kit label.
- Substrate solution should remain colourless until use.
- To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary.
- Avoid foaming when mixing reagents.
- Do not mix plugs and caps from different reagents.
- The assay should always be performed according to the enclosed manual.

14. GENERAL NOTES ON THE TEST AND TEST PROCEDURE

- The guidelines for laboratories should be followed.
- *IDK*® and *IDK Extract*® are trademarks of Immundiagnostik AG.
- Incubation time, incubation temperature and pipetting volumes of the components are defined by the producer. Any variation of the test procedure,

which is not coordinated with the producer, may influence the results of the test. Immundiagnostik AG can therefore not be held responsible for any damage resulting from incorrect use.

- Warranty claims and complaints regarding deficiencies must be logged within 14 days after receipt of the product. The product should be send to Immundiagnostik AG along with a written complaint.

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Used symbols:


Temperature limitation

Catalogue Number

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