Order references

Reagents

REF		CONT
A1DGX-B00	*Universal kit*	1 x 15 ml R1 + 1 x 15 ml R2
A1DGX-H00	*Universal kit*	2 x 25 ml R1 + 2 x 25 ml R2
A1DGX-L00	*Universal kit*	12 x 25 ml R1 + 12 x 25 ml R2

Other necessary products

REF		CONT
A1REK-000	*Alpha1-Microglobulin Calibrators Kit (5 Levels)*	5 x 1 ml
A1COS-002	*Alpha1-Microglobulin Low Control*	1 x 2 ml
A1CON-002	*Alpha1-Microglobulin Control*	1 x 2 ml

Field of application - Purpose

In vitro diagnostic reagent for the quantitative determination of alpha-1 microglobulin in samples of human origin by immunoturbidimetry on photometric systems.

Medical benefit - Scientific validity

Alpha1 microglobulin (α1-M), sometimes referred to as human complex forming protein (HC), is a small, low molecular weight (33kDa) globular glycoprotein. Its physiological concentration in urine is very low. It is one of the most constant microproteins present in urine in cases of tubular damage. It is filtered by the glomerulus and then reabsorbed almost completely by the proximal tube where it will be broken down. Because of its sensitivity and stability even in acidic urine, it represents an early marker of choice for diagnosing tubular lesions in nephritis, advanced diabetic nephropathies, following the administration of nephrotoxic drugs or after exposure to heavy metals.

Method principle

The latex particles are stabilized in colloidal form with anti-alpha-1 microglobulin antibodies specifically directed against the alpha-1 microglobulin. The reaction of these particles with the alpha-1 microglobulin, present in a biological sample, causes specific agglutination of the latex particles. This agglutination, directly proportional to the alpha-1 microglobulin concentration of the sample, is read at 340 nm and 700 nm.

Warning and precautions

- For in vitro diagnostic use only.
- Must be handled by qualified personnel under the responsibility of a biologist.
- The human-origin products have been screened and found negative for HIV 1 and 2 antibodies, HCV antibodies and HBAg, but they must nevertheless be handled as potentially infectious products.
- These products contain sodium azide. Products containing sodium azide must be handled with care: avoid ingestion and contact with the skin or mucous membranes.
- Sodium azide becomes explosive on contact with heavy metals such as copper or lead.

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Samples

Collection conditions

Collect specimens using standard laboratory techniques; use only suitable procedures, tubes or collection containers.

Sample type

Urine

Storage and stability of specimens

Temperature	Stability
- 20 °C	≤ 6 months
2 - 8 °C	≤ 4 weeks
15 - 25 °C	≤ 7 days

This information comes from data originating from “Tietz Clinical Guide to Laboratory Tests” and from “WHO”.

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Composition and concentrations/Storage

Active components:
Reagent R1: none
Reagent R2: Suspension of colloidal latex particles coated with human alpha1-microglobulin antibodies (rabbit).

Other components:
Reagent R1: buffer, stabiliser, inorganic salt and preservative.
Reagent R2: buffer, stabiliser, polystyrene inorganic salt and preservative.

Conservation temperature:
Reagent R1: 2 - 8 °C.
Reagent R2: 2 - 8 °C.

Preparation

Ready to use.

Storage and stability

Reagents are stable until the expiration date printed on the packaging (months passed), under the following recommended storage and handling conditions:

- Unopened vial stored at temperature indicated on packaging.
- Opened vial: closed immediately after use or placed on closed analyser intended for this purpose, not contaminated by handling and stored at the temperature indicated on the packaging.

Note:

- Do not freeze the reagents.
- Nanoparticle-based reagents can settle over time. It may be necessary to delicately mix by repeated turning.

Other materials required

Usual laboratory equipment including an analytical system equipped with a photometric detector.

Calibration

Calibration

The calibration curve is performed by using the calibration kit indicated in the “Order references” section. The zero point of the calibration curve is performed with physiological saline solution.

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Traceability

The method has been standardised with a benchmark method traceable to the international standard as described in the associated calibrators data sheet (see the “Order references” section).
Calibrate the method when the reagent batch number changes or in case of change in performance (contact the manufacturer if the changes persist) or if quality control requires it.

Quality control

The frequency of controls and the confidence limits must be adapted to the laboratory requirements. The results must be within the defined confidence limits. Each laboratory shall establish corrective measures to be taken if results fall outside the defined limits. Comply with current legislation in the country and local guidelines relating to quality control.
The calibration curve and its stability can be validated using the control materials indicated in the “Order references” section**.**

Reference values

	Reference values
Healthy individual	≤ 12 mg/L for urine in second morning urination

International units: mg/L
Conventional units: mg/dL

This information coming from data originating from “Clinical guide to laboratory tests”. Each laboratory must check the validity of its values and if necessary establish its own reference values, depending on the population examined.

Analytical performances

The analytical performance data below are given as an indication. The results obtained in the laboratory may differ from these.
The analytical performances were determined following the indications of the “Guide technique d’accréditation de vérification (Portée A)/validation (Portée B) des méthodes en biologie médicale”; document SH GTA 04 Révision 01.

Measurement range

1,29 - 166,6 mg/L
The measurement range is bounded by the quantification and linearity limits. Samples having a concentration greater than the upper limit must be diluted.

Limit of detection

0,46 mg/L
It is the smallest signal expressed as a quantity or concentration that can be distinguished with a given probability from a reagent blank performed in the same conditions.
The evaluation of the limit of detection is based on the statistical analysis of the observed signal differences between the blanks and samples.

Interferences (Analytical specificity)

There is no known cross-reactivity of the antiserum cited or the antibodies used.
The abnormally coloured and particle-containing samples can cause, depending on the analytical system, assay errors. These samples must be clarified chemically or physically before their assay.

Precision

The precision is evaluated using the repeatability (CV within-run) and reproducibility (CV within-calibration).

	Repeatability (n=30)		Reproducibility (n=30)	
	Average (mg/L)	CV (%)	Average (mg/L)	CV (%)
Level 1	3,88	1,0	3,89	3,6
Level 2	19,28	0,5	18,95	1,2
Level 3	35,95	0,7	36,69	4,0

Trueness - Accuracy

Trueness, quantified by the bias, is estimated by comparing the mean obtained in the intermediate precision study, based on internal quality control samples, with the expected target value equated to the “true” value of the tested sample.
Accuracy is defined as the closeness of agreement between a measured value and a true value of a measurand (quantity to be measured).
DiAgam allows a bias of 5% compared to the international standard or compared to a reference method traceable to the international standard when it exists.

Limitations of the method

The results of this test should always be interpreted in relation to the patient’s medical history, clinical signs and other findings.

Prozone

By limiting the linearity to the value of the upper limit of the measurement range, no excess antigen effect was observed for samples with a concentration up to 697,6 mg/L.

Matrix effect

The inter-laboratory control samples and controls can yield different results from those obtained with other assay methods because of a matrix effect. In this case, an analysis of the results according to specific target values of the method utilised may be necessary. If in doubt, contact the manufacturer.

Utilisation procedure

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Symbols legend

The following symbols may appear on the packaging and the label:

LOT	*Batch code*	BUF	*Buffer*
	Use until	CAL	*Calibrator*
	Manufacturer	H	*High*
IVD	*In vitro diagnostic medical device*	M	*Moderate*
	Temperature (Storage at)	L	*Low*
REF	*Catalogue reference*	4 LEV	*4 levels*
	Read the usage instructions	5 LEV	*5 levels*
REAG	*Reagent*	6 LEV	*6 levels*
KIT	*Kit*	CONTROL	*Control*
CONT	*Content*	CE	*This product meets the requirements of European Directive 98/79 EC concerning in vitro diagnostic medical devices*
Ab	*Antibody or Antisera*		

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