



1.0 INTRODUCTION

Intended Use: The Quantitative Determination of Immunoglobulin E (IgE) Concentration in Human Serum by a Microplate Enzyme Immunoassay, Chemiluminescence

2.0 SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

Allergic reactions, which are becoming more widespread, are usually diagnosed on the basis of medical history and clinical symptoms. In vitro and in vivo testing, however, play a key role in confirming clinical suspicions and tailoring treatment. The measurement of immunoglobulin E (IgE) in serum is widely used in the diagnosis of allergic reactions and parasitic infections. Many allergies are caused by the immunoglobulins of subclass IgE acting as point of contact between the allergen and specialized cells. The IgE molecules (MW 200,000) bind to the surface of the mast cells and basophilic granulocytes. Subsequently the binding of allergen to cell-bound IgE causes these cells to release histamines and other vasoactive substances. The release of histamines in the body results initiates what is commonly known as an allergic reaction.

Before making any therapeutic determination it is important, however, to know whether the allergic reaction is IgE mediated or non-IgE mediated. Measurement of total IgE in serum sample, along with other supporting diagnostic information, can help to make that determination. Measurement of total circulating IgE may also be of value in the early detection of allergy in infants and as a means of predicting future atopic manifestations. Before deciding on any therapy it is important to take into consideration all the relevant clinical information as well as information supplied by specific allergy testing.

IgE levels show a slow increase during childhood, reaching adult levels in the second decade of life. In general, the total IgE levels increase with the allergies a person has and the number of times of exposure to the relevant allergens. Significant elevations may be seen in the sensitized individuals, but also in cases of myeloma, pulmonary aspergillosis, and during the active stages of parasitic infections.

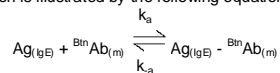
In this method, IgE calibrator, patient specimen or control is first added to a streptavidin coated well. Biotinylated monoclonal antibody (specific for IgE) is added and the reactants mixed. Reaction between the IgE antibodies and native IgE forms complex that binds with the streptavidin coated to the well. The excess serum proteins are washed away via a wash step. Another enzyme labeled monoclonal antibody specific to IgE is added to the wells. The enzyme labeled antibody binds to the IgE already immobilized on the well through its binding with the biotinylated monoclonal antibody. Excess enzyme is washed off via a wash step. A light signal is generated by the addition of a substrate. The intensity of the light generation is directly proportional to the concentration of the IgE in the sample.

3.0 PRINCIPLE

Immunoenzymometric sequential assay (Type 4):

The essential reagents required for an immunoenzymometric assay include high affinity and specificity antibodies (enzyme and immobilized), with different and distinct epitope recognition, in excess, and native antigen. In this procedure, the immobilization takes place during the assay at the surface of a microplate well through the interaction of streptavidin coated on the well and exogenously added biotinylated monoclonal anti-IgE antibody.

Upon mixing monoclonal biotinylated antibody, and a serum containing the native antigen, reaction results between the native antigen and the antibody, forming an Antibody-Antigen complex. The interaction is illustrated by the following equation:



$B^{in}Ab_{(m)}$ = Biotinylated Monoclonal Antibody (Excess Quantity)

$Ag_{(IgE)}$ = Native Antigen (Variable Quantity)

$Ag_{(IgE)} - B^{in}Ab_{(m)}$ = Antigen-Antibody complex (Variable Quan.)

k_a = Rate Constant of Association

k_a = Rate Constant of Disassociation

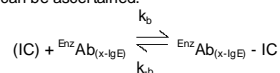
Simultaneously, the complex is deposited to the well through the high affinity reaction of streptavidin and biotinylated antibody. This interaction is illustrated below:

$Ag_{(IgE)} - B^{in}Ab_{(m)} + Streptavidin_{C.W.} \rightarrow Immobilized\ complex\ (IC)$

$Streptavidin_{C.W.}$ = Streptavidin immobilized on well

$Immobilized\ complex\ (IC)$ = Ag-Ab bound to the well

After a suitable incubation period, the antibody-antigen bound fraction is separated from unbound antigen by decantation or aspiration. Another antibody (directed at a different epitope) labeled with an enzyme is added. Another interaction occurs to form an enzyme labeled antibody-antigen-biotinylated-antibody complex on the surface of the wells. Excess enzyme is washed off via a wash step. A suitable substrate is added to produce light measurable with the use of a microplate luminometer. The enzyme activity on the well is directly proportional to the native free antigen concentration. By utilizing several different serum references of known antigen concentration, a dose response curve can be generated from which the antigen concentration of an unknown can be ascertained.



$EnzAb_{(x-IgE)}$ = Enzyme labeled Antibody (Excess Quantity)

$EnzAb_{(x-IgE)} - IC$ = Antigen-Antibodies Complex

k_b = Rate Constant of Association

k_b = Rate Constant of Dissociation

4.0 REAGENTS

Materials Provided:

A. IgE Calibrators – 1.0 ml/vial - Icons A-F

Six (6) vials of human serum based reference calibrators at concentrations of 0 (A), 5 (B), 25 (C), 50 (D), 150 (E) and 400 (F) IU/ml. Store at 2-8°C. A preservative has been added. (The calibrators are standardized against the WHO's 2nd IRP 75/502 for IgE).

B. IgE Biotin Reagent – 13ml/vial - Icon ∇

One (1) vial containing biotinylated mouse anti-human IgE reagent in a protein-stabilized matrix. A preservative has been added. Store at 2-8°C.

C. IgE Tracer Reagent – 13 ml/vial - Icon ⊞

One (1) vial containing Anti-Human IgE-HRP conjugate in a protein-stabilized matrix. A preservative has been added. Store at 2-8°C.

D. Streptavidin Reaction Wells 96 wells – Icon ∩

One 96-well white microplate coated with streptavidin and packaged in an aluminum bag with a drying agent. Store at 2-8°C.

E. Wash Solution Concentrate – 20ml/vial - Icon ♣

One (1) vial containing a surfactant in buffered saline. A preservative has been added. Store at 2-8°C (see Reagent Preparation Section).

F. Signal Reagent A – 7ml/vial - Icon C[▲]

One (1) vial containing luminol in buffer. Store at 2-8°C (see Reagent Preparation Section).

G. Signal Reagent B – 7ml/vial - Icon C[●]

One (1) vial containing hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) in buffer. Store at 2-8°C (see Reagent Preparation Section).

H. Product Insert

Note 1: Do not use reagents beyond the kit expiration date.

Note 2: Avoid extended exposure to heat and light. **Opened reagents are stable for sixty (60) days when stored at 2-8°C. Kit and component stability are identified on the label.**

Note 3: Above reagents are for a single 96-well microplate.

4.1 Required But Not Provided:

- Pipette capable of delivering 0.025 and 0.050ml (25 & 50µl) volumes with a precision of better than 1.5%.
- Dispenser(s) for repetitive deliveries of 0.100 and 0.350ml (100 & 350µl) volumes with a precision of better than 1.5%.
- Microplate washers or a squeeze bottle (optional).
- Microplate Luminometer.
- Absorbent Paper for blotting the microplate wells.
- Plastic wrap or microplate cover for incubation steps.
- Vacuum aspirator (optional) for wash steps.
- Timer.
- Quality control materials.

5.0 PRECAUTIONS

**For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
Not for Internal or External Use in Humans or Animals**

All products that contain human serum have been found to be non-reactive for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, HIV 1&2 and HCV Antibodies by FDA licensed reagents. Since no known test can offer complete assurance that infectious agents are absent, all human serum products should be handled as potentially hazardous and capable of transmitting disease. Good laboratory procedures for handling blood products can be found in the Center for Disease Control / National Institute of Health, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories," 2nd Edition, 1988, HHS Publication No. (CDC) 88-8395.

Safe disposal of kit components must be according to local regulatory and statutory requirement.

6.0 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

The specimens shall be blood serum in type and the usual precautions in the collection of venipuncture samples should be observed. For accurate comparison to established normal values, a fasting morning serum sample should be obtained. The blood should be collected in a plain redtop venipuncture tube without additives or anti-coagulants. Allow the blood to clot for samples. Centrifuge the specimen to separate the serum from the cells.

In patients receiving therapy with high biotin doses (i.e. >5mg/day), no sample should be taken until at least 8 hours after the last biotin administration, preferably overnight to ensure fasting sample.

Samples may be refrigerated at 2-8°C for a maximum period of five (5) days. If the specimen(s) cannot be assayed within this time, the sample(s) may be stored at temperatures of -20°C for up to 30 days. Avoid use of contaminated devices. Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing. When assayed in duplicate, 0.050ml (50µl) of the specimen is required.

7.0 QUALITY CONTROL

Each laboratory should assay controls at levels in the low, mid and high range for monitoring assay performance. These controls should be treated as unknowns and values determined in every test procedure performed. Quality control charts should be maintained to follow the performance of the supplied reagents. Pertinent statistical methods should be employed to ascertain trends. Significant deviation from established performance can indicate unnoticed change in experimental conditions or degradation of kit reagents. Fresh reagents should be used to determine the reason for the variations.

8.0 REAGENT PREPARATION

1. Wash Buffer

Dilute contents of Wash Concentrate to 1000ml with distilled or

deionized water in a suitable storage container. Store diluted buffer at 2-30°C for up to 60 days.

2. Working Signal Reagent Solution - Store at 2 - 8°C.

Determine the amount of reagent needed and prepare by mixing equal portions of Signal Reagent A and Signal Reagent B in a clean container. For example, add 1 ml of A and 1ml of B per two (2) eight well strips (A slight excess of solution is made). **Discard the unused portion if not used within 36 hours after mixing.** If complete utilization of the reagents is anticipated, within the above time constraint, pour the contents of Signal Reagent B into Signal Reagent A and label accordingly.

Note: Do not use reagents that are contaminated or have bacteria growth.

9.0 TEST PROCEDURE

*Before proceeding with the assay, bring all reagents, serum reference calibrators and controls to room temperature (20-27°C). ****Test procedure should be performed by a skilled individual or trained professional*****

- Format the microplates' wells for each serum reference calibrator, control and patient specimen to be assayed in duplicate. **Replace any unused microwell strips back into the aluminum bag, seal and store at 2-8°C.**
- Pipette 0.025 ml (25µl) of the appropriate serum reference calibrator, control or specimen into the assigned well.
- Add 0.100 ml (100µl) of the IgE Biotin Reagent to each well. **It is very important to dispense all reagents close to the bottom of the coated well.**
- Swirl the microplate gently for 20-30 seconds to mix and cover.
- Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
- Discard the contents of the microplate by decantation or aspiration. If decanting, tap and blot the plate dry with absorbent paper.
- Add 0.350ml (350µl) of wash buffer (see Reagent Preparation Section) decant (tap and blot) or aspirate. Repeat four (4) additional times for a total of five (5) washes. **An automatic or manual plate washer can be used. Follow the manufacturer's instruction for proper usage. If a squeeze bottle is employed, fill each well by depressing the container (avoiding air bubbles) to dispense the wash. Decant the wash and repeat four (4) additional times.**
- Add 0.100 ml (100µl) of the IgE Tracer Reagent to each well. **DO NOT SHAKE THE PLATE AFTER TRACER ADDITION.**
- Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
- Discard the contents of the microplate by decantation or aspiration. If decanting, blot the plate dry with absorbent paper.
- Add 0.350ml (350µl) of wash buffer (see Reagent Preparation Section) decant (tap and blot) or aspirate. Repeat four (4) additional times for a total of five (5) washes. **An automatic or manual plate washer can be used. Follow the manufacturer's instruction for proper usage. If a squeeze bottle is employed, fill each well by depressing the container (avoiding air bubbles) to dispense the wash. Decant the wash and repeat four (4) additional times.**
- Add 0.100 ml (100µl) of working signal reagent to all wells (see Reagent Preparation Section). **Always add reagents in the same order to minimize reaction time.**
DO NOT SHAKE THE PLATE AFTER SIGNAL ADDITION
- Incubate at room temperature for five (5) minutes in the dark.
- Read the Relative Light Units (RLU) in each well for 0.2 – 1.0 seconds. **The results should be read within thirty (30) minutes of adding the signal solution.**

10.0 CALCULATION OF RESULTS

A dose response curve is used to ascertain the concentration of IgE in unknown specimens.

- Record the RLUs (Relative Light Units) obtained from the printout of the luminometer as outlined in Example 1.
- Plot the RLUs for each duplicate serum reference versus the corresponding IgE concentration in IU/ml on linear graph paper.
- Draw the best-fit curve through the plotted points.
- To determine the concentration of IgE for an unknown, locate the average RLUs for each unknown on the vertical axis of the graph, find the intersecting point on the curve, and read the concentration (in IU/ml) from the horizontal axis of the graph

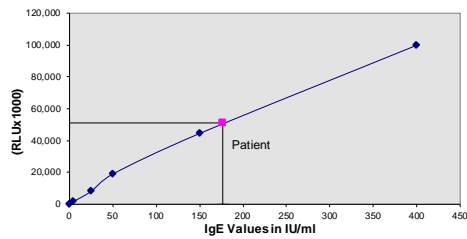
(the duplicates of the unknown may be averaged as indicated). In the following example, the average RLU (50945) of the unknown intersects the calibration curve at (177 IU/ml) IgE concentration (See Figure 1)*.

Note: Computer data reduction software designed for chemiluminescence assays may also be used for the data reduction. If such software is utilized, the validation of the software should be ascertained.

EXAMPLE 1

Sample I.D.	Well	RLU	Mean RLU (B)	Conc (IU/ml)
Cal A	A1	187	150	0
	B1	111		
Cal B	C1	1914	1847	5
	D1	1780		
Cal C	E1	8019	8170	25
	F1	8321		
Cal D	G1	18351	15330	50
	H1	19755		
Cal E	A2	46001	44556	150
	B2	43111		
Cal F	C2	100560	100000	400
	D2	99440		
Ctrl 1	E2	86530	87471	334
	F2	88411		
Ctrl 2	G2	32600	30860	90
	H2	29120		
Patient 1	A3	50747	50945	177
	B3	51144		

Figure 1



* The data presented in Example 1 and Figure 1 is for illustration only and should not be used in lieu of a dose response curve prepared with each assay. In addition, the RLU of the calibrators have been normalized to 100,000 RLUs for the F calibrator (greatest light output). This conversion minimizes differences caused by efficiency of the various instruments that can be used to measure light output.

11.0 Q.C. PARAMETERS

In order for the assay results to be considered valid the following criteria should be met:

- The Dose Response Curve should be within established parameters.
- Four out of six quality control pools should be within the established ranges.

12.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The MSDS and Risk Analysis Form for this product is available upon request from Monobind Inc.

12.1 Assay Performance

- It is important that the time of reaction in each well is held constant to achieve reproducible results.
- Pipetting of samples should not extend beyond ten (10) minutes to avoid assay drift.
- Highly lipemic, hemolyzed or grossly contaminated specimen(s) should not be used.
- If more than one (1) plate is used, it is recommended to repeat the dose response curve.
- The addition of signal reagent initiates a kinetic reaction, therefore the signal reagent(s) should be added in the same

- sequence to eliminate any time-deviation during reaction.
- Failure to remove adhering solution adequately in the aspiration or decantation wash step(s) may result in poor replication and spurious results.
- Use components from the same lot. No intermixing of reagents from different batches.
- Accurate and precise pipetting, as well as following the exact time and temperature requirements prescribed are essential. Any deviation from Monobind IFU may yield inaccurate results.
- All applicable national standards, regulations and laws, including, but not limited to, good laboratory procedures, must be strictly followed to ensure compliance and proper device usage.
- It is important to calibrate all the equipment e.g. Pipettes, Readers, Washers and/or the automated instruments used with this device, and to perform routine preventative maintenance.
- Risk Analysis- as required by CE Mark IVD Directive 98/79/EC - for this and other devices, made by Monobind, can be requested via email from Monobind@monobind.com.

12.2 Interpretation

- Measurements and interpretation of results must be performed by a skilled individual or trained professional.**
- Laboratory results alone are only one aspect for determining patient care and should not be the sole basis for therapy, particularly if the results conflict with other determinants.
- The reagents for the test system have been formulated to eliminate maximal interference; however, potential interaction between rare serum specimens and test reagents can cause erroneous results. Heterophilic antibodies often cause these interactions and have been known to be problems for all kinds of immunoassays (Boscato LM, Stuart MC. 'Heterophilic antibodies: a problem for all immunoassays' Clin. Chem. 1988;34:27-33). For diagnostic purposes, the results from this assay should be in combination with clinical examination, patient history and all other clinical findings.
- For valid test results, adequate controls and other parameters must be within the listed ranges and assay requirements.
- If test kits are altered, such as by mixing parts of different kits, which could produce false test results, or if results are incorrectly interpreted, Monobind shall have no liability.
- If computer controlled data reduction is used to interpret the results of the test, it is imperative that the predicted values for the calibrators fall within 10% of the assigned concentrations.
- Serum IgE concentration is dependent upon a multiplicity of factors: including if the patient is sensitized, how many times the patient has been exposed to a specific allergen etc. Total IgE concentration alone is not sufficient to assess the clinical status. All the clinical findings especially specific allergy testing should be taken into consideration while determining the clinical status of the patient.
- All atopic reactions are not IgE mediated, all relevant clinical information should be taken into consideration before making any determination for patients who may be in the normal range.

13.0 EXPECTED RANGES OF VALUES

A study of population from different age groups was conducted to evaluate the Monobind IgE AccuLite® CLIA Test System. The results are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1 Expected Values for the IgE AccuLite® CLIA (In IU/ml)			
Age (Yrs)	Number (n)	Median	Absolute Range
0-3	31	6.4	ND* - 46
3-16	43	25.0	ND - 280
Adult	145	43	0 - 200

*ND - non-detectable

It is important to keep in mind that establishment of a range of values which can be expected to be found by a given method for a population of "normal"-persons is dependent upon a multiplicity of factors: the specificity of the method, the population tested and the precision of the method in the hands of the analyst. For these reasons each laboratory should depend upon the range of expected values established by the Manufacturer only until an in-house range can be determined by the analysts using the method with a population indigenous to the area in which the laboratory is located

14.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

14.1 Precision

The within and between assay precision of the IgE AccuLite® CLIA Test System were determined by analyses on three different levels of control sera. The number, mean value, standard deviation (σ) and coefficient of variation for each of these control sera are presented in Table 2 and Table 3.

TABLE 2 Within Assay Precision (Values in IU/ml)				
Sample	N	X	σ	C.V.
Level 1	20	76.3	6.4	8.4%
Level 2	20	172.2	7.1	4.1%
Level 3	20	389.5	8.6	2.2%

TABLE 3 Between Assay Precision* (Values in IU/ml)				
Sample	N	X	σ	C.V.
Level 1	12	78.0	7.0	8.9%
Level 2	12	189.1	6.6	3.5%
Level 3	12	394.2	11.6	2.9%

*As measured in twelve experiments in duplicate.

14.2 Sensitivity

The sensitivity (detection limit) was ascertained by determining the variability of the 0mlU/ml serum calibrator and using the 2σ (95% certainty) statistic to calculate the minimum dose. It was determined to be 0.023 IU/ml.

14.3 Accuracy

The Monobind the IgE AccuLite® CLIA Test System was compared with a reference method. Biological specimens with IgE levels in the low, medium and high ranges were used. The values ranged from 1 to 4500 IU/ml. The total number of such specimens was 156. The least square regression equation and the correlation coefficient were computed for this procedure in comparison with the predicate method (Table 4).

TABLE 4			
Method	Mean (x)	Least Square Regression Analysis	Correlation Coefficient
Monobind	214	$y = -9.87 + 0.987(x)$	0.992
Reference	232		

Only slight amounts of bias between this method and the reference method are indicated by the closeness of the mean values. The least square regression equation and correlation coefficient indicates excellent method agreement.

14.4 Specificity

The specificity of IgE AccuLite® CLIA test system, to closely related immunoglobulins was evaluated by adding those at twice the physiological concentrations to a serum matrix. No cross-reaction between the antibodies used and the related molecules was detected.

14.5 High Dose Effect

Since the assay is sequential in design, high concentrations of IgE do not show the hook effect. Myeloma IgE patient samples with concentrations over 8 million IU/ml demonstrated extremely high levels of light intensity.

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Reagent (IU)	Size	96(A)
	A)	2ml set
B)	1 (13ml)	
C)	1 (13ml)	
D)	1 plate	
E)	1 (20ml)	
F)	1 (7ml)	
G)	1 (7ml)	

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