ACID PHOSPHATASE

Kinetic method

Reagent for quantitative determination of total (ACP) and prostatic acid phosphatase (PACP) activity [EC 3.1.2] in human serum.

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CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE (1)

Determination of phosphatase acid activity in serum is almost always directed toward the prostatic enzyme with the intent of detecting or monitoring carcinoma of the prostate. The frequency of increased ACP activity is variable according to cancer stage. This frequency passes from 11% for grade A to 57% for grade D. Indeed, it is recommended that tumour markers measurements such as PSA determination (Prostatic Specific Antigen) be combined with both patient clinical examinations. PACP activity in serum then allows confirming and evaluating a positive diagnosis of prostatic carcinoma.

PRINCIPLE (4) (5)

Hillmann modified method. Reaction scheme is as follows:

$$\alpha$$-naphtyl phosphate + H$_2$O $\rightarrow$ ACP $\rightarrow$ $\alpha$-naphtol + phosphate

$$\alpha$$-naphtol + Fast Red TR Salt $\rightarrow$ Azo dye

The rate at which the diazo compound is formed, measured at 405 nm, is proportional to the ACP activity in the specimen. The NP ACP activity (Non prostatic ACP activity, tartrate resistant) is measured in the presence of Tartrate. The difference between the assay of the ACP and the one of the NP ACP gives the PACP activity.

REAGENTS COMPOSITION

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<th>CITRATE BUFFER</th>
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<td>Fast Red TR Salt</td>
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<td>(diazo 2, chloro 5 toluene)</td>
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<th>Vial R4</th>
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S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eyes/face protection.

SAFETY CAUTIONS

BIOLABO reagents are designated for professional, in vitro diagnostic use.
- Verify the integrity of the contents before use.
- Use adequate protections (overall, gloves, glasses). Do not pipette with mouth.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes. If spill, thoroughly wash affected areas with plenty of water.
- Material Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.
- Waste disposal: Respect legislation in force in the country.

REAGENTS PREPARATION

- Vial R3: Use a non-sharp instrument to remove aluminium cap.
- Vial R4 is ready for use.
- ACP Reagent: Add promptly the contents of vial R3 (Substrate) into vial R1 (Citrate Buffer) Mix gently and wait for complete dissolution before using reagent (approximately 2 minutes).
- NP ACP Reagent: Add promptly the contents of vial R3 (Substrate) into vial R2 (Citrate/Tartrate Buffer) Mix gently and wait for complete dissolution (approximately 2 minutes).

STABILITY AND STORAGE

Store away from light, well cap in the original vial at 2-8°C.
- Unopened, reagents are stable until expiry date indicated on the label of the kit when stored and used as described in the insert.
- Once reconstituted, ACP and NP ACP reagents are stable for 10 days when free from contamination.
- Discard any ACP or NP ACP reagents if cloudy or if the absorbance measured at 405 nm > 0.600 (see § MANUAL PROCEDURE).
- Don’t use working reagent after expiry date stated on the label of the Kit.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING (2)

Unhemolysed serum. Separate from the clot as soon as possible after collection and promptly assayed. Acidify at pH 5.4-6.2, adding a drop (20 μL) of vial R4 (Stabiliser) for 1 mL of serum.

Acid Phosphatase activity in serum is labile (activity decreases of 50% in 8 hours).

Acid Phosphatase activity is stable in the acidified serum for:
- 7 days at 2-8°C.

INTERFERENCES (2) (3) (6) (7)

- Oxalate and fluorides inhibit Acid Phosphatase activity.
- Discard any icteric specimens

For a more comprehensive review of factors affecting this assay refer to the publication of Young D.S.

MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Basic medical analysis laboratory equipment.
2. Normal and pathological control sera
CALIBRATION
Results will depend on the accuracy of the instrument calibration, the time counting, the respect of reagent/specimen ratio and the temperature control.
• Use the theoretical calibration factor (§ CALCULATION)
• Or REF 95015 BIOLABO Multicalibrator (calibration value determined with validated statistical technics and metrologically controlled instrument)
• or a multiparametric calibrator traceable to a reference method or material

QUALITY CONTROL
• BIOLABO EXATROL-N Level I REF 95010
• BIOLABO EXATROL-P Level II REF 95011
• Other control sera assayed referring to the same method.
• External quality control program.
It is recommended to control in the following cases:
• At least once a run.
• At least once within 24 hours.
• When changing vial of reagent.
• After maintenance operations on the instrument.
If control is out of range, apply following actions:
1. Repeat the test with the same control.
2. If control is still out of range, prepare a fresh control serum and repeat the test.
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EXPECTED VALUES (2)
α-naphthyl phosphate Method (2)
Prostatic Acid Phosphatase (30°C or 37°C)

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<td>0-0.8 IU/L</td>
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See § REFERENCES (6)

Total Acid Phosphatase (37°C)
Men < 6.6 IU/L < 0.110 µkat/L
Women < 6.6 IU/L < 0.110 µkat/L

Prostatic Acid Phosphatase (37°C)
Men < 3.5 IU/L < 0.058 µkat/L
Each laboratory should establish its own normal ranges for the population it serves.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS
TOTAL ACID PHOSPHATASE

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PROSTATIC ACID PHOSPHATASE

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Detection limit: approximately 1.0 IU/L

Comparison with commercially available reagent:
ACP:   \[ y = 0.979x - 3.05 \]   \[ r = 0.992 \]
NP ACP: \[ y = 1.03x + 0.47 \] \[ r = 0.971 \]

MANUAL PROCEDURE
Let stand reagents and specimens at room temperature.

Pipette into 30 or 37°C thermostated 1 cm path length cuvette:

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Mix. Record initial absorbance at 405 nm after 5 minutes, and \( \Delta \text{Abs/min} \) every minutes during 3 minutes.

Note:
Specific procedures are available upon request for automated instruments. Please contact BIOLABO technical support.

CALCULATION
Calculate the result as follows:
Total Acid phosphatase (Assay 1):
Non Prostatic Acid Phosphatase (Assay 2):

With theoretical factor:

\[ \text{UI/L} = (\Delta \text{Abs/min}) \times 730 \]

With seric multilibrator:

\[ \text{ACP Activity} = \frac{(\Delta \text{Abs/min}) \times \text{Calibrator activity}}{(\Delta \text{Abs/min}) \times \text{Calibrator activity}} \]

Prostatic acid phosphatases:

\[ \text{ACP Activity} = \text{Assay 1 Activity} - \text{Assay 2 Activity} \]

\[ \mu \text{kat/L} = \frac{\text{UI/L}}{60} \]

REFERENCES

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