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Instructions for use

Dopamine Plasma ELISA **High Sensitive**

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BA E-4300

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For Research use only-
Not for use in diagnostic
procedures

Dopamine Plasma ELISA High Sensitive

1. **Intended use and principle of the test**

High sensitive enzyme immunoassay for the quantitative determination of Dopamine in plasma.

Dopamine is extracted from a plasma sample*) by using a cis-diol-specific affinity gel, acylated and then derivatized enzymatically.

The competitive ELISA kit uses the microtiter plate format. The antigen is bound to the solid phase of the microtiter plate. The derivatized standards, controls and samples and the solid phase bound analytes compete for a fixed number of antiserum binding sites. After the system is in equilibrium, free antigen and free antigen-antiserum complexes are removed by washing. The antibody bound to the solid phase is detected by an anti-rabbit IgG-peroxidase conjugate using TMB as a substrate. The reaction is monitored at 450 nm. Quantification of unknown samples is achieved by comparing their absorbance with a reference curve prepared with known standard concentrations

*) Flexible sample volumes between 150 –750 µl for *in-vitro diagnostics* and 50-750 µl for *research applications* can be used with this assay.

2. **Advice on handling the test**

2.1 **Reliability of the test results**

In order to assure a reliable evaluation of the test results it must be conducted according to the instructions included and in accordance with current rules and guidelines (GLP, RILIBÄK, etc.). Special attention must be paid to control checks for precision and correctness during the test; the results of these control checks have to be within the norm range. In case of significant discrepancies between the pre-set assay characteristics of this test and the actual results please contact the manufacturer of the test kit for further instructions.

It is recommended that each laboratory establishes its own reference intervals. The values reported in this test instruction are only indicative.

The results obtained with this test kit should not be taken as the sole reason for any therapeutic consequence but have to be correlated to other diagnostic tests and clinical observations.

2.2 **Complaints**

In case of complaints please submit to the manufacturer a written report containing all data as to how the test was conducted, the results received and a copy of the original test printout. Please contact the manufacturer to obtain a reclamation form and return it completely filled in to the manufacturer.

2.3 **Warranty**

This test kit was produced according to the latest developments in technology and subjected to stringent internal and external quality control checks. Any alteration of the test kit or the test procedure as well as the usage of reagents from different charges may have a negative influence on the test results and are therefore not covered by warranty. The manufacturer is not liable for damages incurred in transit.

2.4 **Disposal**

Residual substances and/or all remaining chemicals, reagents and ready for use solutions, are special refuse. The disposal is subject to the laws and regulations of the federation and the countries. About the removal of special refuse the responsible authorities or refuse disposal enterprises inform. The disposal of the kit must be made according to the national official regulations. Legal basis for the disposal of special refuse is the cycle economic- and waste law.

The appropriate safety data sheets of the individual products are available on the homepage. The safety data sheets correspond to the standard: ISO 11014-1.

2.5 **Interference**

Do not mix reagents and solutions from different lots. Consider different transport and storage conditions. Inappropriate handling of test samples or deviations from the test regulation can the results affect. Use no kit components beyond the expiration date. Avoid microbiological contamination of the reagents and the washing water. Consider incubation periods and wash references.

2.6 **Precautions**

Observe the incubation periods and washing instructions. Never pipette by mouth and avoid contact of reagents and specimens with skin. No smoking, eating or drinking in areas where samples or kit test tubes are handled. When working with kit components or samples, always wear protective gloves and wash your hand thoroughly as soon as you have finished the work. Avoid spraying of any kind. Avoid any skin contact with reagents. Use protective clothing and disposable gloves. All steps have to be performed according to the protocol. Optimal test results are only obtained when using calibrated pipettes. Sodium azide could react with lead and copper tubes and may form highly explosive metal azide. When clearing up, rinse thoroughly with large volumes of water to prevent such formation.

All reagents of this testkit which contain human or animal serum or plasma have been tested and confirmed negative for HIV I/II, HbsAg and HCV by FDA approved procedures.

All reagents, however, should be treated as potential biohazards in use and for disposal.

3. Storage and stability

Store the reagents at 2 - 8 °C until expiration date. Do not use components beyond the expiry date indicated on the kit labels. Do not mix various lots of any kit component within an individual assay.

4.1 Contents of the kit

BA D-0032	96	Microtiter Plate	1 x 96 wells	12 strips, 8 wells each, break apart
BA D-0090	FOILS	Adhesive Foil	1 x 4	ready for use
BA E-0030	WASH-CONC 50x	Wash Buffer Concentrate	1 x 20 mL	Concentrate. Dilute content with dist. water to a final volume of 1000 mL
BA E-0040	CONJUGATE	Enzyme Conjugate	1 x 12 mL	ready for use, anti-rabbit IgG conjugated with peroxidase
BA E-0055	SUBSTRATE	Substrate	1 x 12 mL	ready for use, containing a solution of TMB
BA E-0080	STOP-SOLN	Stop Solution	1 x 12 mL	ready for use, containing 0.25 M H ₂ SO ₄
BA E-0331	96 DOP	Dopamine Microtiter Strips	1 x 96 wells	12 strips, 8 wells each, break apart, pre-coated, green coloured
BA E-5310	DOP-AS	Dopamine Antiserum	1 x 6 mL	from rabbit, ready for use, green coloured, green screw cap
BA E-4601	STANDARD A	Standard A	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4602	STANDARD B	Standard B	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4603	STANDARD C	Standard C	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4604	STANDARD D	Standard D	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4605	STANDARD E	Standard E	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4606	STANDARD F	Standard F	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA R-4618	EXTRACT-PLATE 48	Extraction Plate	2 x 48 wells	coated with boronate affinity gel
BA E-5619	HCL	Hydrochloric Acid	1 x 20 mL	ready for use, yellow coloured, contains 0.025 M HCl
BA E-4651	CONTROL 1	Control 1	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA E-4652	CONTROL 2	Control 2	1 x 6 mL	ready for use
BA R-0012	ACYL-CONC	Acylation Concentrate	1 x 0.5 mL	Concentrate. Has to be diluted prior to use.
BA R-0050	ADJUST-BUFF	Adjustment Buffer	1 x 4 mL	ready for use
BA R-0075	ACYL-DILUENT	Acylation Diluent	1x 4 mL	ready for use
BA R-6611	ACYL-BUFF	Acylation Buffer	1 x 20 mL	ready for use
BA R-6613	ASSAY-BUFF	Assay Buffer	2 x 4 mL	ready for use, contains 1 M HCl
BA R-6614	COENZYME	Coenzyme	1 x 2 mL	ready for use, S-adenosyl-L-methionine
BA R-6615	ENZYME	Enzyme	4 x 1 mL	lyophilized, contains COMT
BA R-6617	EXTRACT-BUFF	Extraction Buffer	2 x 4 mL	ready for use

4.2 **Additional materials and equipment required but not provided in the kit**

- Calibrated variable precision micropipettes (e.g. 1-10 µL / 10-100 µL / 100-1000 µL)
- Microtiter plate washing device
- ELISA reader capable of reading absorbance at 450 nm (reference filter 620 – 650 nm)
- Shaker (shaking amplitude 3mm; approx. 600 rpm)
- Absorbent material (paper towel)
- Distilled water
- Vortex mixer

5. **Sample collection and storage**

Plasma

EDTA-Plasma should be used. Do not use haemolytic or lipemic samples.

Storage: up to 6 hours at 2 - 8°C; for longer periods (up to 6 months) at - 20°C.

Repeated freezing and thawing should be avoided.

6. **Test procedure**

For in-vitro diagnosis of human samples a plasma volume between **150 µl-750 µl** is needed per single determination; for research applications plasma volumes as low as **50 µl** are applicable.

If a plasma volume **< 750 µl** is used, dist. water has to be added to a **final volume of 750 µl** and this **prediluted sample** has to be used for the extraction procedure (please refer to point 6.2 of this protocol).

This sample predilution has to be considered in the calculation of results (please refer to point 7 of this protocol).

Allow all reagents and samples to reach room temperature before use. Duplicate measurements are recommended.


6.1 **Preparation of reagents**

Wash Buffer

Dilute the 20 mL Wash Buffer Concentrate with distilled water to a final volume of 1000 mL.


Storage: up to 6 months at 2-8°C

Acylation Solution

 Before preparing the Acylation Solution make sure that the **Acylation Diluent** (BA R-0075) has reached room temperature ($\geq 20^\circ\text{C}$) and forms a homogenous, crystal-free solution.


The Acylation Concentrate has to be diluted 1 + 60 with Acylation-Diluent in a glass or polypropylene-vial.

Acylation Concentrate	10 µL	20 µL	25 µL	50 µL
Acylation-Diluent	600 µL	1.2 mL	1.5 mL	3 mL

 The Acylation Solution has to be prepared freshly prior to the assay (not longer than 60 minutes in advance). Discard after use!

Enzyme Solution

Reconstitute the content of the vial labelled 'Enzyme' with 1 mL distilled water and mix thoroughly. Add 0.3 mL of Coenzyme followed by 0.7 mL of Adjustment Buffer. The total volume of the Enzyme Solution is 2.0 mL.

 The Enzyme Solution has to be prepared freshly prior to the assay (not longer than 10 - 15 minutes in advance). Discard after use!


6.2 Extraction and acylation

1.	Pipette 750 µL of standards, controls and plasma samples (diluted or undiluted) into the respective wells of the Extraction Plate .
2.	Pipette 50 µL of Assay Buffer into all wells.
3.	Pipette 50 µL of Extraction Buffer into all wells
4.	Cover the plate with adhesive foil. Shake 60 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
5.	Empty the plate. Blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
6.	Pipette 1 mL of Wash Buffer into all wells.
7.	Shake 5 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
8.	Remove the foil and empty the plate. Blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
9.	Wash one more time as described (step 6, 7 and 8)!
10.	Pipette 150 µL of Acylation Buffer into all wells.
11.	Pipette 25 µL of Acylation Solution (refer to 6.1) into all wells.
12.	Shake 20 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
13.	Empty the plate and blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
14.	Pipette 1 mL of Wash Buffer into all wells.
15.	Shake 10 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
16.	Empty the plate. Blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
17.	Wash one more time as described (step 14, 15, 16).
18.	Pipette 200 µL of Hydrochloric Acid into all wells.
19.	Cover plate with adhesive foil. Shake 10 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
	Do not decant the supernatant thereafter!
	190 µL of the supernatant is needed for the subsequent enzymatic conversion

6.3 Enzymatic Conversion

1.	Pipette 190 µL of the extracted standards, controls and samples into the respective wells of the Microtiter Plate (BA D-0032).		
2.	Add 50 µL of Enzyme Solution (refer to 6.1) to all wells.		
3.	Cover plate with Adhesive Foil . Shake 1 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker.		
4.	Incubate for 2 hours at 37°C . The following volumes of the supernatants are needed for the subsequent ELISA:		
	<table border="1"><tr><td>Dopamine</td><td>100 µL</td></tr></table>	Dopamine	100 µL
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6.4 Dopamine ELISA

1.	Pipette 100 µL of standards, controls and samples from the Enzyme Plate (refer to 6.4) into the respective pre-coated Dopamine Mikrotiter Strips .
2.	Pipette 50 µL of the respective Dopamine Antiserum into all wells.
3.	Cover the plate with Adhesive Foil . Incubate for 1 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker .
4.	Incubate for 15 – 20 hours (overnight) at 2 – 8 °C .
5.	Remove the foil and discard or aspirate the contents of the wells and wash each well 4 times thoroughly with 300 µL Wash Buffer . Blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
6.	Pipette 100 µL of Enzyme Conjugate into all wells.
7.	Incubate 30 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).
8.	Discard or aspirate the contents of the wells and wash each well 4 times thoroughly with 300 µL Wash Buffer . Blot dry by tapping the inverted plate on absorbent material.
9.	Pipette 100 µL of Substrate into all wells.
10.	Incubate 20-30 min at RT (20-25°C) on a shaker (approx. 600 rpm).  Avoid exposure to direct sun light!
11.	Pipette 100 µL of Stop Solution into all wells.
12.	Read the absorbance of the solution in the wells within 10 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm and a reference wavelength between 620 nm and 650 nm.

7. Calculation of results

The calibration curve from which the concentrations of the samples can be read off, is obtained by plotting the absorbance readings (calculate the mean absorbance) measured for the standards (linear, y-axis) against the corresponding standard concentrations (logarithmic, x-axis).

The use of a non-linear regression for curve fitting (e.g. spline, 4- parameter, akima) is recommended.

Standard	Concentration of the standards					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Dopamine (pg/mL)	0	30	100	300	1 000	3 000
Dopamine (pmol/L)	0	195.9	653	1 959	6 530	19 590
Conversion:	Dopamine (ng/mL) x 6.53 = Dopamine (nmol/L)					

The concentrations of the **undiluted plasma samples** and the **controls** can be read directly from the standard curve.

Diluted plasma samples:

If only a plasma volume < **750 µl** was used for the extraction, the concentration read from the standard curve has to be **multiplied** with a **volume-factor**:


$$\text{Volume-factor} = \frac{750 \mu\text{l}}{\text{used plasma volume } (\mu\text{l})}$$

7.1 Quality control

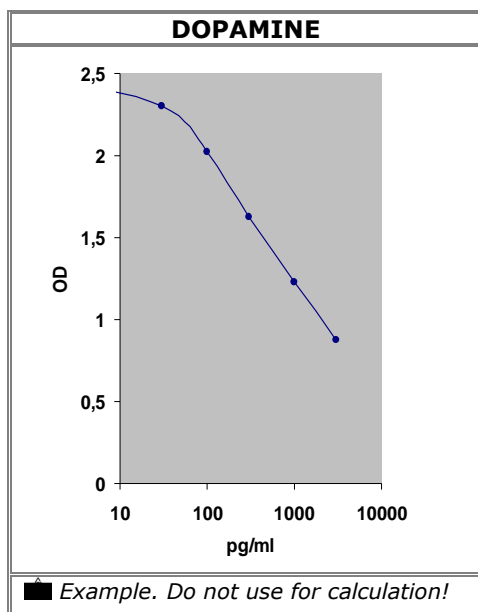
It is recommended to use control samples according to state and federal regulations. Use controls at both normal and pathological levels. The kit or other commercial controls should fall within established confidence limits. The confidence limits of the kit controls are indicated on the QC Report.

7.2 Calibration

The binding of the antisera and the enzyme conjugates and the activity of the enzyme used are temperature dependent, and the extinction values may vary if a thermostat is not used. The higher the temperature, the higher the extinction values will be. The extinction values also depend on the incubation times. The optimal temperature during the Enzyme Immunoassay is between 20-25°C.

 *In case of overflow, read the absorbance of the solution in the wells within 10 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 405 nm*

7.3 Typical calibration curve









8. Assay characteristics

Expected Reference Values		Dopamine		
	Plasma	< 100 pg/mL		
Analytical Sensitivity (750 µl undiluted plasma)		Mean signal (Zero-Standard) - 2SD		
	Plasma	Dopamine 6 pg/mL		
Analytical Specificity (Cross Reactivity)	Substance	Cross Reactivity (%)		
		Dopamine		
	Derivatized Adrenaline	0.03		
	Derivatized Noradrenaline	0.87		
	Derivatized Dopamine	100		
	Metanephrine	< 0.007		
	Normetanephrine	0.008		
	3-Methoxytyramine	0.55		
	3-Methoxy-4-hydroxyphenylglycol	< 0.007		
	Tyramine	0.13		
Phenylalanine, Caffeinic acid, L-Dopa, Homovanillic acid, Tyrosine, 3-Methoxy-4-hydroxymandelic acid	< 0.007			
Precision				
Intra-Assay Human EDTA-Plasma				
Dopamine (pg/mL)	high	1438.6 ± 465.6	155.2	10.8
	medium	565.9 ± 246.3	82.1	14.5
	low	56.4 ± 36.3	12.1	21.5
Recovery	Mean (%)	Range (%)	SD (%)	CV (%)
Dopamine				
Human EDTA-Plasma	97.7	83.7 - 115.9	11.8	12.1

 **Actual literature, information about clinical significance or any other information about the test are available on the homepage or contact the manufacturer directly.**

Symbols:

	Storage temperature		Manufacturer		Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	Expiry date	LOT	Batch code	IVD	For in-vitro diagnostic use only!
	Consult instructions for use	CONT	Content	CE	CE labelled
	Caution	REF	Catalogue number	RUO	For research use only!