### CHEMILUMINESCENCE ENZYME IMMUNOASSAY (CLIA)

**Toxoplasma IgG**

Cat # 9071-11

**SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE**

<table>
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<th>Step</th>
<th>(20-25°C Room temp.)</th>
<th>Volume</th>
<th>Incubation time</th>
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<td>Sample dilution 1:40 = 5 µl / 200 µl</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Diluted samples, calibrators &amp; controls</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Washing buffer (3 times)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Substrate A and Substrate B mixture</td>
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<td>Read with Luminometer in 5~30 minutes</td>
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NAME AND INTENDED USE
Toxoplasma IgG Chemiluminescence ELISA is intended for use in evaluating a patient's serologic status to toxoplasma gondii infection.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST
Toxoplasmosis is caused by the intracellular parasite Toxoplasma gondii and may be contracted by consuming contaminated meat or by contact with cat feces containing oocysts. In adolescence and adulthood, most infections are subclinical. However, if a pregnant woman contracts toxoplasmosis, it may be passed through the placenta to the fetus, resulting in congenital toxoplasmosis, which is a cause of mortality and malformation. Asymptomatic infants may develop anomalies later in life. Toxoplasma IgG Chemiluminescence ELISA is an accurate serologic method to detect Toxoplasma antibody for clinical identification of toxoplasmosis.

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST
Purified Toxoplasma gondii antigen is coated on the surface of microwells. Diluted patient serum is added to wells, and the Toxoplasma gondii IgG specific antibody, if present, binds to the antigen. All unbound materials are washed away. After adding enzyme conjugate, it binds to the antibody-antigen complex. Excess enzyme conjugate is washed off and substrate A & substrate B mixture is added. The light generated (RLU) is proportional to the amount of IgG specific antibody in the sample. The results are read by a microwell luminometer compared in a parallel manner with calibrator and controls.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
1. Potential biohazardous materials:
   The calibrator and controls contain human source components which have been tested and found nonreactive for hepatitis B surface antigen as well as HIV antibody with FDA licensed reagents. However, as there is no test method that can offer complete assurance that HIV, Hepatitis B virus or other infectious agents are absent, these reagents should be handled at the Biosafety Level 2, as recommended in the Centers for Disease Control/National Institutes of Health manual, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories." 1984
2. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat, or drink in the areas in which specimens or kit reagents are handled.
3. The components in this kit are intended for use as a integral unit. The components of different lots should not be mixed.
4. This product contains components preserved with sodium azide. Sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metal azide. On disposal, flush with a large volume of water.

MATERIALS PROVIDED
1. Microwell strips: purified Toxoplasma antigen coated wells (12 x 8 wells)
2. Sample diluent: Blue color solution. 1 vial (22 ml)
3. Washing concentrate 10x: White Cap. 1 bottle (100 ml)
4. Enzyme conjugate: Red color solution. 1 vial (12 ml)
5. Substrate A: Stable Peroxide buffer. Natural bottle 1 vial (7 ml)
6. Substrate B: Luminol in buffer. Amber bottle. 1 vial (7 ml)
7. Negative Calibrator: 0 IU/ml. Natural Cap. 1 vial (150 µl)
8. Cut-off Calibrator: 8 IU/ml. Yellow Cap. 1 vial (150 µl)
   Toxo G Index = 1.0
9. Positive Calibrator: 50 IU/ml. Red Cap. 1 vial (150 µl)
11. Negative control: Range on label. Blue Cap. 1 vial (150 µl)

STORAGE AND STABILITY
1. Store the kit at 2 - 8 oC.
2. Always keep microwells tightly sealed in pouch with desiccants. We recommend you use up all wells within 4 weeks after initial opening of the pouch.
3. The reagents are stable until expiration of the kit.
4. Do not expose test reagents to heat, sun or strong light during storage or usage.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING
1. Collect blood specimens and separate the serum.
2. Specimens may be refrigerated at 2 - 8 oC for up to seven days or frozen for up to six months. Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing of serum sample

PREPARATION FOR ASSAY
1. Prepare 1x washing buffer. Prepare washing buffer by adding distilled or deionized water to 10x wash concentrate to a final volume of 1 liter.
2. Bring all specimens and kit reagents to room temperature (20-25 oC) and gently mix.

ASSAY PROCEDURE
1. Prepare 1:40 dilutions by adding 5 µl of the samples, negative control, positive control, and calibrators to 200 µl of sample diluent. Mix well.
2. Place the desired number of coated strips into the holder.
3. Dispense 100 µl of diluted sera, calibrators, and controls into the appropriate wells. Tap the holder to remove air bubbles from the liquid and mix well. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
4. Remove liquid from all wells and repeat washing three times with washing buffer.
5. Dispense 100 µl of enzyme conjugate to each well and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
6. Remove enzyme conjugate from all wells. Repeat washing three times with washing buffer.
7. Mix equal volume of Substrate A & Substrate B, then dispense 100 µl of this mixture to each well.
8. Read RLU with a microwell luminometer within 5~30 minutes.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS
Determination of Index values
1. Calculate the mean of duplicate RLU values (B).
2. Calculate the Toxo G Index of each determination by dividing the mean values of each sample (B) by Cut-off calibrator mean value (C).
Example 1:

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<th>Sample</th>
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<th>Mean RLU (B)</th>
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**QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF TOXOPLASMA IgG IU/ml VALUE**

For a quantitative determination of anti-Toxoplasma IgG levels of specimens in IU/ml unit, RLU of calibrators are plotted on Y-axis in graph versus their corresponding anti-Toxoplasma IgG concentration 0, 8, 50, and 150 IU/ml on X-axis. The estimates of levels in patient sera are read off the point to point curve using their individual RLU values.

Example 2:

**QUALITY CONTROL**

1. In order for the assay results to be considered valid the controls should be within the ranges indicated on the labels.
2. The RLU values vary with the different luminometer used.
3. Each laboratory should assay controls at levels in low, normal and elevated ranges for monitoring assay performance. Quality control trends should be maintained to monitor batch to batch consistency.

**INTERPRETATION**

Negative: Toxo G Index of 0.90 or less are negative. Indicates absence of prior exposure to toxoplasma. (< 7 IU/ml)

Equivocal: Toxo G Index between 0.91-0.99 are equivocal. Sample should be retested.

Positive: Toxo G Index of 1.00 or greater or WHO IU/ml greater than 8 are seropositive. It indicates prior exposure to the toxoplasma virus.

If current infection is suspected, a second sample obtained 8-14 days later should be tested for IgG antibody simultaneously. Toxo G Index ratio between paired samples greater than 1.5 is highly suggestive of a significant rise in antibody. It may be considered as indicative of acute Toxoplasma infection.

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

**Specificity and Sensitivity:**
A total of 88 patient samples were used to evaluate specificity and sensitivity of the test. Toxoplasma test results were compared to a commercial ELISA kit results:

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Sensitivity = A / (A+B) = 30 / 32 = 94%

Specificity = D / (C+D) = 56 / 56 = 100%

Accuracy = (A+D) / (A+B+C+D) = 86 / 88 = 98%

**EXPECTED VALUE AND PREVALENCE**

48 random samples were determined with Toxo IgG CLIA Elisa. 5 were found to be positive. The positivity is 10%. Other set of 49 random samples were tested. The positivity is 6%. Prevalence may vary depending on a variety of the factors such as geographical location, age, socioeconomic status, race, type of the test employed, specimen collection and handling procedures, clinical and epidemiological history.

**Cross-reactivity:**
A study was performed to determine the cross-reactivity of Toxo IgG CLIA test with positive IgG samples. The results indicated an absence of cross-reactivity of the test: H. pylori, Rubella, CMV, HSV 1, HSV 2, Chlamydia trachomatis, EBV VCA, Measles, Mumps and VZV.
Precision:
The precision of the assay was evaluated by testing three different sera of eight replicates over 3 days. The intra-assay and inter-assay C.V. are summarized below:

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<td><strong>Intra-assay</strong></td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Inter-assay</strong></td>
<td>10.7%</td>
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LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE
1. Lipemic, hemolyzed, icteric or heat inactivated sera may cause erroneous results.
2. Toxoplasma antibody are present in apparently normal subjects in certain populations or geographic groups. A single test is not diagnostic for an active infection. Obtain two specimens at an interval of two weeks and test them at the same time to give more meaningful information.
3. As with other serological assays, the results of these assays should be used in conjunction with information available from clinical evaluation and other diagnostic procedures.

REFERENCE

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