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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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EliA uses a modular reagent system. All information needed to understand the use of the EliA tests can be found in the analyte specific DfU and the corresponding EliA Control DfU.

INTENDED USE

EliA dsDNA is intended for the in vitro quantitative measurement of IgG antibodies directed to dsDNA in human serum and plasma as an aid in the clinical diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). EliA dsDNA uses the EliA IgG method on the instrument Phadia 250.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

The determination of antinuclear antibodies (ANA) is of central importance for the clinical diagnosis of connective tissue diseases. For the diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), dsDNA antibodies are considered to be a highly specific marker representing one of the diagnostic criteria for SLE (ACR criteria).¹ More than 90 % of sera from patients with active SLE contain dsDNA antibodies.² Additionally, the determination of dsDNA antibodies is a tool to monitor the clinical course of a defined SLE patient, because a clear-cut relationship exists between anti-dsDNA titer and disease activity, in particular renal involvement.^{2,3}

PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE

The EliA dsDNA Wells are coated with double-stranded plasmid DNA. If present in the patient's specimen, antibodies to dsDNA bind to their specific antigen. After washing away non-bound antibodies, enzyme-labeled antibodies against human IgG antibodies (EliA IgG Conjugate) are added to form an antibody-conjugate complex. After incubation, non-bound conjugate is washed away and the bound complex is incubated with a Development Solution. After stopping the reaction, the fluorescence in the reaction mixture is measured. The higher the response value, the more specific IgG is present in the specimen. To evaluate test results, the response for patient samples is compared directly to the response for calibrators.

REAGENTS / MATERIAL

The EliA reagents are available as modular packages, each purchased separately. All packages except for the EliA ANA Positive Control 250 and the EliA IgG/IgM/IgA Negative Control 250 are required to carry out an EliA dsDNA Test. The EliA dsDNA Wells are packed in carriers, which are stored in sealed aluminium foil bags containing a desiccant.

EliA dsDNA Test-Specific Reagents

EliA dsDNA Well (Art. No. 14-5500-01)

dsDNA Well; short name: dn	coated with double-stranded plasmid DNA	4 carriers (12 wells each); sufficient for 48 determinations	ready for use; store dry at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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EliA ANA Positive Control 250 (Art. No 83-1033-01)

Human serum in PBS containing BSA, detergent and sodium azide (0.095 %); symbol: pos	Multiparameter control containing IgG antibodies to dsDNA, RNP, Sm, Ro, La, Scl-70, CENP and Jo-1	6 single-use vials (0.3 ml each); sufficient for 2 determinations per vial	Ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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EliA ANA Positive Control 250 is prepared from selected pooled human sera.

EliA IgG/IgM/IgA Negative Control 250 (Art. No 83-1037-01)

Human serum in PBS containing BSA, detergent and sodium azide (0.095 %); symbol: neg	Multiparameter control containing normal sera from healthy donors	6 single-use vials (0.3 ml each); sufficient for 2 determinations per vial	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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EliA IgG/IgM/IgA Negative Control 250 is prepared from selected pooled human sera.

EliA Method-Specific Reagents (Phadia 250)

EliA Sample Diluent (Art. No 83-1023-01)

Sample Diluent (yellow colored); PBS containing BSA, detergent and sodium azide (0.095 %)	6 bottles (48 ml each); sufficient for ≥6 x 180 dilutions	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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EliA IgG Conjugate 50 (Art. No 83-1017-01)

IgG Conjugate (blue colored); β-Galactosidase anti-IgG (mouse monoclonal antibodies) in PBS containing BSA and sodium azide (0.06 %); symbol: EI-G	6 wedge shaped bottles (5 ml each); sufficient for 6 x 50 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date DO NOT FREEZE DO NOT REUSE
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EliA IgG Conjugate 200 (Art. No 83-1018-01)

IgG Conjugate (blue colored); β-Galactosidase anti-IgG (mouse monoclonal antibodies) in PBS containing BSA and sodium azide (0.06 %); symbol: EI-G	6 wedge shaped bottles (19 ml each); sufficient for 6 x 200 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date DO NOT FREEZE DO NOT REUSE
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EliA IgG Calibrator Strips (Art. No 83-1015-01)

human IgG (0, 4, 10, 20, 100, 600 µg/l); in PBS containing BSA, detergent and sodium azide (0.095 %)	5 strips 6 single-use vials per strip (0.3 ml each); sufficient for one calibration curve (double determination)	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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Manufactured from human sera.

EliA IgG Curve Control Strips (Art. No 83-1016-01)

human IgG (20 µg/l); in PBS containing BSA, detergent and sodium azide (0.095 % symbol: CC-1)	5 strips Each strip contains 6 x 0.3 ml CC-1 (double determination)	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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Manufactured from human sera.

EliA IgG Calibrator Well (Art. No 14-5509-01)

IgG Calibrator Well coated with mouse monoclonal antibodies; short name: Gcal	4 carriers (12 wells each); sufficient for 48 determinations	ready for use; store dry at 2-8 °C until expiration date
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Phadia 250 General Reagents

Development Solution (Art. No. 10-9440-01)

Development Solution 0.01 % 4-Methylumbelliferyl-β-D-galactoside, <0.0010% preservative*	6 bottles (17 ml each); sufficient for 6 x >170 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date DO NOT FREEZE
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Development Solution (Art. No. 10-9441-01)

Development Solution 0.01 % 4-Methylumbelliferyl-β-D-galactoside, <0.0010% preservative*	6 bottles (11 ml each); sufficient for 6 x >110 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-8 °C until expiration date DO NOT FREEZE
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Stop Solution (Art. No. 10-9442-01)

Stop Solution 4 % Sodium Carbonate	6 bottles (119 ml each); sufficient for 6 x >560 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-32 °C until expiration date
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Stop Solution (Art. No. 10-9479-01)

Stop Solution 4 % Sodium Carbonate	6 bottles (65 ml each); sufficient for 6 x >292 determinations	ready for use; store at 2-32 °C until expiration date
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Dilution Plates (Art. No. 12-3907-08)

MicroWell™ plates with 96 wells, 0.5 ml each; Polypropylene	100 plates per package; sufficient for 100 x 96 samples	ready for use DO NOT REUSE
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* Preservative: mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1).

Washing Solution (Art. No. 10-9422-01/10-9202-01)

For information see separate Washing Solution package insert.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For in vitro diagnostic use.
- Do not use reagents beyond their expiration dates.
- We do not recommend to pool reagents.
- Some of the reagents are manufactured from human blood components. The source materials have been tested by immunoassay for hepatitis B surface antigen, for antibodies to HIV1, HIV2 and hepatitis C virus and found negative. Nevertheless, all recommended precautions for the handling of blood derivatives should be observed. Please refer to Human Health Service (HHS) Publication No. (CDC) 93-8395 or local and national guidelines on laboratory safety procedures.

WARNING! Reagents contain sodium azide (NaN₃) as a preservative. NaN₃ may be toxic if ingested or absorbed by skin or eyes. NaN₃ may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. On disposal, flush with a large volume of water to prevent azide build-up. Please refer to decontamination procedures as outlined by CDC or other local and national guidelines. Waste Bottle and ImmunoCAP/EliA Well Waste Container may be contaminated by potentially infectious material. Use appropriate safety measures and wear gloves.

Indication of Instability

Phadia 250 Instrument Software has built-in acceptance limits for the calibration curve and the curve control. EliA Wells are moisture sensitive. An activity loss that might occur due to inappropriate handling can be detected using the appropriate EliA Control. For more information see Phadia 250 User's Guide/Reference Manual.

INSTRUMENT

EliA reagents are to be used with the Phadia 250 Instrument Software version 1.05 or higher. The Phadia 250 Instrument processes all steps of the test. For further information regarding test set-up, instrumentation and software etc. see Phadia 250 User's Guide/Reference Manual.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION, HANDLING AND PREPARATION

The procedure can be performed with serum or plasma specimens. Lipemic, hemolyzed or microbially contaminated samples may give poor results and should not be used.

CLSI-Document H18-A4 recommends the following storage conditions for samples:

- Separated serum/plasma should remain at room temperature for no longer than eight hours.
- If assays will not be completed within eight hours, serum/plasma should be refrigerated (2 to 8°C).
- If assays are not completed within 48 hours, or the separated serum/plasma will be stored beyond 48 hours, serum/plasma should be frozen at or below -20°C.

Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

Sample Dilution

Samples must be diluted with EliA Sample Diluent. A 1:10 dilution of the samples is required for the EliA dsDNA Test. Samples can be diluted manually, but instrument dilution is recommended.

PROCEDURE

Handling of EliA dsDNA Well

In the Phadia 250 storage chamber, carriers are stable for up to 28 days. If you are not expecting to use them up within this time, the carriers should be loaded via the Phadia 250 Loading Tray and, for stability reasons, must be put back into the desiccant-containing foil bag directly after the run. Because it is important to store the wells in dry conditions at 2-8°C, the bag must be properly resealed. If stored under these conditions, the shelf-life from the date of first opening is 9 months, if not limited by the expiry date stated on the carrier and foil bag.

Lot-specific barcode

Use the built-in barcode reader to enter the lot specific information of EliA dsDNA Well, EliA IgG Calibrator Well and EliA IgG Conjugate. In case of manual handling make sure to enter the characters below the barcode.

On-board stability of reagents

- **EliA Wells**
EliA Well carriers can be stored on-board for 28 days at 2-8°C or 24 hours at room temperature.
- **EliA Calibrator Strips, EliA Curve Control Strips**
Can be stored on-board for 28 days.

• EliA Sample Diluent

Can be stored on-board for 7 days at room temperature. Re-cap bottles every night.

• EliA Conjugate

Single use reagent, open vials must not be stored.

• Development Solution

Can be stored on-board for a total of 40h at room temperature. Can be used 5 times during shelf life and be stored at room temperature for 8 hours on each occasion. Re-cap bottles every night. During weekends or longer interval between instrument usage it is recommended to store bottles at 2-8°C.

• Stop Solution

Can be stored on-board for 7 days at room temperature. Re-cap bottles every night.

• Washing Solution

Prepared solution can be stored on-board for 7 days at room temperature. Discard every seventh day and perform weekly maintenance according to instrument user manual.

Volumes per determination

Reagent volumes per determination

Calibrator	90 µl
EliA IgG Conjugate	90 µl
Development Solution	90 µl
Stop Solution	200 µl

Sample volumes per determination

Manual dilution:	90 µl of diluted sample
Instrument dilution (1:10):	9 µl of non diluted sample

For tube-specific dead volumes see Phadia 250 User's Guide/Reference Manual.

Reagent volumes per 200 determinations

Washing Solution	5-7 l*
Rinse Solution	5-6 l*

* The residual volume depends on the number of samples and dilution method used.

Procedural comments

- When using software default, samples are run in single determination.
- Washing Solution must be at room temperature when used.
- The first result is available after approx. 2 hours and further results at one minute intervals afterwards. Up to 5 x 10 samples can be loaded continuously and are processed by random access.
- Incubations are automatically performed at 37 °C (98.6 °F).
- Software IDM ≥ 5.52/55210: If you want to perform more than one test per patient you can also use the following predefined test panels:

Panel	Description	EliA tests included
panas	Connective tissue disease	dsDNA, U1RNP, RNP70, SmD ^P , Ro, La, Scl-70 ^S , CENP, Jo-1
psle	Systemic lupus erythematosus	dsDNA, SmD ^P , Ro, La

CALIBRATION AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

The calibration curve is obtained with EliA IgG Calibrators which are run in duplicate. The curve is stored and subsequent tests are evaluated against the stored curve using only the EliA IgG Curve Control (run in duplicate).

The IgG Calibrators are traceable via an unbroken chain of calibrations to the International Reference Preparation (IRP) 67/86 of Human Serum Immunoglobulins A, G and M from World Health Organization (WHO).

A new calibration curve must be run when:

- the last calibration was made more than one month ago or
- a new lot of EliA IgG Conjugate is introduced or
- when the EliA IgG Curve Control is outside the specified limits (defined in Phadia 250 Instrument Software).

EliA dsDNA is calibrated against the 1st International Standard for anti-double-stranded DNA coded Wo/80. Results are given in International Units (IU/ml).

QUALITY CONTROL

Control Specimens

Good laboratory practice requires that quality control specimens should be included in every run. Any material used should be assayed repeatedly to establish mean values and acceptance ranges. EliA Controls are available for the quality control of the measurements.

CALCULATION AND INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Presentation of Results

Phadia 250 measures specific IgG concentrations in µg/l. By using a conversion factor given by the lot-specific code of the EliA dsDNA Well, the results are automatically converted to IU/ml.

Interpretation of Test Results

The ranges (negative, equivocal, positive) recommended for the evaluation of the results are given in the table below.

Test	Unit	negative	equivocal	positive
EliA dsDNA	IU/ml	< 10	10 - 15	> 15

Good laboratory practice requires that each laboratory establishes its own range of expected values.

LIMITATIONS

A definitive clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of a single diagnostic method, but should only be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

EXPECTED VALUES

Antibody prevalence in autoimmune patients varies widely depending on disease area. The proportion of sera from a normal population found positive for dsDNA antibodies

covered by the EliA dsDNA test is below 1 %. Expected values may vary depending on the population tested.^{1,2,3,4,5}

Results Obtained for Healthy Subjects

The frequency distribution for dsDNA antibodies was investigated on the instrument Phadia 100 in a group of apparently healthy subjects equally distributed by age and gender, using sera from a Caucasian population obtained from a blood bank. The results are given in the table below.⁽¹⁾

Test	Unit	No. of Samples	Mean Value	95%-percentile	99%-percentile
EliA dsDNA	IU/ml	400	2.4	6.3	17.3

A comparison study between Phadia 100 and Phadia 250 was performed at Phadia AB, Uppsala, Sweden, with 36 patient samples to assess the analytical performance of both systems. Results show good agreement.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Measuring Range

The measuring range (detection limit, upper limit) for EliA dsDNA is from 0.5 to ≥ 379 IU/ml. No hook effects could be observed for concentrations up to 10 fold above the measuring ranges.⁽¹⁾

Only values above the Detection Limit can be regarded as valid results. The upper limit of the reported results can vary due to a lot-specific conversion from $\mu\text{g/l}$ to IU/ml. Results above the upper limit are reported as "above".

Please note that due to differing binding characteristics of the antibodies in patient samples, not all sera can be diluted linearly within the measuring range.

Specificity

The EliA dsDNA Test permits the determination of IgG antibodies directed against the dsDNA antigen as described in section "Reagents".

Precision

To determine the precision of the assay, the variability was assessed in studies with 21 runs by examining 3 samples on 3 instruments. The statistical evaluation was performed by Analysis of Variance. The results are given in the table below.⁽²⁾

Test	Sample	Unit	Mean Value	Coefficients of variation (%)	
				Intra-Run	Inter-Run
EliA dsDNA	1	IU/ml	9.8	5.3	4.6
	2	IU/ml	15.1	5.0	3.2
	3	IU/ml	81.5	2.8	4.6

⁽¹⁾ Studies performed at Phadia GmbH, Freiburg, Germany

⁽²⁾ Studies performed at Phadia AB, Uppsala, Sweden

WARRANTY

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Store at 2-8°C/35-46°F



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