**K-ASSAY® Apo B**

For the Quantitative Determination of Human Apolipoprotein B in Serum

Cat. No. KAI-004

**INTENDED USE**

For the quantitative determination of human Apolipoprotein B (Apo B) in serum by immunoturbidimetric assay. FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE.

**INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Lipids are present in the plasma in a complex form, low density lipoproteins (LDL), very low density lipoproteins (VLDL), high density lipoproteins (HDL), and intermediate lipoproteins. These complexes are composed of lipid and carrier proteins, the apolipoproteins. There are several apolipoproteins: Apo AI, All B, C1, CII, CIII, and E. Apolipoprotein B is the major low density lipoprotein (LDL). Apo B is an integral component of the four major atherogenic lipoproteins: very low density lipoprotein (VLDL), intermediate density lipoprotein (IDL), low density lipoprotein (LDL), and lipoprotein(a).1 Apo B plays a major role in the recognition of cellular receptors for the catabolism of LDL.2 Apo B measurements are useful in the diagnosis of atherosclerosis. Numerous studies have indicated that apo B may be useful in assessing coronary heart disease risk. Patients with coronary disease consistently have higher levels of Apo B than control values.2,3,4

Apo B has been measured using a variety of methods, including radioimmunoassay (RIA), radial diffusion, nephelometry, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.5 The K-ASSAY® Apo B assay uses an immunoturbidimetric format and measures B100 and B48.

**PRINCIPLE OF TEST**

The K-ASSAY® Apo B assay quantifies apolipoprotein B based on immunoturbidimetric assay. The antisera in the kit is a goat polyclonal antibody specific for human apolipoprotein B. The Apo B antibody interacts with the Apo B in the serum forming immune complexes. The immune complexes cause an increase in light scattering, which can be measured at 600 nm. Since the increase in turbidity is proportional to the amount of Apo B in the sample, the apolipoprotein B concentration can be determined by measuring this increase in turbidity. Apolipoprotein B in the sample is quantitatively determined.

The K-ASSAY® Apo B assay can be run using a two-reagent clinical chemistry autoanalyzer. Six calibrators are prepared using the K-ASSAY® Apo AI/B Calibrator. The calibrators are used for determining the level of Apo B present in the patient’s serum sample.

**KIT COMPOSITION**

**Reagents (Liquid Stable)**

| R1: Buffer Reagent | 3 x 20 mL Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane Sodium azide (0.1%) |
| R2: Antiserum Reagent | 1 x 20 mL Anti-human Apolipoprotein B goat antiserum (50%) Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane Sodium azide (0.1%) |

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE.

Do not mix or use reagents from one test kit with those from a different lot number. Do not use reagents past their expiration date stated on each reagent container label. Do not pipette by mouth. Avoid ingestion and contact with skin.

Reagents in this kit contain sodium azide as a preservative. Sodium azide may form explosive compounds in metal drain lines. When disposing of reagents through plumbing fixtures, flush with copious amounts of water. For further information, refer to “Decontamination of Laboratory Sink Drains to Remove Azide Salts,” in the Manual Guide-Safety Management No. CDC-22 issued by the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.

**REAGENT PREPARATION**

Reagents are ready to use and do not require reconstitution.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING**

All reagents should be stored refrigerated (2-8°C). Return all reagents to 2-8°C promptly after use. Unopened reagents can be used for one year from date of manufacture, as indicated by the expiration date on package and bottle labels. Opened reagents can be used for one month if stored at 2-8°C.

**REAGENT STABILITY**

Discard reagents if they become contaminated. Evidence of cloudiness or particulate material in solution is cause to discard. If the absorbance of the isotonic saline is greater than 0.05 or if the absorbance of the calibrator with 95 mg/dL of Apo B after allowing for the reagent blank is not between 0.02 to 0.10 on the Hitachi 717, the reagents should not be used.

**INSTRUMENT**

Measurement of absorbance is to be made with an instrument able to accurately read absorbance at 600 nm. Refer to the instrument manual from the manufacturer regarding the following:

- a) Use or function
- b) Installation procedures and requirements
- c) Principles of operation
- d) Performance characteristics, operating instructions
- e) Calibration procedures including materials and/or equipment to be used
- f) Operational precautions, limitations, and hazards
- g) Service and maintenance information

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION**

It is recommended that specimen collection be carried out in accordance with NCCLS document M29-T2. No method can offer complete assurance that human blood samples will not transmit infection. Therefore, all blood samples should be considered potentially infectious.

Serum is required for this assay. Blood should be collected from a fasting patient and the serum collected as soon as possible. Soon after the blood is drawn, it should be allowed to clot, centrifuged, and the serum separated from the clot to a plastic tube (not glass). Samples not tested within 72 hours should be frozen at -20°C. Avoid multiple freeze-thaws.

Use plastic tubes for storing the sample, do not use glass.

**AUTOMATED ANALYZER APPLICATION**

Suitable for two-reagent automated analyzers that use a multi-point calibration method.

**PROCEDURE**

Materials Supplied

- Reagent 1 (R-1) Buffer Reagent 3 x 20 mL
- Reagent 2 (R-2) Antiserum Reagent 1 x 20 mL

**Materials Required But Not Supplied**

- Calibrators: K-ASSAY® Apo AI/B Calibrator, Cat. No. KAI-008C (Containing human serum with known levels of Apo B). Two-Reagent Clinical Chemistry Analyzer: Capable of accurate absorbance readings at 600 nm. Capable of accurately dispensing the required volumes. Capable of maintaining 37°C. Normal and Abnormal Controls of known concentration

**ASSAY PROCEDURE**

Note: Allow all reagents and specimens to warm to room temperature. Mix all reagents gently before using.

An example of automated application (Hitachi 717):

- Sample 3 µL
  - R1 (Buffer Reagent) 300 µL
  - R2 (Antiserum Reagent) 100 µL
  - 27°C, 5 min.
- 2-point endpoint, 600 nm

**Automated Method (Example)**

Chemistry Parameters for Automatic Analyzer

**INSTRUMENT**

Hitachi 717

**TEST**

(Apo B)

**ASSAY CODE**

(2 POINT) : (24) - (50)

**SAMPLE VOLUME**

(3) ( )

**R1 VOLUME**

(300) ( ) (NO)

**R2 VOLUME**

(100) ( ) (NO)

**WAVELENGTH**

( ) (600)

**CALIB. METHOD**

(NONLINEAR) (4) (6)

**STD.1**

Conc.-POS. (" (1) (1)

**STD.2**

Conc.-POS. (" (2) (2)

**STD.3**

Conc.-POS. (" (3) (3)

**STD.4**

Conc.-POS. (" (4) (4)

**STD.5**

Conc.-POS. (" (5) (5)

**STD.6**

Conc.-POS. (" (6) (6)

**SD LIMIT**

(999)

**DUPLICATE LIMIT**

(1000)

**SENSITIVITY LIMIT**

(0)

**ABS. LIMIT (SLOPE)**

(32000) (INCREASE)

**PROZONE LIMIT**

(50000) (LOWER)

**EXPECTED VALUE**

(99999) (99999)

**PANIC VALUE**

(99999) (99999)

**INSTRUMENT FACTOR**

(1.0)

* 1-6 Input concentration of calibration

**PARAMETERS FOR OTHER AUTOMATED ANALYZERS ARE AVAILABLE.**

**CALIBRATION**

It is recommended that Apo B levels be determined using a multi-point calibration curve prepared using the K-ASSAY® Apo AI/B Calibrator. It is recommended that the user determine calibration curve frequency as this depends on the instrument and type/number of other assays being performed. Initially, calibration should be performed each day.

**QUALITY CONTROL**

Normal and abnormal controls of known concentration should be included in each assay performed. These controls should fall within the stated values assigned to the controls. The validity of the assay is in question if the value for the controls generated by the assay’s calibration curve does not fall within the stated range. Recalibrate if the value determined for the controls falls outside the stated recovery range.
EXPECTED VALUES
The expected value as reported is between 60 to 130 mg/dL. Each laboratory should establish its own expected values using this kit.

This test system has been evaluated through a WHO/IFCC/CDC collaborative effort and assay values are traceable to the WHO International Reference Material for Apo B, SP3-07. This evaluation was performed on a Hitachi 717 analyzer using the K-ASSAY® Apo A/B Calibrator, Cat. No. KAI-008C.

REFERENCES

LABELING SYMBOLS

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