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INTENDED USE
The Thyroglobulin (TG) Ab ELISA test system is an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for the detection of IgG class antibodies to Thyroglobulin (TG) in human serum or plasma. For research use only.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION
Thyroglobulin is a water soluble glycoprotein that is involved in the storage and synthesis of thyroid hormones. The thyroid microsomal antigen has been shown to be the enzyme thyroid peroxidase (TPO). Antibodies to thyroglobulin and or microsomal antigen are present in most patients with goitrous thyroiditis (Hashimoto disease), atrophoid thyroiditis and about 70-90% of Graves disease. Antibodies are also found in about half of the patients with primary hypothyroidism and thyrotoxicosis, and 10-20% of patients with simple goiters and thyroid tumors. There is also a relationship between thyroid antibodies and diabetes mellitus. Thyroid autoantibodies are present in about 6-7% of normals and their incidence increases with age. Classically, autoantibodies to thyroid antigens are detected by precipitation reactions, hemagglutination and by immunofluorescence. However the tests are subjective and lack high sensitivity. Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISAs) combine greater sensitivity, objective reading and ease of use. ELISAs have been developed and validated for detecting autoantibodies to thyroid antigens.

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST
Diluted patient serum is added to wells coated with purified TG recombinant antigen. TG specific antibody, if present, binds to the antigen. All unbound materials are washed away and the enzyme conjugate is added to bind to the antibody-antigen complex, if present. Excess enzyme conjugate is washed off and substrate is added. The plate is incubated to allow the hydrolysis of the substrate by the enzyme. The intensity of the color generated is proportional to the amount of TG specific antibody in the sample.

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MATERIALS NOT PROVIDED

1. Distilled or deionized water
2. Precision pipettes
3. Disposable pipette tips
4. ELISA reader capable of reading absorbance at 450nm
5. Absorbance paper or paper towel
6. Graph paper

Storage and Stability

Graph paper

Absorbance paper or paper towel

ELISA reader capable of reading absorbance at 450nm

Distilled or deionized water

Precision pipettes

Disposable pipette tips

2.5 ml Microwells

20X Wash Concentrate

Sample Diluent

Calibrator

Stop Solution

TMB Substrate

Thyroglobulin (TG) Ab ELISA

Catalog No. GWB-BQK16E (96 tests)
1. Store the kit at 2-8°C.
2. Keep microwells sealed in a dry bag with desiccants.
3. The reagents are stable until expiration of the kit.
4. Do not expose test reagents to heat, sun or strong light.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

1. Potential biohazardous materials:
The calibrator and controls contain human source components which have been tested and found non-reactive for hepatitis B surface antigen as well as HIV antibody with FDA licensed reagents. However, 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. This kit is designed for research use only.
3. Optimal results will be obtained by strict adherence to the test protocol. Precise pipetting as well as following the exact time and temperature requirements is essential.
4. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat or drink in the areas in which specimens or kit reagents are handled.
5. The components in this kit are intended for use as an integral unit. The components of different lots should not be mixed.
6. 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.

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING**

1. Collect blood specimens and separate the serum.
2. Specimens may be refrigerated at 2-8°C for up to seven days or frozen for up to six months. Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing.

**REAGENT PREPARATION**

Prepare 1X Wash buffer by adding the contents of the bottle (25 ml, 20X) to 475 ml of distilled or deionized water. Store at room temperature (18-26°C).

**ASSAY PROCEDURE**

Bring all specimens and kit reagents to room temperature (18-26°C) and gently mix.
1. Place the desired number of coated strips into the holder.
2. Negative control, positive control, and calibrator are ready to use. Prepare 1:21 dilution of test samples, by adding 10 µl of the sample to 200 µl of sample diluent. Mix well.
3. Dispense 100 µl of diluted sera, calibrator and controls into the appropriate wells. For the reagent blank, dispense 100µl sample diluent in 1A well position. Tap the holder to remove air bubbles from the liquid and mix well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.
4. Remove liquid from all wells. Wash wells three times with 300 µl of 1X wash buffer. Blot on absorbance paper or paper towel.
5. Dispense 100 µl of enzyme conjugate to each well and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.
6. Remove enzyme conjugate from all wells. Wash wells three times with 300 µl of 1X wash buffer. Blot on absorbance paper or paper towel.
7. Dispense 100 µl of TMB substrate and incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature.
8. Add 100 µl of stop solution.
9. Read O.D. at 450 nm using ELISA reader within 15 min. A dual wavelength is recommended with reference filter of 600-650 nm.

**CALCULATION OF RESULTS**

1. Check Calibrator Factor (CF) value on the calibrator bottle. This value might vary from lot to lot. Make sure you check the value on every kit.
2. Calculate cut-off value: Calibrator OD x Calibrator Factor (CF).
3. Calculate the Ab (Antibody) Index of each determination by dividing the mean values of each sample by cut-off value.

**Example of typical results:**

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**QUALITY CONTROL**

The test run may be considered valid provided the following criteria are met:
1. The O.D. of the Calibrator should be greater than 0.250.
2. The Ab index for Negative control should be less than 0.9.
3. The Ab Index for Positive control should be greater than 1.2.

**INTERPRETATION**

The following is intended as a guide to interpretation of TG Ab test results; each laboratory is encouraged to establish its own criteria for test interpretation based on sample populations encountered.

**Antibody Index Interpretation**

- <0.9 No detectable antibody to TG antigen
- 0.9-1.1 Borderline positive. Follow-up testing is recommended if clinically indicated.
- >1.1 Detectable antibody to TG antigen.

**LIMITATIONS OF THE TEST**

1. The test results obtained using this kit are for research use only and are not intended to be used as a part of any official diagnosis.
2. Lipemic or hemolyzed samples may cause erroneous results.

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

1. **Sensitivity and Specificity**

   121 patient sera were tested by this ELISA and a reference ELISA method. 28 were positive and 88 were negative by both methods (96% agreement). The results are summarized below.

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