

**Intended use of the kit**

For the photometric determination of heparin in plasma.

**Measurement principle**

1. Heparin + AT (excess)  $\longrightarrow$  [Heparin · AT]
2. [Heparin · AT] + FXa (excess)  $\longrightarrow$  [Heparin · AT · FXa] + FXa (remaining)
3. S-2222  $\xrightarrow{FXa}$  Peptide + pNA

Heparin is analysed as a complex with Antithrombin (AT) present in the sample. The concentration of this complex is dependent on the availability of AT. In order to obtain a more constant concentration of AT, purified AT is added to the test plasma. FXa (in excess) is neutralized in proportion to the amount of heparin, which determines the amount of [Heparin · AT] complex. The remaining amount of FXa hydrolyses the chromogenic substrate S-2222 thus liberating the chromophoric group, pNA. The colour is then read photometrically at 405 nm.

**Reagents**

When kept at 2-8°C the sealed reagents are stable until expiry date printed on the label. Avoid contamination by microorganisms in opened vials.

1. **S-2222** 1 vial  
Chromogenic substrate (Bz-Ile-Glu-(g-OR)-Gly-Arg-pNA-HCl) 15 mg with mannitol added as a bulking agent. Reconstitute with 20 mL sterile water to obtain a concentration of 1 mmol/L. The solution is stable for 6 months at 2-8°C.
2. **Factor Xa** 1 vial  
Bovine Factor Xa 71 nkat. Reconstitute with 10 mL sterile water. The reconstituted Factor Xa is stable for 1 month at 2-8°C or 6 months at -20°C or below.
3. **Buffer, stock solution** 1 vial  
Tris 0.5 mol/L, pH 8.4, 10 mL. An opened vial of stock solution is stable for 2 months at 2-8°C. Before use dilute accordingly: 1 volume of stock solution with 9 volumes of sterile water.
4. **Antithrombin** 1 vial  
Lyophilized human Antithrombin, 10 IU. Reconstitute with 10 mL sterile water to obtain a concentration of 1 IU/mL. The reconstituted Antithrombin is stable for 1 month at 2-8°C or 6 months at -20°C or below.
5. **Normal Plasma (human)** 4 vials  
Lyophilized plasma. Reconstitute with 1.00 mL sterile water. The reconstituted plasma is stable for two weeks at 2-8°C or 1 month at -20°C or below.

**PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS**

Each donor unit used in the preparation of human source reagent has been tested by FDA approved methods for the presence of Hepatitis B surface antigen and anti-bodies to HIV 1 and 2 and Hepatitis C and found to be negative. However, since no test can completely rule out the presence of these blood borne diseases, the handling and disposal of human source reagents from this product should be made with care.<sup>8</sup>

Avoid contact with skin and eyes (S24/25).  
Do not empty into drains (S29).  
Wear suitable protective clothing (S36).  
This product is for *in vitro* diagnostic use.

**Reagents not provided**

- Sterile water
- Acetic acid 20% or citric acid 2%
- NaCl 0.9% (saline)
- Heparin

**Material required but not provided**

- Photometer, 405 nm
- Heating device, 37°C ± 0.2°C
- Calibrated pipettes
- Plastic test tubes
- Semi-micro cuvettes
- Mixer
- Stopwatch
- Centrifuge, 2000 x g

**Specimen collection**

Blood (9 volumes) is mixed with 0.1 mol/L sodium citrate (1 volume) and preferably cooled immediately on ice to minimize release of heparin antagonists from blood cells. Centrifuge at 2000 x g for 20 minutes at low temperature and as soon as possible after blood collection. The plasma is stable for 24 hours at 2-8°C or 6 months at -20°C or below.

**Quality control**

Two levels of heparin controls, calibrated against International Standards, are recommended for a complete quality control program.<sup>9</sup> Each laboratory should establish its own mean and standard deviation and should establish a quality program to monitor laboratory testing. Controls should be analyzed at least once every 8 hour shift in accordance with good laboratory practice. Refer in Westgard et al for identification and resolution for out-of-control situations.<sup>10</sup>

**Procedure**

All conditions included in this package insert are referred to Microplate method and ACL 3000. Detailed instrument settings including instructions for preparation of the reagents for a variety of automated instruments are available on request from Chromogenix.

**Calibration**

A standard curve is required for each new lot of Coatest Heparin. For preparation of the standards, a heparin standard of known concentration must be used (not provided). Two standards (e.g. 0.1 and 0.7 IU/mL) must be included in each test run.

- a) Preparation of standards  
Use a two-step procedure for dilution of heparin:  
1: Dilute with saline to obtain 10 IU/mL  
2: Make a 100-fold dilution with buffer to obtain 0.1 IU/mL  
The 0.1 IU/mL heparin solution is further diluted according to the table below to obtain different standard concentrations.

Heparin IU/ml plasma	Heparin dilution 0.1 IU/mL $\mu$ L	Buffer working solution $\mu$ L	Human Normal Plasma $\mu$ L	AT $\mu$ L
0.1	100	700	100	100
0.3	300	500	100	100
0.5	500	300	100	100
0.7	700	100	100	100

b)

**Dilution of samples**

Test plasma (kept on ice)	100 $\mu$ L
Antithrombin	100 $\mu$ L
Buffer, working solution	800 $\mu$ L
Mix well	

c) Assay

Add in a plastic tube	Sample	Sample blank
Diluted test plasma or standard	200 $\mu$ L	200 $\mu$ L
<i>Incubate at 37°C (3-4 minutes)</i> FXa (20-25°C)	100 $\mu$ L	
<i>Mix and incubate at 37°C for 30 sec</i> S-2222 (37°C)	200 $\mu$ L	
<i>Mix and incubate at 37°C for exactly 3 min</i> Acetic acid 20% or citric acid 2%	300 $\mu$ L	300 $\mu$ L
Water		300 $\mu$ L
Mix		

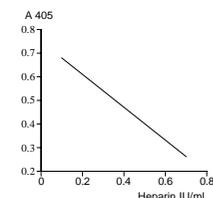
Transfer the content to a semi-micro cuvette and read the absorbance of the sample and the sample blank at 405 nm. The colour is stable for at least 4 hours.

**NOTE:** The assay can also be performed in the initial rate mode. Dilute S-2222 with 10 mL sterile water to obtain a concentration of 2 mmol/L. Care should be taken to keep the reaction conditions described above, implicating e.g. proportional volume changes when called for.

**Results**

Subtract the respective blank activities for the standards from their absorbances (A) at 405 nm. Plot the corrected A for the standards against their concentrations of heparin on a linear graph paper. Read the heparin value for the corresponding A for the unknown sample from the standard curve after due correction for the sample blank activities.

**Standard curve**



**Limitations of the procedure**

In some pathological states, plasma alone may hydrolyze the chromogenic substrate S-2222. This interference can be determined by substituting FXa with an equal volume of buffer.

**Expected results**

To obtain an optimal effect with minimum risk of bleeding or thromboembolic complications the heparin activity should be in the range recommended by the manufacturer.

**Performance Characteristics**

**Precision**

Coefficient of variation (CV) between series is 2.6% and within series 2.3% at the 0.7 IU/mL level.

**Detection Limit**

The assay allows detection of 0.05 IU/mL of heparin.

**Measuring Range**

At heparin concentrations above 0.7 IU/mL, dilute the sample 1:5 with Human Normal Plasma. Multiply the obtained result by 5. Accurate blood sampling and plasma treatment is a prerequisite for valid determination of heparin levels below 0.2 IU/mL.

**Sensitivity: System**

ACL 3000  $\Delta$ Abs per 1IU/mL of Heparin activity 6.2 Abs

**Accuracy**

When comparing the Coatest Heparin assay with Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) Assay, in patients undergoing heparin therapy (N=25) and heparin administration in healthy volunteers (N=40), the correlation coefficient obtained were 0.90 and 0.91 respectively.

**Specificity**

No drug interference has been reported. The present method is less sensitive to heparin antagonists (platelet factor 4) than APTT and thrombin time methods. Teien et al. (2) found the present method insensitive to FDP levels in pathological plasmas.

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<i>In vitro</i> diagnostic medical device <i>In-vitro</i> Diagnostikum De uso diagnóstico <i>in vitro</i> Dispositif médical de diagnostic <i>in vitro</i> Per uso diagnostico <i>in vitro</i> Dispositivo médico para utilização em diagnóstico <i>in vitro</i> "in vitro" diagnostisk udstyr <i>In vitro</i> diagnostisk medicinsk produkt Προϊόν για διαγνωστική χρήση <i>In vitro</i>	Batch code Chargen-Bezeichnung Identificación número de lote Désignation du lot Numero del lotto Número de lote Batch nr. Tillverkningskod Αρ. Παρτίδας	Use by Verwendbar bis Caducidad Utilisable jusqu'à Da utilizzare prima del Data limite de utilização Anvendelse Användning Χρήση έως	Temperature limitation Festgelegte Temperatur Temperatura de Almacenamiento Températures limites de conservation Limiti di temperatura Limite de temperatura Temperatur begrænsninger Temperatur gräns Περιορισμοί θερμοκρασίας	Consult instructions for use Beilage beachten Consultar la metódica Lire le mode d'emploi Vedere istruzioni per l'uso Consultar as instruções de utilização Se vejledning for anvendelse Ta del av instruktionerna före användning Συμβουλευτείτε τις οδηγίες χρήσης	Control Kontrollen Control Contrôle Controllo Controlo Kontrol Kontroll Υλικό ποιοτικού ελέγχου	Biological risks Biologisches Risiko Riesgo biológico Risque biologique Rischio biologico Risco biológico Miljø oplysninger Biologiska risker Βιολογικοί κίνδυνοι	Manufacturer Hergestellt von Fabricado por Fabricant Prodotto da Fabricado por Producent Tillverkare Κατασκευαστής	Authorised representative Bevollmächtigter Representante autorizado Mandataire Rappresentanza autorizzata Representante autorizado Leverandør Auktoriserad representant Εξουσιοδοτημένος αντιπρόσωπος