

Quantitative determination of C-Reactive Protein (CRP) IVD

DIAGNOSTICS SIGNIFICANCE:

CRP is an acute-phase protein present in normal serum, which increases significantly after most forms of tissue injuries, bacterial and viral infections, inflammation and malignant neoplasia. During tissue necrosis and inflammation resulting from microbial infections, the CRP concentration can rise up to 300 mg/L in 12-24 hours.

PRINCIPLE:

The CRP-Turbilatex is a quantitative turbidimetric test for the measurement of C-reactive protein (CRP) in human serum or plasma. Latex particles coated with specific anti-human CRP are agglutinated when mixed with samples containing CRP. The agglutination causes an absorbance change, dependent upon the CRP contents of the patient sample that can be quantified by comparison from a calibrator of known CRP concentration.

PRESENTATION:

	No. of Bottles/ Vials 1x50 ml
• R1 Diluent	1
• R2 Latex	1
• CRP Calibrator (54 mg/L)	1

PREPARATION OF WORKING REAGENT:

Mix 0.9 ml of Diluent (R1) with 0.1 ml of latex (R2).

PREPARATION OF WORKING CALIBRATOR:

Reconstitute with 1.0 ml of distilled water. Mix gently and incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes before use.

STORAGE AND STABILITY:

All reagents are stable at 2-8° C till the expiry date mentioned on the label.

WORKING REAGENT: Stable for 30 days at 2-8°C.

CRP CALIBRATOR: Stable for 1 month at 2-8°C or 3 months at -20°C. Do not freeze; frozen Latex or Diluent could change the functionality of the test.

Reagent deterioration: Presence of particles and turbidity.

SAMPLES:

Fresh serum: Stable 7 days at 2-8°C or 3 months at -20°C.

The samples with presence of fibrin should be centrifuged before testing. Do not use highly hemolyzed or Lipemic samples.

PRECAUTIONS:

Components from human origin have been tested and found to be negative for the presence of HBsAg, HCV, and antibody to HIV (1/2). However handle cautiously as potentially infectious.

REACTION PARAMETERS:

• Type of Reaction	:	Two Point Fix Time
• Wavelength	:	540 nm (530-550)
• Flow cell temperature	:	37°C
• Delay Time	:	5 Sec.
• Read Time	:	120 Sec.
• Sample / Calibrator Volume	:	5 µl
• Reagent Volume	:	1 ml
• Zero setting with	:	Distilled water
• Light Path	:	1 cm

PROCEDURE:

PIPETTE IN TEST TUBE	Calibrator	Sample
• Working Reagent (ml)	1.0	1
• Calibrator or sample (µl)	5	-
• Sample (µl)	-	5

Mix and read the absorbance immediately (A_1) and after 2 minutes (A_2) of the sample addition.

CALCULATIONS:

$$\frac{(A_2-A_1) \text{ Sample}}{(A_2-A_1) \text{ Calibrator}} \times \text{Calibrator concentration} = \text{mg/L CRP}$$

QUALITY CONTROL:

Each laboratory should establish its own Quality Control scheme and corrective actions if controls do not meet the acceptable tolerances.

NORMAL VALUES:

Normal values upto 6 mg/L.

Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- Linearity:** Up to 150 mg/L, under the described assay conditions. Samples with higher concentrations, should be diluted 1/5 in NaCl 9 g/L and retested again. The linearity limit depends on the sample / reagent ratio, as well as the analyzer used. It will be higher by decreasing the sample volume, although the sensitivity of the test will be proportionally decreased.
- Detection limit:** Values less than 2 mg/L give non-reproducible results.
- Sensitivity:** Δ 4.2 mA.mg/L.

INTERFERENCES:

Bilirubin (<20 mg/dL), lipemia (<10 g/L) and rheumatoid factors (<300 IU/ mL) do not interfere. Hemoglobin (> 5 g/L), interferes. Other substances may interfere.

NOTES:

Clinical diagnosis should not be made on findings of a single test result, but should be integrated by both clinical and laboratory data.

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