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System Information

Short name	ACN (application code number)
SRL	10129

Intended use

Immunoassay for the in vitro quantitative determination of sirolimus in human whole blood. The assay is used as an aid in the management of kidney transplant patients receiving sirolimus therapy.

The electrochemiluminescence immunoassay "ECLIA" is intended for use on the **cobas e 801** immunoassay analyzer.

Summary

Sirolimus (also called Rapamycin) is a macrocyclic antibiotic produced by the bacterium *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*. It was first discovered in soil samples taken from Easter Island (Rapa Nui). Sirolimus was initially developed as an antifungal agent. In 1988 its immunosuppressive properties were identified. FDA approved Sirolimus for use in the prevention of kidney transplant rejection in 1999. mTOR inhibitors such as sirolimus and everolimus provide a means of reducing the exposure of transplant patients to calcineurin inhibitors thus potentially limiting renal toxicity in non-renal transplant patients and improving long-term allograft survival in kidney transplant patients.^{1,2}

Sirolimus is a proliferation signal inhibitor and blocks growth factor-induced transduction signals that mediate cellular division in response to alloantigens. Upon entry into the cell, sirolimus binds to the abundant immunophilin, FKBP-12, which also serves as a cytosolic receptor for tacrolimus. The sirolimus-FKBP-12 complex binds to mTOR which has the following two major functions: 1) activation of p70 S6 kinase, a key enzyme in signal transduction which leads to DNA synthesis, and 2) binding of the eukaryotic initiation factor 4E (eIF-4E) to phosphorylated heat- and acid-stable protein 1 (PHAS-1), a pathway that is more involved in protein synthesis. By binding to mTOR, sirolimus blocks its function and thus inhibits activation of p70 S6 kinase, resulting in the arrest of the cell cycle at the G1 to S phase. Interleukin (IL)-2 receptor-dependent as well as CD28-dependent signaling pathways are inhibited by these effects on mTOR.^{1,3}

The maximum concentration (C_{max}) is reached approximately 2 hours after administration of sirolimus. After absorption, sirolimus in circulation is extensively bound (approximately 92 %) to plasma proteins. Sirolimus is a substrate for both CYP3A4 and P-glycoprotein and is extensively metabolized in the liver and the intestinal wall, as well as being transported from enterocytes of the small intestine back into the gut lumen. Sirolimus is metabolized via O-demethylation and/or hydroxylation into 7 major metabolites that are identifiable within whole blood; the parent compound contributes > 90 % of the immunosuppressive activity. The elimination half-life of sirolimus after multiple dosing in stable renal transplant patients was estimated to be approximately 60 hours.⁴

Common side effects include hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, electrolyte disturbances (hypokalemia and hypophosphatemia), peripheral edema, abdominal pain, arthralgia, skin disorders, pyrexia, headache, nausea, diarrhea or constipation, and a higher incidence of lymphocele.⁵

Therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) of sirolimus trough concentrations (C_0) is necessary, especially due to the wide inter- and intra-individual variability in the pharmacokinetic behavior of the drug.^{2,6} There has been general agreement that the predose (trough or C_0) sample is a good reflection of total exposure, as measured by area under the time-concentration curve (AUC). Good correlation has been shown between sirolimus C_0 concentrations and AUC. This is also the case when the drug is used in combination with cyclosporine or tacrolimus.^{7,8}

A key reason to monitor the drug concentration is that the dosage is a poor predictor of drug exposure. As the clearance of sirolimus approximates liver blood flow, dose reductions guided by measured concentrations of sirolimus should be made in patients with impaired liver function. Close drug monitoring is also necessary as sirolimus is metabolized by the cytochrome P450-3A4 isoenzyme that metabolizes many other drugs and is thus responsive to drug-drug interactions. There are numerous data on drug

interactions that might cause an increase or decrease in sirolimus blood concentrations, such as those reported for cyclosporine and tacrolimus.⁷

Test principle

Manual precipitation:

Before testing with the Elecsys Sirolimus assay, samples, calibrators and controls must be **pretreated** with Elecsys ISD Sample Pretreatment.

The reagent lyses the cells, extracts sirolimus, and precipitates most of the blood proteins. The **pretreated** samples are centrifuged, and the resulting supernatant containing sirolimus is then assayed using the Elecsys Sirolimus assay.

Competition principle. Total duration of assay: 18 minutes.

- 1st incubation: By incubating 21 μ L of the pretreated sample with a sirolimus-specific biotinylated antibody, an immunocomplex is formed, the amount of which is dependent upon the analyte concentration in the sample.
- 2nd incubation: After addition of streptavidin-coated microparticles and an sirolimus derivative labeled with a ruthenium complex^a, the still-vacant sites of the biotinylated antibodies become occupied, with formation of an antibody-hapten complex. The entire complex becomes bound to the solid phase via interaction of biotin and streptavidin.
- The reaction mixture is aspirated into the measuring cell where the microparticles are magnetically captured onto the surface of the electrode. Unbound substances are then removed with ProCell II M. Application of a voltage to the electrode then induces chemiluminescent emission which is measured by a photomultiplier.
- Results are determined via a calibration curve which is instrument-specifically generated by 2-point calibration and a master curve provided via the **cobas link**.

a) Tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)ruthenium(II)-complex ($Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$)

Reagents - working solutions

The **cobas e** pack is labeled as SRL.

- M Streptavidin-coated microparticles 1 bottle, 6.1 mL:
Streptavidin-coated microparticles 0.72 mg/mL; preservative.
- R1 Anti-sirolimus Ab-biotin, 1 bottle, 9.9 mL:
Biotinylated monoclonal anti-sirolimus antibody (rabbit) 35 μ g/L;
phosphate buffer 100 mmol/L, pH 7.8; preservative.
- R2 Sirolimus derivate-Ru(bpy)₃²⁺, 1 bottle, 6.8 mL:
Sirolimus derivate labeled with ruthenium complex 18 μ g/L; citrate
buffer 10 mmol/L, pH 6.0; preservative.

Precautions and warnings

For in vitro diagnostic use.

Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory reagents.

Disposal of all waste material should be in accordance with local guidelines. Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

Avoid foam formation in all reagents and sample types (specimens, calibrators and controls).

Reagent handling

The reagents in the kit have been assembled into a ready-for-use unit that cannot be separated.

All information required for correct operation is available via the **cobas link**.

Storage and stability

Store at 2-8 °C.

Do not freeze.

Store the **cobas e** pack **upright** in order to ensure complete availability of the microparticles during automatic mixing prior to use.

Stability:	
unopened at 2-8 °C	up to the stated expiration date

Stability:	
on the cobas e 801 analyzer	16 weeks

Specimen collection and preparation

Only the specimens listed below were tested and found acceptable.

K₂-EDTA and K₃-EDTA whole blood.

Specimens collected in EDTA tubes may be stored for up to 5 days at 15-25 °C or 7 days at 2-8 °C prior to being tested. If testing will be delayed by more than 7 days, store frozen at -20 °C (± 5 °C) or lower for up to 6 months.

Freeze only once. Specimens must be mixed thoroughly after thawing to ensure consistency of the results.

Mix thawed specimens thoroughly by hand or on a roller mixer or rocker. Visually inspect the specimens. If layering or stratification is observed, continue mixing until specimens are visibly homogeneous.

The sample types listed were tested with a selection of sample collection tubes that were commercially available at the time of testing, i.e. not all available tubes of all manufacturers were tested. Sample collection systems from various manufacturers may contain differing materials which could affect the test results in some cases. When processing samples in primary tubes (sample collection systems), follow the instructions of the tube manufacturer.

Do not use heat-inactivated samples.

Do not use samples and controls stabilized with azide.

Ensure the samples and calibrators are at 20-25 °C prior to measurement.

Use caution when handling patient specimens to prevent cross contamination. Use of disposable pipettes or pipette tips is recommended.

Pretreated samples can be stored in closed tubes for up to 4 hours at 20-25 °C.

Due to evaporation effects, pretreated samples should be analyzed/measured within 30 minutes after opening the vials and loading the samples on the analyzer. Avoid delays between loading and measurement to ensure the 30 minute stability of pretreated samples.

A re-run requires repeating of the manual pretreatment procedure.

Materials provided

See "Reagents – working solutions" section for reagents.

Materials required (but not provided)

- [REF] 05889073190, ISD Sample Pretreatment, 1 x 30 mL
- [REF] 06327982190, Sirolimus CalSet, for 6 x 1.0 mL
- [REF] 05889081190, PreciControl ISD, 3 x 3.0 mL
- [REF] 11776576322, CalSet Vials, 2 x 56 empty snap-cap bottles
- [REF] 07299001190, Diluent Universal, 45.2 mL sample diluent
- General laboratory equipment
- Precision pipettes (use only positive displacement pipettes for ISD Sample Pretreatment reagent handling)
- Microcentrifuge tubes (2.0 mL capacity)
- Microcentrifuge (at least 10000 g)
- Vortex mixer
- Roller mixer or rocker
- **cobas e 801** analyzer

Accessories for the **cobas e 801** analyzer:

- [REF] 06908799190, ProCell II M, 2 x 2 L system solution
- [REF] 04880293190, CleanCell M, 2 x 2 L measuring cell cleaning solution
- [REF] 07485409001, Reservoir Cups, 8 cups to supply ProCell II M and CleanCell M
- [REF] 06908853190, PreClean II M, 2 x 2 L wash solution
- [REF] 05694302001, Assay Tip/Assay Cup tray, 6 magazines x 6 magazine stacks x 105 assay tips and 105 assay cups, 3 wasteliners
- [REF] 07485425001, Liquid Flow Cleaning Cup, 2 adaptor cups to supply ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean for Liquid Flow Cleaning Detection Unit

- [REF] 07485433001, PreWash Liquid Flow Cleaning Cup, 1 adaptor cup to supply ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean for Liquid Flow Cleaning PreWash Unit
- [REF] 11298500316, ISE Cleaning Solution/Elecsys SysClean, 5 x 100 mL system cleaning solution

Manual specimen pretreatment

Follow the steps listed below to pretreat calibrators, controls and/or specimens. **The technical notes hereafter are an essential part of the instructions and must be read thoroughly before completing each step.** Follow steps 1 through 7 to pretreat calibrators, controls and/or specimens.

Steps	Technical notes
1. Equilibrate all reagents, calibrators, controls and specimens to 20-25 °C. Mix all calibrators, controls and specimens gently but thoroughly just before use.	Do not vortex. The liquids may be mixed by hand or on a roller mixer or rocker. The calibrators and controls are a whole-blood hemolysate and may be slightly different in appearance from whole-blood samples.
2. Label one microcentrifuge tube for each calibrator, control and/or specimen to be pretreated.	none
3. Using a precision pipette, transfer 300 µL of each calibrator, control and/or specimen to the appropriately labeled microcentrifuge tube.	Use a fresh pipette tip for each calibrator, control and/or specimen.
4. Using a precision pipette, add 300 µL of ISD Sample Pretreatment reagent to each microcentrifuge tube. Immediately cap each tube and immediately proceed to step 5.	Note: ISD Sample Pretreatment is highly volatile. Keep tightly closed when not in use to prevent evaporation.
5. Vortex each microcentrifuge tube for at least 10 seconds. Failure to perform this step may result in a supernatant that appears red. See step 6, technical note.	Note: Failure to vortex each tube immediately after addition of the ISD Sample Pretreatment reagent will lead to erroneous assay results. Sample and reagent mixture should be completely homogeneous immediately after vortexing. Visual inspection is required.
6. Centrifuge the samples for at least 4 minutes in a microcentrifuge (≥ 10000 g).	The centrifuged samples should have well-defined pellets and clear supernatant. The supernatant should not appear cloudy or red. If the supernatant is red, discard and replace it with a newly extracted sample.

Elecsys Sirolimus



Metabolite	Maximum concentration added ng/mL	Maximum cross-reactivity ^{c)} %
16-O-Desmethyl sirolimus	25	1.8
27-O-Desmethyl sirolimus	25	65.0
39-O-Desmethyl sirolimus	25	108.6



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c) Representative data; results in individual laboratories may vary from these data

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For further information, please refer to the appropriate operator's manual for the analyzer concerned, the respective application sheets, the product information and the Method Sheets of all necessary components (if available in your country).

A point (period/stop) is always used in this Method Sheet as the decimal separator to mark the border between the integral and the fractional parts of a decimal numeral. Separators for thousands are not used.

Symbols

Roche Diagnostics uses the following symbols and signs in addition to those listed in the ISO 15223-1 standard (for USA: see <https://usdiagnostics.roche.com> for definition of symbols used):

	Contents of kit
	Analyzers/Instruments on which reagents can be used
	Reagent
	Calibrator
	Volume after reconstitution or mixing
	Global Trade Item Number

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