

**INTENDED USE**

Product for use in the quantitative determination in vitro of the GPT activity in human serum or plasma. The results of the test must always be interpreted in conjunction with the clinical picture.

**INTRODUCTION**

Alanine aminotransferase (ALT/GPT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST/GOT) are part of the group of aminotransferases or transaminases. These catalyze the reversible transformation of  $\alpha$ -cheto-acids into aminoacids through the transfer of amino groups. AST and ALT are present in human plasma, bile, cerebrospinal fluid and saliva. In viral hepatitis and other forms of hepatic disease, the serum ALT level increases even before the appearance of clinical signs and pathological symptoms. The ALT activity can reach values 100-times higher than the upper reference range limit, although in most cases the increase corresponds to 20-25 times the normal values.

**PRINCIPLE**

In the presence of 2-oxoglutarate, alanine is transformed into pyruvate and glutamate by the GPT present in the sample. In the presence of NADH and Lactate-D-hydrogenase (LDH), Pyruvate is transformed into lactate and NAD. The consumption of NADH over a given period of time, determined at  $\lambda$  340 nm, is proportional to the GPT concentration in the test sample.

**Abbreviations:**

ALT: Alanine aminotransferase  
LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase  
NADH: Reduced Nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide  
NAD+: Oxidated Nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide

**REAGENTS**

Kit 4 x 50 mL code A-R0200001001

**Reagent 1:** no. 4 vials x 45.5 mL enzymatic reagent code 184012

**Reagent 2:** no. 4 vials x 5.0 mL NADH solution code 184013

**Concentrations**

Reagent 1:		
	Conc.	U.M.
TRIS buffer pH 7.8 ± 0.2	110	mM
L-Alanine	550	mM
LDH	≥ 1320	U/L
2-Oxoglutarate	16.5	mM
Sodium azide	30.0	mM
Reagent 2:		
	Conc.	U.M.
TRIS buffer pH 10.2 ± 0.2	10.0	mM
NADH	2.60	mM
Sodium azide	30.0	mM

**Precautions**

In addition to risk indications related to the active components, reagents may contain inactive components such as preservatives and detergents. The total concentration of these components is lower than the limits reported in the EC directive 1272/2008 and subsequent amendments and additions. However, it is recommended to handle reagents according to the standards of good laboratory practice

**Storage and stability**

Store at 2 - 8°C and protect from direct light. When correctly stored, the reagent is stable up to the expiry date reported on the label.

A slight variation in the composition of the components may occur between batches, but this has no effect on the test results.

After opening, the vial R1 and R2 are stable 30 days if recapped immediately and protected from contamination, evaporation, direct light and stored at correct temperature.

**SAMPLE COLLECTION**

**Type of sample and storage**

Fresh non-haemolysed serum or heparinised plasma samples should be used. GPT is stable in serum or plasma for 7 days at 4 - 8°C and 12 months at - 20°C (3) .

**Precautions**

All human samples must be handled and disposed of as potentially infectious materials.

**Procedure**

**Quality control**

Human control serum with known levels of ALT is commercially available for quality control purposes. Data sheets are included, listing the values and the confidence limits. Normal and abnormal control sera are available from I.S.E. S.r.l. "Normal control serum" code R0400000006 and "Pathological control serum" code R0400000106. Obtained values must be within the range of acceptability. If erratic results occur, the following points should be checked:

- Cleanliness of glassware.
- Wavelength setting.
- Expiration date of reagents.

**Automation**

This kit, though developed and manufactured to be used as manual assay and with I.S.E. S.r.l. analyzer, can be used also with other analyzers able to meet the specifications indicated in section "Reaction conditions - Test procedure" Application sheets are available for automatic instruments.

All applications not explicitly approved by I.S.E. S.r.l. cannot be guaranteed in terms of performance, and must therefore be established by the operator.

**Calibration**

For calibration use the "Multicalibrator" I.S.E. S.r.l. code R0300000006.

**Traceability:**

The ALT value is reported in the package insert supplied with the "Multicalibrator".

**Calibration Stability**

For the instrumentation series Miura, the calibration is recommended to be done every 10 days.

**Method for automated instrumentation**

Analyzer:		I.S.E. Miura	
Analyte Name :	ALT GPT	Ref.:	A-R0200001001
Method Code:	GPT		
Type:	Kinetic		
Unit:	U/l		
Filter F1:	340 nm		
Blank in:	Not Used		
Step	Reaction volume	U.M.	
Volume reagent R1:	180	µL	
Volume reagent R2:	18	µL	
Sample volume:	20	µL	
Final Incubation:	120	Sec.	
Kinetic reading time	240	Sec.	

**Reagents included in the kit**

The reagents are described above.

**Materials required but not supplied in the kit**

Controls and calibrators.

**NORMAL VALUES**

Serum or Plasma:

- Male: < 40.0 U/L
- Female: < 35.0 U/L

Each laboratory must establish its own normal values on the basis of its local catchment area.

**ANALYTICAL CHARACTERISTICS/PERFORMANCE**

**Linearity**

The method is linear up to the following values of 400 U/L at 340 nm.

**Specificity**

The method is specific for the determination of ALT/GPT. Any eventual non specific reaction terminates within the delay period before taking the reading.



**Accuracy – Recovery**

The recovery of ALT/GPT added to a normal sample at known concentrations showed a result of 92.6%.

**Interferences**

Triglycerides below 2000 mg/dL does not interfere in the reaction. Ascorbic Acid influences the reaction at concentrations over 30 mg/dL.

**Precision of the method**

Within-run precision					
Range	U.M.	Mean	S.D.	C.V. (%)	No.
Low	U/L	24.8	2.284	9.21%	20
High	U/L	196	2.262	1.15%	20
Between-run precision					
Range	U.M.	Mean	S.D.	C.V. (%)	No.
Low	U/L	24.8	1.056	4.26%	20
High	U/L	196	7.886	4.02%	20

**Sensitivity**

At  $\lambda$  340 nm a concentration of about 5.41 U/L of ALT/GPT in the conditions established for this test.

**Comparative method**

The I.S.E. S.r.l. ALT/GPT method was compared with a similar method, as described in the IFCC optimization. Samples tested = no. 120; y intercept = 1.0877 + 2.49; Correlation Coefficient  $r = 0.9815$ .

**Disposal of reagents**


Disposal of reagents must be performed in accordance with the EC regulations regarding waste, or the local national or regional legislation.


The product is in conformity with D.L. 8 September 2000, no. 332 "Actuation of the directive 98/79/EC regarding in vitro medical diagnostic devices".

**Symbols used on labels and packaging**

 = In vitro diagnostic medical device

 = Catalogue Number

 = Lot Number

 = Manufacturer

 = Expiration date

 = Temperature limitation

 = Instruction for use

**Reference**

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