



**AESKU.DIAGNOSTICS**

THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS



**AESKUSLIDES®**

THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**AESKUSLIDES® ANCA**

*Ref 54.xxx*





Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

# AESKUSLIDES®

THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### ANCA

Standard Ref.	Description	Tests
54.100	ANCA Ethanol (12 wells)	120
54.101	ANCA Formalin (12 wells)	120
54.050	ANCA Ethanol (6 wells)	60
54.051	ANCA Formalin (6 wells)	60




Aesku.Diagnostics GmbH & Co. KG  
Mikroforum Ring 2  
55234 Wendelsheim  
Germany  
Phone: +49 6734 9622-0  
Fax: +49 6734 9622-2222  
Website: [www.aesku.com](http://www.aesku.com)  
Mail: [info@aesku.com](mailto:info@aesku.com)



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## Table of content

1. INTENDED USE	1
2. CLINICAL APPLICATION	1
3. KIT PROCEDURE	3
4. INTERPRETATION	3
5. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS	3
5.1. Sensitivity/Specificity	3
5.2. Reproducibility and Precision	4
6. DATA INTERPRETATION SHEET	5
7. STANDARD KIT CONTENTS	6
8. COMMON REAGENTS CONTENTS	7
a. Common Reagents	7
b. Materials required but not provided	7
9. STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE	7
10. PRECAUTIONS OF USE	8
c. Health hazard data	8
d. General directions for use	8
11. SAMPLE COLLECTION, HANDLING AND STORAGE	9
12. ASSAY PROCEDURE	9
e. Preparation prior to pipetting	9
f. Test Procedure	10
g. Workflow	11
13. TROUBLESHOOTING	12
14. REGULATORY SYMBOLS	13

 <b>AESKU DIAGNOSTICS</b> THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## ANCA

### 1. INTENDED USE

**AESKUSLIDES® ANCA** is an indirect immunofluorescence assay to detect anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies (ANCA) in human serum.

The assay is a tool for the differential diagnosis of ANCA-associated vasculitides (AAV) such as granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's)<sup>1</sup>, microscopic polyangiitis and Churg-Strauss syndrome.

### 2. CLINICAL APPLICATION

The acronym ANCA (Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies) describes a group of antibodies directed against different components of neutrophilic granulocytes and monocytes. For the detection of ANCAs, indirect immunofluorescence test on ethanol-fixed neutrophils has been the established method so far. It became apparent that some ANCAs create a cytoplasmic fluorescence pattern (thus called C-ANCAs) while others create a perinuclear pattern (the P-ANCAs) on ethanol fixed neutrophils. As both patterns may cover multiple antigens, immunofluorescence does not suffice for a satisfying differential diagnosis of vasculitis; thus each immunofluorescence test (IFT) should be verified with specific ELISA tests<sup>2,3</sup>.

Some ANCAs give rise to an atypical fluorescence pattern (the A-ANCA) which can be technically difficult to differentiate from a pattern generated by anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) on ethanol fixed neutrophils. In order to help differentiating these, neutrophils which were fixed with formalin are employed. ANCAs which give rise to a P-ANCA/A-ANCA staining in ethanol fixed neutrophils will show a cytoplasmic pattern when formalin fixed neutrophils are used as a substrate. In the case that the staining pattern becomes negative, a testing for ANAs with Hep2 cells should be carried out.<sup>4</sup>

Myeloperoxidase (MPO) has been identified as the major P-ANCA antigen (MPO-ANCA). However, other cellular components like Lactoferrin, Cathepsin G, Lysozyme and Elastase also cause a perinuclear staining and are therefore included into the group of P-ANCAs. However, they are not specifically associated with AAVs and may play a role in the differential diagnosis to other non-vasculitis diseases.<sup>5</sup>


<sup>1</sup> Falk RJ, Gross WL, Guillevin L, Hoffman GS, Jayne DR, Jennette JC et al. Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (Wegener's): An alternative name for Wegener's Granulomatosis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2011; 63: 863-864.

<sup>2</sup> Savige J, Gillis D, Benson E, Davies D, Esnault V, Falk RJ et al. International Consensus Statement on Testing and Reporting of Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies (ANCA). *Am J Clin Pathol* 1999; 111: 507-513.

<sup>3</sup> Savige J, Dimech W, Fritzier M, Goeken J, Hagen EC, Jennette JC et al. Addendum to the International Consensus Statement on testing and reporting of antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies. Quality control guidelines, comments, and recommendations for testing in other autoimmune diseases. *Am J Clin Pathol* 2003; 120: 312-318.

<sup>4</sup> Csernok E, Holle JU. Twenty-eight years with antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA): how to test for ANCA – evidence-based immunology? *Autoimmun Highlights* 2010; 1: 39-43.

<sup>5</sup> Wiik A, Stummann L, Kjeldsen L, Borregaard N, Ullman S, Jacobsen S et al. The diversity of perinuclear antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (pANCA) antigens. *Clin Exp Immunol* 1995; 101 Suppl 1: 15-17.

	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

In contrast, Proteinase 3 is the major target antigen of the C-ANCA (PR3-ANCA).<sup>6</sup> Another antigen that may produce a C-ANCA is the BPI (bactericidal/permeability-increasing protein).<sup>7</sup>

ANCA are found frequently in patients with microscopic polyangiitis (60 % MPO-ANCA, 30 % PR3-ANCA) and in patients with Churg-Strauss syndrome (30 % MPO-ANCA, 30 % PR3-ANCA).<sup>8</sup> Autoantibodies to PR3 are a specific serological marker for granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's). Here, 50 % (localized disease) to 95 % (generalized disease) show PR3-ANCA.<sup>9</sup>

Antibodies against the other antigens relevant in ANCA such as Lactoferrin, Cathepsin G, Elastase and BPI were associated with a wide variety of diseases. However, a clear clinical relevance is still being investigated.<sup>5</sup> In the case of anti-Elastase antibodies, a correlation with cocaine-induced midline destructive lesions (CIMDL) has been shown.<sup>10</sup>

**Antigen Characterization:** human neutrophils (granulocytes) fixed either with ethanol or formalin

**Cross – reactivity:** As described in the clinical application section, the presence of ANAs can give fluorescence patterns which can be confused for a P-ANCA/A-ANCA. Otherwise, no cross-reactivity is present.

The detection of antibodies is based on the principle of indirect immunofluorescence assay (IIFA). Glass microscope slides are coated with tissue sections or cells (HEp-2 cells (ANA), Granulocytes (ANCA) or *Crithidia luciliae* (nDNA)). If the patient's serum contains specific antibodies they will bind during the first incubation. After removing unbound material by washing steps, bound antibodies are detected by Fluorescein conjugated anti-human immunoglobulins during the second incubation. A specific green fluorescent staining of antigen-antibody-complex can be visualized with the aid of a fluorescent microscope.

<sup>6</sup> Gross WL, Csernok E, Helmchen U. Antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies, autoantigens, and systemic vasculitis. *APMIS* 1995; 103: 81-97.

<sup>7</sup> Zhao MH, Jones SJ, Lockwood CM. Bactericidal/permeability-increasing protein (BPI) is an important antigen for anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies (ANCA) in vasculitis. *Clin Exp Immunol* 1995; 99: 49-56.

<sup>8</sup> Bosch X, Guilabert A, Font J. Antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies. *Lancet* 2006; 368: 404-418.

<sup>9</sup> Holle JU, Csernok E, Gross WL. Wegener Granulomatosis. 2008; In: *Diagnostic Criteria in autoimmune Diseases*, Shoenfeld Y, Cervera R, and Gershwin ME, eds. Humana Press, pp. 99-102.

<sup>10</sup> Wiesner O, Russell KA, Lee AS, Jenne DE, Trimarchi M, Gregorini G et al. Antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies reacting with human neutrophil elastase as a diagnostic marker for cocaine-induced midline destructive lesions but not autoimmune vasculitis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2004; 50: 2954-2965.

 <b>AESKU DIAGNOSTICS</b> THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

### 3. KIT PROCEDURE

Please refer to Assay Procedure listed in Common Instructions, Section 12, for detailed instructions. The following details shall be used for the ANCA kits:

- Counter staining time: 30-90 seconds
- Recommended Screening titer:
  - 1:20

### 4. INTERPRETATION

Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA) are of major clinical importance in assessing patient's vascular disorders.

The appropriate end titer is that in which the patient serum shows a simple positive fluorescence. Weak fluorescence with titers between 1:20 and 1:80 or vagueness with respect to the clinical results should be checked by way of monitoring control. In such a case the samples should be collected about every 3 weeks and similarly tested.

1:20    25 µL Serum    + 475 µL Sample Buffer  
 1:40    20 µL Serum    + 780 µL Sample Buffer (respectively 1:2 of the „1:20“-Dilution)  
 1:80    10 µL Serum    + 790 µL Sample Buffer (respectively 1:2 of the „1:40“-Dilution)  
 1:160   10 µL Serum    + 1590 µL Sample Buffer (respectively 1:2 of the „1:80“-Dilution)

a.s.o.

The classical C-ANCA pattern shows granular homogenous cytoplasmic staining with minimal staining of the nuclear area.

P-ANCA pattern showing sharply delineated perinuclear staining (ethanol-fixed neutrophils) or C-ANCA cytoplasmic pattern (formalin-fixed-neutrophils).

### 5. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

#### 5.1. Sensitivity/Specificity

**AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Ethanol** and **ANCA Formalin** were compared to other commercially available indirect immunofluorescence test systems using Ethanol- and Formalin-fixed neutrophils. 132 sera from patients diagnosed with ANCA-associated vasculitis, and 375 sera from patients with other diseases (non-healthy controls) have been analyzed manually and evaluated by two readers. A cut-off dilution of 1:20 was used to determine positive samples. Clinical samples represented a full spectrum of autoimmune diseases.



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

In comparison for ANCA Ethanol we obtained the following results:

		Predicate		
		Positive	Negative	Total
AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Ethanol	Positive	145	34	179
	Negative	71	257	328
	Total	216	291	507

$$\text{Sensitivity} = 145/216 = 67.1 \% \quad (95 \% \text{ CI: } 60.6 - 73.0 \%)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = 257/291 = 88.3 \% \quad (95 \% \text{ CI: } 84.1 - 91.5 \%)$$

In the comparison for ANCA Formalin we obtained the following data:

		Predicate		
		Positive	Negative	Total
AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Formalin	Positive	66	35	101
	Negative	16	390	406
	Total	82	425	507

$$\text{Sensitivity} = 66/82 = 80.5 \% \quad (95 \% \text{ CI: } 70.6 - 87.6 \%)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = 390/425 = 91.8 \% \quad (95 \% \text{ CI: } 88.8 - 94.0 \%)$$

95 % confidence intervals are score confidence intervals according to Wilson's method<sup>11</sup>.

## 5.2. Reproducibility and Precision

Within-laboratory, between-laboratory and inter-lot studies were performed to demonstrate reproducibility of **AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Ethanol** and **ANCA Formalin**. Eight serum samples were assayed on **AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Ethanol**. For **AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Formalin** ten samples were used. The sample set, including negative, low, medium, and high positive samples representing two different patterns (P-ANCA and C-ANCA) were processed manually, and by **HELIOS® Automated IFA System**, and evaluated by two readers. For within-laboratory and between-laboratory studies samples were tested on five days, with two runs per day and three replicates per run at three study sites. To demonstrate inter-lot variabilities **AESKUSLIDES® ANCA Ethanol** and **ANCA Formalin** samples were assayed in ten replicates on three different kit lots. Positive and negative agreements were  $\geq 90 \%$ . Samples showed consistent patterns and fluorescence intensities on all wells tested.

<sup>11</sup> Wilson, E. B. (1927). Probable Inference, the Law of Succession, and Statistical Inference. Journal of the American Statistical Association, 22(158), 209–212. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2276774>



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 6. DATA INTERPRETATION SHEET

### ANCA

Date:	LOT:	Fixation
Slide No.:	Operator:	ethanol: <input type="checkbox"/> formalin: <input type="checkbox"/>

Well No.	ID	Dilution factor	F.I.	nucleoplasm	cytoplasm	autoantibodies	remarks
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							




Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 7. STANDARD KIT CONTENTS

Kit Ref.	Kit Description	SLIDES				CONJUGATE			POSITIVE CONTROL		
		Ref.	Wells	Coated with	Quantity	Ref.	Description	Quantity	Ref.	Description	Quantity
54.100	ANCA Ethanol (12 wells)	S54.100	12	human neutrophils (ethanol fixation)	10	C54.100	IgG Capped blue: slightly blue coloured solution. Containing: BSA, Tween, Fluorescein (FITC) labelled Anti-human Antibody	1 x 4.8 ml	PC54.100	ANCA pattern control C-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	1 x 0.5 ml
									PC54.101	ANCA pattern control P-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	
54.101	ANCA Formalin (12 wells)	S54.101	12	human neutrophils (formalin fixation)	10	C54.101	IgG Capped blue: slightly blue coloured solution. Containing: BSA, Tween, Fluorescein (FITC) labelled Anti-human Antibody	1 x 4.8 ml	PC54.100	ANCA pattern control C-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	1 x 0.5 ml
									PC54.101	ANCA pattern control P-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	
54.050	ANCA Ethanol (6 wells)	S54.050	6	human neutrophils (ethanol fixation)	10	C54.050	IgG Capped blue: slightly blue coloured solution. Containing: BSA, Tween, Fluorescein (FITC) labelled Anti-human Antibody	1 x 2.4 ml	PC54.100	ANCA pattern control C-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	1 x 0.5 ml
									PC54.101	ANCA pattern control P-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	
54.051	ANCA Formalin (6 wells)	S54.051	6	human neutrophils (formalin fixation)	10	C54.051	IgG Capped blue: slightly blue coloured solution. Containing: BSA, Tween, Fluorescein (FITC) labelled Anti-human Antibody	1 x 2.4 ml	PC54.100	ANCA pattern control C-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	1 x 0.5 ml
									PC54.101	ANCA pattern control P-ANCA Capped red: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	

**NOTE: The contents of the remaining components of the kits i.e. Common reagents (Neg. Ctrl, Mounting Medium etc.) are described below in section 8 COMMON REAGENTS CONTENTS.**

 <b>AESKU DIAGNOSTICS</b> THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL THAT WORKS	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 8. COMMON REAGENTS CONTENTS

### a. Common Reagents

Ref.	Reagent	Quantity / Volume		Description	Ready to use
<b>NCANCA</b>	Negative Control	1 x	0.5 ml	Capped green: colourless solution. Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide <0.1 % (preservative)	YES
<b>* EBIFA</b>	Evans Blue 0.2 %	1 x	1.5 ml	Capped white: Blue coloured solution Containing: PBS, Evans Blue. Dilute the Evans Blue 0.2 % 1:3000 in 1x WBIFA	NO
<b>MMIFA</b>	Mounting Medium	1 x	8 ml	Validated for use with the HELMED® Capped white: colourless solution Containing: PBS, Glycerin.	YES
<b>WBIFA</b>	Washbuffer (10x)	1 x	100 ml	Capped white: colourless solution Dilute the concentrated buffer 1:10 in distilled water (e.g.: 100 ml + 900 ml). Containing: PBS, sodium azide (preservative).	NO
<b>SBIFA</b>	Samplebuffer (1x)	1 x	70 ml	Capped white: colourless solution for the dilution of patient sera Containing: BSA, PBS, sodium azide (preservative).	YES

Quantities are per kit. (\*) must be ordered separately.

### b. Materials required but not provided

1. Distilled water
2. Test tubes for sample dilution
3. Measuring flask
4. Volumetric pipette
5. Timer
6. Fluorescence microscope with FITC system, (490 nm excitation filter, 510 nm barrier filter)
7. Incubator tray
8. Staining dish
9. Pipetting tips
10. Cover slips (24 x 60 mm)
11. Squeeze wash bottle

**In case that the product information, including the labeling, is defective or incorrect please contact the manufacturer or the supplier of the test kit.**

## 9. STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store all reagents at 2-8 °C / 35.6-46.4 °F, protected from intense light. The expiration date of each component is indicated on the respective label. Do not use reagents beyond the expiration date.

Store all reagents and the slides at 2-8 °C / 35.6-46.4 °F, in their original containers. Once prepared, reconstituted solutions are stable for at least 1 week at 2-8 °C / 35.6-46.4 °F. **Reagents and the slides shall be used within the expiry date indicated on each component, only.**

	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 10. PRECAUTIONS OF USE

### c. Health hazard data

**THIS PRODUCT IS FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE ONLY.** Thus, only staff trained and specially advised in methods of in vitro diagnostics may perform the kit. Although this product is not considered particularly toxic or dangerous in conditions of intended use, refer to the following for maximum safety:

#### Recommendations and precautions

This kit contains potentially hazardous components. Though kit reagents are not classified being irritant to eyes and skin we recommend avoiding contact with eyes and skin and wearing disposable gloves.

All human source material used for some reagents of this kit (controls e.g.) has been tested by approved methods and found negative for HBsAg, Hepatitis C and HIV. However, no test can guarantee the absence of viral agents in such material completely. Thus, handle kit controls and patient samples as if capable of transmitting infectious diseases and according to national requirements.

The kit contains material of animal origin (BSA, Immunoglobulin) as stated in the table of contents, handle according to national requirements.

### d. General directions for use

1. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat or drink when manipulating the kit.
2. Do not mix or substitute reagents from different lot numbers. This may lead to variations in the results.
3. Keep all flasks sealed after use to avoid bacterial contamination.
4. Always pipette all solutions with new sterile pipetting tips.
5. Never expose components to higher temperature than 37 °C / 98.6 °F (except MMIFA).
6. Never let the slide wells dry out during the whole procedure.
7. Never freeze the slides.

**Each laboratory should establish its own in house controls upon its own techniques, controls, equipment and patient population according to its established procedures.**

**A definite clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of the performed test only, but should be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.**

In case that the values of the controls do not meet the criteria the test is invalid and has to be repeated. The following technical issues should be proven: Expiration dates of (prepared) reagents, storage conditions, pipettes, devices, photometer, incubation conditions and washing methods. If the items tested show aberrant values or any kind of deviation or that the validation criteria are not met without a justified cause please contact our local representative.

	Product Ref.	54.xxx
	Product Desc.	ANCA
	Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 11. SAMPLE COLLECTION, HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Preparation of samples:** use preferentially freshly collected serum samples. Blood withdrawal must follow national requirements. Collect blood samples aseptically.

Lipemic, icteric, hemolyzed or microbially contaminated specimens may cause interference.

Sera with particles should be cleared by low-speed centrifugation (<1000 x g). Blood samples should be collected in clean, dry and empty tubes. After separation, the serum samples should be used during the first 8h, respectively stored tightly closed at 2-8 °C / 35.6-46.4 °F up to 48 h, or frozen at -20 °C / -4 °F for longer periods. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

## 12. ASSAY PROCEDURE

### e. Preparation prior to pipetting

Allow all components to reach room temperature (20-26 °C / 68-78.8 °F) before use, mix well and follow the recommended incubation scheme for an optimum performance of the test.

1. Preparation of the Wash Buffer: Dilute the concentrated buffer 1:10 with distilled water.
2. Dilution of samples: Dilute patient sera (for screening titer refer to **Kit Procedure** section above according to the product reference that you are using) with 1x Sample Buffer. These vary between HEP-2, nDNA, rLKS, EMA etc. kits.
3. Controls are ready to use.
4. Prepare a protocol: Data interpretation sheets are available in the **Kit Procedure** section according to the product reference that you are using.
5. In the case of increased viscosity and/or opacity, the Mounting Medium reagent (MMIFA) should be heated in a water bath for 15 minutes at 56 °C / 132.8 °F and then allowed to reach room temperature (20-26 °C / 68-78.8 °F) before use. After this procedure, the heated reagent can be used for up to 21 consecutive days, provided it is stored at 2-8°C / 35.6-46.4 °F, as specified on the reagent label and in the instructions for use.



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

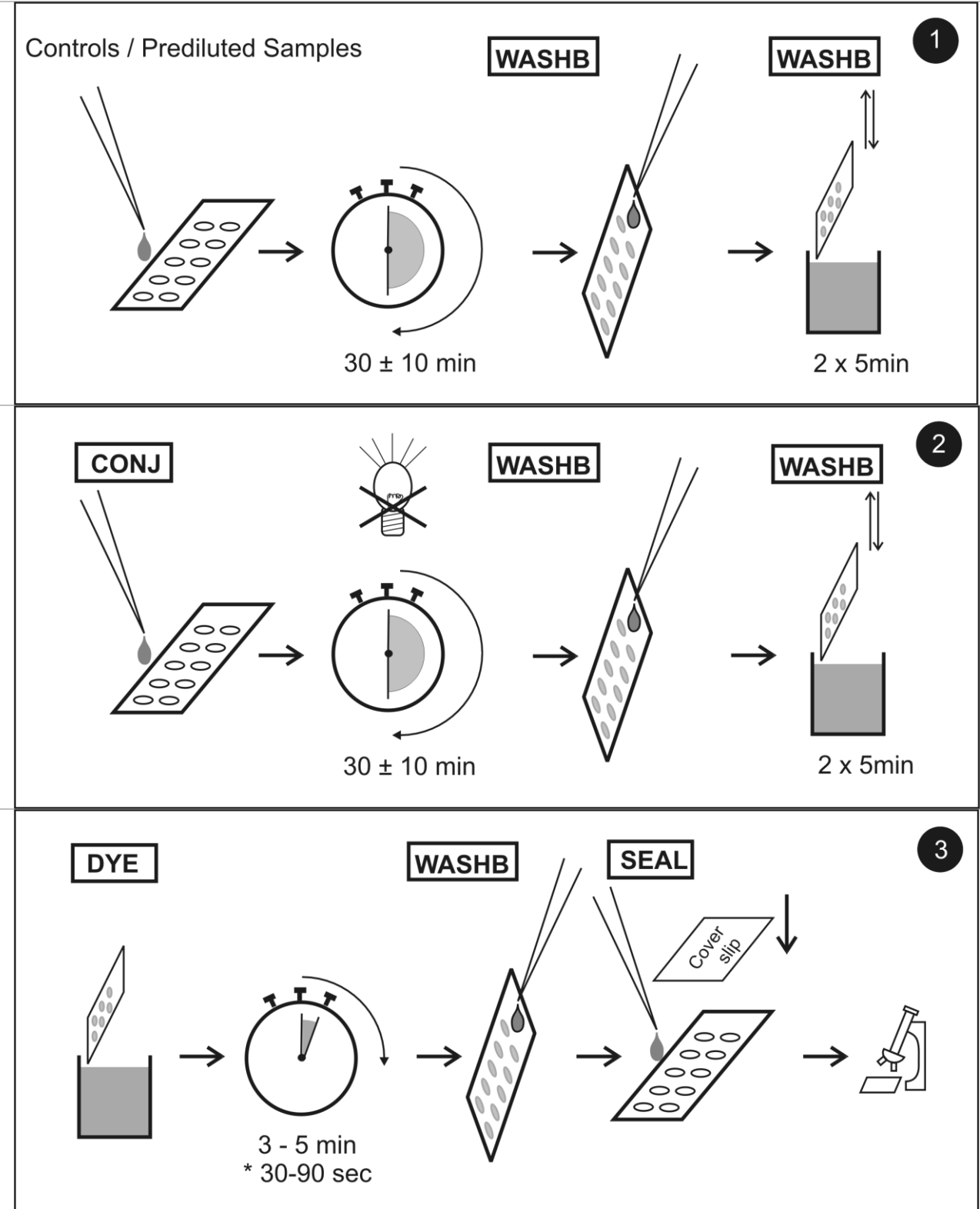
**f. Test Procedure**

No.	Step description
1.	Remove required slide(s) from pouch(es) and mark them. Do not touch the wells. Do not allow the slides to dry out.
2.	<p><b>Preparation of incubator tray:</b> Place a small volume of deionized or distilled water in an incubator tray and place slide(s) on supports in the incubator tray.</p> <p>Incubate slide(s) 30 minutes <math>\pm</math> 10 minutes at room temperature in the moist incubator tray. Use consistent incubation times for the conjugate.</p> <p><b>First incubation:</b> Pipette an adequate volume of each diluted serum and controls (ready to use) into the appropriate wells, avoid direct contact of pipette with slide surface.</p> <p>Make sure that each well is completely covered with a corresponding serum. It is important to use as much test material as necessary to cover the well completely. But avoid a running between the wells because this may cause incorrect results.</p>
3.	<p><b>Washing:</b> After incubation remove slides from incubator tray and rinse briefly with wash buffer using a squeeze wash bottle. Do not squirt buffer directly on the wells.</p> <p>NOTE: To prevent cross contamination tilt slide first towards one row and, carefully run a stream of wash buffer along the midline of the slide, allowing the wash buffer to run off the lower edge of the slide. Then tilt the slide towards the other row, and repeat this procedure, allowing the wash buffer to run off what is now the lower edge of the slide. Wash slide(s) 10 minutes with wash buffer in a slide staining dish. Avoid direct contact of solid items with the substrate. For optimal results change the buffer solution once after 5 minutes.</p> <p>Lift slide(s) out of staining dish and carefully remove excess washing buffer.</p> <p>NOTE: It is important that slide wells do not dry out during the procedure as this may lead to damage to the substrate. Please do not blot or dry the slide in any manner or allow slide to sit without fluorescent antibody reagent for longer than a few seconds.</p>
4.	<p><b>Second incubation:</b> After the washing procedure return slide immediately to incubator tray and cover each well with an adequate volume of FITC-conjugate and make sure that the well is covered completely.</p> <p>Incubate slide(s) 30 minutes <math>\pm</math> 10 minutes at room temperature in the dark.</p>
5.	<p><b>Washing:</b> After incubation remove slides from incubator tray and rinse briefly with wash buffer using a squeeze wash bottle. Do not squirt buffer directly on the wells. Wash slide(s) 10 minutes with wash buffer in a slide staining dish. For optimal results, change the buffer solution once after 5 minutes.</p>
6.	<p><b>*Optional counterstain:</b> Dilute counterstain (Evans Blue) 1:3000 in Wash buffer and mix well. Tilt counterstain into the staining dish and incubate the slides in it. Refer to <b>Kit Procedure</b> section above according to the product reference that you are using for incubation time details. Evans Blue covers unspecific background fluorescence.</p> <p>Remove slide(s) after the incubation time and rinse briefly with washing buffer. Remove excess washing buffer. Please do not blot or dry the slide in any manner.</p>
7.	<p><b>Mounting Medium:</b> Add an adequate volume of mounting medium along midline of each slide. Carefully place coverslip in position, avoiding air bubbles.</p>
8.	<p><b>Reading:</b> Read slide(s) immediately at 400-800 x total magnification with a fluorescent microscope. (490 nm excitation filter, 510 nm barrier filter).</p>



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

**g. Workflow**





Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

### 13. TROUBLESHOOTING

ERROR	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
Low cell density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cell lysis following prolonged contact with deionized water.</li> <li>Buffer squirted directly on the substrate in the well.</li> </ul>	Follow the recommended wash procedure.
	Proteolytic enzymes have attacked the substrate.	Inactivate serum.
Uneven fluorescence	Serum dried in the well, fluorescence stronger at the edge.	Always incubate in a humid environment.
	Serum does not cover the test well.	Apply an adequate volume of test material.
	Cross-reaction between the wells.	Avoid running between the wells in the first incubation.
	Marking the slide with a wax pencil produces a film on the slide.	Use a standard (non-wax) pencil.
Diffuse picture	Microscope incorrectly adjusted.	Check the adjustment of the UV-lamp.
	Slide incubated in refrigerator without cover.	Seal slide with nail polish or paraffin wax.
Little or no fluorescence	I.F. Microscope is dirty. Possible scratches on the lens.	Clean the microscope according to its instructions.
	Conjugate and slides thawed and refrozen.	Conjugate and slides stored at 2-8 °C / 35.6-46.4 °F.
	Controls diluted.	Check instructions, use ready to use kit controls.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bacterial contamination of the sera or conjugate.</li> <li>Microscope not adjusted.</li> <li>pH-value of washing buffer too low (pH value 7.4 ± 0.2).</li> </ul>	Check conditions.
	FITC conjugate exposed to light	Store conjugate protected from the light
Background fluorescence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorrectly washed.</li> <li>Slide dried out.</li> <li>Lipemic, hemolytic sera.</li> <li>Microscope error.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the washing instructions.</li> <li>Do not allow the slide to dry out.</li> <li>Use only fresh sera.</li> <li>Check correct filter / objective.</li> </ul>



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

## 14. REGULATORY SYMBOLS

	- Diagnosi in vitro	- For in vitro diagnostic use
	- Pour diagnostic in vitro	- Para uso diagnóstico in vitro
	- In-vitro-Diagnostikum	- In Vitro Διαγνωστικό μέσο
	- Para uso Diagnóstico in vitro	
	- Numero d'ordine	- Catalogue number
	- Référence Catalogue	- Número de catálogo
	- Katalognummer	- Αριθμός παραγγελίας
	- Número de catálogo	
	- Descrizione lotto	- Lot
	- Lot	- Lote
	- Chargen Bezeichnung	- Χαρακτηρισμός παρτίδας
	- Lote	
	- Identificatore univoco del dispositivo	- Unique device identifier
	- Identifiant unique de l'appareil	- Identificador único del dispositivo
	- eindeutige Produktidentifizierung	- Μοναδικό αναγνωριστικό συσκευής
	- Identificador único do dispositivo	
	- Conformità europea	- EC Declaration of Conformity
	- Déclaration CE de Conformité	- Declaración CE de Conformidad
	- Europäische Konformität	- Ευρωπαϊκή συμφωνία
	- Declaração CE de conformidade	
	- Rispettare le istruzioni elettroniche per l'uso	- See electronic instructions for use
	- Voir les instructions d'utilisation électronique	- Síga las instrucciones electrónicas de uso
	- Elektronische Gebrauchsanweisung beachten	- Ακολουθήστε τις ηλεκτρονικές οδηγίες χρήσης
	- Seguir as instruções electrónicas de utilização	
	- Da utilizzarsi entro	- Use by
	- Utilise avant le	- Utilizar antes de
	- Verwendbar bis	- Χρήση μέχρι
	- Utilizar antes de	
	- Conservare a 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)	- Store at 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)
	- Conserver à 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)	- Conservar a 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)
	- Lagerung bei 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)	- Φυλάσσεται στους 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)
	- Conservar entre 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)	
	- Prodotto da	- Manufactured by
	- Fabriqué par	- Fabricado por
	- Hergestellt von	- Κατασκευάζεται από
	- Fabricado por	
	- Colorante Blue-Evans	- Evans-Blue Dye
	- coloration au Bleu Evans	- Colorante Azul de Evans
	- Evans-Blue Färbelösung	- Evans Blue
	- Evans Blue	
	- Controllo positivo	- Positive Control
	- Contrôle Positif	- Control Positivo
	- Positiv Kontrolle	- Θετικός ορός ελέγχου
	- Controllo positivo	
	- Controllo negativo	- Negative Control
	- Contrôle Négatif	- Control Negativo
	- Negativ Kontrolle	- Αρνητικός ορός ελέγχου
	- Controllo negativo	
	- Mezzi di montaggio	- Mounting media
	- milieu de montage	- Medio de montaje
	- Mounting Medium	- Μέσο μονιμοποίησης
	- Meio de montagem	
	- Coniugato	- Conjugate
	- Conjugué	- Conjugado
	- Konjugat	- Σύζευγμα
	- Conjugado	
	- Vetrino per microscopio	- Microscope slide
	- lame de microscope	- Portaobjetos
	- Objektträger	- Αντικειμενοφόρο πλακίδιο
	- Lâmina	
	- Tampone di lavaggio	- Wash Buffer
	- Tampon de Lavage	- Solución de lavado
	- Waschpuffer	- Ρυθμιστικό διάλυμα πλύσης
	- Solução de lavagem	
	- Tampone di campione	- Sample Buffer
	- Tampon de Echantillons	- Solución de muestras
	- Probenpuffer	- Ρυθμιστικό διάλυμα δειγμάτων
	- Solução para amostras	



Product Ref.	54.xxx
Product Desc.	ANCA
Manual Rev. No.	017: 2025-05-19

	- Numero di determinazioni	- Number of determinations
	- Nombre de déterminations	- Número de determinaciones
	- Anzahl der Prüfungen	- Αριθμός προσδιορισμών
	- Número de determinações	
	- Non riutilizzare	- Do not reuse
	- Ne pas réutiliser	- No reutilizar
	- Nicht wiederverwenden	- Μην επαναχρησιμοποιείτε
	- Não reutilizar	
	- Proteggere dall'esposizione alla luce	- Protect from exposure to light
	- Protéger de l'exposition à la lumière	- Proteger de la exposición a la luz
	- Vor Sonnenlicht schützen	- Προστασία από την έκθεση στο φως
	- Proteger da exposição à luz	
	- Conservare all'asciutto	- Store dry
	- Stocker au sec	- Almacenar en seco
	- Trocken aufbewahren	- Αποθηκεύστε ξηρά
	- Armazenar em local seco	
	- Non utilizzare se la confezione è danneggiata e consultare le istruzioni per l'uso	- Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use
	- Ne pas utiliser si l'emballage est endommagé et consulter le mode d'emploi.	- No utilizar si el envase está dañado y consultar las instrucciones de uso
	- Nicht verwenden, wenn die Verpackung beschädigt ist, und Gebrauchsanweisung beachten	- Μην χρησιμοποιείτε εάν η συσκευασία έχει υποστεί ζημιά και συμβουλευτείτε τις οδηγίες χρήσης.
	- Não utilizar se a embalagem estiver danificada e consultar as instruções de utilização	