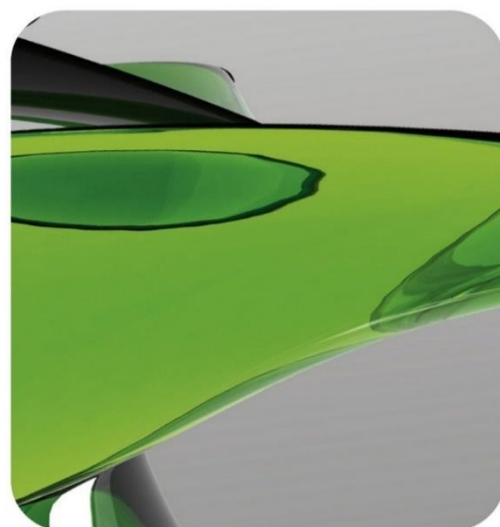




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1 Intended Use

AESKULISA® ANA-8Pro is a solid phase enzyme immunoassay for the separate qualitative detection of IgG antibodies against eight cellular and nuclear antigens in human serum. The wells are separately coated with recombinant 70 kDa U1 snRNP-C, SS-B, SS-A 52 kDa, Scl 70, centromere protein B (CenpB), Jo-1 and highly purified native human snRNP/Sm, Sm and SS-A 60 kDa. The assay is an aid in the differential diagnosis of systemic rheumatic diseases and should be used in conjunction with other serological tests and clinical findings.

2 Clinical Application and Principle of the Assay

Anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) are an important tool for the differential diagnosis of systemic rheumatic diseases. Indirect immunofluorescence test (IFT) on eucaryotic cells like HeLa has been the established method for the detection of ANAs. Single antibody specificities are distinguished by fluorescence patterns but more specific testing ELISAs employing the target antigens are available too for a simple and reliable differentiation of ANAs.

ANAs are especially found in active and inactive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), mixed connective tissue diseases (MCTD), scleroderma, Sjögren's syndrome, polymyositis.

ANA Antibodies against:

- Sm (Smith antigen) are directed against core proteins (B, B', D1-D3, E, F, G) of small nuclear ribonucleoproteins (snRNPs). Anti-Sm as well as antibodies against double stranded DN (dsDNA) are highly specific for SLE and thus are included in diagnostic and classification criteria for SLE.
- U1 snRNP is directed to the 70 kDa protein of U1 snRNP. They are pathognomic for MCTD but do also occur in SLE. A high titer of antibodies against this antigen is typical for the Sharp-Syndrome.
- snRNP/Sm complex are directed against Sm and U1 snRNP proteins (70 kDa, A and C). They occur in SLE, Sjögren's syndrome, scleroderma and polymyositis.
- SS-A (Ro; soluble cytoplasmic and/or nuclear ribonucleoproteins of 52 kDa and 60 kDa) and antibodies against SS-B (La; 48 kDa protein associated with RNA polymerase III) are mainly found in high titers for primary and secondary Sjögren's syndrome but also in SLE, congenital heartblock and neonatal lupus.
- Scl-70 are directed against DNA-topoisomerase I. They are highly specific for systemic scleroderma and give a hint for a severe course.
- CenpB (80 kDa centromere protein B) are typical for the CREST-Syndrome (69% CREST-patients), which is a more protracted type of systemic sclerosis
- Jo-1 are directed against histidyl-tRNA synthetase (cytoplasmic protein involved in protein biosynthesis) and are found in 20-40% of patients with polymyositis and dermatomyositis.

Principle of the test

Serum samples diluted 1:101 are incubated in the microplates coated with the specific antigen. Patient's antibodies, if present in the specimen, bind to the antigen. The unbound fraction is washed off in the following step. Afterwards anti-human immunoglobulins conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (conjugate) are incubated and react with the antigen-antibody complex of the samples in the microplates. Unbound conjugate is washed off in the following step. Addition of TMB-substrate generates an enzymatic colorimetric (blue) reaction, which is stopped by diluted acid (color changes to yellow). The rate of color formation from the chromogen is a function of the amount of conjugate bound to the antigen-antibody complex and this is proportional to the initial concentration of the respective antibodies in the patient sample.



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3 Kit Contents

To be reconstituted:

5x Sample Buffer 1 vial, 20 ml - 5x concentrated (capped white: yellow solution)
Containing: Tris, NaCl, BSA, sodium azide (preservative)

50x Wash Buffer 1 vial, 20 ml - 50x concentrated (capped white: green solution)
Containing: Tris, NaCl, Tween, sodium azide (preservative)

Ready to use:

Negative Control 2 vials, 1.8 ml (capped green: yellow solution)
Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide (preservative)

Cut-off Control 2 vials, 1.8 ml (capped blue: yellow solution)
Containing: Human serum (diluted), sodium azide (preservative)

Conjugate 1 vial, 15 ml IgG (capped blue: blue solution)
Containing: Anti-human immunoglobulins conjugated to horseradish peroxidase

TMB Substrate 1 vial, 15 ml (capped black)
Containing: Stabilized TMB/H₂O₂

Stop Solution 1 vial, 15 ml (capped white: colorless solution)
Containing: 1M Hydrochloric Acid

Microtiterplate 12x8 well strips with breakaway microwells
Coating see paragraph 1

Material required but not provided:

Microtiter plate reader 450 nm reading filter and optional 620 nm filter (600-690 nm). Glass ware (cylinder 100-1000ml), test tubes for dilutions. Vortex mixer, precision pipettes (10, 100, 200, 500, 1000 µl) or adjustable multipipette (100-1000µl). Microplate washing device (300 µl repeating or multichannel pipette or automated system), adsorbent paper. Our tests are designed to be used with purified water according to the definition of the United States Pharmacopeia and the European Pharmacopeia.

4 Storage and Shelf Life

Store all reagents and the microplate at 2-8°C/35.6-46.4°F, in their original containers. Once prepared, reconstituted solutions are stable for 1 month at 2-8°C/35.6-46.4°F, at least.

Reagents and the microplate shall be used within the expiry date indicated on each component, only. Avoid intense exposure of TMB solution to light. Store microplates in designated foil, including the desiccant, and seal tightly.



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5 Precautions of Use

5.1 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 normal use, refer to the following for maximum safety.

Recommendations and precautions

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

Do not smoke, eat or drink when manipulating the kit.

Do not pipette by mouth.

All human source material used for some reagents of this kit (controls, standards e.g.) has been tested by approved methods and found negative for HbsAg, Hepatitis C and HIV 1. However, no test can guarantee the absence of viral agents in such material completely. Thus handle kit controls, standards and patient samples as if capable of transmitting infectious diseases and according to national requirements.

5.2 General directions for use

Do not mix or substitute reagents or microplates from different lot numbers. This may lead to variations in the results.

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.

Never expose components to higher temperature than 37°C/98.6°F.

Always pipette substrate solution with brand new tips only. Protect this reagent from light. Never pipette conjugate with tips used with other reagents prior.

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. The diagnosis is to be verified using different diagnostic and medicinal methods if the patient has got infectious diseases accompanied by medication.

6 Sample Collection, Handling and Storage

Use preferentially freshly collected serum samples. Blood withdrawal must follow national requirements.

Do not use icteric, lipemic, hemolysed or bacterially contaminated samples. 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 immediately, respectively stored tightly closed at 2-8°C/35.6-46.4°F up to three days, or frozen at -20°C/-4°F for longer periods.

7 Assay Procedure

7.1 Preparations prior to pipetting

Dilute concentrated reagents:

Dilute the concentrated sample buffer 1:5 with distilled water (e.g. 20 ml plus 80 ml).

Dilute the concentrated wash buffer 1:50 with distilled water (e.g. 20 ml plus 980 ml).

Samples

Dilute serum samples 1:101 with sample buffer (1x).

e.g. 1000 µl sample buffer (1x) + 10 µl serum. Mix well !

Washing

Prepare 20 ml of diluted wash buffer (1x) per 8 wells or 200 ml for 96 wells

e.g. 4 ml concentrate plus 196 ml distilled water

Automated washing:

Consider excess volumes required for setting up the instrument and dead volume of robot pipette.

Manual washing:

Discard liquid from wells by inverting the plate. Knock the microwell frame with wells downside vigorously on clean adsorbent paper. Pipette 300 µl of diluted wash buffer into each well, wait for 20 seconds. Repeat the whole procedure twice again.

Microplates

Calculate the number of wells required for the test. Remove unused wells from the frame, replace and store in the provided plastic bag, together with desiccant, seal tightly (2-8°C/35.6-46.4°F)

7.2 Work flow

- Pipette 100 µl of each patient's diluted serum into the designated microwells.
- Pipette 100 µl cut-off control and negative into the designated wells.
- Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F).
- Wash 3x with 300 µl washing buffer (diluted 1:50).
- Pipette 100 µl conjugate into each well.
- Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F).
- Wash 3x with 300 µl washing buffer (diluted 1:50).
- Pipette 100 µl TMB substrate into each well.
- Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F).
- Pipette 100 µl stop solution into each well, using the same order as pipetting the substrate.
- Incubate 5 minutes minimum.
- Agitate plate carefully for 5 sec.
- Read absorbance at 450 nm (optionally 450/620 nm) within 30 minutes.



8 Qualitative Interpretation

Read the optical density of the cut-off control and the patient samples. Multiply the OD of the cut-off control by the parameterspecific factor, provided with the lot specific QC certificate. Compare patient ODs with the calculated parameter OD cut-off value. All samples which are higher than cut-off are considered positive.

$$\text{OD Cut-off control} \times \text{antigens specific factor} = \text{OD}_{\text{cut-off parameter}}$$

Negative: OD Patient < OD_{cut-off parameter}

Positive: OD Patient > OD_{cut-off parameter}

ANA-8Profil	OD 450/620 nm
Negative Control	0.033
Cut-off Control	0.550

Example of interpretation

We recommend pipetting cut-off control for each run.

The eight antigen specific factors are lot specific and can be found in the quality control data sheet provided with the kit !

U1- snRNP 70 kD Factor = 1.0

OD-cut off parameter 0.856 x 1.0 = 0.856

OD patient 0.999 > 0.856 = Positive

Do not use this example for interpreting patients results!

We recommend to retest samples, that are borderline. For lot specific data, see enclosed quality control leaflet. Medical laboratories might perform an in-house Quality Control by using own controls and/or internal pooled sera, as foreseen by EU regulations.

For semi-quantification of the results, each patient-OD value can be expressed by the Index-Value. The Index-Value is calculated by dividing the patient-OD by the cut-off parameter:

$$\text{Index Value} = \frac{\text{OD (patient sample)}}{\text{OD (cut-off parameter)}}$$

Negative: Index Value < 1.0

Positive: Index Value > 1.0

9 Technical Data

Sample material:	serum
Sample volume:	10 µl of sample diluted 1:101 with 1x sample buffer
Total incubation time:	60 minutes at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F)
Storage:	at 2-8°C/35.6-46.4°F use original vials, only
Number of determinations:	96 tests

10 Performance Data

10.1 Specificity and sensitivity

The microplate is coated with highly purified and/or recombinant antigens (U1 snRNP 70 kDa, SS-A, SS-B, snRNP/Sm, Sm, Scl-70, Jo-1, CenpB). No crossreactivities to other autoantigens have been found. ANA are not specific for SLE but are found in variety of rheumatic diseases. Detection of ANA is a very sensitive marker for an active SLE and is positive in >99% of all cases.

10.2 Linearity

Chosen sera have been tested with this kit and found to dilute linearly. However, due to the heterogeneous nature of human autoantibodies there might be samples that do not follow this rule.

Sample No. Scl-70	Dilution Factor	measured concentration (OD-ratio)	expected concentration (OD-Ratio)	Recovery (%)
1	1 / 100	6.1	6.1	100.0
	1 / 200	3.1	3.1	101.6
	1 / 400	1.5	1.5	97.3
	1 / 800	0.7	0.8	93.4
2	1 / 100	3.2	3.4	94.1
	1 / 200	1.6	1.7	94.1
	1 / 400	0.8	0.9	95.3
	1 / 800	0.4	0.4	95.4

10.3 Precision

To determine the precision of the assay, the variability (intra and inter-assay) was assessed by examining its reproducibility on three serum samples selected to represent a range over the standard curve.

Intra-Assay			Inter-Assay		
ANA-8Pro	Mean OD-Ratio	CV (%)	ANA-8Pro	Mean OD-Ratio	CV (%)
U1RNP	3.1	0.8	U1RNP	3.2	0.8
Sn/RNP	2.1	0.4	Sn/RNP	4.2	1.0
Sm	1.8	1.0	Sm	4.1	1.1
SSA	3.5	1.2	SSA	3.9	0.9
SSB	2.8	1.0	SSB	1.5	0.7
Scl-70	1.2	1.5	Scl-70	1.4	1.9
CenpB	1.5	1.1	CenpB	2.5	1.2
Jo-1	1.0	1.2	Jo-1	2.4	0.8

10.4 Calibration

The **AESKULISA**® ANA-8Pro is calibrated against reference sera from the CDC (center of disease control) Atlanta.



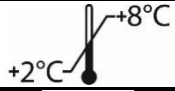
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12 Regulatory Symbols

IVD	For in vitro diagnostic use
REF	Catalog number
LOT	Lot
UDI	Unique Device Identifier
	96 tests
	See instructions for use
	Use by
	Store at 2-8°C (35.6-46.4°F)
	Manufactured by
CON +	Positive Control
CON -	Negative Control
CO-CAL	Cut off Calibrator
CONJ	Conjugate
MP	Coated microtiter plate
WASHB 50x	Wash buffer
SUB	Substrate buffer
STOP	Stop solution
SB 5x	Sample buffer
Rx only	For Prescription Use only



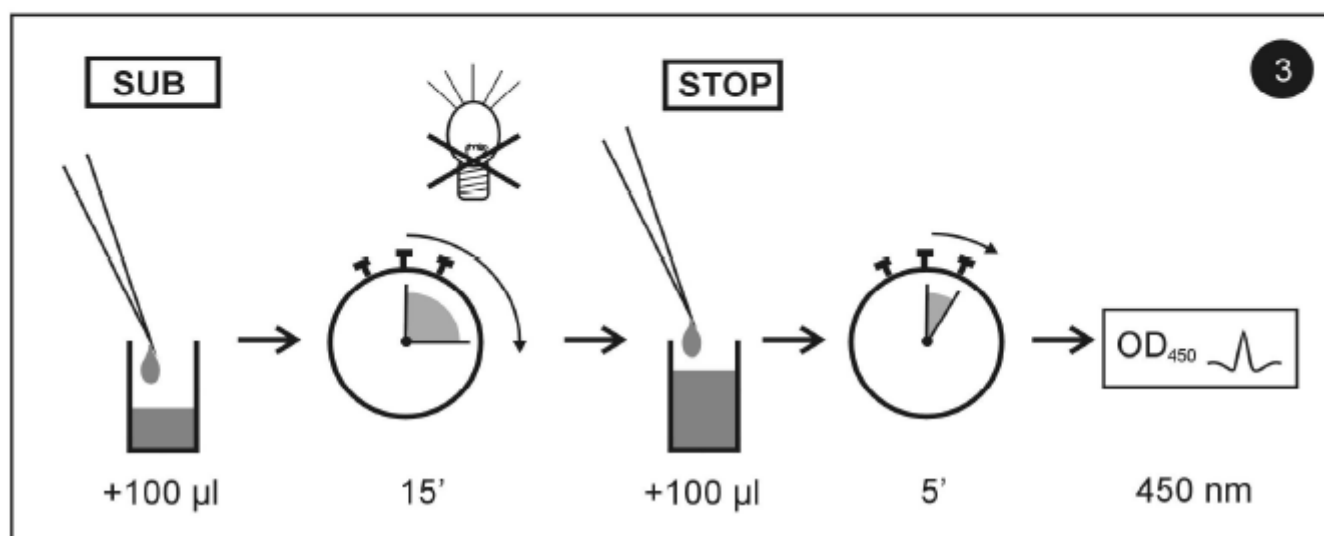
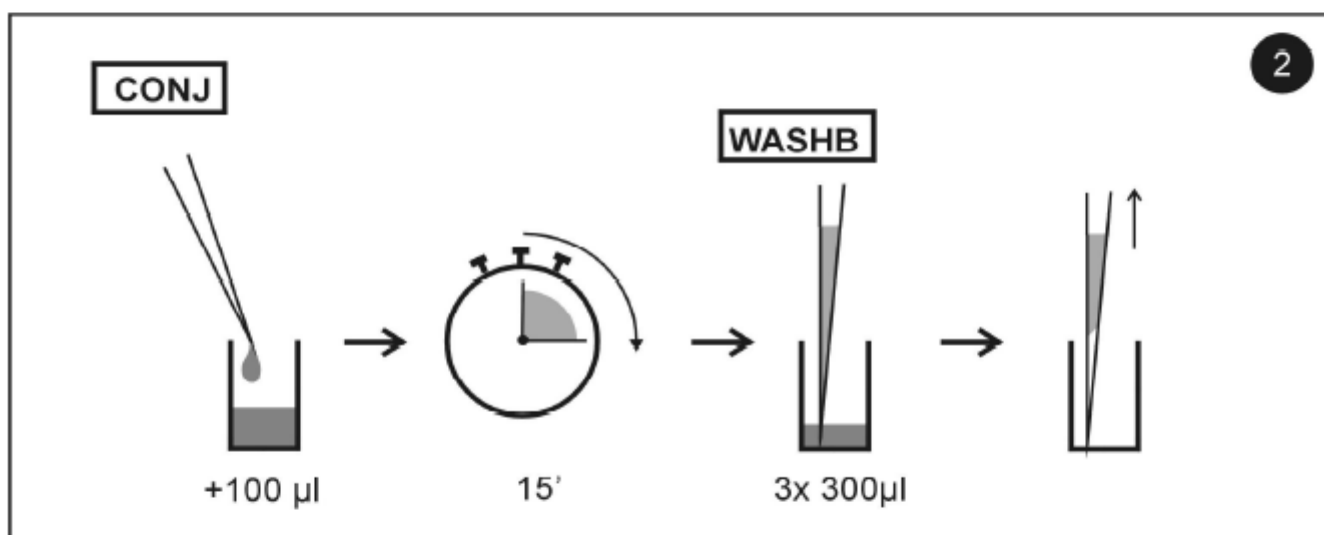
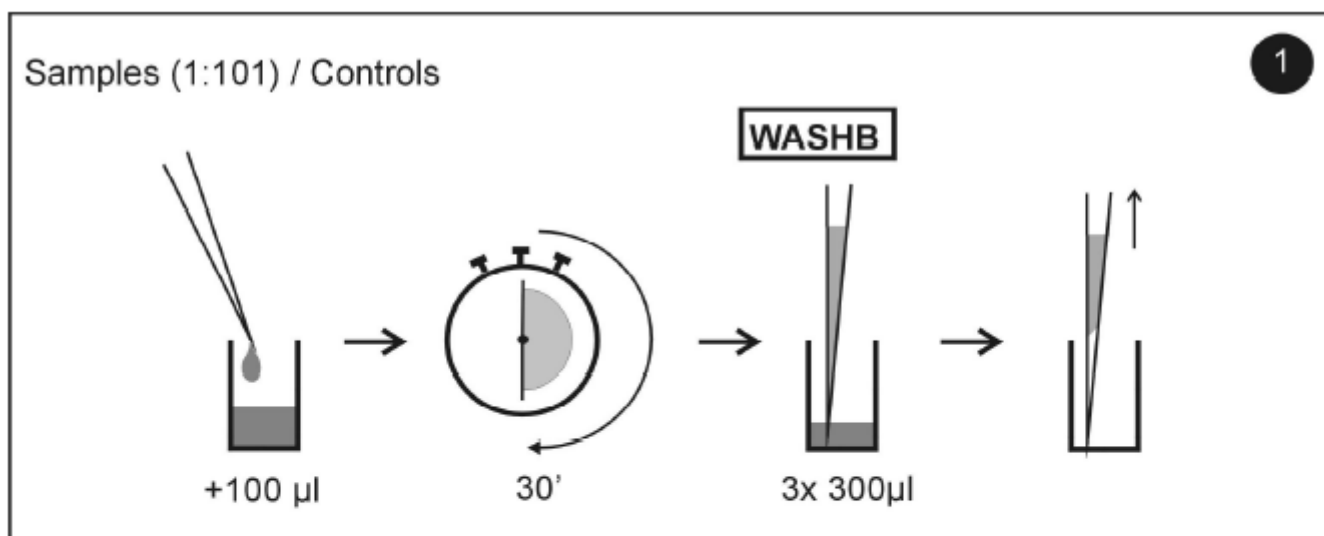
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A: Pipetting Scheme

		Controls	Samples
Pipette	Controls	100 µl each	-
Pipette	Prediluted samples (1:101)	-	100 µl each
Incubate	30 min at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F)		
Decant	Wash 3x with 300 µl of wash buffer (1x)		
Pipette	Conjugate	100 µl	100 µl
Incubate	15 min at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F)		
Decant	Wash 3x with 300 µl of wash buffer (1x)		
Pipette	Substrate	100 µl	100 µl
Incubate	15 min at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F)		
Pipette	Stop Solution	100 µl	100 µl
Incubate	5 min at room temperature (20-26°C/68-78.8°F)		
Agitate plate for 5 seconds and read OD at λ450nm (optionally λ 450/620 nm) within 30 minutes. Resulting color is stable for 30 minutes, at least.			



B: Test Procedure



C: Test Protocol

Assay/Test: _____		Incubation/ Inkub. : 1. _____ min		Date/Datum: _____	
Temperature/Temperatur: _____ °F _____ °C		2. _____ min		Signature/Unterschrift: _____	
Name: _____		3. _____ min			

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
U1-70	cut-off control	negative control										
snRNP-complex	cut-off control	negative control										
Sm	cut-off control	negative control										
SSA 52/60	cut-off control	negative control										
SSB	cut-off control	negative control										
Scl-70	cut-off control	negative control										
CenpB	cut-off control	negative control										
Jo-1	cut-off control	negative control										