CE Mark.bmp**ENA Profile-6 Test System**

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**2Z2801G**

**Rx Only**

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**PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY**

The ZEUS ELISA ENA Profile-6 Test System is designed to detect IgG class antibodies to different autoantigens in human sera. Creation of the sensitized wells of the plastic microwell strips occurred using passive adsorption with immobilized antigens. The test procedure involves three incubation steps:

1. Test sera (properly diluted) are incubated in antigen coated microwells. Any antigen specific antibody in the sample will bind to the immobilized antigen. The plate is washed to remove unbound antibody and other serum components.
2. Peroxidase Conjugated goat anti-human IgG is added to the wells and the plate is incubated. The Conjugate will react with the antibodies immobilized on the solid phase in step 1. The wells are washed to remove unreacted Conjugate.
3. The microwells containing immobilized peroxidase Conjugate are incubated with peroxidase Substrate Solution. Hydrolysis of the Substrate by peroxidase produces a color change. After a period of time the reaction is stopped and the color intensity of the solution is measured photometrically. The color intensity of the solution depends upon the antibody concentration in the original test sample.

**TEST SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

**Materials Provided:**

Each Test System contains the following components in sufficient quantities to perform the number of tests indicated on the packaging label. **NOTE: The following components contain Sodium Azide as a preservative at a concentration of <0.1% (w/v): Controls, Calibrator, and SAVe Diluent®.**

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| **PLATE** | | 1. | Plate: 96 wells configured in twelve, 1x8-well, strips coated with inactivated antigen. The strips are packaged in a strip holder and sealed in an envelope with desiccant. |
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| **CONJ** | | 2. | Conjugate: Conjugated (horseradish peroxidase) goat anti-human IgG (Fc chain specific). One, 15mL, white-capped bottle. Ready to use. |
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| **CONTROL** | **+** | 3. | Positive Control (Human Serum): One, 0.35mL, red-capped vial. |
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| **CAL** | | 4. | Calibrator (Human Serum): Two, 1.0mL, vials with a red crimp cap (lyophilized). Preservatives added. Reconstitute the contents of the vial with 1.0mL distilled or deionized water. After reconstitution, the Calibrator is ready to use. **Do not dilute additionally before use.** |
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| **CONTROL** | **-** | 5. | Negative Control (Human Serum): One, 0.35mL, green-capped vial. |
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| **DIL** | **SPE** | 6. | SAVe Diluent®: One, 30mL, green-capped, bottle containing Tween-20, bovine serum albumin and phosphate-buffered-saline, (pH 7.2 ± 0.2). Ready to use. **NOTE: The SAVe Diluent**® **will change color when combined with serum.** |
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| **SOLN** | **TMB** | 7. | TMB: One, 15mL, amber-capped, amber bottle containing 3, 3’, 5, 5’ - tetramethylbenzidine (TMB). Ready to use. |
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| **SOLN** | **STOP** | 8. | Stop Solution: One, 15mL, red-capped, bottle containing 1M H2SO4, 0.7M HCl. Ready to use. |
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| **WASHBUF** | **10X** | 9. | Wash Buffer Concentrate (10X): Dilute 1 part concentrate + 9 parts deionized or distilled water. One, 100mL, clear-capped, bottle containing a 10X concentrated phosphate-buffered-saline and Tween-20 solution (blue solution). **NOTE: 1X solution will have a pH of 7.2 ± 0.2.** |

**NOTES:**

1. **The following components are not Test System Lot Number dependent and may be used interchangeably with the ZEUS ELISA Test Systems: TMB, Stop Solution, and Wash Buffer. SAVe Diluent® may be used interchangeably with any ZEUS ELISA Test System utilizing Product No. 005CC.**
2. **Test System also contains a Component Label containing lot specific information inside the Test System box.**

**PRECAUTIONS**

1. For *In Vitro* diagnostic use.
2. Follow normal precautions exercised in handling laboratory reagents. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye/face protection. Do not breathe vapor. Dispose of waste observing all local, state, and federal laws.
3. The wells of the ELISA plate do not contain viable organisms. However, consider the strips **potentially biohazardous materials** and handle accordingly.
4. The Controls are **potentially biohazardous materials**. Source materials from which these products were derived were found negative for HIV-1 antigen, HBsAg and for antibodies against HCV and HIV by approved test methods. However, since no test method can offer complete assurance that infectious agents are absent, handle these products at the Biosafety Level 2 as recommended for any potentially infectious human serum or blood specimen in the Centers for Disease Control/National Institutes of Health manual “Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories”: Current Edition; and OSHA’s Standard for Bloodborne Pathogens (20).
5. Adherence to the specified time and temperature of incubations is essential for accurate results. **All reagents must be allowed to reach room temperature (20 - 25°C) before starting the assay**. Return unused reagents to refrigerated temperature immediately after use.
6. Improper washing could cause false positive or false negative results. Be sure to minimize the amount of any residual wash solution; (e.g., by blotting or aspiration) before adding Conjugate or Substrate. Do not allow the wells to dry out between incubations.
7. The SAVe Diluent®, Controls, and Calibrator contain Sodium Azide at a concentration of <0.1% (w/v). Sodium Azide has been reported to form lead or copper azides in laboratory plumbing which may cause explosions upon hammering. To prevent, rinse sink thoroughly with water after disposing of solution containing Sodium Azide.
8. The Stop Solution is TOXIC if inhaled, has contact with skin or if swallowed. It can cause burns. In case of accident or ill feelings, seek medical advice immediately.
9. The TMB Solution is HARMFUL. It is irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
10. The Wash Buffer concentrate is an IRRITANT. It is irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
11. Wipe the bottom of the plate free of residual liquid and/or fingerprints that can alter optical density (OD) readings.
12. Dilution or adulteration of these reagents may generate erroneous results.
13. Do not use reagents from other sources or manufacturers.
14. TMB Solution should be colorless, very pale yellow, very pale green, or very pale blue when used. Contamination of the TMB with Conjugate or other oxidants will cause the solution to change color prematurely. Do not use the TMB if it is noticeably blue in color.
15. Never pipette by mouth. Avoid contact of reagents and patient specimens with skin and mucous membranes.
16. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents. Incorrect results may occur.
17. Cross contamination of reagents and/or samples could cause erroneous results.
18. Reusable glassware must be washed and thoroughly rinsed free of all detergents.
19. Avoid splashing or generation of aerosols.
20. Do not expose reagents to strong light during storage or incubation.
21. Allowing the microwell strips and holder to equilibrate to room temperature prior to opening the protective envelope will protect the wells from condensation.
22. Collect the wash solution in a disposal basin. Treat the waste solution with disinfectant (i.e.: 10% household bleach - 0.5% Sodium Hypochlorite). Avoid exposure of reagents to bleach fumes.
23. Caution: Neutralize any liquid waste at an acidic pH before adding to a bleach solution.
24. Do not use ELISA plate if the indicator strip on the desiccant pouch has turned from blue to pink.
25. Do not allow the Conjugate to come in contact with containers or instruments that may have previously contained a solution utilizing Sodium Azide as a preservative. Residual amounts of Sodium Azide may destroy the Conjugate’s enzymatic activity.
26. Do not expose any of the reactive reagents to bleach-containing solutions or to any strong odors from bleach-containing solutions. Trace amounts of bleach (sodium hypochlorite) may destroy the biological activity of many of the reactive reagents within this Test System.
27. Fully reconsitute the Calibrator prior to performing the assay. Improper or inadequate reconstitution will produce erroneous results.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

1. ELISA microwell reader capable of reading at a wavelength of 450nm. **NOTE: Use of a single (450nm), or dual (450/620 - 650nm), wavelength reader is acceptable. Dual wavelength is preferred, as the additional reference filter has been determined to reduce potential interference from anomalies that may absorb light.**
2. Pipettes capable of accurately delivering 10 - 200µL.
3. Multichannel pipette capable of accurately delivering 50 - 200µL.
4. Reagent reservoirs for multichannel pipettes.
5. Wash bottle or microwell washing system.
6. Distilled or deionized water.
7. One liter graduated cylinder.
8. Serological pipettes.
9. Disposable pipette tips.
10. Paper towels.
11. Laboratory timer to monitor incubation steps.
12. Disposal basin and disinfectant (i.e.: 10% household bleach - 0.5% Sodium Hypochlorite).

**STORAGE CONDITIONS**

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| storage2-8.bmp | Coated Microwell Strips: Immediately reseal extra strips with desiccant and return to proper storage. After opening - strips are stable for 60 days, as long as the indicator strips on the desiccant pouch remains blue. |
| Conjugate – DO NOT FREEZE. |
| Unopened Test System, Calibrator, Positive Control, Negative Control, TMB, SAVe Diluent® |
| Unused reconstituted Calibrator, up to 30 days. |
| storage2-25.bmp | Stop Solution: 2 - 25°C  Wash Buffer (1X): 20 - 25°C for up to 7 days, 2 - 8°C for 30 days.  Wash Buffer (10X): 2 - 25°C |

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION**

1. ZEUS Scientific recommends that the user carry out specimen collection in accordance with CLSI document M29: Protection of Laboratory Workers from Infectious Disease (Current Edition).
2. No known test method can offer complete assurance that human blood samples will not transmit infection. Therefore, consider all blood derivatives potentially infectious.
3. Use only freshly drawn and properly refrigerated sera obtained by approved aseptic venipuncture procedures in this assay (17, 18). Do not use if there are any added anticoagulants or preservatives. Avoid using hemolyzed, lipemic, or bacterially contaminated sera.
4. Store sample at room temperature for no longer than 8 hours. If testing is not performed within 8 hours, sera may be stored between 2 - 8°C, for no longer than 48 hours. If a delay in testing is anticipated, store test sera at –20°C or lower. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles which may cause loss of antibody activity and give erroneous results. It is the responsibility of the individual laboratory to use all available references and/or its own studies to determine stability criteria for its laboratory (21).

**ASSAY PROCEDURE**

1. Remove the individual components from storage and allow them to warm to room temperature (20 - 25°C).
2. Each specimen will require one, 1x8 profile antigen strip. Include the Positive Control, Negative Control, and Calibrator each time the assay is run. Check software and reader requirements for the correct Controls/Calibrator configurations. Return unused strips to the resealable pouch with desiccant, seal, and return to storage between 2 - 8°C.
3. Prepare a 1:21 dilution of the Positive and Negative Controls, and each patient serum.
   1. Add 50µL of each sample, the Positive Control, and the Negative Control to separate tubes. Add 1000µL of SAVe Diluent® to each tube. Mix the contents of each tube thoroughly. The SAVe Diluent® will undergo a color change confirming that the specimen has been combined with the diluent.
   2. Add 100µL of SAVe Diluent® to every well in row A.
   3. Using a multichannel pipette, load the Controls, Calibrator, and patient specimens as outlined below. Load 100µL per well. The reconstituted Calibrator is ready to load, **do not dilute**.

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|  | | **Column** | | | | | |
| **Antigen** | **Row** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **Etc.** |
| Antigen Mixture | A | Diluent | Diluent | Diluent | Diluent | Diluent |  |
| Jo-1 | B | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| Sm | C | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| Sm/RNP | D | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| SSA | E | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| SSB | F | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| Scl-70 | G | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |
| Antigen Control | H | Negative Control | Positive Control | Calibrator | Test 1 | Test 2 |  |

1. Incubate the plate at room temperature (20 - 25°C) for 25 ± 5 minutes.
2. Wash the microwell strips 5 times.
   1. **Manual Wash Procedure**:
3. Vigorously shake out the liquid from the wells.
4. Fill each microwell with Wash Buffer. Make sure no air bubbles are trapped in the wells.
5. Repeat steps 1. and 2. for a total of 5 washes.
6. Shake out the wash solution from all the wells. Invert the plate over a paper towel and tap firmly to remove any residual wash solution from the wells. Visually inspect the plate to ensure that no residual wash solution remains. Collect wash solution in a disposable basin and treat with disinfectant at the end of the day’s run.
   1. **Automated Wash Procedure**:

If using an automated microwell wash system, set the dispensing volume to 300 - 350µL/well. Set the wash cycle for 5 washes with no delay between washes. If necessary, the microwell plate may be removed from the washer, inverted over a paper towel and tapped firmly to remove any residual wash solution from the microwells.

1. Add 100µL of the Conjugate to each well, including the Reagent Blank well, at the same rate and same order as the specimens.
2. Incubate the plate at room temperature (20 - 25°C) for 25 ± 5 minutes.
3. Wash the microwells by following the procedure as described in step 5.
4. Add 100µL of TMB to each well, including the Reagent Blank well, at the same rate and in the same order as the specimens.
5. Incubate the plate at room temperature (20 - 25°C) for 10 - 15 minutes.
6. Stop the reaction by adding 50µL of Stop Solution to each well, including the Reagent Blank well, at the same rate and in the same order as the TMB. Positive samples will turn from blue to yellow. After adding the Stop Solution, tap the plate several times to ensure that the samples are thoroughly mixed.
7. Set the microwell reader to read at a wavelength of 450nm and measure the optical density (OD) of each well against the Reagent Blank. Read the plate within 30 minutes of the addition of the Stop Solution.

**QUALITY CONTROL**

1. When performing the assay, test the Positive Control, Negative Control, and Calibrator. For each profile strip, it is necessary to include a Diluent Blank (Row A), and a Control Antigen Blank (Row H). The Diluent Blank measures the nonspecific interaction between the Conjugate and the autoantigens. The Control Antigen well provides a measurement of non-specific interaction between patient antibody and a Control Antigen.
2. Refer to the included Component List. This sheet describes the lot specific specifications for the Calibrator. If the Calibrator is out of range, the results are considered invalid, and patient results may not be reported.
3. The Positive and Negative Controls must meet the following specifications:
4. Positive Control must be >180 AAU/mL
5. Negative Control must be <150 AAU/mL
6. Positive Control/Negative Control must be >2.00
7. If the assay Controls do not meet the above specifications, then the assay is considered invalid. Do not report the patient results.
8. Calculate the mean of the Conjugate Control wells (Row A). This value should be less than 0.200. A high mean OD for the Conjugate control could indicate inadequate washing, poor water quality, or contaminated reagents. Variability from well-to-well indicates poor pipetting and/or inconsistency of washing, well-to-well.

**INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**

1. **Calculations:**
   1. **Determing Autoantigen-Specific Optical Density (OD):** Controls, Calibrator, and test specimens are all loaded on the Control antigen well (Row H). The Control Antigen well is prepared by coating and blocking the plastic with solutions which **do not** contain any autoantigens. Therefore, the Control Antigen well provides measurement of **non-specific absorbency** in each sample. Autoantigen-specific absorbency may be represented as the difference in optical density between the antigen coated well and the control antigen well.

**Example:**Test Specimen A, Control Well OD (Row H) = 0.175

Test Specimen A, SSB Well OD (Row F) = 1.563

SSB Specific OD = 1.563 - 0.175 = 1.388

Using the respective control antigen well for each Calibrator, Control, and sample, determine the autoantigen-specific OD for each autoantigen. Do not subtract the Control antigen OD from the Conjugate control well OD.

* 1. **Calibrator:** Based upon testing of normal and disease-state specimens, a maximum normal autoantibody unit (AAU) value has been determined by ZEUS Scientific and correlated to the calibrator. The calibrator the determination of the unit value of test samples for each of the autoantigens, and to correct for slight day-to-day variations in test results. The unit value (CV) is determined for each autoantibody antigen for each lot of kit components and is printed on the Component List.
  2. **Conversion Of Optical Density To AAU/mL:** The conversion of autoantigen-specific OD to unit value (AAU/mL) can be represented by the following equation: Test Specimen AAU/mL = (A x B)/C

**Where:** AAU/mL = Unknown unit value to be determined

A = OD of test specimen in question.

B = Unit value of calibrator for autoantigen in question (AAU/mL).

C = OD of calibrator.

**Example:** Test specimen specific OD for SSA = 0.946

Calibrator specific OD for SSA = 0.435

Calibrator unit value for SSA = 155 AAU/mL

**Test Specimen AAU/mL = (0.946 x 155)/0.435**

**Test Specimen = 337 AAU/mL for anti-SSA**

1. **Interpretation of Results:**

Using 152 normal healthy donor specimens, and 185 disease-state specimens, ZEUS Scientific, Inc. has established the following guidelines for the interpretation of patient results:

<150 AAU/mL - Negative

150 - 180 AAU/mL - Equivocal

>180 AAU/mL - Positive

Use the above guidelines when evaluating or interpreting patient specimens. Re-test specimens with unit values in the equivocal range (150 – 180) in duplicate. Report any two of the three results which agree. Test repeatedly equivocal specimens using an alternate serologic procedure and/or re-evaluate by drawing another sample one to three weeks later. Elevated autoantibody levels to any of the profile autoantigens may be indicative of a specific rheumatic disorder. The Significance and Background section of this Package Insert describes some of the more common diseases associated with elevated autoantibody levels. **NOTE: When interpreting the anti-Sm/RNP result to determine potential anti-RNP (only) activity, one must consider the anti-Sm and the anti-Sm/RNP result simultaneously.** For example, below are three possible scenarios:

1. Anti-Sm result = 80, and anti-Sm/RNP result = 986 AAU/mL. Patient expresses a significant amount of anti-RNP.
2. Anti-Sm result = 493 AAU/mL, and anti-Sm/RNP result = 1139 AAU/mL. Patient expresses significant amounts of both autoantibodies.
3. Anti-Sm result = 37 AAU/mL, and anti-Sm/RNP result = 63 AAU/mL. Patient is negative for both autoantibodies.

**LIMITATIONS OF THE ASSAY**

1. Do not make a diagnosis solely on the basis of the ZEUS ELISA ENA Profile-6 Test System results.
2. Interpret test results in conjunction with the clinical evaluation and the results of other diagnostic procedures.

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