

PANCREATIC AMYLASE

Package insert instructions must be carefully followed. Reliability of assay results cannot be guaranteed if there are any deviations from the instructions in this package insert.

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INTENDED USE

The MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase assay is intended for the enzymatic colorimetric determination of pancreatic amylase according to the IFCC method of determination in serum or plasma on the ARCHITECT cSystems.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF TEST

Alpha-amylases are hydrolytic enzymes, which break down starch into maltose. In the human body, alpha-amylases originate from various organs that give the corresponding name to the enzyme. The pancreatic alpha-amylase is produced almost exclusively by the pancreas and released into the intestinal tract; the salivary alpha-amylase, mainly synthesized in the salivary glands, is secreted into saliva and is also present in tears, sweat, and amniotic fluid. Pancreatic alpha-amylase assays are suitable for monitoring acute pancreatitis and acute attacks in chronic pancreatitis.

PRINCIPLES OF PROCEDURE

The enzymatic colorimetric assay for pancreatic alpha-amylase determination is carried out in two successive steps. In the first incubation step, the activity of the human salivary alpha-amylase is inhibited using two different monoclonal antibodies with no effect on the pancreatic alpha-amylase. In the second reaction step, the pancreatic alpha-amylase catalyzes the hydrolysis of the EPS substrate (Ethylidene Protected Substrate) *p*-nitrophenyl-maltoheptaoside (Ethylidene Protected Substrate) *p*-nitrophenyl-maltoheptaoside 4,6-ethylidene-blocked (ethylidene-G7PNP) forming 2 ethylidene-G5 + 2 G2PNP + 2 ethylidene-G4 + 2 G3PNP + ethylidene-G3 + G4PNP. The α-glycosidase hydrolyzes all fragments of G2PNP, G3PNP, and G4PNP into *p*-nitro phenol (PNP) and glucose (G). The increase of absorbance, due to PNP formation is proportional to the activity of pancreatic alpha-amylase in the examined sample.

Methodology: IFCC method

REAGENTS

Reagent Kit

6K22-30 MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase is supplied as a liquid, ready-to-use, two-reagent kit which contains:

R1	2 x 36 mL
R2	2 x 11 mL
Estimated tests per kit: 296	
Calculation is based on the minimum reagent fill volume per kit.	
Reactive Ingredients	
R1	HEPES buffer (pH 7.15)
	MgCl ₂
	α-glucosidase
	Anti-salivary alpha-amylase monoclonal antibodies (mouse)
R2	HEPES buffer (pH 7.15)
	4,6-ethylidene-G7PNP
	53 mmol/L
	13 mmol/L
	≥ 4 kU/L
	≥ 30 mg/L
	53 mmol/L
	4 mmol/L

Nonreactive Ingredients: R1 contains buffer, detergent, stabilizer, and preservatives including sodium azide (< 0.1%). R2 contains buffer and sodium azide (< 0.1%) as a preservative.

REAGENT HANDLING AND STORAGE

Reagent Handling

- R1 Ready for use.
- R2 Ready for use.
- Remove air bubbles, if present in the reagent cartridge, with a new applicator stick. Alternatively, allow the reagent to sit at the appropriate storage temperature to allow the bubbles to dissipate. To minimize volume depletion, do not use a transfer pipette to remove the bubbles.
- CAUTION: Reagent bubbles may interfere with proper detection of reagent level in the cartridge, causing insufficient reagent aspiration that could impact results.
- Do not pipette by mouth and avoid any contact with skin. Both saliva and sweat contain alpha-amylase.



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Reagent Storage

- Unopened reagents are stable until the expiration date when stored at 2 to 8°C.
- Reagent stability is 30 days if the reagent is uncapped and onboard.

Indications of Deterioration

Reagents must be clear; do not use if turbid. A slight yellow color of R2 does not affect the reagent performance. Instability or deterioration should be suspected if there are visible signs of leakage, turbidity, microbial growth, if calibration does not meet the appropriate package insert and/or ARCHITECT System Operations Manual criteria, or if controls do not meet the appropriate criteria.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Precautions for Users

- IVD
- For In Vitro Diagnostic Use.
- Do not use components beyond the expiration date.
- Do not mix materials from different kit lot numbers.
- CAUTION: This product requires the handling of human specimens. It is recommended that all human-sourced materials be considered potentially infectious and handled in accordance with the OSHA Standard on Bloodborne Pathogens.¹ Biosafety Level 2² or other appropriate biosafety practices^{3,4} should be used for materials that contain or are suspected of containing infectious agents.
- The following warnings and precautions apply to R1:

	WARNING: Contains methylisothiazolones and sodium azide.	
	H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
	EUH032	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
	Prevention	
	P261	Avoid breathing mist /vapors / spray.
	P280	Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection.
	P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
	Response	
	P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
	P333+P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice / attention.
	P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
	Disposal	
	P501	Dispose of contents / container in accordance with local regulations.

- The following warnings and precautions apply to R2:
Contains sodium azide.
EUH032 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
P501 Dispose of contents / container in accordance with local regulations.
- For a detailed discussion of safety precautions during system operation, refer to the ARCHITECT System Operations Manual, Section 8.
- Safety Data Sheets are available at www.abbottdiagnostics.com or contact your local representative.

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Customer Service: Contact your local representative or find country-specific contact information on www.abbottdiagnostics.com.

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Key to Symbols

CONTAINS: AZIDE	Contains sodium azide. Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
FOR USE WITH	Identifies products to be used together
IVD	In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device
LOT	Batch code/Lot number
PRODUCT OF ITALY	Product of Italy
R1	Reagent 1
R2	Reagent 2
REF	Catalog number/List number
SN	Serial number
WARNING: SENSITIZER	Warning: May cause an allergic reaction.
	Consult instructions for use
	Manufacturer
	Sufficient for
	Temperature limitation
	Use by/Expiration date

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING

Suitable Specimens

- **Serum:** Use serum collected by standard venipuncture techniques into plastic tubes with or without gel barriers. Ensure complete clot formation has taken place prior to centrifugation. Centrifuge according to tube manufacturer’s instructions to ensure proper separation of serum from blood cells. Glass tubes were not tested. Some specimens, especially those from patients receiving anticoagulant or thrombolytic therapy, may take longer to complete their clotting processes. Fibrin clots may subsequently form in these sera and the clots could cause erroneous test results.
- **Plasma:** Use plasma collected by standard venipuncture techniques into plastic tubes. The acceptable anticoagulants are sodium and lithium heparin and EDTA. Ensure centrifugation is adequate to remove platelets. Centrifuge according to tube manufacturer’s instructions to ensure proper separation of plasma from blood cells. Glass tubes and gel separator tubes were not tested.

For total sample volume requirements, refer to the ASSAY PARAMETERS section of this package insert and *Section 5* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual**.

Specimen Storage

Serum and Plasma		
Temperature	Maximum Storage	Bibliographic Reference
20 to 25°C	7 days	5
2 to 8°C	7 days	5, 6
-20°C	1 year	5

Guder et al.⁵ suggest storage of frozen specimens at -20°C for no longer than the time interval cited above. However, limitations of laboratory equipment make it necessary in practice for clinical laboratories to establish a range around -20°C for specimen storage. This temperature range may be established from either the freezer manufacturer’s specifications or your laboratory standard operating procedure(s) for specimen storage.

NOTE: Stored specimens must be inspected for particulates. If present, mix and centrifuge the specimen to remove particulates prior to testing.

PROCEDURE

Materials Provided

[REF] 6K22-30 MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase Kit

Materials Required but not Provided

- [REF] 6K30-10 MULTIGENT Clin Chem Cal
- [REF] 6K30-20 MULTIGENT Clin Chem Control 1
- [REF] 6K30-21 MULTIGENT Clin Chem Control 2
- Saline (0.85% to 0.90% NaCl) for specimens that require dilution

Assay Procedure

For a detailed description of how to run an assay on the ARCHITECT cSystems, refer to *Section 5* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual**.

Specimen Dilution Procedure

The ARCHITECT cSystems have an automatic dilution feature; refer to *Section 2* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual** for additional information.

Serum and Plasma: Specimens with pancreatic amylase values exceeding 2,200 U/L (36.67 µkat/L) are flagged and may be diluted by following either the Automated Dilution Protocol or the Manual Dilution Procedure.

Automated Dilution Protocol

If using the Automated Dilution Protocol, the system performs a 1:10 dilution of the specimen and automatically corrects the concentration by multiplying the result by the appropriate dilution factor.

Manual Dilution Procedure

- Use saline (0.85% to 0.90% NaCl) to dilute the sample.
- The operator must enter the dilution factor in the patient or control order screen. The system uses this dilution factor to automatically correct the concentration by multiplying the result by the entered factor.
- If the operator does not enter the dilution factor, the result must be multiplied by the appropriate dilution factor before reporting the result.

NOTE: If the diluted sample result is flagged indicating it is less than the linear low limit, do not report the result. Rerun using an appropriate dilution.

For detailed information on ordering dilutions, refer to *Section 5* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual**.

CALIBRATION

Calibration is stable for 30 days (720 hours) and is required with each change in reagent lot number. Verify calibration curve with at least two levels of controls according to the established quality control requirements for your laboratory. If control results fall outside acceptable ranges, recalibration may be necessary.

For a detailed description of how to calibrate an assay, refer to *Section 6* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual**.

For information on calibrator standardization, refer to the [REF] 6K30-10 MULTIGENT Clin Chem Cal package insert.

QUALITY CONTROL

As appropriate, refer to your laboratory standard operating procedure(s) and/or quality assurance plan for additional quality control requirements and potential corrective actions:

- Two levels of controls (normal and abnormal) are to be run every 24 hours.
- If more frequent control monitoring is required, follow the established quality control procedures for your laboratory.
- If quality control results do not meet the acceptance criteria defined by your laboratory, patient values may be suspect. Follow the established quality control procedures for your laboratory. Recalibration may be necessary.
- Review quality control results and acceptance criteria following a change of reagent or calibrator lot.

RESULTS

Refer to *Appendix C* of the **ARCHITECT System Operations Manual** for information on results calculations.

To convert results from U/L to µkat/L, multiply U/L by 0.01667.⁷

Representative performance data are given in the EXPECTED VALUES and SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS sections of this package insert. Results obtained in individual laboratories may vary.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

Refer to the SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING and SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS sections of this package insert.

EXPECTED VALUES

Reference Range

Serum and Plasma		
Gender/Age	Range (U/L)	Range (µkat/L)
Either	8 to 51	0.13 to 0.85

A study was conducted using 259 volunteers from a healthy blood donor population in Milan, Italy. Data were analyzed as described by Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) protocol NCCLS C28-A2.⁸ From this study, the central 95% of specimens fell within the range above.

It is recommended that each laboratory determine its own reference range based upon its particular locale and population characteristics. For diagnostic purposes, the patient’s medical history and all other clinical findings should be considered when evaluating pancreatic amylase results.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Reportable Range

The reportable range (analytical measurement range) for MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase is 1 to 2,200 U/L (0.02 to 36.67 µkat/L).

Limit of Detection (LOD)

The LOD for MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase is 1 U/L (0.02 µkat/L). LOD was calculated on 20 replicates of normal saline and reported as the mean zero value + 3 SD.

Interfering Substances

Interference studies were conducted using an acceptance criteria of ± 10% or 5.1 U/L deviation from the target value. MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase is not affected by the presence of the following interferents up to the concentrations indicated below.

Interfering Substance	Interferent Concentration
Bilirubin, conjugated	50 mg/dL (855 µmol/L)
Bilirubin, unconjugated	50 mg/dL (855 µmol/L)
Hemoglobin	500 mg/dL (5 g/L)
Intralipid	1500 mg/dL (15 g/L)

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Precision

The precision of the MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase assay is ≤ 6% Total CV. Studies were performed using CLSI protocol NCCLS EP5-A.⁹ Representative results are summarized below.

Control		Level 1	Level 2
N		30	30
Mean (U/L)		33.56	89.43
Within Run	SD	0.32	0.32
	%CV	0.90	0.40
Between Run	SD	0.40	0.40
	%CV	1.20	0.40
Total	SD	0.51	0.50
	%CV	1.50	0.60

Method Comparison

Correlation studies were performed using CLSI protocol NCCLS EP9-A.¹⁰ Results from the MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase assay on the AEROSET System were compared with the results from a commercially available method.

Results from the MULTIGENT Pancreatic Amylase assay on an ARCHITECT cSystem were compared with the results from the AEROSET System. Representative results using linear regression analysis are summarized below.

	AEROSET vs. Comparative Method	ARCHITECT vs. AEROSET
N	65	40
Y - Intercept	1.18	0.22
Correlation Coefficient	0.9988	0.9994
Slope	0.9864	0.9975
Range (U/L)	4.9 to 636.4	4.0 to 101.0

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TRADEMARKS

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ARCHITECT cSystems Assay Parameters

Pancreatic Amylase Serum/Plasma—Conventional and SI Units

Configure assay parameters — General									
<input checked="" type="radio"/> General		<input type="radio"/> Calibration		<input type="radio"/> SmartWash		<input type="radio"/> Results		<input type="radio"/> Interpretation	
Assay: AmyP		Type: Photometric		Version: †					
Number: 2953		Run controls for onboard reagents by: Lot							
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Reaction definition			<input type="radio"/> Reagent / Sample			<input type="radio"/> Validity checks			
Reaction mode: Rate up									
Wavelength: 404		Primary / Secondary		Main: 25 – 32		Read times			
Last required read: 32		Flex: — —							
Absorbance range: -0.1000 to 2.200		Color correction: — —							
Sample blank type: None									
<input type="radio"/> Reaction definition			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Reagent / Sample			<input type="radio"/> Validity checks			
Reagent: AAM0S			Reagent volume: 200			R1		R2	
Diluent: Saline			Water volume: —						
Diluent dispense mode: Type 0			Dispense mode: Type 0			Type 0			
Dilution name	Sample	Diluted sample	Diluent	Water	Dilution factor	Default dilution			
STANDARD	: 8.0	—	—	—	= 1:1.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			
<input type="radio"/> Reaction definition			<input type="radio"/> Reagent / Sample			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Validity checks			
Reaction check: None									
Rate linearity %: 10									

Configure assay parameters — Calibration									
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Assay: AmyP		Calibration method: Linear							
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Calibrator set: CCC-S		Blank: Water		Concentration: 0‡					
Replicates: 3		Cal 1: CCC-S1		††					
[Range 1 – 3]									
<input type="radio"/> Calibrators		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Volumes		<input type="radio"/> Intervals		<input type="radio"/> Validity checks			
Calibrator: CCC-S		Calibrator level		Sample		Diluted sample		Diluent	
Blank: Water		8.0		—		—		—	
Cal 1: CCC-S1		8.0		—		—		—	
<input type="radio"/> Calibrators		<input type="radio"/> Volumes		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Intervals		<input type="radio"/> Validity checks			
Calibration intervals:		Full interval: 720		(hours)					
Calibration type:		Adjust type: None							
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Blank absorbance range: -0.0100		—		0.0100					
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Span absorbance range: —		—		—					
Expected cal factor: 0.00									
Expected cal factor tolerance %: 0									

Configure assay parameters — SmartWash					
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Assay: AmyP					
COMPONENT	REAGENT / ASSAY	WASH	Volume	Replicates	

Pancreatic Amylase Serum/Plasma—Conventional Units

Configure assay parameters — Results					
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Results		<input type="radio"/> Interpretation			
Assay: AmyP		Assay number: 2953			
Dilution default range:		Result units: U/L			
Low-Linearity: 1		High-Linearity: 2200			
Gender and age specific ranges:					
GENDER	AGE (UNITS)	NORMAL	EXTREME		
Either	0 – 130 (Y)	8 - 51			

Configure result units	
Assay: AmyP	Version: †
Result units: U/L	Decimal places: 0 [Range 0 – 4]
Correlation factor: 1.0000	Intercept: 0.0000

Pancreatic Amylase Serum/Plasma—SI Units

Configure assay parameters — Results					
<input type="radio"/> General		<input type="radio"/> Calibration		<input type="radio"/> SmartWash	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Results		<input type="radio"/> Interpretation			
Assay: AmyP		Assay number: 2953			
Dilution default range:		Result units: µkat/L			
Low-Linearity: 0.02		High-Linearity: 36.67			
Gender and age specific ranges:					
GENDER	AGE (UNITS)	NORMAL	EXTREME		
Either	0 – 130 (Y)	0.13 – 0.85			

Configure result units	
Assay: AmyP	Version: †
Result units: µkat/L	Decimal places: 2 [Range 0 – 4]
Correlation factor: 1.0000	Intercept: 0.0000

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† Due to differences in instrument systems and unit configurations, version numbers may vary.
‡ Displays the number of decimal places defined in the decimal places parameter field.
†† Refer to the concentration specified on calibrator labeling or value sheet. These values are defined on the Configure calibrator set screen.