

DIAGNOSTIC KIT FOR DETERMINATION OF GENTAMICIN CONCENTRATION

HC-GENTAMICIN



INTRODUCTION

Gentamicin is an aminoglycoside antibiotic, used to treat many types of bacterial infections. It works by interrupting bacterial protein synthesis. Gentamicin is not absorbed from the alimentary tract and metabolized in the liver. It is eliminated unchanged in the urine (80-90%). Monitoring gentamicin concentration in serum is recommended because of the narrow therapeutic range, oto- and nephrotoxic side effects occurring with prolonged (more than 7 days) treatment with high doses of gentamicin and also because of large intersubject variability in pharmacokinetic parameters.

METHOD PRINCIPLE

Immunoturbidimetric method; inhibition of agglutination. Increase of absorbance measured at $\lambda = 700$ nm is inversely proportional to the concentration of gentamicin in the sample. Gentamicin which is present in the sample forms immune complexes with specific antibody contained in the first reagent. After adding a second reagent containing polystyrene latex particles coated with gentamicin, agglutination is inhibited in proportion to gentamicin concentration in the sample.

REAGENTS

Package	
1-Reagent	2 x 14 ml
2-Reagent	1 x 8 ml

Unopened reagents stored at 2-8°C are stable up to the expiry date printed on the package. After opening the reagents are stable for 21 days on board the analyser at 2-10°C. Protect from light!

Reagents composition

Bis-Tris buffer, monoclonal antibodies to gentamicin, polystyrene latex particles coated with gentamicin, sodium azide (< 0.1%).

Warnings and notes

- Products for in vitro diagnostic use only.
- The reagents should be used by suitably qualified laboratory personnel only in accordance with intended purpose.
- The reagents contain sodium azide as a preservative (< 0.1%). Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes. Sodium azide can form high explosive metal azide combinations with lead and copper. Drains should be flushed well with a large amount of water when discarding the solution.
- Mix well Reagent 2 before first use. Avoid foam formation.
- For optimal reagents stability it is recommended to remove them from the system and store in tightly closed bottles at 2-8°C.

SPECIMEN

Serum. Samples may be stored up to 3 days at 2-8 °C. or longer at -20°C. Nevertheless it is recommended to perform the assay with freshly collected samples!
Avoid repeated freezing and thawing. Mix well the samples before analysis.

PROCEDURE

These reagents may be used in automatic analyser Hitachi 911/912. 1-Reagent and 2-Reagent are ready to use.
1-Reagent Read code by barcode-reader
2-Reagent Read code by barcode-reader

Wavelength:

Main	700 nm
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THERAPEUTIC RANGE

Therapeutic concentration:

C_{max}^* :	severe infections	8-10 µg/ml (16.7-20.9 µmol/l)
	less severe infections	5-8 µg/ml (10.4-16.7 µmol/l)
C_{min}^* :	severe infections	< 2-4 µg/ml (< 4.2-8.4 µmol/l)
	moderate infections	< 2 µg/ml (< 4.2 µmol/l)
	less severe infections	< 1 µg/ml (< 2.1 µmol/l)

*maximum and minimum drug concentration in blood

Some patients achieve the desired therapeutic response at levels outside this range, so it is recommended to consider the need to establish an individual therapeutic ranges for each patient.

QUALITY CONTROL

For internal quality control it is recommended to use the CORMAY TDM CONTROLS (Cat. No 5-107) with each batch of samples.. For the calibration of automatic analysers systems the CORMAY GENTAMICIN CALIBRATORS (Cat. No 5-110) is recommended. The calibration curve should be prepared every 7 days, with change of reagent lot number or as required e.g. quality control findings outside the specified range.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Metrological characteristics may differ from values presented below with the instrument used.

- **Sensitivity / Limit of Detection:** 0.07 µg/ml (0.15 µmol/l).
- **Linearity:** up to 10 µg/ml (20.9 µmol/l). If the gentamicin concentration exceeds 10 µg/ml, dilute the sample 1:8 with saline solution and repeat the assay. The dilution take into account when making the results.
- **Specificity / Interferences**
Haemoglobin up to 0.5 g/dl, bilirubin up to 20 mg/dl, fatty acids up to 3 g/dl, do not interfere with the test.

Precision

Repeatability (run to run) n = 10	Mean [µg/ml]	SD [µg/ml]	CV [%]
level 1	3.06	0.037	1.21
level 2	6.09	0.121	1.98
level 3	7.69	0.269	3.50

Reproducibility (day to day) n = 10	Mean [µg/ml]	SD [µg/ml]	CV [%]
level 1	3.05	0.070	2.28
level 2	6.11	0.126	2.06
level 3	7.87	0.290	3.69

Method comparison

A comparison between CORMAY reagent (y) and commercially available assay (x) using 50 samples gave following results:
y = 0.9284x + 0.0365 µg/ml;
R = 0.9931 (R – correlation coefficient)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please refer to local legal requirements.

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