



SERION ELISA *classic*

Toxoplasma gondii IgG/IgM

Intended use

- Qualitative and quantitative detection of human IgG and IgM antibodies in serum, plasma or cerebrospinal fluid (IgG) directed against *Toxoplasma gondii*
- Demonstration of IgM antibodies as an initial assay for the detection of acute infections
- Detection of IgG antibodies for the determination of immune status
- Determination of IgG antibody avidity, by using the corresponding avidity reagent, in order to differentiate between acute and past infections

Diagnostic Efficiency

For validation of the SERION ELISA *classic* Toxoplasma gondii IgG test 994 sera from pregnant women were analyzed in comparison to an indirect immunofluorescence test. Discrepant sera were further analyzed in the Sabin-Feldman-Test.

For the evaluation of sensitivity and specificity of the SERION ELISA *classic* Toxoplasma gondii IgM test, 186 serum samples were analyzed in comparison to an ELISA test system from another manufacturer. Using a borderline region from 300 to 350 U/ml, a sensitivity of 97.7% and a specificity of 98.4% were determined.

Product	Sensitivity	Specificity
SERION ELISA <i>classic</i> Toxoplasma gondii IgG	98.2%	99.8%
SERION ELISA <i>classic</i> Toxoplasma gondii IgM	97.7%	98.4%

Precision

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Sample	Mean value (OD)	Intraassay CV (%) (n=20)	Mean value (OD)	Interassay CV (%) (n=10)
Serum 1	0.545	1.7	0.578	2.7
Serum 2	0.863	2.7	0.933	3.9
Serum 3	1.909	1.8	2.016	2.2

SERION ELISA *classic* Toxoplasma gondii IgM

Sample	Mean value (OD)	Intraassay CV (%) (n=20)	Mean value (OD)	Interassay CV (%) (n=10)
Serum 1	0.302	5.0	0.202	9.9
Serum 2	0.938	4.8	0.936	6.5
Serum 3	1.146	5.3	1.142	5.8

Pathogen

Toxoplasma gondii is an eucaryotic protozoa of the sporozoa group. The obligatory intracellular parasite is distributed worldwide.

Disease

Following oral uptake of the parasite, e. g. with contaminated food, the organism penetrates the gut and enters the reticuloendothelial system. Due to the following hematogenous dissemination, *Toxoplasma gondii* is able to infect many different organs and tissues. Approximately 50% of infections with *Toxoplasma gondii* proceed subclinically. The remainder demonstrate only unspecific symptoms such as low fever, exhaustion, headache as well as muscle and joint pain after an incubation period of one to three weeks. A minority of patients suffer from high fever up to 39 °C and swelling of lymph nodes. In 1% of infected children and young adults complications such as myocarditis, meningitis or pneumonia are reported. After recovery, *Toxoplasma gondii* persists in infected tissues by forming cysts.

Diagnosis

The diagnosis of toxoplasmosis is based on clinical findings and serological investigations. ELISA tests are recommended for the demonstration of IgG and IgM antibodies. Screening for *Toxoplasma* infections during pregnancy is of significant importance in prenatal care. The transmission of *Toxoplasma gondii* via the transplacental route has been observed in all stages of pregnancy, although the risk of a prenatal transmission as well as the outcome of infection depends on the stage of pregnancy. The risk of an infection of the unborn child via transplacental transmission is limited to seronegative women who acquire a primary infection during pregnancy. IgM antibodies directed against *Toxoplasma gondii* can persist for months after infection. Therefore, the determination of the IgG antibody avidity allows for differentiation of primary from past infections.

Highlights

- Sensitive IgM detection as an initial test for the diagnosis of acute infections, particularly during pregnancy
- Demonstration of IgG antibodies for determination of immune status with results expressed in IU/ml referenced to the international standard of the WHO
- Detection of intrathecally synthesized IgG antibodies for CSF diagnostics
- Differentiation of acute from past infections by determination of IgG antibody avidity using the corresponding avidity reagent

Product	Order No.
SERION ELISA <i>classic</i> Toxoplasma gondii IgG	ESR110G
SERION ELISA <i>classic</i> Toxoplasma gondii IgM	ESR110M
SERION ELISA Avidity Reagent Toxoplasma gondii	B110AVID

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