**INTENDED USE**
Reagent for quantitative in vitro determination of alkaline phosphatase in biological fluids.

**SUMMARY OF TEST**
The alkaline phosphatase is present in practically all tissues of the body, and it occurs at particularly high levels in intestinal epithelium, kidney tubules, bone, liver, and placenta. Although the precise metabolic function of the enzyme is not yet understood, it appears that the enzyme is associated with lipid transport in the intestine and with the calcification process in bone.

**PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD**
The enzyme alkaline phosphatase (EC 3.1.3.1, orthophosphoric-monooester phosphohydrolase) hydrolyzes the 4-NPP to release 4-nitrophenol, under alkaline conditions. The 4-nitrophenol formed is detected spectrophotometrically at 405 nm to give a measurement of alkaline phosphatase activity in the sample. The present method has been made according to IFCC.

**KIT COMPONENTS**
For in vitro diagnostic use only. The components of the kit are stable until expiration date on the label. Keep away from direct light sources.

**ALP IFCC R1**
- F080: 4 x 16 ml (liquid) blue cap
- F245: 12 x 16 ml (liquid) blue cap
- F400: 8 x 40 ml (liquid) blue cap
- F600: 4 x 120 ml (liquid) blue cap

**ALP IFCC R2**
- F080: 1 x 16 ml (liquid) red cap
- F245: 3 x 16 ml (liquid) red cap
- F400: 2 x 40 ml (liquid) red cap
- F600: 1 x 120 ml (liquid) red cap

Composition in the test: 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol buffer 0.35 M pH 10.40 (30°C), magnesium acetate 2 mM, zinc sulfate 1 mM, HEDTA 2 mM, 4-NPP 16 mM.

Store all components at 2-8°C.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED**
Current laboratory instrumentation, Spectrophotometer UV/VIS with thermostatic cuvette holder, Automatic micro-pipettes. Glass or high quality polystyrene cuvettes. Saline solution.

**REAGENT PREPARATION**
Serum as starter procedure:
- Codes F080/F245: add 4 ml of reagent R2 to a bottle of reagent R1.
- Code F400: add 10 ml of reagent R2 to a bottle of reagent R1.
- Code F600: mix 1 part of reagent R2 with 4 parts of reagent R1.

Stability of working reagent: preferably within 30 days at 2-8°C, away from light sources.

Reagent as starter procedure:
- use separate reagents ready to use.
- Stability: up to expiration date on labels at 2-8°C; Stability since first opening of vials: preferably within 30 days at 2-8°C.

**PRECAUTIONS**
**ALP IFCC R1:** Warning. Causes serious eye irritation (H319). Causes skin irritation (H315). Wear protective gloves. Eye protection (P280). IF ON SKIN: wash with plenty of water (P302+P352). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing (P304+P351+P352). If eye irritation persists: get medical advice (P337+P313).

**ALP IFCC R2:** It is not classified as hazardous.

**SPECIMEN**
Serum, plasma (heparinate only).
Sera kept at room temperatures usually show a slight but real increase in activity, which varies from 1% over a 6-hour period to 3% to 6% over a 1 to 4 days period. Even in sera stored at refrigerator temperature, activity increases slowly. In frozen sera, activity decreases but slowly reverts after thawing the serum.
A similar enhancement of activity, but of greater magnitude, occurs with reconstituted lyophilized preparations, such as those available as control sera or calibrators. In reconstituted material the increases with storage at 4 and 20°C are about 10 and 30%, respectively. Enhancement of activity continues for several days, but at a decreasing rate. The cause of this phenomenon is not known but may be attributed to renaturation of partially denatured enzyme or to dissociation, on warming, of a phosphate-lipoprotein complex or a multimer of the enzyme that was formed in the freeze-drying process.

**TEST PROCEDURE (sample as starter)**

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<th>Wavelength: 405 nm</th>
<th>Lightpath: 1 cm</th>
<th>Temperature: 37°C</th>
<th>dispense in cuvette working reagent: 1 ml</th>
<th>preincubate at 37°C for 5 minutes.</th>
<th>add sample: 20 µl</th>
<th>Mix, execute a first reading of absorbance after 1 minute, incubating at 37°C. Perform other 3 readings at 60 seconds intervals. Calculate the ΔA/min.</th>
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**RESULT CALCULATION**
Perform calculation in units per litre, multiplying the ΔA/min by the factor as it is indicated.
Calculation in U/l: \[ \Delta A/min \times 2757 \]
Activity in µkat/l: \[ U/l \times 0.0167 = \mu \text{kat/l} \]

**EXPECTED VALUES**

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<th>Women</th>
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<td>40 - 129 U/l</td>
<td>(0.67 - 2.15 µkat/l)</td>
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<td>35 - 104 U/l</td>
<td>(0.58 - 1.74 µkat/l)</td>
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**QUALITY CONTROL AND CALIBRATION**
It is suggested to perform an internal quality control. For this purpose the following human based control sera are available:

- **QUANTINORM CHEMA**
  - with normal or close to normal control values

- **QUANTIPATH CHEMA**
  - with pathological control values.

If required, a multiparametric, human based calibrator is available:

**AUTOCL H**
Please contact Customer Care for further informations..

**TEST PERFORMANCE**
Linearity
The method is linear up to 3000 U/l. If a ΔA/min of 0.500 is exceeded, it is suggested to dilute sample 1+9 with saline and to repeat the test, multiplying the result by 10.

Sensitivity/limit of detection (LOD)
The limit of detection is 5.2 U/l.

**Interferences**
No interference was observed by the presence of:
- Hemoglobin ≤ 400 mg/dl
- Bilirubin ≤ 40 mg/dl
- Lipids ≤ 900 mg/dl

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  - Causes skin irritation (H315).
  - Wear protective gloves. Eye protection (P280).

**REFERENCES**

**WASTE DISPOSAL**
This product is made to be used in professional laboratories.

**F081:** Dispose of contents according to national/international regulations.

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**SYMBOLS**
- IVD: in vitro diagnostic medical device
- LOT: lot number
- REF: catalogue number
- : temperature limit
- ∆: use by date
- : caution
- : consult instructions for use