CHOLINESTERASE (CHE)
Butyrylthiocholine Method
(DGKC Method)

Quantitative determination of cholinesterase by means of photometric method.

Only for in vitro use in clinical laboratory (IVD).

Clinical Significance
Cholinesterases (Che) are a group of enzymes preferably splitting choline and thiocholine esters. The names serum Cholinesterase and Pseudocholinesterase are also commonly used. The Che measured in serum and plasma is synthesized in the liver and is determined in diagnosis of liver diseases, nephrotic syndrome and intestinal diseases with loss of protein (exudative enteropathy). Strongly decreased values can indicate intoxication by pesticides. Measurement of Che is also a part of Pre-operative diagnostics as Che is needed for the inactivation of muscle relaxants often used in surgeries.

Principle
Cholinesterase hydrolyses butyrylthiocholine under release of butyric acid and thiocholine. Thiocholine reduces yellow potassium hexacyanoferrate (III) to colorless potassium hexacyanoferrate (II). The decrease of absorbance is measured at 405 nm.

Butyrylthiocholine + H2O \(\rightarrow\) Cholinesterase
\(\rightarrow\) Thiocholine + Butyrate

Reagents

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<th>R1</th>
<th>Pyrophosphate pH 7.6</th>
<th>95 mmol/L</th>
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<td>Potassium hexacyanoferrate (III)</td>
<td>2.5 mmol/L</td>
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<td>R2</td>
<td>Butyrylthiocholine</td>
<td>75 mmol/L</td>
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Storage Instructions and Reagent Stability
The reagent is stable up to the end of the indicated month of expiry, if stored at 2-8 °C, protected from light and contamination is avoided. Do not freeze the reagents.

Reagent Preparation & Stability
Reagents are ready for use.

Materials required but not provided
- Normal Saline.
- General laboratory equipment.

Sample Collection and Preparation
Serum, heparin and EDTA plasma

*stability: 2 weeks at 2-8 °C
  1 week at 15-25 °C
  6 months at -20 °C

Discard contaminated specimens.

Assay Procedure
Application sheets for automated systems are available on request.

1. **Assay Conditions:**
   - Wave length..........................405 nm
   - 1 cm path length
   - Temperature..............................37 °C
2. Adjust the instrument to zero with distilled water or air.
3. Pipette into a cuvette:

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<td>R1</td>
<td>1000 µL</td>
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<td>R2</td>
<td>250 µL</td>
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4. Mix and incubate for 120 seconds.
5. Read initial absorbance (A) of the sample, start the stop watch and read absorbance at 1 minute intervals thereafter for 3 minutes.
6. Calculate the difference between absorbances and the average absorbance difference per minute (ΔA/Min).

**Calculation**
\[
\text{Abs/Min} \times \text{Factor} = \text{Cholinesterase [U/L]}
\]

*Factor = 68500

**Quality Control**
Commercially available normal and pathological control sera are recommended to monitor the performance of the procedure. If the controls are found outside the defined range, check the instrument, reagents and calibrator.

**Reference Range**
Women 3930 - 10800 U/L
Men 4620 - 11500 U/L

It is suggested that each laboratory establish its own reference range.

**Performance Characteristics**
**Measuring range / Linearity:**
The test has been developed to determine Che activities up to 20000 U/L. If such value is exceeded, the sample should be diluted 1:5 with NaCl solution (9 g/L) and results multiplied by 6.

**Linearity: Upto 20000 U/L**

**Sensitivity:**
The lower limit of detection is 50 U/L.

**Interferences**
No interference was observed by ascorbic acid up to 30 mg/dl, bilirubin up to 45 mg/dl, hemoglobin up to 1000 mg/dL and lipemia up to 1400 mg/dL triglycerides.

**Assay Parameters:**

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<td>1250 µL (1000 µL+250 µL)</td>
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