

Catalog

Immunofluorescence assays (IFA)

The IFA-Galaxy Instruments & Assays



Welcome to our galaxy of automated immunofluorescence assays (IFA)

Reducing manual routines is an effective step to save time and money

AKENOMI®

Perfect Sample Preparation!

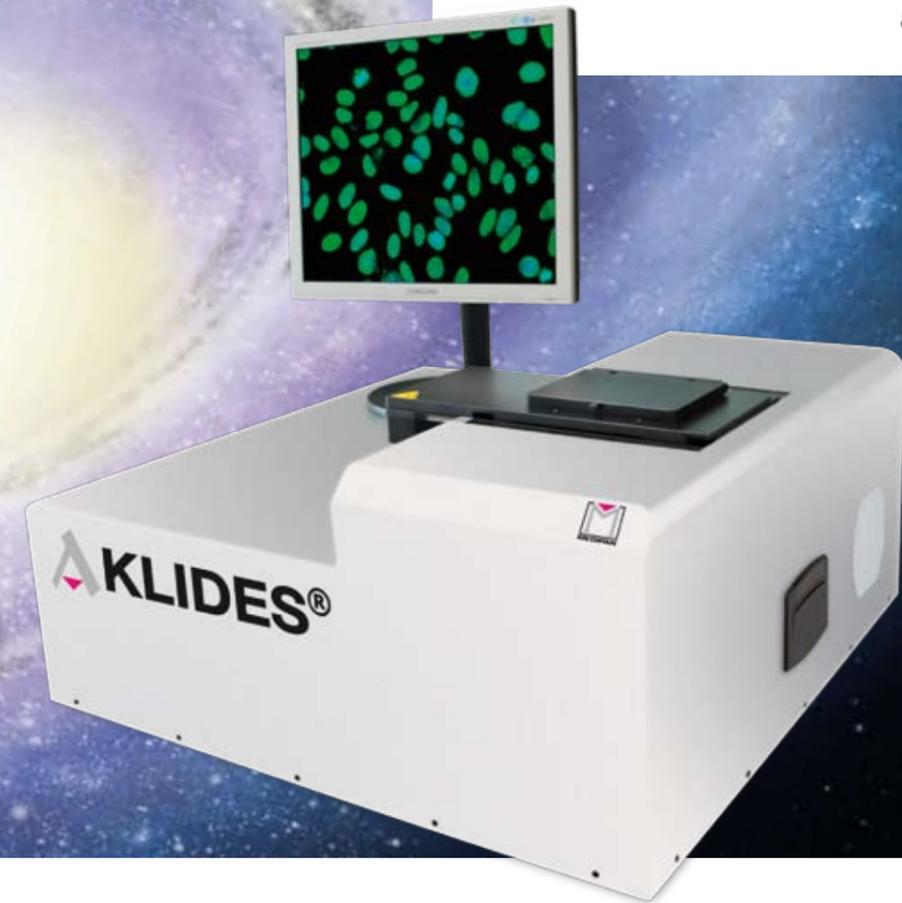
Designed as a highly flexible and cost-effective part of our IFA automation cascade



AKLIDES®

Standardization of IFA

The first system for automated analysis of IFA



Optimized data transfer to ...

... AKLIDES® or akiron®

The **AKENOMI®** is a compact and easy handling instrument, providing cost-effective automation for IFA assays and performing all of the following assay processes:

- sample pipetting
- slide washing
- reagent addition and incubation

Time and Space Saving

AKENOMI® helps to maximize your working area through parallel handling of 8 slides, 48 samples and 248 dilutions in less than 2 hours.

Flexible Application

The **AKENOMI®** software is designed to maximize flexibility for IFA applications. Up to 4 different methods can be programmed and processed independently. Two wash solutions, 4 different conjugates and up to 8 controls can be used in parallel. A two needle wash system guarantees efficient washing without any carry over.

Barcode Reader

The **AKENOMI®** has two different barcode readers: 1D to identify samples and reagents and 2D for the slides.

Reliable Connection

The **AKENOMI®** is optimized for **AKLIDES®**, **akiron®** and LIMS connection.

Sample rack



Barcode reader and double needle



The **AKLIDES®** technology was the first automated system for the immunofluorescence (IF) standardization in routine laboratories for autoimmunity. Meanwhile **AKLIDES®** is also applicable in the field of cell damage and microbiology. Main features of the automated system in autoimmunity are:

Analysis

Analysis of fluorescence patterns and quantification of fluorescence intensities is provided by **AKLIDES®**. The system offers a standardized positive-negative decision and pattern recognition in less than 30 seconds per well. Assays for ANA, ANCA, nDNA, tissues and **CytoBead®** are available with fully automated analysis.

Image Storage

AKLIDES® automatically stores the fluorescence images and defined patterns of each sample. This allows digital archiving over years and searching of results in an internal database.

Intensity Calibration

The **AKLIDES®** calibration slides are characterized by stable fluorescence for years. Yearly calibration leads to an even better standardization.

Titer Detection

Due to the **AKLIDES®** titer detection algorithm titration of patient samples for the cell-based assays is no longer needed.

Assess Result Whenever You Like

The **AKLIDES®** Doctor software allows access to the **AKLIDES®** analysis data from every work space. With the appropriate network structure, working via internet is also possible.

Export Options

AKLIDES® can generate an overall report of all relevant quantitative results in pdf- and csv-format and/or a single well report in pdf-format (including cell images). This allows the laboratory to seek instrument independent expert opinion worldwide by sending the reports by e-mail. Furthermore connecting to LIMS is also possible.

Modular Software Design

The **AKLIDES®** software is the key component of the system. The software guarantees optimal image processing and fully automated analysis of immunofluorescence signals using intelligent image processing algorithms. The modular design allows to buy just the software licenses needed.

Small Solution for Automated IFA

akiron[®]

Small ... Smart ... Fast

Automated IFA analysis for autoimmunity



Option

Data transfer from AKENOMI[®]

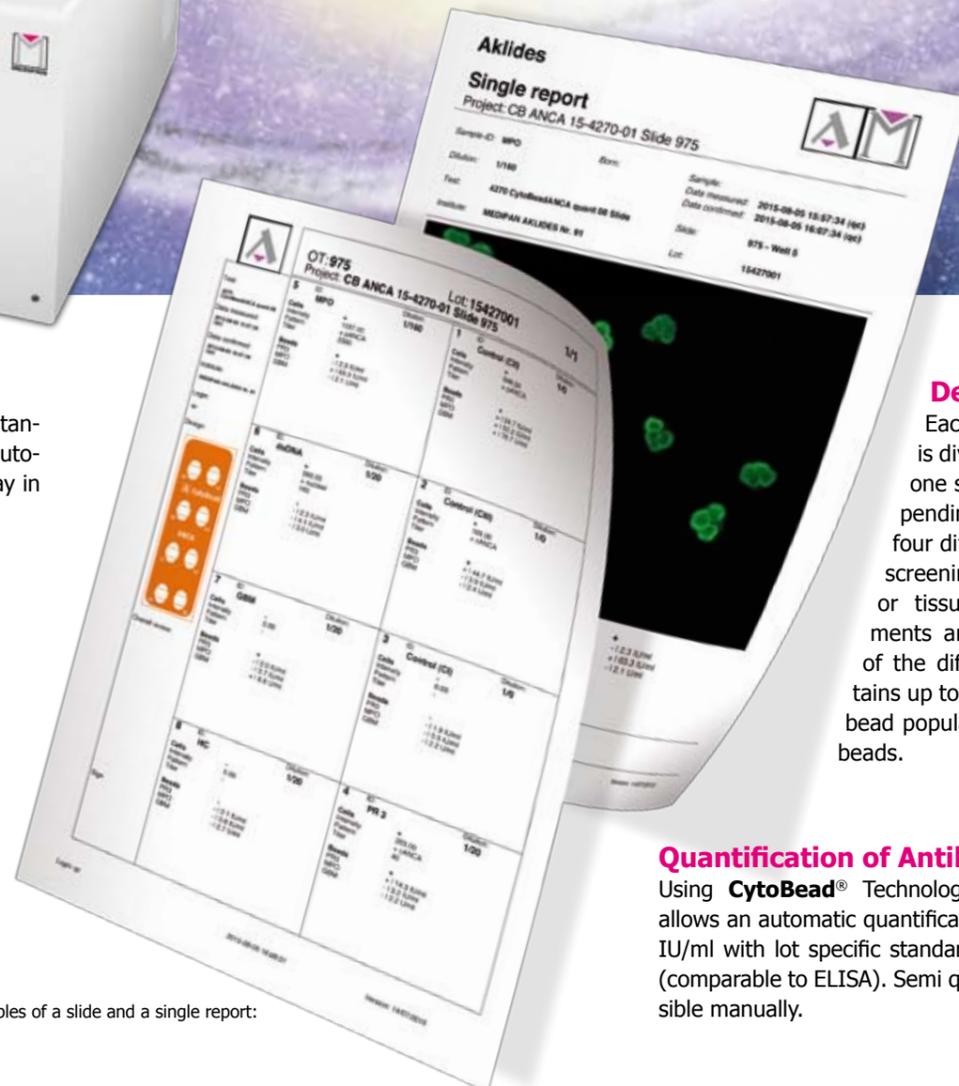
Inexpensive Solution for Automated IFA

The **akiron**[®] is the smaller version of the **AKLIDES**[®] for the fully automated and standardized imaging and data processing of immunofluorescence assays in the field of autoimmune diagnostics. High quality, simple and universal, it proves its worth every day in the laboratory, particularly in those with limited lab space.

The akiron[®] system can perform:

- Recognition and analysis of fluorescence patterns for ANA and ANCA
- Quantification of fluorescence intensities for individual patterns
- End point titer analysis for ANA and ANCA
- Overview images for tissue sections
- Measurement and quantification of microparticle reactivities (CytoBead[®])
- Generation and adaptation of measured and lot specific standard curves (CytoBead[®])
- Documentation and archiving of data and images (pdf- or csv-format)
- Access to the analysis data from every work space with the **AKLIDES**[®] Doctor software

Examples of a slide and a single report:



Next Generation IFA

BytoBead[®] Technology

New Combinations, New Possibilities!

Fast and easy diagnostic assays to perform screening and differentiation in one well simultaneously



Description of Technology

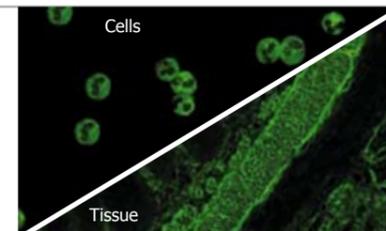
Each slide has eight wells. Each well is divided in different compartments: one screening-compartment and, depending on the application, two or four differentiation-compartments. The screening-compartment contains cells or tissue, the differentiation-compartments antigen-coated-microbeads. Each of the differentiation-compartments contains up to two differently coated and sized bead populations and additionally reference beads.

Quantification of Antibodies

Using **CytoBead**[®] Technology with **AKLIDES**[®] or **akiron**[®] allows an automatic quantification of antibody levels in U/ml or IU/ml with lot specific standard curves and 4-point calibration (comparable to ELISA). Semi quantification of antibodies is possible manually.

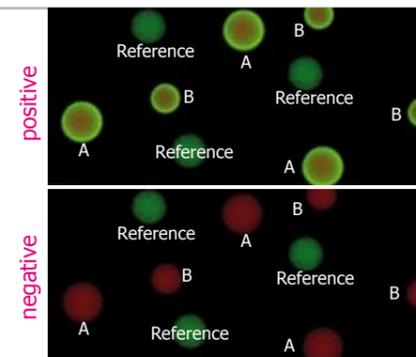
Screening compartment:

- Cells or tissue

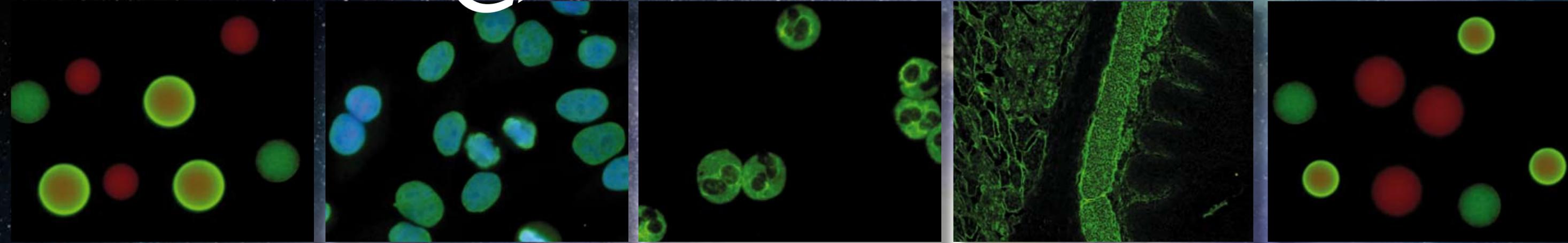


Differentiation compartments:

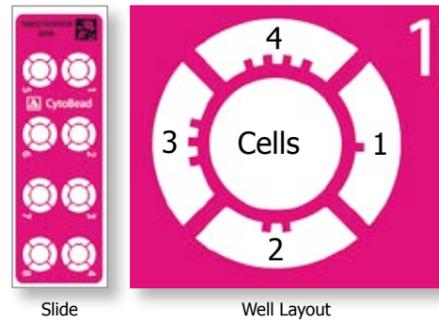
- Up to 2 different antigen-coated-microbeads (A, B)
- Reference beads



BytoBead® Assays



CytoBead® ANA/ANA 2



ANA (Anti-Nuclear Antibodies) are autoantibodies (AAB) which recognize conserved nuclear antigens. In indirect immunofluorescence on human tumor cell monolayers, such as HEp-2 cells, these antibodies show a characteristic staining of nuclear structures. The classification of ANA is done according to the target antigens.

Advantages of the CytoBead® ANA /ANA 2 Test

- Screening with standardized human tumor cell monolayers (HEp-2 cells)
- Differentiation of 8 different ANA specificities

Only ANA Test:

Compartment 1: **CENP-B**

Only ANA 2 Test:

Compartment 1: **Jo-1**

ANA and ANA 2 Test:

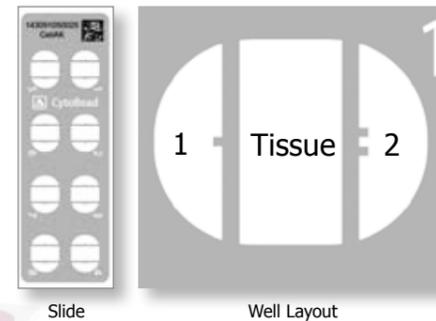
Compartment 1: **La**

Compartment 2: **Sm** and **RNP-Sm**

Compartment 3: **dsDNA** and **Scl-70**

Compartment 4: **Ro60** and **Ro52**

CytoBead® CeliAK



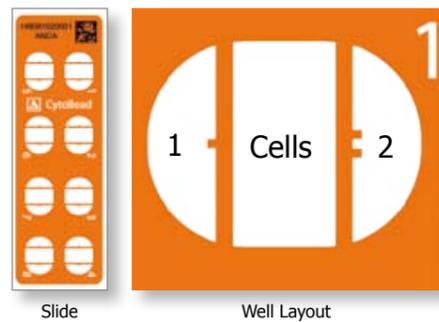
Celiac disease (gluten-induced enteropathy) is a gluten-related disorder. Intake of gluten leads to extended lesions of the mucous membranes, which manifests as a 'flat' mucosa. Gliadin, the alcohol-soluble fraction of gluten, is responsible for the emergence of celiac disease. Gliadin induces inflammatory processes in the small intestinal mucosa as part of the humoral and cellular immune processes. The serological diagnosis of celiac disease comprises the detection of highly specific autoantibodies (AAB) against transglutaminase 2 (tissue transglutaminase, tTG) and deamidated gliadin (DG). Endomysial antibodies (EmA) are directed against extracellular tTG. Celiac antibodies are typically of IgA class. In celiac patients with IgA deficiency, antibodies of the IgG type form the basis of diagnostics.

Advantages of the CytoBead® CeliAK Test

- Screening with standardized monkey esophagus tissue
- Parallel determination of tTG and DG antibodies as well as total IgA

Compartment 1: **tTG** and **DG** / Compartment 2: **Anti-IgA**

CytoBead® ANCA/RPGN



ANCA (Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies) play an important role in the diagnosis of systemic vasculitides. They are usually detected using indirect immunofluorescence (IIF) tests with ethanol fixed granulocytes. Cytoplasmic (cANCA) and perinuclear ANCA (pANCA) IIF patterns can be differentiated.

RPGN (Rapid Progressive Glomerulo-Nephritis) is for use in emergency situations.

Advantages of the CytoBead® ANCA Test

- Screening with standardized ethanol fixed human granulocytes
- Differentiation of 3 different antibody specificities

Compartment 1: **GBM** / Compartment 2: **PR3** and **MPO**

Advantages of the CytoBead® RPGN Test

- Screening with standardized ethanol fixed human granulocytes
- Differentiation of 4 different antibody specificities

Compartment 1: **GBM** and **dsDNA** / Compartment 2: **PR3** and **MPO**

Order information:

CytoBead® Assays for Automation (AKLIDES®, akiron®)

AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANA (10 x 8) - Order no. 4272

AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANA 2 (10 x 8) - Order no. 4277

AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANCA (6 x 8) - Order no. 4270

AKLIDES® CytoBead® RPGN (6 x 8) - Order no. 4281

AKLIDES® CytoBead® CeliAK (6 x 8) - Order no. 4271

CytoBead® Assays for Manual Handling

CytoBead® ANA (10 x 8) - Order no. 8065

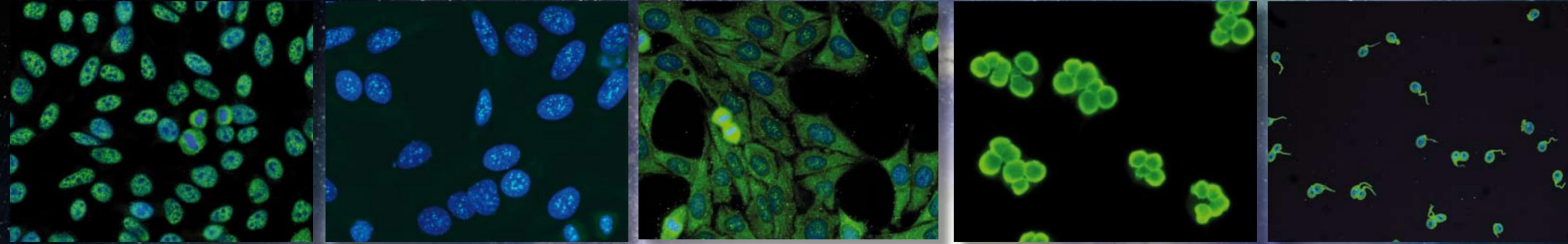
CytoBead® ANA 2 (10 x 8) - Order no. 8220

CytoBead® ANCA (6 x 8) - Order no. 8063

CytoBead® RPGN (6 x 8) - Order no. 8066

CytoBead® CeliAK (6 x 8) - Order no. 8064

AKLIDES® Cell Based Assays



ANA plus

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of IgG antibodies against nuclear (ANA) and cytoplasmic antigens in human serum.

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC
Format: Slides with HEp-2 cells

Designation: AKLIDES® ANA plus (10x12)	Determinations: 120	Order no.: 4065
Designation: AKLIDES® ANA plus (40x12)	Determinations: 480	Order no.: 4063

cANCA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of IgG antibodies against neutrophil cytoplasmic antigens (ANCA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC
Format: Slides with human granulocytes (ethanol fixed)

Designation: AKLIDES® cANCA (10x6)	Determinations: 60	Order no.: 4060
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nDNA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the sensitive determination of IgG antibodies against native DNA in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC
Format: Slides with Crithidia luciliae cells

Designation: AKLIDES® nDNA (10x6)	Determinations: 60	Order no.: 4282
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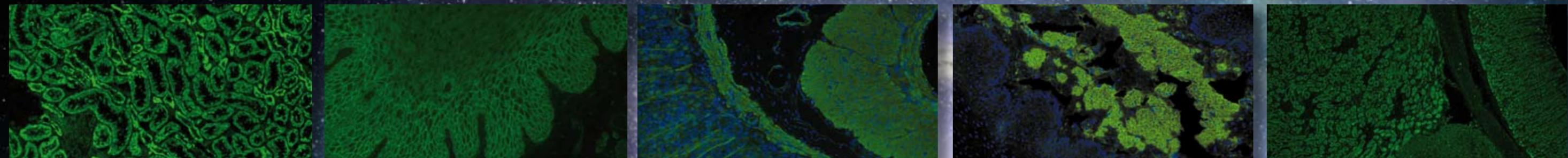
pANCA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the confirmation of IgG antibodies against neutrophil cytoplasmic antigens (ANCA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC
Format: Slides with human granulocytes (formalin fixed)

Designation: AKLIDES® pANCA (10x6)	Determinations: 60	Order no.: 4072
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AKLIDES® Tissue Based Assays



AMA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of anti-mitochondrial antibodies (AMA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with rat kidney sections

Designation: AKLIDES® AMA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4117

ASMA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against smooth muscles (ASMA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with rat stomach sections

Designation: AKLIDES® ASMA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4119

Triple

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies (ANA/AMA/ASMA/PCA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with sections of rat liver/stomach/kidney

Designation: AKLIDES® Triple (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4121

Designation: AKLIDES® Triple (12x8)

Determinations: 96

Order no.: 4122

Anti-GBM

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against the glomerular basement membrane (GBM) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey kidney sections

Designation: AKLIDES® Anti-GBM (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4123

ASA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against skin antigens (ASA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey esophagus

Designation: AKLIDES® ASA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4125

ICA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against islet cell antigens (ICA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey pancreas

Designation: AKLIDES® ICA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4129

CMA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against cardiac muscle antigens (CMA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey heart muscle

Designation: AKLIDES® CMA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4133

EmA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of IgA antibodies against the endomysium (EmA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgA-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey esophagus

Designation: AKLIDES® EmA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4131

Designation: AKLIDES® EmA (12x8)

Determinations: 96

Order no.: 4132

SkMA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against skeletal muscle antigens (SkMA) in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey skeletal muscle

Designation: AKLIDES® SkMA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4135

AAA

Indirect immunofluorescence test for the determination of antibodies against adrenal cortex antigens in human serum

Conjugate: Anti-human-IgG-FITC

Format: Slides with monkey adrenal cortex

Designation: AKLIDES® AAA (12x4)

Determinations: 48

Order no.: 4156



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