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**Cat.# K824 Mucor antigen EIA Format version 801**

### **Summary**

Mucoraceae is the most abundant family in Mucorales order. It includes 12 genera and 145 species. These species live in soil, on faeces of herbivorous animals and on various substrates of plant origin. For example, *Mucor pusillus* induces putrefaction of seeds and fruits during storage. Fungi from the genus *Mucor* produce antigens that may cause severe allergy (asthma, rhinoconjunctivitis, atopic dermatitis) in humans and animals; rarely, *Mucor* may also be the causative agent of respiratory disease (mucorosis).

### **Intended use**

The kit is intended for quantitative determination of the antigens of *Mucoraceae* in grain, food, washes from industrial equipment and other types of material and allows 96 determinations or assaying of 42 samples in duplicates.

### **Principle of the test**

This test is based on the competitive immunoassay principle. The tested specimen is placed into the microwells coated by the antigens of *M. pusillus* simultaneously with polyclonal rabbit IgG to *Mucor spp.* antigens. Antigen from the specimen binds to the rabbit IgG in competition with antigen on the microwells. Unbound material is removed by the washing procedure. Second antibodies directed towards rabbit IgG and labelled with peroxidase enzyme are then added into the microwells. After the subsequent washing procedure, the remaining enzymatic activity bound to the microwell surface is detected and quantified by addition of chromogen-substrate mixture, stop solution and photometry at 450 nm. Optical density in the microwell is inversely proportional to the quantity of antigen in the specimen.

### **KIT CONTENTS**

	Code	Description	Qty	Units	Color code
1	P824	<i>Mucor</i> antigen EIA strips, 8x12 wells, breakable	1	pcs	0
2	N003	Plate sealing tape	1	pcs	0
3	S011Z	Sample extraction/dilution EIA buffer, 53 ml	4	pcs	blue
4	C824Z	Calibrator and control set, 1,0 ml	2	pcs	purple
5	AS824Z	Rabbit IgG to <i>Mucor spp.</i> antigens, 5,5 ml	1	pcs	purple
6	S008Z	Washing solution concentrate 21x, 22 ml	1	pcs	0
7	T301Z	Swine polyclonal antibodies to rabbit IgG conjugated to HRPO, 11 ml	1	pcs	dark blue
8	R055Z	TMB substrate solution, 11 ml	1	pcs	
9	R050Z	Stop solution, 11 ml	1	pcs	
10	K824IE	Instruction <i>Mucor</i> antigen EIA, English	1	pcs	
11	K824Q	QC data sheet <i>Mucor</i> antigen EIA	1	pcs	

### **Materials required but not provided**

- Distilled or deionized water;

### **NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.**

1. Microplate photometer with 450 nm wavelength and OD measuring range 0-3.0.
2. Dry thermostat for 37°C
3. Analytical balancing device with precision  $\leq 0.05$  g.

### **HANDLING NOTES**

1. Reagents remain stable within 1 month after reconstitution.
2. Do not mix and/or use reagents from different lots within one run.
3. Replace caps on reagents immediately. Do not swap caps.

4. All kit components should be stored in the freezer (at +2 - +8°C). Do not freeze the kit or its components!
5. After opening the pouch keep unused microtiter wells **TIGHTLY SEALED BY adhesive PLATE SEALING TAPE (INCLUDED)** to minimize exposure to moisture.
6. Do not use washing solutions containing sodium azide – even in trace quantities, it inhibits peroxidase, thus reducing color development.
7. Attention: during all incubations, please, seal the wells with adhesive tape, Do not allow drying of wells between assay steps.
8. It is recommended to assay all samples, calibrators and controls in duplicates.
9. Washing of wells may be made either manually or with automatic washing device. During each wash cycle, dispense nlt 250 ul of Washing solution into each well. Soaking is not required. If washed manually, please, shake out the residual Washing solution from the wells by tapping on filter paper.
10. Please, measure OD in the wells within 15 minutes after addition of stop solution.

### **ASSAY PROCEDURE**

#### **Reagent preparation**

All reagents (including the required number of strips) should be brought to RT (20-25°C) before use.

#### **Sample preparation:**

*1	Crush a food or grain sample. Use blender or mortar to crush solid products. Continue crushing until a homogeneous powder is obtained. If liquid products are analyzed, mix them thoroughly in the original packaging. <b>Attention! If different products are analyzed, wash your crushing device thoroughly to avoid cross-contamination!</b>
*2	Extract antigens from the samples to be analyzed. To do this, mix the pulp obtained or liquid sample with buffer S011 (included into the kit) 1:10 (W/V) – e.g., 1 g + 10 ml of S011.
*3	Incubate 30 min at 20-25C with periodical shaking.
*4	Centrifuge extracts 5 min at 200 g to eliminate particulate matter. Use supernatant for further analytical steps.

#### **Assay run:**

*5	Put the desired number of microstrips into the frame; allocate two wells for each unknown sample and 12 wells for the calibrators and control samples.
*6	Pipet 50 ul of calibrator, control or unknown sample extract into the respective wells. <b>Attention! The order of reagents addition should be strictly followed!</b>
*7	Pipet 50 ul of rabbit IgG to <i>Mucor</i> antigens (AS824Z) in all wells. Mix the contents carefully by gentle shaking of the plate and seal the wells with adhesive tape.
*8	Incubate 60 min at 37°C.
*9	Prepare Washing solution by 21x dilution of Washing solution concentrate (code S008Z) by distilled water. Diluted Washing solution is stable for 30 days at +2-8°C. Wash strips 3 times
*10	Dispense 100 ul of Conjugate into the wells.
*11	Incubate 30 minutes at 37°C
*12	Wash the strips 5 times.
*13	Pipet 100 ul of Substrate into the wells
*14	Incubate 10-20 minutes at 18-25°C
*15	Pipet 100 ul of Stop solution into the wells.

*16	Measure OD (optical density) at 450 nm.
*17	Set photometer blank on first calibrator
*18	Use point-by-point method for data reduction

Examples of calibration curves are given in the QC sheet.

**Calculation coefficient:**

**Content of *Mucoraceae*\* antigens (µg/g of product) = Concentration of *Mucoraceae* antigens (directly from calibration curve), µg/ml × 10\*\***

\* Test was calibrated by *Mucor pusillus* antigens, the absolute value of antigens from other genres related and species may be different (+-15-20 % variation was obtained in preliminary studies)

\*\* Volume of extract obtained from 1 g of a product analyzed.

**Attention! The range of *Mucoraceae* infection may be variable in different geographical zones. GLP rules recommend that each laboratory should establish its own reference range.**

**Quality control**

Control sample(s) should fall into the ranges shown in QC insert (see attached).

**Expected values and normal range**

	Lower limit	Upper limit
	µg/g	
<i>Mucoraceae</i> antigen-free products	0	15