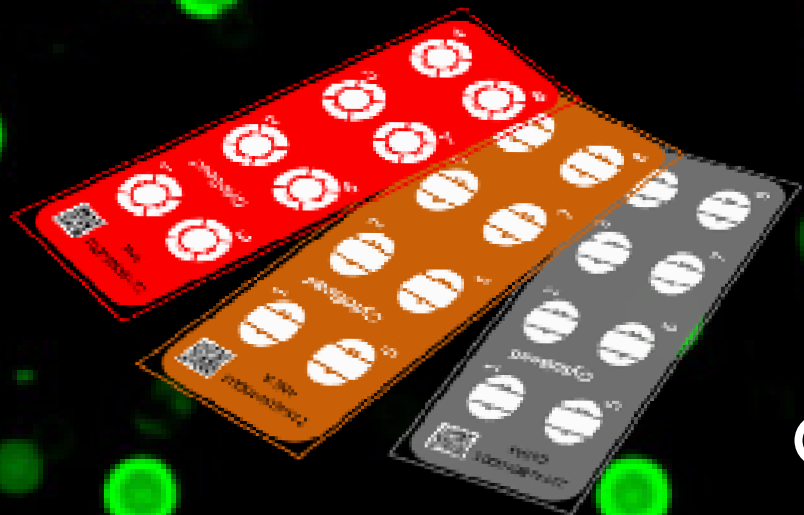




For Manual and Automated Assessment



Multiparameter IFA Technology



Product Highlights

- Second generation IFA by combining of screening and confirmation
- Integration with automated evaluation systems
- Multiplex analysis capability

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CytoBead® Technology

Next Generation Multiparameter IFA Technology

CytoBead® Technology

The CytoBead® technology is an innovative approach in the analysis of autoantibodies (AAb) associated with autoimmune diseases. It facilitates the interpretation of indirect immunofluorescence (IFA) on cellular and tissue substrates and quantitative multiplex analysis of AAb using addressable microbead immunoassays within a single reaction environment. Fundamentally, the CytoBead® Technology integrates two crucial components of autoantibody analysis:

1. Screening of Autoantibodies: By employing cell- or tissue-based immunofluorescence tests (IFA), the CytoBead® Technology allows for the screening of AAb in patient samples. This initial screening phase enables the identification of potentially positive samples containing autoantibodies targeting various cellular components.

2. Confirmation of Autoantibodies: Through the use of microbead immunoassays, the CytoBead® Technology facilitates the differentiation of AAb and determination of their specificity.

By combining screening and confirmation into a single step, the CytoBead® Technology significantly enhances the efficiency and accuracy of autoimmune disease diagnosis. Moreover, it enables multiplex analysis, allowing for the simultaneous detection of multiple AAb within a single test.

The utilization of specialized automated platforms such as akiron® or AKLIDES® systems complements the CytoBead® Technology by facilitating the automated interpretation of results. These systems leverage advanced algorithms and software to interpret fluorescence patterns and quantify the presence of AAb in patient samples.

With the CytoBead® Technology, laboratories can streamline their analysis processes, resulting in faster turnaround times, increased accuracy, and reduced variability in result interpretation. Ultimately, this integration enhances the efficiency and reliability of autoimmune disease diagnosis and management.^{1,2}



Available for:
ANA | ANCA | Celiac disease

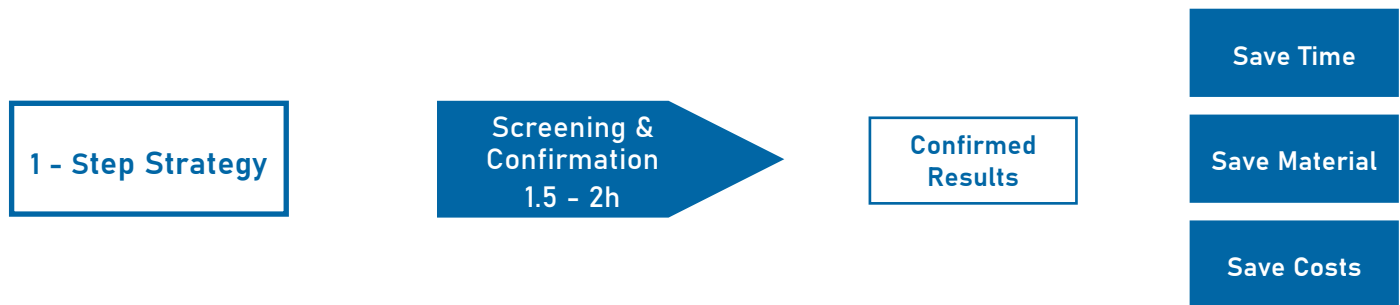
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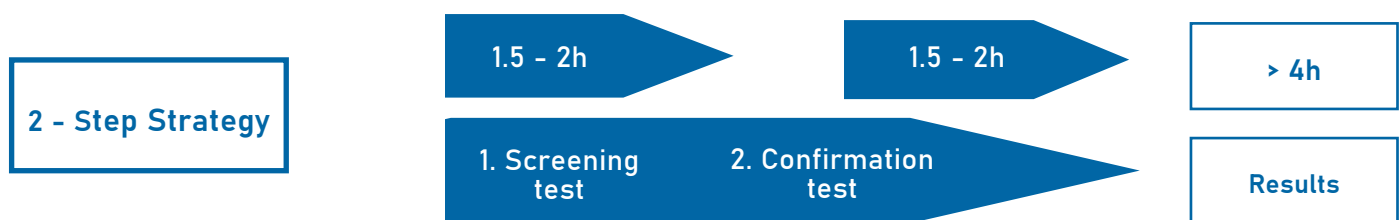
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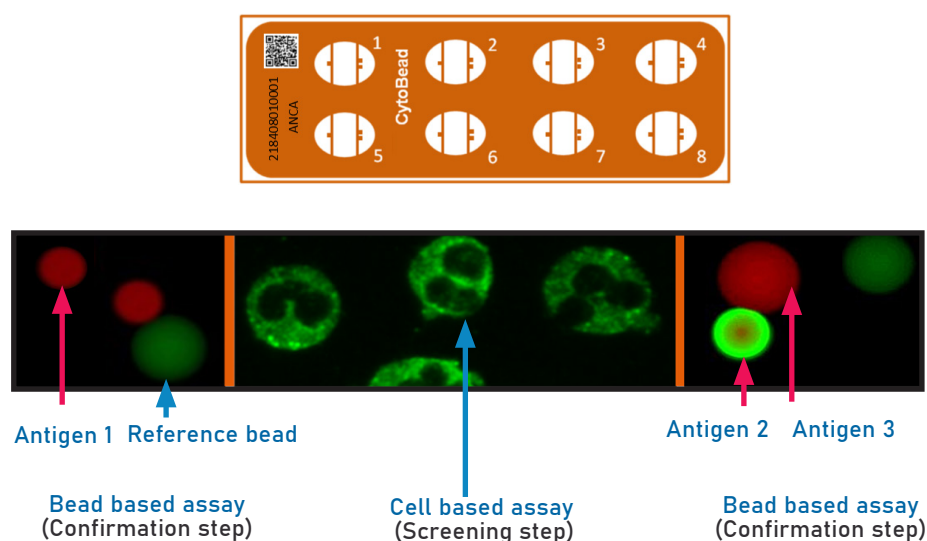
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Standard workflow in Autoimmune Diagnostics



How do CytoBead® assays work?



Compartmented slide well:

- Screening on cells (classic IFA) in the central compartment
- Confirmation with a bead based assay in the side compartments

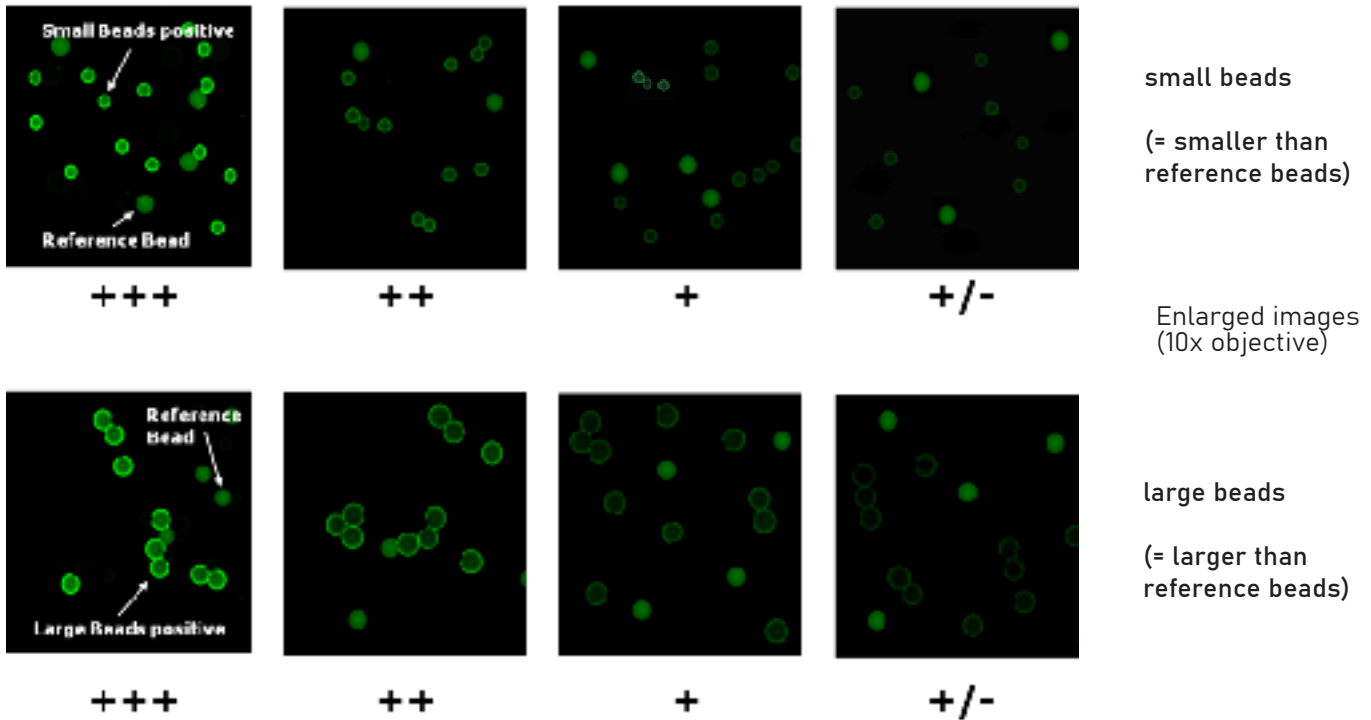
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Manual CytoBead® Evaluation

Manual Evaluation using the CytoBead® Technology

Semi-quantitative evaluation of fluorescence intensity

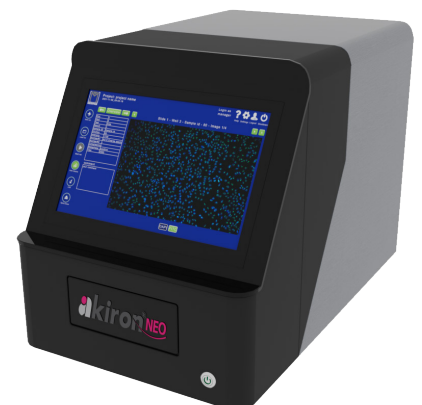


Automated CytoBead® Evaluation

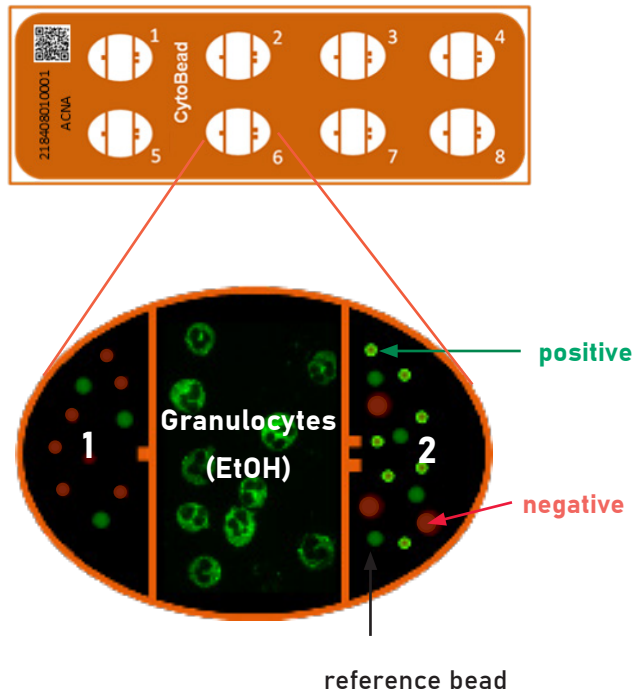
Evaluation by akiron® NEO

The akiron® NEO is a compact benchtop IFA analyzer for automated digital imaging of immunofluorescence slides to support the diagnosis of autoimmune diseases. Its AI-based software allows for objective ANA/ANCA pattern recognition and intensity evaluation in about 35 seconds and supports standardized evaluation of other immunofluorescence assays, including antibodies *Crithidia luciliae* (CLIFT, dsDNA), various tissues sections (e.g. EmA). In addition, the use of CytoBead® Technology in conjunction with Akiron® NEO allows the quantification of antibody activity in U/mL or IU/mL based on a standard curve.

akiron® NEO



CytoBead® ANCA



Fast and easy ANCA diagnostics

ANCAs (Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies) play an important role in the diagnosis of ANCA associated vasculitides (AAV). According to international guidelines ANCA screening is performed using immunofluorescence (IFA) with ethanol-fixed granulocytes, whereby cytoplasmic (cANCA; antigen PR3) and perinuclear (pANCA; antigen MPO) IFA patterns can be differentiated.

Unique combination of granulocytes with antigen coated microbeads

Advantages of CytoBead® ANCA

- Screening with standardized ethanol fixed granulocytes
- Confirmation of 3 ANCA-specific antigens

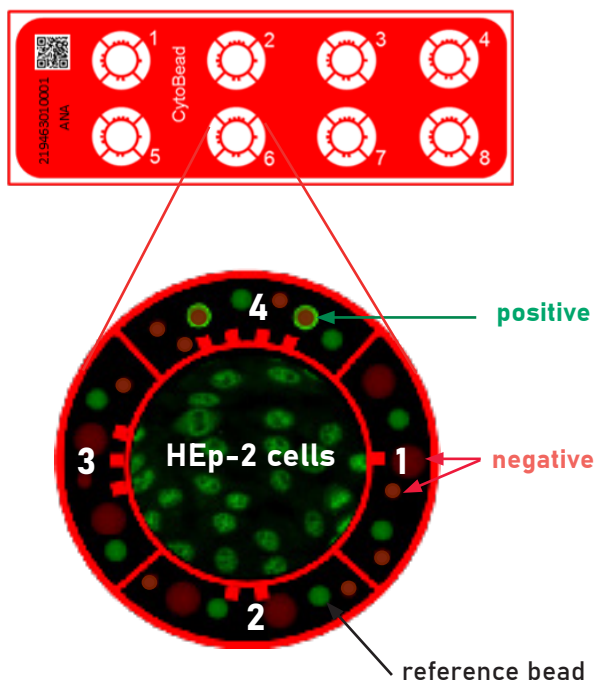
CytoBead® ANCA

Cell pattern	Compartment	Bead (positive)	Quantification	Antigen	Clinical relevance
negative	1		U/mL	GBM	Goodpasture syndrome
cytoplasmic	2		IU/mL	PR3	Granulomatosis with polyangiitis
perinuclear	2		IU/mL	MPO	Microscopic polyangiitis, eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis, polyarteritis nodosa

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CytoBead® ANA / ANA 2



Fast and easy ANA diagnostics

ANA (Anti-Nuclear Antibodies) are autoantibodies which recognize conserved nuclear antigens. ANA show a characteristic staining of nuclear structures with indirect immunofluorescence on human epithelial cells (HEp-2). The confirmation of ANA is done in accordance to the target antigens.

Unique combination of HEp-2 cells with antigen coated microbeads

Advantages of CytoBead® ANA / ANA 2

- Screening with standardized HEp-2 cells
- Confirmation of 8 ANA-specific antigens

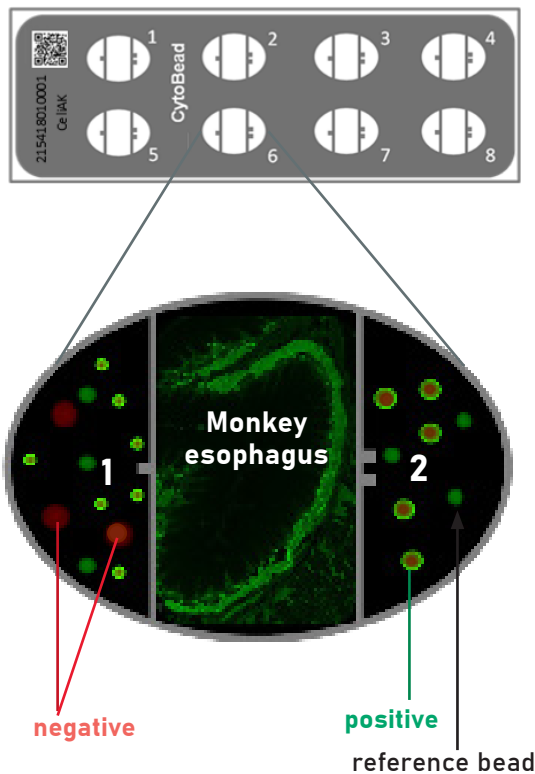
CytoBead® ANA / ANA 2

HEp-2 cell pattern	Compartment	Bead (positive)	Quantification	Antigen	Clinical relevance
Homogeneous	3		IU/mL	dsDNA	Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
			U/mL	Scl-70	Marker for progressive systemic sclerosis (PSS)
Speckled	2		U/mL	Sm	Sm antibodies highly specific for SLE; high anti-nRNP titers specific for mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD) together with other ANAs in rheumatoid arthritis (RA), SLE, PSS
			U/mL	nRNP	
	4		U/mL	TROVE2/Ro60	Often in primary Sjögren's syndrome
			U/mL	TRIM21/Ro52	
	1		U/mL	La/SS-B	
Centromere	1		U/mL	CENP-B	Marker for CREST syndrome, rarely in diffuse scleroderma and Raynaud's phenomenon

CytoBead® ANA 2, Jo-1 microbead replaces CENP-B microbead

Cytoplasmic	1		U/mL	Jo-1	Polymyositis, dermatomyositis
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CytoBead® CeliAK



Fast and easy diagnostics of celiac disease or dermatitis herpetiformis and detection of IgA deficiency

Celiac disease (gluten induced enteropathy) is an intolerance to gluten. This intolerance 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 diagnosis of celiac disease is characterized through highly specific autoantibodies against transglutaminase 2 (tissue transglutaminase, tTG) and deamidated gliadin (DG). Endomysial antibodies (EmA) are directed against extracellular tTG. Celiac specific antibodies are usually of IgA class but in patients with IgA deficiency the IgG class is of diagnostic significance.

Unique combination of esophageal tissue with antigen coated microbeads

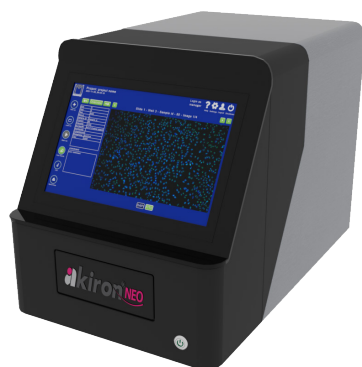
Advantages of CytoBead® CeliAK

- Screening with standardized monkey esophageal tissue
- Confirmation of 3 celiac-specific antigens

CytoBead® CeliAK

Tissue pattern	Compartment	Bead (positive)	Quantification	Antigen	Clinical relevance
honeycomb pattern of muscularis mucosa	1		U/mL	tTG	Celiac disease, dermatitis herpetiformis
	1		U/mL	DG	
	2		U/mL	Anti-IgA	IgA deficiency

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CytoBead® Assays - Order Information

Automated CytoBead® Assays for akiron® NEO

Assay	REF	Determinations
AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANA	4272	80 (10 x 8)
AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANA 2	4277	80 (10 x 8)
AKLIDES® CytoBead® ANCA	4270	48 (6 x 8)
AKLIDES® CytoBead® CeliAK	4271	48 (6 x 8)
CE certified		

Manual CytoBead® Assays

Assay	REF	Determinations
CytoBead® ANA	8065	80 (10 x 8)
CytoBead® ANA 2	8220	80 (10 x 8)
CytoBead® ANCA	8063	48 (6 x 8)
CytoBead® CeliAK	8064	48 (6 x 8)
CE certified		