Detection of hCG + β in Human Serum with Roche e801

Test Name: Immunoassay for the in vitro quantitative determination of the sum of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) plus the hCG β subunit in human serum and plasma.

Method Name: The combination of the specific monoclonal antibodies used in the Elecsys HCG+β assay recognize the holo hormone, "nicked" forms of hCG, the β core fragment and the free β subunit. The ruthenium labeled and biotinylated antibodies used are directed against different epitopes of the hCG molecule.

Results: Technical Range: 0.200-10000 mIU/mL
Reportable Range: 0.200-9304 mIU/mL

Reference Ranges:

Children

Males
Birth-3 months: < or =50 IU/L*
>3 months-<18 years: <1.4 IU/L

Females
Birth-3 months: < or =50 IU/L*
>3 months-<18 years: <1.0 IU/L

Adults

Males: <1.4 IU/L

Females:
Premenopausal, nonpregnant: <1.0 IU/L
Postmenopausal: <7.0 IU/L

Clinical Significance: Similarly to LH (Luteinizing hormone), FSH (Follicle stimulating hormone) and TSH (Thyroid stimulating hormone), human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) is a member of the glycoprotein family and consists of 2 subunits (α and β chains) which are associated to form the intact hormone. The α chains in all four of these glycoprotein hormones are virtually identical, whereas the β chains have greatly differing structures and are responsible for the respective specific hormonal functions.

hCG is produced in the placenta during pregnancy. In non pregnant women, it can also be produced by tumors of the trophoblast, germ cell tumors with trophoblastic components and some non trophoblastic tumors.

Human chorionic gonadotropin consists of a number of isohormones with differing molecular size. The biological action of hCG serves to maintain the corpus luteum during pregnancy. It also influences steroid production. The serum of pregnant women contains mainly intact hCG.

Elevated values here serve as an indication of chorionic carcinoma, hydatidiform mole or multiple pregnancy. Depressed values indicate

threatening or missed abortion, ectopic pregnancy, gestosis or intra uterine death.

Elevated hCG concentrations not associated with pregnancy are found in patients with diseases such as tumors of the germ cells, ovaries, bladder, pancreas, stomach, lungs, and liver.

Submission Criteria:

For specimen collection and preparation, only use suitable tubes or collection containers.
Only the specimens listed below were tested and found acceptable.
Serum
Plasma: Li-heparin and K_2-EDTA plasma
Do not use fluoride plasma

The sample types listed were tested with a selection of sample collection tubes that were commercially available at the time of testing, therefore not all available tubes of all manufacturers were tested. Sample collection systems from various manufacturers may contain differing materials which could affect the test results in some cases. When processing samples in primary tubes (sample collection systems), follow the instructions of the tube manufacturer.

Storage and Stability: 12 months at -20°C
14 days at 2-8°C
5 days at 20-25 °C

Rejection Criteria:

Rejection criteria include but are not limited to:

1. Specimens containing fibrin or clots.
2. Excessive platelet clumping
3. Leaking specimens
4. Substandard mixing or collection
5. Expired or improperly stored collection tubes.
6. Improperly filled tubes based on collection tube manufacturer's guidelines.
7. Contaminated specimens (IV fluid, foreign particles, etc.)
8. Specimens not analyzed within the appropriate time frame.
9. Samples not shipped at appropriate temperature.
10. Samples without 2 proper identifiers or samples having identifiers that do not match the electronic or paper lab requisition.

Authorization:

Diagnostic testing can only be performed with approval from an authorized provider/agency.

Turn Around Time:

1 day.

Instructions for Serum Specimen Submission

General Information

The detection of hCG+β in human serum and plasma is performed using a Roche cobas i58 analyzer. However, serum specimens are preferred.

Specimens must be collected and stored at 20-25 °C if to be analyzed within 5 days, at 2-8°C if to be analyzed within 14 days and stored at -20°C if to be analyzed within 12 months. Please be aware that storing specimens at ≤ -70°C (≤ -94°F) is not permissible.

Specimens MUST be *received* at Reditus Laboratories within 5 days of collection.

Collection Instructions for Serum Specimen

1. Do not use expired collection tubes. Store collection tubes as per manufacturers recommendations. Use standard venipuncture practices for collecting samples. Filled gold top serum tubes are preferred.
2. Ensure that the patient's name, date-of-birth, and time/date of collection are recorded on the specimen tube along with the name or initials of the individual collecting the sample.
3. Complete all the demographic information on a sample requisition form through the approved electronic submission process
4. Refrigerate the specimen between 2-8°C (36-46°F) and ship or courier the specimen(s) within 48 hours.
5. The specimen(s) *must* be received at the laboratory **no later than** 48 hours *from the time of collection*.
    a. **Avoid shipping specimens over weekends or holidays** as they may not be received at the laboratory and cold-packs will not maintain the required 2-8°C (36-46°F) specimen temperature.
    b. Ensure that specimens shipped by commercial carrier are shipped with **overnight delivery**. If shipping on a Friday for Saturday delivery, ***you must include Saturday Delivery*** during shipment, or the specimens will not be received until the following non-holiday business day. Failure to receive specimens within 24 hours of shipment will result in specimens being rejected from testing.
6. For any questions pertaining to sample collection, storage, or shipping, please contact the Reditus Laboratories using the below contact information.

Instructions for Specimen Transport

1. **Messenger/Courier by ground transport.** Place specimen(s) into a biohazard labeled bag and seal securely**.** Place the test requisition(s) on the outside of the biohazard labeled bag. Place the sealed biohazard bag and test requisition(s) inside the shipping container. Place cold packs, which have been frozen for at least 24 hours, in the leak-proof outer container. The shipping container must be rigid, such as a Styrofoam cooler, and labeled with the UN 3373 Biological Substance Category B marking. Close securely.
2. **Commercial carrier by ground/air transport.** Place the specimen(s) inside a biohazard labeled bag and seal securely. Place the test requisition(s) on the outside of the biohazard labeled bag. Place the sealed bag and completed test requisitions(s) inside the outer shipping container. Place cold packs, which have been frozen for at least 24 hours, in the leak-proof outer container. Label the outer shipping container with Reditus Laboratories address listed below. Complete the return address section to include the name of the person shipping the package, business name and address, and a business phone number. The shipping container must include the UN3373 Biological Substance Category B marking.
3. *Ship specimens by overnight delivery* to the attention of Clinical Chemistry at Reditus Laboratories. This can be accomplished by use of local courier, shipping corporations or U.S. Postal Service.
    a. **If specimens are shipped on a Friday for Saturday delivery, *you must include/indicate Saturday delivery*** during shipment, or the specimens will not be received until the following non-holiday business day. Failure to receive specimens within 24 hours of shipment will result

in specimens being rejected from testing.

4. The specimen(s) must be received at the laboratory **no later than** 48 hours *from the time of collection* and 24 hours from the time of shipment. Do not ship specimens over weekends or holidays as they will not be received, and cold-packs will not maintain the required 2-8°C (36-46°F) specimen temperature.

NOTE: Testing may be delayed, or specimens may be considered UNSATISFACTORY if the above instructions are not followed or the requisition form is not filled out completely. If there are any questions about specimen collection, handling, or shipping please contact the Reditus Laboratories to speak with laboratory personnel.

Ship specimens by a local courier or overnight by commercial carrier to the designated laboratories indicated below.

Send to: Reditus Laboratories
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