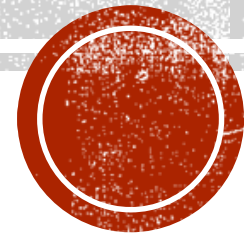


LAB-7- ENZYME-LINKED-IMMUNOSORBENT ASSAY

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➤ HISTORY

- In 1971, **Peter Perlmann** and **Eva Engvall** at Stockholm University in Sweden , and Anton Schuurs and Bauke van Weemen in the Netherlands independently published papers that synthesized this knowledge into methods to perform EIA/ ELISA.



DEFINITION OF ELISA

- **ENZYMED LINKED IMMUNO SORBENT ASSAY(ELISA):** It is Serological Method based on immunological antigen-antibody reactions. This Immunoassay uses to measure the concentration of an analyte (usually antibodies or antigens) in Solution .

- Enzyme-Linked



Secondary antibody linked
with enzyme

Immuno



Antigen is recognised by
specific antibody

Sorbent



Ag- Ab of interest is adsorbed
on to plastic surface(Sorbent)



PRINCIPLE OF ELISA

The principle of ELISA based on the immunochemical principle of Antigen- Antibody reaction

❖ It dependent on Lock and Key concept:

1)Antigen (key) 2) Antibody(Lock)

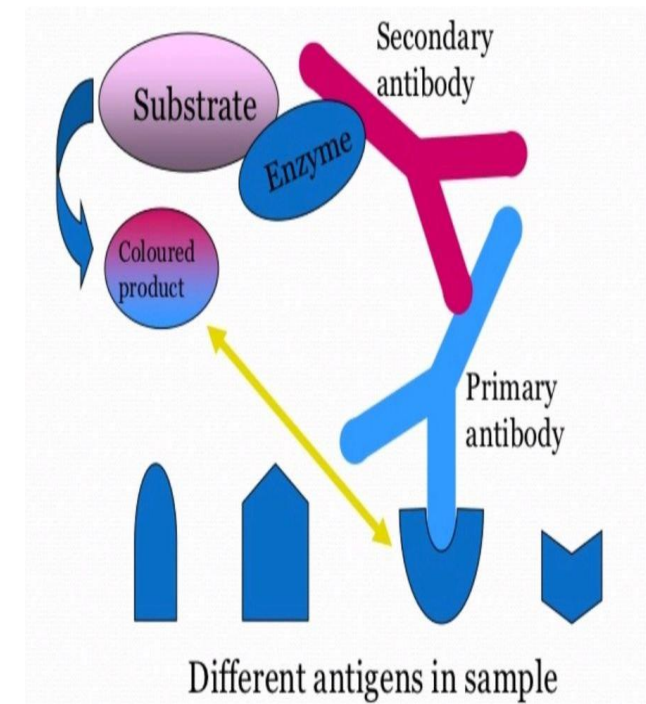
- Key fit into the lock

specificity of Antigen-Antibody complex formation

❖ **Its detection by a second antibody conjugated with suitable enzyme**

❖ **Enzyme conjugate Substrate(chromogen)**

❖ **colored product , indicating the prescence of Ag:Ab binding.**



REQUIREMENTS

Specimen Sample for ELISA

SERUM

CSF

SPUTUM

URINE

SEMEN

SUPERNATANT OF CULTURE

STOOL

MATERIALS ARE NEEDED

TESTING SAMPLE

ANTIBODY(1ST, 2ND)

POLYSTYRENE MICROTITTER PLATE

BLOCKING BUFFER

WASHING BUFFER

SUBSTRATE

ENZYME



REQUIREMENTS

- Microtiter plate: Flat bottom polystyrene plate , Contains 8 ×12 wells holding 350µl each.



- Multipipette: An 8-channel 100µl pipette is a good help for even small- scale work



REQUIREMENTS

Washing Device :

Manually operated washing devices.

May be use particularly when there is a risk that samples tested in ELISA contain infectious material , so must be collected for subsequent disinfection.

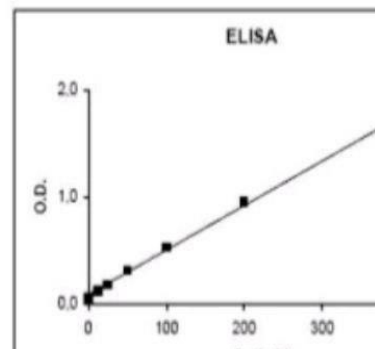


- Microplate washer: There are very efficient with unusually low carry – over contamination.



REQUIREMENTS

ELISA READER



- Incubator



METHODS OF ELISA

- There are Four Types of RIA :
 1. Direct ELISA
 2. Indirect ELISA
 3. Sandwich ELISA
 4. Competition - Inhibition ELISA.



METHODS OF ELISA

Direct ELISA:

Aim: detect antibody

- ❖ An antigen is immobilized in the well of an ELISA plate.
- ❖ The antigen is then detected by an antibody directly conjugated to an enzyme such as HRP.
- ❖ A substrate for this enzyme is then added , this substrate changes the color upon reaction with enzyme.
- ❖ Higher the concentration of antibody , stronger the color changed .
- ❖ Often spectrometer is used to give the Quantitative value for color change.



METHODS OF ELISA (DIRECT ELISA)

Advantages

- Much faster
- Less prone to error since fewer reagents and steps are needed.
- Best for analyzing the immune response to an antigen.
- Cross- reactivity of secondary Ab is eliminated

Disadvantages

- Ag immobilization is not specific
- Less flexible.
- No signal amplification – reduces assay sensitivity.
- Labeling of every primary Ab is time – consuming and expensive.



METHODS OF ELISA(INDIRECT ELISA)

- Aim : detect the presence of a type of antibody.
- Antigen is adsorbed to a well in an ELISA plate.
- Detection is a two – step process . First , an unlabeled primary antibody binds to the specific antigen
- Second an enzyme conjugated secondary antibody that is directed against the host species of the primary antibodies is applied.
- Usage: HIV Infection test.



METHODS OF ELISA (INDIRECT ELISA)

▪ Advantages

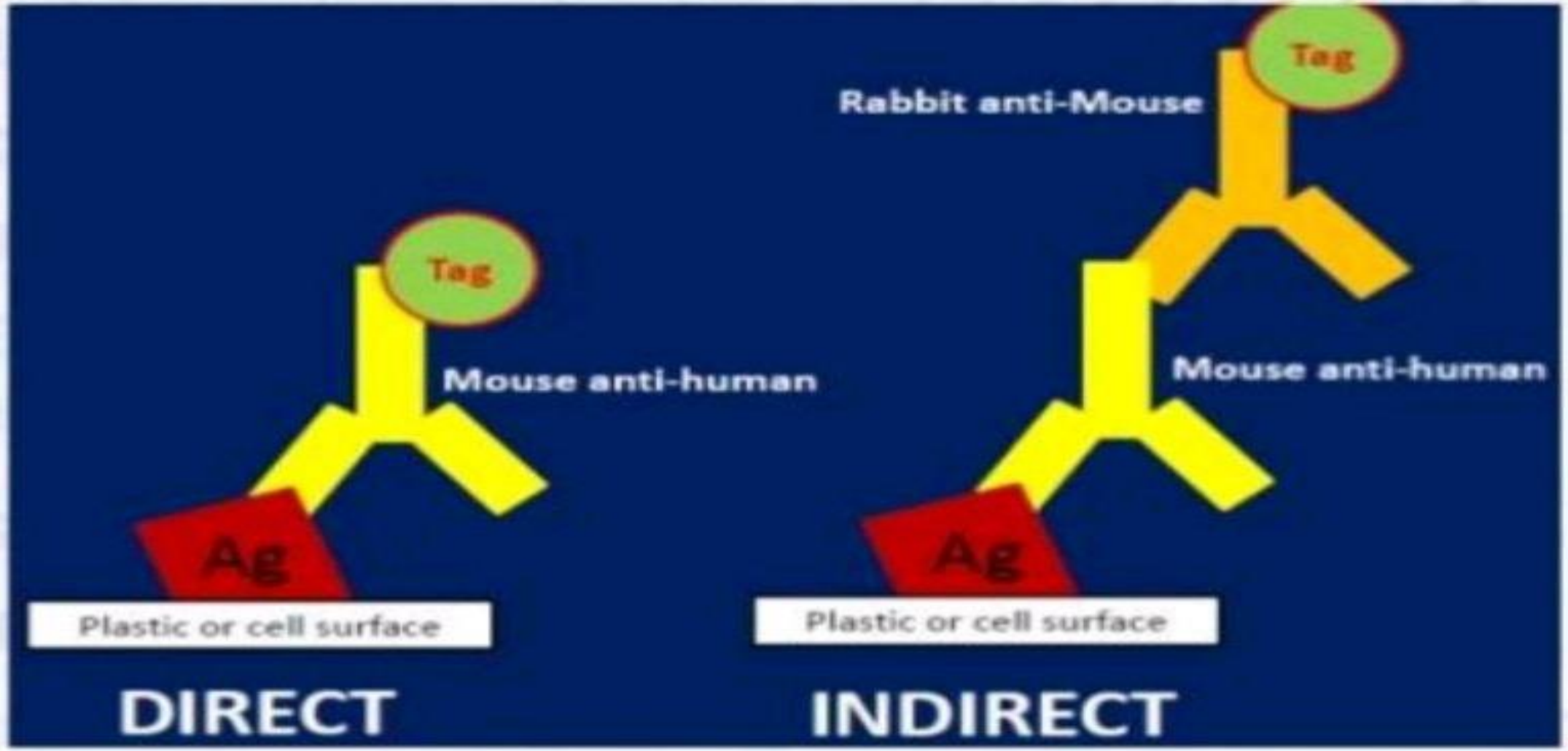
- Economical
- High sensitivity
- Greater flexibility
- Best for determining total antibody concentration in samples.

Disadvantages

- Cross-reactivity may occur with the secondary Ab , resulting non specific signal.
- Longer procedure than direct ELISA technique.
- Additional incubation step for secondary antibody needed.



Direct and Indirect ELISA



SANDWICH ELISA

- **Aim: Detect the presence the type of antigen.**
- **Sandwich ELISA require the use of matched antibody pairs (capture and detection antibodies).**
- **Each Ab is therefore specific for a different and non-overlapping region or epitope of the Ag.**
- **The capture Ab , binds the antigen that can then be detected in a direct ELISA or in an in direct ELISA Configuration**



METHODS OF ELISA (SANDWICH ELISA)

▪ Advantages

- Highly sensitivity
- High Specificity
- Flexibility: both direct & in direct detection can be used.
- Best for analysis of complex samples

Disadvantages

- Antibody optimization can be difficult-cross- reactivity may occur between the capture & detection antibodies.



Competitive elisa

- Incubate unlabeled antibody within presence of its antigen.
- Bound antibody/ antigens are added to a antigen coated well.
- Wash and remove unbound antibodies.
- Competition results from the fact that the more antigens are present in the sample, the less antibody will be able to bind.
- A secondary antibody that is coupled to a enzyme is added.
- Substrate added for signal
- The weaker colored or fluorescent signal that is released shows that that the original antigen concentration was high.



(a) Indirect ELISA to detect Ab (HIV, HCV)



(b) Sandwich ELISA to detect Ag (Tumor Markers, Hormones)



(c) Competitive ELISA to detect Ag (Free Testosterone)



Comparison between Indirect Sandwich & Competitive E



APPLICATIONS OF ELISA

Detect the Infectious agent (Viral infections)

Sexually transmitted agents like(HIV)...HIV-1 and HIV-2(presence of anti- HIV antibodies).

Hepatitis C(presence of antibodies)

Hepatitis B (Testing of both antibodies and viral antigen).

Detect (IgG, IgM, IgA)

Tumour test

In Clinical Research





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