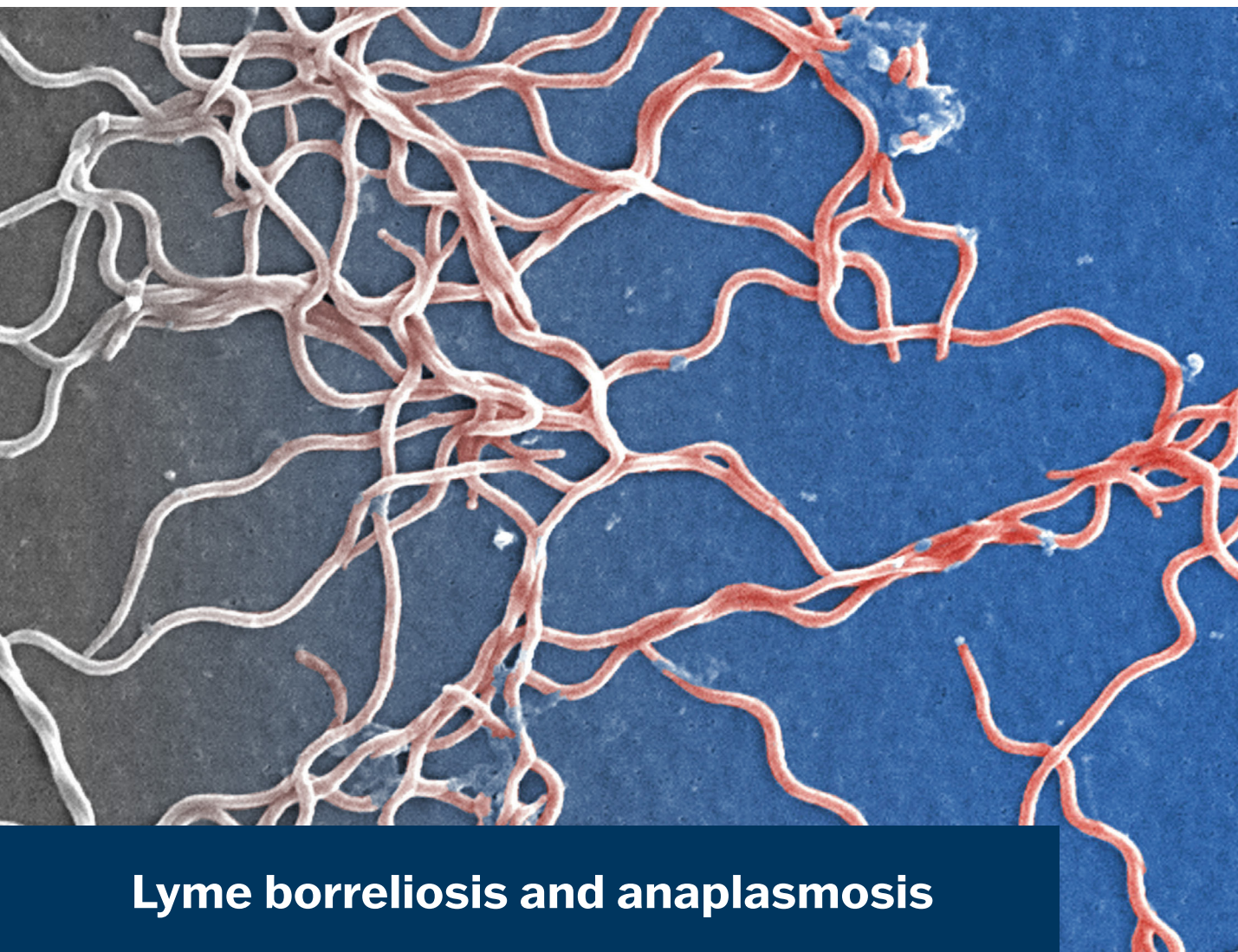




## Lyme borreliosis and anaplasmosis

# Enzyme immunoassays for the diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis and anaplasmosis

**ELISA, IMMUNOBLOT** and **MICROBLOT-ARRAY** kits are optimized and validated for detection of IgG and IgM antibodies in human serum, plasma, cerebrospinal or synovial fluid



Diagnostic kits are intended for professional use in the laboratory.



## Introduction

**Lyme borreliosis** is a multisystem infectious disease caused by spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The infection is transmitted by ticks of the genus Ixodes. Lyme borreliosis is characterized by early and late clinical symptoms.

### Phases of lyme borreliosis

**Early localised infection** – lasts for days or weeks. It is characterized by erythema migrans (EM), which appears in only 50% of patients. Early symptoms of the disease may include “flu-like” symptoms, headache and lymphadenitis.

**Early disseminated infection** – lasts for weeks or months. *Borrelia* are disseminated by blood vessels and the lymphatic system (CNS, joints, heart, eye, skin – secondary EM). At this stage, the most frequently diagnosed symptoms are: neuroborreliosis, paresis neurofacialis, borrelial lymphocytoma (swollen earlobes, knucklebones, etc.) and Bannwarth syndrome.

**Late disseminated infection** – lasts for months or years. The most typically diagnosed immunopathological changes include Acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans (chronic skin lesions – ACA), chronic neuroborreliosis, and borrelial arthritis.

The results of extensive studies have demonstrated that all the genospecies may not only cause the development of erythema migrans (EM), but also have many other clinical manifestations. *Borrelia (B.) garinii* is associated with neurological symptoms, *B. afzelii* with chronic skin disorders (especially ACA), and *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto is mainly related to joint injuries.

**Human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA)** is an illness caused by bacteria *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. The vector in our country is castor bean tick – Ixodes ricinus. While the tick is sucking the blood the bacteria enters the cardiovascular system of the host where it attacks blood cells.

Clinical symptoms usually develop within one week of being attacked by the tick. The symptoms of the illness might manifest from asymptomatic forms to serious forms with respiratory, gastrointestinal, renal, neurological symptoms, etc.

First of all it manifests by feverish state after being bitten by a tick which lasts for at least 3 to 7 days.

Other symptoms can be skin changes (in about 20% of cases) and non-specific symptoms which resemble Lyme disease. Amongst them there are swollen glands, headaches, muscle pains, nausea, vomiting and abdominal problems, pareses are also frequent. Serious states and complications occur with immunodeficient patients, persons who have had a transplantation and patients without spleen.

It is an illness which is mostly acute, some more complicated cases which were not cured in time change into chronic state and might even be life threatening to the patient. Men are more prone to become ill with this illness than women (4:1).

## Diagnosis of infection

The diagnosis of the disease is based on anamnesis, clinical picture, and the results of laboratory tests. At present, the diagnostic methods of choice are screening of specific IgG and IgM class antibodies by means of ELISA, and subsequent confirmation of the antibodies to specific antigens by means of immunoblot. Direct cultivation or electron microscopy is not applicable in a routine use.

Serological diagnosis of borreliosis is difficult regarding to the large genetic diversity of the species *Borrelia burgdorferi* s.l., possible cross reactivity with unrelated antigens of other microorganisms, and borrelia richness to heat shock proteins. Diagnosis is also complicated as well by different individual serological reactivity. The production of antibodies can be extremely slow in the early phase of the disease. On the other hand, the IgG and IgM antibodies can persist for more than ten years.

The diagnosis of HGA only on the basis of clinical manifestation is very difficult. That is why it is necessary to evaluate both the clinical manifestations and the laboratory findings. The characteristic laboratory findings are leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and increase in liver transaminases.

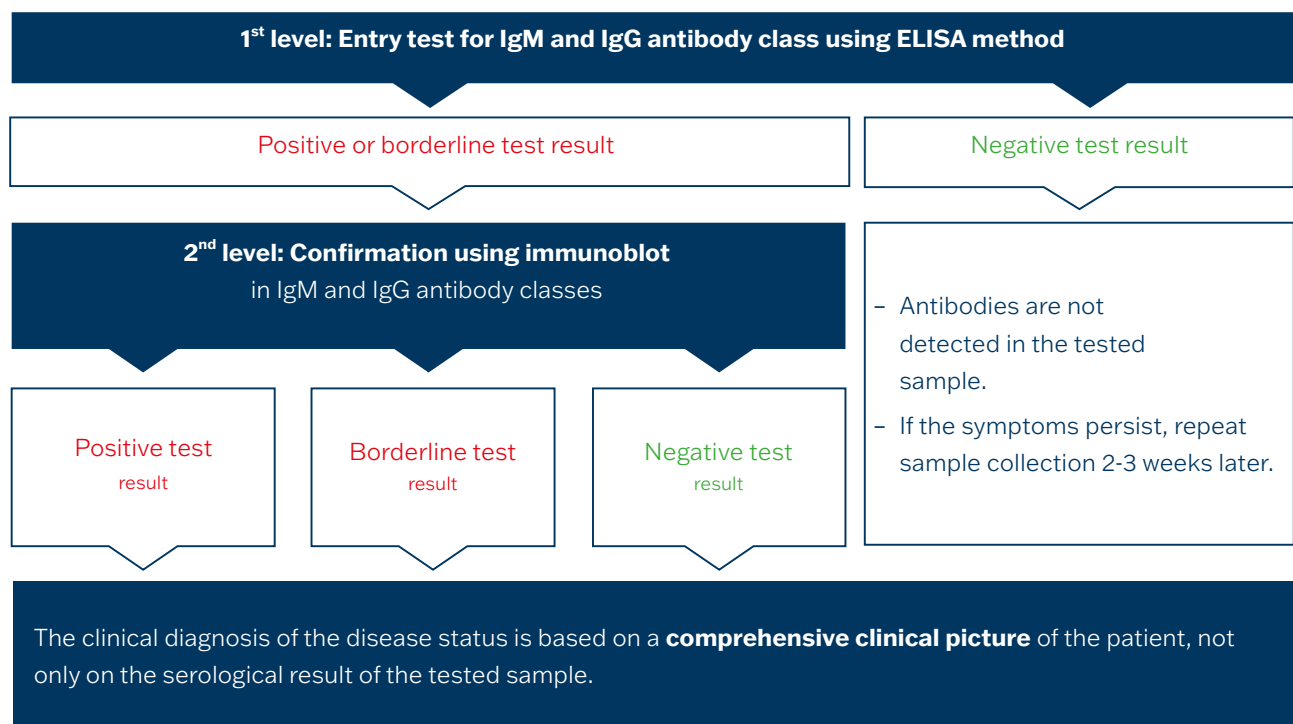
Specific antibodies are produced within the first 2 weeks since the onset of the disease. However, only 30 – 60 % of patients are seropositive during the acute phase and 70 – 90 % of patients are positive during the convalescence.



## Two-Level Antibody Detection

The IgM and IgG class antibodies are detected in two levels with two types of tests. First, the samples are divided by ELISA method into two groups according to their positive or negative test results. Provided that the test result is negative and the symptoms of infection persist, the second (control) collection is performed in 2-3 weeks. The positive and borderline results are recommended to be confirmed by immunoblot. The result of the test does not indicate the diagnosis, but it may support it.

**The number of disagreements between immunoblot (2nd level testing) and ELISA results (1st level) is reduced when the ELISA method is based on recombinant antigens as are the TestLine assays.**



Two-level antibody detection (adapted from MiQ 12 2000 Lyme borreliosis, B. Wilske et al.)



*Erythema migrans*



*Borrelial lymphocytoma*

## Sensitivity for Various Stages of Lyme Borreliosis

| <u>Lyme Borreliosis Form</u> | <u>Diagnosis</u>                    | <u>Sensitivity by MiQ</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Localized early              | Erythema migrans                    | 20–50%                    |
|                              | Borrelial lymphocytoma              |                           |
| Disseminated early           | Erythema migrans multiple           | 70–90%                    |
|                              | Neuroborreliosis                    |                           |
|                              | Lyme arthritis and carditis         |                           |
| Disseminated late            | Acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans | 90–100%                   |
|                              | Late neuroborreliosis               |                           |

## Specific Borrelia antigens

| <u>Antigens</u>                           | <u>Description</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VlsE Ba<br>VlsE Bg<br>VlsE Bs             | Variable major protein-like sequence, expressed   Species specific antigen   Main antigen of early and late antibody response to LB   Significantly increases test sensitivity (approx. 90% of samples of positive sera and CSF react in this antigen band) |
| p83                                       | Main extracellular protein (product of p100 degradation)   Late antibody response antigen   Highly immunoreactive antigen, typical of neuroborreliosis                                                                                                      |
| p58                                       | OppA-2 (Oligopeptide permease 2) - membrane transporter   Considered as a marker of disseminated stage of Lyme disease                                                                                                                                      |
| p41 Ba<br>p41 Bs                          | Inner part of flagellin   Highly specific antigen of early antibody response                                                                                                                                                                                |
| p39                                       | BmpA (glycosaminopeptide receptor)   Antigen of late antibody response   Significant antigen for advanced disseminated form of LB, often associated with Lyme arthritis                                                                                     |
| OspB                                      | Outer surface protein B   Antigen of late antibody response                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| OspA Ba<br>OspA Bg<br>OspA Bs             | Outer surface protein A   Antigen of late antibody response, typical for neuroborreliosis                                                                                                                                                                   |
| OspC Ba<br>OspC Bg<br>OspC Bs<br>OspC Bsp | Outer surface protein C   Antigen of early antibody response   Immunodominant marker of IgM antibody response                                                                                                                                               |
| OspE                                      | Outer surface protein E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| NapA                                      | Neutrophil activating protein A   Strong immunogen, main marker of Lyme arthritis pathogenesis                                                                                                                                                              |
| p17                                       | DbpA (Decorin-Binding protein A)   Antigen of early and late antibody response, typical of neuroborreliosis                                                                                                                                                 |

Ba – B. afzelii, Bg – B. garinii, Bs – B. burgdorferi sensu stricto, Bsp – B. spielmanii

## Specific anaplasma antigens

| <u>Antigens</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| p44             | Main antigen of antibody response to HGA                                                                                          |
| OmpA            | Outer membrane protein A of <i>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</i> , peptidoglycan-associated lipoprotein, significant virulence marker |
| Asp62           | Membrane transporter surface protein                                                                                              |

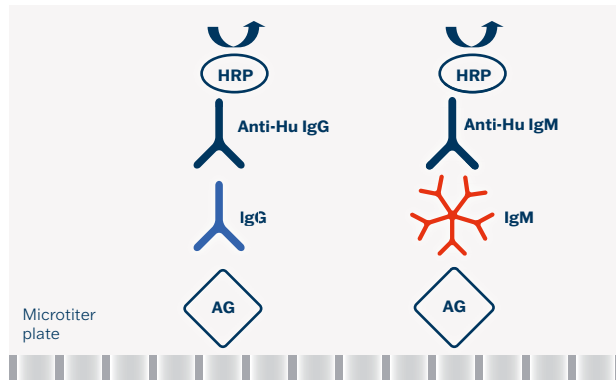
## Cross-reacting antigens

| <u>Antigens</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TpN17           | Highly specific membrane protein of <i>Treponema pallidum</i> (IgG) |
| VCA-p18         | Viral Capsid Antigen – important marker of EBV infection (IgM)      |

# ELISA

## Test Principle

The assays are based on a sandwich type of ELISA method.



## Summary Protocol

| Step | Test steps                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.   | Dilution of samples<br>– serum/plasma 1:101 (10 µl + 1 ml)<br>– cerebrospinal fluids 1:2 (110 µl + 110 µl)<br>– synovial fluids 1:21 (20 µl + 400 µl),<br>1:41 (10 µl + 400 µl) |
| 2.   | Pipette Controls and diluted samples<br>100 µl<br>– Including blank                                                                                                             |
| 3.   | Incubate 30 min. at 37 °C                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4.   | Aspirate and wash the wells 4 times                                                                                                                                             |
| 5.   | Add Conjugate 100 µl<br>– Including blank                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.   | Incubate 30 min. at 37 °C                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7.   | Aspirate and wash the wells 5 times                                                                                                                                             |
| 8.   | Add 100 µl Substrate (TMB-Complete)<br>– Including blank                                                                                                                        |
| 9.   | Incubate 15 min. at 37 °C                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.  | Add 100 µl Stopping solution<br>– Including blank                                                                                                                               |
| 11.  | Read colour intensity at 450 nm                                                                                                                                                 |

## User Comfort

- Ready-to-use components
- Colour-coded components
- Interchangeable components
- Breakable colour-coded microplate strips
- CUT-OFF included
- Semiquantitative evaluation of results (Index of Positivity)

## Advantages

- High diagnostic specificity and sensitivity
- High reproducibility
- High dynamics of antibody response
- High conformity with Immunoblot results
- Elimination of cross-reactivity with antibodies to *Treponema pallidum*
- Identical assay procedure
- Total screening time 1.5 hours
- Long shelf life: 15 months from the production date
- Ready for automation
- Customer support

## Clinical application

- Screening for antibodies against *Borrelia burgdorferi* in human serum, plasma and cerebrospinal or synovial fluid
- Detection of intrathecal synthesis of specific antibodies (diagnosis of neuroborreliosis)

## Antigens

### EIA *Borrelia* recombinant IgG

Recombinant fragments of specific antigens *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu lato VlsE (Ba, Bg, Bs), p83, p58, p41i (internal flagelin), p39, OspA (Ba, Bg), OspB, OspC (Ba, Bg), OspE, p17, NapA

### EIA *Borrelia* recombinant IgM

OspC (Ba, Bg, Bs, Bsp), VlsE, p41i (internal flagelin), p39, p17, OspE

### EIA *Borrelia afzelii* VlsE IgG, EIA *Borrelia afzelii* IgM

Sonicated whole-cell antigen of the *Borrelia afzelii* strain, rich in p83, p41 (flagelin), p39, OspA, OspC, p19, enriched in VlsE antigen in IgG antibody class

### EIA *Borrelia garinii* VlsE IgG, EIA *Borrelia garinii* IgM

Sonicated whole-cell antigen of *Borrelia garinii*, rich in p83, p41 (flagelin), p39, OspA, OspC, p18 a p14, enriched in VlsE antigen in IgG antibody class

### EIA *Borrelia b. sensu stricto* VlsE IgG,

### EIA *Borrelia b. sensu stricto* IgM

Sonicated whole-cell antigen of *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu stricto strain, rich in p83, p41 (flagelin), p39, OspA, OspB, OspC, p21 a p18, enriched in VlsE antigen in IgG antibody class

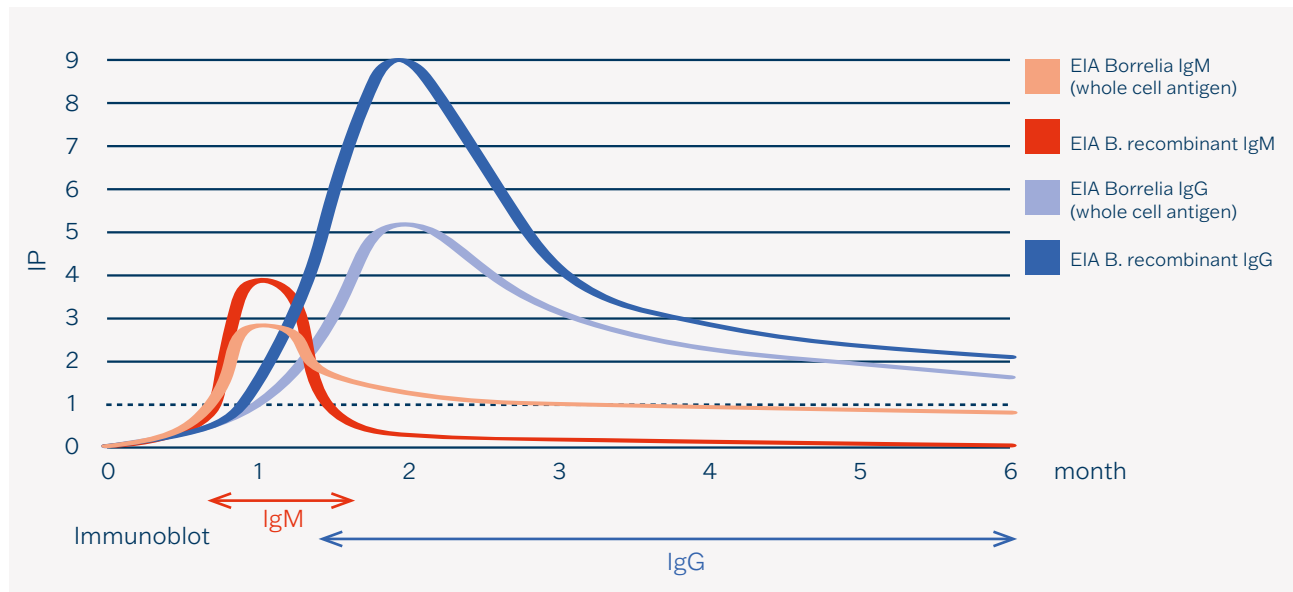
### EIA *Borrelia* VlsE IgG, EIA *Borrelia* IgM

Sonicated whole-cell antigens of all the main pathogenic strains of *Borrelia* (*B. garinii*, *B. afzelii* and *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto), enriched in VlsE antigen in IgG antibody class

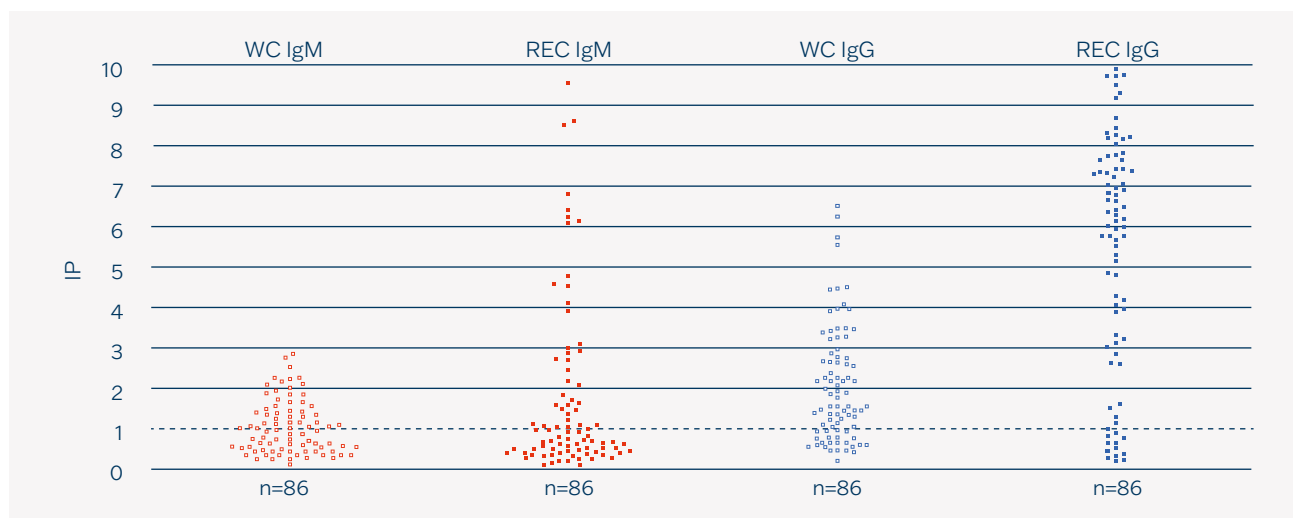
## Test Characteristics

| <u>ELISA</u>                                  | <u>Diagnostic sensitivity</u> | <u>Diagnostic specificity</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EIA <i>Borrelia</i> recombinant IgG           | 98.3%                         | 98.1%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia</i> recombinant IgM           | 99.1%                         | 97.3%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia afzelii</i> VlsE IgG          | 98.9%                         | 98.9%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia afzelii</i> IgM               | 95.6%                         | 99.0%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia b. sensu stricto</i> VlsE IgG | 98.9%                         | 98.9%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia b. sensu stricto</i> IgM      | 97.5%                         | 98.9%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia garinii</i> VlsE IgG          | 98.9%                         | 99.0%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia garinii</i> IgM               | 95.7%                         | 98.9%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia</i> VlsE IgG                  | 98.9%                         | 99.0%                         |
| EIA <i>Borrelia</i> IgM                       | 97.5%                         | 98.9%                         |

## Antibody Response



## High Dynamic of Antibody Response of Recombinant Antigens



Comparison – Index of Positivity (IP) of ELISA test with whole cell (WC) antigen in EIA *Borrelia garinii* IgM ■ and IgG ■ with ELISA test with recombinant (REC) antigens in EIA *Borrelia recombinant* IgM ■ and IgG ■ in the serum of 86 patients with Lyme neuroborreliosis. (Data prepared for publication.)



# Neuroborreliosis and intrathecal synthesis of specific antibodies

**Antibody Index Software enables the evaluation of the antibody index (AI), i.e. the ratio of specific antibodies in the cerebrospinal fluid and serum in relation to the state of the blood cerebrospinal fluid barrier and the concentration of total immunoglobulins in CSF and serum.**

According to the international recommendation of the European Union Concerted Action on Lyme Borreliosis (EUCALB), evidence of intrathecal antibody production is necessary for diagnosis of early and late neuroborreliosis (i.e. specific antibodies to *Borrelia* sp. produced in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) must be detected).

The antibody level in the CSF depends on the following parameters:

- Antibodies present in blood serum
- Permeability of blood-CSF barrier
- Intrathecal production of antibodies

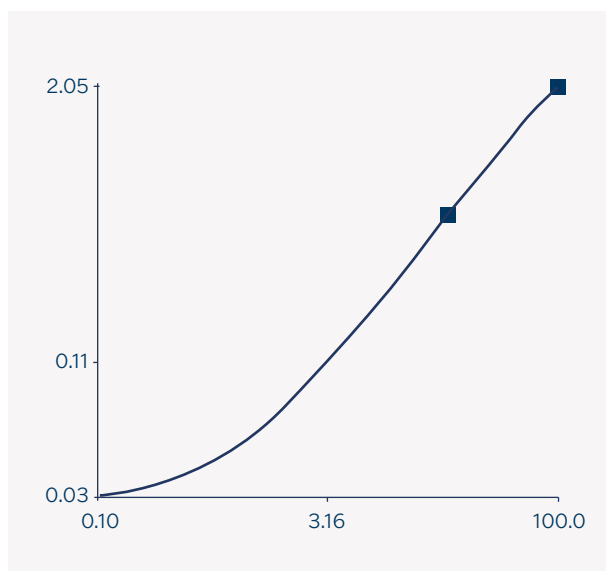
The presence of specific antibodies as such (in the serum and/or CSF) cannot be deemed sufficient evidence.

## Advantages

- Small amount of CSF sample needed to determine AI (approx. 0.15 ml)
- Possibility of Antibody Index determination within routine EIA test
- Quick and easy evaluation with Antibody Index Software

### Intrathecal synthesis - *Borrelia* IgG & IgM (Antibody index)

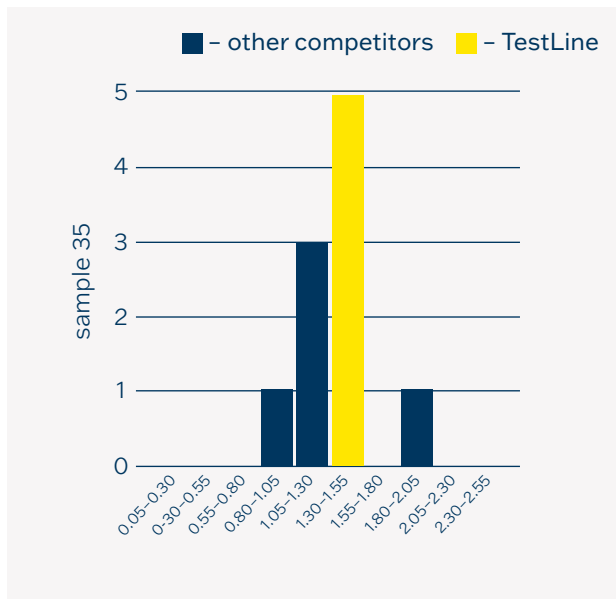
|                     |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Probe               |              |                                              | Serum No.             | 101S       |                      |
| Patient             | Novak George |                                              | CSF No.               | 101C       |                      |
| Native No.          | 1122331234   |                                              | Sample collection     | 27.05.2022 |                      |
| Ward                |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
| Clinical chemistry  |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
|                     | Albumin      | IgG                                          | IgM                   | Unit       |                      |
| Serum               | 54.70        | 12.45                                        | 1.42                  | g/l        |                      |
| CSF                 | 264.00       | 45.90                                        | 1.75                  | mg/l       |                      |
| Blood-brain barrier |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
| QAib                | 4.83         | QAib ValueBlood-brain barrier classification |                       |            |                      |
| < 5                 |              |                                              |                       |            | Normal function      |
| 5 - 10              |              |                                              |                       |            | Mild dysfunction     |
| 10 - 15             |              |                                              |                       |            | Moderate dysfunction |
| > 15                |              |                                              |                       |            | Severe dysfunction   |
| Specific antibodies |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
|                     | Extinction   |                                              | Arbitrary units       |            |                      |
|                     | IgG          | IgM                                          | IgG                   | IgM        |                      |
| Serum               | 1.544        | 1.923                                        | 100.00                | 93.66      |                      |
| CSF                 | 0.750        | 0.454                                        | 43.58                 | 17.28      |                      |
| Results             |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
|                     |              |                                              | Intrathecal synthesis |            |                      |
| Antibody index      | AI (IgG)     | 2.589                                        | POSITIVE result       |            |                      |
|                     | AI (IgM)     | 3.971                                        | POSITIVE result       |            |                      |
| Notes               |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |
|                     |              |                                              |                       |            |                      |



The calibration curve is included in the SW and is available from Positive Control and CUT-OFF values provided for the EIA *Borrelia garinii* IgG, IgM and EIA *Borrelia* recombinant IgG, IgM kits.

## External Quality Assessment

The Antibody Index calculation was confirmed as correct by a quality assessment test performed by an external scientific company (Instand e.V.) for detection of intrathecal antibody production according to Reiber in May 2021.



## Serology of CSF and serum related to intrathecal antibody synthesis and Antibody Index determination

| <u>Serum</u> | <u>CSF</u> | <u>Intrathecal antibody synthesis</u>                                                                                                | <u>AI determination according to Reiber</u>            |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| -            | +          | Positive                                                                                                                             | YES v positivity confirmed (EUCALB recommendation)     |
| +            | +          | Usually positive, but a passive transfer of antibodies via a disturbed blood-CSF barrier is possible                                 | YES – necessary for detection of intrathecal synthesis |
| +            | -          | Possibly positive (provided that the measured absorbance values in the CSF and serum are close to absorbance of the CUT-OFF control) | YES – necessary for detection of intrathecal synthesis |
| -            | -          |                                                                                                                                      |                                                        |

# IMMUNOBLOT

## User Comfort

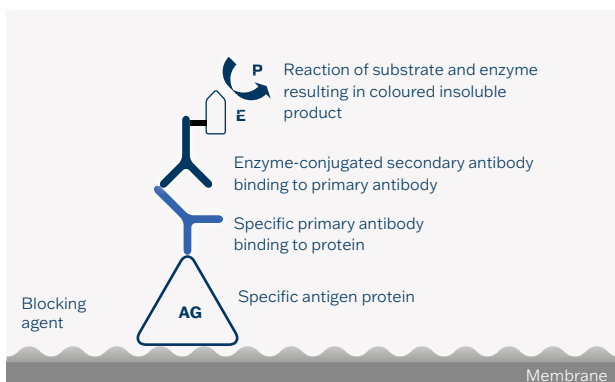
- Ready-to-use components
- Colour-coded components
- Interchangeable components
- Positive and Negative controls
- Control line on the strip
- Easy assay procedure

## Advantages

- Immunodominant antigens from individual *Borrelia* species – *B. afzelii*, *B. garinii*, *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto
- Recombinant antigen p44 – useful for differential diagnosis of HGA
- Recombinant antigen TpN17 for exclusion of crossreactivity with *Treponema pallidum*
- Possible to detect *Borrelia* antibodies in cerebrospinal fluid
- Easy interpretation and reproducibility of results
- High sensitivity and specificity
- Compatibility with all commercial immunoblot processing systems
- Customer support

## Test Principle

Antigens are transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane using a micro-dispensing method.



## Summary Protocol

| Step                                                                                | Test steps                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | 1. Pipette Universal solution 2 ml                                                                                                                       |
|    | 2. Strips soaking 10 min. at room temperature<br>– Shaker                                                                                                |
|    | 3. Aspirate                                                                                                                                              |
|    | 4. Dilute samples<br>– serum/plasma 1:51 (30 µl + 1.5 ml)<br>– cerebrospinal fluids 1:2 (0,75 ml + 0.75 ml)<br>– synovial fluids 1:17,5 (90 µl + 1.5 ml) |
|    | 5. Pipette Controls and diluted samples 1.5 ml                                                                                                           |
|   | 6. Incubate 30 min. at room temperature<br>– Shaker                                                                                                      |
|  | 7. Aspirate samples and wash strips with 1.5 ml of Universal solution 3-times for 5 min.<br>– Shaker                                                     |
|  | 8. Pipette Conjugate 1.5 ml                                                                                                                              |
|  | 9. Incubate 30 min. at room temperature<br>– Shaker                                                                                                      |
|  | 10. Aspirate Conjugate and wash strips with 1.5 ml of Universal solution 3-times for 5 min.<br>– Shaker                                                  |
|  | 11. Pipette Substrate solution (BCIP/NBT ) 1.5 ml                                                                                                        |
|  | 12. Incubate 15 min. at room temperature<br>– Shaker                                                                                                     |
|  | 13. Aspirate Substrate solution and wash strips with 2 ml of distilled water 2-times for 5 min.<br>– Shaker                                              |
|  | 14. Sticking and evaluation of strips                                                                                                                    |

# BLOT-LINE

## Antigens

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgG,

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgM

– recombinant antigens: VlsE, p83, p41, p39, OspB, OspA, OspC, p17, p44, TpN17

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgG

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgG

– recombinant antigens: VlsE, p83, p41, p39 (BmpA), OspA, OspC, p17 (DbpA)

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia b.

### sensu stricto IgG

– recombinant antigens: VlsE, p83, p41, p39 (BmpA), OspB, OspA, OspC, p18 (OspE)

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgM

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgM

### BLOT-LINE Borrelia b.

### sensu stricto IgM

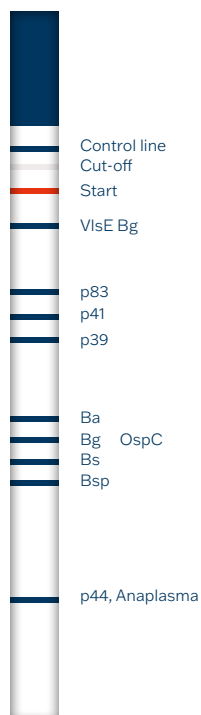
– recombinant antigens: VlsE, p83, p41, p39 (BmpA), OspC

### BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgG,

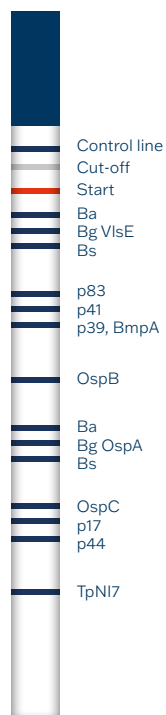
### BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgM

– recombinant antigens: p44, Asp62, OmpA

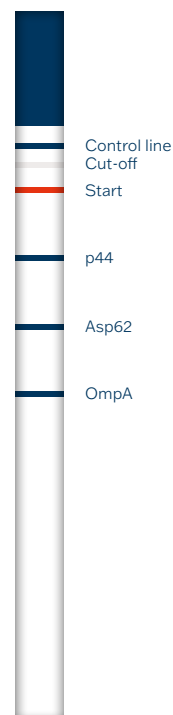
### BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgM



### BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgG



### BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgG

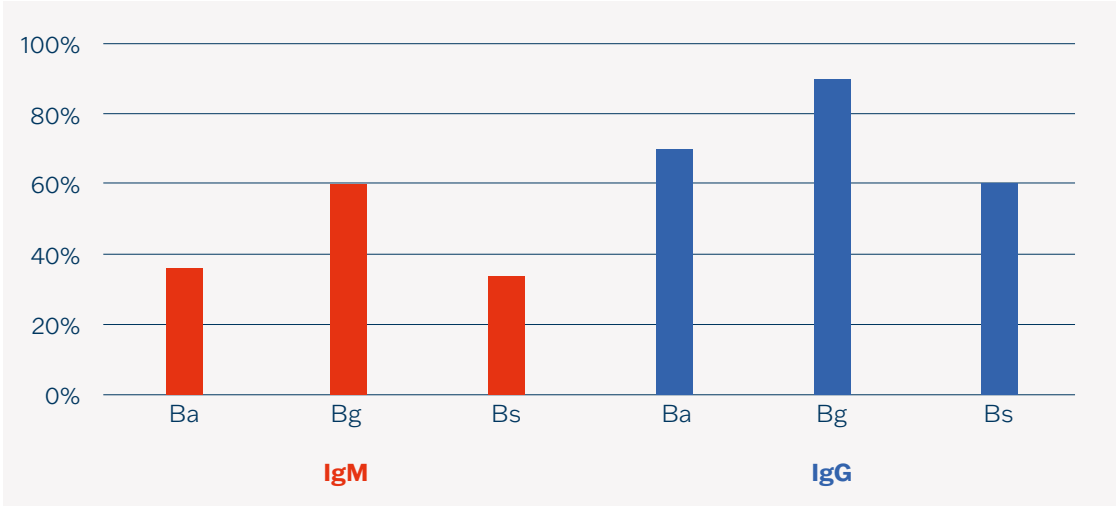


## Test Characteristics

| Immunoblot                              | Borrelia               |                        | Anaplasma              |                        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                         | Diagnostic sensitivity | Diagnostic specificity | Diagnostic sensitivity | Diagnostic specificity |
| BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgG                 | –                      | –                      | 92.0%                  | 94.0%                  |
| BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgM                 | –                      | –                      | 91.4%                  | 99.0%                  |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgG              | 96.8%                  | 98.5%                  | 92.9%                  | 96.3%                  |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgM              | 97.1%                  | 96.4%                  | 94.7%                  | 97.1%                  |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgG          | 97.3%                  | 96.9%                  | –                      | –                      |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgM          | 96.6%                  | 95.9%                  | –                      | –                      |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgG          | 97.1%                  | 96.2%                  | –                      | –                      |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgM          | 95.2%                  | 97.0%                  | –                      | –                      |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgG | 96.8%                  | 96.9%                  | –                      | –                      |
| BLOT-LINE Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgM | 96.2%                  | 96.8%                  | –                      | –                      |

# Reactivity of Different Types of Tests in a Group of Patients with Neuroborreliosis (n=60)

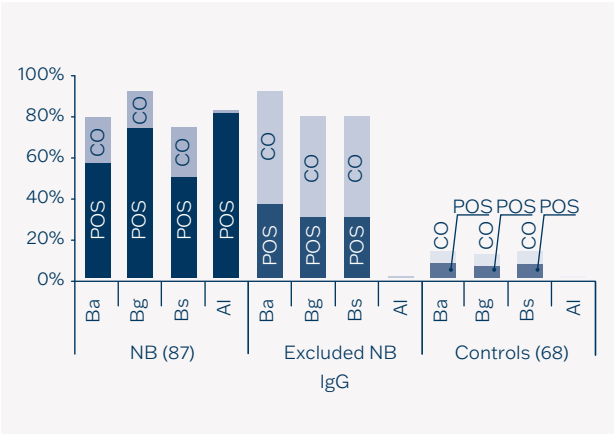
(BLOT-LINE B. afzelii – Ba, BLOT-LINE B. garinii – Bg, BLOT-LINE B. b. sensu stricto – Bs)



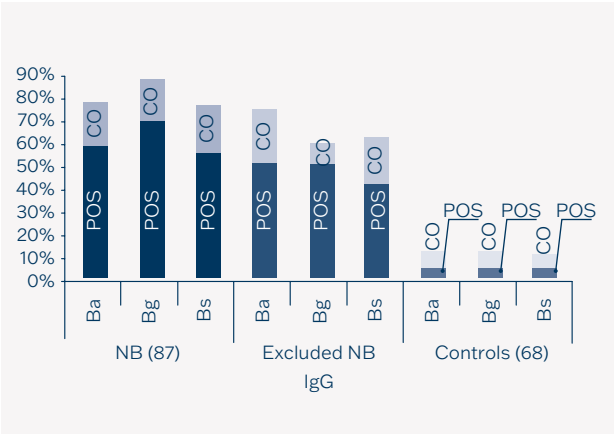
BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii kit shows more than 20 percent higher reactivity in the group of patients with neuroborreliosis compared to BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii and BLOT-LINE Borrelia b. sensu stricto.

## Incidence of IgG Antibodies against VlsE in Neuroborreliosis (NB)

Serum



Liquor





# BlueBLOT-LINE

**BlueDiver Instrument, Immunoblot Software and BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia kits - a complete solution for simple, rapid and accurate immunoblot analysis, including the evaluation.**

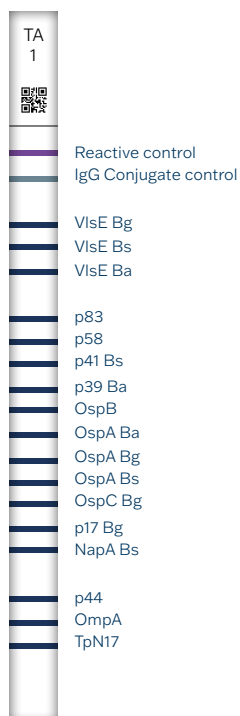


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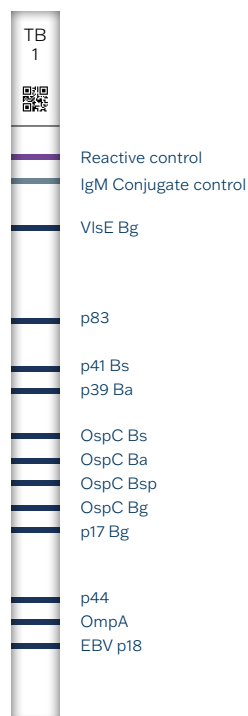
**BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgG,  
BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgM**

– recombinant antigens: VlsE, p83, p58, p41, p39, OspB, OspA, OspC, p17, NapA, p44, OmpA, TpN17, p18

**BlueBLOT-LINE  
Borrelia IgG**



**BlueBLOT-LINE  
Borrelia IgM**



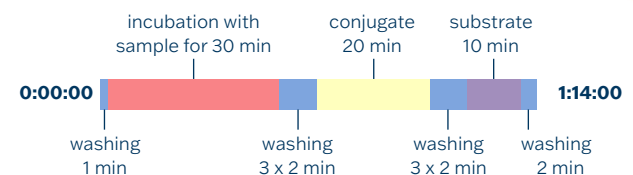
## Unique feature and advantages

- Space-saving
- No risk of contamination
- High flexibility
- Easy to use and short hands on time
- High reliability
- Extremely short analysis time

## Protocol summary

- Inserting holders with strips and reagents into the instrument
- Automatic batch and expiry control using the integrated barcode reader
- Samples pipetting
- Automated incubation and washing
- Strips drying

### Total assay time:



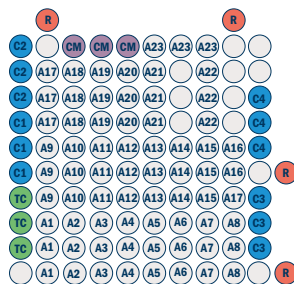
## Test Characteristics

| <u>Immunoblot</u>          | <u>Borrelia</u>               |                               | <u>Anaplasma</u>              |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                            | <u>Diagnostic sensitivity</u> | <u>Diagnostic specificity</u> | <u>Diagnostic sensitivity</u> | <u>Diagnostic specificity</u> |
| BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgG | 97.4%                         | 99.0%                         | 83.0%                         | 99.0%                         |
| BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgM | 98.3%                         | 99.0%                         | 92.0%                         | 96.0%                         |

# MICROBLOT-ARRAY

Specific recombinant proteins (antigens) are applied to a nitrocellulose membrane, which is adapted to the format of a well of a microtitre plate, in the form of spots. The principle of applying antigens is similar to that of BLOT-LINE kits. Thanks to the possibility of processing with ELISA devices, the new multiplex technology brings significant efficiency in the processing of these confirmation tests.

## Distribution of Antigens and Control Spots



### Reference spots

- **R** – Reference
- **TC** – Test control
- **CM** – Conjugate control IgM
- **CG** – Conjugate control IgG
- **C1** – Calibration 1
- **C2** – Calibration 2
- **C3** – Calibration 3
- **C4** – Calibration 4
- **A1–A23** – Antigens

## User comfort

- Low sample consumption
- Reagents in working dilution
- Antigens spotted in triplicate – minimizing statistical variation
- Fully automatic assay processing and results evaluation
- Parallel testing of multiple markers simultaneously
- High sensitivity
- Evaluation with the help of highly sophisticated SW
- Automated validity check via control spots

## Summary Protocol

| Step | Test steps                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      | <b>1.</b> Pipette Universal solution 150 µl                                                                                                                                                                             |
|      | <b>2.</b> Strips soaking 10 min. at room temperature                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      | <b>3.</b> Aspirate                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      | <b>4.</b> Dilute samples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– serum/plasma 1:51 (10 µl + 500 µl)</li> <li>– cerebrospinal fluids 1:3 (50 µl + 100 µl)</li> <li>– synovial fluids 1:17,5 (10 µl + 165 µl)</li> </ul> |
|      | <b>5.</b> Pipette Controls and diluted samples 100 µl                                                                                                                                                                   |
|      | <b>6.</b> Incubate 30 min. at room temperature                                                                                                                                                                          |
|      | <b>7.</b> Quick wash with Universal solution*                                                                                                                                                                           |
|      | <b>8.</b> Aspirate samples and wash strips with 150 µl of Universal solution 3-times for 5 min.                                                                                                                         |
|      | <b>9.</b> Pipette Conjugate 100 µl                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      | <b>10.</b> Incubate 30 min. at room temperature                                                                                                                                                                         |
|      | <b>11.</b> Quick wash with Universal solution*                                                                                                                                                                          |
|      | <b>12.</b> Aspirate samples and wash strips with 150 µl of Universal solution 3-times for 5 min.                                                                                                                        |
|      | <b>13.</b> Pipette Substrate solution (BCIP/NBT) 100 µl                                                                                                                                                                 |
|      | <b>14.</b> Incubate 15 min. at room temperature                                                                                                                                                                         |
|      | <b>15.</b> Quick wash with distilled water*                                                                                                                                                                             |
|      | <b>16.</b> Aspirate Substrate solution and wash strips with 200 µl of distilled water 2-times for 5 min.                                                                                                                |
|      | <b>17.</b> Dry and evaluate strips                                                                                                                                                                                      |

\*If automatic washer is used, fill the wells up to their edges and when the last well is filled, aspirate them off immediately.

Antigens

| Patogens                  | Antigens                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Borrelia burgdorferi      | VlsE Ba, VlsE Bg, VlsE Bs, p83, p58, p41 Ba, p41 Bs, p39, OspB, OspA Ba, OspA Bg, OspA Bs, OspC Ba, OspC Bg, OspC Bs, OspC Bsp, OspE, NapA, p17 |
| Anaplasma phagocytophilum | p44, OmpA, Asp62                                                                                                                                |
| Treponema pallidum (IgG)  | TpN17                                                                                                                                           |
| EBV (IgM)                 | VCA-p18                                                                                                                                         |

Test Characteristics

Parameters of Microblot-Array Borrelia IgG  
(tested on sera)

|               | Diagnostic Sensitivity | Diagnostic Specificity |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Borrelia IgG  | 98.7% (n = 74)         | 98.9% (n = 100)        |
| Anaplasma IgG | 92.0% (n = 25)         | 99.9% (n = 30)         |
| Treponema IgG | 98.3% (n = 59)         | 99.9% (n = 30)         |

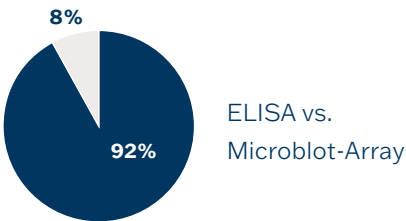
Parameters of Microblot-Array Borrelia IgM  
(tested on sera)

|               | Diagnostic Sensitivity | Diagnostic Specificity |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Borrelia IgM  | 98.5% (n = 56)         | 99.9% (n = 95)         |
| Anaplasma IgM | 95.0% (n = 20)         | 99.9% (n = 38)         |
| EBV IgM       | 99.9% (n = 39)         | 99.9% (n = 51)         |

Comparative Study

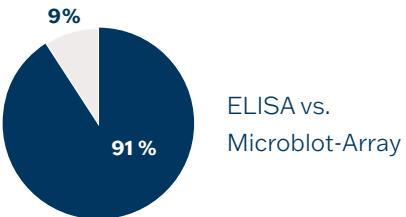
Correlation of results IgG

| n = 77    | Microblot-Array | ELISA |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| positive  | 38              | 41    |
| negative  | 33              | 36    |
| agreement | 92.2%           |       |



Correlation of results IgM

| n = 68    | Microblot-Array | ELISA |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| positive  | 19              | 21    |
| negative  | 40              | 44    |
| agreement | 90.7%           |       |



agreement    disagreement

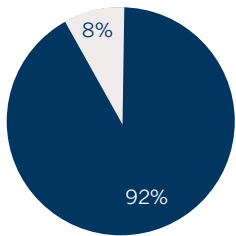
# Comparative Study

## Correlation of results IgM

|            |            | Microblot-Array |            |          |
|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
|            |            | positive        | borderline | negative |
| ELISA rec. | positive   | 48              | 2          | 3        |
|            | borderline | 1               | 1          | 2        |
|            | negative   | 3               | 10         | 24       |

ELISA rec.  
Microblot Array

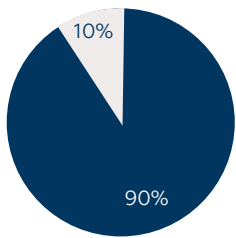
■ agreement  
■ disagreement



|                   |            | Microblot-Array |            |          |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
|                   |            | positive        | borderline | negative |
| Western blot rec. | positive   | 41              | 3          | 0        |
|                   | borderline | 6               | 1          | 4        |
|                   | negative   | 5               | 2          | 2        |

WB rec.  
Microblot Array

■ agreement  
■ disagreement

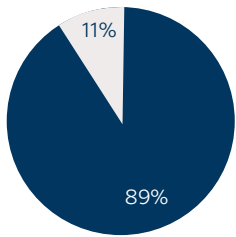


## Correlation of results IgG

|            |            | Microblot-Array |            |          |
|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
|            |            | positive        | borderline | negative |
| ELISA rec. | positive   | 44              | 5          | 2        |
|            | borderline | 0               | 1          | 0        |
|            | negative   | 6               | 11         | 24       |

ELISA rec.  
Microblot Array

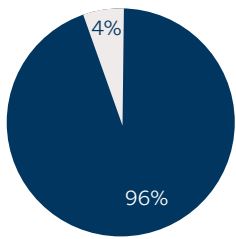
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■ disagreement



|                   |            | Microblot-Array |            |          |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
|                   |            | positive        | borderline | negative |
| Western blot rec. | positive   | 42              | 4          | 1        |
|                   | borderline | 7               | 5          | 1        |
|                   | negative   | 1               | 2          | 1        |

WB rec.  
Microblot Array

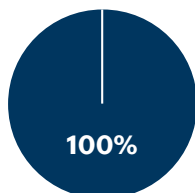
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## Results in External Quality Assessments

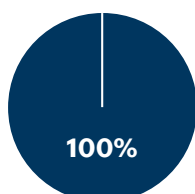
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#### EIA



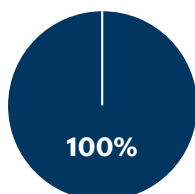
| <u>Category</u> | <u>Sample specification</u> | <u>TestLine result</u> | <u>Meets criteria</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| IgG             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgG             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |

#### Immunoblot



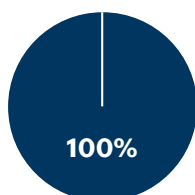
| <u>Category</u> | <u>Sample specification</u> | <u>TestLine result</u> | <u>Meets criteria</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| IgG*            | positive                    | borderline             | -                     |
| IgG             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |

#### Microblot-Array



| <u>Category</u> | <u>Sample specification</u> | <u>TestLine result</u> | <u>Meets criteria</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| IgG             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgG             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |
| IgM             | positive                    | positive               | +                     |

#### Clinical evaluation



| <u>Category</u> | <u>Sample specification</u> | <u>TestLine result</u> | <u>Meets criteria</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Interpretation  | infection confirmed         | infection confirmed    | +                     |
| Interpretation  | infection confirmed         | infection confirmed    | +                     |

#### Antibody Index Software



| <u>Category</u> | <u>Sample specification</u>    | <u>TestLine result</u> | <u>Meets criteria</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| IgG             | negative, borderline, positive | negative               | +                     |

## Ordering information

### ELISA

| <b>Cat. No.</b> | <b>Product</b>                              | <b>No. of Tests</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| BGV096          | EIA Borrelia VlsE IgG                       | 96                  |
| BM0096          | EIA Borrelia IgM                            | 96                  |
| BrG192          | EIA Borrelia recombinant IgG (192)          | 192                 |
| BrM192          | EIA Borrelia recombinant IgM (192)          | 192                 |
| BaGVD2          | EIA Borrelia afzelii VlsE IgG (192)         | 192                 |
| BaM192          | EIA Borrelia afzelii IgM (192)              | 192                 |
| BsGV96          | EIA Borrelia b. sensu stricto VlsE IgG      | 96                  |
| BsM096          | EIA Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgM           | 96                  |
| BgGVD2          | EIA Borrelia garinii VlsE IgG (192)         | 192                 |
| BgM192          | EIA Borrelia garinii IgM (192)              | 192                 |
| SK-BGV096       | SmartEIA Borrelia VlsE IgG                  | 96                  |
| SK-BM0096       | SmartEIA Borrelia IgM                       | 96                  |
| SK-BrG096       | SmartEIA Borrelia recombinant IgG           | 96                  |
| SK-BrM096       | SmartEIA Borrelia recombinant IgM           | 96                  |
| SK-BaGV96       | SmartEIA Borrelia afzelii VlsE IgG          | 96                  |
| SK-BaM192       | SmartEIA Borrelia afzelii IgM               | 96                  |
| SK-BsGV96       | SmartEIA Borrelia b. sensu stricto VlsE IgG | 96                  |
| SK-BsM096       | SmartEIA Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgM      | 96                  |
| SK-BgGV96       | SmartEIA Borrelia garinii VlsE IgG          | 96                  |
| SK-BgM096       | SmartEIA Borrelia garinii IgM               | 96                  |

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## IMMUNOBLOT

| <b>Cat. No.</b> | <b>Product</b>                          | <b>No. of Tests</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ApGL10          | BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgG                 | 10                  |
| ApML10          | BLOT-LINE Anaplasma IgM                 | 10                  |
| BGL020          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgG              | 20                  |
| BML020          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia/HGA IgM              | 20                  |
| BaGL20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgG          | 20                  |
| BaML20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia afzelii IgM          | 20                  |
| BgGL20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgG          | 20                  |
| BgML20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia garinii IgM          | 20                  |
| BsGL20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgG | 20                  |
| BsML20          | BLOT-LINE Borrelia b. sensu stricto IgM | 20                  |
| BD-BGL024       | BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgG              | 24                  |
| BD-BML024       | BlueBLOT-LINE Borrelia IgM              | 24                  |
| SwIm03          | Immunoblot Software                     | 1 pc                |

The BlueBLOT-LINE kits are designed for automatic processing using BlueDiver® analyzer.

## MICROBLOT-ARRAY

| <b>Cat. No.</b> | <b>Product</b>               | <b>No. of Tests</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| BGMA096         | Microblot-Array Borrelia IgG | 96                  |
| BMMA096         | Microblot-Array Borrelia IgM | 96                  |

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