ELISA Enzyme Linked Iimmune Sorbent Assay

Introducion

- Test are Specific and Sensitive
- It is the most commen, widely used serological test for Ab or Ag detection.
- Ag or Ag are labelled by linking of enzyme.
- These test can be automated.
- It is method to determine the concentration of material.



Basic Principle of ELISA



ELISA Types

Direct (Sandwich)

Indirect

Competitive

Direct method (Sandwich) (Detection of Ag)





Substrate

Peroxidase

Alkaline phosphatase

 H_2O_2

P-Nitro phenyl Phosphate

- Colour proportional to Antigen in patient sample.





(Detection of Ab)



Colour proprtional to Ab in patient sample.



Competitive method



- Colour inversely related to Ag in patient serum.



Application Of ELISA

- # Hormones in the serum likeThyroid hormones, Insuline....
- Tumer marker like AF1, PSA

etc...

- Infectious Disease like Bacterial toxin,Viruses, Hepatitis – B Surface antigen
- Assay of the Ab in serum infectious disease like Rubella Viruses, HIV etc...
- Assay of auto Ab or Anti DNA, anti-nuclear Abs

Advantage : - No Radiation hazard

- High sensitive
- Obtain quick and accurate result
- Minimal discomfort
- Used in wide variety of test
- It doesn't need costly instrumentation.
- Antigens of very low or unknown concentration can be detected since captur antibody only grabs specific antigen.



Disadvantage : - Monoclonal antibodies more difficult separate

- Enzyme/substrate reaction is short term so Microwells must be read as soon as possible
- Good Time management require
- Monoclonal antibodies can cost
- Require good skill
- Require good quality of ELISA kit.



RIA

ELISA

Radioactive Hazard.

Used estimation of **very small** concentration.

Very high cost eqipment

Cheap reagent.

Value measured in curie & microcurie

Require certificate & training from RIA centre.

It is not Hazard.

Used estimation of small concentration.

Low cost equipment

Costly reagent.

Value is measured in micro.

No training nor certificate require.