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Rapid diagnosis of active schistosomiasis by newly developed lateral-flow immunochromatographic strip using monoclonal antibody conjugated to colloidal gold and mesoporous silica nanoparticle

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Abstract

Objective: Development of new sandwich based lateral flow immunochromatographic strip (LFIS) to detect circulating *Schistosoma mansoni* antigen (CSA) in serum and urine samples of patients with active schistosomiasis. **Methods:** This highly sensitive LFIS was prepared by using anti - *S. mansoni* soluble egg antigen monoclonal antibody conjugated gold nanoparticles (MAb-AuNps) as a primary antibody while mobile crystalline material (MCM)-41-MAB bioconjugate was immobilized at the test line as secondary antibody. Primary and secondary antibodies formed a sandwich complex with CSA in the sample, immobilized at the test line and resulting in a distinct red color. The assay reliability was examined by using urine and serum samples of 60 *S. mansoni* infected patients, 20 patients with other parasites, 20 healthy individuals and results were compared with those obtained via sandwich ELISA. **Results:** The visual detection limit of CSA by LFIS was 3ng/ml compared to 30ng/ml low detection limit by ELISA. The sensitivity and specificity of LFIS in urine samples were 98.3% and 97.5 % respectively compared to 93.5% and 90% by ELISA. In serum samples, it was 100% and 97.5% respectively compared to 97% and 95% by ELISA.

Conclusions

This new LFIS offers a sensitive, rapid (10 min) and field applicable alternative technique for diagnosis of active schistosomiasis.



Biography

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