Glanders ELISA Kit

	Recombinant antigen based ELISA Kit for diagnosis of
Title of technology	Glanders
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Glanders is a fatal bacterial disease of equines caused by non-motile gram-negative bacteriumBurkholderia mallei. The disease in equines is characterized by ulcerating granulomatous lesions of skin and mucous membrane, pneumonia, and septicemia. Because of zoonotic importance of the glanders and frequent occurrence of the disease in parts of Africa, the Middle East, South America, and Asia glanders has attracted renewed research interest and is increasingly recognized worldwide as potential biological weapons. In India, glanders cases have been reported almost in every year since 2006.

The Complement Fixation test (CFT) is an OIE prescribed sero-diagnostic method for glanders for international trade of equidae. The analytical performance of the testwas found to be heavily depends on CFT antigens used from different commercial source and differences in the recommended protocol. False-negative glanders test results may lead to the introduction of the infectious agent into a glanders free-region and false-positive test results may lead to unnecessary restrictions on international trade of animals leading to financial losses for owners and the equine industry. In order to improve test quality, three recombinant proteins (Hcp1, TssA and TssB)based indirect ELISAs have been developed by NRCE for detection of B. mallei specific antibodies in equines.

Salient features

- These kit are recombinant protein(s) based indirect ELISA.
- These kits were evaluated with large number (n= 2000 to 15000) of equine serum samples obtained from glanders free as well as glanders endemic areas.
- The diagnostic specificity of the assays were 90-100% and sensitivity of the three assay ranges from 90-99%, respectively.
- The ELISAs are now being validated in OIEReference Laboratory on Glanders, Germany according to OIE principles and methods of validation of diagnostic assays.

Stakeholders

- **Biopharmaceutical companies**
- State Animal Husbandry Departments
- State Govt Veterinary Biologicals Production Units
- Small Entrepreneurs
- Equine farmers
- Indigenous Horse Societies / Army/ Police Departments

Economic benefits

- These kits will help in timely diagnosis of glanders.
- Ccombining the higher sensitivity of the ELISA and specificity of the CFT, accuracy of surveillance programmes can be increased for proper detection and elimination of glanders positive animals.
- It will help in developing control strategies for the diseases.

