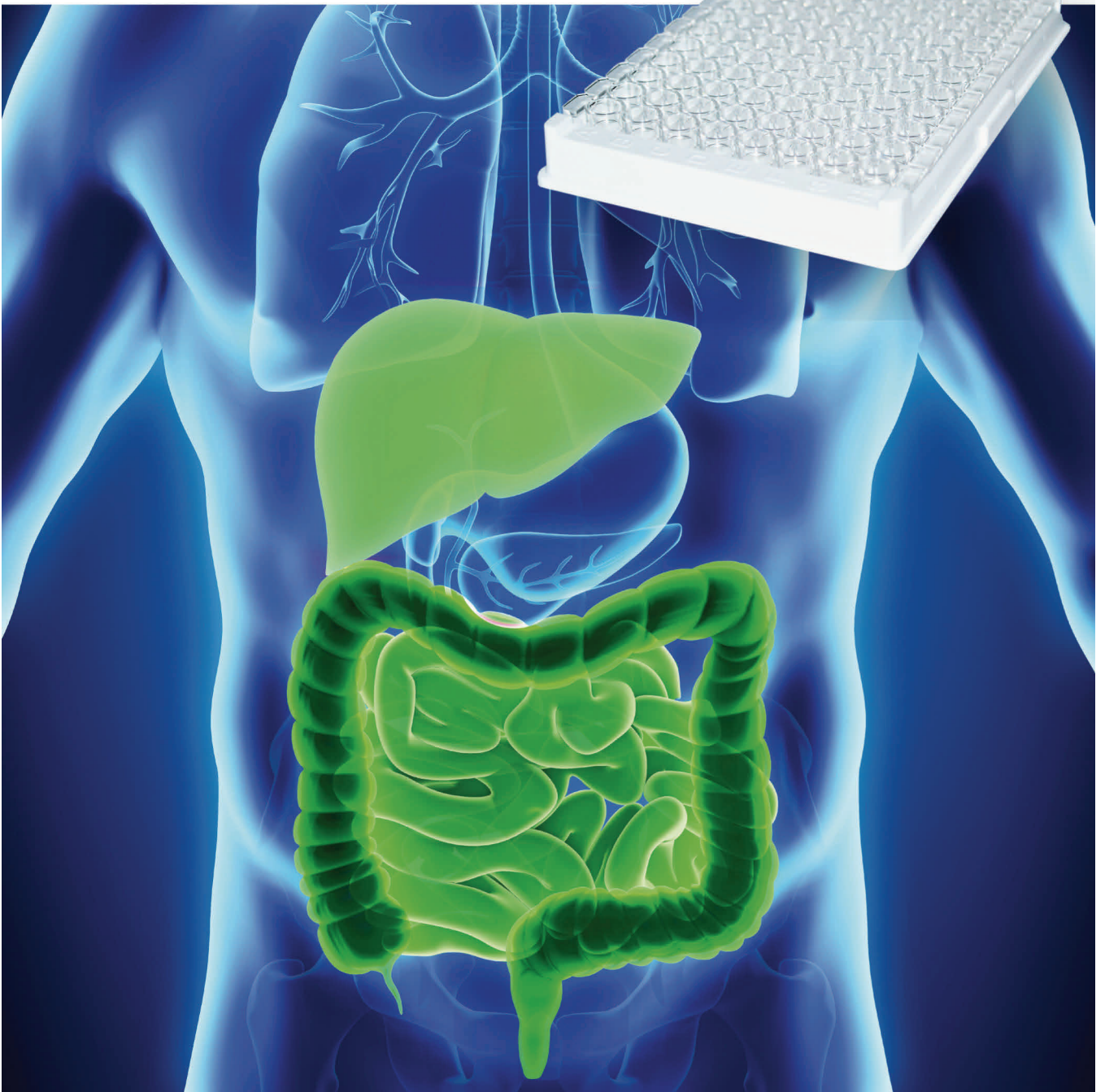


Crohn's Disease



Simply innovative diagnostics

Sharpening the CD/UC discrimination: **Antibodies to Glycoprotein 2** (anti-GP2)



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Crohn's disease (CD), like ulcerative colitis (UC), is a chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) with unknown etiology, causing **relapsing-remitting** inflammatory processes of the intestine. CD affects the entire gastro-intestinal tract, mainly the colon, rectum and small intestine. In contrast, UC is a diffuse ascending inflammation restricted to the mucosa and sub-mucosa of the rectum and colon. Differential diagnosis of CD and UC has been a clinical challenge since decades. Common diagnostic tools are:

- ✓ X-ray examination of ileum
- ✓ Endoscopy with biopsy and histology
- ✓ Sonography
- ✓ Autoantibody detection

Due to the limitations of the existing diagnostic tools there has been an ongoing search for additional diagnostics. **Serological parameters** could assist clinicians in diagnosing and stratifying patients with inflammatory bowel disease and may support therapeutic decisions (7). Up to **70 %** of patients with CD show antibodies to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (ASCA) (3 & 4). Roggenbuck *et al.* (1) identified glycoprotein 2 (GP2) - the major glycoprotein of the zymogen granule membrane - as the antigen of pancreatic antibodies (PAb) in Crohn's disease and demonstrated the specificity of these antibodies for CD in comparison to patients suffering from UC (Figures 1 IgG and IgA). In combination with antibodies against *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* the determination of such antibodies (anti-GP2) is an excellent and suitable tool for differential diagnosis in CD (5-7).

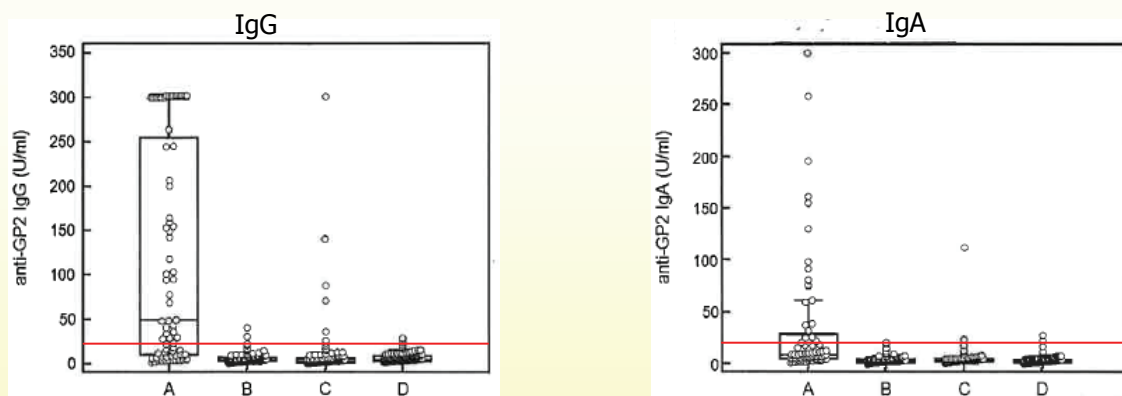


Figure 1:

Detection of anti-GP2 by ELISA in A: PAb positive sera in patients with Crohn's disease (n=72), B: PAb negative sera from patients with Crohn's disease (n=106), C: Ulcerative colitis (n=100) and D: healthy blood donors (162). Cut-off (red line) is 20 U/ml.

Antibodies to Glycoprotein 2 (anti-GP2)

➤ Anti-GP2 ELISA^{*)} for the differential diagnosis of Crohn's disease

GP2 was identified as the antigen of pancreatic autoantibodies (PAb) in Crohn's disease by Roggenbuck et al. in 2009 (1). The first ELISAs for the detection of autoantibodies to GP2 were reported in 2011 (2).

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➤ Anti-*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* antibodies (ASCA) ELISA for differential diagnosis of Crohn's disease

Conrad et al. (3) and Bossuyt et al. (4) showed a diagnostic relevance of ASCA in patients suffering from Crohn's disease.

➤ Anti-*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* antibodies (ASCA) ELISA for differential diagnosis of Crohn's disease

Demonstrated by Deng, Li *et al.* and by Zhang *et al.* The anti-GP2 antibody is a specific marker of CD (5). Anti-GP2 displayed a better discriminatory performance over ASCA in differentiating CD from UC, CD from intestinal BD, and CD from ITB. (5).

Both IgG and IgA

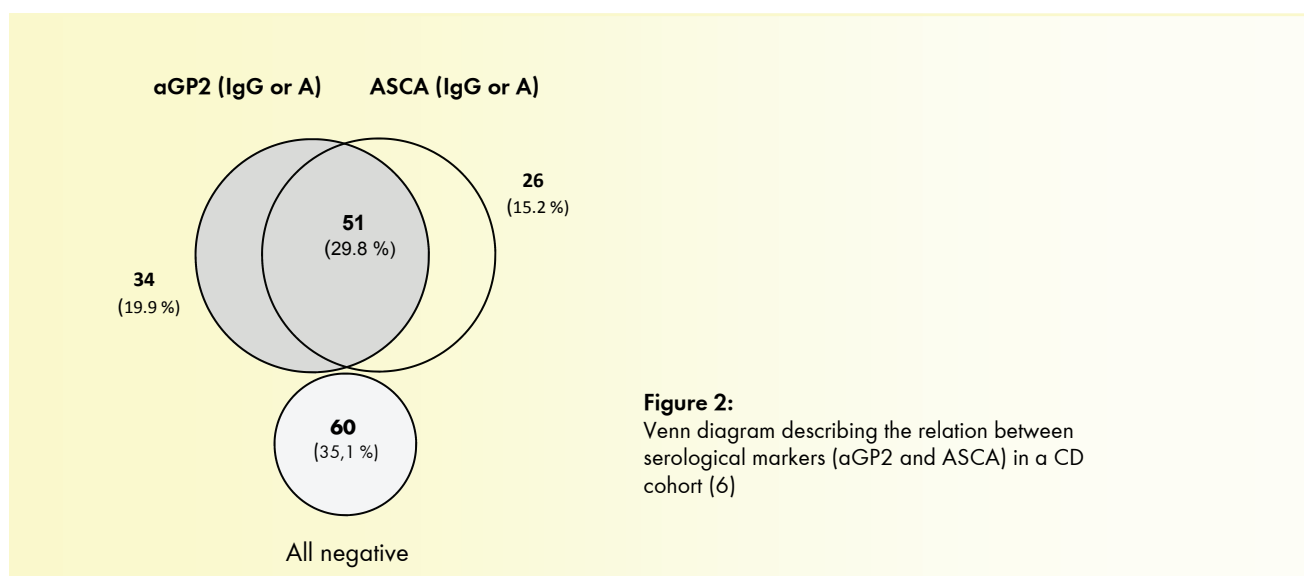


Figure 2: Venn diagram describing the relation between serological markers (aGP2 and ASCA) in a CD cohort (6)

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TEST	Order No	Determination
Anti-GP2 IgG	3850	96
Anti-GP2 IgA	3750	96
ASCA IgA	4006	96
ASCA IgG	4007	96



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