### **Advantages**

- Direct, simple, and economic point-of-care determination of cholinesterase activities
- Whole blood testing
  - → one drop of blood (10 µl) per test
- ✓ The result is available after only 5 minutes
- Comfortable handling via touchscreen
- Portable due to the use of Li-Ion battery technology
- Integrated barcode reader for patient IDs
- ✓ Export of data via USB

#### **Presentation of the results**





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### **LISA-CHE**

Point-of-care measurement of cholinesterase activity



Portable point-of-care device for the activity determination of acetyl- and butyrylcholinesterase



Pharmaceuticals

### **Measuring ChE-activities – Why?**

Since 1959, the measurement of cholinesterase activity is used in patients with organophosphate poisoning.

In recent years, it has been shown that the neurotransmitter acetylcholine, acting as a parasympathetic messenger, regulates the body's immune response via the cholinergic anti-inflammatory reflex. This reflex controls the release of proinflammatory cytokines and, thus, neuroinflammation.

Furthermore, it was shown that the activities of cholinesterases can serve as biomarkers, for example

- for the detection of a postoperative delirium
- in systemic inflammation
- as a predictor of the mortality in patients with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

# Measurement of cholinesterase activity for neuroinflammation and delirium

#### When to measure?

- 1. Pre-anesthetic interview ( $\rightarrow$  base value)
- 2. Pre-operatively
- 3. After admission to ICU
- Optional: perioperatively

#### **Delirium detection**<sup>1,2</sup>

- 1. Hyperactive delirium
- a) Strong hyperactive type: relatively easy to identify
- b) Moderate type:
- Measure BChE activity
   Methods for delirium detection
  - (e.g. CAM-ICU)
- 2. Hypoactive delirium
- a) Moderate type:
- Measure BChE activity
  Methods for delirium detection (e.g. CAM-ICU)

### Why?Interpretation of BChE values3BChE activity > 2000 U/I:Nord

BChE activity > 2000 U/I: BChE activity < 2000 U/I: BChE activity < 1500 U/I: Normal range Increased attention necessary Suspected neuroinflammation/delirium → Additionally, if possible: Methods for delirium detection (e.g. CAM-ICU)

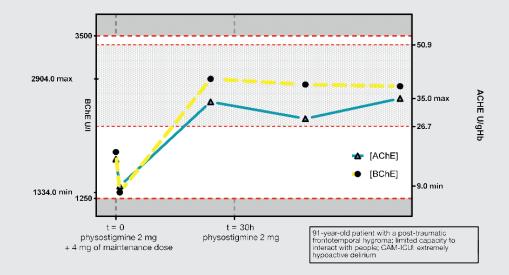
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## An example: AChE and BChE in a patient with hypoactive delirium



Barth, E. (2014). Anticholium<sup>®</sup> (physostigmine) as a therapeutic option in ICU patients with postoperative delirium and vigilance deficiency with cognitive dysfunction. Poster from DIVI, Hamburg

The graph shows the AChE- and BChE activities of a patient with a hypoactive delirium, who was treated with physostigmine (ANTICHOLIUM®) because of altered ChE-activities. Within one hour after the treatment, no delirium could be observed. 24 hours after the treatment, the AChE- and BChE activities were in the normal range.

b) Strong hypoactive type: • Measure BChE activity