

## MICROPARTICLES

Novel assay for quantitatively measuring microparticles procoagulant activity in human citrated plasma. Microparticles are released from some blood cells, mainly platelet or endothelial cells, but also from monocytes or lymphocytes, upon cell activation. They frequently expose phosphatidyl serine, which focuses initiation of blood coagulation pathways. Microparticles are the markers arising as a consequence of the disease, but can also be the cause of worsening of the disease through their procoagulant activity.

