

T(Testosterone) ELISA Kit ELISA Kit

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**Detection and Quantification of
T(Testosterone) ELISA Kit in Serum,
Plasma, Biological Fluids. Do not use in
Rat samples**

**Please read the provided manual as
suggested experimental protocols may
have changed.**

**Research Purposes Only. Not Intended for
Diagnostic or Clinical Procedures.**

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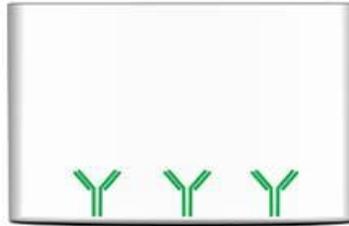
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ASSAY PRINCIPLES

The T (Testosterone) ELISA Kit contains the components necessary for quantitative determination of natural or recombinant T (Testosterone) ELISA Kit concentrations within any experimental sample including cell lysates, serum and plasma. This particular immunoassay utilizes the quantitative technique of a “Competitive” Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) where the target protein (antigen) is bound in a “Competitive” format by the primary capture antibodies coated to each well-bottom and the secondary detection antibodies added subsequently by the investigator. The capture antibodies coated to the bottom of each well are specific for a particular epitope on Murine TSLP while the user-added detection antibodies bind to epitopes on the captured target protein. Amid each step of the procedure, a series of wash steps must be performed to ensure the elimination of non-specific binding between proteins to other proteins or to the solid phase. After incubation and “sandwiching” of the target antigen, a peroxidase enzyme is conjugated to the constant heavy chain of the secondary antibody (either covalently or via Avidin/Streptavidin-Biotin interactions), allowing for a colorimetric reaction to ensue upon substrate addition. When the substrate TMB (3, 3', 5, 5'-Tetramethylbenzidine) is added, the reaction catalyzed by peroxidase yields a blue color that is representative of the antigen concentration. Upon sufficient color development, the reaction can be terminated through addition of Stop Solution (2 N Sulfuric Acid) where the color of the solution will turn yellow. The absorbance of each well can then be read by a spectrophotometer, allowing for generation of a standard curve and subsequent determination of protein concentration.

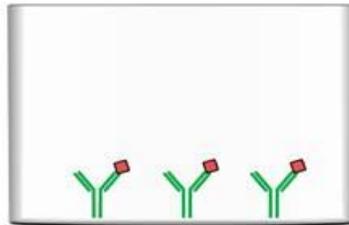
ASSAY FORMAT


Capture Antibody



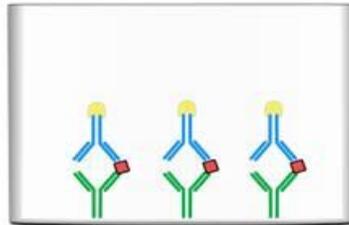
Capture antibodies specific for the target are coated to the plate. Additional binding sites on the plate are blocked.


Target Antigen



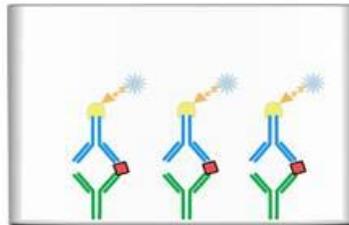
Target antigen present in standard or sample is bound by capture antibodies on the solid-phase.


Biotinylated Detection Antibody



Biotinylated detection antibodies specific for the target are added to bind another epitope on the target antigen.

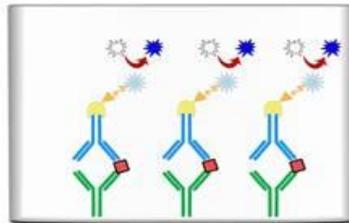

Streptavidin-HRP



Streptavidin-HRP attaches to detection antibody via high affinity streptavidin-biotin interaction.


Unreacted TMB


Blue TMB Diimine Product



TMB substrate is converted to the blue TMB diimine via the HRP enzyme. Upon addition of acid, the reaction terminates and the wells can be read at 450 nm.

ASSAY RESTRICTIONS

- This ELISA kit is intended for research purposes only, NOT diagnostic or clinical procedures of any kind.
- Materials included in this kit should NOT be used past the expiration date on the kit label.
- Reagents or substrates included in this kit should NOT be mixed or substituted with reagents or substrates from any other kits.
- Variations in pipetting technique, washing technique, operator laboratory technique, kit age, incubation time or temperature may cause differences in binding affinity of the materials provided.
- The assay is designed to eliminate interference and background by other cellular macromolecules or factors present within any biological samples. However, the possibility of background noise cannot be fully excluded until all factors have been tested using the assay kit.

MATERIALS INCLUDED

Component	Quantity Per Plate
Microstrips Coated w/ Capture Antibody	12 x 8-Well Microstrips
Protein Standard	20ng/tube*2
HRP Conjugate(100x)	60µL
HRP Conjugate Diluent	14ml
Standard & Sample Diluent	20ml
Wash Buffer (25x)	30ml
Substrate Reagent(TMB)	10ml
Stop Solution	10 ml
Adhesive Plate Sealers	5 Sheets
Technical Manual	1 Manual

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

The following materials and/or equipment are NOT provided in this kit but are necessary to successfully conduct the experiment:

- Microplate reader able to measure absorbance at 450 nm (with correction wavelength set to 540 nm or 570 nm)
- Micropipettes with capability of measuring volumes ranging from 1 μ l to 1 ml
- Deionized or sterile water
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, multichannel pipette reservoir or automated microplate washer
- Graph paper or computer software capable of generating or displaying logarithmic functions
- Absorbent paper or vacuum aspirator
- Test tubes or microfuge tubes capable of storing ≥ 1 ml
- Bench-top centrifuge (optional)
- Bench-top vortex (optional)
- Orbital shaker (optional)

HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Reagents provided in this kit may be harmful if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Please carefully review the MSDS for each reagent before conducting the experiment.
- Stop Solution contains 2 N Sulfuric Acid (H_2SO_4) and is an extremely corrosive agent. Please wear proper eye, hand and face protection when handling this material. When the experiment is finished, be sure to rinse the plate with copious amounts of running water to dilute the Stop Solution prior to disposing the plate.

STORAGE INFORMATION

Note: If used frequently, reagents may be stored at 4°C.

Unopened Kits: Store at 4°C for 6 months.

Component	Storage Time	Storage Information
Microstrips Coated w/ Capture Antibody	6 Months	4°C
HRP Conjugate		
Wash Buffer (25x)		
Assay Diluent		
Ready-to-Use Substrate		
Stop Solution		
Protein Standard/ Detection Ab	Lyophilized: 6 Months Reconstituted: 1 Month	-4°C
Adhesive Plate Sealers	-	-
Technical Manual	-	-

SAMPLE PREPARATION AND STORAGE

If samples are to be used within 24 hours, aliquot and store at 4°C. If samples are to be used over a long period of time, aliquot and store between -20°C and -80°C, depending on the duration of storage.

Note: Samples containing a visible precipitate or pellet must be clarified prior to use in the assay.

Caution: Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles to prevent loss of biological activity of proteins in experimental samples.

Cell Lysate and Supernatants

Remove large cell components via centrifugation and perform the assay. Cell lysates and supernatants require a dilution using Assay Diluent. A serial dilution may be performed to determine a suitable dilution factor for the sample. For future use of the sample, follow the sample storage guidelines stated above.

Serum

Allow samples to clot in a serum separator tube (SST) for 30 minutes. After sufficient clotting, centrifuge at 1000 x g for 15 minutes and remove serum from SST in preparation for the assay. Serum samples may require a dilution using Standard & Sample Diluent. For future use of the sample, follow the storage guidelines above.

Plasma

Use heparin, citrate or EDTA as an anticoagulant to gather plasma from original biological sample. After collection of the plasma, centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. This step must be performed within 30 minutes of plasma collection. Plasma samples may require a dilution using Standard & Sample Diluent. Afterwards, perform the assay or for future use of the sample, follow the storage guidelines stated above.

IMMUNOASSAY PROTOCOL

Note: If possible, all incubation steps should be performed on an orbital shaker to equilibrate solutions when added to the microplate wells. Also, all provided solutions should be at ambient temperature prior to use.

Note: Avoid adding solutions into wells at an angle, always keep pipette tip perpendicular to plate bottom.

1 Reconstitution of Provided Materials

1. Bring all reagents to room temperature (18-25°C) before use. If the kit will not be used up in one assay, please only take out the necessary strips and reagents for present experiment, and store the remaining strips and reagents at required condition.
2. Wash Buffer: Dilute 30 mL of Concentrated Wash Buffer with 720 mL of deionized or distilled water to prepare 750 mL of Wash Buffer. Note: if crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm it in a 40°C water bath and mix it gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. For same day use only.
3. Standard working solution: Centrifuge the standard at 10,000×g for 1 min. Add 1 mL of Reference Standard & Sample Diluent, let it stand for 10 min and invert it gently several times. After it dissolves fully, mix it thoroughly with a pipette. This reconstitution produces a working solution of 20ng/mL (or add 1 mL of Reference Standard & Sample Diluent, let it stand for 1-2 min and then mix it thoroughly with a vortex meter of low speed. Bubbles generated during vortex could be removed by centrifuging at a relatively low speed). Then make serial dilutions as needed. The recommended dilution gradient is as follows: 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625, 0.3125, 0 ng/mL. Dilution method: Take 7 EP tubes, add 500 µL of Reference Standard & Sample Diluent to each tube. Pipette 500 µL of the 20ng/mL working solution to the first tube and mix up to produce a 10ng/mL working solution. Pipette 500 µL of the solution from the former tube into the latter one according to this step. The illustration on the next page is for reference. Note: the last tube is regarded as a blank. Don't pipette solution into it from the former tube. Gradient diluted standard working solution should

be prepared just before use.

4. HRP Conjugate working solution: HRP Conjugate is HRP conjugated antibody. Calculate the required amount before the experiment (50 μL /well). In preparation, slightly more than calculated should be prepared. Centrifuge the Concentrated HRP Conjugate at 800 \times g for 1 min, then dilute the 100 \times Concentrated HRP Conjugate to 1 \times working solution with HRP Conjugate Diluent (Concentrated HRP Conjugate: HRP Conjugate Diluent = 1: 99). The working solution should be prepared just before use.

Assay procedure

1. Determine wells for diluted **standard**, **blank** and **sample**. Add 50 μL each dilution of standard, blank and sample into the appropriate wells (It is recommended that all samples and standards be assayed in duplicate. It is recommended to determine the dilution ratio of samples through preliminary experiments or technical support recommendations). Immediately add 50 μL of **HRP Conjugate working solution** to each well. Cover the plate with a new sealer. Incubate for 60 min at 37°C. Note: solutions should be added to the bottom of the micro ELISA plate well, avoid touching the inside wall and causing foaming as much as possible.
2. Decant the solution from each well, add 350 μL of **wash buffer** to each well. Soak for 1 min and aspirate or decant the solution from each well and pat it dry against clean absorbent paper. Repeat this wash step 5 times. Note: a microplate washer can be used in this step and other wash steps. Make the tested strips in use immediately after the wash step. Do not allow wells to be dry.
3. Add 90 μL of **Substrate Reagent** to each well. Cover the plate with a new sealer. Incubate for about 15 min at 37°C. Protect the plate from light. Note: the reaction time can be shortened or extended according to the actual color change, but not more than 30 min. Preheat the Microplate Reader for about 15 min before OD measurement.
4. Add 50 μL of **Stop Solution** to each well. Note: adding the stop solution should be done in the same order as the substrate solution.
5. Determine the optical density (OD value) of each well at once with a micro-plate reader set to 450 nm.

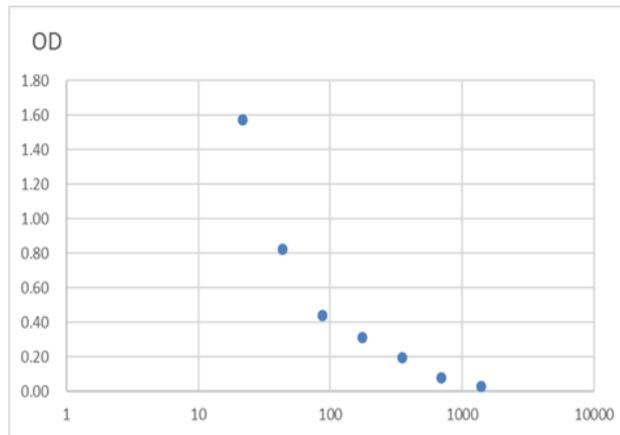
Generation of Standard Curve and Interpretation of Data

1. Average the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard, control and sample and subtract the average zero standard optical density.

2. Generate a standard curve by using Microsoft Excel or other computer software capable of establishing a 4-Parameter Logistic (4-PL) curve fit. If using Excel or an alternative graphing tool, plot the average optical density values in absorbance units (y-axis) against the known standard concentrations in ng/ml (x-axis). **Note:** Only use the values in which a noticeable gradient can be established. Afterwards, generate a best fit curve or “trend-line” through the plotted points via regression analysis. **Note:** Shown on the next page is an example of typical data produced by analysis of the standard sample.

TYPICAL DATA

As the OD values of the standard curve may vary according to the conditions of the actual assay performance (e.g. operator, pipetting technique, washing technique or temperature effects), the operator should establish a standard curve for each test. Typical standard curve and data is provided below for reference only.



SENSITIVITY

The T(Testosterone) ELISA Kit ELISA Kit allows for the detection and quantification of endogenous levels of natural and/or recombinant T(Testosterone) ELISA Kit within the range of 0.3125-20ng/mL

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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