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Human Apolipoprotein E ELISA Kit

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Strip well format. Reagents for up to 96 tests.

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INTENDED USE

This human apolipoprotein E (ApoE) antigen assay is intended for the quantitative determination of total ApoE in human plasma and serum. **For research use only.**

BACKGROUND

ApoE is a 34kDa 299 amino acid single chain plasma glycoprotein with three allelic isoforms that differ by a single amino acid [1]. ApoE mediates the binding of very low density lipoproteins, high density lipoproteins, and chylomicrons to the low density lipoprotein (LDL) receptor, LDL receptor related protein, and heparan sulfate proteoglycans [2]. Decreased serum ApoE levels are associated with higher risk of Alzheimer's disease [3].

ASSAY PRINCIPLE

Human ApoE will bind to the affinity purified capture antibody coated on the microtiter plate. After appropriate washing steps, biotinylated anti-human ApoE primary antibody binds to the captured protein. Excess primary antibody is washed away and bound antibody is reacted with the peroxidase conjugated streptavidin. Following an additional washing step, TMB substrate is used for color development at 450nm. A standard calibration curve is prepared along with the samples to be measured using dilutions of human ApoE. The amount of color development is proportional to the concentration of total ApoE antigen in the sample.

REAGENTS PROVIDED

- **96-well antibody coated microtiter strip plate** (removable wells 8x12) containing anti-human ApoE antibody, blocked and dried.
- **10X Wash buffer:** 1 bottle of 50ml
- **10X Diluent:** 1 bottle of 50ml
- **Human ApoE standard:** 1 vial lyophilized standard
- **Anti-human ApoE primary antibody:** 1 vial lyophilized antibody
- **Horseradish peroxidase-conjugated streptavidin:** 1 vial concentrated HRP labeled streptavidin
- **TMB substrate solution:** 1 bottle of 10ml solution

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store all kit components at 4°C upon arrival. Return any unused microplate strips to the plate pouch with desiccant. Reconstituted standard may be stored at -80°C for later use. Do not freeze-thaw the standard more than once. Store all other unused kit components at 4°C. This kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.

OTHER REAGENTS AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Microtiter plate shaker capable of 300 rpm uniform horizontally circular movement
- Manifold dispenser/aspirator or automated microplate washer
- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm
- Pipettes and Pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- Polypropylene tubes for dilution of standard
- Paper towels or laboratory wipes
- 1N H_2SO_4 or 1N HCl

PRECAUTIONS

- FOR LABORATORY RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE.
- Do not mix any reagents or components of this kit with any reagents or components of any other kit. This kit is designed to work properly as provided.
- Always pour peroxidase substrate out of the bottle into a clean test tube. Do not pipette out of the bottle as contamination could result.
- Keep plate covered except when adding reagents, washing, or reading.
- DO NOT pipette reagents by mouth and avoid contact of reagents and specimens with skin.
- DO NOT smoke, drink, or eat in areas where specimens or reagents are being handled.

PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

- **TBS buffer:** 0.1M Tris, 0.15M NaCl, pH 7.4
- **Blocking buffer (BB):** 3% BSA (w/v) in TBS
- **1X Wash buffer:** Dilute 50ml of 10X wash buffer concentrate with 450ml of deionized water.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

Collect plasma using EDTA or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000xg within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store at ≤ -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

Perform assay at room temperature. Vigorously shake plate (300rpm) at each step of the assay.

Preparation of Standard

Reconstitute standard by adding 1ml of blocking buffer directly to the vial and agitate gently to completely dissolve contents. This will result in a 1000ng/ml standard solution.

Make an intermediate dilution of 100ng/ml by adding 100µl of the 1000ng/ml standard solution to 900µl of blocking buffer.

Dilution table for preparation of human ApoE standard:

ApoE concentration (ng/ml)	Dilutions
20	800µl (BB) + 200µl (100ng/ml)
10	500µl (BB) + 500µl (20ng/ml)
5	500µl (BB) + 500µl (10ng/ml)
2	600µl (BB) + 400µl (5ng/ml)
1	500µl (BB) + 500µl (2ng/ml)
0.5	500µl (BB) + 500µl (1ng/ml)
0.2	600µl (BB) + 400µl (0.5ng/ml)
0.1	500µl (BB) + 500µl (0.2ng/ml)
0.05	500µl (BB) + 500µl (0.1ng/ml)
0.02	600µl (BB) + 400µl (0.05ng/ml)
0	500µl (BB) Zero point to determine background

NOTE: DILUTIONS FOR THE STANDARD CURVE AND ZERO STANDARD MUST BE MADE AND APPLIED TO THE PLATE IMMEDIATELY.

Standard and Unknown Addition

Remove microtiter plate from bag and add 100µl ApoA1 standards (in duplicate) and unknowns to wells. Carefully record position of standards and unknowns. Shake plate at 300rpm for 30 minutes. Wash wells three times with 300µl wash buffer. Remove excess wash by gently tapping plate on paper towel or kimwipe.

NOTE: The assay measures ApoE antigen in the 0.02-20 ng/ml range. Samples giving human ApoE levels above 20ng/ml should be diluted in blocking buffer before use. A 1:50,000 to 1:200,000 dilution for normal human plasma is suggested for best results.

Primary Antibody Addition

Reconstitute primary antibody by adding 10ml of blocking buffer directly to the vial and agitate gently to completely dissolve contents. Add 100µl to all wells. Shake plate at 300rpm for 30 minutes. Wash wells three times with 300µl wash buffer. Remove excess wash by gently tapping plate on paper towel or kimwipe.

Streptavidin-HRP Addition

Briefly centrifuge vial before opening. Dilute 2.5µl of HRP conjugated streptavidin into 2.5ml blocking buffer to generate a 1:1,000 dilution. Add 0.2ml of the 1:1,000 dilution to 9.8ml of blocking buffer to generate a 1:50,000 dilution. Add 100µl of the 1:50,000 dilution to all wells. Shake plate at 300rpm for 30 minutes. Wash wells three times with 300µl wash buffer. Remove excess wash by gently tapping plate on paper towel or kimwipe.

Substrate Incubation

Add 100µl TMB substrate to all wells and shake plate for 1-5 minutes. Substrate will change from colorless to different strengths of blue. Quench reaction by adding 50µl of 1N H_2SO_4 or HCl stop solution to all wells when samples are visually in the same range as the standards. Add stop solution to wells in the same order as substrate upon which color will change from blue to yellow. Mix thoroughly by gently shaking the plate.

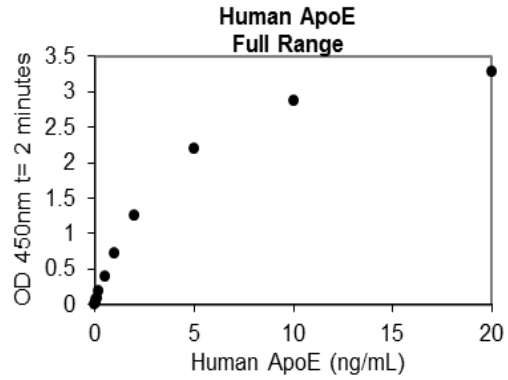
Measurement

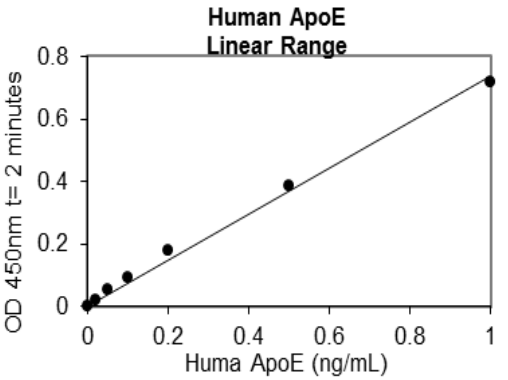
Set the absorbance at 450nm in a microtiter plate spectrophotometer. Measure the absorbance in all wells at 450nm. Subtract zero point from all standards and unknowns to determine corrected absorbance (A_{450}).

Calculation of Results

Plot A_{450} against the amount of ApoE in the standards. Fit a straight line through the linear points of the standard curve using a linear fit procedure if unknowns appear on the linear portion of the standard curve. Alternatively, create a standard curve by analyzing the data using a software program capable of generating a four parameter logistic (4PL) curve fit. The amount of ApoE in the unknowns can be determined from this curve. If samples have been diluted, the calculated concentration must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

A typical standard curve (EXAMPLE ONLY):





EXPECTED VALUES

ApoE in normal human serum ranges from 16-169 µg/ml with an average concentration of 47 µg/ml [4].

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Sensitivity: The minimum detectable dose (MDD) was determined by adding two standard deviations to the mean optical density value of twenty zero standard replicates (range OD_{450}: 0.089-0.097) and calculating the corresponding concentration. The MDD was 0.007 ng/ml.

Intra-assay Precision: These studies are currently in progress. Please contact us for more information.

Inter-assay Precision: These studies are currently in progress. Please contact us for more information.

Recovery: These studies are currently in progress. Please contact us for more information.

Linearity: To assess the linearity of the assay, pooled citrated human plasma samples containing high concentrations of antigen were serially diluted to produce samples with values within the dynamic range of the assay.

Sample	1:2	1:4	1:8	1:16
n	4	4	4	4
Average % of Expected	111	110	94	100
Range	101-117%	104-121%	85-102%	94-106%

Specificity: These studies are currently in progress. Please contact us for more information.

Sample Values: Samples were evaluated for the presence of the antigen at varying dilutions.

Sample Type	Dilution	Mean
Citrate Plasma	1:100,000	46.8 µg/ml
	1:200,000	43.5 µg/ml
Serum	1:100,000	44.2 µg/ml
	1:200,000	42.3 µg/ml

DISCLAIMER

This information is believed to be correct but does not claim to be all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The supplier of this kit shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling of or contact with the above product.

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Example of ELISA Plate Layout
96 Well Plate: 22 Standard wells, 74 Sample wells

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	0	0.02 ng/ml	0.05 ng/ml	0.1 ng/ml	0.2 ng/ml	0.5 ng/ml	1 ng/ml	2 ng/ml	5 ng/ml	10 ng/ml	20 ng/ml	
B	0	0.02 ng/ml	0.05 ng/ml	0.1 ng/ml	0.2 ng/ml	0.5 ng/ml	1 ng/ml	2 ng/ml	5 ng/ml	10 ng/ml	20 ng/ml	
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