

MOUSE/RAT CLUSTERIN ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF MOUSE OR RAT CLUSTERIN CONCENTRATIONS IN EDTA PLASMA , SERUM, SALIVA AND URINE



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PURCHASE INFORMATION:

ELISA NAME	MOUSE/RAT CLUSTERIN ELISA
Catalog No.	SK00709-03
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	468-30000 pg/mL
Sensitivity	100 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 µl of diluted per well
Sample Type	EDTA Plasma, Serum, Urine, Saliva
Dilution Factor	3000 (Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application)
Specificity	Mouse and Rat CLUSTERIN only
Intra-assay Precision	6-10%
Inter-assay Precision	8-12%
Storage	2°C - 8°C

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INTRODUCTION

Mouse/Rat CLUSTERIN immunoassay is a 3.5 - 4.5 hour solid phase ELISA designed to measure mouse or rat CLUSTERIN in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma. It contains recombinant mouse CLUSTERIN and antibodies raised against this protein. It has been shown to accurately quantify recombinant mouse CLUSTERIN. Results obtained with naturally occurring CLUSTERIN samples showed linear curves that were parallel to the standard curves obtained using the kit standards. These results indicate that the Immunoassay kit can be used to determine relative mass values for natural mouse or rat CLUSTERIN.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. An antibody specific for CLUSTERIN has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any CLUSTERIN present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, an antibody specific for CLUSTERIN is added to the wells. Following a wash to remove any unbound antibody reagent, Anti Rabbit IgG HRP Conjugate is added to the wells. After washing away any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of CLUSTERIN bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

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_ The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.

_ Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or sources.

_ It is important that the Dilution Buffer selected for the standard curve be consistent with the samples being assayed.

_ If samples generate values higher than the highest standard, dilute the samples with Dilution Buffer and repeat the assay.

_ Any variation in standard diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.

_ This assay is designed to eliminate interference by soluble receptors, binding proteins, and other

factors present in biological samples. Until all factors have been tested in the immunoassay, the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

DESCRIPTION	CODE	QUANTITY
CLUSTERIN Microplate - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with an antibody against mouse CLUSTERIN.	709-03-01	1 plate
CLUSTERIN Standard – 30 ng /vial of recombinant mouse CLUSTERIN in a buffered protein base with preservatives; lyophilized.	709-03-02	1 vial
Detection Antibody Concentrate – 105 µL/vial, 100-fold concentrated of antibody against mouse CLUSTERIN with preservatives; lyophilized.	709-03-03	1 vial
Positive Control - one vial of recombinant human CLUSTERIN, lyophilized	709-03-04	1 vial
Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjugate - 120 µl/vial, 100-fold concentrated solution of Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP conjugate	ARIGHRP	1 vial
Dilution Buffer - 60mL of buffered protein based solution with preservatives	DB01	2 bottle
Wash Buffer -50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	WB01	1 bottle
TMB Substrate Solution -11 mL of TMB substrate solution	TMB01	1 bottle
Stop Solution - 11 mL of 0.5M HCl	S-STOP	1 bottle
Plate sealer	EAPS	1 piece

STORAGE

Unopened Kit: Store at 2 - 8° C for up to 6 months. For longer storage, unopened Standard, Positive Control and Detection Antibody Concentrate should be stored at -20 or -70°C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

Opened / Reconstituted Reagents: Reconstituted Standard and Antibody Solution SHOULD BE STORED at -20 °C or -70°C for up to one month. Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjugate 100-fold concentrated and other components may be stored at 2 - 8°C for up to 6

months. **Note:** Diluted standard working solution and positive control should be prepared and used immediately.

Microplate Wells: Return unused wells to the plastic bag containing the desiccant pack, reseal along the entire edge of zip-seal. Microplate may be stored for up to 6 months at 2 - 8°C.

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm, with the correction wavelength set at 540 nm or 570 nm.
- Microplate shaker (250-300rpm).
- Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

All reagents should be considered as potentially hazardous. The stop solution contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Appropriate care, therefore, should be taken while handling this solution. We therefore recommend that this product is handled only by those persons who have been trained in laboratory techniques and that it is used in accordance with the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear suitable protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken to avoid contact with skin or eyes. In the case of contact with skin or eyes wash immediately with water.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at $\leq -20^{\circ}$ C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Plasma - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at $\leq -20^{\circ}$ C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Note: Use Aprotinin (enzyme inhibitor) (Code No.: 00700-01-25) for ALL sample collection to prevent sample degradation. 0.5 TIU per ml of sample solution.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Serum and plasma samples may need a 3,000-fold dilution. A suggested 3,000-fold dilution is 10 μ L sample + 990 μ L Dilution Buffer. Following 10 μ L 100-fold diluted-sample + 270 μ L Dilution Buffer. *Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.*

Use polypropylene test tubes.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 50 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water (450 mL) to prepare 500 mL of Wash Buffer.

CLUSTERIN Standard - Refer to vial label for reconstitution volume. Reconstitute the **CLUSTERIN** standard with 1.0 mL of Dilution Buffer. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 30000 pg/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Pipette 250 μ L of Dilution Buffer into tubes #1 to #7. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The 30000 pg/mL standard serves as the high standard. The Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).

TUBE	STANDARD	DILUTION BUFFER	CONCENTRATION
stock	Powder	1000 μ l	30000 pg/ml
# 1	250 μ l of stock	250 μ l	15000 pg/ml
# 2	250 μ l of 1	250 μ l	7500 pg/ml
# 3	250 μ l of 2	250 μ l	3750 pg/ml
# 4	250 μ l of 3	250 μ l	1875 pg/ml
# 5	250 μ l of 4	250 μ l	937.5 pg/ml
# 6	250 μ l of 5	250 μ l	468.75 pg/ml

Detection Antibody Concentrate - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody concentrate with 105 µl of Dilution Buffer to produce a 100-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 10.395 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 ml centrifuge tube and transfer 105 µl of 100-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjugate - Pipette 11.88 mL of Antibody & ARIGHRP Diluent Solution into a 15 ml centrifuge tube and transfer 120 µl of 100-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution. **Note:** 1x working solution of Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjugate should be used within a few days.

Positive Control - Reconstitute the **Positive Control** with 2.0 mL of Dilution Buffer. **Note:** Positive control should be prepared and used immediately.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that standards and positive control be assayed in duplicates.

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Remove excess micro-plate strips from the plate frame, return them to the plastic pouch containing the desiccant pack, reseal.
3. Add 100 µL of Dilution Buffer to Blank well (B2, B3).
4. Add 100 µL of Standard (from C2, C3 to G2, G3, G4, G5 to F4, F5), sample, or positive control per well (E4, E5). Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on micro-plate shaker at room temperature. A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.
5. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (300 µL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
6. Add 100 µL of Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Cover with sealer. Incubate

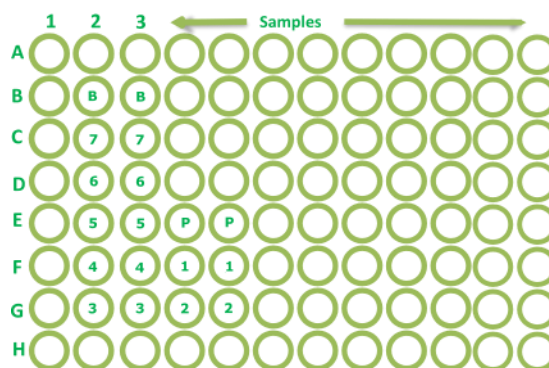
for 2 hours on micro-plate shaker at room temperature.

7. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
8. Add 100 µL of **Anti Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjugate** working solution to each well. Incubate for 45 minutes on micro-plate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
9. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
10. Add 100 µL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 12-18 minutes at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
11. Add 100 µL of Stop Solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow. If the color in the wells is green, or if the color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
12. Determine the optical density of each well within 15 minutes, using a micro-plate reader set to 450 nm.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, positive control, and sample and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a log- log curve fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the CLUSTERIN concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data.

If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.



TYPICAL DATA

This standard curve data is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.

STANDARD (PG/ML)	CORRECTED (450NM)
Blank	0 (0.134)
469	0.0471
938	0.098
1875	0.217
3750	0.428
7500	0.870
15000	1.705
30000	3.124

SPECIFICITY

PORTEINS	CROSSREACTIVITY (%)
Mouse Clusterin	100
Rat Clusterin	100
Human Clusterin	4
Mouse Leptin	0

CALIBRATION

This immunoassay is calibrated against a highly purified recombinant mouse CLUSTERIN.

SENSITIVITY

Twenty-five assays were evaluated and the minimum detectable dose (MDD) of mouse CLUSTERIN was 100 pg/mL.

SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS
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Add 100 µl of standard, samples, positive control to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.
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Aspirate and wash 4 times.
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Add 100 µl Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.
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Aspirate and wash 4 times.
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Add 100 µl ARIGHRP working solution to each well. Incubate 45 minutes on the plate shaker at RT. Protect from light.
↓
Aspirate and wash 4 times.
↓
Add 100 µl Substrate solution to each well. Incubate 12-18 min on the bench top. Protect from light.
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Add 100 µl Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min