Human Complement Factor H ELISA Kit

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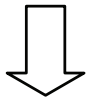
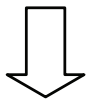
Assay Summary

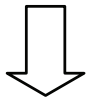
Add 50 µl of Standard/ Sample per well.
Incubate 2 hours.



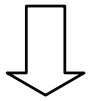
Wash, then add
50 µl of Biotinylated Antibody per well.
Incubate 1 hour.



Wash, then add
50 µl of SP Conjugate per well.
Incubate 30 minutes.



Wash, then add
50 µl of Chromogen Substrate per well.
Incubate 20 minutes.



Add 50 µl of Stop Solution per well.
Read at 450 nm immediately.

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AssayMax Human Complement Factor H ELISA Kit

Catalog No. EF7055-1
Sample Insert/Reference Only

Introduction

Complement Factor H (FH) is a 1213-residue plasma glycoprotein that regulates the function of the alternative complement pathway. The FH gene encodes a 155-kDa protein containing 20 tandem complement control protein (CCPs) modules (also known as short consensus repeats) with about 60 amino acids each and an alternative spliced 45-kDa protein (1-3). It binds to C3b to accelerate the decay of the C3 convertase C3bBb and also acts as a cofactor for complement factor I-mediated C3b cleavage. Human FH is particularly important for selectively protecting self-surfaces by binding to glycosaminoglycans on host cells (4). Mutations and polymorphisms in FH have been linked to atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome, membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, and age-related macular degeneration (5-7).

Principle of the Assay

The AssayMax Human Complement Factor H (FH) ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) kit is designed for detection of human FH in urine, saliva, milk, plasma, serum, CSF, and cell culture samples. This assay employs a quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique that measures FH in less than 4 hours. A polyclonal antibody specific for FH has been pre-coated onto a 96-well microplate with removable strips. Human FH in standards and samples is sandwiched by the immobilized antibody and the biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for human FH, which is recognized by a streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate. All unbound material is then washed away and a peroxidase enzyme substrate is added. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

Caution and Warning

- **Prepare all reagents (working diluent buffer, wash buffer, standard, biotinylated antibody, and SP conjugate) as instructed, prior to running the assay.**

- **Prepare all samples prior to running the assay. The dilution factors for the samples are suggested in this protocol. However, the user should determine the optimal dilution factor.**
- **Spin down the SP conjugate vial and the biotinylated antibody vial before opening and using contents.**
- This kit is for research use only.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.
- The Stop Solution is an acidic solution.

Reagents

- **Complement Factor H Microplate:** A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a polyclonal antibody against human FH.
- **Sealing Tapes:** Each kit contains 3 precut, pressure sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- **Complement Factor H Standard:** Human FH in a buffered protein base (144 ng, lyophilized).
- **Biotinylated Complement Factor H Antibody (50x):** A 50-fold concentrated biotinylated polyclonal antibody against human FH (140 µl).
- **EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x)**: A 10-fold concentrated buffered protein base (30 ml).
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x)**: A 20-fold concentrated buffered surfactant (30 ml, 2 bottles).
- **Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate (SP Conjugate):** A 100-fold concentrate (80 µl).
- **Chromogen Substrate**: A ready-to-use stabilized peroxidase chromogen substrate tetramethylbenzidine (8 ml).
- **Stop Solution**: A 0.5 N hydrochloric acid to stop the chromogen substrate reaction (12 ml).

Storage Condition

- Upon arrival, immediately store components of the kit at recommended temperatures up to the expiration date.
- Store SP Conjugate and Biotinylated Antibody at -20°C.
- Store Microplate, Diluent Concentrate (10x), Wash Buffer, Stop Solution, and Chromogen Substrate at 2-8°C.
- Unused microplate wells may be returned to the foil pouch with the desiccant packs and resealed. May be stored for up to 30 days in a vacuum desiccator.
- Diluent (1x) may be stored for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
- Store Standard at 2-8°C before reconstituting with Diluent and at -20°C after reconstituting with Diluent.

Other Supplies Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- Pipettes (1-20 µl, 20-200 µl, 200-1000 µl, and multiple channel).
- Deionized or distilled reagent grade water.

Sample Collection, Preparation and Storage

- **Plasma:** Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of 0.1 M sodium citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes and use supernatants. Dilute samples 1:200000 with EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles (EDTA or Heparin can also be used as an anticoagulant).
- **Serum**: Samples should be collected into a serum separator tube. After clot formation, centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes, and remove serum. Dilute samples 1:200000 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Culture Supernatants:** Collect cell culture media and centrifuge at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove debris. The samples can be stored at -20°C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Saliva:** Collect saliva using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute saliva samples 1:50 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Urine:** Collect urine using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute urine samples 1:10 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Milk:** Collect milk using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute milk samples 1:200 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **CSF:** Collect cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:600 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Refer to Sample Dilution Guidelines below for further instruction.

Reagent Preparation

- Freshly dilute all reagents and bring all reagents to room temperature before use.
- **EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x):** If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the EIA Diluent Concentrate 1:10 with reagent grade water. Store for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
- **Standard Curve:** Reconstitute the 144 ng of Complement Factor H Standard with 4 ml of EIA Diluent to generate a 36 ng/ml standard stock solution. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare duplicate or triplicate standard points by serially diluting the standard stock solution (36 ng/ml) 1:2 with equal volume of EIA Diluent to produce 18, 9, 4.5, 2.25, 1.125, 0.563, and 0.281 ng/ml solutions. EIA Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 ng/ml). Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

Standard Point	Dilution	[Human FH] (ng/ml)
P1	1 part Standard (36 ng/ml) + 1 part EIA Diluent	18.00
P2	1 part P1 + 1 part EIA Diluent	9.000
P3	1 part P2 + 1 part EIA Diluent	4.500
P4	1 part P3 + 1 part EIA Diluent	2.250
P5	1 part P4 + 1 part EIA Diluent	1.125
P6	1 part P5 + 1 part EIA Diluent	0.563
P7	1 part P6 + 1 part EIA Diluent	0.281
P8	EIA Diluent	0.000

- **Biotinylated Complement Factor H Antibody (50x):** Spin down the antibody briefly and dilute the desired amount of the antibody 1:50 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x):** If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the Wash Buffer Concentrate 1:20 with reagent grade water.
- **SP Conjugate (100x):** Spin down the SP Conjugate briefly and dilute the desired amount of the conjugate 1:100 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.

Assay Procedure

- Prepare all reagents, standard solutions, and samples as instructed. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. The assay is performed at room temperature (20-25°C).

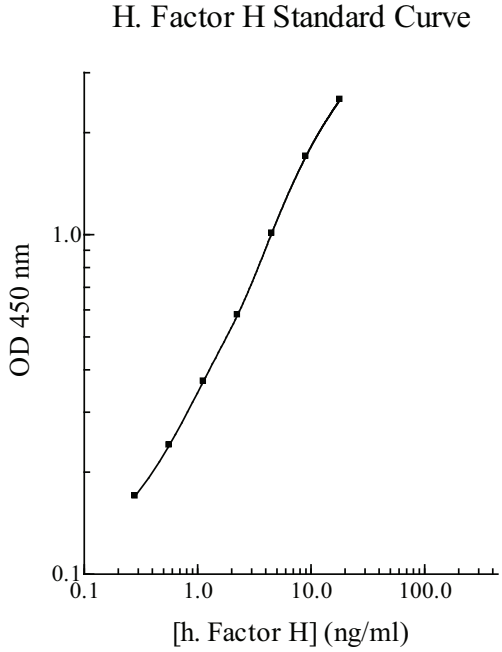
- Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame and return them immediately to the foil pouch with desiccants inside. Reseal the pouch securely to minimize exposure to water vapor and store in a vacuum desiccator.
- Add 50 μl of Complement Factor H Standard or sample per well. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 2 hours. Start the timer after the last addition.
- Wash five times with 200 μl of Wash Buffer manually. Invert the plate each time and decant the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid. If using a machine, wash six times with 300 μl of Wash Buffer and then invert the plate, decanting the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid.
- Add 50 μl of Biotinylated Complement Factor H Antibody to each well and incubate for 1 hour.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 μl of Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate per well and incubate for 30 minutes. Turn on the microplate reader and set up the program in advance.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 μl of Chromogen Substrate per well and incubate for 20 minutes or till the optimal blue color density develop. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing and break the bubbles in the well with pipette tip.
- Add 50 μl of Stop Solution to each well. The color will change from blue to yellow.
- Read the absorbance on a microplate reader at a wavelength of 450 nm **immediately**. If wavelength correction is available, subtract readings at 570 nm from those at 450 nm to correct optical imperfections. Otherwise, read the plate at 450 nm only. Please note that some unstable black particles may be generated at high concentration points after stopping the reaction for about 10 minutes, which will reduce the readings.

Data Analysis

- Calculate the mean value of the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard and sample.
- To generate a standard curve, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 450 nm absorbance on the y-axis. The best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis using log-log or four-parameter logistic curve-fit.
- Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

Standard Curve

- The curve is used for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.



Performance Characteristics

- The minimum detectable dose of human FH is typically ~ 0.25 ng/ml.
- Intra-assay and inter-assay coefficients of variation were 5.0% and 7.2% respectively.

Sample Dilution Guidelines

Guidelines for Dilutions of 1:100 or Greater (*for reference only; please follow the protocol for specific dilution suggested)*	
1:100	**1:10000**
A) 4 ul sample: 396 µl buffer(100x) = 100 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) = 10000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*
1:1000	**1:100000**
A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 24 µl of A : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 1000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) C) 24 µl of B : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 100000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*

Linearity

	Average Percentage of Expected Value
Sample Dilution	**Urine**
1:5	93%
1:10	98%
1:20	103%

	Average Percentage of Expected Value	
Sample Dilution	**Saliva**	**Milk**
1:25	87%	-
1:50	95%	-
1:100	104%	97%
1:200	-	99%
1:400	-	102%

	Average Percentage of Expected Value	
Sample Dilution	**Plasma**	**Serum**
1:100000	86%	85%
1:200000	96%	97%
1:400000	106%	107%

Recovery

Standard Added Value	0.5 – 5 ng/ml
Recovery %	82 – 112%
Average Recovery %	97%

Cross-Reactivity

Species	% Cross Reactivity
Canine	None
Bovine	None
Monkey	20%
Mouse	None
Rat	None
Swine	None
Rabbit	None
Human	100%
Proteins	**% Cross Reactivity**
Complement Factor I	None
Complement Factor D	None
Complement Factor P	None
Complement Factor B	None
Complement Factor H	100%

- 10% FBS in culture media will not affect the assay.

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Related Products

- EF7001-1 AssayMax Human Complement Factor B ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture samples)
- EF7701-1 AssayMax Human Complement Factor D ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture samples)
- EF8005-1 AssayMax Human Complement Factor I ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture samples)