



# Human Complement C1q ELISA Kit

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## Assay Summary

Add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of standard/samples per well.  
Incubate 2 hours.



Wash, then add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of  
biotinylated antibody per well.  
Incubate 1 hour.



Wash, then add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of SP per well.  
Incubate 30 minutes.



Wash, then add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of  
Chromogen Substrate per well.  
Incubate 15 minutes.



Add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of Stop Solution per well.  
Read at 450 nm immediately.

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**Assay Template**



# AssayMax Human Complement C1q ELISA Kit

Catalog No. EC1101-1  
Sample Insert/Reference Only

## Introduction

Complement component C1q is the recognition subunit of C1 complex of the classical pathway of complement activation. C1q is a 460-kDa protein with the overall shape of a bouquet of flowers, comprising six heterotrimeric collagen-like triple helices (1-2). The globular heads of the C1q bind to the Fc-fragment of IgM or IgG on the surface of a pathogen, playing an important role in host defense and apoptotic cell clearance. It is a functional ligand for leukocyte-associated Ig-like receptor 1 restricting immune cell differentiation and activation (3). C1q prevents toxicity induced by oligomeric forms of amyloid- $\beta$  (4). Failure to efficiently clear apoptotic cells in the absence of C1q is associated with lupus-like autoimmunity (5).

## Principle of the Assay

The AssayMax Human Complement C1q ELISA kit is designed for detection of C1Q in human plasma, serum, saliva, urine, milk, and cell culture samples. This assay employs a quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique that measures C1q in less than 4 hours. A polyclonal antibody specific for C1q has been pre-coated onto a microplate. C1q in standards and samples is sandwiched by the immobilized antibody and a biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for C1q, 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, standards, 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

- **Human C1q Microplate:** A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a polyclonal antibody against human C1q.
- **Sealing Tapes:** Each kit contains 3 pre-cut, pressure sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- **Human C1q Standard:** Human C1q in a buffered protein base (40 ng, lyophilized).
- **Biotinylated Human C1q Antibody (50x):** A 50-fold biotinylated polyclonal antibody against human C1q (140  $\mu$ l).
- **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  $\mu$ l).
- **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

- Store components of the kit at 2-8°C or -20°C upon arrival 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 1 month in a vacuum desiccator.
- Diluent (1x) may be stored for up to 1 month 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  $\mu$ l, 20-200  $\mu$ l, 200-1000  $\mu$ l 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. Dilute samples 1:100000 into EIA Diluent and assay. Store samples 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. Dilute samples 1:100000 into EIA Diluent and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Culture Supernatants:** Centrifuge cell culture media at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes to remove debris. Collect supernatants and assay. Store the remaining samples at -20°C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Urine:** Collect urine using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples 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 samples 1:20 into EIA Diluent and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Saliva:** Collect saliva using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## 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 1 month at 2-8°C.
- **Standard Curve:** Reconstitute the 40 ng of Human C1q Standard with 1 ml of EIA Diluent to generate a solution of 40 ng/ml. 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 solution (40 ng/ml) 1:4 with EIA Diluent to produce 10, 2.5, 0.625, 0.156, and 0.039 ng/ml solutions. EIA Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 ng/ml). Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.

Standard Point	Dilution	[C1q] (ng/ml)
P1	Standard (40 ng/ml)	40.00
P2	1 part P1 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	10.00
P3	1 part P2 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	2.500
P4	1 part P3 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.625
P5	1 part P4 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.156
P6	1 part P5 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.039
P7	EIA Diluent	0.000

- **Biotinylated Human C1q 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, working standards and samples as instructed. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. The assay is performed at room temperature (20-30°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 Human C1q Standard or sample per well. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 2 hours. Start the timer after the last sample 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 Human C1q 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.



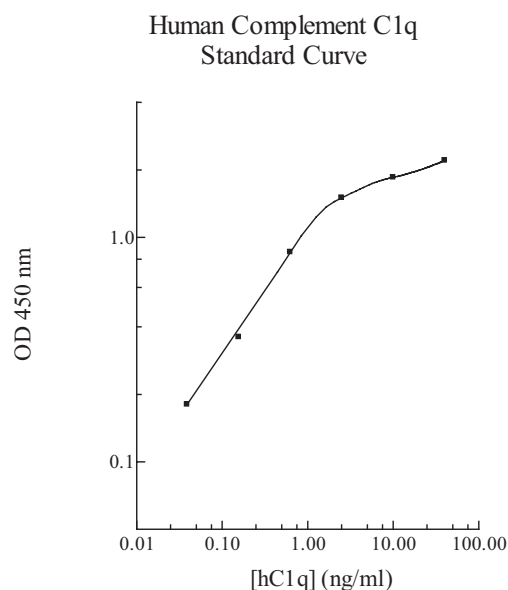
- Add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of Chromogen Substrate per well and incubate for about 15 minutes or till the optimal blue color density develops. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing and break the bubbles in the well with pipette tip.
- Add 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of Stop Solution to each well. The color 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 four-parameter or log-log 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 provided for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.



## Sensitivity and Specificity

- The minimum detectable dose of C1q is typically 0.03 ng/ml.
- Intra-assay and inter-assay coefficients of variation were 4.6% and 7.0% respectively.

## Linearity

Sample Dilution	Average Percentage of Expected Value	
	Plasma	Serum
1:50000	89%	94%
1:100000	98%	99%
1:200000	103%	105%

Sample Dilution	Average Percentage of Expected Value
	Milk
1:10	92%
1:20	99%
1:40	104%

Sample Dilution	Average Percentage of Expected Value	
	Saliva	Urine
No dilution	87%	91%
1:2	96%	98%
1:4	105%	103%

## Recovery

Standard Added Value	0.1 – 10 ng
Recovery %	82-116 %
Average Recovery %	97.5 %

## Cross-Reactivity

Species	% Cross Reactivity
Monkey	90%
Mouse	None
Rat	None
Swine	None
Canine	60%
Bovine	None
Human	100%
Proteins	% Cross Reactivity
Complement C1	100%
Complement C1q	100%
Complement C1r	None
Complement C1s	None
Complement C3	None
Complement C4	None
Complement C5	None
Complement C6	None
Complement C7	None
Complement C8	None
Complement C9	None

## Reference Value

- Normal human C1q plasma level is 66 µg/ml.

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## Related Products

- EC1102-1 Human Complement C1r ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Urine, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC2001-1 Human Complement C2 ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Saliva and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC2101-1 Human Complement C3 ELISA Kit (Plasma and Serum Samples)
- EC3201-1 Human Complement C3 ELISA Kit (Urine, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC2102-1 Human Complement C4 ELISA Kit (Plasma and Serum Samples)
- EC3202-1 Human Complement C4 ELISA Kit (Urine, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC5101-1 Human Complement C5 ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC6101-1 Human Complement C6 ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Urine, Saliva, Milk, and Cell Culture Samples)
- EC7101-1 Human Complement C7 ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, Urine, Milk, Saliva, and Cell Culture Samples)
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