HUMAN EOSINOPHIL CATIONIC PROTEIN (ECP) ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF HUMAN EOSINOPHIL CATIONIC PROTEIN (ECP) CONCENTRATIONS IN SERUM AND EDTA PLASMA

ALWAYS REFER TO LOT SPECIFIC PROTCOL PROVIDED WITH EACH KIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS. PROTOCOL MUST BE READ BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION:
THIS KIT IS FOR ONE TIME USE ONLY.

ELISA NAME	HUMAN EOSINOPHIL CATIONIC PROTEIN (ECP) ELISA KIT
Catalog No.	SK00128-06
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	78 - 5000 pg/ml
Sensitivity	30 pg/ml
Sample require	100 µl
Dilution Factor	*40- 80 for Serum or EDTA Plasma (Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application)*
Sample Type	Serum, EDTA Plasma
Specificity	Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP)
Calibration	Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) recombinant from HEK293 cells
Intra-assay Precision	4 - 6%
Inter-assay Precision	8 - 12%
Storage	2 - 8°C for 1 month. See page 2-3 for detail
This kit contains sufficient materials to run 40 samples duplicated provided that assay is run according to protocol.	

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DESCRIPTION

This Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) ELISA Kit contains the necessary components required for the quantitative measurement of human ECP from serum and EDTA plasma in a sandwich ELISA format.

This immunoassay contains human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) recombinant from HEK293 cells animal free cultures and antibodies raised against this protein. Results from this immunoassay have shown to accurately quantify recombinant and natural ECP samples.

ASSAY OVERVIEW

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich ELISA format. The plate is pre-coated with an antibody specific for human ECP. The capture antibody can bind to the human ECP in the standard and samples. After washing the plate of any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody against ECP is added to the wells. After another washing of the plate, Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate is added. After the last wash to remove any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in direct proportion to the amount of human ECP bound in the standard solutions or samples. A standard curve can be established and sample values can be read off the standard curve.

PROCEDURAL LIMITATIONS

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_This ELISA kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
_Do not mix 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.
_Each laboratory must determine the optimal dilution factors for the samples being assayed.
_Any modifications in buffers, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, as well as kit age can cause a change in signal.
_Not all interfering factors have been tested in the immunoassay, therefore the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

COMPONENTS PROVIDED

DESCRIPTION	CODE	QUANTITY
Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) Microplate - 96 well polystyrene microplate coated with a purified antibody against Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP).	**128-06-01**	**1 plate**
Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) Standard – refer to lot of human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) recombinant in a buffered protein base with preservative; lyophilized.	**128-06-02**	**1 vial**
Detection Antibody – refer to lot per vial, 10-fold concentrate of a biotinylated antibody against Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) with preservative; lyophilized.	**128-06-03**	**1 vial**
Positive Control – one vial of 5-fold concentrate of human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP); lyophilized.	**128-06-04**	**1 vial**
Streptavidin HRP Conjugate - 60 µl/vial, 200-fold concentrated solution of Streptavidin-HRP conjugate.	**SAHRP**	**1 vial**
Dilution Buffer – 40 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	**DB18**	**2 bottles**
HRP Diluent Solution - 12 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	**DB08C**	**1 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**

Plastic Pouch	**P01**	**1**

STORAGE

Unopened Kit: Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 1 month. For longer storage for up to 10 months, unopened Standard, Positive Control, Detection Antibody Concentrate, Dilution Buffer and HRP Diluent Solution should be stored at -20°C or -70°C. **Streptavidin HRP Conjugate** and TMB Substrate Solution should be stored only at 2 - 8°C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of absorbance measurement at 450 nm.
- Microplate shaker (350 – 400 rpm).
- Microplate washer or manifold dispenser.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- Multi-channel Pipette, Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.

PRECAUTION

This kit should be handled by those persons who have been trained in and can follow the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken while handling solutions in this kit to avoid contact with skin or eyes, especially with the stop solution because it contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Wash immediately with water in case of contact on skin or eyes.

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 ≤ -20° 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 ≤ -20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Plasma or Serum samples may require 40 ~ 80 fold dilution.

A suggested 40-fold dilution is 10 µL sample + 390 µL Dilution Buffer (DB18). A suggested 80-fold dilution is 125 µL of 40-fold diluted sample solution + 125 µL Dilution Buffer (DB18).
Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. It is very important to pretest the sample dilution before performing the final assay.
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 1x Wash Buffer.

Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) Standard - Reconstitute the Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) standard with refer to lot of **Dilution Buffer**. Pipette 250 µL of **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** into tubes #2 to #7. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The **5 ng/mL** standard serves as the high standard. The **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** serves as the zero standard (0 ng/mL).

TUBE	STANDARD	DILUTION BUFFER	CONCENTRATION
stock	powder	Refer to lot	XXX
# 1	Refer to lot	Refer to lot	5 ng/ml
# 2	250µl of 1	250µl	2.5 ng/ml
# 3	250µl of 2	250µl	1.25 ng/ml
# 4	250µl of 3	250µl	0.625 ng/ml
# 5	250µl of 4	250µl	0.313 ng/ml
# 6	250µl of 5	250µl	0.156 ng/ml
# 7	250µl of 6	250µl	0.078 ng/ml

Positive Control - Reconstitute the Positive Control with 1.0 mL of **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** for 5-fold concentrated solution. Pipet 100 µL of 5-fold concentrated solution into 400 µL of **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** to make working solution.

Detection Antibody - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody Concentrate with refer to lot of **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** to produce a 10-fold concentrated

stock solution. Transfer 1.05 mL of 10-fold concentrated stock solution to 9.45 mL of **Dilution Buffer (DB18)** to prepare working solution.

Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate - Transfer 55 µl of 200-fold concentrated Streptavidin-HRP conjugate stock solution to 10.945 mL of **HRP Diluent Solution (DB08C)** to prepare working solution (protect from light). **DO NOT FREEZE.**

ELISA PROTOCOL

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before the start of the assay. Blank, standard dilutions, positive control and samples should be assayed in duplicate. ELISA Protocol may need further optimization.

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Add 100 µL per well of Dilution Buffer to Blank wells.
3. Add 100 µL of Standard solution from #6 to #S (reverse order of serial dilution), samples, or positive control per well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature plus for 12-14 hours at 2 - 8°C without microplate shaker.
4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with 1x 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.
5. Add 100 µL of Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature.
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100 µL of Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate for 60 minutes on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
8. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
9. Add 100 µL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for refer to lot on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
10. 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.
11. Determine the optical density of each well within 3 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Create a standard curve by plotting the log of the known concentrations of the standard dilutions (x-axis) versus the log of its corresponding O.D. (y-axis) and draw the best fit line through the points. It is recommended to use computer software capable of generating a log-log curve fit to more accurately quantify the standard dilutions.

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

TYPICAL STANDARD CURVE

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

STANDARD (NG/ML)	AVERAGE OD450NM (CORRECTED*)
Blank	0 (0.149)
0.078	0.050
0.156	0.109
0.313	0.228
0.625	0.459
1.25	0.826
2.5	1.119
5	1.697

SPECIFICITY

PROTEIN	CROSS-REACTIVITY (%)
Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) Recombinant from HEK293	100
Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP) from Human Eosinophils	100
Human Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP); *E. coli* derived recombinant	10
Human LBP	0
Human SPARC	0
Human Fetuin A	0
Human CRP	0
Human NGAL	0

LINEARITY

To assess the linearity of the assay, pooled research human EDTA plasma samples were diluted with Dilution Buffer (DB18) and assayed.

DILUTION FACTOR	RECOVERY (%)
40 x	100
80 x	111

To assess the linearity of the assay, pooled research human serum samples were diluted with Dilution Buffer (DB18) and assayed.

DILUTION FACTOR	RECOVERY (%)
40 x	100
80 x	94

SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS
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Add 100 µl of standard dilutions, samples, or positive control to the well. Incubate 2 hours on plate shaker at RT plus for 12-14 hours at 2-8 ˚C without microplate shaker.
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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.
↓
Aspirate and wash 4 times.
↓
Add 100 µl Streptavidin-HRP conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate 60 min on the plate shaker at RT. **Protect from light.**
↓
Aspirate and wash 4 times.
↓
Add 100 µl Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate refer to lot on the plate shaker at RT. **Protect from light.**
↓
Add 100 µl Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 3 min.