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SARS-COV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein ELISA Kit

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This ELISA kit used for quantitative determination of SARS-COV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein concentrations in cell culture supernates, serum and plasma. For research use only, and it's highly recommended to read throughly of this manual before using the product.

Coronaviruses are enveloped viruses with a positive-sense RNA genome and with a nucleocapsid of helical symmetry. Coronavirus nucleoproteins localize to the cytoplasm and the nucleolus, a subnuclear structure, in both virus-infected primary cells and in cells transfected with plasmids that express N protein. Coronavirus N protein is required for coronavirus RNA synthesis, and has RNA chaperone activity that may be involved in template switch. Nucleocapsid protein is a most abundant protein of coronavirus. During virion assembly, N protein binds to viral RNA and leads to formation of the helical nucleocapsid. Nucleocapsid protein is a highly immunogenic phosphoprotein also implicated in viral genome replication and in modulating cell signaling pathways. Because of the conservation of N protein sequence and its strong immunogenicity, the N protein of coronavirus is chosen as a diagnostic tool.

Principle Of The Assay

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A monoclonal antibody specific for Nucleocapsid Protein has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any Nucleocapsid Protein present is bound by the immobilized antibody. Following incubation unbound samples are removed during a wash step, and then a detection antibody specific for Nucleocapsid Protein is added to the wells and binds to the combination of capture antibody-Nucleocapsid Protein in sample. Following a wash to remove any unbound combination, and enzyme conjugate is added to the wells. Following incubation and wash steps, a substrate is added. A colored product TMB is formed in proportion to the amount of Nucleocapsid Protein present in the sample. The reaction is terminated by addition of acid and absorbance is measured. A standard curve is prepared from seven Nucleocapsid Protein standard dilutions and Nucleocapsid Protein sample concentration determined..

Part	Size (96T)	Cat NO.	STORAGE OF OPENED/RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
Antibody Coated Plate	8×12	RM17505	Return unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack and store at 2-8 °C. Reseal along entire edge of zip-seal.
Standard Lyophilized	2	RM17506	Aliquot and store at ≤ -20 °C in a manual defrost freezer.* Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Concentrated Biotin Conjugate Antibody (100x)	1 ×120uL	RM17507	May be stored for up to 6 month at -20°C.*
Streptavidin-HRP Concentrated (100x)	1 ×120uL	RM17508	May be stored for up to 6 month at -20 °C.*
Standard/Sample Diluent (R1)	1 ×20mL	RM00023	
Biotin-Conjugate Antibody Diluent (R2)	1 ×12mL	RM00024	
Streptavidin-HRP Diluent(R3)	1 ×12mL	RM00025	
Wash Buffer(20x)	1 × 30mL	RM00026	May be stored for up to 6 month at 2-8 °C.*
TMB Substrate	1 ×12 mL	RM00027	
Stop Solution 1 ×6 mL	1 ×6 mL	RM00028	
Plate Sealers	4 strips		
Specification	1		

Sample Collection And Storage

1. Cell Culture Supernates:

Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C or lower temperature. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. If the use of original supernate sample or low dilution (<5 fold) are necessary due to the expected low concentration of antigen supernates need be adjust to neutral pH condition before assay.

2. Serum:

Use a serum separator tube and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 10 minutes at 1000x g, and detect; or aliquot and store samples at -20°C to -70°C (Stored at 2-8°C if tested within 24 hours).

Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.

3. Plasma

Collect plasma using EDTA or heparin as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000x g within 30 minutes of collection, and detect; or aliquot and store samples at -20°C to -70°C (Stored at 2-8°C if tested within 24 hours). Avoid freeze / thaw cycles.

4. Avoid hemolytic and hyperlipidemia sample for Serum and Plasma.

5. Dilution:

Dilute samples at the appropriate multiple (recommend to do pre-test to determine the dilution factor).

Precautions

1. FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

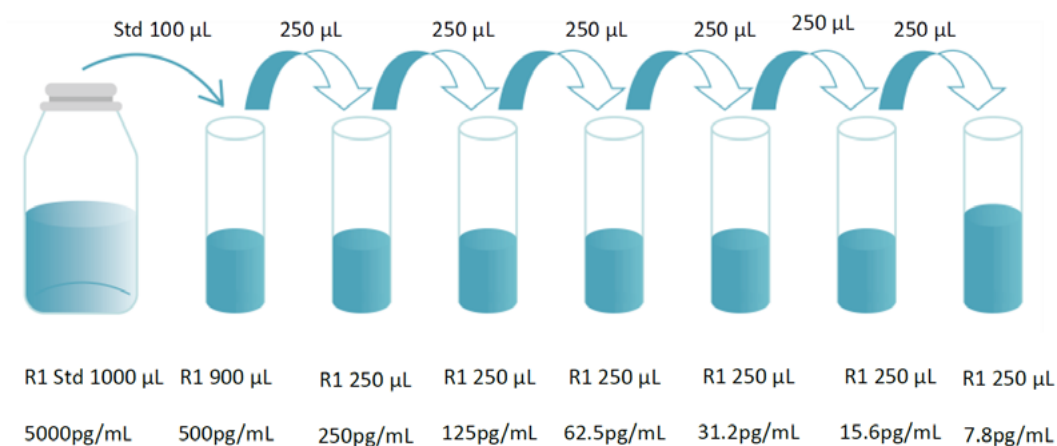
- Any variation in diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.
- Variations in sample collection, processing, and storage may cause sample value differences.
- Reagents may be harmful, if ingested, rinse it with an excess amount of tap water.
- Stop Solution contains strong acid. Wear eye, hand, and face protection.
- Apart from the standard of kits, other components should not be refrigerated.
- Please perform simple centrifugation to collect the liquid before use.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or other sources.
- Adequate mixing is very important for good result. Use a mini-vortexer at the lowest frequency.
- Mix the sample and all components in the kits adequately, and use clean plastic container to prepare all of the diluent.
- Both the sample and standard should be assayed in duplicate, and the sequence of the reagents should be added consistently.
- Reuse of dissolved standard is not recommended.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
- The kit should be away from light when it is stored or incubated.
- To reduce the likelihood of blood-borne transmission of infectious agents, handle all serum, plasma and other biological fluids in accordance with NCCLS regulations.
- To avoid cross contamination, please use disposable pipette tips.
- Please prepare all the kit components according to the Specification. If the 8 kits will be used several times, please seal the rest strips and preserve with desiccants. Do use up within 2 months.
- The 48T kit is also suitable for the specification.

Experiment Materials

- Microplate reader(measuring absorbance at 450nm, with the correction wavelength set at 570nm or 630nm).
- Pipettes and pipette tips: 0.5-10, 2-20, 20-200, 200-1000μL.
- Microplate washer, Squirt bottle.
- Micro-oscillator.
- Deionized or double distilled water, graduated cylinder.
- Polypropylene Test tubes for dilution.
- Incubator.

Reagent Preparation

- Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. If crystals have formed in the concentrate, Bring the reagent to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.
- Standard:** Add Standard/Sample Diluent(R1) 1.0mL into freeze-dried standard, sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to aking dilutions (5000pg/mL), Prepare EP tubes containing Standard/Sample Diluent (R1), and produce a dilution series according to the picture shown below (recommended concentration for standard curve: 500, 250, 125, 62.5, 31.2, 15.6, 7.8, 0pg/mL). Redissolved standard solution (5000pg/mL), aliquot and store at -20°C— -70°C.



- Concentrated Biotin Conjugate Antibody (100x):** Dilute 1:100 with the Biotin-Conjugate Antibody Diluent (R2) before use, and the diluted solution should be used within 30min.

Dilution Method

Strip	Concentrated Biotin-Conjugate antibody (100x)	Biotin-Conjugate Antibody Diluent (R2)
2	20µL	1980µL
4	40µL	3960µL
6	60µL	5940µL
8	80µL	7920µL
10	100µL	9900µL
12	120µL	11880µL

4. Streptavidin-HRP Concentrated (100x): Dilute 1:100 with the Streptavidin-HRP Diluent(R3) before use, and the diluted solution should be used within 30min.

Dilution Method

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5. Wash buffer: Dilute 1:20 with double distilled or deionized water before use.

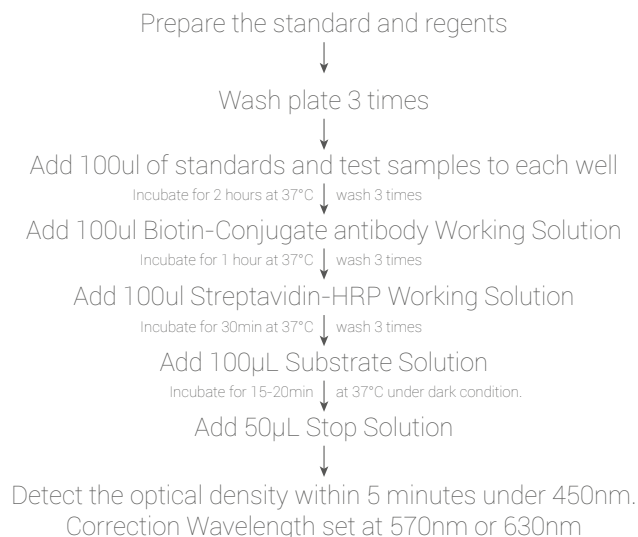
Wash Method

Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process two times for a total of three washes. Wash by filling each well with **Wash Buffer** (300µL) 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.

Assay Procedure

1. Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame, return them to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack, and reseal.
2. Add wash buffer 300µL/well, aspirate each well after holding 40 seconds, repeating the process two times for a total of three washes.
3. Add 100µL Standard/sample Diluent (R1) in blank well.
4. Add 100µL different concentration of standard and sample in other wells, cover with the adhesive strip provided. Incubate for 2 hours at 37°C.
5. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2.
6. Prepare the Concentrated Biotin Conjugate Antibody (100X) Working Solution 15 minutes early before use.
7. Add Biotin-Conjugate antibody Working Solution in each wells (100µL/well), cover with new adhesive strip provided. Incubate for 1 hour at 37°C.
8. Prepare the Streptavidin-HRP Concentrated (100X) Working Solution 15 minutes early before use.
9. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2.
10. Add Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution in each wells (100µL/well), cover with new adhesive strip provided. Incubate for 30 minutes at 37°C.
11. Warm-up the Microplate reader.
12. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2.
13. Add TMB Substrate (100µL/well). Incubate for 15-20 minutes at 37°C. Protect from light.
14. Add Stop Solution (50µL/well), determine the optical density of each well within 5 minutes, using a Microplate reader set to 450nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 570nm or 630nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 570nm or 630nm from the readings at 450nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in the plate. Readings made directly at 450nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

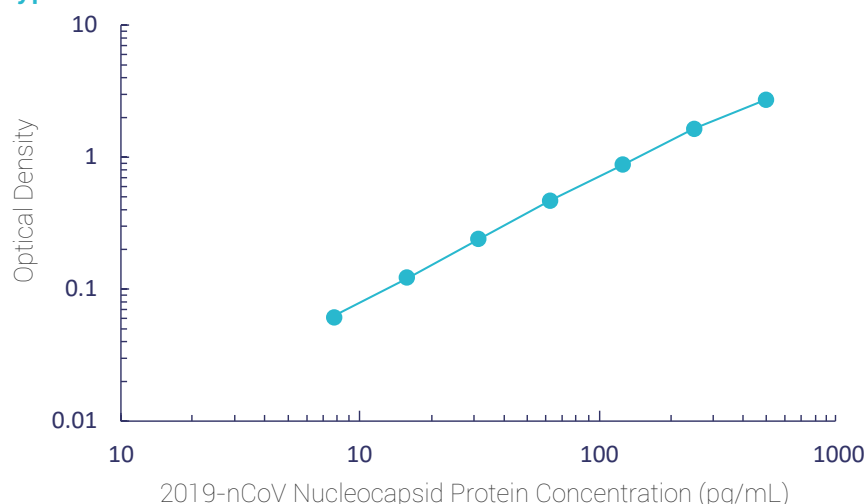
Assay Procedure Summary



Calculation Of Results

1. Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control and sample, and subtract the average zero standard optical density (O.D.).
2. 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 a log/log graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the Nucleocapsid Protein concentrations versus the log of the O.D. on a linear scale, and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis.
3. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

Typical Data



The standard curves are provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of Nucleocapsid Protein assayed.

Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose (MDD) of Nucleocapsid Protein is typically less than 3.2pg/mL. The MDD was determined by adding two standard deviations to the mean optical density value of twenty zero standard replicates and calculating the corresponding concentration.

Specificity

This assay recognizes both recombinant and natural Nucleocapsid Protein.

Precision

Intra-plate Precision

Three samples of known concentration were tested 20 times on one plate to evaluate the Intra-plate precision.

Sample	1	2	3
Repeat Times	20	20	20
Average Value (pg/mL)	101	210	521
Standard Deviation (SD)	5.1	8.8	22.4
Variable Coefficient CV (%)	5.0	4.2	4.3

Intra-plate Precision

Three samples of known concentration were tested 20 times separate assays to evaluate the Inter-plate precision. Assays were using two lots of components.

Sample	1	2	3
Repeat Times	20	20	20
Average Value (pg/mL)	121	221	480
Standard Deviation (SD)	8.2	13.7	28.3
Variable Coefficient CV (%)	6.8	6.2	5.9

Recovery

Spike 3 different concentrations of Nucleocapsid Protein into healthy serum and plasma, calculate the recovery.

Sample Form	Average Recover (%)	Range (%)
Serum	100	89-111
Plasma	97	87-107

Linearity

Spike high concentration of Nucleocapsid Protein into 4 healthy serum, dilute in the range of standard curve kinetics and evaluate the linearity.

Dilution	Average Value (%)	Range (%)
1:2	97	92-102
1:4	103	99-107
1:8	106	95-117
1:16	102	96-107