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Species: Human

Size: 96 Tests

Instruction manual

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Human Dengue fever IgM antibody (DF-Ab-IgM) ELISA Kit

【INTENDED USE】

For the qualitative detection of **Human Dengue fever IgM antibody (DF-Ab-IgM)** concentration in **serum and other biological fluids**.

This package insert must be read in its entirety before using this product.

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In order to obtain higher efficiency service, please ready to supply the lot number of the kit to us (found on the outside of the box).

【REAGENTS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED】

Reagents	Quantity	Reagents	Quantity
Assay plate (96 Wells)	1	Instruction manual	1
Positive Control	1 x 0.2 mL	Negative Control	1 x 0.2 mL
Calibrator	1 x 0.4 mL	Sample Diluent	2 x 20 mL
Antigen (250 x concentrate)	1 x 150 μ L	Antigen Diluent	2 x 20 mL
HRP Conjugated MAb tracer	1 x 7 mL	Wash Buffer (20 x concentrate)	2 x 20 mL
Substrate Solution	1 x 12 mL	Stop Solution	1 x 12 mL
Adhesive Films	4		

【MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED】

- ※ Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm, with the correction wavelength set at 540 nm or 570 nm.
- ※ Precision single or multi-channel pipettes and disposable tips.
- ※ Deionized or distilled water.
- ※ Eppendorf Tubes for serial dilution samples.
- ※ Container for Wash Solution.
- ※ Absorbent paper for blotting the microtiter plate.

【STORAGE】

Unopened kit	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not use past kit expiration date.	
Opened/ Reconstituted Reagents	Coated assay plate	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 - 8°C. Return unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack, reseal along entire edge of zip-seal, and avoid the damp.
	Positive Control	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 - 8°C.
	Negative Control	
	Calibrator	
	Antigen	
	Antigen Diluent	
	HRP Conjugated MAb tracer	
	HRP-Conjugate	
	Sample Diluent	
	Wash Buffer	
	Substrate Solution	
	Stop Solution	

【INTRODUCTION】

Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus. Symptoms typically begin three to fourteen days after infection. This may include a high fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash. Recovery generally takes less than two to seven days. In a small proportion of cases, the disease develops into the life-threatening dengue hemorrhagic fever, resulting in bleeding, low levels of blood platelets and blood plasma leakage, or into dengue shock syndrome, where dangerously low blood pressure occurs.

Dengue is spread by several species of mosquito of the Aedes type, principally A.

aegypti. The virus has five different types; infection with one type usually gives lifelong immunity to that type, but only short-term immunity to the others. Subsequent infection with a different type increases the risk of severe complications. A number of tests are available to confirm the diagnosis including detecting antibodies to the virus or its RNA.

【PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY】

Serum antibodies of the IgM class, when present, combine with anti-human IgM antibodies coated on the polystyrene surface of the microwell test strips (assay plate). A concentrated pool of recombinant antigens is diluted to the correct working volume with Antigen Diluent. The antigens are produced using an insect cell expression system and immunopurified utilising a specific monoclonal antibody. An equal volume of Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated monoclonal antibody (MAb) is added to the diluted antigen, allowing the formation of antigen-MAb complexes. Residual serum is removed from the assay plate by washing, and complexed antigen-MAb is added to the assay plate. These antigen-MAb complexes then bind to the serum dengue-specific IgM antibodies. After incubation the microwells are washed and a colourless substrate system, Substrate Solution is added. The Substrate is hydrolysed by HRP if present, and the chromogen turns blue. After stopping the reaction with acid, the TMB turns yellow. Colour development is indicative of the presence of anti-dengue IgM antibodies in the test sample.

【LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE】

- ※ FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.
- ※ 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 Calibrator Diluent 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 the appropriate Calibrator Diluent 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 ELISA Kit, the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

【STABILITY】

The stability of ELISA kit is determined by the loss rate of activity. The loss rate of this kit is less than 5% within the expiration date under appropriate storage condition.

The loss rate was determined by accelerated thermal degradation test. Keep the kit at 37°C for 4 and 7 days, and compare O.D.values of the kit kept at 37°C with that of at recommended temperature. (referring from China Biological Products Standard, which was calculated by the Arrhenius equation. For ELISA kit, 4 days storage at 37°C can be considered as 6 months at 2-8°C, which means 7 days at 37°C equaling 12 months at 2-8°C).

Note:

To minimize extra influence on the performance, operation procedures and lab conditions, especially room temperature, air humidity, incubator temperature should be strictly controlled. It is also strongly suggested that the whole assay is performed by the same operator from the beginning to the end.

【SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE】

- **Serum** Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for two hours at room temperature or overnight at 2-8°C before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 ×g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Other biological fluids** Centrifuge samples for 20 minutes at 1000 × g. Remove particulates and assay immediately or store samples in aliquot at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Note:

1. Samples to be used within 5 days may be stored at 2-8°C, otherwise samples must be stored at -20°C (≤ 1 month) or -80°C (≤ 2 months) to

- avoid loss of bioactivity and contamination.
2. Sample hemolysis will influence the result, so hemolytic specimen can not be detected.
 3. When performing the assay, bring samples to room temperature.

【SAMPLE PREPARATION】

Human serum samples require at least a 100-fold dilution before test. A suggested 100-fold dilution can be achieved by adding 2 μ L sample + 198 μ L Sample Diluent. **The recommended dilution factor is for reference only. The optimal dilution factor should be determined by users according to their particular experiments.**

【REAGENT PREPARATION】

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer(1 x) - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm up to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 40 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate (20 x) into deionized or distilled water to prepare 800 mL of Wash Buffer (1 x).

Antigen-MAb tracer solution - Determine the required number of wells for your assay. Dilute the antigen 1/250 using the Antigen Diluent. It is recommended, as a minimum, to dilute 10 μ L of antigen into 2.5 mL of Antigen Diluent. This is sufficient for up to five strips (40 wells). A volume of 0.5 mL of diluted antigen is required per strip. Once the antigen is added to the Antigen Diluent, the solution becomes a pale red colour. Ensure the remaining unused concentrated antigen remains at 2-8°C. Remove the required volume of diluted antigen and mix an equal volume of MAb tracer in a clean glass or polypropylene vial. Gently mix the antigen-MAb tracer solution and leave at room temperature (20-25°C) until required (requires 1 hour incubation). Discard the unused diluted antigen.

【ASSAY PROCEDURE】

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that all samples, controls, and standards be assayed in duplicate.

1. Prepare all reagents, working standards, and samples as directed in the previous sections.
2. Refer to the Assay Layout Sheet to determine the number of wells to be used and put any remaining wells and the desiccant back into the pouch and seal the ziploc, store unused wells at 2 - 8°C.
3. Set a Blank well without any solution. Add 100 µL of Negative Control, Positive Control, Calibrator and Sample per well. Incubate for 1 hour at 37°C.
4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process for a total of six washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (250 µL) using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, 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 Antigen-MAb tracer solution to each well (**Note: Do not add to Blank!**). Cover the microtiter plate with adhesive films. Incubate for 1 hour at 37°C.
6. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process for a total of six washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (250 µL) using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, 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.
7. Add 100 µL of Substrate Solution to each well, mix well. Incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature (20-25°C). Keeping the plate away from drafts and other temperature fluctuations in the dark.
8. Add 100 µL of Stop Solution to each well when the first four wells containing the highest concentration of standards develop obvious blue color. If color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Determine the optical density of each well within 5 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm. Subtract readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections

in the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

***Samples may require dilution. See Sample Preparation section.**

【CALCULATION OF RESULTS】

For calculation the valence of Human DF-Ab-IgM, compare the sample well with control.

- 1) Calculate the average absorbance of the calibrator triplicates and multiply by the calibration factor. This is the Cut-off Value.
- 2) An index value can be calculated by dividing the sample absorbance by the Cut-off Value.

- 3) Index Value = Sample Absorbance/Cut-off Value

Example: Sample A Absorbance = 0.949

Sample B Absorbance = 0.070

Mean absorbance of Calibrator = 0.802

Calibration Factor = 0.62

Cut-off Value = $0.802 \times 0.62 = 0.497$

Sample A (0.949/0.497) = 1.91 Index Value

Sample B (0.070/0.497) = 0.14 Index Value

- 4) While sample Index Value > 1.10: Positive
While sample Index Value < 0.90: Negative
While $0.90 \leq$ sample Index Value $\leq$ 1.10: Equivocal

【IMPORTANT NOTE】

1. The instruction manual also suits for the kit of 48T, but all reagents of 48T kit are reduced by half.
2. There may be some foggy substance in the wells when the plate is opened at the first time. It will not have any effect on the final assay results. Do not remove microtiter plate from the storage bag until needed.
3. Do not mix or substitute reagents from one kit lot to another. Use only the reagents supplied by manufacturer.
4. Samples or reagents addition: Please use the freshly prepared Standard. Please carefully add samples to wells and mix gently to avoid foaming. Do

not touch the well wall as possible. For each step in the procedure, total dispensing time for addition of reagents or samples to the assay plate should not exceed 10 minutes. This will ensure equal elapsed time for each pipetting step, without interruption. Duplication of all standards and specimens, although not required, is recommended. To avoid cross-contamination, change pipette tips between additions of each standard level, between sample additions, and between reagent additions. Also, use separate reservoirs for each reagent.

5. Incubation: To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary. Do not allow wells to sit uncovered for extended periods between incubation steps. Once reagents have been added to the well strips, DO NOT let the strips DRY at any time during the assay. Incubation time and temperature must be observed.
6. Washing: The wash procedure is critical. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Solution by aspirating or decanting and remove any drop of water and fingerprint on the bottom of the plate. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and falsely elevated absorbance reading. When using an automated plate washer, adding a 30 second soak period following the addition of wash buffer, and/or rotating the plate 180 degrees between wash steps may improve assay precision.
7. Controlling of reaction time: Observe the change of color after adding Substrate Solution (e.g. observation once every 10 minutes), Substrate Solution should change from colorless or light blue to gradations of blue. If the color is too deep, add Stop Solution in advance to avoid excessively strong reaction which will result in inaccurate absorbance reading.
8. Substrate Solution is easily contaminated. Substrate Solution should remain colorless or light blue until added to the plate. Please protect it from light.
9. Stop Solution should be added to the plate in the same order as the Substrate Solution. The color developed in the wells will turn from blue to yellow upon addition of the Stop Solution. Wells that are green in color indicate that the Stop Solution has not mixed thoroughly with the Substrate Solution.

10. Protect all reagents from strong light during storage and incubation. All the bottle caps of reagents should be covered tightly to prevent the evaporation and contamination of microorganism.
11. Wrong operations during the reagents preparation and loading, as well as incorrect parameter setting for the plate reader may lead to incorrect results. A microplate plate reader with a bandwidth of 10nm or less and an optical density range of 0-3 O.D. or greater at $450 \pm 10\text{nm}$ wavelength is acceptable for use in absorbance measurement.
12. Even the same operator might get different results in two separate experiments. In order to get better reproducible results, the operation of every step in the assay should be controlled. Furthermore, a preliminary experiment before assay for each batch is recommended.
13. Limited by the current condition and scientific technology, we can't completely conduct the comprehensive identification and analysis on the raw material provided by suppliers. So there might be some qualitative and technical risks to use the kit.
14. The final experimental results will be closely related to validity of the products, operation skills of the end users and the experimental environments. Please make sure that sufficient samples are available.
15. Kits from different batches may be a little different in detection range, sensitivity and color developing time.
16. Each kit has been strictly passed Q.C test. However, results from end users might be inconsistent with our in-house data due to some unexpected transportation conditions or different lab equipments. Intra-assay variance among kits from different batches might arise from above factors, too.
17. Kits from different manufacturers with the same item might produce different results, since we haven't compared our products with other manufacturers.
18. The Stop Solution provided with this kit is an acid solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this material.
19. Valid period: six months.

