

HUMAN PHOSPHORYLATED NEUROFILAMENT H ELISA

Product Data Sheet

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1. INTENDED USE

The RD191138300R Human Phosphorylated Neurofilament H ELISA is a sandwich enzyme immunoassay for the quantitative measurement of human phosphorylated neurofilament H (pNF-H).

Features

- It is intended for research use only
- The total assay time is less than 4 hours
- The kit measures pNF-H in serum, plasma and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
- Assay format is 96 wells
- Standard and Quality Controls are human brain extract based
- Components of the kit are provided ready to use, concentrated or lyophilized

2. STORAGE, EXPIRATION

Store the complete kit at 2-8°C. Under these conditions, the kit is stable until the expiration date (see label on the box).

For stability of opened reagents see Chapter 9.

3. INTRODUCTION

Neurofilaments are the 10nm diameter filaments which are the most abundant protein components of neurons and are particularly concentrated in axons. They belong to the intermediate or 10nm filament protein/gene superfamily which also includes keratins, the major structural proteins of skin. Neurofilaments (NF) consist predominantly of three subunits:, NF-L (low), NF-M (medium), and NF-H (heavy or high). NF-H protein is about 200 kDa and contains unusual multiple repeated sequence lysine-serine-proline (KSP), and in axonal neurofilaments essentially all serine residues are heavily phosphorylated. Because phosphorylated forms of NF-H (pNF-H) are quite resistant to proteases, pNF-H released from damaged and diseased axons should remain in fluid undegraded. This means that detection of pNF-H in blood and CSF points unambiguously to neuronal damage due to the fact that pNF-H is found exclusively in neurons.

This protein can be detected in quite large amounts following experimental spinal cord and brain injury in rats. Levels of greater than 100 ng/ml of pNF-H were detectable in blood following serious cord injury and lower, but still easily detectable levels, were found in blood of animals given experimental brain injury. In recently studies with rats subjected to traumatic brain injury (TBI) using a controlled cortical impact (CCI) device, elevated blood pNF-H levels were found. Results show time-dependent changes in the detectable pNF-H levels and these levels correspond with the severity of the injury and the amount of cortical damage.

Studies with mice transgenic for mutations of human copper/zinc superoxide dismutase 1 which are associated with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) have revealed corresponding increased amounts of pNF-H in blood of these animals. These mice develop axonal degeneration pathology similar to that seen in humans with ALS, and blood pNF-H levels can be used to monitor this degeneration. Interestingly, pNF-H is detectable before the onset of obvious disease symptoms.

Other experiments have shown that pNF-H is detected in the plasma of humans suffering from optic neuritis and in elevated levels in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) of individuals suffering from brain tumors and stroke.

<u>Areas of investigation:</u> Axonal degeneration Brain injury Neuronal damage

4. TEST PRINCIPLE

In the BioVendor Human Phosphorylated Neurofilament H ELISA, standards, quality controls and samples are incubated in microplate wells pre-coated with chicken polyclonal anti-pNF-H antibody. After 60 minutes incubation and washing, detection rabbit polyclonal anti-pNF-H antibody is added and incubated with captured pNF-H for 60 minutes. After another washing, HRP conjugated antibody against rabbit antibody is added. After 60 minutes incubation and the last washing step, the remaining conjugate is allowed to react with the substrate solution (TMB). The reaction is stopped by addition of acidic solution and absorbance of the resulting yellow product is measured. The absorbance is proportional to the concentration of pNF-H. A standard curve is constructed by plotting absorbance values against concentrations of standards, and concentrations of unknown samples are determined using this standard curve.

5. PRECAUTIONS

• For professional use only.

- Wear gloves and laboratory coats when handling immunodiagnostic materials
- Do not drink, eat or smoke in the areas where immunodiagnostic materials are being handled
- This kit contains components of human origin. These materials were found non-reactive for HBsAg, HCV antibody and for HIV 1/2 antigen and antibody. However, these materials should be handled as potentially infectious, as no test can guarantee the complete absence of infectious agents
- This kit contains components of animal origin. These materials should be handled as potentially infectious
- Avoid contact with the acidic Stop Solution and Substrate Solution, which contains hydrogen peroxide and tetramethylbenzidine (TMB). Wear gloves and eye and clothing protection when handling these reagents. Stop and/or Substrate Solutions may cause skin/eyes irritation. In case of contact with the Stop Solution and the Substrate Solution wash skin/eyes thoroughly with water and seek medical attention, when necessary
- The materials must not be pipetted by mouth

6. TECHNICAL HINTS

- Reagents with different lot numbers should not be mixed
- Use thoroughly clean glassware
- Use deionized (distilled) water, stored in clean containers
- Avoid any contamination among samples and reagents. For this purpose, disposable tips should be used for each sample and reagent
- Substrate Solution should remain colourless until added to the plate. Keep Substrate Solution protected from light
- Stop Solution should remain colourless until added to the plate. The colour developed in the wells will turn from blue to yellow immediately after the addition of the Stop Solution. Wells that are green in colour indicate that the Stop Solution has not mixed thoroughly with the Substrate Solution
- Dispose of consumable materials and unused contents in accordance with applicable national regulatory requirements

7. REAGENT SUPPLIED

Kit Components	State	Quantity
Antibody Coated Microtiter Strips	ready to use	96 wells
Detection Antibody Solution	ready to use	13 ml
HRP Conjugate Solution	ready to use	13 ml
Master Standard	lyophilized	2 vials
Quality Control HIGH	lyophilized	2 vials
Quality Control LOW	lyophilized	2 vials
Dilution Buffer	ready to use	13 ml
Wash Solution Conc. (10x)	concentrated	100 ml
Substrate Solution	ready to use	13 ml
Stop Solution	ready to use	13 ml
Product Data Sheet + Certificate of Analysis	-	1 pc

8. MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

- Deionized (distilled) water
- Test tubes for diluting samples
- Glassware (graduated cylinder and bottle) for Wash Solution (Dilution Buffer)
- Precision pipettes to deliver 10-1000 μ l with disposable tips
- Multichannel pipette to deliver 100 µl with disposable tips
- Absorbent material (e.g. paper towels) for blotting the microtitrate plate after washing
- Vortex mixer
- Orbital microplate shaker capable of approximately 300 rpm
- Microplate washer (optional). [Manual washing is possible but not preferable.]
- Microplate reader with 450 ± 10 nm filter, preferably with reference wavelength 630 nm (alternatively another one from the interval 550-650nm)
- Software package facilitating data generation and analysis (optional)

9. PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

- All reagents need to be brought to room temperature prior to use
- Always prepare only the appropriate quantity of reagents for your test
- **Do not use components after the expiration date marked on their label**
- Assay reagents supplied ready to use:

Antibody Coated Microtiter Strips

Stability and storage:

Return the unused strips to the provided aluminium zip-sealed bag with desicant and seal carefully. Remaining Microtiter Strips are stable 3 month stored at 2-8°C and protected from the moisture.

Detection Antibody Solution HRP Conjugate Solution Dilution Buffer Substrate Solution Stop Solution Stability and storage: Opened reagents are stable 3 month when stored at 2-8°C. • Assay reagents supplied concentrated or lyophilized:

pNF-H Master Standard

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for current volume of Dilution Buffer needed for reconstitution of standard!!!

Reconstitute the lyophilized Master Standard with Dilution Buffer just prior to the assay. Let it dissolve at least 15 minutes with occasional gentle shaking (not to foam). The resulting concentration of the pNF-H in the stock solution is **4000 pg/ml**.

Prepare set of standards using Dilution Buffer as follows:

Volume of Standard	Dilution Buffer	Concentration
Stock	-	4000 pg/ml
300 μl of stock	300 µl	2000 pg/ml
300 μl of 2000 pg/ml	300 µl	1000 pg/ml
300 μl of 1000 pg/ml	300 µl	500 pg/ml
300 µl of 500 pg/ml	300 µl	250 pg/ml
300 µl of 250 pg/ml	300 µl	125 pg/ml
300 µl of 125 pg/ml	300 µl	62.5 pg/ml

Prepared Standards are ready to use, do not dilute them.

Stability and storage:

Do not store the Standard stock solution and set of standards.

Quality Controls HIGH, LOW

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for current volume of Dilution Buffer needed for reconstitution and for current Quality Control concentration!!!

Reconstitute each Quality Control (HIGH and LOW) with Dilution Buffer just prior to the assay. Let it dissolve at least 15 minutes with occasional gentle shaking (not to foam).

Reconstituted Quality Controls are ready to use, do not dilute them.

Stability and storage:

Do not store the reconstituted Quality Controls.

Wash Solution Conc. (10x)

Dilute Wash Solution Concentrate (10x) ten-fold in distilled water to prepare a 1x working solution. Example: 100 ml of Wash Solution Concentrate (10x) + 900 ml of distilled water for use of all 96-wells.

Stability and storage:

The diluted Wash Solution is stable 1 month when stored at 2-8°C. Opened Wash Solution Concentrate (10x) is stable 3 months when stored at 2-8°C.

10. PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

The kit measures pNF-H in human serum, plasma and CSF.

Samples should be assayed immediately after collection or should be stored at -20°C. Mix thoroughly thawed samples just prior to the assay and avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles, which may cause erroneous results. Avoid using hemolyzed or lipemic samples.

Dilute samples 3x with Dilution Buffer just prior to the assay, e.g. 50 μ l of sample + 100 μ l of Dilution Buffer for singlets, or preferably 80 μ l of sample + 240 μ l of Dilution Buffer for duplicates. **Mix well** (not to foam). Vortex is recommended.

Stability and storage:

Serum and plasma samples should be stored at -20°C, or preferably at -70°C for long-term storage. CSF samples should be stored at -70°C.

Do not store the diluted samples.

See Chapter 13 for stability of serum and CSF samples when stored at 2-8°C and effect of freezing/thawing on the concentration of human pNF-H.

Note: It is recommended to use a precision pipette and a careful technique to perform the dilution in order to get precise results.

11. ASSAY PROCEDURE

- 1. Pipet **100 μl** of diluted Standards, Quality Controls, Dilution Buffer (=Blank) and samples, preferably in duplicates, into the appropriate wells. See *Figure 1* for example of work sheet.
- 2. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca. 25°C) for **1 hour**, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an orbital microplate shaker.
- 3. Wash the wells 3-times with Wash Solution (0.35 ml per well). After final wash, invert and tap the plate strongly against paper towel.
- 4. Add **100** μ**I** of Detection Antibody Solution into each well.
- 5. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca. 25°C) for **1 hour**, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an orbital microplate shaker.
- 6. Wash the wells 3-times with Wash Solution (0.35 ml per well). After final wash, invert and tap the plate strongly against paper towel.
- 7. Add **100** μl of HRP Conjugate Solution into each well.
- 8. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca. 25°C) for **1 hour**, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an orbital microplate shaker.
- 9. Wash the wells 3-times with Wash Solution (0.35 ml per well). After final wash, invert and tap the plate strongly against paper towel.
- 10. Add **100** μl of Substrate Solution into each well. Avoid exposing the microtiter plate to direct sunlight. Covering the plate with e.g. aluminium foil is recommended.
- 11. Incubate the plate for **15 minutes** at room temperature. The incubation time may be extended [up to 25 minutes] if the reaction temperature is below than 20°C. Do not shake the plate during the incubation.
- 12. Stop the colour development by adding **100** μ I of Stop Solution.
- 13. Determine the absorbance of each well using a microplate reader set to 450 nm, preferably with the reference wavelength set to 630 nm (acceptable range: 550 650 nm). Subtract readings at 630 nm (550 650 nm) from the readings at 450 nm. The absorbance should be read within 5 minutes following step 12.

Note: If some samples and standard/s have absorbances above the upper limit of your microplate reader, perform a second reading at 405 nm. A new standard curve, constructed using the values measured at 405 nm, is used to determine pNF-H concentration of off-scale standards and samples. The readings at 405 nm should not replace the readings for samples that were "in range" at 450 nm.

Note 2: Manual washing: Aspirate wells and pipet 0.35 ml Wash Solution into each well. Aspirate wells and repeat twice. After final wash, invert and tap the plate strongly against paper towel. Make certain that Wash Solution has been removed entirely.

,	strip 1+2	strip 3+4	strip 5+6	strip 7+8	strip 9+10	strip 11+12
Α	Standard 4000	QC HIGH	Sample 7	Sample 15	Sample 23	Sample 31
В	Standard 2000	QC LOW	Sample 8	Sample 16	Sample 24	Sample 32
С	Standard 1000	Sample 1	Sample 9	Sample 17	Sample 25	Sample 33
D	Standard 500	Sample 2	Sample 10	Sample 18	Sample 26	Sample 34
E	Standard 250	Sample 3	Sample 11	Sample 19	Sample 27	Sample 35
F	Standard 125	Sample 4	Sample 12	Sample 20	Sample 28	Sample 36
G	Standard 62.5	Sample 5	Sample 13	Sample 21	Sample 29	Sample 37
Н	Blank	Sample 6	Sample 14	Sample 22	Sample 30	Sample 38

Figure 1: Example of a work sheet.

12. CALCULATIONS

Most microplate readers perform automatic calculations of analyte concentration. The standard curve is constructed by plotting the mean absorbance (Y) of Standards against the known concentration (X) of Standards in logarithmic scale, using the four-parameter algorithm. Results are reported as concentration of pNF-H pg/ml in samples.

Alternatively, the logit log function can be used to linearize the standard curve, i.e. logit of the mean absorbance (Y) is plotted against log of the known concentration (X) of Standards).

The measured concentration of samples calculated from the standard curve must be multiplied by their respective dilution factor, because samples have been diluted prior to the assay, e.g. 400 pg/ml (from standard curve) x 3 (dilution factor) = 1200 pg/ml = 1.2 ng/ml.

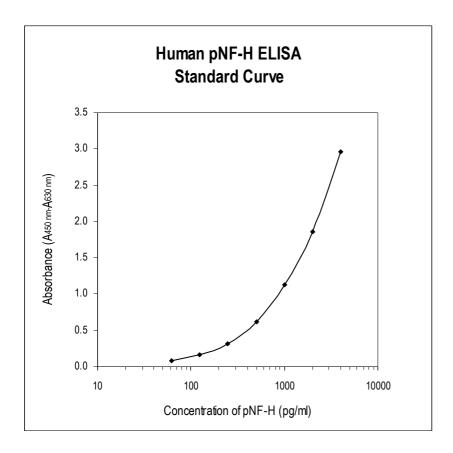


Figure 2: Typical Standard Curve for Human pNF-H ELISA.

13. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Typical analytical data of BioVendor Human pNF-H ELISA are presented in this chapter

• Sensitivity

Limit of Detection (LOD) (defined as concentration of analyte giving absorbance higher than mean absorbance of blank* plus three standard deviations of the absorbance of blank: A_{blank} + 3xSD_{blank}) is calculated from the real pNF-H values in wells and is 23.5 pg/ml. *Dilution Buffer is pipetted into blank wells.

• Limit of assay

Results exceeding pNF-H level of 4000 pg/ml should be repeated with more diluted samples. Dilution factor needs to be taken into consideration in calculating the pNF-H concentration.

• Specificity

The antibodies used in this ELISA are specific for pNF-H from human and from mammalian species such as mouse, rat, rabbit, dog, pig, horse and bovine. For details please contact us at <u>info@biovendor.com</u>.

Presented results are multiplied by respective dilution factor

Precision

Intra-assay (Within-Run) (n=8)

CSF sample	Mean	SD	CV
	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	963	48.2	5.0
2	1829	73.2	4.0

Inter-assay (Run-to-Run) (n=8)

CSF sample	Mean	SD	CV
	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	1410	64.1	4.5
2	3212	76.9	2.4

• Spiking Recovery

CSF and serum samples were spiked with different amounts of pNF-H and assayed.

CSF	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery O/E
sample	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	985	-	-
	3672	3985	92.1
	2713	2485	109.2
	1608	1735	92.7
2	2046	-	-
	2572	2796	92.0
	3519	3546	99.2
	5419	5046	107.4

Serum	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery O/E
sample	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	1648	-	-
	2180	2398	90.2
	3028	3148	96.2
	4863	4648	104.6
2	2128	-	-
	2618	2878	99.3
	3399	3628	93.7
	5090	5128	91.0

• Linearity

CSF and serum samples were serially diluted with Dilution Buffer and assayed.

CSF	Dilution	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery
sample		(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	O/E (%)
1	-	3576	-	-
	2x	1804	1788	100.9
	4x	933	894	104.3
	8x	440	447	98.4
2	-	13791	-	-
	2x	7664	6894	111.1
	4x	3822	3448	110.9
	8x	1918	1724	111.2

Serum	Dilution	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery
sample		(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	O/E (%)
1	-	3333	-	-
	2x	1629	1667	97.7
	4x	859	833	103.0
	8x	390	417	93.7
2	-	16499	-	-
	2x	9209	8249	111.6
	4x	4773	4125	115.7
	8x	2293	2062	111.2

• Stability of samples stored at 2-8°C

Samples should be stored at –20°C. However, no decline in concentration of pNF-H was observed in CSF and serum samples after 7 days when stored at 2-8°C. To avoid microbial contamination, samples were treated with ε -aminocaproic acid and sodium azide, resulting in the final concentration of 0.03% and 0.1%, respectively.

CSF	Incubation	рNF-Н
sample	Temp, Period	(pg/ml)
	-20°C	785
1	2-8°C, 1 day	778
	2-8°C, 7 days	750
	-20°C	2633
2	2-8°C, 1 day	2684
	2-8°C, 7 days	2605
	-20°C	4439
3	2-8°C, 1 day	4363
	2-8°C, 7 days	4074

Serum	Incubation	pNF-H
sample	Temp, Period	(pg/ml)
	-20°C	370
1	2-8°C, 1 day	434
	2-8°C, 7 days	385
	-20°C	1591
2	2-8°C, 1 day	1561
	2-8°C, 7 days	1356
	-20°C	3333
3	2-8°C, 1 day	2901
	2-8°C, 7 days	3003

• Effect of Freezing/Thawing

No decline was observed in concentration of human pNF-H in CSF and serum samples after repeated (5x) freeze/thaw cycles. However it is recommended to avoid unnecessary repeated freezing/thawing of the samples.

CSF	Number of f/t	pNF-H		
sample	cycles	pNF-H (pg/ml)		
	1x	778		
1	3x	726		
	5x	779		
	1x	2585		
2	3x	2663		
	5x	2660		
	1x	4235		
3	3x	4265		
	5x	4048		

Serum	Number of f/t	pNF-H		
sample	cycles	pNF-H (pg/ml)		
	1x	440		
1	3x	329		
	5x	329		
	1x	1608		
2	3x	1695		
	5x	1669		
	1x	3124		
3	3x	3017		
	5x	2956		

14. DEFINITION OF THE STANDARD

Standard in this assay is human brain extract based. Native pNF-H is about 200 kDa protein.

15. METHOD COMPARISON

BioVendor Human pNF-H ELISA was not compared to any other commercial immunoassay.

16. TROUBLESHOOTING AND FAQS

Weak signal in all wells

Possible explanations:

- Omission of a reagent or a step
- Improper preparation or storage of a reagent
- Assay performed before reagents were allowed to come to room temperature
- Improper wavelength when reading absorbance

High signal and background in all wells

Possible explanations:

- Improper or inadequate washing
- Overdeveloping; incubation time with Substrate Solution should be decreased before addition of Stop Solution
- Incubation temperature over 30°C

High coefficient of variation (CV)

Possible explanation:

- Improper or inadequate washing
- Improper mixing Standards, Quality Controls or samples

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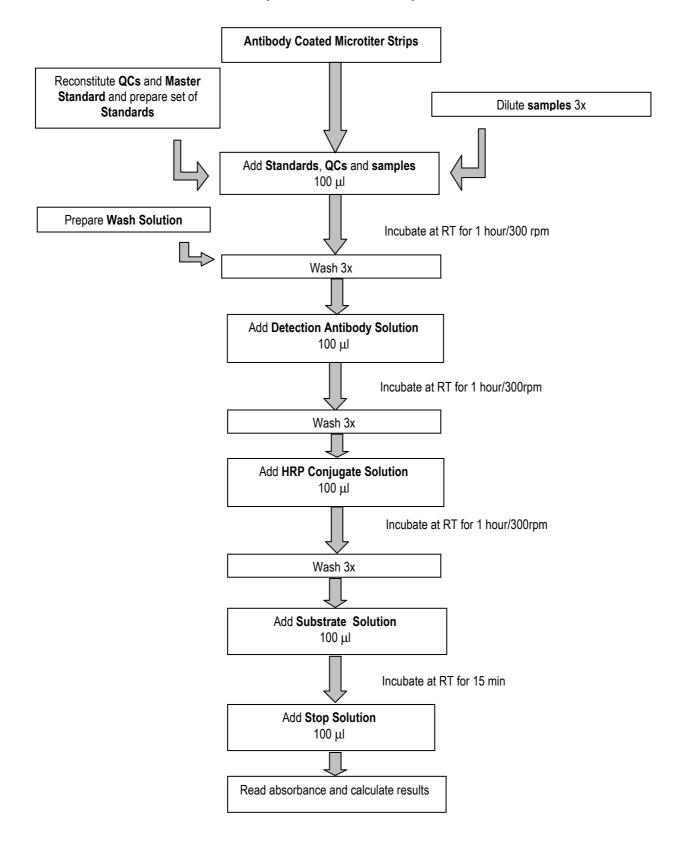
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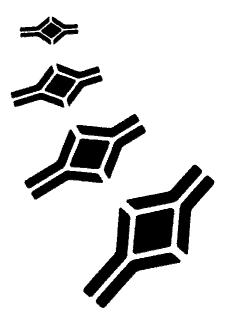
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