

HUMAN PROSTATE SECRETORY PROTEIN 94 ELISA

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1. INTENDED USE

The RD191140200R Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA is a sandwich enzyme immunoassay for the quantitative measurement of human total prostate secretory protein of 94 amino acids (PSP94).

Features

- It is intended for research use only
- The total assay time is less than 3.5 hours
- The kit measures total PSP94 in serum, plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin) and bronchoalveolar fluid (BALF) samples
- Assay format is 96 wells
- Quality Controls are human serum based
- Standard is recombinant protein 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.

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3. INTRODUCTION

Prostate secretory protein of 94 amino acids (PSP94), also known as β -microseminoprotein or prostatic inhibin-like protein, is a small, nonglycosylated peptide consisting of 94 amino acids with molecular mass 10.7 kDa, and is one of the major secretory proteins of the prostate glands. PSP94 is synthesized as a preprotein of 114 amino acid residues, from which a 20-residue signal peptide is cleaved off to form the mature protein.

PSP94 along with PSA (Prostate-specific Antigen) and PAP (Prostate Acid Phosphatase) are the three most abundant proteins in seminal fluid. As with other prostate-secreted proteins, PSP94 can leak into the blood upon benign or malignant prostate epithelial disruption and can be measured within serum. PSP94 is not solely synthesized by the prostate epithelium, as the protein can also be detected in nonreproductive organs such as in the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts, of which, the gastric mucosa shows particularly high expression. Accordingly, PSP94 can be measured in serum of both men and women, but the serum levels in women were found to be around two-thirds of those measured in men. PSP94 forms high-affinity complexes with two related Cys-rich proteins: PSP94-binding protein in blood plasma and cysteine-rich secretory protein 3 (CRISP-3) in semen.

Evidence suggest that PSP94 has systemic functions including growth regulation and induction of apoptosis in prostate cancer cells in vitro and in vivo, and regulation of calcium levels during hypercalcemia secondary to malignancy. Several studies have demonstrated a progressive decrease in PSP94 expression as prostate cancer progresses from a hormone-dependent to a hormone-independent state with complete lack of PSP94 production in highly advanced metastatic prostate cancer. This differential expression could make PSP94 a prognostic clinical marker for prostate cancer and could help distinguish patients with aggressive forms of prostate cancer. A recent study demonstrated a close correlation between PSP94 in serum and seminal plasma, supporting the potential use of PSP94 as a serum marker of prostate secretory function as well.

Areas of investigation:

Prostate cancer
Respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts

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4. TEST PRINCIPLE

In the BioVendor Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA, standards, quality controls and samples are incubated in microplate wells pre-coated with polyclonal anti-human PSP94 antibody. After 60 minutes incubation and washing, biotin labelled polyclonal anti-human PSP94 antibody is added and incubated with captured PSP94 for 60 minutes. After another washing, streptavidin-HRP conjugate is added. After 30 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 PSP94. 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

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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
Biotin Labelled Antibody Conc. (50x)	concentrated	0.28 ml
Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate	ready to use	13 ml
Master Standard	lyophilized	2 vials
Quality Control HIGH	lyophilized	2 vials
Quality Control LOW	lyophilized	2 vials
Biotin-Ab Diluent	ready to use	13 ml
Dilution Buffer	ready to use	20 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

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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 5-1000 μl 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 550-650 nm)
- 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 months when stored at 2-8°C and protected from the moisture.

Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate Biotin-Ab Diluent Dilution Buffer Substrate Solution Stop Solution

Stability and storage:

Opened reagents are stable 3 months when stored at 2-8°C.

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Assay reagents supplied concentrated or lyophilized:

Human PSP94 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 PSP94 in the stock solution is **16 ng/ml**.

Prepare set of standards using Dilution Buffer as follows:

Volume of Standard	Dilution Buffer	Concentration
Stock	-	16 ng/ml
250 μl of stock	250 µl	8 ng/ml
250 μl of 8 ng/ml	250 µl	4 ng/ml
250 μl of 4 ng/ml	250 µl	2 ng/ml
250 μl of 2 ng/ml	250 μl	1 ng/ml
250 μl of 1 ng/ml	250 μΙ	0.5 ng/ml

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

Stability and storage:

Do not store the Standard stock solutions 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 diluted Quality Controls.

Biotin Labelled Antibody Conc. (50x)

Prepare the working Biotin Labelled Antibody solution by adding 1 part Biotin Labelled Antibody Concentrate (50x) with 49 parts Biotin-Ab Diluent. Example: 20 μ l of Biotin Labelled Antibody Concentrate (50x) + 980 μ l of Biotin-Ab Diluent for 1 strip (8 wells).

Stability and storage:

Opened Biotin Labelled Antibody Concentrate (50x) is stable 3 months when stored at 2-8°C. **Do not store the diluted Biotin Labelled Antibody solution.**

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 human PSP94 in serum, plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin) and BALF samples.

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.

Preparation of serum or plasma samples:

Dilute samples just prior to performing the assay 5x with Dilution Buffer, e.g. $30 \mu l$ of sample + $120 \mu l$ of Dilution Buffer for singlets and $50 \mu l$ of sample + $200 \mu l$ 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. Avoid repeated freeze/ thaw cycles.

Do not store the diluted samples.

See Chapter 13 for stability of serum and plasma samples when stored at 2-8°C, effect of freezing/thawing and effect of sample matrix (serum/plasma) on the concentration of human PSP94.

Preparation of BALF samples:

Dilute samples just prior to performing the assay 50x with Dilution Buffer, e.g. 5 µl of sample + 245 µl of Dilution Buffer for singlets and duplicates. **Mix well** (not to foam). Vortex is recommended.

Stability and storage:

BALF samples should be stored at -70°C. Avoid repeated freeze/ thaw cycles.

Do not store the diluted samples.

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

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11. ASSAY PROCEDURE

- 1. Pipet **100** μ**I** 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 Biotin Labelled 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 Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate into each well.
- 8. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca. 25°C) for **30 minutes**, 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** μ I 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 **10 minutes** at room temperature. The incubation time may be extended [up to 20 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 on 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 PSP94 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.

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) — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	strip 1+2	strip 3+4	strip 5+6	strip 7+8	strip 9+10	strip 11+12
Α	Standard 16	Blank	Sample 8	Sample 16	Sample 24	Sample 32
В	Standard 8	Sample 1	Sample 9	Sample 17	Sample 25	Sample 33
С	Standard 4	Sample 2	Sample 10	Sample 18	Sample 26	Sample 34
D	Standard 2	Sample 3	Sample 11	Sample 19	Sample 27	Sample 35
Е	Standard 1	Sample 4	Sample 12	Sample 20	Sample 28	Sample 36
F	Standard 0.5	Sample 5	Sample 13	Sample 21	Sample 29	Sample 37
G	QC HIGH	Sample 6	Sample 14	Sample 22	Sample 30	Sample 38
Н	QC LOW	Sample 7	Sample 15	Sample 23	Sample 31	Sample 39

Figure 1: Example of a work sheet.

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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 PSP94 ng/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. 5 ng/ml (from standard curve) x 5 (dilution factor) = 25 ng/ml.

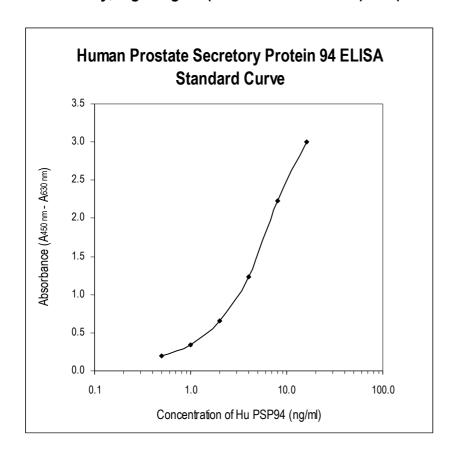


Figure 2: Typical Standard Curve for Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA.

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13. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Typical analytical data of BioVendor Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 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 human PSP94 values in wells and is 0.12 ng/ml. *Dilution Buffer is pipetted into blank wells.

Limit of assay

Results exceeding PSP94 level of 16 ng/ml should be repeated with more diluted samples. Dilution factor needs to be taken into consideration in calculating the PSP94 concentration.

Specificity

The antibodies used in this ELISA are specific for human PSP94. Sera of several mammalian species were measured in the assay. See results below. For details please contact us at info@biovendor.com.

Mammalian serum	Observed
sample	crossreactivity
Bovine	no
Cat	no
Dog	no
Goat	no
Hamster	no
Horse	no
Monkey	no
Mouse	no
Pig	no
Rabbit	no
Rat	no
Sheep	no

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Presented results are multiplied by respective dilution factor

Precision

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

Sample	Mean	SD	CV
	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	(%)
1	14.0	1.0	7.0
2	18.5	1.1	5.9

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

Sample	Mean	SD	CV
	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	(%)
1	14.6	0.8	5.3
2	24.2	1.2	4.9

• Spiking Recovery

Serum and BALF samples were spiked with different amounts of PSP94 and assayed.

Serum	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery O/E
sample	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	(%)
1	8.9	-	-
	26.1	28.9	90.4
	17.8	18.9	94.0
	12.6	13.9	90.6
2	16.7	-	-
	34.2	36.7	93.0
	27.3	26.7	102.3
	20.9	21.7	96.0

BALF	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery O/E
sample	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	(%)
1	108.4	-	-
	300.7	308.4	97.5
	194.7	208.4	93.4
	168.5	158.4	106.3
2	252.6	-	-
	462.8	452.6	102.3
	341.0	352.6	96.7
	328.7	302.6	108.6

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• Linearity
Serum and BALF samples were serially diluted with Dilution Buffer and assayed.

Serum	Dilution	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery
sample		(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	O/E (%)
1	-	30.8	-	-
	2x	15.0	15.4	97.6
	4x	8.9	7.7	116.0
	8x	3.7	3.9	95.8
2	-	38.2	-	-
	2x	18.4	19.1	96.3
	4x	10.8	9.6	112.9
	8x	5.1	4.8	106.8

BALF	Dilution	O bserved	E xpected	Recovery
sample		(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	O/E (%)
1	-	770.4	-	-
	2x	361.9	385.2	94.0
	4x	190.0	192.6	98.7
	8x	90.8	96.3	94.3
2	-	663.6	-	-
	2x	362.1	331.8	109.1
	4x	166.4	165.9	100.3
	8x	88.9	82.9	107.1

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Effect of sample matrix

EDTA, citrate and heparin plasmas were compared to respective serum samples from the same 10 individuals.

Results are shown below:

Volunteer	Serum	Plasma (ng/ml)		
No.	(ng/ml)	EDTA	Citrate	Heparin
1	10.1	10.6	9.4	11.4
2	14.6	11.6	9.7	13.8
3	8.3	8.5	7.4	8.5
4	4.3	4.8	2.9	4.4
5	8.5	9.1	7.8	10.0
6	9.1	8.8	6.9	8.9
7	7.3	7.1	6.9	8.0
8	21.4	21.3	18.0	21.6
9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.4
10	14.6	17.0	14.6	16.4
Mean (ng/ml)	10.0	10.0	8.5	10.5
Mean Plasma/Serum (%)	-	101	85	105
Coefficient of determination R ²	-	0.946	0.929	0.979

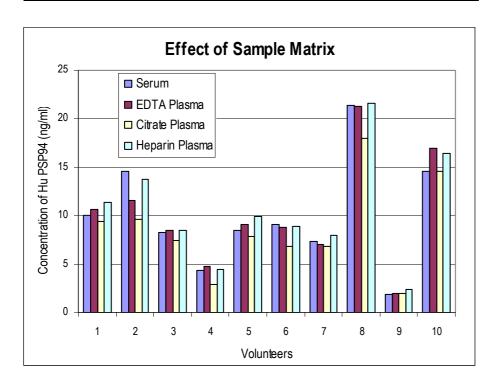


Figure 3: PSP94 levels measured using Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA from 10 individuals using serum, EDTA, citrate and heparin plasma, respectively.

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Stability of samples stored at 2-8°C

Samples should be stored at -20° C. However, no decline in concentration of PSP94 was observed in serum and plasma 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.

Sample	Incubation	Serum	Plasma (ng/ml)		
Sample	Temp, Period	iod (ng/ml) EDTA		Citrate	Heparin
	-20°C	8.4	9.8	9.4	8.8
1	2-8°C, 1 day	9.8	9.6	9.7	8.3
	2-8°C, 7 days	8.4	10.0	10.3	9.2
	-20°C	12.0	10.4	11.6	9.4
2	2-8°C, 1 day	10.3	12.2	11.7	12.5
	2-8°C, 7 days	12.4	11.2	13.2	10.3
	-20°C	20.2	22.8	24.7	22.0
3	2-8°C, 1 day	23.1	23.1	22.2	18.0
	2-8°C, 7 days	20.6	26.0	27.5	24.1

Effect of Freezing/Thawing

No decline was observed in concentration of human PSP94 in serum and plasma samples after repeated (5x) freeze/thaw cycles. However it is recommended to avoid unnecessary repeated freezing/thawing of the samples.

Sample	Number of f/t	Serum	Plasma (ng/ml)			
Sample	cycles	(ng/ml)	EDTA	Citrate	Heparin	
	1x	19.5	20.7	20.0	21.7	
1	3x	21.4	22.4	23.0	17.7	
	5x	19.8	20.1	21.4	23.4	
	1x	19.9	21.6	21.0	17.6	
2	3x	17.8	20.2	20.3	18.4	
	5x	19.0	19.9	18.9	16.4	
	1x	9.9	10.6	11.0	10.4	
3	3x	11.6	11.5	10.8	8.9	
	5x	9.7	11.4	10.9	11.4	

14. DEFINITION OF THE STANDARD

The recombinant human PSP94 is used as the Standard. The recombinant human PSP94 (AA 1 – 94), produced in *E.coli*, is 12.01 kDa protein containing 94 amino acid residues of the human PSP94 and 10 extra AA.

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The following results were obtained when serum samples from 123 unselected donors (74 men + 49 women) 15-82 years old were assayed with the Biovendor Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA in our laboratory.

Age and sex dependent distribution of PSP94

Sex	Age	n	Mean	SD	Min.	Мах.
	(years)		PSP94 (ng/ml)			
Men	18-29	24	20.4	7.2	9.3	39.9
	30-39	20	22.9	12.2	7.4	53.3
	40-49	16	22.4	9.2	3.8	41.4
	50-64	14	21.3	12.2	6.0	50.4
Women	15-29	13	15.6	3.8	7.8	21.7
	30-37	9	13.8	4.7	7.4	21.7
	40-48	13	15.1	7.8	8.5	40.1
	50-82	14	12.1	4.7	6.1	21.5

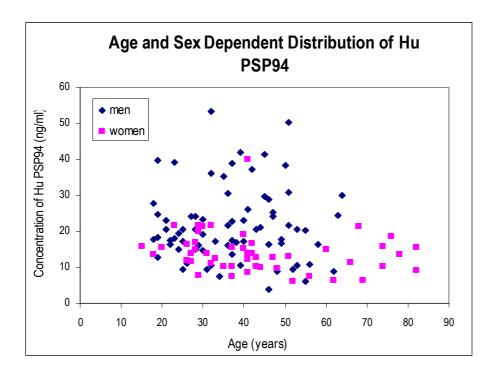


Figure 4: PSP94 concentration plotted against donor age and sex.

Reference range

The data quoted in these instructions should be used for guidance only. It is recommended that each laboratory include its own panel of control samples in the assay. Each laboratory should establish its own normal and pathological references ranges for PSP94 levels with the assay.

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METHOD COMPARISON

BioVendor Human Prostate Secretory Protein 94 ELISA has not been compared to any other commercial immunoassay.

17. 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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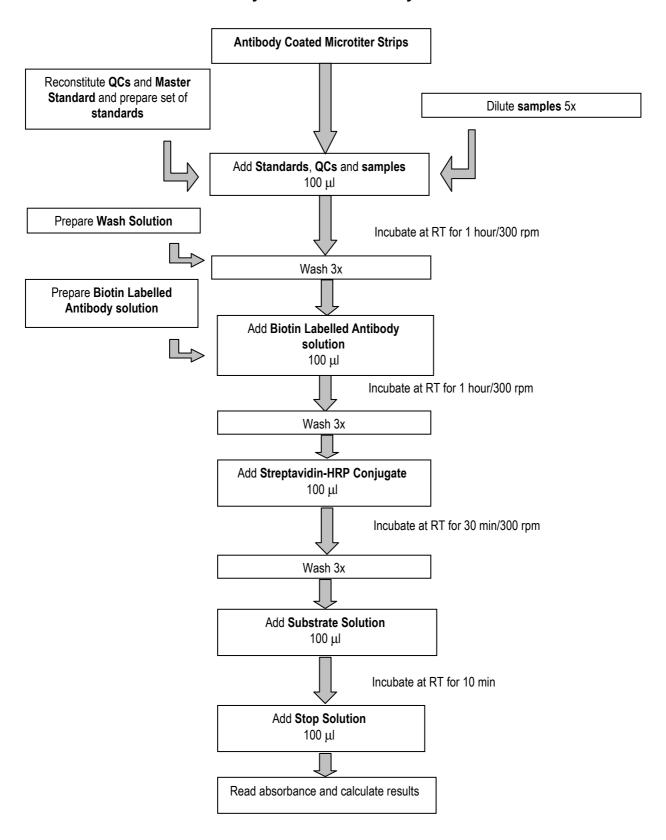
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19. EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

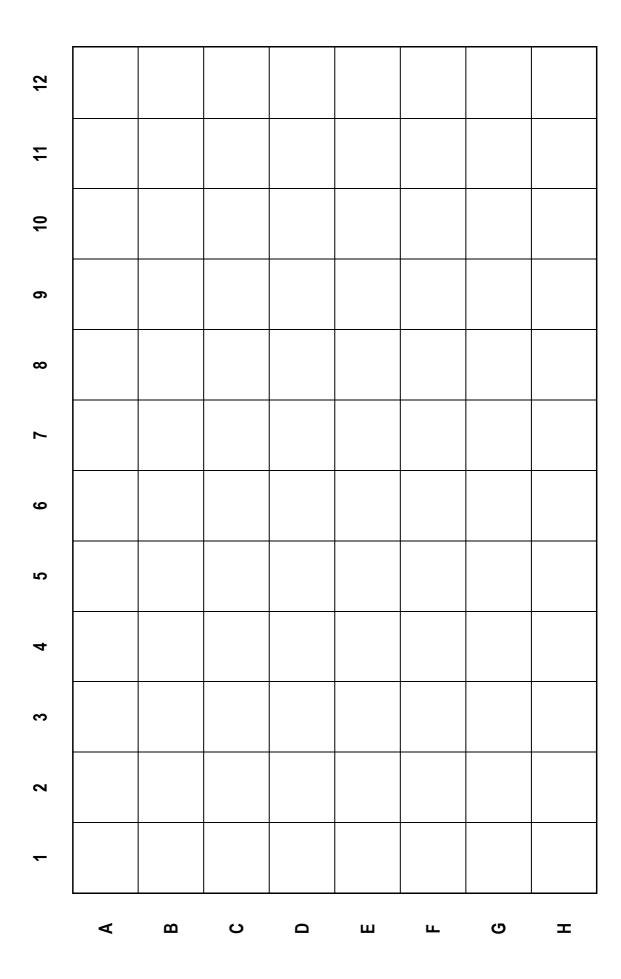
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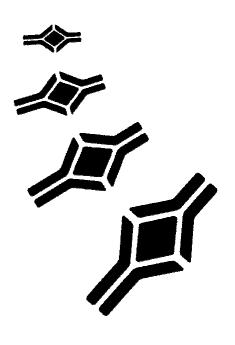


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