

## DRG<sup>®</sup> Human Adiponectin ELISA (EIA-4574)



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*Please use only the valid version of the package insert provided with the kit.*

### 1 INTENDED USE

The Human Adiponectin ELISA is a competitive enzyme immunoassay for measurement of human adiponectin.

This kit is intended for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

### Features

- The total assay time is less than 3 hours.
- The kit measures total adiponectin in serum and plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin).
- Assay format is 96 wells.
- Quality Controls are human serum based.
- Standards are recombinant adiponectin based.
- Components of the kit are provided ready to use or concentrated.

### 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 TEST PRINCIPLE

In the Human Adiponectin ELISA, standards, quality controls and samples are incubated in microplate wells pre-coated with recombinant human adiponectin together with polyclonal anti-human adiponectin antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP). After a washing step, the HRP conjugate bound to the adiponectin immobilized on the wells 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 inversely proportional to the adiponectin concentration. A standard curve is constructed by plotting absorbance values against adiponectin of standards, and concentrations of unknown samples are determined using this standard curve.

### 4 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

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- 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.

### 5 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.

### 6 REAGENT SUPPLIED

Kit Components	State	Quantity
Antigen <b>Coated Microtiter Strips</b>	ready to use	96 wells
<b>Conjugate</b> Solution	ready to use	7 ml
Set of <b>Standards</b>	concentrated	7 x 0.22 ml
Quality <b>Control High</b>	ready to use	0.4 ml
Quality <b>Control Low</b>	ready to use	0.4 ml
<b>Dilution Buffer</b>	ready to use	2 x 13 ml
<b>Wash Solution</b> Conc. (10x)	concentrated	100 ml
<b>Substrate Solution</b>	ready to use	2 x 13 ml
<b>Stop Solution</b>	ready to use	9 ml
Product Data Sheet + Certificate of Analysis		1 pc

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### 7 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 µl with disposable tips
- Multichannel pipette to deliver 50-200 µl with disposable tips
- Absorbent material (e.g. paper towels) for blotting the microtiter 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)

### 8 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:

##### **Antigen Coated Microtiter Strips**

##### Stability and storage:

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

##### **Conjugate Solution**

##### **Dilution Buffer**

##### **Substrate Solution**

##### **Stop Solution**

##### Stability and storage:

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

##### **Quality Controls High, Low**

**Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for current Quality Control concentration!!!**

Quality Controls are ready to use, do not dilute them. (Quality Controls are supplied diluted 30x).

##### Stability and storage

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

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### Assay reagents supplied concentrated:

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#### **Human Adiponectin Standards**

Dilute each concentration of Standards 3x with the Dilution Buffer just prior to the assay, e.g. 50 µl of Standard + 100 µl of Dilution Buffer for duplicates. Mix well (not to foam).

#### Stability and storage:

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

**Do not store the diluted Standard solutions.**

#### **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.

## **9 PREPARATION OF SAMPLES**

The kit measures adiponectin in serum and plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin)..

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 30x with Dilution Buffer just prior to the assay

e.g. 10 µl of sample + 290 µl of Dilution Buffer for duplicates. **Mix well** (not to foam). Vortex is recommended.

#### Stability and storage:

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 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 adiponectin.

*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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## 10 ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. Pipet **50 µl** of diluted Standards, samples, Quality Controls and Dilution Buffer (=Blank), preferably in duplicates, into the appropriate wells. See Figure 1 for example of work sheet.
2. Add **50 µl** of Conjugate Solution into each well.
3. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca. 25°C) for **2 hour**, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an orbital microplate shaker.
4. 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.
5. Add **200 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.
6. Incubate the plate for **10-15 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.
7. Stop the colour development by adding **50 µl** of Stop Solution.
8. 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 7.

*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 adiponectin 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
<b>A</b>	<b>Standard 10</b>	<b>QC High</b>	Sample 7	Sample 15	Sample 23	Sample 31
<b>B</b>	<b>Standard 5</b>	<b>QC Low</b>	Sample 8	Sample 16	Sample 24	Sample 32
<b>C</b>	<b>Standard 2</b>	Sample 1	Sample 9	Sample 17	Sample 25	Sample 33
<b>D</b>	<b>Standard 1</b>	Sample 2	Sample 10	Sample 18	Sample 26	Sample 34
<b>E</b>	<b>Standard 0.5</b>	Sample 3	Sample 11	Sample 19	Sample 27	Sample 35
<b>F</b>	<b>Standard 0.2</b>	Sample 4	Sample 12	Sample 20	Sample 28	Sample 36
<b>G</b>	<b>Standard 0.1</b>	Sample 5	Sample 13	Sample 21	Sample 29	Sample 37
<b>H</b>	Blank	Sample 6	Sample 14	Sample 22	Sample 30	Sample 38

Figure 1: Example of a work sheet.

## 11 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 adiponectin µg/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 and Quality Controls calculated from the standard curve must be multiplied by a dilution factor of 10, because as standards are diluted 3x and samples and Quality Controls are diluted 30x, e.g. 1.05 µg/ml (from standard curve) x 10 (dilution factor) = 10.5 µg/ml.**

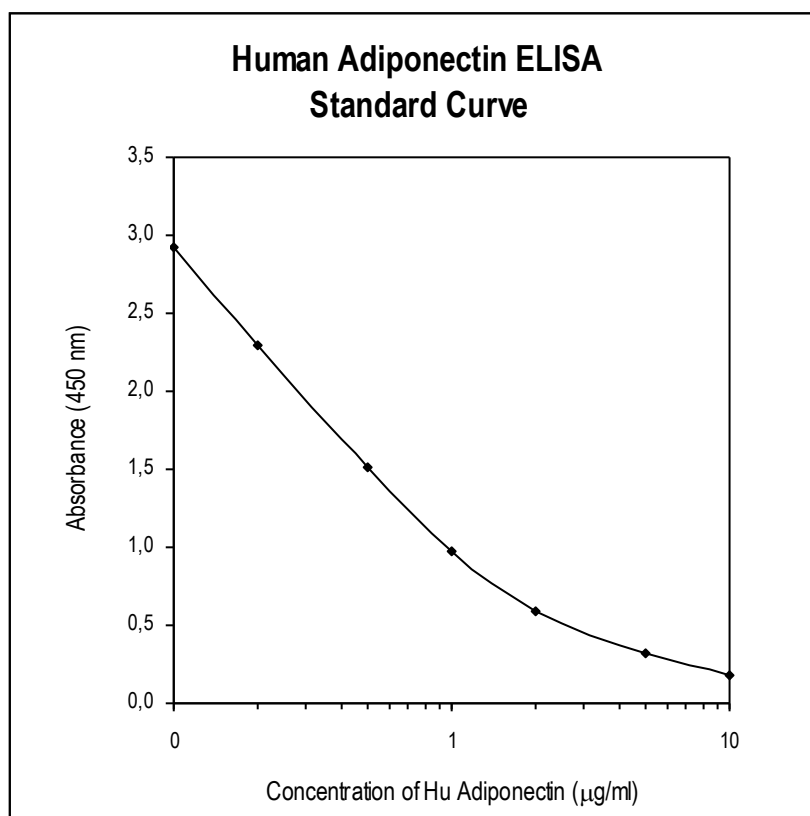


Figure 2: Typical Standard Curve for Human Adiponectin ELISA.

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**12 STABILITY OF SAMPLES STORED AT 2-8°C**

Samples should be stored at -20°C. However, no significant decline in concentration of human adiponectin was observed in serum and plasma samples after 7 days when stored at 2-8°C. To avoid microbial contamination, samples were treated with  $\epsilon$ -aminocaproic acid and sodium azide, resulting in the final concentration of 0.03% and 0.1%, respectively.

Sample	Incubation Temp, Period	Serum ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Plasma ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )		
			EDTA	Citrate	Heparin
1	-20°C	2.01	2.08	1.79	1.16
	2-8°C, 1 day	2.07	1.89	1.69	1.85
	2-8°C, 7 days	1.86	1.89	1.64	1.67
2	-20°C	7.30	6.76	6.56	5.78
	2-8°C, 1 day	7.24	6.83	6.39	6.20
	2-8°C, 7 days	7.10	7.07	5.87	6.20
3	-20°C	10.72	15.13	11.75	11.02
	2-8°C, 1 day	10.99	13.65	12.36	10.89
	2-8°C, 7 days	12.16	13.38	10.59	10.48

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### 12.1 Effect of Freezing/Thawing

No significant decline was observed in concentration of human adiponectin 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 cycles	Serum ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Plasma ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )		
			EDTA	Citrate	Heparin
1	1x	7.17	7.88	6.25	7.47
	3x	7.38	8.99	7.88	8.98
	5x	6.87	10.31	7.98	10.57
2	1x	10.86	13.16	10.83	10.60
	3x	13.53	14.47	13.21	11.51
	5x	11.23	11.22	8.64	10.96
3	1x	10.66	8.80	8.66	9.17
	3x	9.52	10.34	9.09	8.75
	5x	10.13	8.54	9.26	8.89

### 13 DEFINITION OF THE STANDARD

The recombinant human adiponectin is used as the Standard. The recombinant human adiponectin is produced in HEK293 cell line and contains 225 amino acid residues of the human adiponectin and 8 extra AA.



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## **14 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

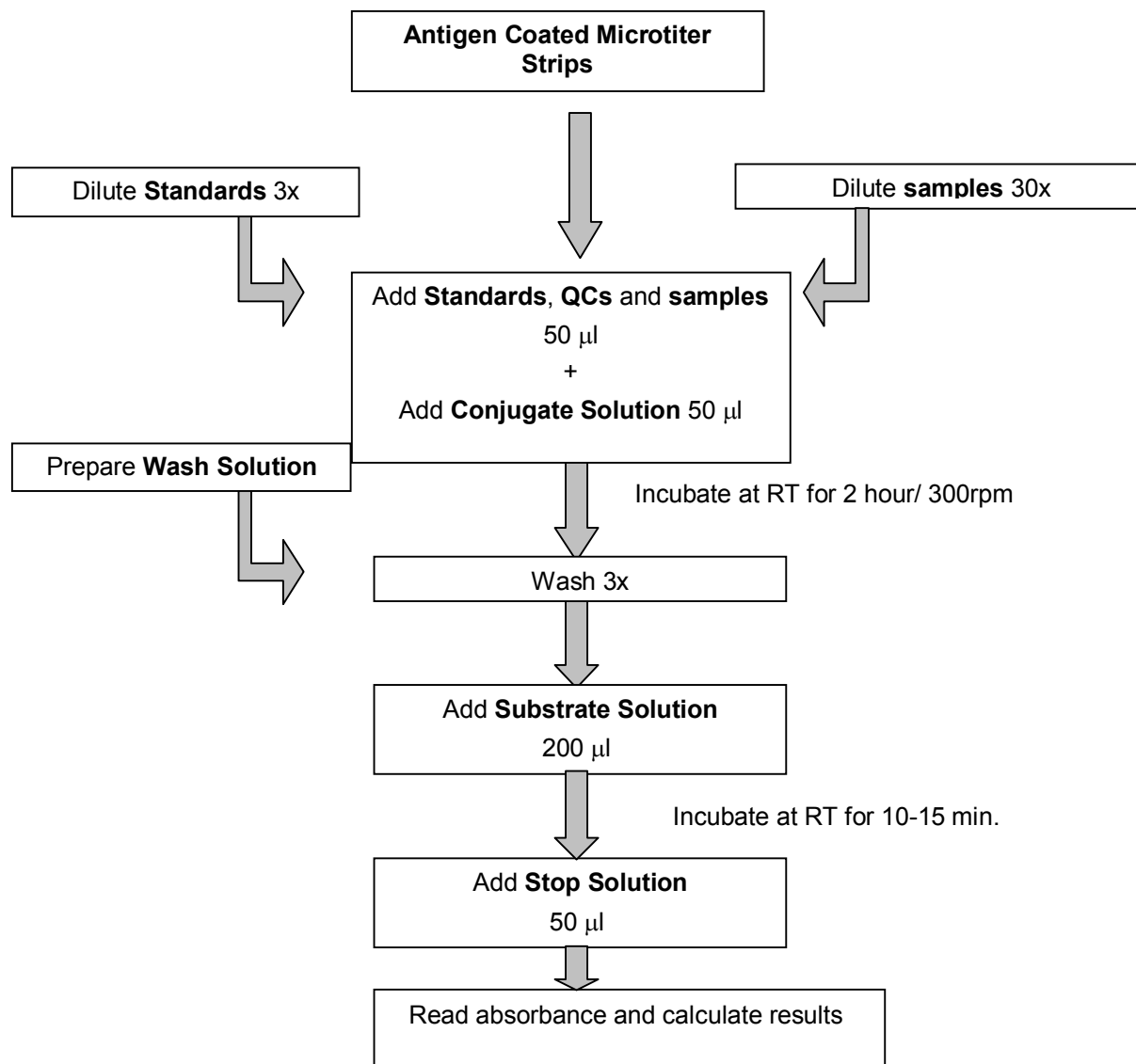
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Assay Procedure Summary



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