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

*This kit is intended for Research Use Only.*

*Not for use in diagnostic procedures.*

*Species Independent*

*Sample Types Validated:*

Saliva, Urine, Serum, EDTA and Heparin Plasma and Tissue Culture Media

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## **1 ASSAY PRINCIPLE**

The Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> (PGE<sub>2</sub>) Immunoassay kit is designed to quantitatively measure PGE<sub>2</sub> present in serum, plasma, urine, saliva and tissue culture media samples.

Please read the complete kit insert before performing this assay.

A PGE<sub>2</sub> standard is provided to generate a standard curve for the assay and all samples should be read off the standard curve. Standards or diluted samples are pipetted into a clear microtiter plate coated with an antibody to capture mouse IgG. A PGE<sub>2</sub>-peroxidase conjugate is added to the standards and samples in the wells. The binding reaction is initiated by the addition of a monoclonal antibody to PGE<sub>2</sub> to each well. After a 2 hour incubation, the plate is washed and substrate is added. The substrate reacts with the bound PGE<sub>2</sub>-peroxidase conjugate. After a short incubation, the reaction is stopped and the intensity of the generated color is detected in a microtiter plate reader capable of measuring 450nm wavelength. The concentration of the PGE<sub>2</sub> in the sample is calculated, after making suitable correction for the dilution of the sample, using software available with most plate readers

## **2 SUPPLIED COMPONENTS**

### **Coated Clear 96 Well Plate**

A clear plastic microtiter plate coated with goat anti-mouse IgG.  
1 each

### **Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> Standard**

Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> at 20,000 pg/mL in a special stabilizing solution.  
70 µL

### **Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> Antibody**

A mouse monoclonal antibody specific for Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>.  
3 mL

### **Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> Conjugate**

A Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>-peroxidase conjugate in a special stabilizing solution.  
3 mL

### **Assay Buffer**

One plate kit uses a ready-to-use Assay Buffer.  
28 mL

### **Wash Buffer Concentrate**

A 20X concentrate that should be diluted with deionized or distilled water.  
30 mL

### **TMB Substrate**

15 mL

### **Stop Solution**

A 1M solution of hydrochloric acid. CAUSTIC.  
5 mL

### **Plate Sealer**

1 each

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### **3 STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

**All components of this kit should be stored at -20°C until the expiration date of the kit.**

**Once opened the kit can be stored at 4°C for up to 3 months.**

### **4 OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED**

Distilled or deionized water.

A microplate shaker.

Colorimetric 96 well microplate reader capable of reading optical density at 450 nm, preferably with correction at between 570 and 590 nm.

Software for converting raw relative optical density readings from the plate reader and carrying out four parameter logistic curve (4PLC) fitting. Contact your plate reader manufacturer for details.

### **5 PRECAUTIONS**

As with all such products, this kit should only be used by qualified personnel who have had laboratory safety instruction. The complete insert should be read and understood before attempting to use the product.

The Stop Solution is acid. The solution should not come in contact with skin or eyes. Take appropriate precautions when handling this reagent.

### **6 SAMPLE TYPES**

This assay has been validated for saliva, urine, serum, EDTA and heparin plasma samples and for tissue culture samples.

A general cyclooxygenase inhibitor, such as meclofenamic acid or indomethacin at 15  $\mu$ M should be added immediately after collection of any biological samples, such as serum and plasma.

All samples should be frozen rapidly in dry ice/ethanol and **stored at -80°C**.

Samples containing visible particulate should be centrifuged prior to using.

Severely hemolyzed samples should not be used in this kit.

All samples containing lipids may interfere with the measurement of PGE<sub>2</sub>. Samples containing high lipid content may be extracted as described below. A useful online resource for the extraction of bioactive lipids can be found at:

[http://lipidlibrary.aocs.org/topics/spe\\_alm/index.htm#ext](http://lipidlibrary.aocs.org/topics/spe_alm/index.htm#ext) .

Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> is identical across all species and we expect this kit may measure prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> from sources other than human. The end user should evaluate recoveries of prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> in other samples being tested.

### **7 SAMPLE PREPARATION**

#### **Serum and Plasma Samples**

Serum and plasma samples should be diluted  $\geq$  1:10 with the supplied Assay Buffer prior running in the assay. **Mouse serum and plasma samples** need to be diluted  $\geq$  1:20 with the supplied Assay Buffer prior running in the assay to minimize any interference of mouse IgG on the assay.

#### **Urine Samples**



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Urine samples should be diluted  $\geq 1:8$  with the supplied Assay Buffer prior running in the assay.

### **Saliva Samples**

Saliva samples should be diluted  $\geq 1:2$  with the supplied Assay Buffer prior running in the assay.

### **Tissue Culture Media**

For measuring prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> in tissue culture media (TCM), samples should be read off a standard curve generated in TCM. Samples may need to be diluted further in TCM. We have validated the assay using RPMI-1640.

### **Extracted Samples**

We have a detailed Extraction Protocol available upon request.

The ethanol concentration in the final Assay Buffer dilution added to the well should be  $<5\%$ .

**Use all samples within 2 hours of preparation.**

## **8 REAGENT PREPARATION**

Allow the kit reagents to thaw and come to room temperature for 30-60 minutes. We recommend that all standards and samples be run in duplicate to allow the end user to accurately determine prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> concentrations. Ensure that all samples have reached room temperature and have been diluted as appropriate prior to running them in the kit.

### **Wash Buffer**

Dilute Wash Buffer Concentrate 1:20 by adding one part of the concentrate to nineteen parts of deionized water. Once diluted this is stable at room temperature for 3 months.

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**Standard Preparation**

Label six test tubes as #1 through #6.

Pipet 475 µL of Assay Buffer into tube #1 and 250 µL into tubes #2 to #6.

**The Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> stock solution contains an organic solvent. Pre-rinse the pipet tip several times to ensure accurate delivery.**

Carefully add 25 µL of the Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> stock solution to tube #1 and vortex completely.

Take 250 µL of the Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> solution in tube #1 and add it to tube #2 and vortex completely.

Repeat the serial dilutions for tubes #3 through #6.

The concentration of Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> in tubes 1 through 6 will be 1,000, 500, 250, 125, 62.5, and 31.25 pg/mL.

**Use all Standards within 2 hours of preparation.**

	Std 1	Std 2	Std 3	Std 4	Std 5	Std 6
<b>Assay Buffer (µL)</b>	<b>475</b>	250	250	250	250	250
<b>Addition</b>	Stock	Std 1	Std 2	Std 3	Std 4	Std 5
<b>Vol of Addition (µL)</b>	<b>25</b>	250	250	250	250	250
<b>Final Conc (pg/mL)</b>	1,000	500	250	125	62.5	31.25

**9 ASSAY PROTOCOL**

1. Use the plate layout sheet on the back page to aid in proper sample and standard identification. Determine the number of wells to be used and return unused wells to the foil pouch with desiccant. Seal the ziploc plate bag and store at 4°C.
2. Pipet 100 µL of samples or standards into wells in the plate.
3. Pipet 125 µL of Assay Buffer into the non-specific binding (NSB) wells.
4. Pipet 100 µL of Assay Buffer into wells to act as maximum binding wells (Bo or 0 pg/mL).
5. Add 25 µL of the Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> Conjugate to each well using a repeater or multichannel pipet.
6. Add 25 µL of the Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> Antibody to each well, **except the NSB wells**, using a repeater or multichannel pipet.
7. Gently tap the sides of the plate to ensure adequate mixing of the reagents. Cover the plate with the plate sealer and shake at room temperature for 2 hours. If the plate is not shaken signals bound will be approximately 40% lower.
8. Aspirate the plate and wash 4 times with the wash buffer. Tap the plate dry on absorbent towels.
9. Add 150 µL of the TMB Substrate to each well, using a repeater or a multichannel pipet.
10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 30 minutes without shaking.
11. Add 50 µL of the Stop Solution to each well, using a repeater or a multichannel pipet.

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12. Read the optical density generated from each well in a plate reader capable of reading at 450 nm.
13. Use the plate reader's built-in 4PLC software capabilities to calculate prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> concentration for each sample.

## 10 CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate OD readings for each standard and sample. Create a standard curve by reducing the data using the 4PLC fitting routine on the plate reader, after subtracting the mean OD's for the NSB. The sample concentrations obtained, calculated from the %B/B<sub>0</sub> curve, should be multiplied by the dilution factor to obtain neat sample values.

### Typical Data

Sample	Mean OD	Net OD	% B/B <sub>0</sub>	PGE <sub>2</sub> Conc. (pg/mL)
NSB	0.101	0	-	-
Standard 1	0.293	0.192	9.3	1,000
Standard 2	0.516	0.415	20.2	500
Standard 3	0.809	0.708	34.5	250
Standard 4	1.198	1.097	53.4	125
Standard 5	1.554	1.453	70.7	62.5
Standard 6	1.786	1.685	82.0	31.25
B <sub>0</sub>	2.156	2.055	100.0	0
Sample 1	0.393	0.292	14.2	693.9
Sample 2	1.553	1.452	70.7	61.8

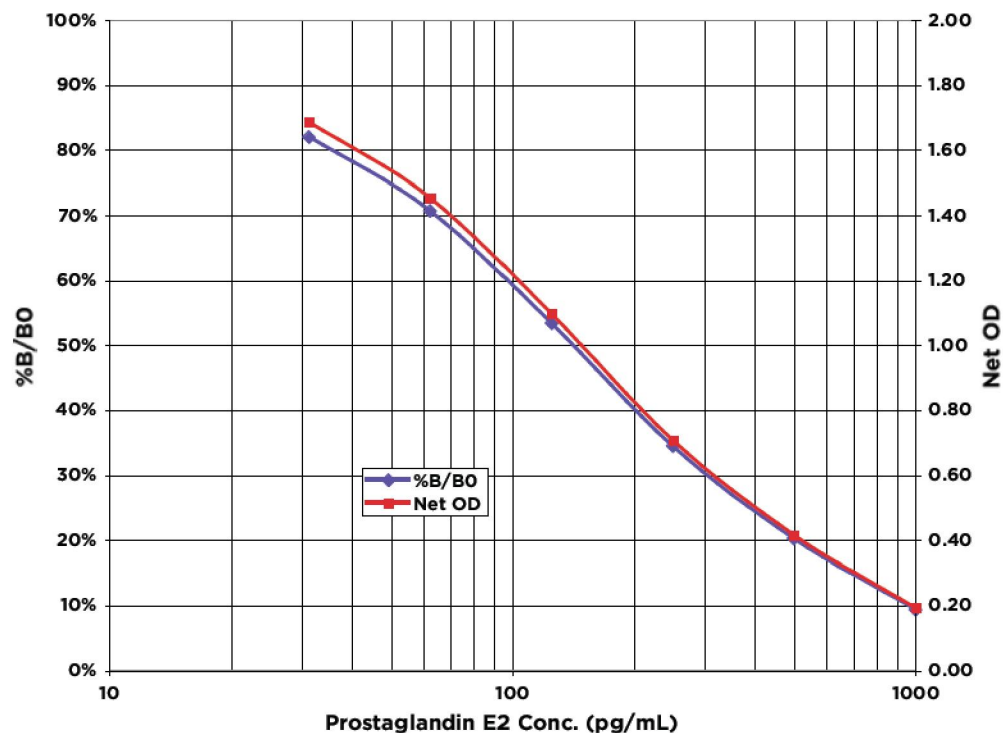
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**Conversion Factor: 100 pg/mL of prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> is equivalent to 283.7 pM.**

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### Typical Standard Curves



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## **11 LIMITED WARRANTY**

DRG warrants that at the time of shipment this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty is in lieu of any other warranty expressed or implied, including but not limited to, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

We must be notified of any breach of this warranty within 48 hours of receipt of the product. No claim shall be honored if we are not notified within this time period, or if the product has been stored in any way other than outlined in this publication. The sole and exclusive remedy of the customer for any liability based upon this warranty is limited to the replacement of the product, or refund of the invoice price of the goods.

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