



## DRG® IL-6 Porcine Elisa (EIA-1869)

### For Veterinary Use

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Intended Use

The **DRG Interleukin-6 (Porcine) ELISA** is an enzyme immunoassay for the quantitative in vitro measurement of porcine IL-6 in serum.

**This kit is for research use only and is not to be used in diagnostic procedures.**

## 2 PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

The DRG Interleukin-6 (Porcine) ELISA Kit is a solid phase enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) based on the sandwich principle.

The intensity of colour developed is proportional to the concentration of IL-6 in the sample.

## 3 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

1. This kit is for research use only and is not to be used in diagnostic procedures.
2. All blood components and biological materials should be handled as potentially hazardous in use and for disposal. Follow universal precautions as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when handling and disposing of infectious agents.
3. Before starting the assay, read the instructions completely and carefully. Use the valid version of the package insert provided with the kit. Be sure that everything is understood.
4. The microplate contains snap-off strips. Unused wells must be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C in the sealed foil pouch and used in the frame provided.
5. Pipetting of samples and reagents must be done as quickly as possible and in the same sequence for each step.
6. Use reservoirs only for single reagents. This especially applies to the substrate reservoirs. Using a reservoir for dispensing a substrate solution that had previously been used for the conjugate solution may turn solution colored. Do not pour reagents back into vials as reagent contamination may occur.
7. Mix the contents of the microplate wells thoroughly to ensure good test results. Do not reuse microwells.
8. Do not let wells dry during assay; add reagents immediately after completing the rinsing steps.
9. Allow the reagents to reach room temperature (21-26°C) before starting the test. Temperature will affect the absorbance readings of the assay. However, values for the patient samples will not be affected.
10. Never pipet by mouth and avoid contact of reagents and specimens with skin and mucous membranes.
11. Do not smoke, eat, drink or apply cosmetics in areas where specimens or kit reagents are handled.
12. Wear disposable latex gloves when handling specimens and reagents. Microbial contamination of reagents or specimens may give false results.
13. Handling should be done in accordance with the procedures defined by an appropriate national biohazard safety guideline or regulation.
14. Do not use reagents beyond expiry date as shown on the kit labels.
15. All indicated volumes have to be performed according to the protocol. Optimal test results are only obtained when using calibrated pipettes and microtiterplate readers.
16. Do not mix or use components from kits with different lot numbers. It is advised not to exchange wells of different plates even of the same lot. The kits may have been shipped or stored under different conditions and the binding characteristics of the plates may result slightly different.
17. Avoid contact with *Stop Solution* containing 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. It may cause skin irritation and burns.

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18. TMB substrate has an irritant effect on skin and mucosa. In case of possible contact, wash eyes with an abundant volume of water and skin with soap and abundant water. Wash contaminated objects before reusing them. If inhaled, take the person to open air.
19. Chemicals and prepared or used reagents have to be treated as hazardous waste according to the national biohazard safety guideline or regulation.

### **4 REAGENTS**

#### **4.1 Reagents provided**

1. **Microtiterwells**, 12x8 (break apart) strips, 96 wells;  
Wells coated with anti-IL-6 antibody (polyclonal).
2. **Standard (Standard 0-6)**, 7 vials, 1 mL, ready to use;  
Concentrations: 0, 125, 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000 pg/mL
3. **Enzyme Conjugate**, 1 vial, 11 mL, ready to use,  
biotinylated anti porcine IL-6 antibody.
4. **Enzyme Complex**, 1 vial, 11 mL, ready to use  
Streptavidin, conjugated to HRP.
5. **Substrate Solution**, 1 vial, 14 mL, ready to use,  
Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB).
6. **Stop Solution**, 1 vial, 14 mL, ready to use,  
contains 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>,  
Avoid contact with the stop solution. It may cause skin irritations and burns.
7. **Wash Solution**, 1 vial, 30 mL (40X concentrated),  
see „Preparation of Reagents“.

#### **4.2 Materials required but not provided**

- A microtiter plate calibrated reader (450 ± 10 nm) (e.g. the DRG Instruments Microtiter Plate Reader).
- Calibrated variable precision micropipettes.
- Absorbent paper.
- Distilled or deionized water
- Timer
- Semi logarithmic graph paper or software for data reduction

#### **4.3 Storage Conditions**

When stored at 2 °C to 8 °C unopened reagents will retain reactivity until expiration date. Do not use reagents beyond this date.

Opened reagents must be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C. Microtiter wells must be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C. Once the foil bag has been opened, care should be taken to close it tightly again.

#### **4.4 Reagent Preparation**

Bring all reagents and required number of strips to room temperature prior to use.

#### **Wash Solution**

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Add deionized water to the 40X concentrated Wash Solution.

Dilute 30 mL of concentrated *Wash Solution* with 1170 mL deionized water to a final volume of 1200 mL.

*The diluted Wash Solution is stable for 2 weeks at room temperature.*

**4.5 Disposal of the Kit**

The disposal of the kit must be made according to the national regulations.

**4.6 Damaged Test Kits**

In case of any severe damage to the test kit or components, DRG has to be informed in writing, at the latest, one week after receiving the kit. Severely damaged single components should not be used for a test run. They have to be stored until a final solution has been found. After this, they should be disposed according to the official regulations.

**5 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION**

Serum can be used in this assay.

Do not use haemolytic, icteric or lipaemic specimens.

Please note: Samples containing sodium azide should not be used in the assay.

**6 ASSAY PROCEDURE****6.1 General Remarks**

- All reagents and specimens must be allowed to come to room temperature before use. All reagents must be mixed without foaming.
- Once the test has been started, all steps should be completed without interruption.
- Use new disposal plastic pipette tips for each standard, control or sample in order to avoid cross contamination.
- Absorbance is a function of the incubation time and temperature. Before starting the assay, it is recommended that all reagents are ready, caps removed, all needed wells secured in holder, etc. This will ensure equal elapsed time for each pipetting step without interruption.
- As a general rule the enzymatic reaction is linearly proportional to time and temperature.

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Each run must include a standard curve.

1. Secure the desired number of Microtiter wells in the frame holder.
2. Dispense **100 µL** of each *Standard* and *samples* with new disposable tips into appropriate wells.
3. Incubate for **120 minutes** at room temperature.
4. Briskly shake out the contents of the wells.  
Rinse the wells **3 times** with diluted *Wash Solution* (400 µL per well). Strike the wells sharply on absorbent paper to remove residual droplets.  
**Important note:**  
The sensitivity and precision of this assay is markedly influenced by the correct performance of the washing procedure!
5. Dispense **100 µL Enzyme Conjugate** into each well.
6. Incubate for **120 minutes** at room temperature.
7. Briskly shake out the contents of the wells.  
Rinse the wells **3 times** with diluted *Wash Solution* (400 µL per well). Strike the wells sharply on absorbent paper to remove residual droplets.
8. Dispense **100 µL Enzyme Complex** into each well.
9. Incubate for **20 minutes** at room temperature.
10. Briskly shake out the contents of the wells.  
Rinse the wells **3 times** with diluted *Wash Solution* (400 µL per well). Strike the wells sharply on absorbent paper to remove residual droplets.
11. Add **100 µL of Substrate Solution** to each well.
12. Incubate for **12 -15 minutes** at room temperature.
13. Stop the enzymatic reaction by adding **50 µL of Stop Solution** to each well.
14. Determine the absorbance (OD) of each well at **450 ± 10 nm** with a microtiter plate reader.  
It is recommended that the wells be read **within 10 minutes** after adding the *Stop Solution*.

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1. Calculate the average absorbance values for each set of standards, controls and patient samples.
2. Using semi-logarithmic graph paper, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance obtained from each standard against its concentration with absorbance value on the vertical (Y) axis and concentration on the horizontal (X) axis.
3. Using the mean absorbance value for each sample determine the corresponding concentration from the standard curve.
4. Automated method: The results in the IFU have been calculated automatically using a 4 PL (4 Parameter Logistics) curve fit. 4 Parameter Logistics is the preferred method. Other data reduction functions may give slightly different results.
5. The concentration of the samples can be read directly from this standard curve. Samples with concentrations higher than that of the highest standard have to be further diluted or reported as > 4000 pg/mL. For the calculation of the concentrations this dilution factor has to be taken into account.

**6.3.1 Example of Typical Standard Curve**

The following data is for demonstration only and **cannot** be used in place of data generations at the time of assay.

Standard [pg/mL]	Optical Units (450 nm)
Standard 0 (0)	0.19
Standard 1 (125)	0.25
Standard 2 (250)	0.31
Standard 3 (500)	0.41
Standard 4 (1000)	0.62
Standard 5 (2000)	1.06
Standard 6 (4000)	1.81

**7 SPECIFICITY**











Less than 0.002 % cross reactivity with rrIL-6, rmIL-6 and rhIL-6 was observed.

**8 LIMITATIONS OF USE**

Reliable and reproducible results will be obtained when the assay procedure is performed with a complete understanding of the package insert instruction and with adherence to good laboratory practice.

Any improper handling of samples or modification of this test might influence the results.



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**SYMBOLS USED WITH DRG ELISAS**

Symbol	English	Deutsch	Français	Español	Italiano
	European Conformity	CE-Konformitätskennzeichnung	Conforme aux normes européennes	Conformidad europea	Conformità europea
	Consult instructions for use	Gebrauchsanweisung beachten	Consulter les instructions d'utilisation	Consulte las Instrucciones	Consultare le istruzioni per l'uso
	In vitro diagnostic device	In-vitro-Diagnostikum	Usage Diagnostic in vitro	Para uso Diagnóstico in vitro	Per uso Diagnostica in vitro
	For research use only	Nur für Forschungszwecke	Seulement dans le cadre de recherches	Sólo para uso en investigación	Solo a scopo di ricerca
	Catalogue number	Katalog-Nr.	Référence	Número de catálogo	No. di Cat.
	Lot. No. / Batch code	Chargen-Nr.	No. de lot	Número de lote	Lotto no
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests/	Ausreichend für "n" Ansätze	Contenu suffisant pour "n" tests	Contenido suficiente para <n> ensayos	Contenuto sufficiente per "n" saggi
	Storage Temperature	Lagerungstemperatur	Température de conservation	Temperatura de conservacion	Temperatura di conservazione
	Expiration Date	Mindesthaltbarkeits-datum	Date limite d'utilisation	Fecha de caducidad	Data di scadenza
	Legal Manufacturer	Hersteller	Fabricant	Fabricante	Fabbricante
<i>Distributed by</i>	Distributor	Vertreiber	Distributeur	Distribuidor	Distributore
<i>Content</i>	Content	Inhalt	Contenu	Contenido	Contenuto
<i>Volume/No.</i>	Volume / No.	Volumen/Anzahl	Volume/Numéro	Volumen/Número	Volume/Quantità
<i>Microtiterwells</i>	Microtiterwells	Mikrotiterwells	Plaques de micro-titration	Placas multipocillo	Micropozzetti
<i>Antiserum</i>	Antiserum	Antiserum	Antisérum	Antisero	Antisiero
<i>Enzyme Conjugate</i>	Enzyme Conjugate	Enzymkonjugat	Conjugué enzymatique	Conjugado enzimático	Tracciante enzimatico
<i>Enzyme Complex</i>	Enzyme Complex	Enzymkomplex	Complexe enzymatique	Complex enzimático	Complesso enzimatico
<i>Substrate Solution</i>	Substrate Solution	Substratlösung	Solution substrat	Solución de sustrato	Soluzione di substrato
<i>Stop Solution</i>	Stop Solution	Stopplösung	Solution d'arrêt	Solución de parada	Soluzione d' arresto
<i>Zero Standard</i>	Zero Standard	Nullstandard	Zero Standard	Estándar cero	Standard zero
<i>Standard</i>	Standard	Standard	Standard	Estándar	Standard
<i>Control</i>	Control	Kontrolle	Contrôle	Control	Controllo
<i>Assay Buffer</i>	Assay Buffer	Assaypuffer	Tampon d'essai	Tampón de ensayo	Tampone del test
<i>Wash Solution</i>	Wash Solution	Waschlösung	Solution de lavage	Solución de lavado	Soluzione di lavaggio
<i>1N NaOH</i>	1N NaOH	1N NaOH	1N NaOH	1N NaOH	1N NaOH (idrossido di sodio 1N)
<i>1 N HCl</i>	1 N HCl	1 N HCl	1N HCl	1 N HCl	
<i>Sample Diluent</i>	Sample Diluent	Probenverdünnungs-medium	Solution pour dilution de l'échantillon	Solución para dilución de la muestra	Diluyente dei campioni
<i>Conjugate Diluent</i>	Conjugate Diluent	Konjugatverdünnungs-medium	Solution pour dilution du conjugué	Solución para dilución del conjugado	Diluyente del tracciante

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Symbol	Portugues	Dansk	Svenska	Ελληνικά
	Conformidade com as normas europeias	Europeisk overensstemmelse	Europeisk överensstämmelse	Ευρωπαϊκή Συμμόρφωση
	Consulte as instruções de utilização	Se brugsanvisning	Se bruksanvisningen	Εγχειρίδιο χρήστη
	Diagnóstico in vitro	In vitro diagnostik	Diagnostik in vitro	in vitro διαγνωστικό
				
	Catálogo n.º	Katalognummer	Katalog nummer	Αριθμός καταλόγου
	No do lote	Lot nummer	Batch-nummer	Αριθμός Παρτίδος
		Indeholder tilstrækkeligt til "n" test	Innehåller tillräckligt till "n" tester	Περιεχόμενο επαρκές για «n» εξετάσεις
	Temperatura de conservação	Opbevaringstemperatur	Förvaringstemperatur	Θερμοκρασία αποθήκευσης
	Prazo de validade	Udløbsdato	Bäst före datum	Ημερομηνία λήξης
	Fabricante	Producent	Tillverkare	Κατασκευαστής
<i>Distributed by</i>				
<i>Content</i>	Conteúdo	Indhold	Innehåll	Περιεχόμενο
<i>Volume/No.</i>	Volume/Número	Volumen/antal	Volym/antal	Όγκος/αριθ.
<i>Microtiterwells</i>	Alvéolos de microtitulação	Mikrotiterbrønde	Brunnar i Mikrotiterplatta	Πηγαδάκια Μικροτιτλοδοτήσεως
<i>Antiserum</i>	Anti-soro	Antiserum	Antiserum	Αντιορός
<i>Enzyme Conjugate</i>	Conjugado enzimático	Enzymkonjugat	Enzymkonjugat	Συζευγμένο ενζύμο
<i>Enzyme Complex</i>	Complexo enzimático	Enzymkompleks	Enzymkomplex	Σύμπλοκο ενζύμου
<i>Substrate Solution</i>	Solução de substrato	Substratopløsning	Substratlösning	Διάλυμα υποστρώματος
<i>Stop Solution</i>	Solução de paragem	Stopopløsning	Stopp lösning	Διάλυμα τερματισμού
<i>Zero Standard</i>	Padrão zero	Standard 0	Standard 0	Πρότυπο Μηδέν
<i>Standard</i>	Calibrador	Standard	Standard	Πρότυπα
<i>Control</i>	Controlo	Kontrol	Kontroll	Έλεγχος
<i>Assay Buffer</i>	Tampão de teste	Assay buffer	Assay Buffer	Ρυθμιστικό Διάλυμα Εξέτασης
<i>Wash Solution</i>	Solução de lavagem	Vaskebuffer	Tvätt lösning	Διάλυμα πλύσεως
<i>1N NaOH</i>	1N NaOH	1N NaOH	1N NaOH	1N NaOH
<i>1 N HCl</i>	1 N HCl	1 N HCl	1 N HCl	1 N HCl
<i>Sample Diluent</i>				
<i>Conjugate Diluent</i>				