

Rat/Mouse Fibroblast Growth Factor-21 (FGF-21)

96-Well Plate

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I. INTENDED USE

This Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA kit is used for the non-radioactive quantification of Rat/Mouse FGF-21 in serum, plasma, and adipocyte extracts or cell culture media samples. This kit specifically measures native Rat/Mouse FGF-21. One kit is sufficient to measure 39 unknown samples in duplicate. *This kit is for research purpose only.*

II. PRINCIPLES OF PROCEDURE

This assay is a Sandwich ELISA based, sequentially, on: 1) concurrent capture of Rat/Mouse FGF-21 molecules from samples to the wells of a microtiter plate coated with a polyclonal goat anti-FGF-21 antibody, and binding of a second biotinylated polyclonal goat anti-FGF-21 antibody to the captured molecules , 2) washing of unbound materials from samples, 3) binding of streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase conjugate to the immobilized biotinylated antibodies, 4) washing of excess of free enzyme conjugates, and 5) quantification of immobilized antibody-enzyme conjugates by monitoring horseradish peroxidase activities in the presence of the substrate 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine. The enzyme activity is measured spectrophotometrically by the increase absorbance at 450 nm – 590nm after acidification of formed products. Since the increase in absorbance is directly proportional to the amount of captured Rat/Mouse FGF-21 in the unknown sample, the latter can be derived by interpolation from a reference curve generated in the same assay with reference standards of known concentrations of Rat/Mouse FGF-21.

III. REAGENTS SUPPLIED

Each kit is sufficient to run one 96-well plate and contains the following reagents:

A. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA Plate

Coated with Goat anti-FGF-21 Antibodies Quantity: 1 strip plate Preparation: Ready to Use Note: Unused strips should be resealed in the foil pouch with the desiccant provided and stored at 2-8 ℃.

B. Adhesive Plate Sealer

Quantity: 2 sheets Preparation: Ready to Use

C. 10X HRP Wash Buffer Concentrate

10X concentrate of 50 mM Tris Buffered Saline containing Tween-20 Quantity: 2 bottles containing 50 mL each Preparation: Dilute 1:10 with distilled or deionized water

D. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Standard

Purified Recombinant Mouse FGF-21, lyophilized. Quantity: 0.5 mL upon hydration Preparation: Reconstitute with 0.5 mL distilled or deionized water. See insert for concentration.

E. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Quality Controls 1 and 2

One vial each, lyophilized, containing purified Recombinant Mouse FGF-21 at two different levels. Quantity: 0.5mL/bottle upon hydration Preparation: Reconstitute each vial with 0.5mL distilled or deionized water.

F. Matrix Solution

Quantity: 0.5mL Preparation: Reconstitute with 0.5 mL distilled or deionized water. After reconstitution, dilute 1:2 by adding 0.5 mL Assay Buffer to the vial.

G. Assay Buffer

0.05M PBS, pH 6.8, containing proprietary protease inhibitors, with Tween 20, 0.08% Sodium Azide and 1% BSA. Quantity: 25 mL Preparation: Ready to Use

H. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Detection Antibody

Pre-titered Biotinylated Goat anti-FGF-21 Antibody Quantity: 1.2 mL Preparation: Ready to Use

III. REAGENTS SUPPLIED (continued)

I. Enzyme Solution

Pre-titered Streptavidin-Horseradish Peroxidase Conjugate in Buffer Quantity: 12 mL Preparation: Ready to Use

J. Substrate (Light sensitive, avoid unnecessary exposure to light)
3, 3', 5, 5'-tetramethylbenzidine in buffer
Quantity: 12 mL
Preparation: Ready to Use.

K. Stop Solution (Caution: Corrosive Solution) 0.3 M HCI Quantity: 12 mL

Preparation: Ready to Use

IV. STORAGE AND STABILITY

Prior to use, all components in the kit can be stored up to 2 weeks at 2-8°C. For longer storage (> 2 weeks), freeze diluted Wash Buffer, Assay Buffer, and reconstituted Standards and Controls at $\leq -20^{\circ}$ C. Minimize repeated freeze and thaw of the FGF-21 Standards and Quality Controls. Unused microtiter strips should be resealed in the foil pouch with the desiccant provided and stored at 2-8°C. Refer to expiration dates on all reagents prior to use. Do not mix reagents from different kits unless they have the same lot numbers.

V. REAGENT PRECAUTIONS

A. Sodium Azide

Sodium Azide has been added to certain reagents as a preservative. Although the concentrations are low, Sodium Azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. On disposal, flush with a large volume of water to prevent azide build up.

B. Hydrochloric Acid

Hydrochloric Acid is corrosive and can cause eye and skin burns. It is harmful if swallowed and can cause respiratory and digestive tract burns. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not swallow or ingest.

VI. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- 1. Pipettes and Pipette Tips: 10 μ L 20 μ L or 20 μ L 100 μ L
- 2. Multi-Channel Pipettes and Pipette Tips: $5 \mu L \sim 50 \mu L$ and $50 \mu L \sim 300 \mu L$
- 3. Buffer and Reagent Reservoirs
- 4. Vortex Mixer
- 5. Deionized Water
- 6. Microtiter Plate Reader capable of reading absorbency at 450 nm
- 7. Orbital Microtiter Plate Shaker
- 8. Absorbent Paper or Cloth

VII. SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- 1. To prepare serum samples, whole blood is directly drawn into a centrifuge tube that contains no anti-coagulant. Let blood clot at room temperature for 30 min.
- 2. Promptly centrifuge the clotted blood at 2,000 to 3,000xg for 15 minutes at $4 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C.
- 3. Transfer and store serum samples in separate tubes. Date and identify each sample.
- 4. Use freshly prepared serum or aliquot and store samples at $\leq -20^{\circ}$ C for later use. For long-term storage, keep at -70 °C. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.
- 5. To prepare plasma samples, whole blood should be collected into centrifuge tubes containing enough K₃EDTA to achieve a final concentration of 1.735 mg/mL and centrifuged immediately after collection. Observe the same precautions in the preparation of serum samples.
- 6. If heparin is to be used as an anticoagulant, the effect on the assay outcome at the dose of heparin used should be pre-determined.
- 7. Avoid using samples with gross hemolysis or lipemia.

VIII. REAGENT PREPARATION

A. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Standard Preparation

- 1. Use care in opening the lyophilized Standard vial. Using a pipette, reconstitute the Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Standard with 0.5 mL distilled or deionized water to give a concentration described on the analysis sheet. Invert and mix gently, let sit for 5 minutes then vortex gently.
- Label five tubes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Add 0.25 mL Assay Buffer (AB-GLPHK) to each of the five tubes. Prepare serial dilutions by adding 0.125 mL of the reconstituted standard to Tube 1, mix well and transfer 0.125 mL of Tube 1 to Tube 2, mix well and transfer 0.125 mL of Tube 2 to Tube 3, mix well and transfer 0.125 mL of Tube 3 to Tube 4, mix well and transfer 0.125 mL of Tube 4 to Tube 5 and mix well.

Note: Do not use a Repeater pipette. Change tip for every dilution. Wet tip with Standard before dispensing. Unused portions of standard should be stored at \leq -20 °C. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Volume of Deionized	Volume of Standard	Standard Concentration
Water to Add	to Add	(pg/mL)
0.5 mL	0	X (refer to analysis sheet for exact concentration)

Tube #	Volume of Assay Buffer (AB-GLPHK) to Add	Volume of Standard to Add	Standard Concentration (pg/mL)
Tube 1	0.25 mL	0.125 mL of reconstituted standard	X/3
Tube 2	0.25 mL	0.125 mL of Tube 1	X/9
Tube 3	0.25 mL	0.125 mL of Tube 2	X/27
Tube 4	0.25 mL	0.125 mL of Tube 3	X/81
Tube 5	0.25 mL	0.125 mL of Tube 4	X/243

B. Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Quality Control 1 and 2 Preparation

Use care in opening the lyophilized Quality Control vials. Using a pipette, reconstitute each of the Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Quality Control 1 and Quality Control 2 with 0.5 mL distilled or deionized water into the plastic vials. Invert and mix gently, let sit for 5 minutes then mix well.

C. Matrix Solution Preparation

Reconstitute the EMTX-MSL with 0.5 mL of distilled or deionized water and let sit for 5 minutes. Vortex well and then add 0.5 mL Assay Buffer to the vial and vortex well.

IX. ASSAY PROCEDURE

NOTE: Please follow Assay Procedure carefully for correct samples. There are varying volumes added in Step 5 and Step 6 depending upon the sample type (rat or mouse).

Pre-warm all reagents to room temperature prior to setting up the assay.

- Dilute the 10X Wash Buffer concentrate 10 fold by mixing the entire content of each bottle of Wash Buffer with 450 mL deionized water (dilute both bottles with 900 mL deionized water).
 Note: Hand wash only with multi-channel pipet. Do not use plate washer
- 2. Remove the required number of strips from the Microtiter Assay Plate. Unused strips should be resealed in the foil pouch and stored at 2-8 °C. Assemble the strips in an empty plate holder and wash each well 3 times with 300 μl of diluted Wash Buffer per wash. Decant wash buffer and remove the residual amount from all wells by inverting the plate and tapping it smartly onto absorbent towels several times. Do not let wells dry before proceeding to the next step. Hand wash only with multi-channel pipet. Do not use automated plate washer
- 3. Add in duplicate 20 µL Matrix Solution to blank wells, Standard wells, and Quality Control wells.
- 4. Add in duplicate 20 µL of Assay Buffer to blank wells.
- 5. Add in duplicate **30 μL** of Assay Buffer to all sample wells for **Mouse Samples** or **20 μL** of Assay Buffer to all sample wells for **Rat Samples**.
- Add in duplicate 20 μL Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Standards in the order of ascending concentration to the appropriate wells. Add in duplicate 20 μL QC1 and 20 μL QC2 to the appropriate wells. Add 10 μL of the unknown mouse samples in duplicate to the remaining wells or 20 μl of the unknown rat samples in duplicate to the remaining wells.
- Add 10 µL Detection Antibody to all wells. For best result all additions should be completed within 30 minutes. Cover the plate with plate sealer and incubate at room temperature for 2 hours on an orbital microtiter plate shaker set to rotate at moderate speed, approximately 400 to 500 rpm.
- 8. Remove plate sealer and decant solutions from the plate. Tap as before to remove residual solutions in the wells.
- 9. Hand wash wells 3 times with diluted Wash Buffer, 300 μL per well per wash. Decant and tap firmly after each wash to remove residual buffer.

IX. ASSAY PROCEDURE (continued)

- 10. Add 100 μ L Enzyme Solution to each well. Cover plate with sealer and incubate with moderate shaking at room temperature for 30 minutes on the microtiter plate shaker.
- 11. Remove sealer, decant solutions from the plate, and tap plate to remove the residual fluid.
- 12. Hand wash wells 3 times with diluted Wash Buffer, 300 μL per well per wash. Decant and tap firmly after each wash to remove residual buffer.
- Add 100 μL of Substrate Solution to each well, cover plate with sealer and shake on the plate shaker for **approximately** 5 to 20 minutes. Blue color should be formed in wells of the FGF-21 standards with intensity proportional to increasing concentrations of FGF-21.

Note: Please be aware that the color may develop more quickly or more slowly than the recommended incubation time depending on the localized room temperature. Please visually monitor the color development to optimize the incubation time.

14. Remove sealer and add 100 μL Stop Solution [CAUTION: CORROSIVE SOLUTION] and shake plate by hand to ensure complete mixing of solution in all wells. The blue color should turn to yellow after acidification. Read absorbance at 450 nm and 590nm in a plate reader within 5 minutes and ensure that there are no air bubbles in any well. Record the difference of absorbance units. The absorbance of the highest FGF-21 standard should be approximately 2.0 - 3.0, or not to exceed the capability of the plate reader used.

Note: Mouse sample values must be multiplied by 2 for final FGF-21 concentrations.

Assay Procedure - for Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA kit (Cat. # EZRMFGF21-26K) <u>Mouse Samples</u>

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 7-9	Step 10	Step 10-12	Step 13	Step 13	Step 14	Step 14
Well #			Matrix Solution	Assay Buffer	Standards/Controls Mouse Samples	Detection Ab		Enzyme Solution		Substrate		Stop Solution	
A1, B1	Deionized Water.	wels	20 µL	20 µL	0 μL	10 µL		100 µL	a	100 µL	Ire.	100 μL	
C1, D1	nized	r. ent to	20 µL	0 µL	20 μL of Tube 5		ature.		eratur		peratu		
E1, F1		300 µL Wash Buffer. smartly on absorbent towels	20 µL	0 μL	20 μL of Tube 4		Temperature. Buffer		empe ffer		at Room Temperature.		
G1, H1	50mL	Wash y on at	20 µL	0 μL	20 µL of Tube 3				oom T sh Bu		Room		mn 06
A2, B2	vith 4) אר nartly	20 µL	0 μL	20 µL of Tube 2		at Room μL Wash		: at Rc L Wa:		es at F		and 59
C2, D2	ffer v	th 300 ng sm	20 µL	0 μL	20 μL of Tube 1				nutes 300 µ		20 minutes		um a
E2, F2	Dilute each bottle of 10X Wash Buffer with 450mL	Hand wash plate 3X with (residual buffer by tapping	20 µL	0 μL	20 μL of Reconstituted Standard		Agitate, Incubate 2 hours Hand wash 3X with 300		Seal, Agitate, Incubate 30 minutes at Room Temperature. Hand wash 3X with 300 µL Wash Buffer		- 2		Read Absorbance at 450 nm and 590 nm.
G2, H2	10X \	th plate uffer by	20 µL	0 μL	20 µL of QC 1		Incub vash (cuba vash 3		ubate		rbanc
A3, B3	tle of	Hand wash esidual buf	20 µL	0 µL	20 μL of QC 2		itate, and v		ate, In land v		e, Inc		Abso
C3, D3	h bot		0 μL	30 µL	10 μ L of Sample		al, Ag		Agita H		∖gitat		Read
E3, F3	e eac	Remove	0 μL	30 µL	10 µL of Sample		Seal,		Seal,		Seal, Agitate, Incubate		
G3, H3	Dilut	Rei	0 μL	30 µL	10 µL of Sample						S		
A4, B4 ↓			0 μL	30 µL	10 μL of Sample							\downarrow	

Assay Procedure - for Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA kit (Cat. # EZRMFGF21-26K) <u>Rat Samples</u>

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 7-9	Step 10	Step 10-12	Step 13	Step 13	Step 14	Step 14
Well #			Matrix Solution	Assay Buffer	Standards/Controls Rat Samples	Detection Ab		Enzyme Solution		Substrate		Stop Solution	
A1, B1	ater.	els	20 µL	20 µL	0 µL	10 μL		100 μL		100 μL	÷	100 μL	
C1, D1	zed W	nt tow	20 µL	0 μL	20 µL of Tube 5		Jre.		ature.		rature		
E1, F1	Jeioniz	uffer. sorber	20 µL	0 µL	20 µL of Tube 4		iperatı er		mpera		20 minutes at Room Temperature.		
G1, H1	OmL D	ash B on abs	20 µL	0 μL	20 μL of Tube 3		n Tem h Buff		om Te h Buff		T moo		0 nm.
A2, B2	ith 45	μL W lartly (20 µL	0 µL	20 μL of Tube 2		t Roor - Wasl		at Roo - Wasl		s at R		nd 59(
C2, D2	ffer w	th 300 ng sm	20 µL	0 μL	20 µL of Tube 1		urs at 300 µl		nutes 300 µl		iinute		nm a
E2, F2	Dilute each bottle of 10X Wash Buffer with 450mL Deionized Water.	Hand wash plate 3X with 300 μL Wash Buffer. Remove residual buffer by tapping smartly on absorbent towels	20 µL	0 μL	20 μL of Reconstituted Standard		Seal, Agitate, Incubate 2 hours at Room Temperature. Hand wash 3X with 300 μL Wash Buffer		Seal, Agitate, Incubate 30 minutes at Room Temperature. Hand wash 3X with 300 µL Wash Buffer				Read Absorbance at 450 nm and 590 nm.
G2, H2	10X V	h plat uffer t	20 µL	0 µL	20 µL of QC 1		Incub vash 3		cubat vash 3		ubate		rbanc
A3, B3	tle of	d was lual bi	20 µL	0 µL	20 µL of QC 2		itate, łand v		ate, In Iand v		e, Inci		Abso
C3, D3	ch bot	Han e resic	0 µL	20 µL	20 µL of Sample		al, Ag F		l, Agita F		Seal, Agitate, Incubate 5		Read
E3, F3	ute eau	emove	0 µL	20 µL	20 µL of Sample		Se		Seal		Seal,		
G3, H3	Dill	Ĕ	0 µL	20 µL	20 µL of Sample								
A4, B4 ↓			0 µL	20 µL	20 µL of Sample	↓		↓ ↓		↓		↓	

X. MICROTITER PLATE ARRANGEMENT

Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	Blank	Tube 2	QC2	Etc.								
в	Blank	Tube 2	QC2	Etc.								
С	Tube 5	Tube 1	Sample 1									
D	Tube 5	Tube 1	Sample 1									
E	Tube 4	Reconstituted Standard	Sample 2									
F	Tube 4	Reconstituted Standard	Sample 2									
G	Tube 3	QC 1	Sample 3									
н	Tube3	QC 1	Sample 3									

XI. CALCULATIONS

The dose-response curve of this assay fits best to a sigmoidal 4- or 5-parameter logistic equation. The results of unknown samples can be calculated with any computer program having a 4- or 5-parameter logistic function

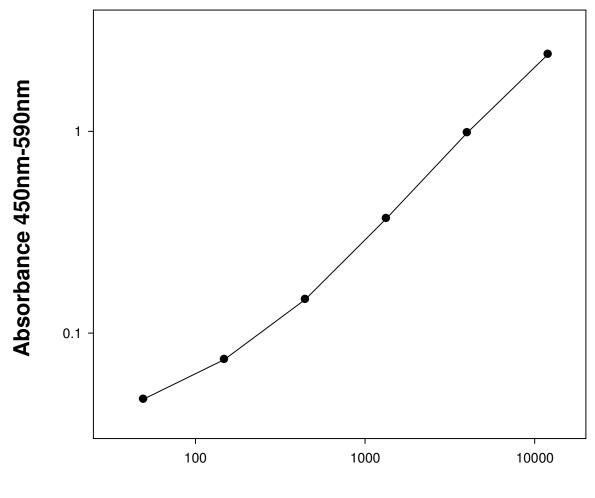
Note: All Mouse sample calculated values must be multiplied by 2 to backcalculate the correct mathematical value.

When sample volumes assayed differ from 10 μ L for Mouse and 20 μ L for Rat, an appropriate mathematical adjustment must be made to accommodate for the dilution factor (e.g., if 10 μ L of rat sample is used, then calculated data must be multiplied by 2). When sample volume assayed is less than 10 μ l for Mouse samples or 20 μ L for Rat samples, compensate the volume deficit with assay buffer.

XII. INTERPRETATION

- 1. The assay will be considered accepted when all Quality Control values fall within the calculated Quality Control Range. If any QC's fall outside the control range, review results with a supervisor.
- 2. If the difference between duplicate results of a sample is >15% CV, repeat the sample.
- 3. The limit of sensitivity of this assay is 49.4 pg/mL Rat/Mouse FGF-21 (10 μ L Mouse sample size or 20 μ L Rat sample size).
- 4. The appropriate range of this assay is 49.4 pg/mL to 12,000 pg/mL Rat/Mouse FGF-21 (10 μL Mouse sample size or 20 μL Rat sample size). Any result greater than 12,000 pg/mL in a 10 μL Mouse sample or 20 μL Rat sample, should be diluted using assay buffer and the assay repeated until the results fall within range.

Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA Assay Typical Standard Curve



Rat/Mouse FGF-21 (pg/ml)

Typical Standard Curve, not to be used to calculate data.

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XIV. ASSAY CHARACTERISTICS

A. Sensitivity

The lowest level of FGF-21 that can be detected by this assay is 49.4 pg/mL when using a 10 μ L Mouse sample size or 20 μ L Rat sample size.

B. Specificity

The antibody pair used in this assay is specific to Rat/Mouse FGF-21 and does not cross-react to any of the Rat or Mouse endocrine hormones or cytokines tested.

Approximately 39% Cross-reactivity is observed to Human FGF-21

FGF-21 was detected in hamster and feline serum samples. However; no standards were used to properly calibrate cross-reactivity. FGF-21 was not detected in canine, guinea pig, rabbit, or porcine samples.

C. Precision

Sample No.	Mean FGF-21	Intra-Assay
	Levels (pg/mL)	% CV
1	302	9.1
2	872	5.8
3	1495	6.2
4	2782	3.2
5	7766	3.6
6	8813	2.7

Intra-Assay Variation

The assay variations of Millipore Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA Kits were studied on four mouse serum samples and two rat serum samples with varying concentrations of endogenous FGF-21. The mean intra-assay variation was calculated from the results of eight replicate determinations in each assay for the indicated samples.

XIV. ASSAY CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Sample No.	Mean FGF-21	Inter-Assay
	Levels (pg/mL)	% CV
1	400	5.9
2	798	3.3
3	2096	4.7
4	3298	8.4
5	4174	8.3
6	5340	6.6

Inter-Assay Variation

The assay variations of Millipore Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA Kits were studied on four mouse and two rat serum samples with varying concentrations of endogenous FGF-21.The mean inter-assay variations of each sample were calculated from the results of three separate assays with duplicate samples in each assay.

D. Recovery

Spike & Recovery of Rat/Mouse FGF-21 in Serum

Sample	FGF-21	Expected	Observed	% of
No.	Added pg/mL	pg/mL	pg/mL	Recovery
1	0	430	430	
	148.1	578	506	88
	444.4	874	739	85
	1333.3	1763	1307	74
2	0	442	442	
	148.1	590	602	102
	444.4	886	844	95
	1333.3	1775	1609	91
3	0	820	820	
	148.1	968	970	100
	444.4	1264	1232	97
	1333.3	2153	1865	87
4	0	2432	2432	
	148.1	2580	2539	98
	444.4	2876	2845	99
	1333.3	3765	3523	94
5	0	2897	2897	
	148.1	3045	3053	100
	444.4	3341	3351	100
	1333.3	4230	3979	94

Varying amounts of Rat/Mouse FGF-21 were added to three Mouse and two rat serum samples and the FGF-21 content was determined in two separate assays. The % of recovery = observed FGF-21 concentrations/expected FGF-21 concentrations \times 100%.

XIV. ASSAY CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

E. Linearity and Dilution

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Sample	Volume	Expected	Observed	% Of
No.	Sampled	pg/mL	pg/mL	Expected
1	10	625	625	
	5	313	338	108
	2.5	156	172	110
	1.25	78	98	125
2	10	1290	1290	
	5	645	676	105
	2.5	323	301	93
	1.25	161	146	91
3	20	1007	1007	
	10	504	528	105
	5	252	266	106
	2.5	126	131	104
4	20	2099	2099	
	10	1050	1086	103
	5	525	536	102
	2.5	262	243	93

Two Mouse and two Rat serum samples with the indicated sample volumes were assayed in two separate experiments. Required amounts of matrix solution were added to compensate for lost volumes below 10 μ L (mouse) and 20 μ l (rat). The resulting dilution factors of 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, and 8.0 of sample volumes assayed, were applied in the calculation of observed FGF-21 concentrations. % expected = observed/expected x 100%.

XV. QUALITY CONTROLS

The ranges for Quality Control 1 and 2 are provided on the card insert or can be located at the Millipore website <u>www.millipore.com/bmia</u>.

XVI. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

- 1. To obtain reliable and reproducible results the operator should carefully read this manual and fully understand all aspects of each assay step before attempting to run the assay.
- 2. Throughout the assay the operator should adhere strictly to the procedures with good laboratory practice.
- 3. Have all necessary reagents and equipment ready on hand before starting. Once the assay has been started all steps should be completed with precise timing and without interruption.
- 4. Avoid cross contamination of any reagents or samples to be used in the assay.
- 5. Make sure all reagents and samples are added to the bottom of each well.
- 6. Careful and complete mixing of solutions in the well is critical. Poor assay precision will result from incomplete mixing or cross well contamination due to inappropriate mixing.
- 7. Remove any air bubble formed in the well after acidification of substrate solution because bubbles interfere with spectrophotometric readings.
- 8. Do not let the absorbency reading of the highest standard reach 3.0 units or higher after acidification.
- 9. High absorbance in background or blank wells could be due to 1) cross well contamination by standard solution or sample or 2) inadequate washing of wells with Wash Buffer or 3) overexposure to light after substrate has been added.

XVII. REPLACEMENT REAGENTS

Reagents	Cat. #
Rat/Mouse FGF-21 ELISA Plate	EP26
10X HRP Wash Buffer Concentrate (50 mL)	EWB-HRP
Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Standards	E8026-K
Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Quality Controls 1 and 2	E6026-K
Matrix Solution	EMTX-MSL
Assay Buffer	AB-GLPHK
Rat/Mouse FGF-21 Detection Antibody	E1026
Enzyme Solution	EHRP
Substrate	ESS-TMB3
Stop Solution	ET-TMB

XVIII. ORDERING INFORMATION

A. To place an order:

For USA Customers:

Please provide the following information to our customer service department to expedite your telephone, fax or mail order:

- 1. Your name, telephone and/or fax number
- 2. Customer account number
- 3. Shipping and billing address
- 4. Purchase order number
- 5. Catalog number and description of product
- 6. Quantity and product size

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