



AFP ELISA Kit Datasheet

Version: 01

Product Name: AFP ELISA Kit

Catalog Number: AFP-001

Assay Type: Sandwich

Detection Method: Colorimetric

Reactivity: Human

Sample Type: Serum

Storage and Stability

- Store unopened kits at 2-8°C upon receipt. The kit is stable for up to 12 months from the date of manufacture.
- After opening, store components at 2-8°C. Keep the microplate in the provided sealed bag with desiccants.

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Principle of the Assay

This kit employs a quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A capture antibody specific for human AFP is pre-coated onto a 96-well microplate. When standards and samples are added, the AFP binds to the immobilized antibody. A horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated detection antibody is then added, which binds to a different epitope on the captured AFP. After washing, a TMB substrate solution is added, reacting with the HRP to produce a blue color. The reaction is terminated by a stop solution, turning the color yellow. The optical density is measured at 450 nm, and the intensity is directly proportional to the concentration of AFP in the sample.

Kit Components

- **AFP Microplate (1):** 96-well plate (12 strips x 8 wells)
- **AFP Standard (6 vials):** 10x concentrate (10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625, 0.31 ng/mL)
- **0 ng/mL Calibrator (1 vial)**
- **HRP Detection Antibody (1 vial):** 100x concentrate
- **Assay Diluent (1 bottle)**
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (2 bottles):** 20x
- **TMB Substrate (1 bottle)**
- **Stop Solution (1 bottle)**

Materials Required but Not Supplied

- Microplate reader capable of endpoint measurements at 450 nm
- Adjustable single/multi-channel micropipettes (10 µL to 1000 µL) and disposable tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- Plate shaker/mixer
- Automated plate washer (optional)

Assay Protocol

Reagent Preparation

- Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature (18-25°C) before use.
- Briefly spin all tubes before opening.
- **Standard and Samples:** Standard is set at a 10x concentrate for the level 7 calibrator (16 ng/mL). The standards and samples will be diluted 10x in the plate by first adding 90 µL dilution buffer to the plate followed by 10 µL standard/control/sample. Create levels 1-6 via 1:2 serial dilutions from level 7 transferring 100 µL into 100 µL dilution buffer. Include a blank on just dilution buffer (level 0).
- **Wash Buffer (1x):** Dilute the 20x Wash Buffer Concentrate 1:20 with distilled water (e.g., add 50 mL of concentrate to 950 mL of water).
- **Detection Antibody (1x):** Prepare within 1 hour of use. Dilute the 100x HRP Detection Antibody 1:100 with Assay Diluent. Mix thoroughly.

Assay Procedure (Total time: ~2 hours 15 minutes)

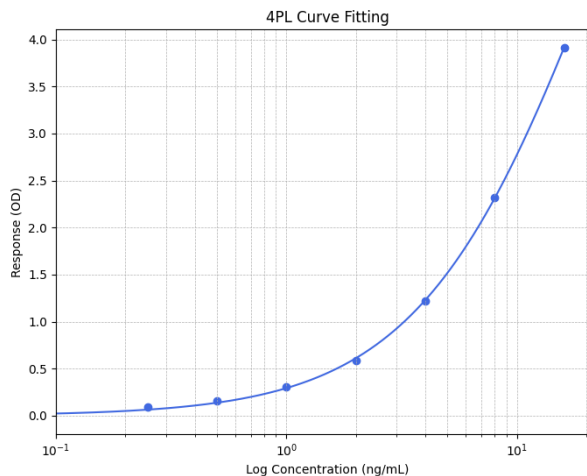
1. Secure the desired number of wells.
2. Add **90 μL of Assay Diluent** to each well.
3. Add **10 μL** of Standard or sample to the appropriate wells.
4. Mix on a plate shaker for 30 seconds at 1000 RPM.
5. Cover the plate and incubate for **60 minutes at 37°C**.
6. Wash the plate 5 times with 1x Wash Buffer. Tap plate on absorbent paper to dry.
7. Add **100 μL of 1x HRP Detection Antibody** to each well.
8. Cover the plate and incubate for **45 minutes at 37°C**.
9. Wash the plate 5 times as in step 6.
10. Add **100 μL of TMB Substrate** to each well.
11. Cover the plate and incubate for **10-20 minutes at room temperature in the dark**.
12. Add **100 μL of Stop Solution** to each well.
13. Read absorbance at 450 nm immediately.

Calculation of Results

1. Calculate the mean absorbance for each set of duplicate standards, controls, and samples. Duplicates should have a CV of <20%.
2. Create a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance (y-axis) against the standard concentration (x-axis).
3. Use a 4-parameter logistic (4PL) curve fit to determine the concentration of samples.
4. **Multiply the concentration read from the standard curve by the dilution factor of 10.**
5. Samples with a calculated concentration greater than 100 ng/mL should be diluted further with Assay Diluent and re-assayed for accuracy.

Performance Characteristics

- **Limit of Detection:** 0.04 ng/mL
- **Precision:**
 - **Intra-Assay Precision (CV%):** <10%
 - **Inter-Assay Precision (CV%):** <10%
- **Linearity:** 0.5-20 ng/mL
- **Example Standard Curve:**



Limitations of the Procedure

- For Investigational Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
- Do not use kit components beyond the expiration date.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents from different kit lots.
- Follow the protocol exactly. Any deviation may lead to inaccurate results.