Human ApoC-III ELISA Kit

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**Assay Summary**

Add 50 µl of Standard/ Sample per well. 
Incubate 2 hours.

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Wash, then add 50 µl of Biotinylated Antibody per well. 
Incubate 1 hour.

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Wash, then add 50 µl of SP Conjugate per well. 
Incubate 30 minutes.

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Wash, then add 50 µl of Chromogen Substrate per well. 
Incubate 12 minutes.

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Add 50 µl of Stop Solution per well. 
Read at 450 nm immediately.
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Introduction

Apolipoprotein C-III (ApoC-III) is a surface component of chylomicrons, very low density lipoproteins, and high density lipoproteins. It consists of 79 amino acids with a molecular mass of 8.8 kDa (1). ApoC-III is synthesized mainly in the liver and to a lesser degree in the intestine. It plays a key role in triglyceride-rich lipoprotein metabolism. It is an inhibitor of lipoprotein lipase and hepatic lipase and interferes with binding of lipoproteins to cell surface heparan sulfate proteoglycans and receptors (2, 3). Overexpression of the human ApoC-III gene causes hypertriglyceridemia in transgenic mice (4, 5). Deficiency of ApoC-III prevents hyperlipidemia induced by apoE overexpression (6). As its deficiency results in diet-induced obesity and aggravated insulin resistance in mice, ApoC-III is a potential target for treatment of obesity and insulin resistance (7).

Principle of the Assay

The AssayMax Human Apolipoprotein C-III ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) kit is designed for detection of human ApoC-III in plasma, serum, urine, milk, CSF, and cell culture samples. This assay employs a quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique that measures human ApoC-III in less than 4 hours. A polyclonal antibody specific for human ApoC-III has been pre-coated onto a 96-well microplate with removable strips. ApoC-III in standards and samples is sandwiched by the immobilized antibody and biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for ApoC-III, which is recognized by a streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate. All unbound material is then washed away and a peroxidase enzyme substrate is added. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

Caution and Warning

- Prepare all reagents (working diluent buffer, wash buffer, standards, biotinylated antibody, and SP conjugate) as instructed, prior to running the assay.
• Prepare all samples prior to running the assay. The dilution factors for
  the samples are suggested in this protocol. However, the user should
determine the optimal dilution factor.
• Spin down the SP conjugate vial and the biotinylated antibody vial
  before opening and using contents.
• This kit is for research use only.
• The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.
• The Stop Solution is an acidic solution.

Reagents

• Human ApoC-III Microplate: A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips
  of 8 wells) coated with a polyclonal antibody against human ApoC-III.
• Sealing Tapes: Each kit contains 3 precut, pressure sensitive sealing
  tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
• Human ApoC-III Standard: Human ApoC-III in a buffered protein base (3
  μg, lyophilized).
• Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody (80x): A 80-fold concentrated
  biotinylated polyclonal antibody against ApoC-III (100 μl).
• EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x): A 10-fold concentrated buffered protein
  base (30 ml).
• Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x): A 20-fold concentrated buffered protein
  surfactant (30 ml, 2 bottles).
• Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate (SP Conjugate): A 100-fold
  concentrate (80 μl).
• Chromogen Substrate: A ready-to-use stabilized peroxidase chromogen
  substrate tetramethylbenzidine (8 ml).
• Stop Solution: A 0.5 N hydrochloric acid to stop the chromogen
  substrate reaction (12 ml).

Storage Condition

• Upon arrival, immediately store components of the kit at recommended
  temperatures up to the expiration date.
• Store SP Conjugate and Biotinylated Antibody at -20°C.
• Store Microplate, Diluent Concentrate (10x), Wash Buffer, Stop Solution,
  and Chromogen Substrate at 2-8°C.
• Unused microplate wells may be returned to the foil pouch with the
  desiccant packs and resealed. May be stored for up to 30 days in a
  vacuum desiccator.
• Diluent (1x) may be stored for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
• Store Standard at 2-8°C before reconstituting with diluent and at -20°C
  after reconstituting with diluent.
Other Supplies Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- Pipettes (1-20 μl, 20-200 μl, 200-1000 μl, and multiple channel).
- Deionized or distilled reagent grade water.

Sample Collection, Preparation and Storage

- **Plasma**: Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of 0.1 M sodium citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x g for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:4000 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles (EDTA can also be used as an anticoagulant).
- **Serum**: Samples should be collected into a serum separator tube. After clot formation, centrifuge samples at 3000 x g for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:4000 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Culture Media**: Centrifuge cell culture media at 3000 x g for 10 minutes to remove debris. Collect supernatants and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Lysate**: Rinse cell with cold PBS and then scrape the cell into a tube with 5 ml cold PBS with 0.5 M EDTA. Centrifuge suspension at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C and aspirate supernatant. Re-suspend pellet in ice-cold Lysis Buffer (10 mM Tris, pH8.0, 130 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, protease inhibitor cocktail). For every 1 x 10⁶ cells, add approximately 100 μL of ice-cold Lysis Buffer. Incubate on ice for 60 minutes, centrifuge at 13000 rpm for 30 minutes at 4°C, and collect supernatant for assay.
- **Urine**: Collect urine using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 800 x g for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Milk**: Collect milk using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x g for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **CSF**: Collect cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x g for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:2 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Reagent Preparation

- Freshly dilute all reagents and bring all reagents to room temperature before use.
EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x): If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the EIA Diluent Concentrate 1:10 with reagent grade water. Store for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.

Standard Curve: Reconstitute the 3 µg of Human ApoC-III Standard with 3 ml of EIA Diluent to generate a 1 µg/ml standard stock solution. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Further dilute the standard stock solution (1 µg/ml) two-fold with an equal amount of EIA Diluent to produce a 0.5 µg/ml standard working solution. Prepare duplicate or triplicate standard points by serially diluting the standard working solution (0.5 µg/ml) 1:4 with EIA Diluent to produce 0.125, 0.0313, 0.0078, 0.0019, and 0.0005 µg/ml solutions. EIA Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 µg/ml). Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

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Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody (80x): Spin down the antibody briefly and dilute the desired amount of the antibody 1:80 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.

Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x): If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the Wash Buffer Concentrate 1:20 with reagent grade water.

SP Conjugate (100x): Spin down the SP Conjugate briefly and dilute the desired amount of the conjugate 1:100 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.

**Assay Procedure**

- Prepare all reagents, working standards, and samples as instructed. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. The assay is performed at room temperature (20-25°C).
- Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame and return them immediately to the foil pouch with desiccants inside. Reseal the pouch securely to minimize exposure to water vapor and store in a vacuum desiccator.
• Add 50 µl of Human ApoC-III Standard or sample per well. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 2 hours. Start the timer after the last addition.
• Wash five times with 200 µl of Wash Buffer manually. Invert the plate each time and decant the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid. If using a machine, wash six times with 300 µl of Wash Buffer and then invert the plate, decanting the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid.
• Add 50 µl of Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody to each well and incubate for 1 hour.
• Wash the microplate as described above.
• Add 50 µl of Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate to each well and incubate for 30 minutes. Turn on the microplate reader and set up the program in advance.
• Wash the microplate as described above.
• Add 50 µl of Chromogen Substrate per well and incubate for about 12 minutes or till the optimal blue color density develops. Gently tap plate to ensure thorough mixing and break the bubbles in the well with pipette tip.
• Add 50 µl of Stop Solution to each well. The color will change from blue to yellow.
• Read the absorbance on a microplate reader at a wavelength of 450 nm immediately. If wavelength correction is available, subtract readings at 570 nm from those at 450 nm to correct optical imperfections. Otherwise, read the plate at 450 nm only. Please note that some unstable black particles may be generated at high concentration points after stopping the reaction for about 10 minutes, which will reduce the readings.

**Data Analysis**

• Calculate the mean value of the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard and sample.
• To generate a standard curve, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 450 nm absorbance on the y-axis. The best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis using log-log or four-parameter logistic curve-fit.
• Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

**Standard Curve**

• The curve is provided for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.
Performance Characteristics

- The minimum detectable dose of ApoC-III is typically ~ 0.0005 µg/ml.
- Intra-assay and inter-assay coefficients of variation were 5.6% and 7.0% respectively.

### Linearity

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### Recovery

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<td>Average Recovery %</td>
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• No significant cross-reactivity observed with ApoA-I, ApoA-II, ApoB, ApoC-I, ApoE, ApoH, and ApoM.

Reference Value

• Normal human ApoC-III plasma levels range from 60 to 160 µg/ml.

References

(4) Ito Y et al. (1990) Science 249: 790-793
(5) Aalto-Setala K et al. (1996) J. Lipid Res. 37:1802-1811

Related Products

• ERA9133-1 AssayMax Rat/Mouse ApoC-III ELISA Kit (Plasma, Serum, and Cell Culture Supernatant samples)