HUMAN ADIPOCYTE-TYPE FATTY ACID BINDING PROTEIN (AFABP/FABP4) ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF AFBP/FABP4 CONCENTRATIONS IN SERUM AND PLASMA

ALWAYS REFER TO LOT SPECIFIC PROTCOL PROVIDED WITH EACH KIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS. PROTOCOL MUST BE READ BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION:

ELISA NAME	**HUMAN AFBP/FABP4 ELISA**
Catalog No.	SK00030-08
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	6.2 - 400 ng/mL
Sensitivity	700 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 µL
Sample Type	Serum and EDTA Plasma
Dilution Factor	**Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application**
Specificity	Human FABP4
Calibration	Human FABP4 recombinant
Intra-assay Precision	4 - 6%
Inter-assay Precision	8 - 10%
Storage	2 – 8° C
This kit contains sufficient materials to run 35 samples duplicated provided that assay is run according to protocol.	

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DESCRIPTION

This Human Adipocyte-type Fatty Acid Binding Protein (AFABP/FABP-4) ELISA Kit contains the necessary components required for the quantitative measurement of recombinant and/or natural human AFABP/FABP-4 from serum and plasma in a sandwich ELISA format.

This immunoassay contains recombinant human AFABP Protein and antibodies raised against this protein. Results from this immunoassay have shown to accurately quantify recombinant and natural AFABP samples.

ASSAY OVERVIEW

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich ELISA format. The plate is pre-coated with a monoclonal antibody specific for human AFABP. The capture antibody can bind to the human AFABP in the standard and samples. After washing the plate of any unbound substances, another biotinylated monoclonal antibody against human AFABP is added to the wells. After another washing of the plate, Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate is added. After the last wash to remove any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution (TMB) is added to the wells and color develops in direct proportion to the amount of human AFABP bound in the standard dilutions or samples. A standard curve can be established and sample values can be read off the standard curve.

PROCEDURAL LIMITATIONS

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_This ELISA kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
_Do not mix reagents with those from other lots or sources.
_It is important that the Dilution Buffer selected for the standard curve be consistent with the samples being assayed.
_Each laboratory must determine the optimal dilution factors for the samples being assayed with a pretest. If samples generate values that are not within the dynamic range of the standard curve, further concentrate or dilute the samples as required with Dilution Buffer and repeat the assay.
_Any modifications in buffers, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, as well as kit age can cause a change in signal.
_Not all interfering factors have been tested in the immunoassay, therefore the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

COMPONENTS PROVIDED

DESCRIPTION	CODE	QUANTITY
AFABP Microplate - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with monoclonal antibody against human AFABP.	**030-08-01**	**1 plate**
AFABP Standard – 400 ng/vial of recombinant human AFABP in a buffered protein base with preservative; lyophilized.	**030-08-02**	**1 vial**
Detection Antibody Concentrate – 1.2 mL/vial, 10-fold concentrate of the biotinylated monoclonal antibody against human AFABP with preservative; lyophilized.	**030-08-03**	**1 vial**
Positive Control - one vial of recombinant human AFABP; lyophilized.	**030-08-04**	**1 vial**
Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate - 120 µL/vial, 100-fold concentrated solution of Streptavidin HRP conjugate with preservative.	**SAHRP**	**1 vial**
Dilution Buffer – 60 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	**DB18**	**1 bottle**
Wash Buffer - 50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	**WB01**	**1 bottle**
TMB Substrate Solution - 11 mL of TMB substrate solution.	**TMB01**	**1 bottle**
Stop Solution - 11 mL of 0.5M HCl.	**S-STOP**	**1 bottle**
Plate Sealer	**EAPS**	**1 piece**
Plastic Pouch	**P01**	**1 piece**

STORAGE

Unopened Kit: Store at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months. For longer storage, unopened Standard, Positive Control and Detection Antibody Concentrate should be stored at -20° C or -70° C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

Opened / Reconstituted Reagents: Reconstituted Standard (Stock) and Detection Antibody concentrated solution SHOULD BE STORED at -20° C or -70° C for up to one month. ARIG-HRP Conjugate 100-fold concentrated solution **(protect from light)** and other components may be stored at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months.
Microplate Wells: Return unused wells to the plastic pouch with the desiccant pack. Microplate may be stored for up to 6 months at 2 – 8° C after opening.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of absorbance measurement at 450 nm.
- Microplate shaker (250 – 300 rpm).
- Microplate washer or manifold dispenser.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- Multi-channel Pipette, Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.

PRECAUTION

This kit should be handled by those persons who have been trained in and can follow the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken while handling solutions in this kit to avoid contact with skin or eyes, especially with the stop solution because it contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Wash immediately with water in case of contact on skin or eyes.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Plasma - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤-20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Optional: Use Aprotinin (enzyme inhibitor) for ALL sample collection to prevent sample degradation. 0.5 TIU per ml of sample solution.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Serum and EDTA plasma may not require dilution. Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application with a pretest. Use polypropylene test tubes.

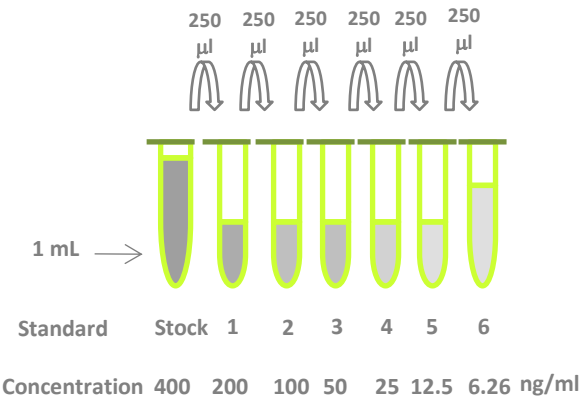
REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 50 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water (450 mL) to prepare 500 mL of 1x Wash Buffer.

Human AFABP Standard - Reconstitute the human AFABP Standard with 1 mL of Dilution Buffer. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 400 ng/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Pipette 250 µL of Dilution Buffer into tubes #1 to #6. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The **400 ng/mL** standard serves as the high standard. The appropriate Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 ng/mL).

TUBE	STANDARD	DILUTION BUFFER	CONCENTRATION
stock	Powder	1000 µl	400 ng/ml
# 1	250 µl of stock	250 µl	200 ng/ml
# 2	250 µl of 1	250 µl	100 ng/ml
# 3	250 µl of 2	250 µl	50 ng/ml
# 4	250 µl of 3	250 µl	25 ng/ml
# 5	250 µl of 4	250 µl	12.5 ng/ml
# 6	250 µl of 5	250 µl	6.25 ng/ml



Positive Control – Reconstitute the Positive Control with 1 mL Dilution Buffer. **Note:** Positive Control could be reused within a few days if stored at -20° C ~ -70° C.

Detection Antibody - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody Concentrate with 1.2 mL of Dilution Buffer to produce a 10-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 10.8 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 1.2 mL of 10-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

Streptavidin -HRP Conjugate - Pipette 11.88 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 120 µL of 100-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution. **Note:** 1x working solution of Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate should be used within a few days **(protect from light).**

ELISA PROTOCOL

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before the start of the assay. Blank, standard dilutions, positive control and samples should be assayed in duplicate. ELISA Protocol may need further optimization.

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame, return them to the plastic pouch with the desiccant pack.
3. Add 100 µL of Dilution Buffer to Blank wells.
4. Add 100 µL of Standard dilutions in reverse order of serial dilution, sample, or positive control per well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature.
5. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with 1x Wash Buffer (300 µL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
6. Add 100 µL of Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 1 hour on microplate shaker at room temperature.
7. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
8. Add 100 µL of Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate for 40 min on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
9. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
10. Add 100 µL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 10-15 minutes on a microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
11. Add 100 µL of Stop Solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow. If the color in the wells is green, or if the color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
12. Determine the optical density of each well within 15 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Create a standard curve by plotting the log of the known concentrations of the standard dilutions (x-axis) versus the log of its corresponding O.D. (y-axis) and draw the best fit line through the points. It is recommended to use computer software capable of generating a log-log curve fit to more accurately quantify the standard dilutions.

If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

TYPICAL DATA

This standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.

STANDARD (ng/mL)	Average OD450 (Corrected)*
Blank	0 (0.104)
3.12 (optional)	0.019
6.25	0.039
12.5	0.063
25	0.126
50	0.272
100	0.574
200	1.012
400	2.019

SPECIFICITY

PROTEINS	CROSS-REACTIVITY
Human AFABP	100
Human FABP3	0
Human FABP7	0

SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS

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Add 100 µl of standard, samples, positive control to the well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.

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Aspirate and wash 4 times.

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Add 100 µl Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Incubate 1 hour on the plate shaker at RT.

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Aspirate and wash 4 times.

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Add 100 µl Streptavidin HRP conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate 40 min on the plate shaker at RT. **Protect from light.**

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Aspirate and wash 4 times.

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Add 100 µl Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate 10-15 min on plate shaker at RT. **Protect from light**.

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Add 100 µl Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min.