Tri-iodothyronine ELISA Kit (Rat) (OKCA00178)

Instructions for Use

For the quantitative measurement of Rat Tri-iodothyronine in serum, plasma, cell culture supernatant, tissue homogenates.

Lot to lot variation can occur. Refer to the manual provided with the kit.

This product is intended for research use only.

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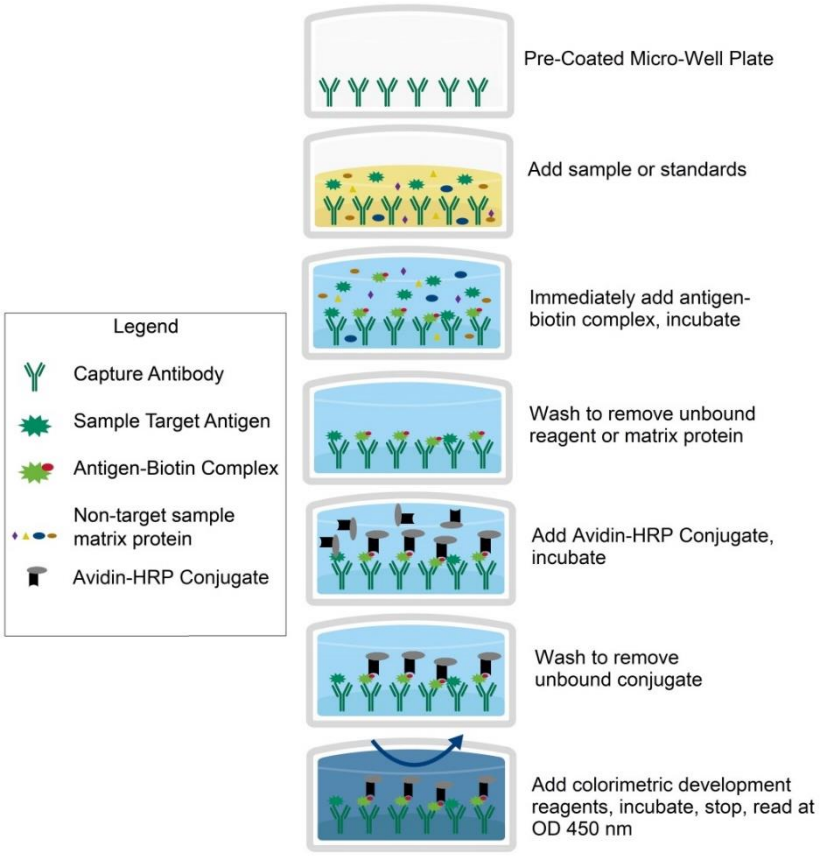
1. Background

Principle

Aviva Systems Biology Tri-iodothyronine ELISA Kit (Rat) (OKCA00178) is based on a competitive enzyme immunoassay technique. The microtiter well-plate in this kit has been pre-coated with an anti-Rat Tri-iodothyronine antibody. Sample or standards are added to the wells along with a fixed quantity of biotinylated Tri-iodothyronine and incubated. The Tri-iodothyronine found in the sample or standards competes with the biotinylated Tri-iodothyronine for limited binding sites on the immobilized anti-Rat Tri-iodothyronine antibody. Excess unbound biotinylated Tri-iodothyronine and sample or standard Tri-iodothyronine is washed from the plate. Avidin-HRP conjugate is added, incubated and washed. An enzymatic reaction is then produced through the addition of substrate which is catalyzed by the immobilized HRP to generate a blue color product that changes yellow after adding acidic stop solution. The density of yellow coloration is measured by reading the absorbance at 450 nm which is quantitatively proportional to the amount of biotinylated Tri-iodothyronine captured in the well and inversely proportional to the amount of Tri-iodothyronine which was contained in the sample or standard.

2. Assay Summary



3. Precautions

• Read instructions fully prior to beginning use of the assay kit.

• Any deviations or modifications from the described method or use of other reagents could result in a reduction of performance.

• Reduce exposure to potentially harmful substances by wearing personal protective lab equipment including lab coats, gloves and glasses.

• For information on hazardous substances included in the kit please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

• Kit cannot be used beyond the expiration date on the label.

4. Storage and Stability

• Upon receipt store kit at 4°C until expiration date.

5. Kit Components

• The following reagents are the provided contents of the kit.

Description	Quantity	Storage Conditions
Anti-Tri-iodothyronine Microplate	96 Well (12 x 8 Well Strips)	2-8°C until kit expiration date.
Tri-iodothyronine Standard	5 x 1 mL	
Tri-iodothyronine-Biotin Complex	1 x 6 mL	
Avidin-HRP Conjugate	1 x 6 mL	
20X Wash Buffer	1 x 15 mL	
Substrate A	1 x 7 mL	
Substrate B	1 x 7 mL	
Stop Solution	1 x 7 mL	

6. Required Materials Not Supplied

• Microplate reader capable of reading absorbance at 450 nm.
• Automated plate washer (optional).
• Pipettes capable of precisely dispensing 0.5 µL through 1 mL volumes of aqueous solutions.
• Pipettes or volumetric glassware capable of precisely measuring 1 mL through 100 mL of aqueous solutions.
• New, clean tubes and/or micro-centrifuge tubes for the preparation of standards or samples.
• Absorbent paper or paper toweling.
• Distilled or deionized ultrapure water.
• 37°C Incubator (optional)

7. Technical Application Tips

• Do not mix or substitute components from other kits.

• To ensure the validity of experimental operation, it is recommended that pilot experiments using standards and a small selection of sample dilutions to ensure optimal dilution range for quantitation.

• Samples exhibiting OD measurements higher than the highest standard should be diluted further in the appropriate sample dilution buffers.

• Prior to using the kit, briefly spin component tubes to collect all reagents at the bottom.

• Replicate wells are recommended for standards and samples.

• Cover microplate while incubating to prevent evaporation.

• Do not allow the microplate wells dry at any point during the assay procedure.

• Do not reuse tips or tube to prevent cross contamination.

• Avoid causing bubbles or foaming when pipetting, mixing or reconstituting.

• Completely remove of all liquids when washing to prevent cross contamination.

• Prepare reagents immediately prior to use and do not store, with the exception of the top standard.

• Equilibrate all materials to ambient room temperature prior to use (standards exception).

• For optimal results in inter- intra-assay consistency, equilibrate all materials to 37°C prior to performing assay (standards exception) and perform all incubations at 37°C.

• Pipetting less than 1 µL is not recommended for optimal assay accuracy.

• Once the procedure has been started, all steps should be completed without interruption. Ensure that all reagents, materials and devices are ready at the appropriate time.

• Incubation times will affect results. All wells should be handled in the same sequential order and time intervals for optimal results.

• Samples containing precipitates or fibrin strands or which are hemolytic of lipemic might cause inaccurate results due to interfering factors.

• TMB Substrate is easily contaminated and should be colorless or light blue until added to plate. Handle carefully and protect from light.

8. Reagent Preparation

• Equilibrate all materials to room temperature prior to use and use prepare immediately prior to use.

8.1 Rat Tri-iodothyronine Assay Standards

Provided at ready to use concentrations. The concentrations of the respective standards are as follows:

Standard	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
Concentration (ng/mL)	0.5	1	2	4	8

8.2 Tri-iodothyronine-Biotin Complex

Provided at ready to use concentration.

8.3 Avidin-HRP Conjugate

Provided at ready to use concentration.

8.4 1X Wash Buffer

8.4.1 If crystals have formed in the **20X Wash Buffer** concentrate, equilibrate to room temperature and mix gently until crystals have completely dissolved.

8.4.2 Add the entire 15 mL contents of the **20X Wash Buffer** bottle to 285 mL of ultra-pure water to a clean > 300 mL bottle or other vessel.

8.4.3 Seal and mix gently by inversion. Avoid foaming or bubbles.

8.4.4 Store the **1X Wash Buffer** at room temperature until ready to use in the procedure. Store the prepared **1X Wash Buffer** at 4°C for no longer than 1 week. Do not freeze.

8.5 Microplate Preparation

• Micro-plates are provided ready to use and do not require rinsing or blocking.

• Unused well strips should be returned to the original packaging, sealed and stored at °4C.

• Equilibrate microplates to ambient temperatures prior to opening to reduce potential condensation.

9. Sample Preparation

9.1 Sample Preparation and Storage

- Store samples to be assayed at 2-8°C for 24 hours prior being assayed.
- For long term storage, aliquot and freeze samples at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- Samples not indicated in the manual must be tested to determine if the kit is valid.
- Prepare samples as follows:

- **Serum** - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for two hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1,000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Plasma** - Collect plasma using EDTA, or heparin as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1,000 x g at 2-8°C within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Culture Supernatants** - Remove particulates by centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1,000 x g, 2-8°C and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Tissue Homogenates** – Rinse 100 mg tissue with 1X PBS then homogeniz in 1 ml of 1X PBS and store overnight at -20°C. Freeze-thaw cycles two times to break the cell membranes then centrifuge homogenates for 5 minutes at 5,000 x g, 2-8°C. Remove the supernatant and assay immediately. Alternatively, aliquot and store samples at -20°C or -80°C. Centrifuge the sample again after thawing before the assay. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

10. Assay Procedure

• Equilibrate all reagents and materials to ambient room temperature prior to use in the procedure.

• To control for small potential variations in micro well-plate and day to day ambient temperature fluctuations, equilibrate all reagents prior to use and perform all incubation steps at 37°C for optimal consistency and reproducibility.

10.1 Determine the required number of wells and return any remaining unused wells and desiccant to the pouch.

10.2 Retain at least one well as an absolute Blank without any samples or reagents.

10.3 Add 50 µL of standards, diluted samples or blank into wells of the Anti-Tri-iodothyronine Microplate. At least two replicates of each standard, sample or blank is recommended.

10.4 Immediately add 50 µL of **Tri-iodothyronine Biotin-Complex** to each well (excluding absolute Blank).

10.5 Cover the plate with the well plate lid and incubate for 60 minutes at 37°C.

10.6 Discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle or aspiration.

10.7 Gently blot any remaining liquid from the wells by tapping inverted on the benchtop onto paper toweling. Do not allow the wells to completely dry at any time.

10.8 Wash plate three times with **1X Wash Buffer** as follows:

10.8.1 Add 300 µL of **1X Wash Buffer** to each assay well.

10.8.2 Incubate for 10 seconds.

10.8.3 Discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle or aspiration.

10.8.4 Gently blot any remaining liquid from the wells by tapping inverted on the benchtop onto paper toweling. Do not allow the wells to completely dry at any time.

10.8.5 Repeat steps 10.8.1 through 10.8.4 **two** more times.

10.9 Add 50 µL of **Avidin HRP-Conjugate** to each well.

10.10 Cover the plate with the well plate lid and incubate for 30 minutes at 37°C.

10.11 Discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle or aspiration.

10.12 Gently blot any remaining liquid from the wells by tapping inverted on the benchtop onto paper toweling. Do not allow the wells to completely dry at any time

10.13 Wash as in step 10.8.

10.14 Add 50 µL of **Substrate A** and 50 µL **Substrate B** to each well and incubate at 37°C in the dark for 15 minutes. Wells should change to gradations of blue. If the color is too deep, reduce the incubation time.

(NOTE: optimal incubation time must be determined by the user. Optimal development can be visualized by blue shading in the top four standard wells, while the remaining standards still apear clearer.)

10.15 Add 50 µL of **Stop Solution** to each well. Well color should change to gradations of yellow immediately. Add the **Stop Solution** in the same well order as done for the **Substrate A** and **Substrate B**.

10.16 Read the O.D. absorbance at 450 nm with a standard microplate reader within 5 minutes of stopping the reaction in step 10.15. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm.

11. Calculation of Results

For analysis of the assay results, calculate the **Relative OD_{450}** for each test or standard well as follows:

$$(\text{Relative } OD_{450}) = (\text{Well } OD_{450}) - (\text{Mean Blank Well } OD_{450})$$

The standard curve is generated by plotting the mean replicate **Relative OD_{450}** of each standard serial dilution point vs. the respective standard concentration. The Tri-iodothyronine concentration contained in the samples can be interpolated by using linear regression of each mean sample **Relative OD_{450}** against the standard curve. This is best achieved using curve fitting software.

Note: if wavelength correction readings are available, subtract the readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This may provide greater reading accuracy.

Note: if the samples measured were diluted, multiply the derived mean sample concentration by the dilution factor for a final sample concentration.

12. Typical Expected Data

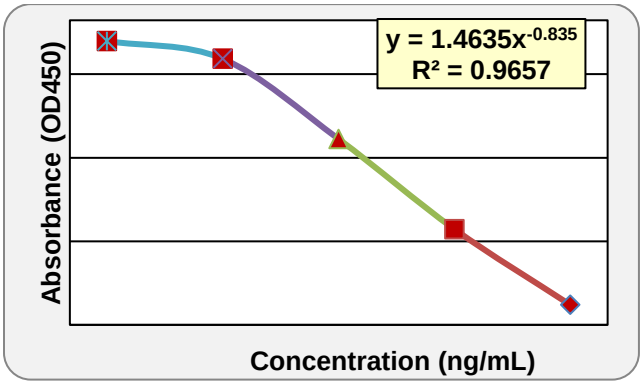
12.1 Typical absorbance values

Expected absorbance for standards when TMB incubation is performed for 20 minutes at 37°C and measured at OD_{450}.

Sample Concentration (ng/mL)	Sample 1 (OD_{450})	Sample 2 (OD_{450})	Mean (OD_{450})
8.0	0.231	0.24	0.236
4.0	0.445	0.438	0.442
2.0	0.922	0.943	0.933
1.0	1.82	1.809	1.815
0.5	2.112	2.096	2.104

12.2 Typical standard curve

This standard curve is for demonstration purposes only. An assay specific standard curve should be performed with each assay.



12.3 General Specifications

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Range	0.5 ng/mL – 8 ng/mL
LOD	< 0.25 ng/mL (Derived by linear regression of OD_{450} of the Mean Blank + 2xSD)
Specificity	Rat Tri-iodothyronine
Cross-Reactivity	No detectable cross-reactivity with other relevant proteins

12.4 Reproducibility

Three samples concentrations were measured in replicate within an assay plate and across replicate assays to assess Intra- and Inter-Assay precision.

Intra-Assay Precision: %CV < 15%, n=20

Inter-Assay Precision: %CV < 15%, n=20

13. Technical Resources

Technical Support:

For optimal service please be prepared to supply the lot number of the kit used.

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