



Haptoglobin ELISA Kit (Human) (OKGD00002)

Instructions for use

For the quantitative measurement of haptoglobin in human serum.

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's Haptoglobin ELISA Kit (Human) (OKGD00002) is based on standard sandwich enzyme-linked immuno-sorbent assay technology. An antibody specific for haptoglobin has been pre-coated onto a 96-well plate. Standards or test samples are added to the wells, incubated and washed. A horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated detector antibody specific for haptoglobin is added, incubated and followed by washing. An enzymatic reaction is produced through the addition of TMB substrate which is catalyzed by HRP generating a blue color product that changes yellow after adding acidic stop solution. The density of yellow coloration read by absorbance at 450 nm is quantitatively proportional to the amount of sample haptoglobin captured in well.

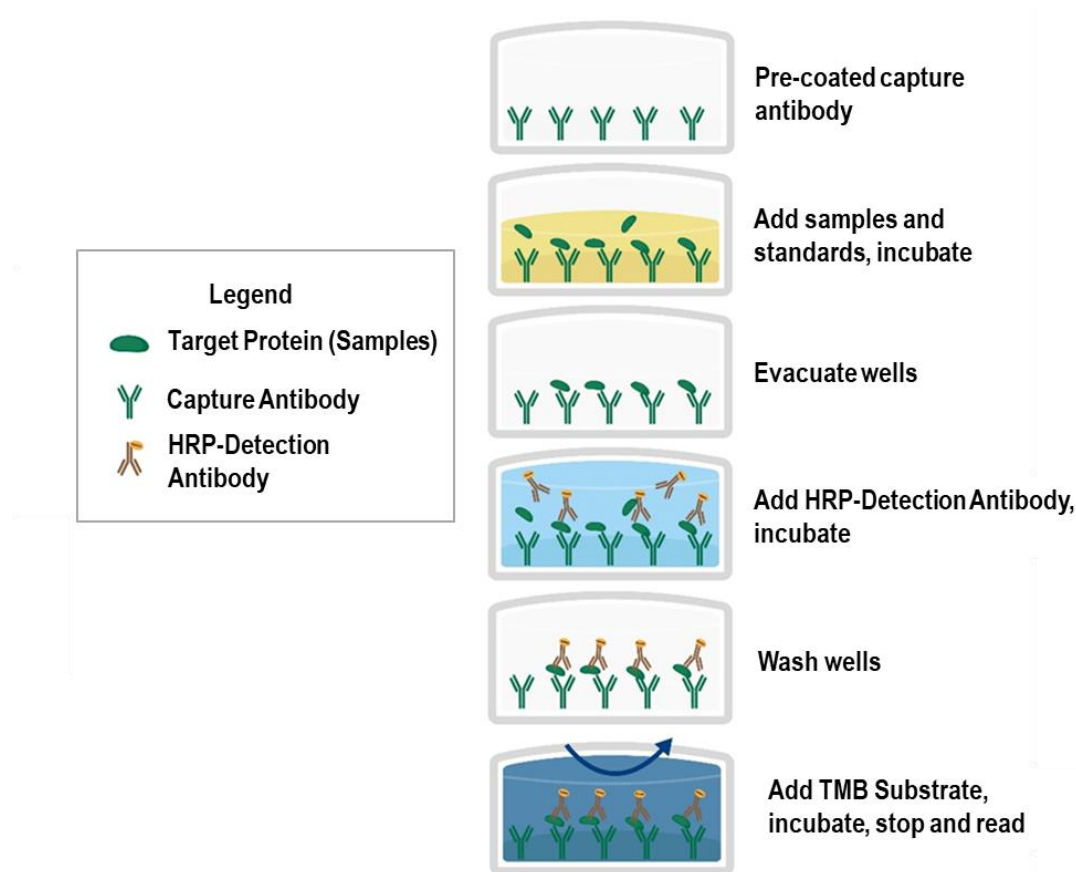
Target Background

Acute phase proteins are plasma proteins which increase in concentration following infection, inflammation or trauma. The first acute phase protein to be recognized was discovered in humans by Tillet and Frances in 1930¹. Haptoglobin (HP) is a heterogeneous plasma protein mostly synthesized by the liver. The haptoglobin monomer consist of two heavy chains, beta chains (40 kD) and two light chains, alpha chains, alpha 1 (9 kD) and alpha 2 (16 kD) that are linked disulfide bonds. The three major haptoglobin types are; HP1-1 which is monomeric (98 kD), HP1-2 is polymeric at about 200 kD, and HP2-2 at about 400 kD. The levels in serum rise quickly following acute tissue damage within 24 to 48 hours and fall very rapidly once the stimulus is removed. In fact, HP level are decreased in hemolytic anemia. HP has a high affinity for hemoglobin (Hb) and its function appears to be to prevent loss of Hb in urine which would lead to loss of iron.

General Specifications

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Range	0.8 ng/mL – 200 ng/mL	
Limit of Detection (LOD)	0.313 ng/mL (Derived by linear regression of OD ₄₅₀ of the Mean Blank + 2xSD)	
Target Information	Human Haptoglobin UniProt ID: A0A087WU08 GeneID: 3240 Target Alias: HP2- α ; Human Haptoglobin HP	
Species Reactivity	Species	Cross Reactivity (%)
	Chicken	0%
	Dog	20%
	Mouse	0%
	Rat	3%
Cross-Reactivity	Pig	3%
	Antigen	Cross Reactivity (%)
	AAT	3%
	APOA1	0%
	A2M	3%
	C3	0%
	Fibrinogen	0%
	HDL	0%
	HSA	0%
	IgA	0%
	IgG	0%
	IgM	0%
	LDL	1%
	Orosomucoid	0%
Transferrin	0%	

2. Assay Summary



3. Storage and Stability

Upon receipt, store kit at 4°C until the expiration date, which can be found on the Certificate of Analysis.

4. Kit Components

The following reagents are the provided contents of the kit:

Description	Quantity	Storage Conditions
Anti-HP Microplate	96 wells (12 x 8 Well Strips)	Store at 4°C until the expiration date
HP Lyophilized Standard	2 x 1000 ng/vial	
HP HRP-Detection Antibody	1 x 20 µL	
Assay Diluent A	1 x 30 mL	
20X Wash Buffer	1 x 30 mL	
TMB Substrate	1 x 12 mL	
Stop Solution	1 x 12 mL	
Plate Seals	2	

5. 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 refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).
- Kit cannot be used beyond the expiration date on the label.

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 μ L 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.
- For optimal results for inter- and intra-assay consistency, equilibrate all materials (except for standards) to 37°C prior to performing assay and perform all incubations at 37°C.
- Pipetting less than 2 μ L 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 that are hemolytic, lipemic, or contain precipitates, fibrin strands or bilirubin may 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.

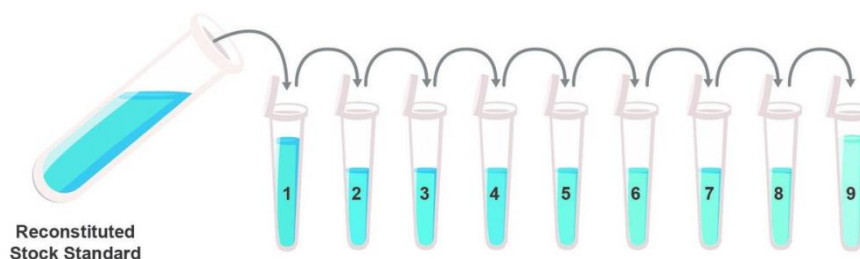
8. Reagent Preparation

- Equilibrate all materials to room temperature prior to use and prepare immediately prior to use.
- Prepare the HP Standard no greater than 2 hours prior to performing experiment. A fresh lyophilized vial should be reconstituted for each experiment. Standards should be held on ice until use in the experiment.

8.1 Haptoglobin Assay Standards

- 8.1.1** Prepare the **HP Standard** no greater than 2 hours prior to performing experiment. Standards should be held on ice until use in the experiment.
- 8.1.2** Reconstitute the **HP Standard** by adding 1 mL of 1x PBS directly to the vial to achieve Standard #0. Close, and invert several times to dissolve. Do not vortex. Allow the vial to sit at room temperature for 10 minutes before use.
- 8.1.3** Prepare a set of serially diluted standards as follows:
- 8.1.3.1 Label tubes with the respective standard number.
- 8.1.3.2 Add 100 μL of the reconstituted standard to 400 μL of **Assay Diluent A** in Tube #1.
- 8.1.3.3 Add 250 μL of Assay Diluent to the remaining tubes.
- 8.1.3.4 Prepare **Standard #2** by adding 250 μL of **Standard #1** from Tube #1 to Tube #2. Vortex briefly to mix.
- 8.1.3.5 Prepare **Standard #3** by adding 250 μL of **Standard #2** from Tube #2 to Tube #3. Vortex briefly to mix.
- 8.1.3.6 Prepare further serial dilutions in the remaining tubes. Reference the table below as a guide for serial dilution scheme.
- 8.1.3.7 The last tube is a blank standard (only **Assay Diluent A**), which should be included with every experiment.

Standard Number (Tube)	Standard To Dilute (ng/mL)	Volume Standard to Dilute (μL)	Volume Assay Diluent (μL)	Total Volume (μL)	Final Concentration (ng/mL)
1	1000 ng/mL Reconstituted Standard	100	400.0	500	200 ng/mL
2	200 ng/mL	250	250	500	100 ng/mL
3	100 ng/mL	250	250	500	50 ng/mL
4	50 ng/mL	250	250	500	25 ng/mL
5	25 ng/mL	250	250	500	12.5 ng/mL
6	12.5 ng/mL	250	250	500	6.3 ng/mL
7	6.3 ng/mL	250	250	500	3.1 ng/mL
8	3.1 ng/mL	250	250	500	1.6 ng/mL
9	1.6 ng/mL	250	250	500	0.8 ng/mL
10	NA	0	250	250	0 (Blank)



8.2 Haptoglobin HRP-Detection Antibody

- 8.2.1** Prepare the **HP HRP-Detection Antibody** immediately prior to use by adding 11ul of the **HP HRP-Detection Antibody** to 11mL of **Assay Diluent A**.
- 8.2.2** Mix thoroughly and gently. Do not store at 1X concentration for future use.

8.3 1X Wash Buffer

- 8.3.1** If crystals have formed in the **20X Wash Buffer** concentrate, equilibrate to room temperature and mix gently until crystals have completely dissolved.
- 8.3.2** Add the entire 30ml contents of the **20X Wash Buffer bottle** to 570ml of ultra-pure water in a clean bottle.
- 8.3.3** Mix gently and thoroughly by magnetic stirrer.
- 8.3.4** Hold the Wash Buffer at room temperature until ready to use in the procedure. Store the prepared Wash Buffer at 4°C for no longer than 2 weeks. Do not freeze.

8.4 Microplate Preparation

- Micro-plates are provided ready to use and do not require rinsing or blocking.
- Any unused well strips should be sealed in the original packaging and stored at 4°C with desiccant.
- 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 to being assayed.
- For long term storage, aliquot and freeze samples at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- This assay is intended for serum, plasma and other biological fluids. The sample preparation protocols below have been provided for your reference:
 - **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.
 - **Tissue Homogenates** – Rinse 100 mg of tissue with 1X PBS, then homogenize in 1 mL of 1X PBS and stored overnight at -20°C. Perform two freeze-thaw cycles to break the cell membranes, then centrifuge the 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.
 - **Cell culture supernatants** – Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Note: Samples that are hemolytic, lipemic, or contain precipitates, fibrin strands or bilirubin may cause inaccurate results due to interfering factors

9.2 Sample Dilution

- Target protein concentration must be estimated, and appropriate sample dilution selected such that the final target protein concentration falls near the middle of the assay linear dynamic range. Samples exhibiting saturation should be further diluted.
 - Dilute samples using **Assay Diluent A**.
 - Mix diluted samples gently and thoroughly.
 - Pipetting less than 2 µL is not recommended for optimal assay accuracy.

10. Assay Procedure

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

- 10.1** Add 100 μ L of the serially diluted **HP Standards**, diluted samples or blank into wells of the **Anti-HP Microplate**. At least two replicates of each standard, sample or blank is recommended.
- 10.2** Cover the plate with plate sealer and incubate for 60 minutes at room temperature.
- 10.3** Remove the plate sealer and discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle or aspiration.
- 10.4** 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.
- 10.5** Wash plate 5 times with **1X Wash Buffer** as follows:
 - 10.5.1** Add 300 μ L of **1X Wash Buffer** to each assay well.
 - 10.5.2** Discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle.
 - 10.5.3** 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.
 - 10.5.4** Repeat steps 10.5.1 through 10.5.3 **four** more times.
- 10.6** Add 100 μ L of prepared **1X HP HRP-Detection Antibody** to each well.
- 10.7** Cover the plate with plate seal and incubate for 60 minutes at room temperature.
- 10.8** Discard the liquid in the wells by rigorously flicking into an acceptable waste receptacle or aspiration.
- 10.9** 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.
- 10.10** Wash plate **5 times** as in Step 10.5
- 10.11** Add 100 μ L of **TMB Substrate** to each well and incubate **for 5-30 minutes in the dark**. Wells should change to gradations of blue. If the color is too deep, reduce the incubation time.
(NOTE: TMB Substrate must be pre-warmed to room temperature before adding to the plate. **Incubation time must be determined by the user**. Optimal development can be visualized by blue shading in the top four standard wells. The blank (final standard point) should be faint blue to clear.)
- 10.12** Add 50 μ L of **Stop Solution** to each well. Well color should change to yellow immediately. Add the **Stop Solution** in the same well order as done for the **TMB Substrate**.
- 10.13** Read the O.D. absorbance at 450 nm with a standard microplate reader within 30 minutes of stopping the reaction in step 10.12.

11. Calculation of Results

For analysis of the assay results, calculate the **Relative OD₄₅₀** 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 OD₄₅₀** of each standard serial dilution point vs. the respective standard concentration. The HP concentration contained in the samples can be interpolated by using linear regression of each mean sample **Relative OD₄₅₀** against the standard curve. This is best achieved using curve fitting software.

Note: If wavelength correction readings were 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. Technical Resources

Technical Support:

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

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