

# MOUSE / RAT CLUSTERIN ELISA KIT

**FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF MOUSE OR RAT CLUSTERIN CONCENTRATIONS IN SERUM AND PLASMA**



**PRODUCT INFORMATION:**

ELISA NAME	MOUSE / RAT CLUSTERIN ELISA
Catalog No.	SK00709-03
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	2.5 – 320 ng/mL
Sensitivity	1 ng/mL
Sample Volume	100 µL
Sample Type	Serum and EDTA Plasma
Dilution Factor	100 <b>(Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application)</b>
Specificity	Mouse, Rat
Calibration	Mouse Clusterin 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.	

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

This Mouse/Rat Clusterin ELISA Kit contains the necessary components required for the quantitative measurement of recombinant and/or natural mouse and rat Clusterin from serum and plasma in a sandwich ELISA format.

This immunoassay contains recombinant mouse Clusterin and antibodies raised against this protein. Results from this immunoassay have shown to accurately quantify recombinant and natural mouse and rat Clusterin samples.

**ASSAY OVERVIEW**

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich ELISA format. The plate is pre-coated with an antibody specific for mouse Clusterin. The capture antibody can bind to the mouse Clusterin in the standard and samples. After washing the plate of any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody against mouse Clusterin 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 is added to the wells and color develops in direct proportion to the amount of mouse Clusterin bound in the standard solutions 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
<b>Clusterin Microplate</b> - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with an antibody against mouse Clusterin.	<b>709-03-01</b>	<b>1 plate</b>
<b>Clusterin Standard</b> – 160 ng/vial of recombinant mouse Clusterin in a buffered protein base with preservative; lyophilized.	<b>709-03-02</b>	<b>2 vials</b>
<b>Detection Antibody Concentrate</b> – 1.05 mL/vial, 10-fold concentrate of biotinylated antibody against mouse Clusterin with preservative; lyophilized.	<b>709-03-03</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Positive Control</b> - one vial of recombinant mouse Clusterin with preservative; lyophilized.	<b>709-03-04</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate</b> - 120 µL/vial, 100-fold concentrated solution of Streptavidin-HRP conjugate.	<b>SAHRP</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Dilution Buffer</b> - 60 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	<b>DB01</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Antibody &amp; HRP Diluent Solution</b> – 30 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	<b>DB08</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Wash Buffer</b> - 50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	<b>WB01</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>TMB Substrate Solution</b> - 11 mL of TMB substrate solution.	<b>TMB01</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Stop Solution</b> - 11 mL of 0.5M HCl.	<b>S-STOP</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Plate Sealer</b>	<b>EAPS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Plastic Pouch</b>	<b>P01</b>	<b>1</b>

**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) solution and Detection Antibody concentrated solution SHOULD BE STORED at -20° C or -70° C for up to one month. Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate 100-fold concentrated solution and Substrate Solution can be stored at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months (**DO NOT FREEZE** and **PROTECT FROM LIGHT**). All other components may be stored at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months.

**Microplate Wells:** Return unused strips 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**

Mouse plasma and serum samples may need a 100-fold dilution. A suggested 10-fold dilution is 10 µL sample + 90 µL Dilution Buffer. A suggested 100-fold dilution is 25 µL of 10-fold diluted sample + 225 µL Dilution Buffer. **Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.**

**Use polypropylene test tubes.**

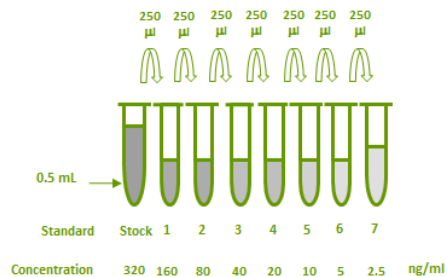
**REAGENT PREPARATION**

**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.

**Clusterin Standard** - Reconstitute the Clusterin standard with 0.5 mL of Dilution Buffer (DB01). This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 320 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 #7. Use the high standard of **320 ng/mL** to produce a dilution series. Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 ng/mL).

TUBE	STANDARD	DILUTION BUFFER	CONCENTRATION
Stock	powder	500 µl	320 ng/ml
# 1	250 µl of stock	250 µl	160 ng/ml
# 2	250 µl of 1	250 µl	80 ng/ml
# 3	250 µl of 2	250 µl	40 ng/ml
# 4	250 µl of 3	250 µl	20 ng/ml
# 5	250 µl of 4	250 µl	10 ng/ml
# 6	250 µl of 5	250 µl	5 ng/ml
# 7	250 µl of 6	250 µl	2.5 ng/ml



**Positive Control** - Reconstitute the Positive Control with 0.5 mL of Dilution Buffer (DB01) to make positive control working solution. **Note:** Positive control working solution could be reused within a few days if stored at -20° C to -70° C.

**Detection Antibody Concentrate** - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody Concentrate with 1.05 mL of **Antibody & HRP Diluent Solution (DB08)** to produce a 10-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 9.45 mL of Antibody & HRP Diluent Solution (DB08) into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 1.05 mL of 10-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

**Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate** - Transfer 120 µL of 100-fold concentrated stock solution to 11.88 mL of **Antibody & HRP Diluent Solution (DB08)** 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 per well of **Dilution Buffer** to Blank wells.
4. Add 100 µL of **Standard dilutions, samples, or positive control** per well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on plate 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 2 hours on plate 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 45 minutes on plate 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 5-10 minutes on a plate 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**

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, positive control and sample, and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a log-log curve fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the Clusterin concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data.

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

**TYPICAL STANDARD CURVE**

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

STANDARD (NG/ML)	CORRECTED (450NM)
Blank	0 (0.117)
2.5	0.042
5	0.061
10	0.123
20	0.208
40	0.322
80	0.464
160	0.613
320	0.860

- Lot No.:
- Positive Control:

**SPECIFICITY**

This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant mouse Clusterin. The data also indicates that rat serum and plasma samples were bound to the antibody that was used in this kit formulation condition. Its linear dilution curves were parallel to the standard curve obtained using the ELISA standard. This means that rat serum and plasma samples cross-react with Mouse Clusterin ELISA Kit.

**SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE**

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS
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Add 100 µL of standard dilutions, samples, or positive control to each well. Incubate for 2 hours on 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 for 2 hours on 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 45 min on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>
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Aspirate and wash 4 times.
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Add 100 µL Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate 5-10 min on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>
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Add 100 µL Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min.