



Technical Manual

Human Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) IgG ELISA Kit

- Catalogue Code: HDES0036
- Antibody ELISA Kit
- Research Use Only

1. Test principle

This ELISA kit uses Indirect-ELISA as the method to detect the HCV-IgG in human serum or plasma samples. The ELISA Microtiter plate provided in this kit has been pre-coated with recombinant Hepatitis C Virus antigen (including HCV core antigen and non-structural antigen). Samples are added to the ELISA Microtiter plate wells and the HCV antibody in which will combine with the pre-coated antigen to form antigen-antibody compound. Free components are washed away. The HRP conjugated is added to each well and react with the compound to form “HCV antigen- HCV antibody-HRP conjugated” compound. The substrate reagent is added to initiate the color developing reaction. The presence of HCV-Ab can be determined according to the OD value after colorimetric assay with the Micro-plate reader.

2. Kit components

| Item | Specifications |
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| ELISA Microtiter plate | 96 wells |
| HRP Conjugate | 12 mL |
| Sample Diluent | 12 mL |
| 20×Concentrated Wash Buffer | 50 mL |
| Substrate Reagent A | 6 mL |
| Substrate Reagent B | 6 mL |
| Stop Solution | 6 mL |
| Positive Control | 1 mL |
| Negative Control | 1 mL |
| Plate Sealer | 3 pieces |
| Sealed Bag | 1 piece |
| Manual | 1 copy |

Note: All reagent bottle caps must be tightened to prevent evaporation and microbial pollution.

3. Other materials required but not supplied

- Microplate Reader with 450 nm wavelength filter or dual-wavelength (450/630 nm)
- High-precision transferpettor, EP tubes and disposable pipette tips
- 37° C Incubator or water bath
- Deionized water
- Absorbent paper

4. Notes

1. Please read the manual carefully before use, changes of operation may result in unreliable results.
2. Wear gloves and work clothes during experiment, and the disinfection and isolation system should be strictly executed. All the waste should be handled as contaminant.
3. The stop solution is corrosive, it should be avoided to contact with skin and clothing. Wash immediately with plenty of water if contact it carelessly.
4. The ELISA Microtiter plate obtained from cold storage conditions should be adjusted to room temperature before use. The unused plate should be kept in a sealed bag with desiccant.
5. Concentrated washing liquid at low temperature condition is easy to crystallization, it should be adjusted to room temperature in order to dissolve completely before use.
6. The results shall depend on the readings of the micro-plate Reader.
7. **Each reagent is optimized for use in the HDES0036. Do not substitute reagents from any other manufacturer into the test kit. Do not combine reagents from other HDES0036 with different lot numbers.**
8. All the samples and waste material should be treated as infective material according to the relevant rules of biosafety.

5. Storage and expiry date

Store at 2 to 8° C. Avoid freeze.

Please store the opened plate at 2 to 8° C, the shelf life of the opened kit is up to 1 month.

Expiry date: expiration date is on the packing box.

6. Sample preparation

1. **Serum/plasma:** Human serum and plasma can be used as detected sample. Fresh collected samples should be fully centrifuged, then take clear liquid for test. Suspended fibrous protein may cause a false positive. Obviously contaminated samples can't be detected.
2. Anticoagulant (EDTA, sodium citrate and heparin sodium) in samples do not affect the result of the experiment in general. Endogenous interfering substances in the serum such as blood fat and hemoglobin may cause false results.
3. There should be no microorganism contained in the samples. Samples can be stored at 2-8° C for one week. If samples not tested in a week, store them at below -20° C and avoid freeze-thaw cycles.
4. **Wash Buffer:** The **20×Concentrated Wash Buffer** should be adjusted to room temperature to make the sediment dissolved fully before use, and then dilute it with

deionized water at 1:19.

7. Assay procedure

Restore all reagents and samples to room temperature (25° C) before use. All the reagents should be mixed thoroughly by gently swirling before pipetting. Avoid foaming. The unused ELISA Microtiter plate should be sealed as soon as possible and stored at 2-8° C.

1. **Number:** number the sample and standard in order (multiple well), and keep a record of standard wells and sample wells. Set 1 well for blank control, 3 wells for negative control and 1 well for positive control. **Samples need test in duplicate.**
2. **Add sample:**
 - a) Add 100 µL of **negative/positive control** respectively to 3 negative control wells, 1 positive control well, keep the blank control well empty (Blank well is not necessary for dual-wavelength detection).
 - b) Dilute the tested serum/plasma with **Sample Diluent** at 1:10 into sample well (add 100 µL of Sample Diluent and add 10 µL of sample), mix fully.
3. **Incubate:** cover the ELISA Microtiter plate with sealer. Incubate for 60 min at 37° C.
4. **Wash:** remove the plate sealer and aspirate the liquid of each well. Repeat the washing procedure for 5 times with **Wash Buffer** and immerse for 30-60 sec each time. Invert the plate and pat it against thick clean absorbent paper (If bubbles exist in the wells, clean tips can be used to prick them).
5. **HRP conjugate:** add 100 µL of **HRP Conjugate** to each well except the blank control well, mix fully.
6. **Incubate:** cover the ELISA Microtiter plate with sealer. Incubate for 30 minutes at 37° C in shading light.
7. **Wash:** repeat step 4.
8. **Add substrate:** add 50 µL of **Substrate Reagent A** and 50 µL of **Substrate Reagent B** to each well. Gently tap the plate to mix thoroughly. Cover with a new plate sealer. Incubate for **30 min** at 37° C in shading light.
9. **Stop reaction:** add 50 µL of **Stop Solution** to each well, gently tap the plate to mix thoroughly.
10. **OD Measurement:** set the Microplate Reader wavelength at 450 nm (it is recommended to set the dual wavelength at 450 nm/630 nm) to detect A value of each well. Blank well is not needed when using dual wavelength 450 nm/630 nm for detection. **Note: Read the results within 30 min.**

8. Reference value

Normally, blank well (just substrate agent and stop solution) absorbance: $A_{450} \leq 0.08$.

positive control (PC): $A_{450} > 0.50$ and average A value of negative control (NC): $A_{450} < 0.08$.

9. Interpretation of test results

Cut Off = 0.10 + average A value of negative control (NC) (when average A450 of NC < 0.05, calculate at 0.05; while average A value of NC \geq 0.05, calculate at the actual value).

1. Positive result: average A value of sample \geq Cut Off.
2. Negative result: average A value of sample < Cut Off.
3. Negative result indicates no HCV-IgG detected in samples, while positive result means the opposite.

10. Limitations of test method

1. This test is only used as the qualitative detection of HCV-IgG in serum and plasma of human.
2. The detection results of this kit are only for reference. For confirmation of the result, please combine the symptoms and other methods of detection, this detection cannot be used as the only criteria for result.

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