

EDI™ Humanized Anti-HER-2/neu (Herceptin/trastuzumab) ELISA Kit

Enzyme Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay (ELISA) for the Quantitative Measurement of
Herceptin Levels in blood



KTR-755



For Research Use Only

Not for Use in Diagnostic Procedures

INTENDED USE

This test kit is intended for use in the quantitative determination of Herceptin levels in human serum or EDTA plasma.

INTRODUCTION

Herceptin (Trastuzumab) is a humanized monoclonal antibody used in cancer treatment for Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 (HER2) over-expressing tumors. In the case of these tumors, Herceptin binds to and inhibits tumor growth. Herceptin can also be labeled with various toxins to enhance tumor suppression. Studies have also found that Herceptin targets gastric cancer stem cells characterized by CD90 phenotype.

ASSAY PRINCIPLE

The assay utilizes the “sandwich” technique with HER2 coated to solid phase micro titer plate wells and an antibody to human IgG which is labeled with horseradish peroxidase used for detection. Assay calibrators, controls and diluted patient samples are added directly to wells of a micro titer plate that is coated with HER2 recombinant protein. Subsequently, horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated human IgG antibody is added to each well. After the first incubation period, a “sandwich” of “HER2 - Herceptin – HRP conjugated human IgG antibody” is formed on the surface of the plate wells. The unbound proteins are removed in the subsequent washing step. For the detection of this immunocomplex, the wells are then incubated with a substrate solution in a timed reaction and then measured in a spectrophotometric microplate reader. The enzymatic activity of the immunocomplex bound to the wall of each micro titer well is directly proportional to the amount of herceptin in the calibrators. A calibration curve is generated by plotting the absorbance versus the respective herceptin concentration for each calibrator using point-to-point or 4 parameter curve fitting. The concentration of herceptin in test samples is determined directly from this calibration curve.

REAGENTS: Preparation and Storage

This test kit must be stored at 2 – 8 °C upon receipt. For the expiration date of the kit refer to the label on the kit box. All components are stable until this expiration date.

Prior to use allow all reagents to come to room temperature.

Reagents from different kit lot numbers should not be combined or interchanged.

1. HER-2 Coated Microplate (Cat. No. 30755)

One microplate with twelve by eight strips (96 wells total) coated with recombinant HER-2 protein. The plate is framed and sealed in a foil zipper bag with a desiccant. This reagent should be stored at 2 – 8 °C and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

2. Herceptin Tracer Antibody (Cat. No. 30756)

One vial containing 12 mL concentrated Tracer Antibody in a stabilized protein matrix. This reagent should be stored at 2 – 8 °C and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

3. ELISA Wash Concentrate (Cat. No. 10010)

One bottle containing 30 mL of 30-fold concentrate. Before use the contents must be diluted with 870 mL of demineralized water and mixed well. Upon dilution, this yields a working wash solution containing a surfactant in phosphate buffered saline with a non-azide, non-mercury preservative. The diluted wash solution may be stored at room temperature and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

4. ELISA HRP Substrate (Cat. No. 10020)

One bottle containing 12 mL of tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) with hydrogen peroxide. This reagent should be stored at 2 – 8 °C and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

5. ELISA Stop Solution (Cat. No. 10030)

One bottle containing 15 mL of 1N sulfuric acid. This reagent may be stored at 2 – 8 °C or at room temperature and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

6. Herceptin Calibrators (Cat. No. 30801-30806)

Six vials containing ready-to-use Herceptin in a serum based matrix with a non-azide preservative. **Refer to the vial for exact concentration of the calibrator.** These calibrators should be stored at 2-8°C, (-20°C for longer storage) and are stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

7. Herceptin Controls (Cat. No. 30807-30808)

Two vials containing ready-to-use Herceptin in a serum based matrix with non-azide preservative. **Refer to the vial for the acceptable concentration ranges for the controls.** These controls should be stored at 2 – 8 °C, (-20°C for longer storage) and are stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

8. Herceptin Concentrated Assay Buffer (Cat. No. 30876)

One bottle containing 30 mL of 4-fold concentrated buffer matrix with protein stabilizers and preservative. This reagent should be stored at 2 – 8 °C and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box. Before use the concentrated buffer must be diluted with 90 mL of demineralized water and mixed well. Upon dilution, this yields as 1x Assay Buffer, which serves as the **patient sample diluent** containing a surfactant in phosphate-buffered saline with a non-azide preservative. The diluted reagent is stored at 2 – 8 °C and is stable until the expiration date on the kit box.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The reagents must be used in professional laboratory. Source material for reagents containing bovine serum was derived in the contiguous 48 United States. It was obtained only from healthy donor animals maintained under veterinary supervision and found free of contagious diseases. Wear gloves while performing this assay and handle these reagents as if they are potentially infectious. Avoid contact with reagents containing TMB, hydrogen peroxide, or sulfuric acid. TMB may cause irritation to skin and mucous membranes and cause an allergic skin reaction. TMB is a suspected carcinogen. Sulfuric acid may cause severe irritation on contact with skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest or inhale fumes. On contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Use Good Laboratory Practices.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Precision single channel pipettes capable of delivering 10 μ L, 25 μ L, 50 μ L, 100 μ L, etc.
2. Disposable pipette tips suitable for above volume dispensing.
3. Aluminum foil.
4. Deionized or distilled water.
5. Plastic microtiter well cover or polyethylene film.
6. ELISA multi-channel wash bottle or automatic (semi-automatic) washing system.
7. Spectrophotometric microplate reader capable of reading absorbance at 450 nm.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Serum or EDTA-plasma samples are suitable specimens for active Herceptin measurement. Only **10 μ L** of sample is required for a duplicate determination of active Herceptin with this test kit. No special preparation of individual is necessary prior to specimen collection. Samples should be collected by calibrator methods of clinical laboratory practice and recommended by the manufacturer of the sample collection tube. It is extremely important to carefully separate the plasma from blood cells to avoid hemolysis, etc. Samples should be transferred to a clean test tube right after centrifugation and should be stored at 2 – 8 °C if the assay is to be performed within 72 hours. Otherwise, patient samples should be stored at - 20 °C or below until measurement. Avoid more than three times freeze-thaw cycles of specimen. Do not use hemolyzed, hyperlipemic, heat-treated or any contaminated specimens.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. Reagent Preparation

- (1) Prior to use allow all reagents to come to room temperature. Reagents from different kit lot numbers should not be combined or interchanged.
- (2) ELISA Wash Concentrate (Cat. 10010) and Herceptin Concentrated Assay Buffer (Cat. 30876) must be diluted to working solution prior to use. Please see REAGENTS section for details.
- (3) **Each unknown sample needs to be diluted 1:100 using the 1x Assay Buffer.**
- (4) Place a sufficient number of HER-2 coated microwell strips in a holder to determine calibrators and diluted unknown samples in duplicates

2. Assay Procedure:

(1) Test Configuration

ROW	STRIP 1	STRIP 2	STRIP 3
A	CAL 1	CAL 5	SAMPLE 1
B	CAL 1	CAL 5	SAMPLE 1
C	CAL 2	CAL 6	SAMPLE 2
D	CAL 2	CAL 6	SAMPLE 2
E	CAL 3	CTL 1	SAMPLE 3
F	CAL 3	CTL 1	SAMPLE 3
G	CAL 4	CTL 2	SAMPLE 4
H	CAL 4	CTL 2	SAMPLE 4

- (1) Add **25 μ L** of calibrators, controls, and **diluted 1:100** test samples into the designated microwells.
- (2) Immediately add **100 μ L** of working 1x Assay buffer into the designated microwells.
- (3) Seal the plate wells securely, cover with foil or other material to protect from light, and rotate on an ELISA plate shaker (small orbit radius) for **1 hour** at 400 to 450 rpm.
- (4) Wash each well 5 times by dispensing 350 μ L of working wash solution into each well and then completely aspirating the contents. Alternatively, an automated microplate washer can be used.
- (5) Add **100 μ L** of Herceptin Tracer Antibody (cat# 30756) to each well.
- (6) Seal the plate wells securely, cover with foil or other material to protect from light, and rotate for **30 minutes** on an ELISA plate shaker (small orbit radius) at 400 to 450 rpm.
- (7) Wash each well 5 times by dispensing 350 μ L of working wash solution into each well and then completely aspirating the contents. Alternatively, an automated microplate washer can be used.
- (8) Add **100 μ L** of ELISA HRP Substrate into each of the wells.
- (9) Cover the plate with aluminum foil or other material to avoid exposure to light. Incubate plate static, at room temperature for **20 minutes**.
- (10) Immediately add **100 μ L** of ELISA Stop Solution into each of the wells. Mix gently.
- (11) Read the absorbance at 450 nm.

PROCEDURAL NOTES

1. It is recommended that all calibrators and unknown samples be assayed in duplicate. The average absorbance reading of each duplicate should be used for data reduction and the calculation of results. It is recommended to add external controls to each assay.
2. Keep light sensitive reagents in the original amber bottles.
3. Store any unused antibody coated strips in the foil zipper bag with desiccant to protect from moisture.
4. Careful technique and use of properly calibrated pipetting devices are necessary to ensure reproducibility of the test.
5. Incubation times or temperatures other than those stated in this insert may affect the results.
6. An orbital mixer with a larger orbit radius (e.g. > 1 cm) may be used at speeds of 150 to 200 rpm.
7. Avoid air bubbles in the microwell as this could result in lower binding efficiency and higher CV% of duplicate reading.
8. All reagents should be mixed gently and thoroughly prior to use. Avoid foaming.
9. If adapting this assay to automated ELISA system such as DS-2, DSX or Trituras, a procedural validation is necessary if there is any modification of the assay procedure.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

It is recommended to use a point to point calibrator curve fitting.

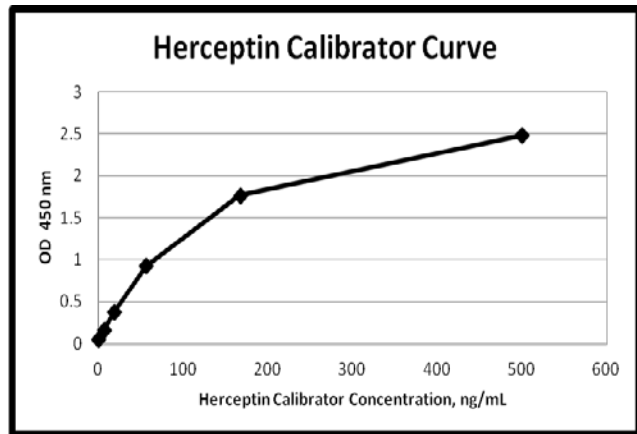
1. Calculate the average absorbance for each pair of duplicate test results.
2. The calibrator curve is generated by the corrected absorbance of all calibrator levels on the ordinate against the calibrator concentration. Appropriate computer assisted data reduction programs should be used for the calculation of results.

The Herceptin calibrator and control concentrations for the test samples are read directly from the calibrator curve using their respective corrected absorbance

EXAMPLE DATA AND CALIBRATOR CURVE

A typical absorbance data and the resulting calibrator curve from this Herceptin ELISA are represented. **This curve should not be used in lieu of calibrator curve generated with each assay.**

Well I.D.	OD 450 nm Absorbance			Results ng/mL
	Readings	Average	Corrected	
0	0.047			
ng/mL	0.047	0.047	0.000	
6.1	0.164			
ng/mL	0.166	0.165	0.118	
18.5	0.403			
ng/mL	0.360	0.381	0.334	
56	0.946			
ng/mL	0.915	0.930	0.883	
167	1.856			
ng/mL	1.686	1.771	1.724	
500	2.432			
ng/mL	2.534	2.483	2.436	
Control 1	0.300			13.13
	0.275	0.287	0.240	ng/mL
Control 2	1.473			124.01
	1.418	1.445	1.398	ng/mL



LIMITATION OF THE PROCEDURE

1. This assay requires human serum or plasma sample for testing.
2. Serum or plasma samples from different species may show different matrix background. A modification of test procedure may be necessary for measuring samples from other species. Please contact Epitope Diagnostics for technical support.

3. Cell culture or tissue culture samples should be validated with total binding and other performance specifications before being used.

QUALITY CONTROL

To assure the validity of the results each assay should include adequate controls.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Sensitivity

The sensitivity (lowest limit of detection) of this Herceptin ELISA as determined by the corresponding absorbance value of 2-fold calibrator deviation above the mean on 16 determinations of zero calibrator is 0.245 ng/mL.

Specificity

This assay is specific for herceptin. There are no known interfering substances.

High Dose "hook" effect

This assay has not shown any high dose "hook" effect for Herceptin levels up to 1,000 µg/mL.

Precision

The intra-assay precision was validated by measuring three spiked samples with 16 replicate determinations.

Sample #	Mean Value (ng/mL)	CV (%)
1	3.3	6.8
2	25.9	8.0
3	192.6	9.4

The inter-assay precision was validated by measuring two control levels in duplicate in 16 individual assays.

Sample #	Mean Value (ng/mL)	CV (%)
1	12.9	7.3
2	119.9	7.3

Linearity

Three samples were diluted with calibrator zero and tested. The results of Herceptin dilution recovery value are as follows:

DILUTION	OBSERVED VALUE (ng/mL)	RECOVERY %
Sample A (1:100)		
1:2	100.1	-
1:4	46.7	93.4
1:8	22.7	90.8
Sample B (1:100)		
1:2	99.0	-
1:4	46.8	94.6
1:8	23.3	94.3
Sample C (1:100)		
1:2	10.4	84.3
1:4	0.500	
1:8	0.250	100.0
1:16	0.122	97.6
1:32	0.066	105.6

Spike Recovery

Three samples are equal volume mixed with calibrators level 3, 4, 5 and tested. The results are as follows:

Spiked Sample	OBSERVED VALUE (ng/mL)	RECOVERY %
Sample A (1:100)	0.2	-
Cal 3: 18.5 ng/mL	9.2	98.3
Cal 4: 56 ng/mL	31.1	110.5
Cal 5: 167 ng/mL	89.9	107.5
Sample B (1:100)	0.5	-
Cal 3: 18.5 ng/mL	12.7	133.7
Cal 4: 56 ng/mL	29.4	104.2
Cal 5: 167 ng/mL	98.9	118.0
Sample C (1:100)	0.6	-
Cal 3: 18.5 ng/mL	8.3	87.2
Cal 4: 56 ng/mL	27.0	95.2
Cal 5: 167 ng/mL	80.3	95.8

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