



Anti-SSB (La) ELISA Kit

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Introduction

The presence of antibodies against the SSB (also known as La) antigen has been advocated as a diagnostic marker for Sjogren's syndrome (SS), an autoimmune disease characterized by inflammation of the glands leading to diminished or absent glandular secretion. SS may present as a primary disease or associate with other systemic autoimmune diseases as secondary SS. The SSB antigen is a 47 kD ribonucleic protein associated with a spectrum of small RNAs and primarily resides in the nucleus. Antibodies to the SSB antigen appear in more than 80% of patients with primary or secondary SS. Anti-SSB antibodies usually co-present with anti-SSA antibodies, however due to more common of anti-SSA antibodies in other rheumatological conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD). It suggests that anti-SSB is more specific for primary and secondary SS than anti-SSA.

Principle of the assay

Anti-SSB ELISA kit measures anti-SSB antibodies in the serum. It is based on the principle of a solid phase enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. The assay utilizes SSB protein for immobilization on the microtiter wells and anti-human IgG antibodies conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) for detection. The test sample is allowed to react simultaneously with the two components, resulting in anti-SSB antibodies being sandwiched between the solid phase and enzyme-linked antibodies. After incubation, the wells are washed to remove unbound-labeled antibodies. A HRP substrate, TMB, is added to result in the development of a blue color. The color development is then stopped with the addition of Stop Solution changing the color to yellow. The concentration of anti-SSB is directly proportional to the color intensity of the test sample. Absorbance is measured spectrophotometrically at 450 nm.

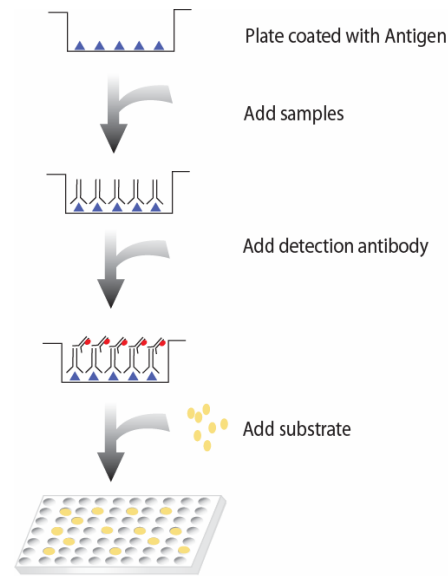


Diagram of ELISA

Materials provided with the kit

- 96-well plate coated with SSB (4°C).
- Anti-human IgG antibody conjugated to HRP (4°C).
- 1X Diluent buffer (4°C).
- 5X Assay wash buffer (4°C).
- Substrate (4°C).
- Stop Solution (4°C)

Material required but not provided

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm
- Shaker

Reagent preparation before starting experiment

- Dilute the 5x Assay wash buffer to 1x buffer
40ml 5x Assay wash buffer
160ml ddH₂O
- Dilute 1000 times of anti-human IgG antibody conjugated to HRP with 1X Diluent buffer.

Storage and Preparation

Store all reagents at 2-8°C.

All reagents must be brought to room temperature (20-25°C) prior to use.

When stored at 2-8°C, the diluted Assay wash buffer is stable until the kit expiration date.

Precautions

Human blood derivatives and patient specimens should be considered potentially infectious. All human derived components need to be tested for the negative HBsAg, HCV, HIV-1 and 2 and HTLV-I. Follow good laboratory practices in storing, dispensing and disposing of these materials.

Assay procedure

1. Cut the sealing film over the plate and remove it from the desired number of well strips. Make sure the rest of wells are well sealed.
2. Add 100 μ l of diluted samples (1:100 diluted or further 2 serial diluted serum) per well and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
3. Aspirate each well and wash by adding 200 μ l of 1X Assay wash buffer. Repeat the process twice for a total of three washes. Completely remove liquid at each wash by firmly tapping the plate against clean paper towels.
4. Add 100 μ l of diluted anti-human IgG antibody conjugated to HRP to each well and incubate for 0.5 hours at room temperature with gentle shaking.
5. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 3.
6. Add 100 μ l of Substrate to each well and incubate for 5-30 minutes.
7. Add 50 μ l of Stop solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow.
8. Determine the optical density of each well with a microplate reader at 450 nm within 30 minutes.

Example

