



Human CTSD ELISA Kit (Colorimetric)

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Introduction

Cathepsin D (CTSD) is an aspartic protease that is found in lysosomes. The primary function of this proteinase is to degrade proteins and activate precursors of bioactive proteins. Over expression of CTSD has been found to stimulate tumorigenicity and metastasis. Furthermore, mutations in the CTSD gene have been linked to several diseases, including breast cancer and Alzheimer disease. CTSD is clinically significant because it is an indicator of poor prognosis in breast cancer patients.

Principle of the assay

The wells of the plate are coated with capture antibody specific to CTSD. In this assay, the test sample initially reacts with the solid phase capture antibody, resulting in CTSD being bound to the well. The wells are then washed to remove unbound proteins, and biotin-linked antibodies are added to bind to the immobilized CTSD. After washing away the unbound antibodies, Streptavidin-HRP conjugate is added to form a complex with the antibody-bound CTSD. After incubation, the wells are washed to remove unbound Streptavidin-HRP conjugate. TMB substrate is then added and forms a blue color when the HRP-linked antibodies are detected. The reaction is then terminated with Stop Solution, which changes the color from blue to yellow. The CTSD concentration in each well is directly proportional to its color intensity and can be quantified by measuring its optical density at 450 nm (OD450) in a microplate reader.

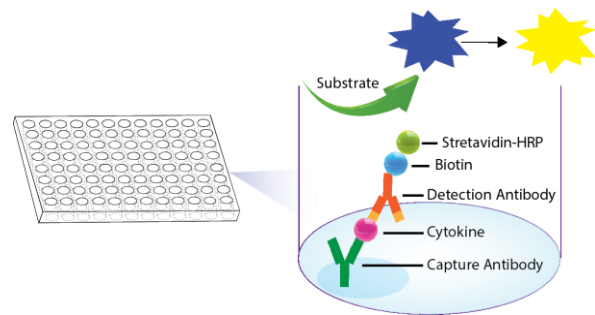


Diagram of Human CTSD ELISA

Materials provided with the kit

| Component | Qty | Store at |
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| One clear plate coated with antibody against CTSD | 1 | 4°C |
| Biotin-labeled anti-CTSD antibody | 200 µL | -20°C |
| Streptavidin-HRP conjugate | 50 µL | 4°C |
| 1x Diluent buffer | 40 mL | 4°C |
| 5x Assay wash buffer | 40 mL | 4°C |
| Substrate | 10 mL | 4°C |
| Stop solution | 5 mL | 4°C |

Material required but not provided

- Microplate reader
- Distilled H₂O

Reagent preparation before starting experiment

- Dilute the 5x Assay wash buffer to 1x buffer
 - 40 ml 5x Assay wash buffer
 - 160 ml ddH₂O
- Dilute 50 times of biotin labeled antibody with 1X Diluent buffer.
(AVOID FREEZE/THAW OF ANTIBODY MIX)
- Dilute 200 times of streptavidin-HRP with 1x Diluent buffer.

Sample preparation before starting experiment

- For **cell culture medium samples**, add 100 ul directly to the well or dilute 2-fold with 1X Diluent buffer.
- For **cell lysate samples**, use cell lysis buffer (Catalog# EA-0001). Follow protocol on Cell Lysate Buffer User Manual on our website.
- For **serum or plasma samples**, we recommend a 1:10 to 1:20 dilution with 1X diluent buffer. When serum-containing conditional media is required, be sure to use serum as control.

Assay procedure

1. Take the plate from the aluminized bag. Seal the unused wells with a film.
2. Prepare 2.5 ml sample and add 100 µl of sample per well to one section and incubate for **2 hours** at room temperature with gentle shaking.
Optional: If you want to have a blank reading, you can design one well as a blank well by adding diluent buffer instead of your sample.

3. Invert the plate over an appropriate container and expel the contents forcibly. Wash the plate by adding 200 µl of 1x Assay wash buffer. Repeat the washing process two times for a total of three washes. Complete removal of liquid at each wash by firmly tapping the plate against a pile of clean paper towels.
4. Add 100 µl of diluted biotin-labeled antibody to each well and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
5. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 3.
6. Add 100 µl of diluted streptavidin-HRP conjugate to each well and incubate for 45 min at room temperature with gentle shaking.
7. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 3.
8. Add 100 µl substrate to each well and incubate for 30-40 minutes at least.

Note: Substrate incubation time may vary due to different antibodies reactivity. Stronger signals (Strong blue color) could be stopped early after 5 minutes. Weaker signals should be incubated for 10-30 minutes.

9. Add 50 µl of Stop solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow.
10. Determine the optical density of each well with a microplate reader at 450 nm within 30 minutes.