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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Heat Shock Protein 40 (HSP40) mRNA levels increase in various shrimp tissues during heat stress and infection. HSP40 may provide a useful biomarker for assessment of shrimp health and development of disease resistant strains.

#### **PRINCIPLE**

The assay uses polyclonal antibodies generated against recombinant Whiteleg Shrimp HSP40. Unconjugated antibodies are coated on wells of a microtiter plate and used for capture. Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) conjugated antibodies are used for detection. Calibrators and diluted samples (100  $\mu$ L) are incubated in the antibody coated microtiter wells for 45 minutes. After washing the wells, HRP-conjugate (100  $\mu$ L) is added and incubated for 45 minutes. If HSP40 molecules are present, they are sandwiched between the capture and detection antibodies. The wells are then washed to remove unbound HRP-conjugate. TMB is added and incubated for 20 minutes. If HSP40 is present, a blue color develops. Color development is stopped by addition of Stop Solution, changing the color to yellow. Absorbance is measured at 450 nm. The concentration of HSP40 is proportional to absorbance and is derived from a calibration curve.

#### **COMPONENTS**

- Anti-HSP40 coated plate (12 x 8-well strips)
- HRP conjugate stock. Store at -20 °C
- HSP40 calibrator stock, 2 vials. Store at -20 °C
- 20x Wash Solution: 50 mL
- Diluent: 2 x 50 mL
- TMB: 11 mL
- Stop Solution: 11 mL

#### **MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

- Pipettors and tips
- Distilled or de-ionized water
- Polypropylene tubes or 96-well polystyrene plates
- Vortex mixer
- Absorbent paper or paper towels
- Plate incubator/shaker
- Plate washer
- Plate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm
- Graphing software

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All reagents should be allowed to reach room temperature before use.
2. Reliable and reproducible results will be obtained when the assay is conducted with a complete understanding of the instructions and with adherence to good laboratory practice.
3. It is important that calibrators and samples be added to the ELISA plate quickly. If testing large numbers of samples, rather than pipetting calibrators and samples from individual tubes into the ELISA plate, we recommend the following:

pipette an excess volume of calibrators and samples into wells of a blank polystyrene 96-well plate. Then use an 8 or 12-channel multi-pipettor to quickly transfer 100  $\mu$ L aliquots to the wells of the antibody-coated plate.

4. The wash procedure is critical. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and falsely elevated absorbance readings.

5. Laboratory temperature will influence absorbance readings. The assay was calibrated using a shaking incubator set at 150 rpm and 25°C. Performing the assay at lower temperatures and mixing speeds may result in lower absorbance values.

## WASH SOLUTION PREPARATION

The wash solution is provided as a 20X stock. Prior to use, dilute the contents of the bottle (50 mL) with 950 mL of distilled or de-ionized water. Unused wash buffer may be stored at 4°C for one week.

## DILUENT PREPARATION

The diluent is formulated for measurement of HSP40 in shrimp tissue extracts. It is supplied ready to use. DO NOT substitute other buffers.

## CALIBRATOR PREPARATION

1. The stock is lyophilized. Reconstitute it with 200  $\mu$ L of deionized water, gently mix, and prepare the 30 ng/mL calibrator as described on the vial label.

2. Label seven polypropylene tubes as 15, 7.5, 3.75, 1.88, 0.94, 0.47, and 0 ng/mL. Dispense 0.25 mL of diluent into each.

3. Pipette 0.25 mL of the 30 ng/mL HSP40 calibrator into the tube labeled 15 ng/mL and mix. This provides the 15 ng/mL HSP40 calibrator.

4. Similarly prepare the 7.5 – 0.47 ng/mL calibrators by two-fold serial dilution.

Discard the stock after use.

## HRP CONJUGATE PREPARATION

Approximately five minutes prior to use, prepare the working HRP conjugate by diluting the HRP stock with diluent as described on the stock vial label. Use 100  $\mu$ L per well.

## SAMPLE PREPARATION

We tested extracts from healthy Gulf Shrimp muscle. Extracts were prepared by homogenizing tissue with four volumes of TBS (150 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris.HCl, pH 7.4) using either a Potter Elvehjem homogenizer or a Bullet Blender®.

Supernatants obtained after microcentrifugation were tested after being diluted a further 10-fold or greater with diluent.

Because HSP40 levels vary with study conditions, optimal dilutions must be determined empirically.

## ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. Secure the desired number of 8-well strips in the cassette. Unused strips should be stored in a sealed bag with desiccant at 4°C.

2. Dispense 100  $\mu$ L of calibrators and samples into the wells.

3. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm and 25°C for 45 minutes.

4. Empty and wash the microtiter wells 5x with 1x wash solution using a plate washer (400  $\mu$ L/well).

5. Dispense 100  $\mu$ L of 1x HRP conjugate into the wells.

6. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm and 25°C for 45-minutes.

7. Empty and wash the microtiter wells 5x with 1x wash solution using a plate washer (400  $\mu$ L/well).

8. Strike the wells sharply onto absorbent paper or paper towels to remove all residual droplets.

9. Dispense 100  $\mu$ L of TMB into each well.

10. Incubate on an orbital micro-plate shaker at 150 rpm at 25°C for 20 minutes.

11. After 20 minutes, stop the reaction by adding 100  $\mu$ L of Stop solution to each well.

12. Gently mix. It is important to make sure that all the blue color changes to yellow.

13. Read absorbance at 450 nm with a plate reader within 5 minutes. If absorbance of the high calibrator is  $\geq 4$  when measured at 450 nm, absorbance of all calibrators and samples should be read at 405 nm.

## CALCULATION OF RESULTS

1. Using curve fitting software, construct a calibration curve by plotting absorbance values of the calibrators versus the HSP40 concentration.

2. Fit the calibration curve using graphing software. We suggest using a second order polynomial (quadratic) equation.

2. Derive the concentration of HSP40 in the samples.

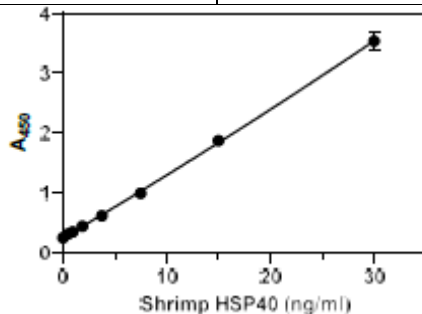
3. Multiply the derived concentration by the dilution factor to determine the concentration in the sample.

4. If the absorbance values of samples fall outside the calibration curve, samples should be diluted appropriately and re-tested.

## TYPICAL CALIBRATION CURVE

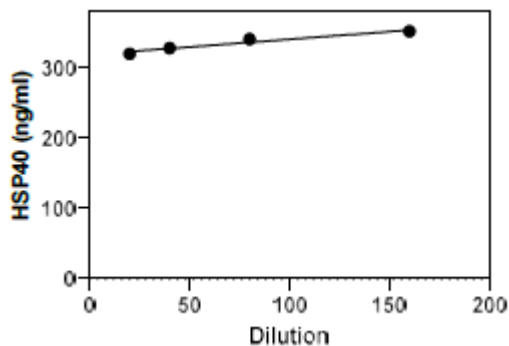
A typical calibration curve is shown below. This curve is for illustration only.

HSP40 (ng/mL)	A <sub>450</sub>
30	3.537
15	1.870
7.5	0.989
3.75	0.614
1.88	0.439
0.94	0.344
0.47	0.307
0	0.245



## ASSAY PERFORMANCE

**Linearity:** To assess the linearity of the assay, muscle extracts from healthy Gulf Shrimp were serially diluted to produce values within the dynamic range of the assay.



## STORAGE

Store the HSP40 stock vials and the HRP conjugate vial at -20°C. The remainder of the kit should be stored at 4°C and the microtiter plate should be kept in a sealed bag with desiccant. The kit will remain stable until the expiration date.

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