

Pig Serum Amyloid A (SAA) ELISA

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PRINCIPLE

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COMPONENTS

- SAA antibody coated 96-well plate (12 x 8 well strips)
- HRP conjugate stock
- SAA calibrator stock (lyophilized)
- Wash Buffer (20X), 50 mL
- Diluent, 50 mL
- TMB Reagent, 11 mL
- Stop Solution, 11 mL

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Pipettors and tips
- Distilled or de-ionized water
- Polypropylene or glass tubes
- Vortex mixer
- Water bath
- Absorbent paper or paper towels
- Plate incubator/shaker
- Plate washer
- Plate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm
- Curve fitting 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 carried out with a complete understanding of the instructions and with adherence to good laboratory practice.
- 3. The wash procedure is critical. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and falsely elevated absorbance readings.
- 4. Laboratory temperature will influence absorbance readings. Our ELISA kits are calibrated using shaking incubators set at 150 rpm and 25°C. Performance of the assay at lower temperatures will result in lower absorbance values.

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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.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Denaturation

- 1. Dispense 100 µL of each serum or plasma sample into a polypropylene microcentrifuge tube and tightly seal.
- 2. Incubate the samples at 60 °C in a water bath for one hour.

Dilution

Dilute the denatured samples at least 400-fold with the diluent provided with the kit. Optimum dilutions must be empirically determined.

CALIBRATOR PREPARATION

- 1. Reconstitute the SAA stock by adding 0.20 mL of H₂O. Mix gently several times before use. The stock does not require heat treatment.
- 2. Label 7 polypropylene tubes as 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0.78 ng/mL.
- 3. Into the tube labeled 50 ng/mL, pipette 469.9 μ L of diluent. Then add 30.1 μ L of SAA calibrator stock and mix gently. This provides the 50 ng/mL calibrator.
- 4. Dispense 250 μL of diluent into the tubes labeled 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0.78 ng/mL.
- Pipette 250 μL of the 50 ng/mL SAA calibrator into the tube labeled 25 ng/mL and mix. This provides the 25 ng/mL SAA calibrator.
- 6. Similarly prepare the remaining calibrators by two-fold serial dilution.

Unused stock should be stored frozen at or below -20 °C if future use is intended.

HRP CONJUGATE PREPARATION

The anti-pig SAA HRP conjugate is provided as a concentrated stock. Shortly before use, dilute the stock by mixing 1.0 μ L of HRP conjugate stock with 1.0 mL of diluent for each 8-well strip.

DILUENT

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ASSAY PROCEDURE

- 1. Secure the desired number of 8-well strips in the holder. Unused strips should be stored in the re-sealed bag with desiccant at 4 °C for future use.
- 2. Dispense 100 μ L of calibrators and samples into the wells (we recommend that calibrators and samples be run in duplicate).
- 3. Add 100 µL of HRP-conjugate into each well.
- 4. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm and 25 °C for one hour.
- 5. Empty and wash the microtiter wells 5x with 1X wash solution using a plate washer (400 μL/well).
- 6. Strike the wells sharply onto adsorbent paper or paper towels to remove all residual droplets.
- 7. Dispense 100 μL of TMB into each well.
- 8. Incubate on an orbital micro-plate shaker at 150 rpm at 25 °C for 20 minutes.
- 9. After 20 minutes, stop the reaction by adding 100 μL of Stop solution to each well.
- 10. Gently mix. It is important to make sure that all the blue color changes to yellow.
- 11. Read absorbance at 450 nm with a plate reader within 5 minutes.

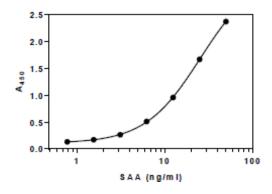
CALCULATION OF RESULTS

- 1. Using curve fitting software, construct a calibration curve by plotting absorbance values of the calibrators versus log₁₀ of the concentration.
- 2. Fit the calibration curve to a four-parameter logistic regression (4PL) equation (x axis = log_{10} concentration) and determine the concentration of the samples from the calibration curve (remember to derive the antilog).
- 3. Multiply the derived concentration by the dilution factor to determine the actual concentration in the serum or plasma sample.
- 4. If the A₄₅₀ values of samples fall outside the calibration curve, samples should be diluted appropriately and re-tested.

TYPICAL CALIBRATION CURVE

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- HRP conjugate stock
- SAA calibrator stock (lyophilized)
- Wash Buffer (20X), 50 mL
- Diluent, 50 mL
- TMB Reagent, 11 mL
- Stop Solution, 11 mL

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Pipettors and tips
- Distilled or de-ionized water
- Polypropylene or glass tubes
- Vortex mixer
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SAMPLE PREPARATION

Denaturation

- 1. Dispense 100 µL of each serum or plasma sample into a polypropylene microcentrifuge tube and tightly seal.
- 2. Incubate the samples at 60 °C in a water bath for one hour.

Dilution

Dilute the denatured samples at least 400-fold with the diluent provided with the kit. Optimum dilutions must be empirically determined.

CALIBRATOR PREPARATION

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- 2. Label 7 polypropylene tubes as 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0.78 ng/mL.
- 3. Into the tube labeled 50 ng/mL, pipette 469.9 μ L of diluent. Then add 30.1 μ L of SAA calibrator stock and mix gently. This provides the 50 ng/mL calibrator.
- 4. Dispense 250 μL of diluent into the tubes labeled 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0.78 ng/mL.
- Pipette 250 μL of the 50 ng/mL SAA calibrator into the tube labeled 25 ng/mL and mix. This provides the 25 ng/mL SAA calibrator.
- 6. Similarly prepare the remaining calibrators by two-fold serial dilution.

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HRP CONJUGATE PREPARATION

The anti-pig SAA HRP conjugate is provided as a concentrated stock. Shortly before use, dilute the stock by mixing 1.0 μ L of HRP conjugate stock with 1.0 mL of diluent for each 8-well strip.

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ASSAY PROCEDURE

- 1. Secure the desired number of 8-well strips in the holder. Unused strips should be stored in the re-sealed bag with desiccant at 4 °C for future use.
- 2. Dispense 100 μ L of calibrators and samples into the wells (we recommend that calibrators and samples be run in duplicate).
- 3. Add 100 µL of HRP-conjugate into each well.
- 4. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm and 25 °C for one hour.
- 5. Empty and wash the microtiter wells 5x with 1X wash solution using a plate washer (400 μL/well).
- 6. Strike the wells sharply onto adsorbent paper or paper towels to remove all residual droplets.
- 7. Dispense 100 μL of TMB into each well.
- 8. Incubate on an orbital micro-plate shaker at 150 rpm at 25 °C for 20 minutes.
- 9. After 20 minutes, stop the reaction by adding 100 μL of Stop solution to each well.
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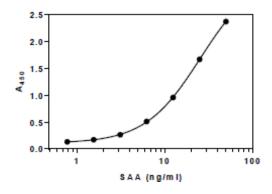
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- Wash Buffer (20X), 50 mL
- Diluent, 50 mL
- TMB Reagent, 11 mL
- Stop Solution, 11 mL

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Pipettors and tips
- Distilled or de-ionized water
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SAMPLE PREPARATION

Denaturation

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- 2. Incubate the samples at 60 °C in a water bath for one hour.

Dilution

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CALIBRATOR PREPARATION

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- 4. Dispense 250 μL of diluent into the tubes labeled 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0.78 ng/mL.
- Pipette 250 μL of the 50 ng/mL SAA calibrator into the tube labeled 25 ng/mL and mix. This provides the 25 ng/mL SAA calibrator.
- 6. Similarly prepare the remaining calibrators by two-fold serial dilution.

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- 6. Strike the wells sharply onto adsorbent paper or paper towels to remove all residual droplets.
- 7. Dispense 100 μL of TMB into each well.
- 8. Incubate on an orbital micro-plate shaker at 150 rpm at 25 °C for 20 minutes.
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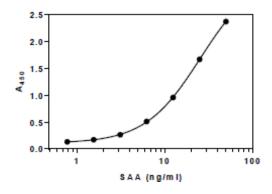
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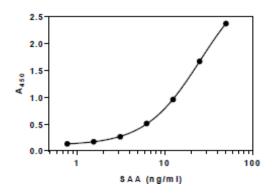
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