

Instructions for Use

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Staphylococcal aureus Enterotoxin Total (SET) ELISA Kit

Catalog No: abx365120

Size: 96T

Range: Qualitative

Sensitivity: Qualitative

Storage: Store at 2-8°C for 6 months.

Application: The qualitative detection of SET in Milk, Yogurt and Milk powder.

Principle of the Assay: This kit is based on sandwich enzyme-linked immuno-sorbent assay technology. An antibody is pre-coated onto a 96-well plate. Controls, test samples, and biotin-conjugated reagent are added to the wells and incubated. The HRP-conjugated reagent is then added, and the whole plate is incubated. Unbound conjugates are removed using wash buffer at each stage. TMB substrate is used to quantify the HRP enzymatic reaction. After TMB substrate is added, only wells that contain sufficient SET will produce a blue coloured product, which then changes to yellow after adding the acidic stop solution. The intensity of the yellow colour is proportional to the SET amount bound on the plate. The Optical Density (OD) is measured spectrophotometrically at 450 nm in a microplate reader, from which the presence of SET can be determined.

Kit Components

- Pre-coated 96-Well Microplate: 12 x 8
- 96-well Dilution Plate
- Wash Buffer: (10X) 2 x 40 ml
- Positive Control: 2 ml
- Negative Control: 2 ml
- Antibody Solution: 12 ml
- Detection Reagent: 12 ml
- TMB Substrate A: 6 ml
- TMB Substrate B: 6 ml
- Stop Solution: 6 ml
- Acidity regulator: 10 ml
- Plate Sealer: 4
- Hermetic Bag: 1

Materials Required But Not Provided

- 37°C incubator
- Multi and single channel pipettes and sterile pipette tips
- Squirt bottle or automated microplate washer
- 1.5 ml tubes
- Distilled water
- Absorbent filter papers
- 100 ml and 1 liter graduated cylinders
- Microplate reader (wavelength: 450 nm)
- ELISA Shaker

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Protocol

A. Sample Preparation

Analyse immediately or store samples at 2-8°C (within 24 hrs). For long term storage, aliquot and store at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.

- **Milk:** Take 10 ml of each sample, centrifuge at 4000 r/min for 10 minutes at 4-10 °C. If a refrigerated centrifuge is not available, chill sample to approximately 4-10°C prior to centrifugation. Take 100 ml of the middle layer for analysis.
- **Yogurt:** Weigh 1 g of each sample. Add 5 ml of deionized water and the weighed sample to a centrifuge tube. Vortex for 5 minutes to mix fully. Centrifuge at 4000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4-10°C. If a refrigerated centrifuge is not available, chill sample to approximately 4-10°C prior to centrifugation. Take the whole middle layer and add to another centrifuge tube. Using acidity regulators, adjust the pH to 7.0. Take 100 µL for analysis.
- **Milk powder:** Weigh 1 g of each sample. Add 7 mL of deionized water and the weighed sample to a centrifuge tube. Vortex for 2 minutes to mix fully. Take 100 µL for analysis.

Notes:

- Store frozen samples undiluted. Once ready to analyse, thaw samples and dilute.
- Fresh samples, or recently obtained samples, are recommended to prevent protein degradation and denaturation that may lead to erroneous results.
- NaN₃ cannot be used as a test sample preservative, since it inhibits HRP. If possible, prepare solid samples using sonication and/or homogenization, as lysis buffers may (on occasion) interfere with the kit's performance.
- If a sample is not indicated in the manuals applications, a preliminary experiment to determine the suitability of the kit will be required.

B. Reagent Preparation

Wash Buffer: Dilute the concentrated Wash buffer 10-fold (1/10) with distilled water (i.e. add 40 ml of concentrated wash buffer into 360 ml of distilled water). If crystals have formed in the concentrated Wash Buffer, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.

C. Assay Protocol

Equilibrate the kit components and samples to room temperature prior to use. It is recommended to measure in duplicate.

1. Set 2 positive and 2 negative control, test sample and control (zero) wells on the pre-coated plate respectively, and record their positions. *Add the solution to the bottom of each well without touching the side walls. Pipette the standards and samples up and down to mix before adding to the wells. Avoid foaming or bubbles.*
2. Aliquot 100 µl of negative and 100 µl positive control into the set wells. Leave one well as the control (zero) blank well.
3. Aliquot 100 µl of appropriately diluted sample into the test sample wells. Gently tap the plate to mix, or use a microplate shaker.
4. Cover the plate with a plate sealer and incubate for 1 hr at 37°C.
5. Remove the cover, and discard the solution. Do not wash.
6. Aliquot 100 µl of Antibody Solution into each well. Cover the plate with a plate sealer and incubate for 30 mins at 37°C.
7. Remove the cover and discard the solution. Wash the plate 3 times with 1X Wash Buffer. *Fill each well completely with wash buffer (350µl) using a multi-channel pipette or autowasher (1-2 mins soaking period is recommended). Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the final wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean absorbent paper towels.*

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8. Aliquot 100 μ l of Detection Reagent solution into each well. Cover the plate with a plate sealer and incubate for 15 mins at 37°C.
9. Remove the cover, discard the solution, and repeat the wash process as described above, 5 times.
10. Aliquot 50 μ l of TMB Substrate A and 50 μ l of TMB Substrate B into each well. Cover the plate with the plate sealer. Gently tap the plate to mix thoroughly. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes. The incubation time is for reference only, the optimal time should be determined by end user. Avoid exposure to light.
11. Aliquot 50 μ l of Stop Solution into each well. It is important that the Stop Solution is mixed quickly and uniformly throughout the microplate to inactivate the enzyme completely.
12. Ensure that there are no fingerprints or water on the bottom of the plate, and that the fluid in the wells is free of bubbles. Measure the OD at 450 nm immediately.

Data Analysis:

- Mean OD of the Positive Control should be > 0.5 .
- Mean OD of the Negative Control should be ≤ 0.2 .
- CUT OFF value = Negative Control + 0.2 (if the Mean OD of the Negative Control is < 0.05 , calculate at 0.05; otherwise, calculate at the actual value)

If the Positive Control value is > 0.5 , and the Negative Control value is < 0.2 , the test is valid, otherwise, the test is invalid.

If OD of Samples $<$ CUT OFF, the test samples are considered negative.

If OD of Samples \geq CUT OFF, the test samples are considered positive.

Precautions:

- Before using the kit, centrifuge the tubes to bring down the contents trapped in the lid.
- Do not leave the wells uncovered for extended periods between incubations. The addition of reagents for each step should not exceed 10 mins.
- Ensure that the plate is properly sealed or covered during the incubation steps, and that the time and temperature are controlled.
- Do not reuse pipette tips and tubes.
- Do not use expired components, or components from a different kit.
- The TMB substrate should be used under sterile conditions, and light exposure should be minimised. Unused substrate should be colorless, or a very light yellow in appearance. Do not discard any residual solution back into the vial.
- Please note that this kit is optimised for detection of native samples, rather than recombinant proteins or synthetic chemicals. We are unable to guarantee detection of recombinant proteins, as they may have different sequences or tertiary structures to the native protein.