

Human Epididymal protein 4 (HE4) CLIA Kit

Chemiluminescence Immunoassay for the quantitative determination of Human Epididymal protein 4 in human serum

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INTENDED USE

Human Human Epididymal protein 4 (HE4) CLIA Kit is a Chemiluminescence Immunoassay (CLIA) intended for the quantitative measurement of human epididymal protein 4 (HE4) in serum.

For in-vitro diagnostics purposes only

SUMMARY OF PHYSIOLOGY

Human epididymal protein 4 (HE4) belongs to a protein family (WFDC) containing four core domains of disulfide bonds of whey acid type that may have trypsin inhibitory activity. The molecular weight of the protein encoded by HE4 gene is 13KD, while the mature glycosylated HE4 protein is a single peptide containing two WFDC domains with a molecular weight of about 20-25kD. HE4 was first identified in the epithelium of the distal epididymis and was initially thought to be a protease inhibitor associated with sperm maturation. Subsequently, HE4 was reported to be expressed in several normal tissues, including respiratory epithelium and reproductive tissues. In addition to being expressed at the cellular level, secreted HE4 has been detected at high levels in the serum of patients with ovarian cancer.¹²³⁴

ASSAY PRINCIPLE

The Human epididymal protein 4 (HE4)CLIA Kit is designed, developed, and produced for the quantitative measurement of human HE4 level in serum samples. The assay utilizes a two-site "sandwich" technique with two antibodies that bind to different epitopes of HE4.

Assay calibrators, controls, or patient serum samples are added directly to a reaction vessel together with magnetic particles antibody. The magnetic particles capture the HE4 in the form of "magnetic particles-HE4 antibody-HE4-acridinium ester HE4 antibody". Materials bound to the solid beads are held in a magnetic field while unbound materials are washed away. Then trigger solutions are added to the reaction vessel, and light emission is measured with the ECL100 or ECL 25 analyzer. The relative light units (RLU) are proportional to the concentration of a HE4 in the sample. The amount of analyte in the sample is determined from a stored, multi-point calibration curve and reported in serum HE4 concentration.

REAGENTS: PREPARATION AND STORAGE

This test kit must be stored at 2 – 8°C upon receipt. For the expiration date of the kit refer to the label on the kit box. All components are stable until this expiration date. It can be stored for 1 month at 2°C~8°C after kit opening.

1. HE4 Magnetic Particle Solution (03301)

Qty: 6.0mL (100/kit), 8.5mL (150/kit)
Storage: 2 – 8°C
Preparation: Ready to Use

2. Acridinium ester HE4 antibody (03303)

Qty: 6.0mL (100/kit), 8.5mL (150/kit)
Storage: 2 – 8°C
Preparation: Ready to Use

3. HE4 Calibrators (03306-03308)

Qty: 3 x vials
Storage: 2 – 8°C
Preparation: Ready to Use
After the first use, it is recommended to storage at 2 - 8°C and can be used within one month. Do not freeze.

4. HE4 Controls (03309-03310)

Qty: 2 x vials
Storage: 2 – 8°C
Preparation: Ready to Use
After the first use, it is recommended to storage at 2 - 8°C and can be used within one month. Do not freeze.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The reagents must be used in a professional laboratory environment and are for in vitro diagnostic use. Source material which contains reagents of bovine serum albumin was derived in New Zealand. It was obtained only from healthy donor animals, maintained under veterinary supervision, and found free of contagious diseases. Wear gloves while performing this assay and handle these reagents as if they were potentially infectious. Avoid contact with reagents containing hydrogen peroxide. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest or inhale fumes. On contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Exercise Good Laboratory Practices.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- ECL100 Immunoassay Analyzer (ECL100) or ECL25 Immunoassay Analyzer (ECL25)
- CL011 Cuvettes (for ECL100) or CL010 Cuvettes (for ECL25)
- EDI™ Wash Reagent (P-594)
- EDI™ Trigger Solutions A and B (P-595A, P-595B)

The instrument must operate using materials supplied by Epitope Biotechnology, Co.,Ltd. or Epitope Diagnostics, Inc. When materials sourced from third-party suppliers are being used, Epitope Biotechnology, Co.,Ltd. and Epitope Diagnostics, Inc. take no responsibility for the validity of obtained results. Materials are available to purchase from Epitope Biotechnology, Co.,Ltd. and Epitope Diagnostics, Inc. Please contact your distributor for more information.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

- Blood sample should be collected under sterile conditions.
- For human serum samples only; other body fluids and samples may not yield accurate results.
- Clinical samples should be tested within 2 hours after collection. If the measurement cannot be completed within 2 hours, please store under the following conditions:
 - storage at low temperature and avoid from light (2°C ~8°C) for 7 days,
 - storage at -20°C or below for 30 days
 - Freeze and thaw only once
- Avoid heat-inactivated samples. Mixed, contaminated and hemolysis samples should be discarded.

5. Samples should be restored to room temperature before testing. Frozen samples should be completely melted and mixed well before use. Samples, calibrators and controls on the ECL platform should be tested within 2 hours due to possible vaporization.
6. Some substances in the samples will interfere with the test results. The common interfering substances and maximum allowable concentrations are as follows:
 - bilirubin: 65 mg/dL
 - triglyceride: 2000 mg/dL
 - hemoglobin: 500 mg/dL
7. A single assay of this item requires 10 µL of sample. This quantity does not include the amount of dead volume in the sample container, the capacity required for retesting, and other measurement items. For the definition of minimum required sample size, refer to the equipment manual.

CALIBRATION

An active calibration curve is required for all tests. Calibration is required for the first time use of a reagent lot and every 28 days thereafter or when either kit control is out of range. Refer to appropriate system manuals for configuring calibrators.

QUALITY CONTROL

The characteristics of patient samples are simulated through controls and are critical to validate the performance of CLIA assays due to the random access format. Use of controls is left to the discretion of the user based on good laboratory practices, requirements, and applicable laws. Quality control results that do not fall within acceptable ranges may indicate invalid test results.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. Reagents from different kit lot numbers should not be combined or interchanged. Make sure that there are no air bubbles in any reagents, calibrator and control vials.
2. Reagent Preparation
 - 2.1 Remove reagent cartridges from packaging and replace the solid caps with the provided soft caps for ECL100. For ECL25, the cartridges come with soft caps and removable lids.
 - 2.2 For the ECL100, take out the Magnetic Particle bottle make sure to roll between hands and gently but thoroughly mix until the magnetic particle solution is homogenous. The solution should be uniform with no clumps of magnetic particles visible; this step is vital for assay performance. For ECL25, mix the magnetic beads by moving back and forth the bottom part of the cartridge at upright position. Make sure to look inside the cartridge until the solution is uniform with no clumps of magnetic particles visible and no air bubbles. Recap the bottle. Open the top soft cap of all reagent bottles, leaving only the hollow soft rubber. The reagents are now ready to be loaded into the ECL100 or ECL 25 for calibration.

3. Assay Program

The following table illustrates the protocol used by the ECL100 or ECL25 for instrument operation.

Component	Quality Control Hole (µL)	Sample Hole (µL)
HE4 Controls (03309-03310)	10	-
Samples	-	10
Acridinium ester HE4 antibody (03303)	50	50
HE4 Magnetic Particle Solution (03301)	50	50
Incubate at 37°C for 15 minutes		
Wash the reaction cuvette 3 times with wash reagent.		
Trigger Solution A (P-595)	100-200	100-200
Trigger Solution B (P-595)	100-200	100-200

NOTE FOR ASSAY PROCEDURE

All the reagents in this kit are ready-to-use. Different lots of the same reagents are not inter-changeable and must not be used.

Please read the reagent instructions and equipment instructions carefully before using this kit and perform the test according to relevant requirements. When reagents are loaded, the equipment will automatically stir the magnetic particles to resuspend them. Allow the reagent to mix for minimum 15 min before starting the assay program.

INTERPRETION OF RESULTS

1. The default unit for the HE4 project is pmol/L.
2. Due to methodological or antibody specificity differences, there may be deviations between the test results of reagents from different manufacturers, so direct comparisons should not be made to avoid false interpretation.
3. When the concentration of HE4 in the sample exceeds 1500.0 pmol/L, the sample can be diluted before detection.
4. When the sample concentration of HE4 is lower than the detection lower limit, the test result will be reported as <15.0 pmol/L. When the sample concentration is higher than the detection upper limit, it will be reported as >1500.0 pmol/L.

EXPECTED VALUES

HE4 reagent was used to singly test the serum samples taken from the health examination population (due to limited resources, the health status of this population is unknown, so the test results are for reference only). These samples were used to establish the normal range below:

Age (Years)	N	95th percentile cut-off (pmol/L)
<40	97	82.903
40-49	37	85.814
50-59	27	84.825
60-69	8	95.799
>70	7	159.004

Note: each Laboratory is recommended to determine and establish its own reference range with local population.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

1. This product is for use on the ECL100 Immunoassay Analyzer or ECL 25 Immunoassay Analyzer only. Refer to the appropriate system manuals and/or Help system for a specific description of installation, start-up, operation,

system performance, instructions, calibration, precautions, hazards, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

2. Reagents from different kit lot numbers should not be combined or interchanged.
3. Test results obtained from the proposed kit should not be served as a sole basis for clinical diagnosis or patient management.
4. If the test sample result is higher than the upper limit of the calibration curve, it is recommended to re-measure after dilution according to a certain ratio. The measured value is recalculated according to the dilution ratio to ensure the accuracy of the result.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

1. **Hook Effect:**
 - The assay showed no hook effect up to 41527 pmol/L
2. **Limit of Detection(LoD):**
 - ≤ 15.0 pmol/L
3. **Linearity:**
 - 15.0pmol/L to 1500.0 pmol/L
 - linearity correlation coefficient $R \geq 0.990$
4. **Accuracy:**
 - relative deviation within $\pm 10\%$
5. **Precision:**
 - Intra-assay repeatability: $CV \leq 10\%$
 - Inter-assay reproducibility: $CV \leq 15\%$

NOTES

1. Read the instructions carefully and gently but thoroughly mix the reagent before use. Remove any air bubbles before loading the reagents onto the equipment.
2. Keep the reagent in the storage conditions indicated in this IFU and on the reagent label. Do not freeze reagents.
3. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and mucous membrane. Upon contact, flush the area with clean water immediately.
4. All patient samples must be treated as potential infectious material.
5. Components in different kits cannot be mixed.
6. All waste must be disposed of in compliance with local regulations and laws

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