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Tissue type Plasminogen Activator Human Chromogenic Activity Assay Kit

Instructions for Use

For the quantitative measurement of Human Tissue type Plasminogen Activator activity in cell culture supernatants and plasma

This product is for research use only and is not intended for diagnostic use.

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1. Introduction

Tissue type Plasminogen Activator (tPA) is a 68 kDa serine protease that converts the zymogen plasminogen into the active serine protease plasmin which digests fibrin and induces the dissolution of fibrin clots. Tissue type Plasminogen Activator is synthesized by endothelial cells in normal blood vessels and displays relatively high affinity for fibrin, suggesting that it functions predominately in physiological thrombolysis in vivo. High level of Tissue type Plasminogen Activator is a good prognostic marker for breast cancer. On the other hand, gastrointestinal cancer is accompanied by a decrease in Tissue type Plasminogen Activator.

ab108905 Tissue type Plasminogen Activator Human Chromogenic Activity Assay kit is developed to determine Human Tissue type Plasminogen Activator activity in cell culture supernatants and plasma. The assay measures the ability of Tissue type Plasminogen Activator to activate the plasminogen to plasmin in coupled or indirect assays that contain Tissue type Plasminogen Activator, plasminogen, and a plasmin-specific synthetic substrate. The amount of plasmin produced is quantitated using a highly specific plasmin substrate releasing a yellow para-nitroaniline (pNA) chromophore. The change in absorbance of the pNA in the reaction solution at 405 nm is directly proportional to the Tissue type Plasminogen Activator enzymatic activity.
2. Assay Summary

Prepare all reagents, samples and standards as instructed.

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Add 80 µl Assay Mix to each well.

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Add 20 µl Tissue type Plasminogen Activator standards or samples to each well.

Incubate at 37°C in a humid incubator.

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For High Tissue type Plasminogen Activator samples read absorbance at 405 nm periodically for up to eight hours.

For Low Tissue type Plasminogen Activator samples read the absorbance at 405 nm from 20 to 26 hours.
3. Kit Contents

- Microplate: A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells).
- Sealing Tapes: Each kit contains 3 pre-cut, pressure-sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- Human Tissue type Plasminogen Activator Standard: (1 vial).
- Diluent: (30 ml).
- Human Plasminogen: (1 vial)
- Plasmin Substrate: (2 vials).

4. Storage and Handling

ab108905 may be stored until the expiration date at 2 to 8°C from the date of shipment. Opened reagents may be stored for up to 1 month at 2 to 8°C. Store reconstituted standard and reagents at -20°C or below.
5. Additional Materials Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 405nm.
- Precision pipettes to deliver 1 μl to 1 ml volumes.
- Distilled or deionized reagent grade water.
- Humidified incubator at 37°C.

6. Preparation of Reagents

Sample Collection:

1. **Plasma:** Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of acidified 0.5 M sodium citrate (pH 4.0) as an anticoagulant to prevent tPA-PAI complex formation. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x g for 15 minutes. Prior to the analysis, dilute samples 1:8 with Assay Diluent and incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes to overcome interference by plasmin inhibitors (6 - 7). Samples can be stored at <-60°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

2. **Cell culture supernatants:** Centrifuge cell culture media at 3000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove debris. Collect supernatants and assay. Samples can be stored at <-60°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. µ
Reagent Preparation:

1. **Human Plasminogen:** Add 1.2 ml reagent grade water. Allow the plasminogen to sit for 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to use; keep the vial on ice. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -2μ°C and used within 30 days.

2. **Plasmin Substrate:** Add 0.55 ml reagent grade water. Allow the plasmin substrate to sit for 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to use; keep the vial on ice. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

3. **Standard Curve:** Reconstitute Tissue type Plasminogen Activator Standard with the appropriate amount of reagent grade water to generate a standard solution of 40 IU/ml. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare triplicate standard points by serially diluting the standard solution (40 IU/ml) 1:4 with equal volume of Diluent to produce 10, 2.5, 0.625, 0.156, and 0.039 IU/ml. Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 IU/ml) Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.
**Assay Method**

1. Prepare all reagents, working standards and samples as instructed.

2. Freshly prepare the desired volume of Assay Mix by combining the following reagents as described below. The values represent the volumes for one reaction:

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<th>Standard Point</th>
<th>Dilution</th>
<th>[Tissue type Plasminogen Activator] (IU/ml)</th>
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<tr>
<td>P1</td>
<td>Standard (40 IU/ml)</td>
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<td>P2</td>
<td>1 part P1 + 3 parts Diluent</td>
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<td>P3</td>
<td>1 part P2 + 3 parts Diluent</td>
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<td>P4</td>
<td>1 part P3 + 3 parts Diluent</td>
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Diluent 60 μl
Plasminogen 10 μl
Plasmin Substrate 10 μl

3. Add 80 μl of the Assay Mix to each well.
4. Add 20 μl of Tissue type Plasminogen Activator Standard or sample to each well and mix gently. Seal the plate with sealing tape. Incubate at 37°C in a humid incubator to prevent the plate drying out.
5. Read the absorbance on a microplate reader at a wavelength of 405 nm periodically as described below:
6. For High Tissue type Plasminogen Activator samples: read every hour for up to 8 hours.
7. For Low Tissue type Plasminogen Activator samples: start to read from 20 hours for up to 26 hours.
7. Data Analysis

Calculate the mean value of the triplicate readings for each standard and sample. To generate a Standard Curve, from the initial reaction time, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 405 nm absorbance or change in absorbance per minute (ΔA/min) on the y-axis. The best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis of the linear portion of the curve. Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

A. Typical Data

The curve is provided for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.
B. Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose of Tissue type Plasminogen Activator is typically 0.03 IU/ml.

8. Specificity

No significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

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