AssayMax™

Human beta-2-Microglobulin ELISA Kit

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Assay Summary

Step 1. Add 50 µl of Standard or Sample per well.
Incubate 2 hours.

Step 2. Wash, then add 50 µl of Biotinylated Antibody per well.
Incubate 1 hour.

Step 3. Wash, then add 50 µl of SP Conjugate per well.
Incubate 30 minutes.

Step 4. Wash, then add 50 µl of Chromogen Substrate per well.
Incubate 20 minutes.

Step 5. Add 50 µl of Stop Solution per well.
Read at 450 nm immediately.

Symbol Key



Consult instructions for use.

Assay Template

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Catalog No. EM5001-7

Sample insert for reference use only

WHO Standard Calibrated Positive Control Included

Introduction

Beta-2-microglobulin (B2M) is a small serum protein that constitutes the light chain of the major histocompatibility class I human leukocyte antigen (HLA class I), an integral membrane protein involved in the immune response. The protein is 99 amino acid residues in length and has a molecular mass of 12 kDa (1-4). B2M is released from the cell surface of HLA class I into the serum and carried to the kidneys for degradation and secretion (5). In chronic renal failure, B2M accumulates as insoluble amyloid aggregates and causes arthralgias, destructive osteoarthropathies, carpal tunnel syndrome, and dialysis-related amyloidosis (6-8). Elevated serum B2M levels are associated with poor prognosis in multiple myeloma and lymphoma (9-12).

Principle of the Assay

The AssayMax™ Human beta-2-Microglobulin ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) Kit is designed for detection of B2M in human **plasma, serum, milk, urine, saliva, and CSF samples**. This assay employs a quantitative **sandwich enzyme immunoassay** technique that measures human B2M in approximately 4 hours. A polyclonal antibody specific for human B2M has been pre-coated onto a 96-well microplate with removable strips. B2M in standards and samples is sandwiched by the immobilized antibody and a biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for human B2M, which is recognized by a streptavidin-peroxidase (SP) conjugate. All unbound material is washed away and a peroxidase enzyme substrate is added. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

Caution and Warning

- This product is for **Research Use Only** and is not intended for use in diagnostic procedures.
- Prepare all reagents (diluent buffer, wash buffer, standard, biotinylated antibody, and SP conjugate), as instructed, prior to running the assay.

- Prepare all samples prior to running the assay. The dilution factors for the samples are suggested in this insert. However, the user should determine the optimal dilution factor.
- Spin down the SP conjugate vial and the biotinylated antibody vial before opening and using contents.
- The Stop Solution is an acidic solution.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.

Reagents

- **Human beta-2-Microglobulin Microplate:** A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a polyclonal antibody against human B2M.
- **Sealing Tapes:** Each kit contains 3 precut, pressure sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- **Human beta-2-Microglobulin Standard:** Human B2M in a buffered protein base, calibrated against WHO 1st International Standard (75 ng, lyophilized).
- **Biotinylated Human beta-2-Microglobulin Antibody (100x):** A 100-fold concentrated biotinylated polyclonal antibody against human B2M (60 µl).
- **MIX Diluent Concentrate (10x):** A 10-fold concentrated buffered protein base (30 ml).
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x):** A 20-fold concentrated buffered surfactant (30 ml, 2 bottles).
- **SP Conjugate (100x):** A 100-fold concentrate (80 µl).
- **Chromogen Substrate (1x):** A stabilized peroxidase chromogen substrate tetramethylbenzidine (7 ml).
- **Stop Solution (1x):** A 0.5 N hydrochloric acid solution to stop the chromogen substrate reaction (11 ml).
- **Positive Control:** 1 vial, lyophilized. See insert CEM50011.

Storage Condition

- Upon arrival, immediately store components of the kit at recommended temperatures up to the expiration date.
- Store SP Conjugate and Biotinylated Antibody at -20°C.
- Store Microplate, Diluent Concentrate (10x), Wash Buffer, Stop Solution, and Chromogen Substrate at 2-8°C.
- Unused microplate wells may be returned to the foil pouch with the desiccant packs and resealed. May be stored for up to 30 days in a vacuum desiccator.
- Store Standard at 2-8°C before reconstituting with Diluent and at -20°C after reconstituting with Diluent.

Other Supplies Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm
- Pipettes (1-20 µl, 20-200 µl, 200-1000 µl, and multiple channel)
- Deionized or distilled reagent grade water

Sample Collection, Preparation, and Storage

- **Plasma:** Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of 0.1 M sodium citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes and collect plasma. A 2000-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles (EDTA or Heparin can also be used as an anticoagulant).
- **Serum:** Samples should be collected into a serum separator tube. After clot formation, centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes and remove serum. A 2000-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Milk:** Collect milk using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. A 4000-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent or within the range of 400x – 50000x; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Urine:** Collect urine using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. A 100-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent or within the range of 20x – 200x; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Saliva:** Collect saliva using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes. A 200-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent or within the range of 50x – 5000x; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **CSF:** Collect cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes. A 2000-fold sample dilution is suggested into MIX Diluent; however, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs. The undiluted samples can be stored at -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Applicable samples may also include biofluids, cell culture, and tissue homogenates. If necessary, user should determine optimal dilution factor depending on application needs.

Refer to Dilution Guidelines for further instruction.

Guidelines for Dilutions of 100-fold or Greater (*for reference only; please follow the insert for specific dilution suggested)*	
100x	**10000x**
A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) = 100-fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) = 10000-fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*
1000x	**100000x**
A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 24 µl of A : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 1000-fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) C) 24 µl of B : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 100000-fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*

Reagent Preparation

- Freshly dilute all reagents and bring all reagents to room temperature before use.
- **MIX Diluent Concentrate (10x):** Dilute the MIX Diluent Concentrate 10-fold with reagent grade water to produce a 1x solution. When diluting the concentrate, make sure to rinse the bottle thoroughly to extract any precipitates left in the bottle. Mix the 1x solution gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Store for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
- **Human beta-2-Microglobulin Standard:** Reconstitute the Human beta-2-Microglobulin Standard (75 ng, 5376 mIU) with 1.5 ml of MIX Diluent to generate a 50 ng/ml (3584 mIU/ml) standard stock solution. Allow the vial to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare duplicate or triplicate standard points by serially diluting from the standard stock solution (50 ng/ml) 4-fold with MIX Diluent to produce 12.5, 3.125, 0.781, 0.195, and 0.049 ng/ml solutions. MIX Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 ng/ml). Any remaining stock solution should be stored at -20°C and used within 30 days. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Standard Point	Dilution	[B2M] (ng/ml)	[B2M] (mIU/ml)
P1	1 part Standard	50	3584
P2	1 part P1 + 3 parts MIX Diluent	12.5	896
P3	1 part P2 + 3 parts MIX Diluent	3.125	224
P4	1 part P3 + 3 parts MIX Diluent	0.781	56
P5	1 part P4 + 3 parts MIX Diluent	0.195	14
P6	1 part P5 + 3 parts MIX Diluent	0.049	3.5
P7	MIX Diluent	0.0	0.0

- **Biotinylated Human beta-2-Microglobulin Antibody (100x):** Spin down the antibody briefly and dilute the desired amount of the antibody 100-fold with MIX Diluent to produce a 1x solution. The undiluted antibody should be stored at -20°C.
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x):** Dilute the Wash Buffer Concentrate 20-fold with reagent grade water to produce a 1x solution. When diluting the concentrate, make sure to rinse the bottle thoroughly to extract any precipitates left in the bottle. Mix the 1x solution gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.
- **SP Conjugate (100x):** Spin down the SP Conjugate briefly and dilute the desired amount of the conjugate 100-fold with MIX Diluent to produce a 1x solution. The undiluted conjugate should be stored at -20°C.

Assay Procedure

- Prepare all reagents, standard solutions, and samples as instructed. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. The assay is performed at room temperature (20-25°C).
- Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame and return them immediately to the foil pouch with desiccants inside. Reseal the pouch securely to minimize exposure to water vapor and store in a vacuum desiccator.
- Add 50 µl of Human beta-2-Microglobulin Standard or sample to each well. Gently tap plate to thoroughly coat the wells. Break any bubbles that may have formed. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 2 hours. Start the timer after the last addition.
- Wash the microplate manually or automatically using a microplate washer. Invert the plate and decant the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid. If washing manually, wash five times with 200 µl of Wash Buffer per well. Invert the plate each time and decant the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid. If using a microplate washer, wash six times with 300 µl of Wash Buffer per well; invert the plate and hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid.

- Add 50 µl of Biotinylated Human beta-2-Microglobulin Antibody to each well. Gently tap plate to thoroughly coat the wells. Break any bubbles that may have formed. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 1 hour.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 µl of SP Conjugate to each well. Gently tap plate to thoroughly coat the wells. Break any bubbles that may have formed. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 30 minutes. Turn on the microplate reader and set up the program in advance.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 µl of Chromogen Substrate to each well. Gently tap plate to thoroughly coat the wells. Break any bubbles that may have formed. Incubate in ambient light for 20 minutes or until the optimal blue color density develops.
- Add 50 µl of Stop Solution to each well. The color will change from blue to yellow. Gently tap plate to ensure thorough mixing. Break any bubbles that may have formed.
- Read the absorbance on a microplate reader at a wavelength of 450 nm **immediately**. If wavelength correction is available, subtract readings at 570 nm from those at 450 nm to correct optical imperfections. Otherwise, read the plate at 450 nm only. Please note that some unstable black particles may be generated at high concentration points after stopping the reaction for about 10 minutes, which will reduce the readings.

Data Analysis

- Calculate the mean value of the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard and sample.
- To generate a standard curve, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 450 nm absorbance (OD) on the y-axis. The best fit line can be determined by regression analysis using log-log or four-parameter logistic curve fit.
- Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

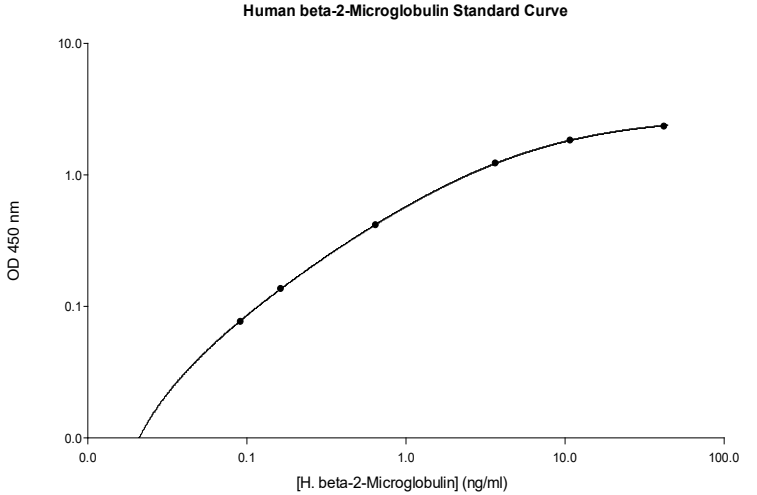
Typical Data

- The typical data is provided for reference only. Individual laboratory means may vary from the values listed. Variations between laboratories may be caused by technique differences.

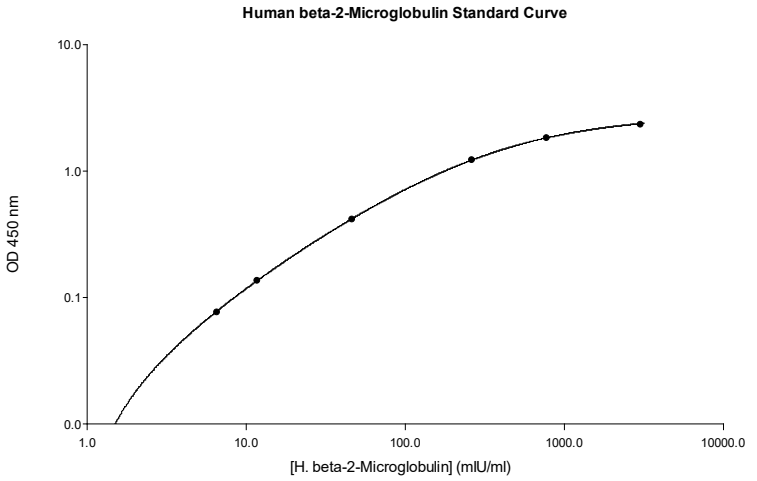
Standard Point	ng/ml	OD	Average OD
P1	50	2.392 2.536	2.464
P2	12.5	1.812 1.884	1.848
P3	3.125	1.260 1.206	1.233
P4	0.781	0.415 0.429	0.422
P5	0.195	0.141 0.133	0.137
P6	0.049	0.073 0.083	0.078
P7	0.0	0.058 0.062	0.060
Sample: Pooled Normal Sodium Citrate Plasma (2000x)		0.493 0.459	0.476
Sample: Pooled Normal Serum (2000x)		0.523 0.559	0.541

Standard Curve

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



$R^2 = 0.996$



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Reference Value

- Normal human B2M plasma and serum levels range from 1100 – 2400 ng/ml.
- Plasma and serum samples from healthy adults were tested (n=40). On average, human B2M level was 1688 ng/ml.

Sample	n	Average Value (ng/ml)
Pooled Normal Plasma	10	1536
Normal Plasma	20	1726
Pooled Normal Serum	10	1802

Performance Characteristics

- **Kit standard has been calibrated against WHO International Standard.**
- The minimum detectable dose of human B2M as calculated by 2SD from the mean of a zero standard was established to be 38 pg/ml.
- Intra-assay precision was determined by testing three plasma samples twenty times in one assay.
- Inter-assay precision was determined by testing three plasma samples in twenty assays.

	Intra-Assay Precision			Inter-Assay Precision		
Sample	1	2	3	1	2	3
n	20	20	20	20	20	20
CV (%)	3.0%	4.1%	3.9%	8.0%	8.6%	9.5%
Average CV (%)	3.7%			8.7%		

Recovery

Standard Added Value	0.19 – 12.5 ng/ml
Recovery %	89 – 111%
Average Recovery %	97%

Linearity

- Plasma, serum, and milk samples were serially diluted to test for linearity.

Average Percentage of Expected Value (%)			
Sample Dilution	Plasma	Serum	Milk
1000x	105%	110%	-
2000x	92%	97%	96%
4000x	103%	93%	101%
8000x	-	-	104%

Cross-Reactivity

Species	Cross-Reactivity (%)
Canine	None
Bovine	None
Monkey	50%
Mouse	None
Rat	None
Swine	None
Rabbit	None

Troubleshooting

Issue	Causes	Course of Action
Low Precision	Use of improper components	• Check the expiration date listed before use. • Do not interchange components from different lots.
	Improper wash step	• Check that the correct wash buffer is being used. • Check that all wells are empty after aspiration. • Check that the microplate washer is dispensing properly. • If washing by pipette, check for proper pipetting technique.
	Splashing of reagents while loading wells	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner.
	Inconsistent volumes loaded into wells	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner. • Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.
	Insufficient mixing of reagent dilutions	• Thoroughly agitate the lyophilized components after reconstitution. • Thoroughly mix dilutions.
	Improperly sealed microplate	• Check the microplate pouch for proper sealing. • Check that the microplate pouch has no punctures. • Check that three desiccants are inside the microplate pouch prior to sealing.
Unexpectedly Low or High Signal Intensity	Microplate was left unattended between steps	• Each step of the procedure should be performed uninterrupted.
	Omission of step	• Consult the provided procedure for complete list of steps.
	Steps performed in incorrect order	• Consult the provided procedure for the correct order.
	Insufficient amount of reagents added to wells	• Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.
	Wash step was skipped	• Consult the provided procedure for all wash steps.
	Improper wash buffer	• Check that the correct wash buffer is being used.
	Improper reagent preparation	• Consult reagent preparation section for the correct dilutions of all reagents.
	Insufficient or prolonged incubation periods	• Consult the provided procedure for correct incubation time.
Deficient Standard Curve Fit	Non-optimal sample dilution	• Sandwich ELISA: If samples generate OD values higher than the highest standard point (P1), dilute samples further and repeat the assay. • Competitive ELISA: If samples generate OD values lower than the highest standard point (P1), dilute samples further and repeat the assay. • User should determine the optimal dilution factor for samples.
	Contamination of reagents	• A new tip must be used for each addition of different samples or reagents during the assay procedure.
	Contents of wells evaporate	• Verify that the sealing film is firmly in place before placing the assay in the incubator or at room temperature.
	Improper pipetting	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner. • Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.
	Insufficient mixing of reagent dilutions	• Thoroughly agitate the lyophilized components after reconstitution. • Thoroughly mix dilutions.

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