



Antibody and Immunoassay Services

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Human FGF-19 Immunoassay Kit

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For the quantitative determination of human FGF-19 concentrations
in serum, plasma and cell culture supernate samples.

This package insert must be read in its entirety before using this product.
Use only the current version of product data sheet enclosed with the kit.

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INTRODUCTION

Fibroblast growth factor 19 (FGF-19) is a member of a subfamily of FGFs that includes FGF-21 and FGF-23, each member functions as an important regular of nutrient metabolism [1]. The primary source of endocrine FGF-19 is the ileum, bile acids release into the intestine after a meal to induce expression of FGF-19 [2]. Circulating FGF-19 plays an important role in maintaining proper bile acid homeostasis [3]. Several pharmacologic studies in hyperglycaemic, obese animal models have shown that FGF-19 can improve metabolic rate and lower serum glucose and hepatic triglyceride and cholesterol levels [4][5]. Like insulin, FGF-19 functions as postprandial hormone to govern hepatic protein synthesis, glycogen synthesis and gluconeogenesis, but does not stimulate lipogenesis [6].

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay is a quantitative sandwich ELISA. The immunoplate is pre-coated with a rabbit polyclonal antibody specific for human FGF-19. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any human FGF-19 present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotin labelled polyclonal antibody specific for human FGF-19 is added to the wells. After wash step to remove any unbound reagents, streptavidin-HRP conjugate (STP-HRP) is added. After the last wash step, an HRP substrate solution is added and colour develops in proportion to the amount of human FGF-19 bound initially. The assay is stopped and the optical density of the wells determined using a microplate reader. Since the increases in absorbance are directly proportional to the amount of captured human FGF-19, the unknown sample concentration can be interpolated from a reference curve included in each assay.

INTENDED USE

This human FGF-19 ELISA kit is designed for quantification of human FGF-19 in serum, plasma and cell culture supernate samples.

REAGENTS SUPPLIED

Each kit is sufficient for one 96-well plate and contains the following components:

1. Micro-titre Strips (96 wells)-Coated with a polyclonal antibody against human FGF-19, sealed.
2. 10×Wash buffer-50 ml.
3. 5×Assay buffer-20 ml.
4. 100×Detection antibody solution-A biotin labelled polyclonal antibody against human FGF-19, 0.12 ml.
5. Human FGF-19 standard-2000 pg of recombinant human FGF-19 in a buffered protein base, lyophilised.
6. 200×STP-HRP solution- 0.06 ml.
7. Substrate solution- 12 ml, ready for use.
8. Stop solution- 12 ml, ready for use.

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED, BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Pipettes and pipette tips.
2. 96-well plate or manual strip washer.
3. Buffer and reagent reservoirs.
4. Paper towels or absorbent paper.
5. Plate reader capable of reading absorbency at 450 nm.
6. Distilled water or deionized water.

STORAGE

The kit should be stored at 2-8°C upon receipt, and all reagents should be equilibrated to room temperature before use. Remove any unused antibody-coated strips from the human FGF-19 microplate, return them to the foil pouch and re-seal. Once opened, the strips may be stored at 2-8°C for up to one month.

PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

Bring all reagents and materials to room temperature before assay.

A. 1×Assay buffer.

Prepare 1×Assay buffer by mixing the 5×Assay buffer (20 ml) with 80 ml of distilled water or deionized water. If precipitates are observed in the 5×Assay buffer bottle, warm the bottle in a 37°C water bath until the precipitates disappear. The 1×Assay buffer may be stored at 2-8°C for up to one month.

B. 1×Wash buffer.

Prepare 1×Wash buffer by mixing the 10×Wash buffer (50 ml) with 450 ml of distilled water or deionized water. If precipitates are observed in the 10×Wash buffer bottle, warm the bottle in a 37°C water bath until the precipitates disappear. The 1×Wash buffer may be stored at 2-8°C for up to one month.

C. 1×Detection antibody solution.

Spin down the 100×Detection antibody solution briefly and dilute the desired amount of the antibody 1:100 with 1×Assay buffer, 100 µl of the 1×Detection antibody solution is required per well. Prepare only as much 1×Detection antibody solution as needed. Return the 100×Detection antibody solution to 2-8°C immediately after the necessary volume is removed.

D. 1×STP-HRP solution.

Spin down the 200×STP-HRP solution briefly and dilute the desired amount of the 200×STP-HRP solution 1:200 with 1×Assay buffer, 100 µl of the 1×STP-HRP solution is required per well. Prepare only as much 1×STP-HRP solution as needed. Return the 200×STP-HRP solution to 2-8°C immediately after the necessary volume is removed.

PREPARATION OF STANDARDS AND SAMPLES

Human FGF-19 standards: Reconstitute the lyophilised standard with 1 ml of 1×Assay buffer to generate a standard stock solution of 2000 pg/ml. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare serially diluted standards using 1×Assay buffer as follows:

Standard volume	Volume of 1×Assay buffer	Concentration
2000 pg/ml stock	-	2000 pg/ml
250 µl of 2000 pg/ml	250 µl	1000 pg/ml
250 µl of 1000 pg/ml	250 µl	500 pg/ml
250 µl of 500 pg/ml std	250 µl	250 pg/ml
250 µl of 250 pg/ml std	250 µl	125 pg/ml
250 µl of 125 pg/ml std.	250 µl	62.5 pg/ml
250 µl of 62.5 pg/ml std.	250 µl	31.2 pg/ml

1×Assay buffer serves as the zero standard (0 pg/ml).

The reconstituted standard stock should be aliquoted and frozen at -20°C for one month. Avoid repeating freezing/thawing cycles. Please do not store the diluted standard solutions.

Sample preparation

Serum or plasma sample is generally required a 2-fold dilution in the 1×Assay buffer.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

It is recommended that all standards and samples should be assayed in duplicate.

1. Add 100 μ l of standard or sample per well, incubate at room temperature for 1 hour.
2. Discard the content and tap the plate on a clean paper towel to remove residual solution in each well. Add 300 μ l of 1 \times Wash buffer to each well and incubate for 1 minute. Discard the 1 \times Wash buffer and tap the plate on a clean paper towel to remove residual wash buffer. Repeat the wash step for a total 3 washes.
3. Add 100 μ l of 1 \times Detection antibody solution to each well, incubate at room temperature for 1 hour.
4. Wash each well 3 times as in step 2.
5. Add 100 μ l of 1 \times STP-HRP solution to each well, incubate at room temperature for 20 minutes.
6. Wash each well 4 times as described in step 2.
7. Add 100 μ l of Substrate solution to each well, incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes. **Protect from light.**
8. Add 100 μ l of Stop solution to each well, gently tap the plate frame for a few seconds to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Measure absorbance of each well at 450 nm immediately.

CALCULATION

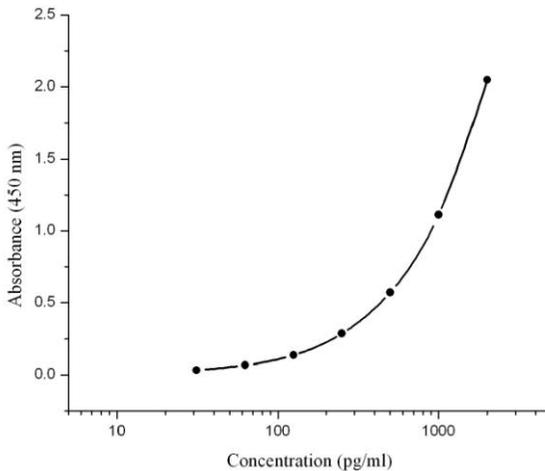
1. Subtract the absorbance of the blank from that of standards and samples.
2. Generate a standard curve by plotting the absorbance obtained (y-axis) against human FGF-19 concentrations (x-axis). The best fit line can be generated with any curve-fitting software by regression analysis. Any curve of 4-parameter or log-log curve fitting can be used for calculation.
3. Determine human FGF-19 concentration of samples from standard curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

TYPICAL STANDARD CURVE

The following standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of sample assay.

Human FGF-19 (pg/ml)	Absorbance (450 nm)	Blanked Absorbance
0	0.088	0
31.2	0.121	0.033
62.5	0.155	0.067
125	0.225	0.137
250	0.374	0.286
500	0.66	0.572
1000	1.201	1.113
2000	2.136	2.048

Human FGF-19 standard (4-parameter)



ASSAY CHARACTERISTICS

A. Sensitivity:

The lowest level of FGF-19 that can be measured by this assay is 31.2 pg/ml.

B. Specificity:

The antibodies used in this assay are specific to human FGF-19 and do not cross-react with human Adiponectin, FGF-21, FABP4, LCN2, RBP4 and PAI-1.

C. Precision:

Intra-assay Precision (Precision within an assay) C.V < 4.5%.

Inter-assay Precision (Precision between assays) C.V < 5.6%.

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SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

