STRESS ASSAY KITS



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Adrenocorticotropic Hormone (ACTH) ELISA Kits

K072-H1 (1 Plate) | K072-H5 (5 Plate)

FEATURES

- ► Use Measure ACTH in Plasma Samples
- Sample
 Plasma
- Sensitivity
 12.71 pg/mL
- Samples/Kit 40 or 232 in Duplicate
- Stability
 Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Readout
 Colorimetric, 450 nm



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH, also adrenocorticotropin, corticotropin) is an important component of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (HPA) and is produced in response to biological stress. Its principal effects are increased production and release of glucocorticoids (GCs). Stress-induced secretion of the peptide hormone Corticotropin Releasing Hormone (CRH) stimulates pituitary ACTH secretion. Circulating ACTH binds to melanocortin receptors on the surface of adrenal zona cells, inducing the synthesis and release of all adrenal steroids, aldosterone, GCs and adrenal androgens. ACTH is also the principal modulator of cortisol and corticosterone. In addition to the stress response, ACTH synthesis is related to the circadian rhythm in many organisms. Measurement of plasma ACTH is helpful in the differential diagnosis of pituitary Cushing's disease, Addison's disease, adrenal tumors, adrenal hyperplasia, and ectopic ACTH syndrome.



Catalase Colorimetric Activity Kits

Colorimetric: K033-H1 (2 Plate) Fluorescent: K033-F1 (2 Plate)

FEATURES

- Use Measure Catalase Activity in Any Sample
- ► Time to Answer 45 Minutes
- Sensitivity
 Measure as Little as 0.052 U/mL
- Samples/Kit 89 in Duplicate
- Stability
 Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Species
 Species Independent
- Readout
 Colorimetric, 560 nm
 Fluorescent, 590 nm em/520 nm ex



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Hydrogen peroxide, (H_2O_2) is one of the most frequently occurring reactive oxygen species. It is formed either in the environment, as a by-product of aerobic metabolism, superoxide formation and dismutation, or as a product of oxidase activity. Both excessive hydrogen peroxide and its decomposition product hydroxyl radical, are harmful for most cell components. Its rapid removal is essential for all aerobically living prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. One of the most efficient ways of removing peroxide is through the enzyme catalase, which is encoded by a single gene and is highly conserved among species. Mammals, including humans and mice, express catalase in all tissues. A high concentration of catalase can be found in the liver, kidneys and erythrocytes. The expression is regulated at transcription, post-transcription and post-translation levels. High catalase activity is detected in peroxisomes.



Ceruloplasmin (Cp) Colorimetric Activity Kit

K035-H1 (2 Plate)

FEATURES

Use	Non-Invasive Pregnancy Marker
Sample	Urine, Serum
Validation	Humans, Felids, Polar Bear, Panda
Species	Multiple Species
Time to Answer	60 Minutes
Format	96-Well
Samples/Kit	89 in Duplicate
Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
Readout	Colorimetric, 560 nm



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Ceruloplasmin (Cp) is an acute phase multicopper oxidase enzyme that normally plays a protective role in responses to immuneprovoking stimuli and is also associated with reproduction. Estrogens alter the subcellular distribution of copper in the liver, leading to an increase in plasma copper levels and subsequent ceruloplasmin synthesis. Serum levels of Cp have been shown to increase during normal pregnancy in some species possibly as a protection against the oxidative costs of reproduction. In giant pandas and some felids, urinary Cp activity has been shown to be elevated in pregnant vs. pseudopregnant animals beginning in the first week of gestation and continuing throughout the luteal phase.





Corticosterone Chemiluminescent ELISA Kits

K014-C1 (1 Plate) | K014-C5 (5 Plate)

FEATURES

► Use	Stress Marker in < 2µL Serum or Plasma
Sample	Serum, Plasma, Urine, Respiratory Vapor, TCM. and extracts of Feces, Feathers
•	and Hair
 Validation 	Mice, Rats, Humans, Primates, Birds, Cats, Ungulates, Whale, Lizard
 Sensitivity 	6.7 pg/mL MOST SENSITIVE
 Time to Answer 	2 Hours
 Format 	96-Well, Break-Apart Strip
 Species 	Species Independent
 Samples/Kit 	39 or 231 in Duplicate
 Stability 	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
Readout	Glow Luminescent

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Corticosterone (Kendall's Compound 'B') is a glucocorticoid secreted by the cortex of the adrenal gland. It is produced in response to stimulation of the adrenal cortex by ACTH and is the precursor of aldosterone. Corticosterone is a major indicator of stress and is the major stress steroid produced in non-human mammals. Studies involving corticosterone and levels of stress have found evidence of impairment of long term memory retrieval, chronic corticosterone elevation due to dietary restrictions, and corticosterone elevation in response to burn injuries. In addition to stress levels, corticosterone is believed to play a decisive role in sleep-wake patterns.





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Corticosterone Multi-Format ELISA Kits

K014-H1 (1 Plate) | K014-H5 (5 Plate) K014-H1W (1 Whole Plate) | K014-H5W (5 Whole Plate)

FEATURES

	Use	Stress Marker in < 2µL Serum or Plasma
	Sample	Serum, Plasma, Urine, Respiratory Vapor, TCM and Feather, Hair and Fecal Extracts
	Multi-Format	Standard range of 10,000–39.06 pg/mL or 5,000–19.53 pg/mL
•	Sensitivity	50μL Format: 20.9 pg/mLMULTI species100μL Format: 17.5 pg/mLMOST
•	Validation	Mice, Rats, Humans, Primates, Birds, Cats, Ungulates, Whale, Lizard
	Time to Answer	1.5 Hours
	Format	96-Well, Break-Apart Strip
	Species	Species Independent
	Samples/Kit	37 or 229 in Duplicate

- Stability
 Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Readout
 Colorimetric, 450 nm



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Cortisol ELISA Kits

K003-H1 (1 Strip Plate) | K003-H5 (5 Strip Plate) K003-H1W (1 Whole Plate) | K003-H5W (5 Whole Plate)

FEATURES

	Use	Stress Marker in as Little as 1 µL Serum or Plasma
►	Sample	Serum, Plasma, Saliva, Urine, Respiratory Vapor, and Hair and Fecal Extracts
►	Validation	Rodent, Primates, Ungulates, Fish, Whale, Canine
►	Time to Answer	1.5 Hours N-CAL
►	Format	96-Well, Break-Apart Strip or Whole Plates
►	Species	Species Independent SPECIES
►	Samples/Kit	39 or 231 in Duplicate
►	Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
►	Readout	Colorimetric, 450 nm

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Cortisol (hydrocortisone, Kendall's Compound 'F') is the primary glucocorticoid produced and secreted by the adrenal cortex. It is often referred to as the "stress hormone" as it affects blood pressure, blood sugar levels, and other actions of stress adaptation. Immunologically, cortisol functions as an important anti-inflammatory and plays a and disease resistance. In the metabolic aspect, cortisol promotes gluconeogenesis, liver glycogen deposition, and the reduction of glucose utilization. Production of cortisol follows an ACTH-dependent circadian rhythm, with a peak level in the morning and decreasing levels throughout the day. All but 4% of serum cortisol is bound to proteins including corticosteroid binding globulin and serum albumin. Abnormal cortisol levels are being evaluated for correlation with a variety of different conditions, such as prostate cancer, depression, schizophrenia, Cushing's Syndrome, and Addison's Disease.





Cortisone Chemiluminescent ELISA Kits

K017-C1 (1 Plate) | K017-C5 (5 Plate)

FEATURES

Use Stress Marker in as Little as 1 µL Serum or Plasma Sample Serum, Plasma, Urine, Saliva, Fecal Extracts Validation Mice, Rats, Humans, Monkeys, Felids, Ungulates, Canine Time to Answer 2 Hours **Species** Species Independent Samples/Kit 37 or 229 in Duplicate Stability Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents Readout Glow Luminescent



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Cortisone (C21H28O5, Kendall's Compound 'E') was identified by extraction from bovine suprarenal gland tissue. Cortisol and cortisone concentrations vary due to the activity of two 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenases (11 β -HSD). 11 β -HSD1 is found primarily in the liver where it converts cortisone to cortisol while 11 β -HSD2 is found in tissues such as the kidney where cortisol receptor binding is required. This glucocorticoid "shuttle" helps to initiate and regulate the anti-inflammatory response.





Cortisone ELISA Kits

ELISA: K017-H1 (1 Plate) | K017-H5 (5 Plate)

FEATURES

- Use Stress Marker in as Little as 1 μL Serum or Plasma
- Sample Serum, Plasma, Urine, Saliva, Fecal Extracts
- Validation
 Mice, Rats, Humans, Monkeys, Felids, Ungulates, Canine
- Time to Answer 2.5 Hours
- Species
 Species Independent
- Samples/Kit 40 or 232 in Duplicate
- Stability
 Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Readout
 Colorimetric, 450 nm



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FRAP™ (Ferric Reducing Antioxidant Power) Detection Kit

K043-H1 (2 Plate)

FEATURES

•	Use	Measure Ferric Reducing Anti-Oxidant Potential (FRAP) of Samples
•	Samples	Serum, Plasma, Tissue, Saliva, Cell Lysates, Urine, Food, Cosmetics, Additives
	Samples/Kit	89 in Duplicate
	Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
	Time to Answer	30 Minutes
	Readout	Colorimetric, 560 nm



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Potentially harmful reactive oxygen species (ROS) are produced as a consequence of normal aerobic metabolism. "Free Radicals" (FR) are usually removed or inactivated in vivo by a team of antioxidants. They are chemically stable atoms and molecules, which have one or more free electrons. Almost all biomolecules may be attacked by reactive free radicals. Free radicals are responsible for many pathological processes, or they can be generated as the result of the pathological stage and cause important secondary damage to biological systems and cells. Connections between free radicals and some serious diseases, including Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases, atherosclerosis, heart attacks, and chronic fatigue syndrome, have been demonstrated. However, short-term oxidative stress, the unbalance



between the formation and scavenging of the reactive oxygen species, may be important in preventing aging due to triggering of the process known as mitohormesis. On average, 65 – 70% of the population is excessively impacted by oxidative stress caused by FRs.



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Glutathione (GSH) Colorimetric Detection Kits

K006-H1 (4 Plate) K006-H1C-H/L (200 Cuvette)

FEATURES

- Measure Total GSH and GSSG to Determine Oxidative Stress Use
- Samples Whole Blood, Serum, Plasma, Erythrocytes, Urine, Lysates, TCM
- Sensitivity 0.634 µM (Plate-based Format)
- 96-Well or Cuvette Format
- Species Species Independent
- Samples/Kit K006-H1: 89 (Total and GSSG) in Duplicate K006-H1C-H/L: 43 (Total and GSSG) in Duplicate
- Stability Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Readout Colorimetric, 405 nm

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Glutathione (L-y-glutamyl-L-cysteinylglycine; GSH) is the highest concentration non-protein thiol in mammalian cells and is present in concentrations of 0.5 – 10 mM. GSH is a tripeptide that contains an unusual peptide linkage between the amine group of cysteine and the carboxyl group of the glutamate side-chain. It is an antioxidant, preventing damage to important cellular components caused by reactive oxygen species such as free radicals and peroxides. Glutathione reduces disulfide bonds formed within cytoplasmic proteins to cysteines by serving as an electron donor. In the process, glutathione is converted to its oxidized form, glutathione disulfide (GSSG). Glutathione is found mostly in its reduced form since the enzyme that reverts it from its oxidized form, glutathione reductase, is constitutive and inducible upon



oxidative stress. The ratio of reduced glutathione to oxidized glutathione within cells is often used as a measure of cellular toxicity.





Glutathione (GSH) Fluorescent Detection Kits

K006-F1 (1 Plate) | K006-F5 (5 Plate) K006-F1D (384-Well Plate)

FEATURES

	Use	Measure GSH/GSSG to Determine Oxidative Stress	CIES	
	Sample	Whole Blood, Serum, Plasma, Erythrocytes, Urine, Lysates, TCM		
	Species	Species Independent		
	Sensitivity	45 nM Free GSH, 48 nM Total GSH		
•	Samples/Kit	39 or 231 in Duplicate (K006-F1/F5) 183 in Duplicate (K006-F1D)		
	Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents		
	Readout	Fluorescent, 510 nm em/370-410 nm ex		

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Glutathione Reductase Fluorescent Activity Kit

K009-F1 (1 Plate)

FEATURES

Use	Measure GR activity
Sample	RBCs, Serum, Plasma, Cells, Tissues
Convenient	20 minute End Point or Kinetic Assay
Sensitivity	9 µU/mL, World's Most Sensitive
Species	Species Independent
Samples/Kit	41 in Duplicate
Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
Readout	Fluorescent, 510 nm em/370-410 nm ex



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Glutathione reductase (GR) plays an indirect but essential role in the prevention of oxidative damage within the cell by helping to maintain appropriate levels of intracellular glutathione (GSH). GSH, in conjunction with the enzyme glutathione peroxidase (GP), is the acting reductant responsible for minimizing harmful hydrogen peroxide. The regeneration of GSH is catalyzed by GR. GR is a ubiquitous 100-120 kDa dimeric flavoprotein that catalyzes the reduction of oxidized glutathione (GSSG) to reduced glutathione, using β -nicotinamide dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) as the hydrogen donor. NADPH has been suggested to also act as an indirectly operating antioxidant, given its role in the recycling of GSSG to GSH and thus maintaining the antioxidative power of glutathione.





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Glutathione S-Transferase Fluorescent Activity Kit

K008-F1 (1 Plate)

FEATURES

Use	Measure GST Activity
Sample	Serum, Plasma, Urine, Cell Lysates
Samples/Kit	40 in Duplicate
Convenient	30 Minute End Point or Kinetic Assay
Sensitivity	< 100 μ U of GST Activity
Stability	Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
Readout	Fluorescent, 460 nm em/370-410 nm



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The Glutathione S-Transferase (GST) family of isozymes function to detoxify and neutralize a wide variety of electrophilic molecules by mediating their conjugation with reduced glutathione. Human GSTs are encoded by five gene families, expressing in almost all tissues as four cytosolic and one microsomal forms. Given its pivotal role in ameliorating oxidative stress/damage, GST activity has been repeatedly investigated as a biomarker for arthritis, asthma, COPD, and multiple forms of cancer, as well as an environmental marker. Examination of GST isoforms and activity in human cancers, tumors and tumor cell lines has revealed the predominance of the acidic pi class. Furthermore, this activity is thought to substantially contribute to the innate or acquired resistance of specific neoplasms to anticancer therapy.

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Hydrogen Peroxide Colorimetric & Fluorescent Detection Kits

Colorimetric: K034-H1 (2 Plate) Fluorescent: K034-F1 (2 Plate)

FEATURES

	Use	Measure H ₂ O ₂ in Any Sample	Me
	Sample	Urine, Buffer, TCM	Uri
	Rapid	15 Minutes	15
•	Sensitive	Colorimetric: 91.3 pmol (310 ng) Fluorescent: < 2 pmole (65 pg)	
•	Samples/Kit	Colorimetric: 89 in Duplicate Fluorescent: 88 in Duplicate	
•	Readout	Colorimetric: 560 nm Fluorescent: 590 nm em/520 nm ex	

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

In biological systems, incomplete reduction of O₂ during $\frac{1}{2}$ respiration produces superoxide anion (O_2^{-}) , which is spontaneously or enzymatically dismutated by superoxide dismutase to H₂O₂. Many cells produce low levels of O₂. and H₂O₂ in response to a variety of extracellular stimuli, such as cytokines (TGF- β 1, TNF- α , and various interleukins), peptide growth factors (PDGF, EGF, VEGF, bFGF, and insulin), the agonists of heterotrimeric G protein-coupled receptors (GPCR) such as angiotensin II, thrombin, lysophosphatidic acid, sphingosine 1-phosphate, histamine, and bradykinin, and by shear stress. The addition of exogenous H2O2, or the intracellular production in response to receptor stimulation, affects the function of various proteins phosphatases, \neg including protein kinases, protein transcription factors, phospholipases, ion channels, and G proteins. In 1894, Fenton described the oxidation of tartaric acid by Fe²⁺ and H₂O₂. H₂O₂ and O₂ may participate in the production of singlet oxygen and peroxynitrite and the generation of these species may be concurrent with reactions involving iron, which under some circumstances might be important contributors to H₂O₂ toxicity.



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Superoxide Dismutase (SOD) Activity Kit

K028-H1 (2 Plate)

FEATURES

- Use Oxidative Stress Determination
- Sample
 Serum, Plasma, Cells, Tissue Buffers, Erythrocytes
- Species Human and Other Mammalian Species
- Samples/Kit 88 in Duplicate
- Time to Answer
 20 Minutes
- Readout
 Colorimetric, 450 nm



SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Short-lived and highly reactive oxygen species (ROS) such as O_2^{-} (superoxide), OH (hydroxyl radical), and H₂O₂ (hydrogen peroxide) are continuously generated in vivo. The cellular levels of ROS are controlled by antioxidant enzymes and small molecule antioxidants. The major antioxidant enzymes, superoxide dismutases (SODs), including coppersuperoxide dismutase (Cu/ZnSOD), zinc manganese superoxide dismutase (MnSOD), and extracellular superoxide dismutase (EC-SOD). All play a critical roles in scavenging O_{2}^{-1} ·. Decreased SOD activity results in elevated level of superoxide which in turn leads to decreased NO and increased peroxynitrite concentrations. The major intracellular SOD is a 32-kDa copper and zinc containing homodimer (Cu/Zn SOD). The mitochondrial SOD (MnSOD)



is a manganese-containing 93-kDa homotetramer that is synthesized in the cytoplasm and translocated to the inner matrix of mitochondria. EC-SOD is the primary extracellular SOD enzyme and is highly expressed in many organs. Increased SOD activity levels are seen in Downs Syndrome, while decreased activity is seen in diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, Parkinson's disease, uremic anemia, atherosclerosis, some cancers, and thyroid dysfunction.



Thiol Fluorescent Detection Kit

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K005-F1 (1 Plate)

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FEATURES

- Use Measure Thiol Content of Proteins and Peptides
- Adaptable
 Measure SH easily in 8M GuHCl Buffers
- Sensitivity
 4.62 nM
- Time to Answer 30 Minutes
- Species
 Species Independent
- Samples/Kit 39 in Duplicate
- Stability
 Liquid 4°C Stable Reagents
- Readout
 Fluorescent, 510 nm em/370-410 nm ex

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Free thiols in biological systems have important roles. Oxidatively-modified thiol groups of cysteine residues are known to modulate the activity of a growing number of proteins. As such, it is important to be able to accurately determine the extent of modification of specific amino acids, such as cysteine residues. This is especially difficult in a complex protein sample, especially in the presence of chaotropic agents such as guanidine hydrochloride. Typical methods using Ellman's reagent do not have sufficient sensitivity to allow economical detection of free SH groups.





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