

Rat Prolactin Immunoassay

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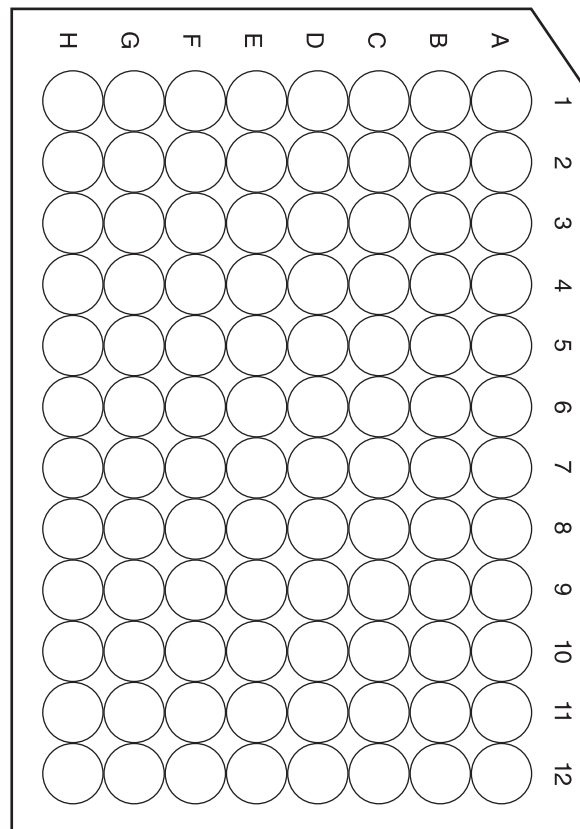
For the quantitative determination of rat Prolactin concentrations in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma.

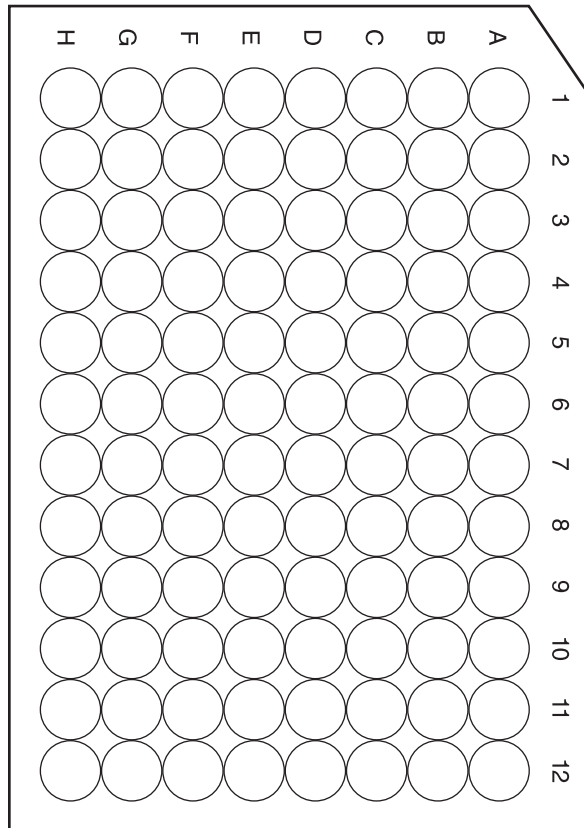
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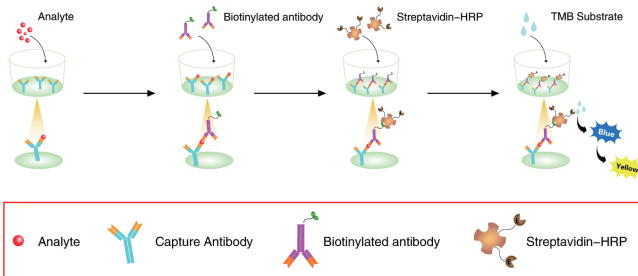


BACKGROUND

Prolactin (PRL), also known as lactotrope, is a protein that in humans is encoded by the PRL gene. Although it is perhaps best known for its role in lactation, prolactin already existed in the oldest known vertebrates—fish—where its most important functions were probably related to control of water and salt balance. It stimulates the mammary glands to produce milk: Increased serum concentrations of prolactin during pregnancy cause enlargement of the mammary glands of the breasts and prepare for the production of milk. Prolactin also acts in a cytokine-like manner and as an important regulator of the immune system. Prolactin has important cell cycle related functions as a growth-, differentiating- and anti-apoptotic factor. As a growth factor binding to cytokine like receptors it has also profound influence on hematopoiesis, angiogenesis and is involved in the regulation of blood clotting through several pathways. More than 300 separate actions of PRL have been reported in various vertebrates. Prolactin acts in endocrine, autocrine, and paracrine manner through the prolactin receptor and a large number of cytokine receptors. Pituitary prolactin secretion is regulated by endocrine neurons in the hypothalamus, the most important ones being the neurosecretory tuberoinfundibulum (TIDA) neurons of the arcuate nucleus, which secrete dopamine to act on the D2 receptors of lactotrophs, causing inhibition of prolactin secretion. Many fishes have variants prolactin A and prolactin B. In humans 3 smaller and several larger variants exist. Highly elevated levels of prolactin decrease the levels of sex hormones — estrogen in women and testosterone in men. In humans, prolactin is produced at least in the pituitary, decidua, myometrium, breast, lymphocytes, leukocytes and prostate. Prolactin levels may be checked as part of a sex hormone workup, as elevated prolactin secretion can suppress the secretion of FSH and GnRH, leading to hypogonadism, and sometimes causing erectile dysfunction in men. Prolactin levels may be of some use in distinguishing epileptic seizures from psychogenic non-epileptic seizures. The serum prolactin level usually rises following an epileptic seizure.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A monoclonal antibody specific for Prolactin has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any Prolactin present is captured by the coated antibody after incubation. Following extensive washing, a biotin-conjugate antibody specific for Prolactin is added to detect the captured Prolactin protein in sample. For signal development, horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated Streptavidin is added, followed by tetramethyl-benzidine (TMB) reagent. Following a wash to remove any unbound combination, and enzyme conjugate is added to the wells. Solution containing sulfuric acid is used to stop color development and the color intensity which is proportional to the quantity of bound protein is measurable at 450nm.



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LINEARITY: To assess the linearity of the assay, three samples were spiked with high concentrations of Prolactin in various matrices and diluted with the appropriate Sample Diluent to produce samples with values within the dynamic range of the assay. (The plasma samples were initially diluted 1:1)

Dilution ratio	Recovery(%)	Citrate plasma	Cell culture supernatants
1:2	Average% of Expected	95	102
	Range(%)	86-104	93-110
1:4	Average% of Expected	97	104
	Range(%)	99-108	96-113
1:8	Average% of Expected	96	105
	Range(%)	85-107	97-113
1:16	Average% of Expected	102	103
	Range(%)	94-111	96-111

TECHNICAL HINTS AND LIMITATIONS

- 1.This Solarbio ELISA should not be used beyond the expiration data on the kit label.
- 2.To avoid cross-contamination, use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
- 3.To ensure accurate results, some details, such as technique, plasticware and water sources should be emphasized.
- 4.A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance.
- 5.A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.
- 6.It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
- 7.Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. Buffers containing protein should be made under aseptic conditions and be prepared fresh daily.
- 8.In order to ensure the accuracy of the results, the standard curve should be made every time.

PRECAUTIONS

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acid solution. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

KIT COMPONENTS & STORAGE CONDITIONS

PART	SIZE	STORAGE OF OPENED/ RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
Microwell Plate - antibody coated 96-well Microplate (8 wells ×12 strips)	1 plate	Return unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack. Reseal along entire edge of the zip-seal. May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 – 8°C**
Standard - lyophilized, 6000 pg/ml upon reconstitution	2 vials	Aliquot and Store at -20°C** for six months
Concentrated Biotin-Conjugated antibody(100X) - 120 ul/vial	1 vial	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Concentrated Streptavidin-HRP solution(100X) - 120 ul/vial	1 vial	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Standard /Sample Diluent - 16 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent - 16 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Streptavidin-HRP Diluent - 16 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x) - 30 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Substrate Solution - 12 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Stop Solution - 12 ml/vial	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
Plate Cover Seals	4 pieces	

**Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

Performance Characteristics

SENSITIVITY: The minimum detectable dose was 47 pg/mL.

SPECIFICITY: This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant rat Prolactin. The factors listed below were prepared at 100ng/ml in Standard /sample Diluent and assayed for cross-reactivity and no significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

Factors assayed for cross-reactivity

Recombinant rat	Recombinant Mouse	Recombinant huma
ApoA1		Prolactin
BMP1		
HGF		
IL-2		
IL-4		
IL-6		
IL-10		
IFN γ		
MMP-2		

REPEATABILITY: The coefficient of variation of both intra-assay and inter-assay were less than 10%.

RECOVERY: The recovery of Prolactin spiked to three different levels in four samples throughout the range of the assay in various matrices was evaluated.

Recovery of Prolactin in two matrices

Sample Type	Average % of Expected Range(%)	Range(%)
Citrate plasma	95	88-105
Cell culture supernatants	103	94-112

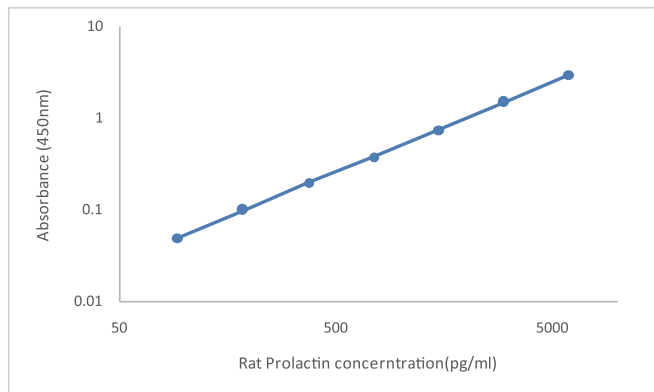
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regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

5. This standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.

Typical data using the Prolactin ELISA

Standardized(pg/ml)	OD.	OD.	Average	Corrected
0	0.048	0.046	0.047	--
93.75	0.174	0.167	0.171	0.124
187.5	0.254	0.242	0.248	0.201
375	0.377	0.361	0.369	0.322
750	0.599	0.573	0.586	0.539
1500	0.973	0.930	0.951	0.905
3000	1.584	1.514	1.549	1.502
6000	2.581	2.467	2.524	2.477



Representative standard curve for Prolactin ELISA.

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OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
2. Pipettes and pipette tips.
3. Deionized or distilled water.
4. Squir bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
5. 500 mL graduated cylinder.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION & STORAGE

Cell Culture Supernates - Centrifuge cell culture media at 1000×g to remove debris. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 2 hours at room temperature or overnight at 2-8°C. Centrifuge approximately for 15 minutes at 1000×g. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Plasma - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000×g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

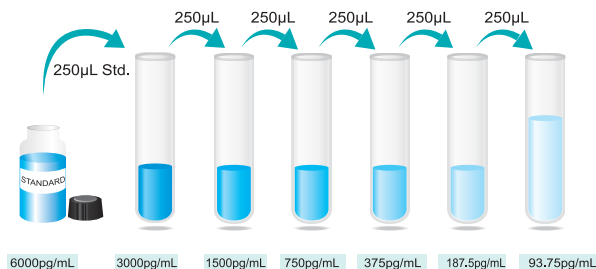
Note: The normal rat serum or plasma samples are suggested to make a 1:2 dilution.

REAGENTS PREPARATION

1. **Temperature returning** - Bring all kit components and specimen to room temperature (20-25 °C) before use.
2. **Wash Buffer** - Dilute 30mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate with 570mL of deionized or distilled water to prepare 600mL of Wash Buffer. If crystals have formed in the concentrate Wash Buffer, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.
3. **Standard/Specimen** -Reconstitute the Standard with 0.5mL of Standard/Sample Diluent. This reconstitution produces a stock solution

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of 6000pg/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Pipette 250µL of Standard/Sample Diluent into 3000pg/ml tube and the remaining tubes. Use the stock solution of 6000pg/mL to produce a 2-fold dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly and change pipette tips between each transfer. The 6000 pg/mL standard serves as the high standard. The Standard/ Sample Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).



Preparation of Prolactin standard dilutions

***If you do not run out of re-melting standard, store it at -20°C. Diluted standard shall not be reused.**

4. **Working solution of Biotin-Conjugate anti-rat Prolactin antibody:** Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Biotin-Conjugate solution with the Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent in a clean plastic tube.

***The working solution should be used within one day after dilution.**

5. **Working solution of Streptavidin-HRP:** Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Streptavidin-HRP solution with the Streptavidin-HRP Diluent in a clean plastic tube.

***The working solution should be used within one day after dilution.**

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ASSAY PROCEDURE

Prepare all reagents and standards as directed. Wash the plate 3 times before assay.



Add 100µl standard or samples to each well, shaking with Micro-oscillator (100r/min) to incubate 120minutes at room temperature(25±2°C).



Aspirate and wash 4 times

Add 100µl working solution of Biotin-Conjugate anti-rat Prolactin antibody to each well, shaking with Micro-oscillator (100r/min) to incubate 60 minutes at room temperature(25±2°C).



Aspirate and wash 4 times

Add 100µl working solution of Streptavidin-HRP to each well, shaking with Micro-oscillator (100r/min) to incubate 30 minutes at room temperature(25±2°C).



Aspirate and wash 5 times

Add 100µl Substrate solution to each well, incubate 10-20 minutes (depending on signal) at room temperature(25±2°C).Protect from light.



Add 50µl Stop solution to each well. Read at 450nm within 5 minutes.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

- The standard curve is used to determine the amount of specimens.
- First, average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample. All O.D. values are subtracted by the mean value of blank control before result interpretation.
- Construct a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a four parameter logistic (4-PL) curve-fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph.
- The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the Prolactin concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by