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Free Prostate Specific Antigen (fPSA) Test System

Product Code: 2375-300

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Intended Use: The Quantitative Determination of Free Prostate Specific Antigen (fPSA) Concentration in Human Serum by a Microplate Enzyme Immunoassay, Chemiluminescence

2.0 SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is a serine protease with chymotrypsin-like activity.[1,2] The protein is a single chain glycoprotein with a molecular weight of 28.4 kDA.[3] PSA derives its name from the observation that it is a normal antigen of the prostate, but is not found in any other normal or malignant tissue. PSA is released from the normal prostate and appears at low serum concentrations in healthy men. Studies with reverse transcription-PCR have shown that PSA also is expressed at a low concentration in peripheral blood cells and other tissues.[4] High serum concentrations can be detected in patients with advanced prostate cancer (PCA).[5] Therefore, PSA is applied as a tumor marker for the clinical management of PCA.[6] However, increased PSA concentrations in serum also occur in patients with benign prostate hyperplasia (BPH).[7] Hence, the goal is to discriminate clearly between BPH and PCA in the clinical laboratory to spare the patient invasive diagnostic procedures, such as a prostate biopsy.

In human serum, PSA occurs in two forms: free PSA (fPSA) and complexed PSA. The major form is a complex of PSA and α_1-antichymotrypsin (ACT). The fraction of fPSA was shown to be substantially smaller in patients with untreated PCA than in patients with BPH. Therefore, combined measurements of fPSA and total PSA (tPSA) may lead to a better discrimination between BPH and PCA Some recent studies have already shown that the fPSA/tPSA ratio is helpful in the differential diagnosis of BPH and PCA.

PSA is found in benign, malignant and metastatic prostate cancer. Since prostate cancer is the second most prevalent form of male malignancy, the detection of elevated PSA levels plays an important role in the early diagnosis. Serum PSA levels have been found to be more useful than prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP) in the diagnosis and management of patients due to increased sensitivity.[4]

In this method, fPSA calibrator, patient specimen or control is first added to a streptavidin coated well. Biotinylated monoclonal and enzyme labeled antibodies (directed against distinct and different free epitopes of fPSA) are added and the reactants mixed. Reaction between the various fPSA antibodies and native fPSA forms a sandwich complex that binds with the streptavidin coated to the well.

After the completion of the required incubation period, the enzyme-fPSA antibody bound conjugate is separated from the unbound enzyme-fPSA conjugate by aspiration or decantation. The activity of the enzyme present on the surface of the well is quantitated by reaction with a suitable substrate to produce light.

The employment of several serum references of known prostate specific antigen (fPSA) levels permits the construction of a dose response curve of activity and concentration. From comparison to the dose response curve, an unknown specimen's activity can be correlated with fPSA concentration.

3.0 PRINCIPLE

Immunoenzymometric assay (TYPE 3):
The essential reagents required for an immunoenzymometric assay include high affinity and specificity antibodies (enzyme and immobilized), with different and distinct epitope recognition, **in excess,** and native antigen. In this procedure, the immobilization takes place during the assay at the surface of a microplate well through the interaction of streptavidin coated on the well and exogenously added biotinylated monoclonal anti-PSA antibody.

Upon mixing monoclonal biotinylated antibody, the enzyme-labeled antibody and a serum containing the native antigen, reaction results between the native antigen and the antibodies, without competition or steric hindrance, to form a soluble sandwich complex. The interaction is illustrated by the following equation:

$$^{Enz}Ab_{(F)} + Ag_{fPSA} + {}^{Btn}Ab_{(m)} \underset{k_{-a}}{\overset{k_a}{\rightleftharpoons}} {}^{Enz}Ab_{(p)} - Ag_{fPSA} - {}^{Btn}Ab_{(m)}$$

$^{Btn}Ab_{(m)}$ = Biotinylated Antibody (Excess Quantity)
Ag_{fPSA} = Native Antigen (Variable Quantity)
$^{Enz}Ab_{(p)}$ = Enzyme labeled Antibody (Excess Quantity)
$^{Enz}Ab_{(p)} - Ag_{fPSA} - {}^{Btn}Ab_{(m)}$ = Antigen-Antibodies Complex
k_a = Rate Constant of Association
k_{-a} = Rate Constant of Dissociation

Simultaneously, the complex is deposited to the well through the high affinity reaction of streptavidin and biotinylated antibody. This interaction is illustrated below:
$^{Enz}Ab_{(p)} - Ag_{fPSA} - {}^{Btn}Ab_{(m)} + Streptavidin_{CW} \Rightarrow$ Immobilized complex
$Streptavidin_{CW}$ = Streptavidin immobilized on well
Immobilized complex = complex bound to the solid surface

After equilibrium is attained, the antibody-bound fraction is separated from unbound antigen by decantation or aspiration. The enzyme activity in the antibody-bound fraction is directly proportional to the native antigen concentration. By utilizing several different serum references of known antigen values, a dose response curve can be generated from which the antigen concentration of an unknown can be ascertained.

4.0 REAGENTS

Materials Provided:

A. fPSA Calibrators – 1ml/vial - Icons A-F
Six (6) vials of serum references free PSA antigen at levels of 0(**A**), 0.5(**B**), 1.0(**C**), 2.5(**D**), 5.0(**E**) and 10.0(**F**) ng/ml. A preservative has been added. Store at 2-8°C.
Note: The calibrators, protein based buffered matrix, were calibrated using a reference preparation, which was assayed against the WHO 1st International Standard 96/668.

B. fPSA Tracer Reagent – 13 ml/vial - Icon Ⓔ
One (1) vial containing enzyme labeled antibody, biotinylated monoclonal mouse IgG in buffer, dye, and preservative. Store at 2-8°C.

C. Light Reaction Wells 96 wells – Icon ⇓
One 96-well white microplate coated with streptavidin and packaged in an aluminum bag with a drying agent. Store at 2-8°C.

D. Wash Solution Concentrate – 20ml/vial - Icon
One (1) vial containing a surfactant in buffered saline. A preservative has been added. Store at 2-8°C.

E. Signal Reagent A – 7ml/vial - Icon C^A
One (1) vial containing luminol in buffer. Store at 2-8°C. (See Reagent Preparation Section)

F. Signal Reagent B – 7ml/vial - Icon C^B
One (1) vial containing hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) in buffer. Store at 2-8°C. (see Reagent Preparation Section).

G. Product Instructions

Note 1: Do not use reagents beyond the kit expiration date.
Note 2: Avoid extended exposure to heat and light. **Opened reagents are stable for sixty (60) days when stored at 2-8°C. Kit and component stability are identified on the label.**
Note 3: Above reagents are for a single 96-well microplate

4.1 Required But Not Provided:
1. Pipette(s) capable of delivering 0.050 & 0.100ml (50 &100µl) volumes with a precision of better than 1.5%.
2. Dispenser(s) for repetitive deliveries of 0.100 & 0.350ml (100 & 350µl) volumes with a precision of better than 1.5% (optional).
3. Microplate washers or a squeeze bottle (optional).
4. Microplate Luminometer
5. Absorbent Paper for blotting the microplate wells.
6. Plastic wrap or microplate cover for incubation steps.
7. Vacuum aspirator (optional) for wash steps.
8. Timer.
9. Quality control materials

5.0 PRECAUTIONS

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
Not for Internal or External Use in Humans or Animals

All products that contain human serum have been found to be non-reactive for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, HIV 1&2 and HCV Antibodies by FDA licensed reagents. Since no known test can offer complete assurance that infectious agents are absent, all human serum products should be handled as potentially hazardous and capable of transmitting disease. Good laboratory procedures for handling blood products can be found in the Center for Disease Control / National Institute of Health, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories," 2nd Edition, 1988, HHS Publication No. (CDC) 88-8395.

Safe Disposal of kit components must be according to local regulatory and statutory requirement.

6.0 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

The specimens shall be blood, serum in type and the usual precautions in the collection of venipuncture samples should be observed. For accurate comparison to established normal values, a fasting morning serum sample should be obtained. The blood should be collected in a plain redtop venipuncture tube without additives or anti-coagulants. Allow the blood to clot. Centrifuge the specimen to separate the serum from the cells.

In patients receiving therapy with high biotin doses (i.e. >5mg/day), no sample should be taken until at least 8 hours after the last biotin administration, preferably overnight to ensure fasting sample.

Samples may be refrigerated at 2-8°C for a maximum period of five (5) days. If the specimen(s) cannot be assayed within this time, the sample(s) may be stored at temperatures of -20°C for up to 30 days. Avoid use of contaminated devices. Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing. When assayed in duplicate, 0.100ml (100 µl) of the specimen is required.

7.0 QUALITY CONTROL

Each laboratory should assay controls at levels in the low, normal and elevated range for monitoring assay performance. These controls should be treated as unknowns and values determined in every test procedure performed. Quality control charts should be maintained to follow the performance of the supplied reagents. Pertinent statistical methods should be employed to ascertain trends. Significant deviation from established performance can indicate unnoticed change in experimental conditions or degradation of kit reagents. Fresh reagents should be used to determine the reason for the variations.

8.0 REAGENT PREPARATION

1. **Wash Buffer**
Dilute contents of Wash Concentrate to 1000ml with distilled or deionized water in a suitable storage container. Store diluted buffer at 2-30°C.

2. **Working Signal Reagent Solution -** Store at 2 - 8°C.
Determine the amount of reagent needed and prepare by mixing equal portions of Signal Reagent A and Signal Reagent B in a clean container. For example, add 1 ml of A and 1ml of B per two (2) eight well strips (A slight excess of solution is made). **Discard the unused portion if not used within 36 hours after mixing.** If complete utilization of the reagents is anticipated, within the above time constraint, pour the contents of Signal Reagent B into Signal Reagent A and label accordingly.

Note: Do not use reagents if they are contaminated or have bacteria growth.

9.0 TEST PROCEDURE

Before proceeding with the assay, bring all reagents, serum reference calibrators and controls to room temperature (20-27°C).
*****Test Procedure should be performed by a skilled individual or trained professional*****

1. Format the microplates' wells for each serum reference calibrator, control and patient specimen to be assayed in duplicate. **Replace any unused microwell strips back into the aluminum bag, seal and store at 2-8°C.**
2. Pipette 0.050ml (50µl) of the appropriate serum reference calibrator, control or specimen into the assigned well.
3. Add 0.100ml (100µl) of the fPSA Tracer Reagent to each well. **It is very important to dispense all reagents close to the bottom of the coated well.**
4. Swirl the microplate gently for 20-30 seconds to mix and cover.
5. Incubate 45 minutes at room temperature.
6. Discard the contents of the microplate by decantation or aspiration. If decanting, tap and blot the plate dry with absorbent paper.
7. Add 0.350ml (350µl) of wash buffer (see Reagent Preparation Section), decant (tap and blot) or aspirate. Repeat four (4) additional times for a total of five (5) washes. **An automatic or manual plate washer can be used. Follow the manufacturer's instruction for proper usage. If a squeeze bottle is employed, fill each well by depressing the container (avoiding air bubbles) to dispense the wash. Decant the wash and repeat four (4) additional times.**
8. Add 0.100ml (100µl) of working signal reagent (see Reagent Preparation Section) to all wells. **Always add reagents in the same order to minimize reaction time differences between wells.**
DO NOT SHAKE THE PLATE AFTER SIGNAL ADDITION
9. Incubate for five (5) minutes at room temperature in the dark.
10. Read the Relative Light Units (RLUs) in each well for 0.2 – 1.0 seconds. **The results should be read within thirty (30) minutes of adding the signal reagent solution.**

10.0 CALUCULATION OF RESULTS

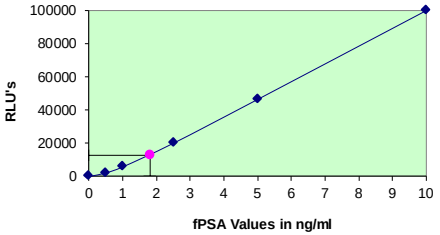
A dose response curve is used to ascertain the concentration of fPSA in unknown specimens.
1. Record the RLUs obtained from the printout of microplate luminometer as outlined in Example 1.
2. Plot the RLUs for each duplicate serum reference versus the corresponding fPSA concentration in ng/ml on linear graph paper (do not average the duplicates of the serum references before plotting).
3. Draw the best-fit curve through the plotted points.
4. To determine the concentration of fPSA for an unknown, locate the average RLUs for each unknown on the vertical axis of the graph, find the intersecting point on the curve, and read the concentration (in ng/ml) from the horizontal axis of the graph (the duplicates of the unknown may be averaged as indicated). (See Figure 1)*.

Note: Computer data reduction software designed for chemiluminescence assays may also be used for the data reduction. If such software is utilized, the validation of the software should be ascertained.

EXAMPLE 1

Sample I.D.	Well Number	RLU (A)	Mean RLU (B)	Value (ng/ml)
Cal A	A1	7	11	0
	B1	15		
Cal B	C1	2185	2128	0.5
	D1	2070		
Cal C	E1	5698	5802	1
	F1	5906		
Cal D	G1	20384	20034	2.5
	H1	19685		
Cal E	A2	46742	46458	5
	B2	46174		
Cal F	C2	101127	100000	10
	D2	98873		
Patient	A3	12329	12783	1.8
	B3	13237		

Figure 1



*The data presented in Example 1 and Figure 1 is for illustration only and **should not** be used in lieu of a dose response curve prepared with each assay. In addition, the RLUs of the calibrators have been normalized to 100,000 RLU/sec for the F calibrator (greatest light output). This conversion minimizes differences caused by efficiency of the various instruments that can be used to measure light output.

11.0 Q.C. PARAMETERS

In order for the assay results to be considered valid the following criteria should be met:

1. The Dose Response Curve (80%; 50% & 20% intercepts) should be within established parameters.
2. Four out of six quality control pools should be within the established ranges.

12.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The MSDS and Risk Analysis Form are available on request from Monobind Inc.

12.1 Assay Performance

1. It is important that the time of reaction in each well is held constant to achieve reproducible results.
2. Pipetting of samples should not extend beyond ten (10) minutes to avoid assay drift.
3. Highly lipemic, hemolyzed or grossly contaminated specimen(s) should not be used.
4. If more than one (1) plate is used, it is recommended to repeat the dose response curve.
5. The addition of signal reagent initiates a kinetic reaction, therefore the signal reagent(s) should be added in the same sequence to eliminate any time-deviation during reaction.
6. Failure to remove adhering solution adequately in the aspiration or decantation wash step(s) may result in poor replication and spurious results.
7. Use components from the same lot. No intermixing of reagents from different batches.
8. Patient specimens with fPSA concentrations above 10 ng/ml may be diluted (for example 1/10 or higher) with normal female serum (PSA = 0 ng/ml) and re-assayed. The sample's concentration is obtained by multiplying the result by the dilution factor (10).
9. Accurate and precise pipetting, as well as following the exact time and temperature requirements prescribed are essential. Any deviation from Monobind IFU may yield inaccurate results.
10. All applicable national standards, regulations and laws, including, but not limited to, good laboratory procedures, must be strictly followed to ensure compliance and proper device usage.
11. It is important to calibrate all the equipment e.g. Pipettes, Readers, Washers and/or the automated instruments used with this device, and to perform routine preventative maintenance.
12. Risk Analysis- as required by CE Mark IVD Directive 98/79/EC - for this and other devices made by Monobind, can be requested via email from Monobind@monobind.com.

12.2 Interpretation

1. ***Measurements and interpretation of results must be performed by a skilled individual or trained professional.***
2. Laboratory results alone are only one aspect for determining patient care and should not be the sole basis for therapy, particularly if the results conflict with other determinants.
3. The reagents for AccuLite® CLIA procedure have been formulated to eliminate maximal interference; however, potential interactions between rare serum specimens and test reagents can cause erroneous results. Heterophilic antibodies often cause these interactions and have been known to be problems for all kinds of immunoassays (Boscato, LM, Stuart, MC. "Heterophilic antibodies: a problem for all immunoassays" *Clin. Chem.* 1988: 3427-33). For diagnostic purposes, the results from this assay should be used in combination with clinical examination, patient history and all other clinical findings.
4. For valid test results, adequate controls and other parameters must be within the listed ranges and assay requirements.
5. If test kits are altered, such as by mixing parts of different kits, which could produce false test results, or if results are incorrectly interpreted, Monobind shall have no liability.
6. If computer controlled data reduction is used to interpret the results of the test, it is imperative that the predicted values for the calibrators fall within 10% of the assigned concentrations.
7. fPSA is elevated in benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). Clinically an elevated fPSA value alone is not of diagnostic value as a specific test for differential diagnosis of BPH. The ratio of fPSA/tPSA is a better marker and should be used in conjunction with other clinical observations (DRE) and diagnostic procedures (prostate biopsy).
8. When the total PSA (tPSA) reads 4-10 ng/ml the fPSA/tPSA ratio is useful in the differential diagnosis of BPH and PC (Prostate Cancer). Depending on the ratio the probability can be determined as follows:*

fPSA/tPSA Ratio	Probability of Prostate Cancer
0-10%	55%
10-15%	28%
15- 20%	25%
> 20%	10%

***** The differential diagnosis based on the ratios fPSA/tPSA has been based on evidence collected from the published literature.

13.0 EXPECTED RANGES OF VALUES

TABLE I
Expected Values for the fPSA AccuLite® CLIA Test System

Healthy Males	≤ 1.3 ng/ml

It is important to keep in mind that establishment of a range of values which can be expected to be found by a given method for a population of "normal"-persons is dependent upon a multiplicity of factors: the specificity of the method, the population tested and the precision of the method in the hands of the analyst. For these reasons each laboratory should depend upon the range of expected values established by the Manufacturer only until an in-house range can be determined by the analysts using the method with a population indigenous to the area in which the laboratory is located. All relevant patient history and clinical data should be considered before making any critical decision.

14.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

14.1 Precision

The within and between assay precision of the fPSA AccuLite® CLIA test system were determined by analyses on three different levels of control sera. The number, mean value, standard deviation and coefficient of variation for each of these control sera are presented in Table 2 and Table 3.

TABLE 2
Within Assay Precision (Values in ng/ml)

Sample	N	X	σ	C.V.
Level 1	20	0.41	0.04	9.1%
Level 2	20	1.77	0.08	4.5%
Level 3	20	>10	-	-

TABLE 3
Between Assay Precision* (Values in ng/ml)

Sample	N	X	σ	C.V.
Level 1	20	0.46	0.05	10.3%
Level 2	20	1.80	0.16	9.2%
Level 3	20	>10	-	-

*As measured in ten experiments in duplicate.

14.2 Sensitivity

The theoretical sensitivity, or minimum detection limit, calculated by the interpolation of the mean plus two standard deviations of 20 replicates of the 0 ng/ml fPSA calibrator, is 0.015 ng/ml.

14.3 Accuracy

The fPSA AccuLite® CLIA test system was compared with a reference method. Clinical and non-clinical biological specimens from low, normal, and elevated concentrations were assayed. The total number of such specimens was 88. The least square regression equation and the correlation coefficient were computed for the fPSA AccuLite® CLIA test system in comparison with the reference method. The data obtained is displayed in Table 4.

TABLE 4

Method	Mean	Least Square Regression Analysis	Correlation Coefficient
Monobind (x)	1.35	x = 0.0159 + 0.9739(y)	0.947
Reference (y)	1.46		

Only slight amounts of bias between the fPSA AccuLite® CLIA test system and the reference method are indicated by the closeness of the mean values. The least square regression equation and correlation coefficient indicates excellent method agreement.

14.4 Specificity:

The following substances did not interfere with the performance of fPSA determination using fPSA AccuLite® CLIA test system. These substances were added to the pooled sera in concentrations 10-100 times more than normal.

Compound	Concentration Added
AFP	10 µg/ml
Atropine	100 µg/ml
Acetylsalicylic Acid	100 µg/ml
Ascorbic Acid	100 µg/ml
Caffeine	100 µg/ml
Dexamethasone	10 µg/ml
Flutamide	100 µg/ml
hCG	100 IU/ml
hLH	100 IU/ml
Methotrexate	100 µg/ml
Prolactin	100 µg/ml
TSH	100 mIU/ml

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Size		96(A)	192(B)
Reagent (fill)	A)	1ml set	1ml set
	B)	1 (13ml)	2 (13ml)
	C)	1 plate	2 plates
	D)	1 (20ml)	1 (20ml)
	E)	1 (7ml)	2 (7ml)
	F)	1 (7ml)	2 (7ml)

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Glossary of Symbols
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IVD — In Vitro - Diagnostic Medical Device

2°-8° — Temperature Limitation Storage Condition (2-8°C)

Consult Instructions for Use

REF — Catalogue Number

Σ — Contains Sufficient Test for Σ

LOT — Batch Code

Used By (Expiration Day)

Date of Manufacturer

Manufacturer

EC REP — Authorized Rep in European Country

CE 0050 — European Conformity