

# Human TNF-alpha Sandwich ELISA Kit Datasheet

For the quantitative detection of human TNF-alpha concentrations in serum, plasma and cell culture supernatants.

#### **General Information**

| Catalogue Number          | KE00068                            |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Product Name              | Human TNF-alpha Sandwich ELISA Kit |
| Species cross-reactivity  | Human                              |
| Range (calibration Range) | 31.25-2000 pg/mL                   |
| Tested applications       | Quantification ELISA               |

#### **Database Links**

| Entrez Gene | 7124   |
|-------------|--------|
| SwissProt   | P01375 |

#### Kit Components & Storage

| Microplate - antibody coated 96-well microplate (8 well × 12 strips) | 1 plate   | Unopened Kit:                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Protein standard - 4000 pg/bottle; lyophilized*                      | 2 bottles |                                  |
| Detection antibody, biotinylated (100X) - 120 $\mu$ L/vial           | 1 vial    | Store at 2-8°C for 6 months or - |
| Streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (100X) - 120 µ L/vial      | 1 vial    | 20°C for 12 months.              |
| Sample Diluent PT 1-e - 30 mL/bottle. For serum and plasma samples   | 1 bottle  | Opened Kit:                      |
| Sample Diluent PT 1-ef - 30 mL/bottle. For cell culture supernatants | 1 bottle  | All reagents stored at 2-8°C for |
| Detection Diluent - 30 mL/bottle                                     | 1 bottle  | 7 Jana                           |
| Wash Buffer Concentrate (20X) - 30 mL/bottle                         | 1 bottle  | 7 days.                          |
| Tetramethylbenzidine Substrate (TMB) - 12 mL/bottle                  | 1 bottle  | Please use a new standard        |
| Stop Solution - 12 mL/bottle                                         | 1 bottle  | for each assay.                  |
| Plate Cover Seals                                                    | 3 pieces  |                                  |

#### NB: Do not use the kit after the expiration date.

Sample Diluent PT 1-e is for protein standard, serum and plasma samples. Sample Diluent PT 1-ef is for protein standard and cell culture supernatants. Detection Diluent is for Detection antibody and Streptavidin-HRP. \*Add 2 mL Sample Diluent PT 1-e or PT 1-ef in protein standard. This reconstitution gives a stock solution of 2000 pg/mL.



#### **Product Description**

KE00068 is a solid phase sandwich Enzyme Linked-Immuno-Sorbent Assay (Sandwich ELISA). The TNF- $\alpha$  ELISA kit is to be used to detect and quantify protein levels of endogenous TNF- $\alpha$ . The assay recognizes human TNF- $\alpha$ . An antibody specific for TNF- $\alpha$  has been pre-coated onto the microwells. The TNF- $\alpha$  protein in samples is captured by the coated antibody after incubation. Following extensive washing, another antibody of biotinylated specific for TNF- $\alpha$  is added to detect the captured TNF- $\alpha$  protein. For signal development, Streptavidin-HRP is added, followed by Tetramethyl-benzidine (TMB) reagent. 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 450 nm with the correction wavelength set at 630 nm.

#### Background

TNF, as also known as TNF-alpha, or cachectin, is a multifunctional proinflammatory cytokine that belongs to the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) superfamily. It is expressed as a 26 kDa membrane bound protein and is then cleaved by TNF-alpha converting enzyme (TACE) to release the soluble 17 kDa monomer, which forms homotrimers in circulation. It is produced chiefly by activated macrophages, although it can be produced by many other cell types such as CD4+ lymphocytes, NK cells, neutrophils, mast cells, eosinophils, and neurons. It can bind to, and thus functions through its receptors TNFRSF1A/TNFR1 and TNFRSF1B/TNFBR. This cytokine is involved in the regulation of a wide spectrum of biological processes including cell proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, lipid metabolism, and coagulation. Dysregulation of TNF production has been implicated in a variety of human diseases including Alzheimer's disease, cancer, major depression and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).



# Sample Preparation

The serum or plasma samples may require proper dilution to fall within the range of the assay. A range of dilutions like 1:2, 1:4 is suggested according to the individual samples.

# Safety Notes

This product is sold for lab research and development use ONLY and not for use in humans or animals. Avoid any skin and eye contact with Stop Solution and TMB. In case of contact, wash thoroughly with water.

### Assay Procedure Summary

| Step | Reagent                                                                                            | Volume | Incubation | Wash        | Notes                        |  |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Standard and Samples                                                                               | 100 µL | 120 min    | 4 times     | Cover Wells incubate at 37°C |  |
| 2    | Diluent Antibody Solution                                                                          | 100 µL | 60 min     | 4 times     | Cover Wells incubate at 37°C |  |
| 3    | Diluent HRP Solution                                                                               | 100 µL | 40 min     | 4 times     | Cover Wells incubate at 37°C |  |
| 4    | TMB Substrate                                                                                      | 100 µL | 15-20 min  | Do not wash | Incubate in the dark at 37°C |  |
| 5    | Stop Solution                                                                                      | 100 µL | 0 min      | Do not wash | -                            |  |
| 6    | 6 Read plate at 450 nm and 630 nm immediately after adding Stop solution. DO NOT exceed 5 minutes. |        |            |             |                              |  |



# Example data

These standard curves are provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.



| (pg/mL) | 0.D            | Average | Corrected |  |
|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|--|
| 0       | 0.078<br>0.074 | 0.076   | -         |  |
| 31.25   | 0.157<br>0.143 | 0.15    | 0.074     |  |
| 62.5    | 0.23<br>0.204  | 0.217   | 0.141     |  |
| 125     | 0.356<br>0.331 | 0.344   | 0.268     |  |
| 250     | 0.589<br>0.546 | 0.568   | 0.492     |  |
| 500     | 0.981<br>0.942 | 0.962   | 0.886     |  |
| 1000    | 1.616<br>1.552 | 1.584   | 1.508     |  |
| 2000    | 2.398<br>2.339 | 2.369   | 2.293     |  |



| (pg/mL) | 0.D            | Average | Corrected |
|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| 0       | 0.072<br>0.072 | 0.072   | -         |
| 31.25   | 0.142<br>0.144 | 0.143   | 0.0071    |
| 62.5    | 0.213<br>0.21  | 0.212   | 0.140     |
| 125     | 0.332<br>0.353 | 0.343   | 0.271     |
| 250     | 0.571<br>0.578 | 0.579   | 0.507     |
| 500     | 0.938<br>0.966 | 0.952   | 0.880     |
| 1000    | 1.536<br>1.555 | 1.546   | 1.474     |
| 2000    | 2.273<br>2.274 | 2.274   | 2.202     |

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# Precision

**Intra-assay Precision** (Precision within an assay) Three samples of known concentration were tested 20 times on one plate to assess intra-assay precision.

**Inter-assay Precision** (Precision between assays) Three samples of known concentration were tested in 24 separate assays to assess inter-assay precision.

|        |    | Intra-assay Precision |      |     |        |    | Inter-assay Precision |      |     |
|--------|----|-----------------------|------|-----|--------|----|-----------------------|------|-----|
| Sample | n  | Mean (pg/mL)          | SD   | CV% | Sample | n  | Mean (pg/mL)          | SD   | CV% |
| 1      | 20 | 365.8                 | 11.0 | 3.0 | 1      | 24 | 392.2                 | 21.0 | 5.4 |
| 2      | 20 | 747.8                 | 42.2 | 5.6 | 2      | 24 | 774.4                 | 33.5 | 4.3 |
| 3      | 20 | 1,508.1               | 96.9 | 6.4 | 3      | 24 | 1,572.5               | 61.9 | 3.9 |

#### Recovery

The recovery of TNF-alpha spiked to three different levels in four samples throughout the range of the assay in various matrices was evaluated. (The plasma sample were initially diluted 1:1)

| Sample Type               |     | Average% of Expected | Range (%) |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------|
| Human plasma              |     | 75                   | 70-78     |
| numan plasma              | 1:4 | 78                   | 72-86     |
| Coll culture cuperpatants | 1:2 | 105                  | 81-126    |
|                           | 1:4 | 95                   | 84-106    |



# Sample Values

Twenty-four serum and plasma samples from healthy volunteers were evaluated for human TNF-alpha in this assay. All samples measured less than the lowest standard, 15.6 pg/mL. No medical histories were available for the donors used in this study.

Cell Culture supernatants - Human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) (5×10<sup>5</sup> cells/mL) were cultured in RPMI-1640 supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100 U/mL penicillin and 100 µ g/mL streptomycin sulfate. The cell culture supernatants were stimulated for different conditions and assayed for human TNF-alpha. ( \* Day 1 : PBMC were stimulated used by 10 ug/mL PHA 1 day and 50 ng/mL LPS 2 hours; Day 3: PBMC were stimulated used by 10ug/mL PHA 2 days and 50ng/mL LPS 1 day; Day 5: PBMC were stimulated used by 10 ug/mL PHA 3 days and 50ng/mL LPS 2 days)

| Stimulated conditions      | Day 1 (pg/mL) | Day 3 (pg/mL) | Day 5 (pg/mL) |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| PHA 10ug/mL                | 1,025         | 2,192         | 1,424         |
| PHA 10ug/mL+ LPS 50ng/mL * | 1,880         | 2,383         | 1,143         |
| Unstimulated               | 349           | 254           | 150           |

#### Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose of human TNF-alpha is 1.0 pg/mL. This was determined by adding two standard deviations to the concentration corresponding to the mean O.D. of 20 zero standard replicates.

#### Linearity

To assess the linearity of the assay, three samples were spiked with high concentrations of TNF-alpha 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)

|      |                      | Human plasma | Cell culture supernatants |
|------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1.0  | Average% of Expected | 74           | 91                        |
| 1.2  | Range (%)            | 73-78        | 88-94                     |
| 1./  | Average% of Expected | 82           | 98                        |
| 1:4  | Range (%)            | 76-87        | 95-102                    |
| 1.0  | Average% of Expected | 87           | 98                        |
| 1:8  | Range (%)            | 75-92        | 94-101                    |
| 1:16 | Average% of Expected | 90           | 98                        |
|      | Range (%)            | 75-104       | 97-98                     |

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