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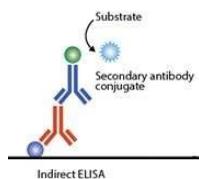
Sheep Anti-Diamondback Rattle snake (*Crotalus atrox*) venom antibody tests is an indirect ELISA suitable for detecting antivenin IgG in sheep serum or plasma. Other biological fluids, including tissue culture medium, may be validated for use. This kit is particularly designed to assess the immunological potency or antibody concentration of the anti-venom (monovalent or polyvalent) produced in sheep. For *in vitro research use only (RUO)*, not for therapeutic or diagnostic use.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Snake venom is highly modified saliva containing zootoxins used by snakes to immobilize and digest prey or to serve as a defense mechanism against a potential predator or other threat. Venoms contain more than 20 different compounds, 100s proteins and polypeptides. **Envenomation** is the process by which venom is injected into animals and humans. Although the majority of snake species are non-venomous and typically kill their prey with constriction rather than venom, venomous snakes can be found on every continent except Antarctica. The morbidity and mortality associated with snake bites is a serious public health problem in many regions of the world.

Antivenom (or antivenin or antivenene) is a biological product used in the treatment of venomous bites or stings. Antivenom is created by milking venom from the desired snake, spider or insect. The venom is then diluted and injected into a horse, sheep or goat (antivenom host). The subject animal will undergo an immune response to the venom, producing antibodies against the venom's active molecule which can then be harvested from the animal's blood and used to treat envenomation. Antivenoms can be classified into **monovalent** (when they are effective against a given species' venom) or **polyvalent** (when they are effective against a range of species, or several different species at the same time). Antivenom (whole antiserum from horse (equine), sheep (ovine), goat (caprine) or chicken is usually purified to remove most serum proteins leaving mostly immunoglobulin (Ig's). Whole crude antibodies may also be subjected to antibody fragmentation to prepare only the **Fab2 fragments** of the antibodies to minimize exposure to the foreign proteins to minimize subsequent hypersensitivity reaction (anaphylaxis) or a delayed hypersensitivity (serum sickness). In the U.S. the only approved antivenom for pit viper (rattlesnake, copperhead and water moccasin) snakebite is based on a purified product made in sheep known as **CroFab** (Crotalidae Polyvalent Immune Fab (Ovine/Sheep)) is the only widely available antivenom indicated for the management of patients with minimal to moderate North American Crotalid envenomation (rattlesnake, water moccasin/cottonmouth and copperhead

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST



The Sheep Anti-snake antibody ELISA kit is based on the binding of antibody in samples to purified antigens (venom) coated on the plate, and antibody is detected by species specific antibody conjugated to HRP. After a washing step, substrate (TMB) is added and color (blue) is developed, which is directly proportional to the amount of antibody present in the sample. Stop Solution is added to terminate the reaction (converts blue to yellow color), and A450nm is then measured using an ELISA reader. The presence or concentration of antibody in samples is determined relative to supplied controls or calibrators.

KIT CONTENTS

The microtiter well plate and all other reagents, if unopened, are stable at 2-8°C until the expiration date printed on the box label. Stabilities of the working solutions are indicated under Reagent Preparation.

To Be Reconstituted: Store as indicated.

Component	Preparation Instructions
Wash Solution Concentrate (50x) Cat. #WB-50, 10 ml	Dilute the entire volume 10ml + 490 ml with distilled or deionized water into a clean stock bottle. Label as 1X Wash Solution and store at 4°C for long term and ambient temp. for short term.
Sample Diluent Concentrate (20x) Cat. No. SD-20T, 10ml	Dilute the entire volume, 10ml + 190ml with distilled or deionized water into a clean stock bottle. Label as Working Sample Diluent (WSD) and store at 2-8°C until the kit lot expires or is used up.
Anti-Sheep IgG-HRP Conjugate Concentrate (100x) Part: 570202, 0.11ml	in buffer with detergents and antimicrobial as stabilizers. Dilute fresh as needed; 10ul of concentrate to 1ml of Working Sample Diluent is sufficient for 1 8-well strip. Use within the working day and discard. Return 100X to 2-8°C storage.

Ready For Use: Store as indicated on labels.

Component	Part	Amt	Contents
CATX Venom antigen coated Plate	570201	8-well strips (12)	Coated with Diamondback venom antigens, and post-coated with stabilizers.
Sheep Anti- Diamondback venom antibody calibrators			
3 U/ml	570203A	0.65 ml	Supplied in a buffer with protein, detergents and antimicrobial as stabilizers.
10 U/ml	570203B	0.65 ml	
30 U/ml	570203C	0.65 ml	
100 U/ml	570203D	0.65 ml	
TMB Substrate	80091	12 ml	substrate for HRP containing TMB and peroxide.
Stop Solution	80101	12 ml	Dilute sulfuric acid.

Materials Required But Not Provided:

- Pipettors and pipettes that deliver 100ul and 1-10ml. A multi-channel pipettor is recommended.
- Disposable glass or plastic 5-15ml tubes for diluting samples and Anti-Sheep IgG HRP Concentrate.
- Stock bottle to store diluted Wash Solution; 0.2 to 1L.
- Distilled or deionized water to dilute reagent concentrates.
- Microwell plate reader at 450 nm wavelength.

ASSAY DESIGN AND SET-UP

Sample Collection and Handling

Serum and other biological fluids may be used as samples with proper dilution to avoid solution matrix interference. For **serum**, collect blood by venipuncture, allow clotting, and separate the serum by centrifugation at room temperature. For other samples, clarify the sample by centrifugation and/or filtration prior to dilution in Sample Diluent. If samples will not be assayed immediately, store refrigerated for up to a few weeks, or frozen for long-term storage.

Antibody Stability and Sample dilution

Initial dilution of serum into **Working Sample Diluent** (1X WSD) is recommended to stabilize antibody activity. This enhances reproducible sampling, and stabilizes the antibody activity for years, stored refrigerated or frozen. Hyperimmune anti-venom are generally high titered and they may require a dilution between 1:1000-1:100,000 or more. We suggest the following scheme to make antisera dilutions.

- Make an initial 1:100 dilution in 1X WSD (5 ul sample in 495 ul diluent). Use this stock to make all test dilution (1:1000-1:100,000).
- Make test dilutions from 1:100 stock (5 ul of 1:100 in 495 ul of 1X WSD; final dilution 1:10,000)
- Make test dilutions from 1:10,000 stock (25 ul of 1:10,000 in 225 ul of 1X WSD; final dilution 1:100,000)

Test a few dilutions of given samples to see what dilution is required to bring them into testing range of the ELISA.

Assay Design

Review Calculation of Results (p5-7) and Limits of the Assay (above) before proceeding:

- Select the proper sample dilutions accounting for expected potency of positives and minimizing non-specific binding and other matrix effects; for example, net signal for non-immune samples should be lower than the **3 U/ml or user specified cut-off values**.
- Run a Sample Diluent **Blank**. This signal is an indicator of proper assay performance, especially of washing efficacy, and is used for net OD calculations, if required. Blank OD should be <0.3.

Plate Set-up

Bring all reagents to room temperature (18-30° C) equilibration (at least 30 minutes).

- Determine the number of wells for the assay run. Duplicates are recommended, including 4 Control wells and 2 wells for each sample and internal control to be assayed.
- Remove the appropriate number of microwell strips from the pouch and return unused strips to the pouch. Reseal the pouch and store refrigerated.
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Assay Procedure

- Add 200-300ul Working Wash Solution to each well and let stand for about 5 minutes. Aspirate or dump the liquid and pat dry on a paper towel before sample addition.

ALL STEPS ARE PERFORMED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE. After each reagent addition, gently tap the plate to mix the well contents prior to beginning incubation.

- 1st Incubation [100ul – 60 min; 4 washes]**
 - Add 100ul of 1X WSD (blank), calibrators, samples and controls each to pre-determined wells.
 - Tap the plate gently to mix reagents and incubate for 60 minutes.
 - Wash wells 4 times and pat dry on fresh paper towels. As an alternative, an automatic plate washer may be used. Improper washes may lead to falsely elevated signals and poor reproducibility.
 - 2nd Incubation [100ul – 30 min; 5 washes]**
 - Add 100ul of diluted Anti-Sheep IgG-HRP to each well.
 - Incubate for 30 minutes.
 - Wash wells 5 times as in step 2.
 - 3. Substrate Incubation [100ul – 15 min]**
 - Add 100ul TMB Substrate to each well. The liquid in the wells will begin to turn blue.
 - Incubate for 15 minutes in the dark, e.g., place in a drawer or closet.
- Note: If your microplate reader does not register optical density (OD) above 2.0, incubate for less time, or read OD at 405-410 nm (results are valid).
- 4. Stop Step [Stop: 100ul]**
 - Add 100ul of Stop Solution to each well.
 - Tap gently to mix. The enzyme reaction will stop; liquid in the wells will turn yellow.
 - 5. Absorbance Reading**
 - Use any commercially available microplate reader capable of reading at 450nm wavelength. Use a program suitable for obtaining OD readings, and data calculations if available.
 - Read absorbance of the entire plate at 450nm within 30 minutes after Stop Solution addition. If available, program to subtract OD at 630nm to normalize well background.

PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

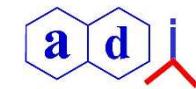
Controls, Sample Diluent, and Antibody HRP contain bromonitrodioxane (BND: 0.05%, w/v). Stop Solution contains dilute sulfuric acid. Follow good laboratory practices, and avoid ingestion or contact of any reagent with skin, eyes or mucous membranes. All reagents may be disposed of down a drain with copious amounts of water. MSDS for TMB, sulfuric acid and BND can be requested or obtained from the ADI website: http://4adi.com/commerce/info/showpage.jsp?page_id=1060&category_id=2430&visit=10

Sheep Anti-Diamondback Rattlesnake (Crotalus atrox) Venom Antibody ELISA Kit

Cat. #. 570-200-DSG, 96 Tests

For the quantitation Diamondback Rattlesnake venom antibody sheep serum, plasma or other biological fluids

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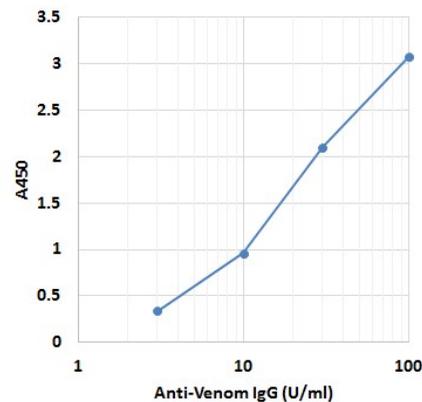
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INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Wells	Stds/sample s	U/mL	Mean A450	Net A450
A1, A2	Blank	0.0	0.02	-
B1, B2	Calibrator A	3	0.34	0.32
C1, C2	Calibrator B	10	0.96	0.94
D1, D2	Calibrator C	30	2.4	2.38
D1, D2	Calibrator D	100	3.08	3.06

Example:



Horse Anti-Crotalus Atriox Venom IgG ELISA

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Calculations

1. Subtract blank values from all values (standards, controls and samples) to calculate the net A450. Draw a semi-log graph as depicted above. We recommend using point-to-point curve or 4-point curve.
2. Determine the concentration of the unknown from the graphs and multiply the conc with the sample dilution.
3. Results are expressed as Units/ml (U/ml). Standards are prepared from in-house sera that are assigned arbitrary units. In general, 100 Units correspond to approximately 100 ng antibody. However, antibody reactivity to different antigens (venom) may alter this concentration.
4. All samples that are outside the range of the standards should be tested at a dilution that will be within the range of the standards.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS



Crotalus atrox, the western diamondback rattlesnake, is a venomous rattlesnake species found in the United States and Mexico. It is likely responsible for the majority of snakebite

fatalities in northern Mexico and the second-greatest number in the U.S., after *C. adamanteus*. Common names for this species include: western diamondback rattlesnake, western diamondback rattlesnake, adobe snake, Arizona diamond rattlesnake, coon tail, desert diamond-back, desert diamond rattlesnake, fierce rattlesnake, spitting rattlesnake, Texan rattlesnake, Texas diamond-back, and Texas Rattler. It is found in the United States from central Arkansas to southeastern and Central California, south into Mexico as far as northern Sinaloa, Hidalgo and northern Veracruz. Disjunct populations exist in southern Veracruz and southeastern Oaxaca. The type locality given is "Indianola" (Indianola, Calhoun County, Texas). In Mexico, it occurs in Nuevo León, Coahuila, Chihuahua, Sonora, extreme northeastern Baja California, northern Sinaloa, northeastern Durango, Zacatecas, most of San Luis Potosí, northern Veracruz, Hidalgo, and Querétaro.

This species has LD50 values of 2.72 mg/kg intravenous, 20 mg/kg intramuscular and 18.5 mg/kg subcutaneous, which is far less toxic than many other rattlesnakes. However, because of its large venom glands and specialized fangs, the western diamondback rattlesnake can deliver a significant amount of venom in a single bite. The average venom yield per bite is usually between 250 and 350 mg, with a maximum of 700–800 mg. Severe envenomation is rare, but possible, and can be lethal. Mortality rate of untreated bites is between 10 and 20%

Antigen, Antibody Specificity & Sensitivity



Diamondback Rattle snake (*Crotalus atrox*) antigens (venom) is used as antigen for the detection of antibodies. Therefore, this kit detects antibodies to all venom proteins. The antigen coating level, HRP conjugate concentration, and sample Diluent are optimized to differentiate anti-venom antibody from background (non-antibody) signal with sheep serum samples

at an appropriate dilution. The kit uses antibody calibrator with arbitrary units/ml (100 U/ml represents ~ 100 ng/ml sheep IgG) The lowest limit of detection is about 0.3 ng of Sheep IgG.

This kit is designed to detect the anti-venom IgG produced against the Diamondback venom (monovalent) or polyvalent in sheep. The antibody conjugate used in the kit mainly detect the **IgG** but some cross detection of IgM or other isotype may be observed. This kit can be used to detect the sheep anti-Diamondback antivenom IgG in unpurified antisera, partially purified whole IgG. **The Fc-preparation will not be detected.**

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Related Items

- 570-100-CHG Horse Anti-Cobra (Naja Naja) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative, 96 tests
- 570-110-KHG Horse Anti-Indian Krait (Bungarus Caeruleus) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-120-RHG Horse Anti-Russell's Viper (Vipera Russellii) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-130-SHG Horse Anti-Saw Scaled Viper (Echis Carinatus) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-140-XHG Horse Anti-Common (Cobra, Crait, Russels and Saw scaled vipers) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-200-DSG Sheep Anti-Diamond-back Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-210-CSG Sheep Anti-Pit Viper Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 570-220-CSG Sheep Anti-Water Moccasin/cottonmouth pit viper (Agkistrodon piscivorus) Antibody ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative

- 7610-Fab Sheep/Ovine Fab ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 7615-Fc Sheep IgG-Fc ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative
- 7710-Fab Horse Fab2 ELISA Kit, 96 tests, Quantitative

- APVS11-S Rabbit Anti-Black Moccasin (Agistrion piscovirus) venom
- APVS12-S Chicken Anti-Black Moccasin (Agistrion piscovirus) venom
- APVS14-S Sheep Anti-Black Moccasin (Agistrion piscovirus) venom
- CADM11-S Rabbit Anti-Eastern Diamondback venom antiserum
- CADM12-S Chicken Anti-Eastern Diamondback venom antiserum
- CADM14-S Sheep Anti-Eastern Diamondback venom antiserum
- CATX11-S Rabbit Anti-Western Diamondback Rattlesnake antiserum
- CATX12-S Chicken Anti-Western Diamondback Rattlesnake antiserum
- CATX14-S Sheep Anti-Western Diamondback Rattlesnake antiserum
- CATX15-S Rabbit Anti-Common N. American (Diamondback, copperhead and Moccassin snakes) venom antiserum
- CATX16-S Chicken Anti-Common N. American (Diamondback, copperhead and Moccassin snakes) venom antiserum
- CATX17-S Sheep Anti-Common N. American (Diamondback, copperhead and Moccassin snakes) venom antiserum
- CKT11-S Rabbit Anti-Indian krait (Bungarus caeruleus) antiserum
- CKT12-S Chicken Anti-Indian krait (Bungarus caeruleus) antiserum

- CKT13-S Horse Anti-Indian krait (Bungarus caeruleus) venom antiserum
- ICO11-S Rabbit Anti-Indian Cobra (Naja naja) venom antiserum
- ICO12-S Chicken Anti-Indian Cobra (Naja naja) antiserum
- ICO13-S Horse Anti-Indian Cobra (Naja naja) venom antiserum
- RVR11-S Rabbit Anti-Russell's Viper (*Vipera russelli*) venom antiserum
- RVR12-S Chicken Anti-Russell's Viper (*Vipera russelli*) venom antiserum
- RVR13-S Horse Anti-Russell's Viper (*Vipera russelli*) venom antiserum
- SSV11-S Rabbit Anti-Saw-scaled Viper venom antiserum
- SSV12-S Chicken Anti-Saw-scaled Viper venom antiserum
- SSV13-S Horse Anti-Saw-scaled viper venom antiserum
- VNM11-S Rabbit Anti-Common Asian (Cobra, Crait, Russell's and Saw-scaled vipers) venom antiserum

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