

## HUMAN BETA NERVE GROWTH FACTOR ( $\beta$ -NGF) ULTRASENSITIVE ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION  
OF HUMAN  $\beta$ -NGF CONCENTRATIONS IN  
CELL CULTURE SUPERNATES AND SERUM



THIS STANDARD CURVE IS PROVIDED FOR  
DEMONSTRATION ONLY.  
ALWAYS REFER TO LOT SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
PROVIDED WITH EACH KIT FOR  
INSTRUCTIONS. PROTOCOL MUST BE  
READ BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

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DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION:

**THIS KIT IS FOR ONE TIME USE ONLY.**

ELISA NAME	HUMAN $\beta$ -NGF ULTRASENSITIVE ELISA
Catalog No.	SK00307-02
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard Range	3.125 - 200 pg/mL
Sensitivity	1 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 $\mu$ L
Sample Type	Serum, EDTA Plasma, Cell Culture Supernates
Dilution Factor	<b>Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application</b>
Specificity	Human $\beta$ -NGF
Calibration	Human $\beta$ -NGF recombinant (HEK293 cells)
Intra-assay Precision	4 - 6%
Inter-assay Precision	8 - 10%
Storage	Refer to lot
This kit contains sufficient materials to run 35 samples duplicated provided that assay is run according to protocol.	

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## DESCRIPTION

This Human  $\beta$ -NGF Ultrasensitive ELISA Kit contains the necessary components required for the quantitative measurement of recombinant and/or natural human  $\beta$ -NGF from cell culture supernates, serum and plasma in a sandwich ELISA format.

This immunoassay contains recombinant human  $\beta$ -NGF and antibodies raised against this protein. Results from this immunoassay have shown to accurately quantify recombinant and natural  $\beta$ -NGF samples.

## ASSAY OVERVIEW

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich ELISA format. The plate is pre-coated with an antibody specific for human  $\beta$ -NGF. The capture antibody can bind to the human  $\beta$ -NGF in the standard and samples. After washing the plate of any unbound substances, an antibody-HRP conjugate against human  $\beta$ -NGF is added to the wells. After the last wash to remove any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in direct proportion to the amount of human  $\beta$ -NGF bound in the standard solutions or samples. A standard curve can be established and sample values can be read off the standard curve.

## PROCEDURAL LIMITATIONS

\_FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

\_This ELISA kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.

\_Do not mix reagents with those from other lots or sources.

\_It is important that the Dilution Buffer selected for the standard curve be consistent with the samples being assayed.

\_Each laboratory must determine the optimal dilution factors for the samples being assayed.

\_Any modifications in buffers, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, as well as kit age can cause a change in signal.

\_Not all interfering factors have been tested in the immunoassay, therefore the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

## COMPONENTS PROVIDED

Description	Code	Quantity
<b><math>\beta</math>-NGF Microplate</b> - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with an antibody against human $\beta$ -NGF.	307-02-01	1 plate
<b><math>\beta</math>-NGF Standard</b> – refer to lot of recombinant human $\beta$ -NGF in a buffered protein base with preservative; lyophilized.	307-02-02	1 vial
<b>Detection Antibody-HRP Conjugate</b> – refer to lot concentrated solution of antibody conjugated to HRP against human $\beta$ -NGF.	307-02-03	1 vial
<b>Positive Control</b> – one vial of recombinant human $\beta$ -NGF; lyophilized.	307-02-04	1 vial
<b>Dilution Buffer</b> – 40 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	DB10	1 bottle
<b>Wash Buffer</b> - 50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	WB01	1 bottle
<b>Substrate Solution</b> - 11 mL of TMB substrate solution.	TMB01	1 bottle
<b>Stop Solution</b> - 11 mL of 0.5M HCl.	S-STOP	1 bottle
<b>Plate Sealer</b>	EAPS	1
<b>Plastic Pouch</b>	P01	1

## STORAGE

**Unopened Kit:** Store at 2 – 8° C for 1 month. For longer storage up to 8 months, unopened Standard Positive Control and dilution buffer should be stored at -20° C. Detection Antibody-HRP Conjugate 200-fold concentrated solution should be stored at 2 – 8° C. Substrate Solution can be stored at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months (**DO NOT FREEZE** and **PROTECT FROM LIGHT**). All other components can be stored at 2 – 8° C for up to 8 months. Do not use kit past expiration date.

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED**

- Microplate reader capable of absorbance measurement at 450 nm.
- Microplate shaker (250 – 300 rpm).
- Microplate washer or manifold dispenser.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- Multi-channel Pipette, Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.

**PRECAUTION**

This kit should be handled by those persons who have been trained in and can follow the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken while handling solutions in this kit to avoid contact with skin or eyes, especially with the stop solution because it contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Wash immediately with water in case of contact on skin or eyes.

**SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE**

**Cell Culture Supernates** - Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Serum** - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Plasma** - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Optional: Use Aprotinin (enzyme inhibitor) for ALL sample collection to prevent sample degradation. 0.5 TIU per ml of sample solution.**

**SAMPLE PREPARATION**

Serum and plasma samples DO NOT require dilution.

**Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.**

**Use polypropylene test tubes.**

**REAGENT PREPARATION**

**Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.**

**Wash Buffer** - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 50 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water (450 mL) to prepare 500 mL of 1x Wash Buffer.

**$\beta$ -NGF Standard** - Reconstitute the  $\beta$ -NGF standard with refer to lot of Dilution Buffer. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 200 pg/mL. Allow the stock standard to sit for at least 15 minutes with gentle agitation until completely dissolved prior to making standard dilutions (see below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The **200 pg/mL** standard serves as the high standard. The Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).

Tube	Standard	Dilution Buffer	Concentration
Stock	Powder	Refer to lot	200 pg/ml
# 1	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of stock	250 $\mu\text{l}$	100 pg/ml
# 2	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of 1	250 $\mu\text{l}$	50 pg/ml
# 3	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of 2	250 $\mu\text{l}$	25 pg/ml
# 4	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of 3	250 $\mu\text{l}$	12.5 pg/ml
# 5	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of 4	250 $\mu\text{l}$	6.25 pg/ml
# 6	250 $\mu\text{l}$ of 5	250 $\mu\text{l}$	3.125 pg/ml

**Positive Control** - Reconstitute the Positive Control with refer to lot of Dilution Buffer.

**Detection Antibody-HRP Conjugate** - Pipette refer to lot of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer refer to lot concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution (**protect from light**). **DO NOT FREEZE.**

**ELISA PROTOCOL**

**Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before the start of the assay. Blank, standard dilutions, positive control and samples should be assayed in duplicate. ELISA Protocol may need further optimization.**

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of Dilution Buffer to Blank wells.
3. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard dilutions, samples, or positive control per well. Cover with plate sealer.

Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature.

4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with 1x Wash Buffer (300  $\mu$ L) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
5. Add 100  $\mu$ L of 1x Detection Antibody-HRP conjugate working solution to each well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100  $\mu$ L of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for refer to lot on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
8. Add 100  $\mu$ L of Stop Solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow. If the color in the wells is green, or if the color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Determine the optical density of each well using a microplate reader set to 450 nm.

### CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Create a standard curve by plotting the log of the known concentrations of the standard dilutions (x-axis) versus the log of its corresponding O.D. (y-axis) and draw the best fit line through the points. It is recommended to use computer software capable of generating a log-log curve fit to more accurately quantify the standard dilutions.

If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

### TYPICAL DATA







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

Standard (pg/mL)	Average OD450 (Corrected)
Blank	0 (refer to lot)
3.125	0.031
6.25	0.060
12.5	0.138
25	0.286
50	0.676
100	1.353
200	2.007

### SPECIFICITY

PROTEINS	CROSS-REACTIVITY (%)
Human $\beta$ -NGF (HEK293)	100
Human BDNF	0
Human GDNF	0

### SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS

Add 100 $\mu$ L of standard dilutions, samples, or positive control to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.

Aspirate and wash 4 times.

Add 100 $\mu$ L per well 1x Detection Antibody-HRP working solution to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>

Aspirate and wash 4 times.

Add 100 $\mu$ L Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate refer to lot on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>

Add 100 $\mu$ L Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min.