

Rabbit Anti-PEG IgG ELISA

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INTRODUCTION

Attachment of polyethylene glycol (PEG) chains to therapeutic biologic agents, a process referred to as PEGylation, prolongs the circulating half-life of the modified protein by slowing proteolytic degradation and by masking it from the immune system. However, it has been reported that repeated injections of PEGylated proteins can induce anti-PEG antibodies that increase the rate of clearance and decrease drug efficacy (accelerated blood clearance, or ABC phenomenon). To aid research in this important area, we have developed a rabbit anti-PEG IgG ELISA kit.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

The assay uses immobilized mono-mPEGylated BSA (20 kDa PEG chain) as the capture antigen (coated on microtiter wells) and horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated anti-rabbit IgG for detection. Serum or plasma samples are diluted and incubated alongside standards in the microtiter wells for 45 minutes. The wells are subsequently washed. HRP conjugate is added and incubated for 45 minutes. Anti-PEG IgG molecules are sandwiched between immobilized PEG and the detection antibody conjugate. The wells are then washed to remove unbound HRP-labeled antibodies. TMB reagent is added and incubated for 20 minutes at room temperature. This results in the development of a blue color. Color development is stopped by the addition of Stop Solution, changing the color to yellow. Optical density is measured spectrophotometrically at 450 nm. The concentration of anti-PEG IgG is proportional to the absorbance at 450 nm and is derived from a standard curve.

MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

Materials provided with the kit:

- PEG-BSA coated plate (12 x 8-wells) **Store at -20°C**
- Anti-IgG HRP Stock **Store at -20°C**
- Anti-PEG Stock¹ (lyophilized) **Store at -20°C**
- 20x HRP PEG Wash: PEGW50-20, 50 ml
- HRP PEG Diluent: PEGD50-1, 2 x 50 ml
- TMB: TMB11-1, 11 ml
- Stop Solution: SS11-1, 11 ml

Materials required but not provided:

- Pipettors and tips
- Distilled or deionized water
- Polypropylene or glass tubes
- Vortex mixer
- Absorbent paper or paper towels
- Plate incubator/shaker
- Plate washer
- Plate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- Curve fitting software

STORAGE

The reference stock, HRP conjugate, and the PEG-BSA coated plate should be stored at -20°C. All remaining kit components should be stored at 4°C. The microtiter plate should be kept in a sealed bag with desiccant. Kits will remain stable for six months from the date of purchase provided that the components are stored as described.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS/LIMITATIONS

1. Please read and instructions thoroughly before using the kit.
2. All reagents should be allowed to reach room temperature (25°C) before use.
3. The wash procedure is critical. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and falsely elevated absorbance readings.
4. Use only the wash solution and dilution buffer provided with the kit. PEG and PEGylated compounds are found in many buffers conventionally used in ELISA's and cannot be used with this kit.
5. Kits are validated using plate shakers set at 150 rpm and 25°C. Performance of the assay at lower temperatures and/or mixing speeds will likely result in lower absorbance values.
6. Optimal results are achieved if at each step reagents are pipetted into the wells of the microtiter plate within 5 minutes.

WASH SOLUTION PREPARATION

The wash solution is provided as a 20x stock. Prior to use, dilute the contents of the bottle (50 ml) with 950 ml of distilled or deionized water.

STANDARD PREPARATION

1. The anti-PEG IgG standard is provided as a lyophilized stock. Reconstitute as described on the vial label.
2. Label 8 polypropylene or glass tubes as 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56 and 0 u/ml.
3. In the tube labeled 100 u/ml prepare the 100 u/ml standard as detailed on the stock vial label.
4. Dispense 250 µl of diluent into the remaining tubes.
5. Prepare a 50 u/ml standard by diluting and mixing 250 µl of the 100 u/ml standard with 250 µl of diluent in the tube labeled 50 u/ml.
6. Similarly prepare the remaining standards by serial dilution. Unused reconstituted stock should be stored frozen at or below -20°C if future use is intended.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

In studies at Life Diagnostics, Inc., we found that anti-PEG IgG levels ranged from undetectable in naïve serum to 4,000,000 u/ml in serum from rabbits injected with PEG-KLH. Optimal dilutions must be determined empirically. It is important that the diluent provided with the kit (PEGD50-1) be used for dilution. Do not substitute other buffers.

HRP CONJUGATE PREPARATION

Approximately 5 minutes before needed, dilute the HRP conjugate stock with diluent (equilibrated to room temperature) as directed on the vial label.

¹ Anti-PEG IgG levels are measured in nominal units and are calibrated using anti-PEG serum.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

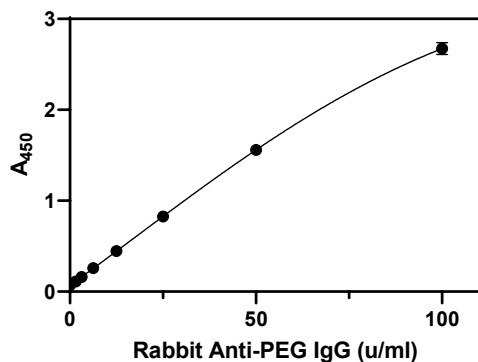
1. Secure the desired number of coated wells in the holder.
2. Dispense 100 μ l of standards and diluted samples into the wells (we recommend testing in duplicate).
3. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm/25°C for 45 minutes.
4. Aspirate the contents of the microtiter wells and wash the wells five times with 1x wash solution using a plate washer (400 μ l/well).
5. Strike the wells sharply onto absorbent paper to remove all residual wash solution.
6. Add 100 μ l of diluted HRP conjugate into each well.
7. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm/25°C for 45-minutes.
8. Wash as detailed above.
9. Dispense 100 μ l of TMB into each well.
10. Incubate on a plate shaker at 150 rpm/25°C for 20-minutes.
11. Stop the reaction by adding 100 μ l of stop solution to each well.
12. Gently mix. It is important to make sure that all the blue color changes to yellow.
13. Read the optical density at 450 nm with a microtiter plate reader within five minutes.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

1. Using curve fitting software, construct a standard curve by plotting absorbance values of the standards versus the concentration.
2. Fit the standard curve to an appropriate model (we fit to two-site, total and non-specific binding model) and determine concentration of the diluted samples from the standard curve.
3. Multiply the derived concentration by the dilution factor to determine the actual concentration in the samples.
4. If the A_{450} values of samples fall outside the standard curve, samples should be diluted appropriately and re-tested.

TYPICAL STANDARD CURVE

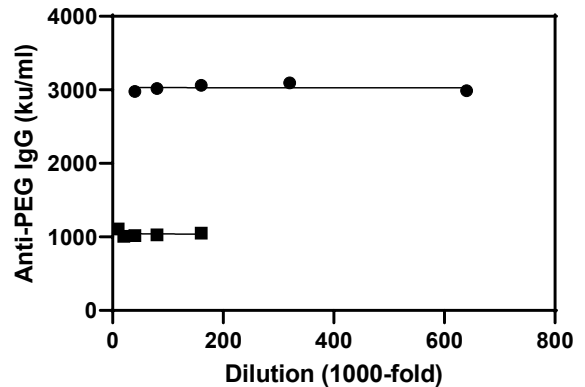
A typical standard curve is shown below. This curve is for the purpose of illustration only. A standard curve must be run with each experiment.



Anti-PEG IgG (u/ml)	A_{450}
100	2.673
50	1.559
25	0.825
12.5	0.446
6.25	0.258
3.13	0.162
1.56	0.111
0.78	0.071

ASSAY PERFORMANCE

Parallelism: To assess performance of the assay, two samples containing anti-PEG IgG at concentrations of 1,043,000 and 2,999,000 u/ml were serially diluted to produce values within the dynamic range of the assay.



ASSAY UNITS

At Life Diagnostics, Inc. we have worked with PEG antibodies from mice, rats, monkeys, rabbits, and humans since 2008. Excepting mouse monoclonal antibodies that can be purified under gentle conditions, it has been our experience that elution of PEG antibodies from affinity columns causes significant and indeterminate inactivation. It is therefore very difficult to prepare and quantitate pure functional PEG IgG and IgM for calibration purposes. For this reason, we decided to use nominal units for measurement. All batches of anti-PEG stock are calibrated to reference serum stored at Life Diagnostics.

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