

ELISA KIT FOR HUMAN L-FICOLIN



Catalog nr HK336 (2 x 96 determinations)

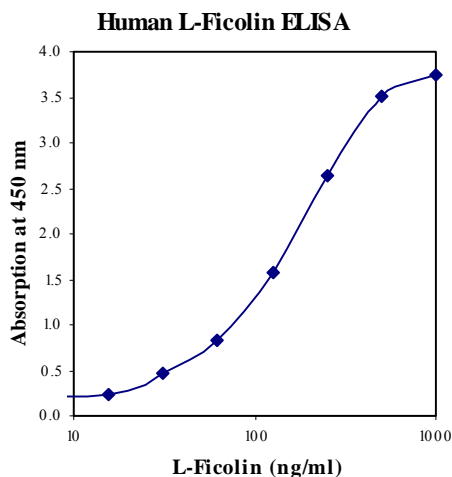
Description Ficolins are a group of proteins containing both a collagen-like domain and a fibrinogen-like domain. Three forms of ficolins have been identified in humans: L-Ficolin, M-Ficolin and H-Ficolin. L-Ficolin is produced primarily by the liver. Whereas H-ficolin is produced by the liver and the lung and M-Ficolin by monocytes, leukocytes and lung cells. L-Ficolin recognizes distinct danger-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs) like GlcNAc-structures in Lipoteichoic Acid (LTA) and fungal 1,3- β -D-glucan. L-Ficolin also recognizes N-acetylated compounds such as acetylcholine. Furthermore, L-Ficolin recognizes apoptotic cells and participates in the removal of host cells. L-Ficolin circulates in complex with MASP-2 and can activate the lectin complement pathway. L-Ficolin serum levels are reported with varying concentrations. Polymorphisms in the promoter of the *FCN2* gene from which L-Ficolin is derived are associated with variation in L-Ficolin serum levels. These polymorphisms may influence the affinity of L-Ficolin to GlcNAc-structures. L-Ficolin deficiencies have not been reported, but low L-Ficolin serum levels have been associated with recurrent respiratory infections in children. Interestingly, L-Ficolin has been implicated in the unique immune challenge during pregnancy. In maternal plasma of normal pregnancies, a 4- to 5-fold increase in L-Ficolin was detected compared to healthy non-pregnant persons. However, significantly lower L-Ficolin maternal plasma concentrations were associated with pre-eclamptic pregnancies. Therefore, assessment of L-Ficolin is warranted to study its regulatory role in the innate immune system. Normal human plasma contains a L-Ficolin concentration ranging from 1 to 14 μ g/ml.

Aliases P35, Ficolin L, Ficolin-2, EBP-37, hucolin

Application The human L-Ficolin ELISA has been developed for the quantitative measurement of natural L-Ficolin in plasma and serum. In plasma samples, L-Ficolin can be measured accurately if samples are diluted at least 10 times. Most reliable results are obtained if EDTA plasma is used.

- Features**
- Minimum concentration which can be measured is 16 ng/ml human L-Ficolin
 - Measurable concentration range of 16-1000 ng/ml.
 - Working volume of 100 μ l/well.

Typical standard curve



- Principle**
- The human L-Ficolin ELISA is a ready-to-use solid-phase enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay based on the sandwich principle with a working time of 3½ hours.
 - The efficient format of 2 plates with twelve disposable 8-well strips allows free choice of batch size for the assay.
 - Samples and standards are captured by a solid bound specific antibody.
 - Biotinylated tracer antibody will bind to captured L-Ficolin.
 - Streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate will bind to the biotinylated tracer antibody.
 - Streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate will react with the substrate, tetramethylbenzidine (TMB).
 - The enzyme reaction is stopped by the addition of citric acid.
 - The absorbance at 450 nm is measured with a spectrophotometer. A standard curve is obtained by plotting the

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- absorbance (linear) versus the corresponding concentrations of the L-Ficolin standards (log).
- The human L-Ficolin concentration of samples, which are run concurrently with the standards, can be determined from the standard curve.

Storage and stability

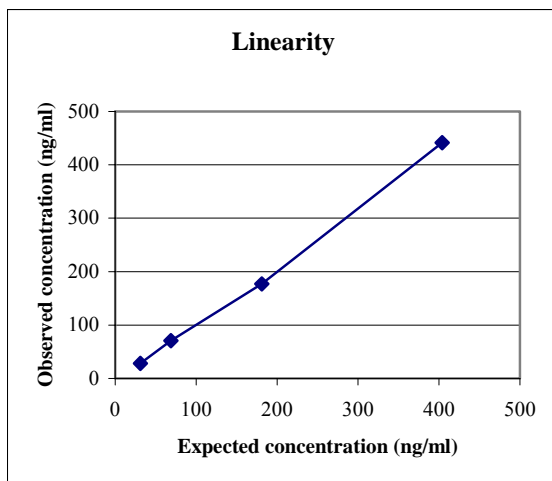
Product should be stored at 4°C. Under recommended storage conditions, product is stable for at least six months. After reconstitution the reagents are stable for 1 month if stored at 2-8°C, except for the standard. After reconstitution, the standard must be used within 15 minutes. For longer stability, we recommend to store aliquots at -20°C.

Recovery

Normal human blood samples (plasma), containing baseline levels of 500 ng/ml were spiked with recombinant L-Ficolin in concentrations of 20 and 200 ng/ml. Samples with and without L-Ficolin were incubated for 1 hour at 37 °C. Samples were measured using the ELISA. Recovery values for L-Ficolin ranged between 100 % and 110%.

Linearity

The linearity of the assay was determined by serially diluting a sample containing 6903 ng/ml human L-Ficolin. The diluted samples were measured in the assay. The line obtained a slope of 1.11 and a correlation coefficient of 0.998.



Precautions

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References

1. Atkinson, A et al; L-Ficolin in children with recurrent respiratory infections. Clin Exp Immunol 2004, 138: 517

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HK340	Human H-Ficolin ELISA kit, 2 x 96 determinations
HK322	Human MBL ELISA kit, 2 x 96 determinations
HK326	Human MASP-2, ELISA kit, 2 x 96 determinations
HK327	Human functional MBL/MASP-2, ELISA kit, 2 x 96 determinations
HK328	Human TCC, ELISA kit, 2 x 96 determinations