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User's Manual

Feline Corona Virus Ab ELISA

Enzyme Immunoassay for the detection of antibodies against Feline Corona Virus in serum, plasma and ascitic fluid.

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Σ **96 wells**

Please use only the valid version of the package insert provided with the kit.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is an important and complex disease of both wild and domestic cats induced by a corona virus. The great majorities of cats that become infected recover completely and develop immunity to corona virus. Some of the recovered cats become carriers of the virus and can infect other cats. A few infected cats do not build up immunity to corona virus and the disease progresses to a fatal form. The fatal, disseminated form of FIP is a chronic, progressive disease characterized by antibiotic-resistant fever, weakness, loss of appetite, lethargy and often anemia. Inflammation is present in the linings of the chest and abdominal cavities often accompanied by accumulation of fluid. In addition, there is marked variation in the organs that may be involved and in the extent of the involvement.

Important in the diagnosis of FIP is:

- Clinical history.
- Clinical signs.
- Eye examination.
- Examination of abdominal or chest fluid, if present.
- Laboratory findings.

This test measures corona virus antibodies that are present in the blood or ascetic fluid. Most antibody positive cats (especially those with high titers) are possible virus carriers and may shed FCoV.

2 INTENDED USE OF THE TESTKIT

The FCoV ELISA test kit is designed to detect antibodies against FCoV proteins (mostly glycoproteins). FCoV proteins are attached to the solid phase. After washing, the strips are incubated with the cat sera, to be tested. The strips are washed after incubation to remove unbound materials. A HRPO labeled anti-species conjugate is added to detect bound cat antibodies to FCoV proteins. After incubation and rinsing the substrate is added and the optical density is measured at 450 nm.

3 PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST KIT

The test is based on the reaction of FCoV proteins (mostly glycoprotein's) with polyclonal cat antibodies. To this end purified FCoV proteins have been coated to a 96-well microtiter plate. The diluted cat serum sample is added to the wells of the coated plate.

After washing the bound cat antibodies are detected by a HRPO conjugated anti-species conjugate.

The color reaction in the wells is directly related to the concentration of FCoV antibodies in the serum.

4 CONTENTS

- 12 x 8 microtiter strips.
- 1 x strip holder.
- 1 x 18 ml ELISA buffer.
- 1 x 12 ml HRPO conjugated anti-species antibodies.
- 1 x 0,5 ml Positive control (Freeze dried).
- 1 x 1 ml Negative control (Freeze dried).
- 1 x 20 ml Wash-solution (200 x concentrated), dilute in de-ionized water before use!
- 1 x 8 ml Substrate A.
- 1 x 8 ml Substrate B.
- 1 x 8 ml Stop-solution.
- 1 x Plastic cover seal.

5 HANDLING AND STORAGE OF SPECIMENS.

The kit should be stored at +4 °C.

An open packet should be used within 10 days.

Samples may be used fresh or may be kept frozen below -20°C before use.

Positive and negative controls may be stored after reconstitution in aliquots at -20°C and used until the expiry date.

Avoid repeated freezing and thawing as this increases non-specific reactivity.

6 WASH PROTOCOL

In ELISAs, un-complexed components must be removed efficiently between each incubation step. This is accomplished by appropriate washing. It should be stressed that each washing step must be carried out with care to guarantee reproducible inter- and intra-assay results. It is essential to follow the washing procedures outlined below. Washing may be done manually or with automatic equipment. Automatic washing equipment usually gives better results.

Manual washing

1. Empty each well by turning the microtiter plate upside down, followed by a firm vertical downward movement to remove the buffer.
2. Fill all the wells with 250 µl washing solution.
3. This washing cycle (1 and 2) should be carried out at least 4 times
4. Turn the plate upside down and empty the wells with a firm vertical movement
5. Place the inverted plate on absorbent paper towels and tap the plate firmly to remove any residual washing solution in the wells.
6. Take care that none of the wells dry out before the next reagent is dispensed

Washing with automatic equipment

When automatic plate washing equipment is used, check that all wells are aspirated completely and that the washing solution is correctly dispensed, reaching the rim of each well during each rinsing cycle. The washer should be programmed to execute at least 4 washing cycles.

7 TEST PROTOCOL

1. Open the packet of strips and take out the strips to be used. Cover the remaining strips with a part of the provided seal and store them at +4 °C and use them within 10 days.
2. Wash the microtiter strip(s) with washing solution, according to washing protocol.
3. The washing solution provided must be diluted 200x in de-ionized water!
4. Make 3-step dilution of each sample in ELISA buffer, starting 1:30 (90; 270; 810) in a round bottomed microtiter plate.
Dissolve the positive- in 0.5 ml and negative control in 1 ml de-ionized water.
Make also a 3-step dilution of the positive and negative control.
Store the controls, after use in, aliquots of 150 µl at -20°C.
5. Transfer 100 µl of this dilution to the FCoV coated microtiter strips.
Seal and incubate for 60 min. at 37°C.
6. Wash as pointed out in wash protocol.
7. Dispense 100 µl conjugated anti-species antibody to all wells.
8. Seal and incubate 60 min. at 37°C.
9. Wash as pointed out in wash protocol.
10. Mix equal parts of buffer A and buffer B with gentle shaking. Prepare immediately before use!
Dispense 100 µl substrate solution to each well.
Incubate 10-15 min. at room temperature (21 °C).
11. Add 50 µl stop solution to each well; mix well.
12. Read the absorbency values immediately (within 10 min.!) at 450 nm.

8 PRECAUTIONS

- Handle all biological material as though capable of transmitting infectious FCoV.
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke or prepare foods, or apply cosmetics within the designated working area.
- TMB substrate (buffer A/B) is toxic by inhalation, through contact with skin or when swallowed; observe care when handling the substrate.
- Do not use components past the expiry date and do not mix components from different serial lots.
- Optimal results will be obtained by strict adherence to this protocol. Careful pipetting and washing throughout this procedure are necessary to maintain precision and accuracy.
- Each well is ultimately used as an optical cuvette. Therefore, do not touch the under-surface of the microtiter plate and protect it from damage and dirt.

9 VALIDATION OF THE TEST

In order to confirm appropriate test conditions, the positive control should give an extinction $\geq 0,800$ OD units and an end point titer ≥ 270 . The negative control should give an OD ≤ 0.400 and end point titer ≤ 30 .

10 INTERPRETATION OF TEST RESULTS

The end point titer of the sample is the dilution that gives an extinction just above 0.350 OD units at 450 nm.

Antibody titers of 270 and higher in diseased animals showing signs suggestive of FCoV are considered positive and the cat will be suspected of shedding FCoV. A rise in antibody titer in a cat with FCoV represents an exaggerated, ineffective immune response and is indicative of a worsening of the disease process. Fulminating FIP, characterized by very rapid accumulation of fluid may on occasion be associated with lower titers (1:90/1:270).

In summary:

≤ 30	=	no antibodies found.
90-270	=	antibodies found, retest in 3 months.
≥ 810	=	high titer, considered to be protective.
		Diseased animal: suggestive for FCoV.
		Healthy animal: Retest in 3 months

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Symbol	English	Deutsch	Français	Español	Italiano
	Consult instructions for use	Gebrauchsanweisung beachten	Consulter les instructions d'utilisation	Consulte las instrucciones de uso	Consultare le istruzioni per l'uso
	European Conformity	CE-Konfirmitätskennzeichnung	Conformité aux normes européennes	Conformidad europea	Conformità europea
	In vitro diagnostic device	In-vitro-Diagnostikum	Usage Diagnostic in vitro	Para uso Diagnóstico in vitro	Per uso Diagnostica in vitro
	For veterinary use only				
	Catalogue number	Katalog-Nr.	Numéro de catalogue	Número de catálogo	Numero di Catalogo
	Lot. No. / Batch code	Chargen-Nr.	Numéro de lot	Número de lote	Numero di lotto
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests/	Ausreichend für "n" Ansätze	Contenu suffisant pour "n" tests	Contenido suficiente para <n> ensayos	Contenuto sufficiente per "n" saggi
	Storage Temperature	Lagerungstemperatur	Température de conservation	Temperatura de conservación	Temperatura di conservazione
	Expiration Date	Mindesthaltbarkeitsdatum	Date limite d'utilisation	Fecha de caducidad	Data di scadenza
	Legal Manufacturer	Hersteller	Fabricant	Fabricante	Fabbricante
Distributed by	Distributor	Vertreiber	Distributeur	Distribuidor	Distributore
Content	Content	Inhalt	Conditionnement	Contenido	Contenuto
Volume/No.	Volume / No.	Volumen/Anzahl	Volume/Quantité	Volumen/Número	Volume/Quantità