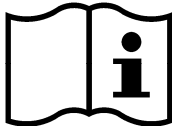


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User's Manual

FHV (Feline Herpes Virus) Ab ELISA

Enzyme Immunoassay for the determination of antibodies against Feline Herpes Virus in serum and plasma.

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96 wells

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

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1 INTRODUCTION

Demonstration of serum antibodies is the most commonly used method for the diagnosis of Feline Herpes Virus (FHV) infection or for monitoring the efficacy of vaccination. Feline Herpes plays an important role in a complex disease of both wild and domestic cats ("sneezing disease").

Important in diagnosis of Herpes infection:

- Clinical history
- Clinical signs
- Eye and mouth examination
- Laboratory findings

2 INTENDED USE OF THE TESTKIT

The FHV ELISA test is designed to detect antibodies against FHV proteins. FHV 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 labelled anti-species conjugate is added to detect bound cat antibodies to FHV 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 FHV proteins with polyclonal cat antibodies. To this end FHV proteins have been coated to a microtiter plate.

The diluted cat serum/plasma 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 colour reaction in the wells is directly related to the concentration of FHV antibodies in serum/plasma samples.

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** (200x 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 2 °C - 8 °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 2 °C - 8 °C. and use them within 10 days.

Wash the microtiter strip(s) with washing solution, according to washing protocol.

The washing solution provided must be diluted 200x in de-ionized water!

2. Reconstitute directly before use the positive control in 0,5 mL and negative control in 1 mL de-ionized water, divide into aliquots, and store immediately at -20 °C until use.
3. Make 3-step dilution of each sample in ELISA buffer, starting 1:30 (90; 270; 810) in a round bottomed microtiter plate.
Make also a 3-step dilution of the positive and negative control.
4. Transfer 100 µL of this dilution to the FHV coated microtiter strips.
5. Seal and incubate for 60 minutes 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 minutes at 37 °C.
9. Wash as pointed out in wash protocol.
10. Mix equal parts of Substrate A and Substrate B with gentle shaking. Prepare immediately before use!
Dispense 100 µL substrate solution to each well.
11. Incubate 15 - 25 minutes at room temperature (21 °C).
12. Add 50 µL Stop Solution to each well; mix well.
13. Read the absorbency values immediately (within 10 minutes!) at 450 nm.

8 PRECAUTIONS

- Handle all biological material as though capable of transmitting infectious FHV.
- 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

To standardize the FHV ELISA, a positive and negative control has to be tested.

In order to confirm appropriate test conditions, the positive control should give an extinction > 1.000 OD units measured at 450 nm and an endpoint titer higher than 90.

The negative control should give an OD ≤ 0.500 units measured at 450 nm and an end point titer of ≤ 30 .

10 INTERPRETATION OF TEST RESULTS

Intermediate antibody titers (90; 270) in diseased animals showing signs suggestive of FHV are considered positive and the cat will be suspected of shedding FHV.











A rise in antibody titer in a non-vaccinated cat with a Feline Herpes infection represents an exaggerated, effective immune response; a titer >270 is considered to be protective under normal virus pressure.

In summary:

- ≤ 30 = no antibodies found.
- 90 = antibodies found, retest in 3 months. (probably shedding FHV)
- ≥ 270 = high titer, considered to be protective.

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	European Conformity	CE-Konformitätskennzeichnung	Conformité aux normes européennes	Conformidad europea	Conformità europea
	For veterinary use only				
	In vitro diagnostic device	In-vitro-Diagnostikum	Usage Diagnostic in vitro	Para uso Diagnóstico in vitro	Per uso Diagnostica in vitro
	For research use only	Nur für Forschungszwecke	Seulement dans le cadre de recherches	Sólo para uso en investigación	Solo a scopo di ricerca
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