



Aflatoxin M1 (AFM1) ELISA Kit

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This immunoassay kit allows for the in vitro quantitative determination of Aflatoxin M1 (AFM1) concentrations in milk, raw milk, yoghurt, milk powder, cheese, cream.

This package insert must be read in its entirety before using this product.

If You Have Problems

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In order to obtain higher efficiency service, please ready to supply the lot number of the kit to us (found on the outside of the box).

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the competitive enzyme immunoassay technique. The microtiter plate provided in this kit has been pre-coated with Aflatoxin M1 antibody. Standards or samples are added to the appropriate microtiter plate wells with Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) conjugated Aflatoxin M1. The competitive inhibition reaction is launched between HRP-conjugated Aflatoxin M1 and Aflatoxin M1 in standards or samples. A substrate solution is added to the wells and the color develops in opposite to the amount of Aflatoxin M1 in the standards or samples. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

DETECTION RANGE

5 ppt-135 ppt.

SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable dose of the kit is typically less than 5 ppt.

The sensitivity of this assay, or Lower Limit of Detection (LLD) was defined as the lowest concentration that could be differentiated from zero.

Cross-reaction rate

Aflatoxin M1 (AFM1)	100%
Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1)	<1%

Recovery rate

Raw milk, milk	95% \pm 30%
Yoghurt	95% \pm 30%
Milk powder, cheese, cream	95% \pm 30%

LIMIT OF DETECTION

Raw milk, milk	5 ppt
Yoghurt	10 ppt
Milk powder	25 ppt
Cheese	15 ppt
Cream	45 ppt

PRECISION

Intra-assay Precision (Precision within an assay): CV%<8%

Three samples of known concentration were tested twenty times on one plate to assess.

Inter-assay Precision (Precision between assays): CV%<10%

Three samples of known concentration were tested in twenty assays to assess.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or sources.
- Any variation in operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.
- This assay is designed to eliminate interference by soluble receptors, binding proteins, and other factors present in biological samples. Until all factors have been tested in the Immunoassay, the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

Reagent	Quantity
Assay plate (96 tests)	1
Standard	5 x 1.5 mL
HRP-conjugate	1 x 15 mL
Substrate A	1 x 7 mL
Substrate B	1 x 7 mL
Stop Solution	1 x 7 mL
Wash Buffer(10xconcentrate)	1 x 40 mL
Sample Diluent 1	1 x 10 mL
Sample Diluent 2	1 x 20 mL
Adhesive Strip	4
Instruction Manual	1

STANDARD CONCENTRATION

Standard	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4
Concentration (ppt)	0	5	15	45	135

STORAGE

Unopened kit	Store at 2-8°C. Do not use the kit beyond the expiration date
Opened kit	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8° C.

***Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.**

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- An incubator which can provide stable incubation conditions up to 25°C.
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
- Rotary evaporator or nitrogen gas.
- Centrifuge, Vortex mixer
- Analytical balance, 2 decimal place
- Single-channel micropipette
(20 μ L-200 μ L, 100 μ L-1000 μ L)
- 30 μ L -300 μ L multichannel micropipette
- Methanol
- Ethanol

PRECAUTIONS

The Stop Solution provided with this kit is an acid solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this material.

Note:

- **Kindly use graduated containers to prepare the reagent.**
- Bring all reagents to room temperature (18-25°C) before use for 30 min.
- Distilled water is recommended to be used to make the preparation for reagents. Contaminated water or container for reagent preparation will influence the detection result.

REAGENT PREPARATION

1. **Wash Buffer:** If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm up to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 10 mL of **Wash Buffer (10x)** with deionized or distilled water to prepare 90 mL of **Wash Buffer (1x)**.
2. **50% Methanol:** Transfer 50 mL of **Methanol** into 50 mL deionized or distilled water, shake well.
3. **30% Ethanol:** Transfer 30 mL of **Ethanol** into 70 mL deionized or distilled water, shake well.

Note:

1. CUSABIO is only responsible for the kit itself, but not for the samples consumed during the assay. The user should calculate the possible amount of the samples used in the whole test. Please reserve sufficient samples in advance.
2. If the samples are not indicated in the manual, a preliminary experiment to determine the validity of the kit is necessary.
3. Please predict the concentration before assaying. If values for these are not within the range of the standard curve, users must determine the optimal sample dilutions for their particular experiments.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

A. Raw milk, milk

Take 100 μL homogenized sample for further analysis.

Dilution factor of the samples: 1

B. Milk powder

1. Weigh 1.0 ± 0.1 g of the homogenized sample, add 4 mL deionized or distilled water, vortex until completely dissolved.
2. Put into 60°C water bath for 5 min.
3. Centrifuge at more than 4000 r/min for 5 min.
4. Take 100 μL of under layer for further analysis.

Dilution factor of the samples: 5

C. Yoghurt

1. Weigh 1.0 ± 0.1 g of the homogenized sample, add 0.1 mL of **Sample Diluent 1**, then add 1 mL deionized or distilled water, vortex for 3 min.
2. Centrifuge at more than 4000 r/min for 5 min.
3. Take 100 μL of under layer for further analysis.

Dilution factor of the samples: 2

D. Cream

1. Weigh 1.0 ± 0.1 g of the homogenized sample, add 2 mL of 30% **Ethanol**, vortex for 3 min.
2. Put into 60°C water bath for 5–10 min until completely dissolved.
3. Centrifuge at more than 4000 r/min for 5 min.
4. Take 100 μL of middle layer, then add 200 μL of **Sample Diluent 2**, vortex well.

5. Take 100 μL for further analysis.
Dilution factor of the samples: 9

E. Cheese

1. Weigh 1.0 ± 0.1 g of the homogenized sample, add 2 mL of 50% **Methanol**.
2. Put into 60°C water bath for 5~10 min until completely dissolved, vortex for 3 min.
3. Centrifuge at more than 4000 r/min for 5 min.
4. Take 500 μL of middle layer at 60°C by nitrogen or rotary evaporator.
5. Add 500 μL of **Sample Diluent 2**, vortex well.
6. Take 100 μL for further analysis.
Dilution factor of the samples: 3

ASSAY PROCEDURE

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. Centrifuge the sample again after thawing before the assay. It is recommended that all samples and standards be assayed in duplicate.

1. Prepare all reagents and samples as directed in the previous sections.
2. Determine the number of wells to be used and put any remaining wells and the desiccant back into the pouch and seal the ziploc, store unused wells at 2-8°C.
3. Add 100 μL of **Standard** or **Sample** per well. Cover the microtiter plate with a new adhesive strip, then incubate for 30 min at 25°C.
4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process 4~5 times. Wash by filling each well with 250 μL of **Wash Buffer (1x)** using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser, or autowasher, and let it stand for 15~30 seconds, complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance.
5. Add 100 μL of **HRP-conjugate** to each well. Cover the microtiter plate with a new adhesive strip, then incubate for 15 min at 25°C.
6. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process 4~5 times. Wash by filling each well with 250 μL of **Wash Buffer (1x)** using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser, or autowasher, and let it stand for 15~30 seconds, complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance.
7. Add 50 μL of **Substrate A** and 50 μL of **Substrate B** to each well, mix well. Incubate for 15 minutes at 25°C. Protect from light.
8. Add 50 μL of **Stop Solution** to each well, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Determine the optical density of each well within 5 min, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm (Recommend to read the OD value at the dual-wavelength: 450/630 nm within 5 min).

Note:

1. The final experimental results will be closely related to validity of the products, operation skills of the end users and the experimental environments.
2. Samples or reagents addition: Please carefully add samples to wells and mix gently to avoid foaming. Do not touch the well wall as possible. For each step in the procedure, total dispensing time for addition of reagents or samples to the assay plate should not exceed 10 min. This will ensure equal elapsed time for each pipetting step, without interruption. Duplication of all standards and specimens, although not required, is recommended. To avoid cross-contamination, change pipette tips between additions of each standard level, between sample additions, and between reagent additions. Also, use separate reservoirs for each reagent.
3. Incubation: To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary. Do not allow wells to sit uncovered for extended periods between incubation steps. Once reagents have been added to the well strips, DO NOT let the strips DRY at any time during the assay. Incubation time and temperature must be observed.
4. Washing: The wash procedure is critical. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Solution by aspirating or decanting and remove any drop of water and fingerprint on the bottom of the plate. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and falsely elevated absorbance reading. When using an automated plate washer, adding a 15–30 second soak period following the addition of wash buffer, and/or rotating the plate 180 degrees between wash steps may improve assay precision.
5. Controlling of reaction time: Observe the change of color after adding Substrates (e.g. observation once every 10 min). Substrates should change from colorless or light blue to gradations of blue. If the color is too deep, add Stop Solution in advance to avoid excessively strong reaction which will result in inaccurate absorbance reading.
6. Substrates are easily contaminated. Substrates should remain colorless or light blue until added to the plate. Please protect it from light.
7. Stop Solution should be added to the plate in the same order as the Substrates. The color developed in the wells will turn from blue to yellow upon addition of the Stop Solution. Wells that are green in color indicate that the Stop Solution has not mixed thoroughly with the Substrates.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

There are two methods to judge the results: the first one (A) is the rough judgment, while the second (B) is the quantitative determination. Note that the OD value of the sample has a negative correlation with Aflatoxin M1 in the sample.

A:

Compare the sample average absorbance values with standards values, the Aflatoxin M1 concentration in the samples can be concluded. For example, the absorbance value of sample 1 is 0.5, the absorbance value of sample 2 is 1.0; absorbance values of standard are:1.653, 1.385, 1.056, 0.826, 0.453 and the corresponding concentrations are:0 ppt, 5 ppt, 15 ppt, 45 ppt, 135 ppt; then the Aflatoxin M1 in sample 1 and sample 2 are 45 ppt-135 ppt and 15 ppt-45 ppt; Lastly the reader is multiplied by the corresponding dilution factor of each sample and the actual concentration of sample is obtained.

B:

The software offered together will facilitate the calculation process, it's suitable for accurate and fast analysis of large scale samples, please contact us.

Note:

- Discard the substrate with any color that indicates the degeneration of this solution; when the absorbance value of standard solution 0 less than 0.5 indicates its degeneration.
- The optimum reaction temperature is 25°C, and too high or too low will result in the changes in the absorbance value and detecting sensitivity.