

125 hGH [I] IRMA KIT

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The ¹²⁵I-hGH IRMA system provides a direct quantitative *in vitro* determination of human Growth Hormone (hGH) in human serum. hGH can be assayed in the range of 0.100 µIU/ml using 50 µl serum samples.

Introduction

The human Growth Hormone (Somatotropin, hGH) is a protein hormone with a molecular weight of 22000, secreted by the pituitary gland. The structure of the molecule is similar to that of Prolactin (hPRL) and Placental Lactogen (hPL).

The secretion of hGH is under double regulation: in certain neurones of the hypothalamus a growth hormone releasing hormone (GH-RH) and growth hormone inhibiting hormone, somatostatin (GH-RIH) are produced.

Several effects of hGH have been known. It does not only regulate protein synthesis, the growth of skeleton, the muscles and the viscera but has lipolytic and lactogenic effects and influences glycogen storage in the liver as well. In clinical practice the diabetogenic effect of hGH has also been well-known.

hGH mean serum level progressively decreases post nately. Its level increases again significantly during puberty to further decrease with aging. Because of the hGH secretion is pulsative, a single measurement of hGH concentration does not reflect endogenous hGH secretion. About 50 % of the population has a very low, sometimes undetectable hGH concentration. Standardized stimulatory tests are therefore necessary to assess pituitary hGH secretion. The measuring of hGH can widely be used in clinical practice for diagnosing hypo- and hypersecretion.

Principle of method

The technology uses two high affinity monoclonal antibodies in an immunoradiometric assay (IRMA) system. The ¹²⁵I labelled signal-antibody binds to an epitope of the GH molecule spatially different from that recognized by the biotin-capture-antibody. The two antibodies react simultaneously with the antigen present in standards or samples, which leads to the formation of a capture antibody - antigen - signal antibody complex, also referred to as a "sandwich".

During a 2-hour incubation period with shaking immuno-complex is immobilized to the reactive surface of streptavidin coated test tubes. Reaction mixture is then discarded, test tubes washed exhaustively, and the radioactivity is measured in a gamma counter. The concentration of antigen is directly proportional to the radioactivity measured in test tubes. By constructing a calibration curve plotting binding values against a series of calibrators containing known amount of hGH,

the unknown concentration of hGH in patient samples can be determined.

Contents of the kit

- 1 bottle TRACER (21 ml), ready to use, containing about 740 kBq ¹²⁵I-anti-hGH and capture anti-hGH in buffer with red dye 0.1 % NaN₃.
- 6 vials STANDARD (6 x 1ml) lyophilized, containing 0, 0.3, 1.3, 5.5, 23, 100 µIU/ml hGH (WHO 1st IS 88/624 Int.Std.) in human serum with 0.1% NaN₃. See *Preparation of reagents*.
- 1 vial CONTROL SERUM. Lyophilized human serum with 0.1% NaN₃. The concentration of the control serum is specified in the quality certificate enclosed. See *Preparation of reagents*.
- 2 boxes COATED TUBE, Ready to use. 2x50 reactive test tubes, 12x75 mm, packed in plastic boxes.
- 1 bottle WASH BUFFER CONCENTRATE (20 ml), containing 0.1% NaN₃. See *Preparation of reagents*.

Quality certificate

Pack leaflet

Materials, tools and equipment required

Test tube rack, precision pipettes with disposable tips (50, 200 and 2000 µl), distilled water, vortex mixer, shaker, plastic foil, absorbent tissue, gamma counter

Recommended tools and equipment

repeating pipettes (e.g. Eppendorf or else), dispenser with 1-L reservoir (instead of the 2-ml pipette)

Specimen collection and storage

Serum samples can be prepared according to common procedures used routinely in clinical laboratory practice. Samples can be stored at 2-8 °C if the assay is carried out within 24 hours, otherwise aliquots should be prepared and stored deep frozen (-20°C). Frozen samples should be thawed and thoroughly mixed before assaying. Repeated freezing and thawing should be avoided. Do not use lipemic, hemolyzed or turbid specimens. Samples with a hGH concentration higher than that of the most concentrated standard should be diluted and reassayed.

Preparation of reagents, storage

Add the wash buffer concentrate (20 ml) to 700 ml distilled water to obtain 720 ml wash solution. Upon dilution store at 2-8°C until expiry date.

Add 1000 µl distilled water to the lyophilized standards and control serum. Mix gently with shaking or vortexing (foaming should be avoided).

Ensure that complete dissolution is achieved, and allow the solution to equilibrate at room temperature for at least 20 minutes. Store at -20°C until expiry date.

Store the rest of reagents between 2-8°C after opening. At this temperature each reagent is stable until expiry date. The actual expiry date is given on the package label and in the quality certificate.

CAUTION!

Equilibrate all reagents and serum samples to room temperature. Mix all reagents and samples thoroughly before use. Avoid excessive foaming.

Assay procedure

(For a quick guide, refer to Table 1.)

1. Equilibrate reagents and samples to room temperature before use.
2. Label coated tubes in duplicate for each standard (s1-s6), control serum and samples.
3. Homogenize all reagents and samples by gentle mixing to avoid foaming.
4. Pipette 50 µl of standards, control and samples into the properly labelled tubes. Use rack to hold the tubes. Do not touch or scratch the inner bottom of the tubes with pipette tip.
5. Pipette 200 µl of tracer into each tube.
6. Seal all tubes with a plastic foil. Fix the test tube rack firmly onto the shaker plate. Turn on the shaker and adjust an adequate speed such that liquid is constantly rotating or shaking in each tube.
7. Incubate tubes for 2 hours, shaking at room temperature.
8. Add 2.0 ml of diluted wash buffer to each tube. Decant the supernatant from all tubes by the inversion of the rack. In the upside down position place the rack on an absorbent paper for 2 minutes.
9. Return the tube-rack to an upright position, and repeat step-8 two more times.
10. Count each tube for at least 60 seconds in a gamma counter.
11. Calculate the GH concentrations of the samples as described in calculation of results or use special software.

Table 1. Assay Protocol, Pipetting Guide (all volumes in microlitres)

Tubes	Total	Standard	Control	Sample
Standard		50		
Control			50	
Sample				50
Tracer	200	200	200	200
Shake for 2 hours at room temperature				
Wash buffer		2000	2000	2000
Decant the fluid and blot on filter paper				
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Decant the fluid and blot on filter paper				
Count radioactivity (60 sec/tube)				
Calculate the results				

Calculation of results

The calculation is illustrated using representative data. The assay data collected should be similar to those shown in Table 2. Calculate the average count per minute (CPM) for each pair of assay tubes. Calculate the normalized percent binding for each standard, control and sample respectively by using the following equation:

$$B/T(\%) = \frac{S_{2-6} / C / M_x (\text{cpm}) - s1 (\text{cpm})}{T(\text{cpm})} \times 100$$

For simplicity, these values are uncorrected for non-specific binding (NSB). This is enabled by low NSB being less than 3 % of total count.

Using semi-logarithmic graph paper plot B/T (%) for each standard versus the corresponding concentration of GH.

Determine the GH concentration of the unknown samples by interpolation from the standard curve. Do not extrapolate values beyond the standard curve range.

Out of fitting programs applied for computerized data processing logit-log, or spline fittings can be used.

Automated data processing systems are also available.

Table 2. Typical assay data

Tubes	Count cpm	Mean cpm	B/T%
T	292831 290613	291722	-
S1	109 126	118	0.04
S2	643 602	622	0.21
S3	2165 2163	2164	0.73
S4	8914 8861	8887	3.00
S5	35221 33069	34145	11.56
S6	124766 117131	120949	41.00
C	11139 10670	10905	3.75

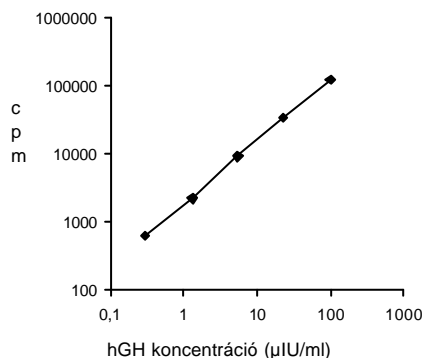


Figure 1: A typical standard curve
(Do not use to calculate unknown samples)

Characterization of assay

Typical assay parameters

NSB/T < 0.06 %
Bmax/B0 > 600

Sensitivity

A detection limit of 0.04 µIU/ml has been obtained by assaying 20 replicates of the zero standard. The sensitivity has been determined as the concentration corresponding to the sum of the mean cpm and its double standard deviation.

Hook effect

There is no high dose "hook effect" up to a hGH concentration of 5000 µIU/ml.

Specificity

Cross reactivities with hPL 0.2% and hPRL 1.0% no other can be detected in normal physiological concentration..

Precision

4 patient samples were assayed in 15 replicates to determine intra-assay precision. Values obtained are shown below.

Sample	Number of replicate	Mean value	SD	CV%
1	15	1.4	0.05	3.5
2	15	5.1	0.05	1.0
3	15	11.0	0.16	1.5
4	15	54.8	0.80	1.5

Reproducibility

To determine inter-assay precision 4 patient samples were measured in duplicates in 20 independent assays by 2 operators using different kit batches. Values obtained are shown below.

Sample	Number of runs	Mean value	SD	CV%
1	15	0.05	0.01	17.9
2	15	1.4	0.05	3.3
3	15	5.3	0.10	2.0
4	15	53.9	1.37	2.5

Recovery

Recovery was defined as the measured increase expressed as per cent of expected increase upon spiking serum samples with known amount of hGH. The average per cent recovery for 10 serum pools spiked with hGH at 3 levels was: 92.2-104.4%.

Expected Values

Healthy adults: 0-14 µIU/ml (mean 0.79 µIU/ml SD=1.94 µIU/ml)

It is recommended that each laboratory determine a reference range for its own patient population.

Procedural notes

1) **Source of error!** Reactive test tubes packed in plastic boxes are not marked individually. Care should be taken of not mixing them with common test tubes. To minimize this risk, never take more tubes than needed out of plastic box, and put those left after work back to the box. It is recommended to label assay tubes by a marker pen.

2) **Source of error!** To ensure the efficient rotation, tubes should be firmed tightly inside the test tube rack. Never use a rack type with open hole. An uneven or incomplete shaking may result in a poor assay performance.

3) **Addition of wash buffer.** For the addition of wash buffer the use of a common laboratory dispenser equipped with a 1-L glass bottle, and a flexible outlet tubing end is recommended. In lack of this tool a large-volume syringe attached to a repeating pipette can be used.

Additional information

Components from various lots or from kits of different manufacturers should not be mixed or interchanged.

Precaution

Radioactivity










This product contains radioactive material. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that local regulations or code of practice related to the handling of radioactive materials are satisfied.

Biohazard

Human blood products used in the kit have been obtained from healthy human donors. They were tested individually by using approved methods (EIA, enzyme immunoassay), and were found to be negative, for the presence of both Human Immunodeficiency Virus antibody (Anti-HIV-1) and Hepatitis B surface Antigen (HBsAg). Care should always be taken when handling human specimens to be tested with diagnostic kits. Even if the subject has been tested, no method can offer complete assurance that Hepatitis B Virus, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1), or other infectious agents are absent. Human blood samples should therefore be handled as *potentially infectious materials*.

Chemical hazard

Components contain sodium azide as an antimicrobial agent. Dispose of waste by flushing with copious amount of water to avoid build-up of explosive metallic azides in copper and lead plumbing. The total azide present in each pack is 48 mg.

	Use by	CONTROL	Control
	Batch code	CAL	Standard
	Caution, consult accompanying documents	CT	Coated tube
	Biological risk	TRAC	Tracer
	Consult operating instructions	WASHB	Wash buffer
	In vitro diagnostic medical device		Temperature limitation Store between 2-8°C
	Manufacturer		
REF	Catalogue number		
	Radioactive Material		



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