

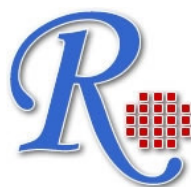
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Human/Mouse/Rat Neurokinin B
Enzyme Immunoassay Kit

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Before Starting your Experiment**

**User Manual 2.2
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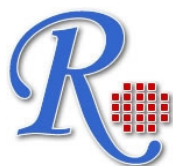
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I. INTRODUCTION

Neurokinin B is a peptide hormone belonging to the tachykinin family, which also includes Substance P and Neurokinin A. All the peptides from tachykinin families are derived from two preprotachykinin genes - the PPT-A gene and PPT-B gene. The former encodes Substance P, Neurokinin A & Neuropeptide K, and the latter encodes Neurokinin B.

Neurokinin B has shown important roles in regulating immune and neurological functions in humans. It is found in higher concentration in women suffering from pre-eclampsia during pregnancy. It is reported to stimulate the production of immunoglobulins in peripheral B lymphocytes via its NK-3 receptor. Recently Neurokinin B, along with its NK-3 receptor, has shown to play a critical role as a key neuroregulatory switcher on human puberty, governed by the brain through the release of the hormone GnRH, which starts a series of processes that ultimately leads to the production of sex hormones.

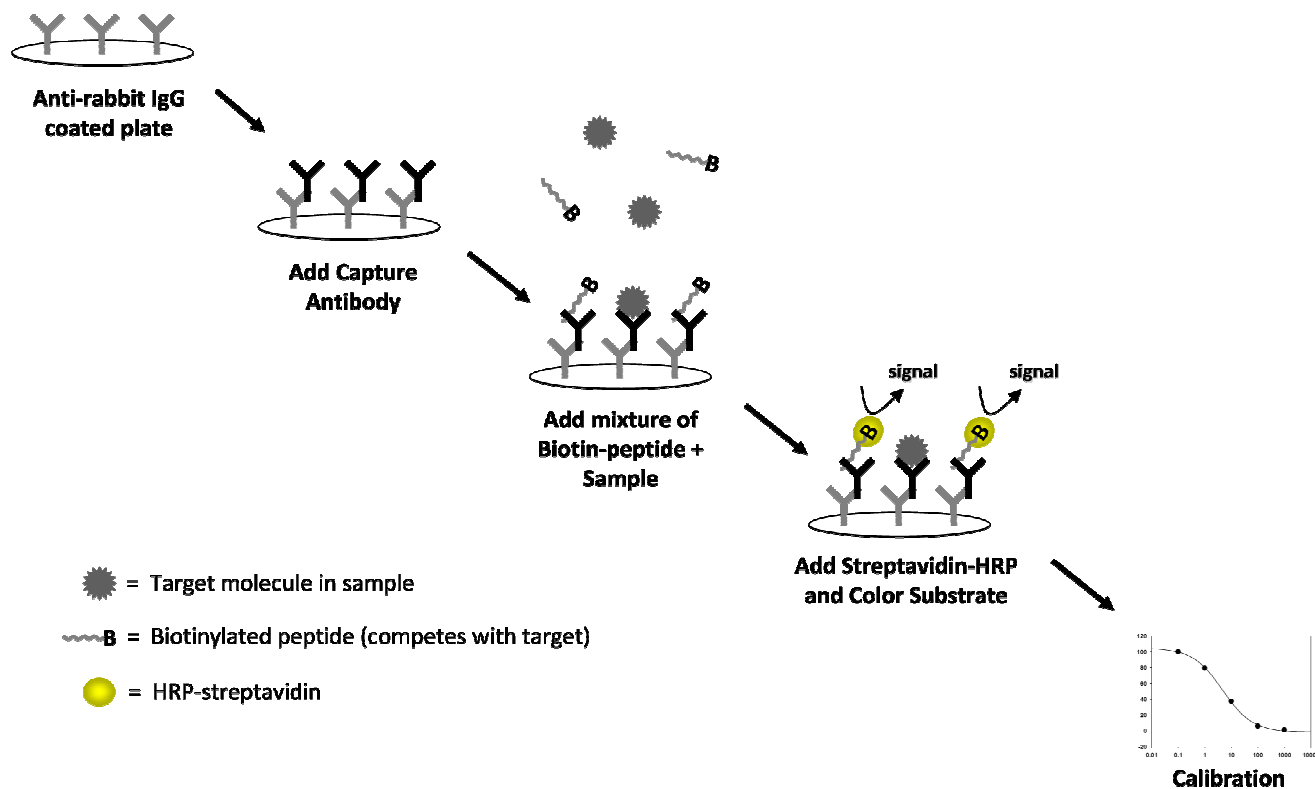
Neurokinin B has shown potential clinical application as a biomarker in pre-eclampsia during pregnancy and onset of puberty.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The RayBio® Neurokinin B Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA) Kit is an in vitro quantitative assay for detecting Neurokinin B peptide based on the principle of Competitive Enzyme Immunoassay.

The microplate in the kit is pre-coated with anti-rabbit secondary antibody. After a blocking step and incubation of the plate with anti-Neurokinin B antibody, both biotinylated Neurokinin B peptide and peptide standard or targeted peptide in samples interacts competitively with the Neurokinin B antibody. Uncompeted (bound) biotinylated Neurokinin B peptide then interacts with Streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (SA-HRP) which catalyzes a color development reaction. The intensity of colorimetric signal is directly proportional to the amount of biotinylated peptide-SA-HRP complex and inversely proportional to the amount of Neurokinin B peptide in the standard or samples. This is due to the competitive binding to Neurokinin B antibody between biotinylated Neurokinin B peptide and peptides in standard or samples. A standard curve of known concentration of Neurokinin B peptide can be established and the concentration of Neurokinin B peptide in the samples can be calculated accordingly.

Principle of Competitive EIA



III. REAGENTS

1. Neurokinin B Microplate (Item A): 96 wells (12 strips x 8 wells) coated with secondary antibody.
2. Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x) (Item B): 25 ml
3. Standard Neurokinin B Peptide (Item C): 2 vials, 10 µl/vial
4. Anti-Neurokinin B polyclonal antibody (Item N): 2 vials, 5 µl/vial
5. Assay Diluent A (Item D): 30 ml, contains 0.09% sodium azide as preservative. Diluent for standards and serum or plasma samples.
6. Assay Diluent B (Item E): 15 ml of 5x concentrated buffer. Diluent for standards and cell culture media or other sample types.
7. Biotinylated Neurokinin B peptide, (Item F): 2 vials, 20 µl/vial
8. HRP-Streptavidin concentrate (Item G): 600 µl 400x concentrated HRP-conjugated Streptavidin.
9. Positive control (Item M): 1 vial, 100 µl
10. TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent (Item H): 12 ml of 3, 3', 5, 5'- tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) in buffered solution.
11. Stop Solution (Item I): 8 ml of 0.2 M sulfuric acid.
12. Assay Diagram (Item J).
13. User Manual (Item K)

IV. STORAGE

- Standard Neurokinin B peptide, Biotinylated Neurokinin B peptide, and Positive Control should be stored at -20°C or -80°C (recommended at -80°C) after arrival. **Avoid multiple freeze-thaws.**
- The remaining kit components may be stored at -20°C.
- Opened Microplate Wells and antibody (Item N) may be stored for up to 1 month at 2° to 8°C. Return unused wells to the pouch containing desiccant pack and reseal along entire edge.

- If stored in this manner, RayBiotech warrants this kit for 6 months from the date of shipment.

V. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450nm.
2. Precision pipettes to deliver 2 µl to 1 ml volumes.
3. Adjustable 1-25 ml pipettes for reagent preparation.
4. 100 ml and 1 liter graduated cylinders.
5. Absorbent paper.
6. Distilled or deionized water.
7. SigmaPlot software (or other software which can perform four-parameter logistic regression models)
8. Tubes to prepare standard or sample dilutions.
9. Orbital shaker
10. Aluminum foil
11. Saran Wrap

VI. REAGENT PREPARATION

If testing plasma or serum samples, use Assay Diluent A to dilute Item F and Item C. If testing cell culture media or other sample types, use Assay Diluent B to dilute Item F and Item C. For sample and positive control dilutions, refer to steps 6, 7, 8 and 10 of Reagent Preparation.

1. Keep kit reagents on ice during reagent preparation steps. Equilibrate plate to room temperature before opening the sealed pouch.
2. Assay Diluent B (Item E) should be diluted 5-fold with deionized or distilled water.
3. Briefly centrifuge the Anti-Neurokinin B Antibody vial (Item N) before use. Add 50 µl of 1x Assay Diluent B into the vial to

prepare a detection antibody concentrate. Pipette up and down to mix gently.

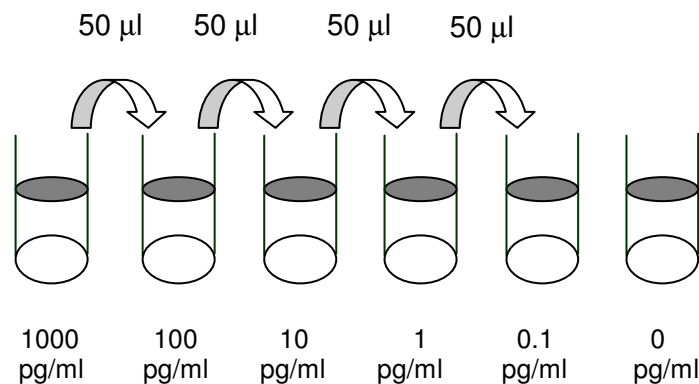
4. The antibody concentrate should then be diluted 100-fold with 1x Assay Diluent B. This is your anti-Neurokinin B antibody working solution, which will be used in step 2 of the Assay Procedure.

NOTE: the following steps may be done during the antibody incubation procedure (step 2 of Assay Procedure).

5. Briefly centrifuge the vial of Biotinylated Neurokinin B (Item F) before use. Add 5 µl of Item F to 5 ml of the appropriate Assay Diluent. Pipette up and down to mix gently. *The final concentration of biotinylated Neurokinin B will be 10 pg/ml.* This solution will only be used as the diluent in step 6 of Reagent Preparation.
6. Preparation of Standards: Label 6 microtubes with the following concentrations: 1000 pg/ml, 100 pg/ml, 10 pg/ml, 1 pg/ml, 0.1 pg/ml and 0 pg/ml. Pipette 450 µl of biotinylated Neurokinin B solution into each tube, except for the 1000 pg/ml (leave this one empty). *It is very important to make sure the concentration of biotinylated Neurokinin B is 10 pg/ml in all standards.*
 - a. Briefly centrifuge the vial of Neurokinin B (Item C). In the tube labeled 1000 pg/ml, pipette 8 µl of Item C and 792 µl of 10 pg/ml biotinylated Neurokinin B solution (prepared in step 5 above). This is your Neurokinin B stock solution (1000 pg/ml Neurokinin B, 10 pg/ml biotinylated Neurokinin B). Mix thoroughly. This solution serves as the first standard.
 - b. To make the 100 pg/ml standard, pipette 50 µl of Neurokinin B stock solution the tube labeled 100 pg/ml. Mix thoroughly.
 - c. Repeat this step with each successive concentration, preparing a dilution series as shown in the illustration below.

Each time, use 450 μ l of biotinylated Neurokinin B and 50 μ l of the prior concentration until 0.1 pg/ml is reached. Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer.

- d. The final tube (0 pg/ml Neurokinin B, 10 pg/ml biotinylated Neurokinin B) serves as the zero standard (or total binding).



7. Prepare a 10-fold dilution of Item F. To do this, add 2 μ l of Item F to 18 μ l of the appropriate Assay Diluent. This solution will be used in steps 8 and 10.
8. Positive Control Preparation: briefly centrifuge the positive control vial (Item M). To the tube of Item M, add 101 μ l 1x Assay Diluent B. Also add 2 μ l of 10-fold diluted Item F (prepared in step 7) to the tube. This is a 2-fold dilution of the positive control. Mix thoroughly. The positive control is a cell culture medium sample with an expected signal between 10% and 30% of total binding (70-90% of competition) if diluted as described above. It may be diluted further if desired, but be sure the final concentration of biotinylated Neurokinin B is 10 pg/ml.
9. If Item B (20X Wash Concentrate) contains visible crystals, warm to room temperature and mix gently until dissolved. Dilute 20 ml of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water to yield 400 ml of 1X Wash Buffer.

10. Sample Preparation: Use Assay Diluent A + biotinylated Neurokinin B to dilute serum/plasma samples. For cell culture medium and other sample types, use 1X Assay Diluent B + biotinylated Neurokinin B as the diluent. *It is very important to make sure the final concentration of the biotinylated Neurokinin B is 10 pg/ml in every sample.* EXAMPLE: to make a 4-fold dilution of sample, mix together 2.5 µl of 10-fold diluted Item F (prepared in step 7), 185 µl of appropriate Assay Diluent, and 62.5 µl of your sample; mix gently. The total volume is 250 µl, enough for duplicate wells on the microplate. *Do not use Item F diluent from Step 5 for sample preparation. If you plan to use undiluted samples, you must still add biotinylated Neurokinin B to a final concentration of 10 pg/ml.* EXAMPLE: Add 2.5 µl of 10-fold diluted Item F to 247.5 µl of sample. NOTE: Optimal sample dilution factors should be determined empirically, however you may contact technical support (888-494-8555; techsupport@raybiotech.com) to obtain recommended dilution ranges for serum or plasma.
11. Briefly centrifuge the HRP-Streptavidin vial (Item G) before use. The HRP-Streptavidin concentrate should be diluted 400-fold with 1X Assay Diluent B.

Note: Do not use Assay Diluent A for HRP-Streptavidin preparation in Step 11.

VII. ASSAY PROCEDURE:

1. Keep kit reagents on ice during reagent preparation steps. It is recommended that all standards and samples be run at least in duplicate.
2. Add 100 µl anti-Neurokinin B antibody (see Reagent Preparation step 4) to each well. Incubate for 1.5 hours at

room temperature with gentle shaking (1-2 cycles/sec). You may also incubate overnight at 4 degrees C.

3. Discard the solution and wash wells 4 times with 1x Wash Buffer (200-300 μ l each), Washing may be done with a multichannel pipette or an automated plate washer. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good assay performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
4. Add 100 μ l of each standard (see Reagent Preparation step 6), positive control (see Reagent Preparation step 8) and sample (see Reagent Preparation step 10) into appropriate wells. Be sure to include a blank well (Assay Diluent only). Cover wells and incubate for 2.5 hours at room temperature with gentle shaking (1-2 cycles/sec) or overnight at 4°C.
5. Discard the solution and wash 4 times as directed in Step 3.
6. Add 100 μ l of prepared HRP-Streptavidin solution (see Reagent Preparation step 11) to each well. Incubate for 45 minutes with gentle shaking at room temperature. It is recommended that incubation time should not be shorter or longer than 45 minutes.
7. Discard the solution and wash 4 times as directed in Step 3.
8. Add 100 μ l of TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent (Item H) to each well. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark with gentle shaking (1-2 cycles/sec).
9. Add 50 μ l of Stop Solution (Item I) to each well. Read absorbances at 450 nm immediately.

VIII. ASSAY PROCEDURE SUMMARY

1. Prepare all reagents, samples and standards as instructed.



2. Add 100 μ l anti- Neurokinin B antibody to each well. Incubate 1.5 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C.



3. Add 100 μ l standard or sample to each well. Incubate 2.5 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C.



4. Add 100 μ l prepared streptavidin solution. Incubate 45 minutes at room temperature.



5. Add 100 μ l TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent to each well. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.



6. Add 50 μ l Stop Solution to each well. Read at 450 nm immediately

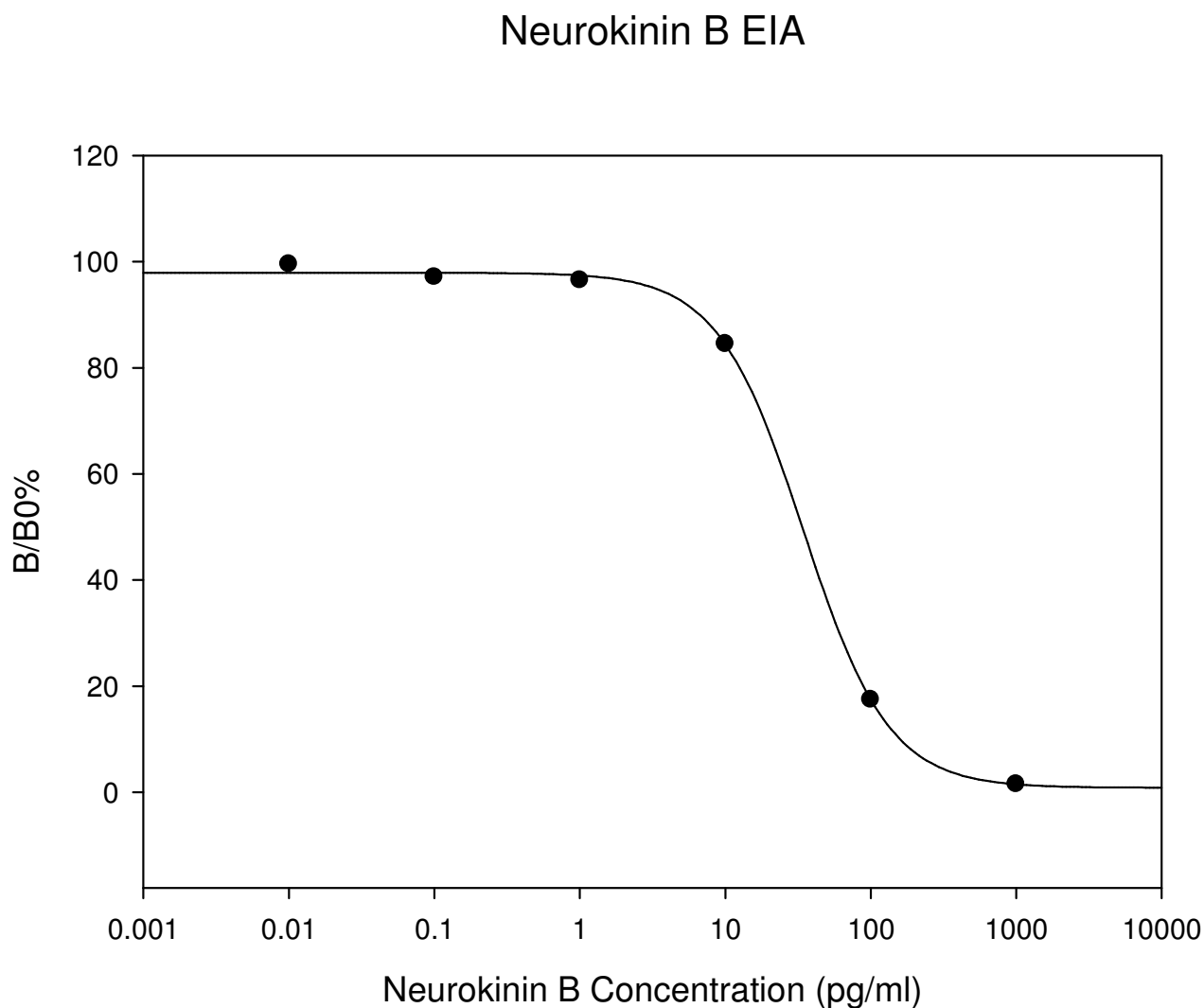
IX. CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Calculate the mean absorbance for each set of duplicate standards, controls and samples, and subtract the blank optical density. Plot the standard curve using SigmaPlot software (or other software which can perform four-parameter logistic regression models), with standard concentration on the x-axis and percentage of absorbance (see calculation below) on the y-axis. Draw the best-fit curve through the standard points.

Percentage absorbance = $(B - \text{blank OD}) / (B_0 - \text{blank OD})$ where
B = OD of sample or standard and
B₀ = OD of zero standard (total binding)

A. TYPICAL DATA

These standard curves are for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



B. SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable concentration of Neurokinin B is 3.7 pg/ml.

C. DETECTION RANGE

0.1-1,000 pg/ml

D. REPRODUCIBILITY

Intra-Assay: CV<10%

Inter-Assay: CV<15%

X. SPECIFICITY

Cross Reactivity: This ELISA kit shows no cross-reactivity with any of the cytokines tested: Ghrelin, Nesfatin, Angiotensin II, NPY and APC.

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XII. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Cause	Solution
1. Poor standard curve	1. Inaccurate pipetting 2. Improper standard dilution	1. Check pipettes 2. Ensure briefly spin the vial of Item C and dissolve the powder thoroughly by a gentle mix.
2. Low signal	1. Too brief incubation times 2. Inadequate reagent volumes or improper dilution	1. Ensure sufficient incubation time; assay procedure step 2 change to over night 2. Check pipettes and ensure correct preparation
3. Large CV	1. Inaccurate pipetting	1. Check pipettes
4. High background	1. Plate is insufficiently washed 2. Contaminated wash buffer	1. Review the manual for proper wash. If using a plate washer, check that all ports are unobstructed. 2. Make fresh wash buffer
5. Low sensitivity	1. Improper storage of the EIA kit 2. Stop solution	1. Store your standard at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ after receipt of the kit. 2. Stop solution should be added to each well before measure

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