

Human NOS3 ELISA Kit (Ready to Use)

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96 Tests

For research use only. Not intended for diagnostic use.

Intended Use

The kit is a sandwich enzyme immunoassay for the in vitro quantitative measurement of NOS3 in human serum, plasma, tissue homogenates, cell lysates or other biological fluids.

Reagents and Materials Provided

Reagents	Quantity	Reagents	Quantity
Pre-coated, ready to use 96-well strip plate	1	Plate Sealer for 96 wells	2
Standard	2	Standard Diluent	1×20mL
Detection Solution A	1×12mL	TMB Substrate	1×9mL
Detection Solution B	1×12mL	Stop Solution	1×6mL
Wash Buffer (30 ×concentrate)	1×20mL	Instruction manual	1

Materials Required but Not Supplied

1. Microplate reader with 450 ± 10 nm filter.
2. Precision single or multi-channel pipettes and disposable tips.
3. Eppendorf Tubes for diluting samples.
4. Deionized or distilled water.
5. Absorbent paper for blotting the microtiter plate.
6. Container for Wash Solution.

Storage of The Kits

1. For unopened kits: All the reagents should be kept at **-20°C** upon receipt.
2. For open kits: Once the kit is opened, the remaining reagents still need to be stored according to the above storage conditions. In addition, return the unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack and reseal along entire edge of zip-seal.

Note:

All components are stable until this expiration date.

It is highly recommended to use the remaining reagents within 1 month of opening.

Sample Collection and Storage

● **Serum** - Use a serum separator tube and allow samples to clot for two hours at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C before centrifugation for 20 minutes at approximately 1000×g. Assay freshly prepared serum immediately or store samples in aliquots at -20 °C or -80 °C for later use. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

● **Plasma** - Collect plasma using EDTA or heparin as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples for 15 minutes at 1000×g at 2-8 °C within 30 minutes of collection. Remove plasma and assay immediately or store samples in aliquots at -20 °C or -80 °C for later use. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

● **Tissue homogenates** - The preparation of tissue homogenates will vary depending upon tissue type. For this assay, tissues should be rinsed in ice-cold PBS (0.01mol/L, pH 7.0-7.2) to remove excess blood thoroughly and weighed before homogenization. Mince the tissues to small pieces and homogenize them in 5-10 mL of PBS with a glass homogenizer on ice (Micro Tissue Grinders also work). The resulting suspension should be sonicated with an ultrasonic cell disrupter or subjected to two freeze-thaw cycles to further break the cell membranes. After that, the homogenates are centrifuged for 5 minutes at 5000×g. Remove the supernate and assay immediately or aliquot and store at ≤-20 °C.

● **Cell Lysates** - Cells must be lysed before assaying according to the following directions.

1. Adherent cells should be detached with trypsin and then collected by centrifugation (suspension cells can be collected by centrifugation directly).
2. Wash cells three times in cold PBS.
3. Resuspend cells in PBS (1×) and subject the cells to ultrasonication 4 times (or Freeze cells at ≤-20 °C. Thaw cells with gentle mixing. Repeat the freeze/thaw cycle 3 times.).
4. Centrifuge at 1500×g for 10 minutes at 2-8 °C to remove cellular debris.

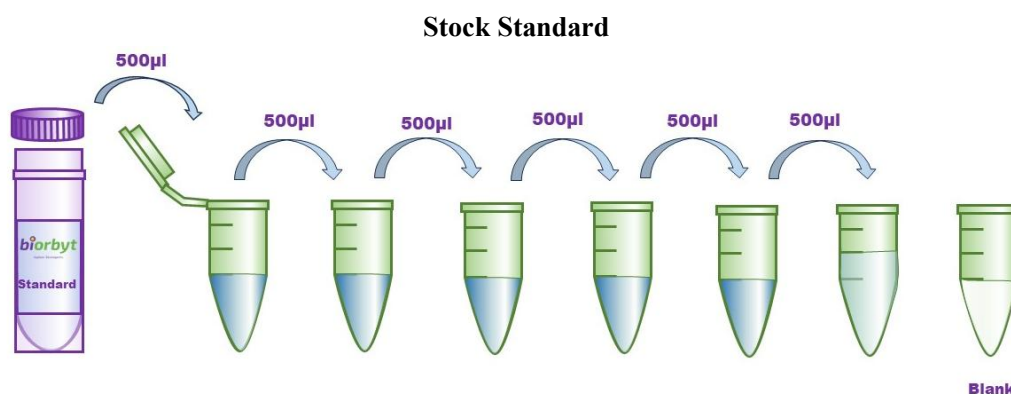
● **Other biological fluids** - Centrifuge samples for 20 minutes at 1000×g. Remove particulates and assay immediately or store samples in aliquots at -20°C or -80°C. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Note:

1. Samples to be used within 5 days may be stored at 4 °C, otherwise samples must be stored at -20 °C (≤1 month) or -80 °C (≤2 months) to avoid loss of bioactivity and/or contamination.
2. Sample hemolysis will influence the result, and hemolytic specimen cannot be detected.
3. When performing the assay, bring samples to room temperature.

Reagent Preparation

1. **Bring all kit components and samples to room temperature (18-25°C) before use.**
2. **Standard** - Reconstitute the Standard with 1.0mL of Standard Diluent, keep for 10 minutes at room temperature, shake gently (not to foam). The concentration of the standard in the stock solution is 1000pg/mL. Prepare 7 tubes containing 0.5mL Standard Diluent and use the diluted standard to produce a double dilution series according to the picture shown below. Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. Prepare a dilution series with 7 points; for example: 1000pg/mL, 500pg/mL, 250pg/mL, 125pg/mL, 62.5pg/mL, 31.2pg/mL, 15.6pg/mL, and the last EP tube with Standard Diluent is the blank at 0pg/mL.



Tube	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pg/mL	1000	500	250	125	62.5	31.2	15.6	0

3. **Detection Solution A and Detection Solution B** - Detection Solutions A and B are already at the correct concentrations and do not need to be diluted further.
4. **Wash Solution** - Dilute 20mL of Wash Solution concentrate (30×) with 580mL of deionized or distilled water to prepare 600mL of Wash Solution (1×).
5. **TMB substrate** - Aspirate the needed dosage of the solution with sterilized tips. Do not dump the residual solution back into the vial.

Note:

1. Do not perform a serial dilution directly in the wells.
2. Prepare standard within 15 minutes of performing the assay.
3. Carefully reconstitute Standards according to the instruction, avoid foaming and mix gently until the crystals are completely dissolved.
4. The reconstituted Standards can be **used only once**.
5. If crystals have formed in the Wash Solution concentrate (30×), warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals are completely dissolved.
6. Any contaminated water or container used during reagent preparation will influence the detection result.

Sample Preparation

1. Biorbyt is only responsible for the kit itself, 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. 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. Samples should be diluted by Standard Diluent included in the kit. If included Standard Diluent is not enough, samples can also be diluted by 0.01 mol/L PBS (pH7.0-7.2).
3. If the samples are not indicated in the manual, a preliminary experiment to determine the validity of the kit is necessary.
4. Tissue or cell extraction samples prepared using a chemical lysis buffer may cause unexpected ELISA results due to the impacts from certain chemicals.
5. Due to the possibility of mismatching between antigens from other origin and antibodies used in our kits (e.g., antibody targets conformational epitope rather than linear epitope), some native or recombinant proteins from other manufacturers may not be recognized by our products.
6. Samples from cell culture supernatant may not be detected by the kit due to influence from factors such as cell viability, cell number and/or sampling time.
7. Fresh samples that have not been stored for extended periods of time are recommended for the test. Otherwise, protein degradation and denaturalization may occur in those samples and give inaccurate or incorrect results.

Assay Procedure

1. Determine wells for diluted standard, blank and sample. Prepare 7 wells for the standards, 1 well for blank. Add 100µL each of dilutions of standard (read Reagent Preparation), blank, and samples into the appropriate wells. Cover with the Plate sealer. Incubate for 90 minutes at 37°C.
2. Remove the liquid from each well.
3. Add 100µL of Detection Solution A to each well. Incubate for 45minutes at 37°C after covering it with the Plate sealer.
4. Aspirate the solution and wash with 300µL of 1× Wash Solution to each well using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser or auto-washer, and let it sit for 1-2 minutes. Remove the remaining liquid from all wells completely by tapping the plate onto absorbent paper. Wash thoroughly 3 times. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against absorbent paper.
5. Add 100µL of Detection Solution B to each well. Incubate for 45 minutes at 37°C after covering it with the Plate sealer.
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash process for a total of 5 times as conducted in step 4.
7. Add 90µL of Substrate Solution to each well. Cover with a new Plate sealer. Incubate for 15-25 minutes at 37°C (Do not exceed 30 minutes). Protect from light. The liquid will turn blue with the addition of the Substrate Solution.
8. Add 50µL of Stop Solution to each well. The liquid will turn yellow with the addition of the Stop solution. Mix the liquid by tapping the side of the plate. If the color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.

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9. Remove any drops of water and fingerprints on the bottom of the plate and confirm there are no bubbles on the surface of the liquid. Run the microplate reader and take measurements at 450nm immediately.

Note:

1. **Assay preparation:** Keep appropriate numbers of wells for each experiment and remove extra wells from microplate. Remaining wells should be resealed and stored at -20°C.
2. **Samples or reagents addition: Please use the freshly prepared Standard.** Carefully add samples to wells and mix gently to avoid foaming. Do not touch the well walls. For each step in the procedure, total dispensing time for addition of reagents or samples to the assay plate should not exceed 10 minutes. 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 standards, samples, and reagents. In addition, use separated 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 in between incubation steps. Once reagents are added to the well strips, DO NOT let the strips dry at any time during the assay. Incubation time and temperature must be controlled.
4. **Washing:** The wash procedure is critical. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Solution by aspirating or decanting, and remove any drops of water or fingerprints on the bottom of the plate. Insufficient washing will result in poor precision and false elevated absorbance reading.
5. **Controlling of reaction time:** Observe the change of color after adding **TMB Substrate** (e.g. observation once every 10 minutes), if the color is too deep, add Stop Solution in advance to avoid excessively strong reaction which will result in an inaccurate absorbance reading.
6. **TMB Substrate** is easily contaminated. Please protect it from light.
7. The environment humidity may have an effect on the results obtained from the kit. If the humidity in your facility is less than 60%, using a humidifier is recommended.

Test Principle

The microtiter plate provided in this kit has been pre-coated with an antibody specific to NOS3. Standards or samples are then added to the appropriate microtiter plate wells with a biotin-conjugated antibody preparation specific to NOS3. Next, Avidin conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) is added to each microplate well and incubated. After TMB substrate solution is added, only those wells that contain NOS3, biotin-conjugated antibody and enzyme-conjugated Avidin will exhibit a change in color. The enzyme-substrate reaction is terminated by the addition of sulphuric acid solution and the color change is measured spectrophotometrically at a wavelength of 450nm ± 10nm. The concentration of NOS3 in the samples is then determined by comparing the O.D. of the samples to the standard curve.

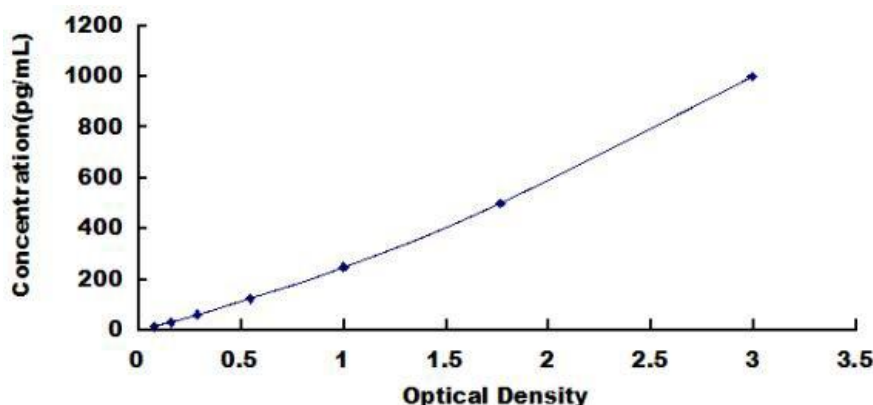
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Calculation of Results

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control and sample, then subtract the average zero standard optical density. Construct a standard curve by plotting the mean O.D. and concentration for each standard and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph or create a standard curve on log-log graph paper with NOS3 concentration on the y-axis and absorbance on the x-axis. Using plotting software, (for instance, curve expert 1.30), is also recommended. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

Typical Data

To make the calculation easier, we plot the O.D. value of the standard (X-axis) against the known concentration of the standard (Y-axis), although concentration is the independent variable and O.D. value is the dependent variable. However, the O.D. values of the standard curve may vary according to the conditions of assay performance (e.g. operator, pipetting technique, washing technique or temperature effects), plotting the log of the data to establish a standard curve for each test is recommended. The typical standard curve below is provided for reference only.



Typical Standard Curve for Human NOS3 ELISA

Detection Range

15.6-1000pg/mL. The standard curve concentrations used for the ELISA's were 1000pg/mL, 500pg/mL, 250pg/mL, 125pg/mL, 62.5pg/mL, 31.2pg/mL, 15.6pg/mL.

Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose of NOS3 is typically less than 5.5pg/mL. The sensitivity of this assay, or Lower Limit of Detection (LLD) was defined as the lowest protein concentration that could be differentiated from zero. It was determined by adding two standard deviations to the mean optical density value of twenty zero standard replicates and calculating the corresponding concentration.

Specificity

This assay has high sensitivity and excellent specificity for detection of NOS3.

No significant cross-reactivity or interference between NOS3 and analogues was observed.

Note:

Limited by current skills and knowledge, it is impossible to perform all possible cross-reactivity detection tests between NOS3 and all analogues, therefore, cross reactivity may still exist.

Precision

Intra-assay Precision (Precision within an assay): 3 samples with low, middle and high level NOS3 were tested 20 times on one plate, respectively. Inter-assay Precision (Precision between assays): 3 samples with low, middle and high level NOS3 were tested on 3 different plates, 8 replicates in each plate.

$$CV (\%) = SD/\text{mean} \times 100$$

Intra-Assay: CV<10%

Inter-Assay: CV<12%

Stability

The stability of ELISA kit is determined by the loss rate of activity. The loss rate of this kit is less than 5% within the expiration date under appropriate storage conditions.

Note:

To minimize unnecessary influences on the performance, operation procedures and lab conditions, especially room temperature, air humidity, and incubator temperatures should be strictly regulated. It is also strongly suggested that the whole assay is performed by the same experimenter from the beginning to the end.

Assay Procedure Summary

1. Prepare all reagents, samples and standards.
2. Add 100µL standard or sample to each well. Incubate 90 minutes at 37°C.
3. Aspirate and add 100µL Detection Solution A. Incubate 45 minutes at 37°C.
4. Aspirate and wash 3 times.
5. Add 100µL Detection Solution B. Incubate 45 minutes at 37°C.
6. Aspirate and wash 5 times.
7. Add 90µL Substrate Solution. Incubate 15-25 minutes at 37°C.
8. Add 50µL Stop Solution. Read at 450nm immediately.

Important Note

1. Limited by the current conditions and scientific technology, it is impossible to conduct comprehensive identification and analysis tests on the raw materials provided by suppliers. As a result, it is possible there are some qualitative and/or technical risks.
2. The final experimental results will be closely related to the validity of the products, operation skills of the end users and the experimental environments. Please make sure that sufficient samples are available to obtain accurate results.

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3. Kits from different batches may be a little different in detection range, sensitivity and color developing time. Please perform the experiment exactly according to the instruction manual included in your kit. Electronic ones on our website are for reference only.
4. Do not mix or substitute reagents from one kit lot to another. Use only the reagents supplied by manufacturer.
5. Protect all reagents from strong light during storage and incubation. All bottle caps of reagents should be closed tightly to prevent evaporation of liquids and contamination by microorganisms.
6. There may be a foggy substance in the wells when the plate is opened at the first time. It will not have any effect on the final assay results. Do not remove microtiter plate from the storage bag until needed.
7. Incorrect procedures during reagent preparation and loading, as well as incorrect parameter setting for the plate reader may lead to incorrect results. A microplate plate reader with a bandwidth of 10 nm or less and an optical density range of 0-3 O.D. or greater at 450 ± 10 nm wavelength is acceptable for use in absorbance measurement. Please read the instruction carefully and adjust the instrument prior to the experiment.
8. Even the same experimenter may get different results from two separate experiments. In order to get better reproducible results, the operation of every step in the assay should be controlled. Furthermore, a preliminary experiment before the general assay for each batch is recommended.
9. Each kit has undergone several rigorous quality control tests. However, results from end users might be inconsistent with our in-house data due to some unexpected transportation conditions or different lab equipment. Intra-assay variance among kits from different batches could arise from the above factors as well.
10. Kits from different manufacturers with the same item might produce different results, since we have not compared our products with other manufacturers.
11. The standard in this kit, as well as the antigens used in antibody preparation are typically recombinant proteins. Differently expressed sequences, expression systems, and/or purification methods can be used in the preparation of recombinant proteins. There is also the possibility of differences in the screening technique of antibodies and antibody pairs in our kits. As a result, we cannot guarantee that our kit will be able to detect recombinant proteins produced by other companies. We do NOT recommend using Biorbyt ELISA kits for the detection of other recombinant proteins.
12. Validity period: 16 months.
13. The instruction manual also works with the 48T kit, but all reagents in the 48T kit are reduced by half.

ELISA Troubleshooting

High background/non-specific staining

Description of results	Possible reason	Recommendations and precautions
After stopping the reaction, the entire plate shows a uniform yellow or light color, or the standard curve	Yellowing of the entire plate may be caused by incorrect addition of reagents.	Before starting the experiment, verify the components and lot numbers of all reagents to ensure they belong to the same kit. Reagents from different kits or different lot numbers must not be mixed.

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is linear but the background signal is excessively high.	The ELISA plate was not washed sufficiently.	Ensure that the same volume of Wash Solution is added to each microwell during the washing process. After washing, firmly tap the ELISA plate on absorbent paper to remove any residual buffer.
	Incubation time was too long.	Strictly follow the procedures outlined in the manual.
	Streptavidin-HRP contaminated the pipette tip or TMB container, or the positive control contaminated the pre-coated microplate.	Replace pipette tips when dispensing different reagents. Use separate containers when preparing different reagent components, and always use a pipette during handling.
	The concentration of Biotinylated Antibody or Streptavidin-HRP was too high.	Verify that concentration calculations are correct, or perform further dilution if necessary.
	The substrate was exposed to light or contaminated prior to use.	Store reagents in the dark at all times prior to substrate addition.
	Color development time was too long.	Strictly follow the procedures outlined in the manual.
	An incorrect filter was used when reading the absorbance value.	When TMB is used as the substrate, measure absorbance at 450 nm.

NO color plates

Description of results	Possible reason	Recommendations and precautions
After the color development step, all wells of the ELISA plate are colorless, and the positive control is not clearly detectable. s	Components from different reagent sets were mixed.	Carefully read reagent labels when preparing or using them.
	During plate washing or sample/enzyme addition, the enzyme label was contaminated or inactivated, resulting in loss of its ability to catalyze color development.	Confirm that the container holding the ELISA plate does not contain enzyme inhibitors (such as NaN_3), and ensure that the container used to prepare the Wash Solution has been thoroughly cleaned.
	A reagent or procedural step was omitted.	Review the manual carefully and strictly follow the operating procedures.

Light color

Description of results	Possible reason	Recommendations and precautions
The Standard appears normal, but the sample color is weak.	The sample contains NaN_3 preservative, which inhibits the enzyme reaction.	Samples must not contain NaN_3 .

	The sample being tested may not contain strongly positive material, so the result may be normal.	If there is any doubt about the results, repeat the assay.
The visual result appears normal, but the microplate reader values are low.	An incorrect filter was used for absorbance measurement.	When TMB is used as the substrate, absorbance should be measured at 450 nm.
All wells, including Standards and Samples, show weak color development.	Insufficient incubation time.	Ensure accurate timing using a timer.
	Inadequate color development.	Typically 15–30 minutes.
	Excessive washing, or the dilution ratio of the concentrated Wash Buffer does not meet requirements.	Minimize the impact of washing by diluting the concentrated Wash Buffer and setting the washing time according to the manual. Accurately record the number of washes and the volume used.
	Poor quality distilled water.	The prepared Wash Buffer should be tested to confirm that the pH is neutral.
	During plate washing or sample addition, the enzyme label was contaminated or inactivated, resulting in loss of catalytic activity.	Confirm that the container holding the ELISA plate does not contain enzyme inhibitors (such as NaN_3), that the container used to prepare the Wash Buffer has been thoroughly cleaned, and that the purified water used meets the required standards and is not contaminated.
	The kit has expired or was improperly stored.	Use the kit within its expiration date and store it according to the conditions recommended in the manual to avoid contamination.
	Reagents and samples were not equilibrated to room temperature before use.	Allow all reagents and samples to equilibrate at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before use.
Poor repeatability.	Insufficient pipetting volume, overly rapid dispensing, excessive liquid remaining on the inner wall of the tip, or unclean tip walls.	Calibrate the pipette properly. Ensure tips are compatible and fit securely, pipette at an appropriate speed, and fully dispense the liquid. Tips should have clean inner walls and be used only once
	Incubation temperature was not properly controlled.	Maintain a constant incubation temperature and avoid localized temperature extremes.
	Excess liquid remained on the inner wall of the wells during liquid addition.	When adding liquids, dispense along the lower inner wall of the wells without touching the bottom.
	Reuse of consumables.	Replace pipette tips when drawing different reagents, and use separate containers when preparing different reagent components.
	The bottom of the microwell is scratched or contaminated.	Handle the plate carefully. Avoid touching the well bottoms and clean the bottom of the microplate to remove dirt or

		fingerprints.
		Perform technical replicates of the same sample three times, ensuring that at least two values are comparable.
	Cross-contamination during sample addition.	Minimize the risk of cross-contamination during sample addition.
The color development across the plate is uneven and irregular.	Cross-contamination during manual plate washing.	When washing plates manually, discard the first three washes immediately, then allow soaking during subsequent washes to reduce cross-contamination.
	Cross-contamination during plate tapping.	Use appropriate absorbent paper when tapping the plate. Avoid introducing foreign material into the wells, and avoid tapping in the same position repeatedly to reduce cross-contamination.

Description of results	Possible reason	Recommendations and precautions
The color development of the plate is uneven and irregular	The liquid dispensing head of the plate washer is clogged, leading to improper liquid dispensing or excessive residual liquid after aspiration, which results in uneven and irregular color development across the plate.	Unclog the liquid dispensing head to ensure that each well is properly filled with wash solution during plate washing and that minimal residual liquid remains after aspiration.
	Incomplete centrifugation of the sample, resulting in coagulation within the reaction wells or interference from sediment or residual cellular components.	Serum and plasma samples should be fully centrifuged at 3000 rpm for more than 6 minutes.
	The sample was stored for an excessively long period, leading to contamination.	Samples should be kept fresh or stored at low temperatures to prevent contamination.
	Incorrect preparation of the Wash Solution or direct use of the concentrated Wash Solution.	Prepare all reagents strictly according to the manual.

Precaution

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acid solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this reagent.