

**LIMITATIONS OF THE TEST**

1. Do not use sodium azide as preservative. Sodium azide inhibits HRP enzyme activities.

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## Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) ELISA

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**INTENDED USE**

The IBL-America TSH ELISA Kit is intended for the determination of TSH in human serum. For research use only, not for diagnostic procedures.

**SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) is a glycoprotein hormone secreted by the pituitary gland and regulates the synthesis/ release of T3 and T4 by thyroid gland. TSH has two subunits, namely alpha and beta. The alpha subunit is similar to the alpha subunit found in LH, FSH, and hCG glycoprotein hormones. However, the beta subunit is specific and differs from hormone to hormone. The serum TSH measurement is one of the most important tools in the detection of thyroid disorders. The sensitivity of this ELISA test is 0.05 $\mu$ IU/ml.

**PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST**

The TSH is a solid phase sandwich ELISA method. The samples, and anti-TSH-HRP/Biotin conjugate are added to the wells coated with Streptavidin. TSH in the sample forms a sandwich between two specific antibodies to TSH. Unbound protein and HRP conjugate are washed off by wash buffer. Upon the addition of the substrate, the intensity of color is proportional to the concentration of TSH in the samples. A standard curve is prepared relating color intensity to the concentration of the TSH.

MATERIALS PROVIDED	96 Tests
1. Microwells coated with Streptavidin	12x8x1
2. TSH Standard: 7 vials ( ready to use)	0.5 ml
3. TSH Control: 2 vials (ready to use)	0.5 ml
4. TSH Conjugate Reagent: 1 bottle (ready to use)	12 ml
5. TMB Substrate: 1 bottle (ready to use)	12 ml
6. Stop Solution: 1 bottle (ready to use)	12 ml
7. 20X Wash concentrate: 1 bottle	25 ml

**MATERIALS NOT PROVIDED**

1. Distilled or deionized water
2. Precision pipettes
3. Disposable pipette tips
4. ELISA reader capable of reading absorbance at 450nm
5. Absorbance paper or paper towel
6. Graph paper
7. Microplate shaker

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

1. Store the kit at 2 - 8° C.
2. Keep microwells sealed in a dry bag with desiccants.
3. The reagents are stable until the expiration of the kit.
4. Do not expose test reagents to heat, sun, or strong light.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

1. For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
2. For Laboratory Use.
3. Potential biohazardous materials: The standards set contain human source components which have been tested and found non-reactive for hepatitis B surface antigen as well as HIV antibody with FDA licensed reagents. However, as there is no test method that can offer complete assurance that HIV, Hepatitis B virus or other infectious agents are absent, these reagents should be handled at the Biosafety Level 2, as recommended in the Centers for Disease Control/National Institutes of Health manual, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories." 1984
4. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat, or drink in the areas in which specimens or kit reagents are handled.
5. The components in this kit are intended for use as an integral unit. The components of different lots should not be mixed.
6. It is recommended that standards, control and serum samples be run in duplicate.
7. Optimal results will be obtained by strict adherence to this protocol. Accurate and precise pipetting, as well as following the exact time and temperature requirements prescribed are essential. Any deviation from this may yield invalid data.

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION HANDLING**

1. Collect blood specimens and separate the serum immediately.
2. Specimens may be stored refrigerated at (2-8° C) for 5 days. If storage time exceeds 5 days, store frozen at (-20° C) for up to one month.
3. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.
4. Prior to assay, frozen sera should be completely thawed and mixed well.
5. Do not use grossly lipemic specimens.

**REAGENTS PREPARATION**

Prepare 1X Wash buffer by adding the contents of the bottle (25 ml, 20X) to 475 ml of distilled or deionized water. Store at room temperature (20-25°C).

**ASSAY PROCEDURE**

Prior to assay, allow reagents to stand at room temperature (20-25°C).

Gently mix all reagents before use.

1. Place the desired number of coated strips into the holder
2. Pipet 50 µl of TSH standards, control and serum samples into designated wells.
3. Add 100 µl of ready to use conjugate reagent to all wells. Shake for (10-30) sec.
4. Cover the plate and incubate for 60 minutes at room temperature (20-25° C). Shaking on plate shaker optional, if available (600 rpm).
5. Remove liquid from all wells. Wash wells three times with 300 µl of 1X wash buffer. Blot on absorbent paper towels.
6. Add 100 µl of TMB substrate to all wells.
7. Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature (DO NOT Shake).
8. Add 50 µl of stop solution to all wells. Shake the plate gently to mix the solution.
9. Read absorbance on ELISA Reader at 450 nm within 15 minutes after adding the stopping solution.

**CALCULATION OF RESULTS**

The standard curve is constructed as follows:

1. Check TSH standard value on each standard vial. This value might vary from lot to lot. Make sure you check the value on every kit. See example of the standard attached.
2. To construct the standard curve, plot the absorbance for the TSH standards (vertical axis) versus the TSH standard concentrations (horizontal axis) on a linear graph paper. Draw the best curve through the points.
3. Read the absorbance for controls and each unknown sample from the curve. Record the value for each control or unknown sample.

**Example of Standard Curve**

	OD 450 nm	Conc. µIU/mL
Std 1	0.033	0
Std 2	0.062	0.5
Std 3	0.21	2.5
Std 4	0.41	5
Std 5	0.75	10
Std 6	1.37	20
Std 7	2.61	40

