

## Product Information

### Methamphetamine ELISA kit

Catalog Number: EA100907

Storage Temperature: 2 – 8°C

## Instruction for Use

### Intended Use

The Methamphetamine Direct ELISA Kit provides only a preliminary analytical test result. A more specific alternate chemical method must be used in order to obtain a confirmed analytical result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GS-MS) is the preferred confirmatory method. Professional judgment should be applied to any drug of abuse test result, particularly when preliminary positive results are used.

### Background

The Methamphetamine Direct ELISA Kit is a specific and sensitive in-vitro test to detect the presence of d-methamphetamine in samples such as whole blood, oral fluids, serum, plasma and urine. While the assay will detect amphetamine use, interference by l-methamphetamine and pseudo-ephedrine is virtually nonexistent. Methamphetamine is a potent central nervous system stimulant with less peripheral actions than amphetamine. The (+)-isomer also referred to as d-methamphetamine is ten times more potent than the (-)-isomer, l-methamphetamine. Amphetamines act by inducing euphoria, irritability, anxiety and paranoia. Methamphetamine is metabolized to its active metabolite amphetamine (via N-demethylation) and is further metabolized by hydroxylation and deamination of amphetamine. Urinary excretion rates are influenced by the urinary pH with acidic urine favoring the excretion of unchanged drug. Alkaline urine reduces the excretion of unchanged methamphetamine to less than 5% of the dose.

### Principle of the Test

The Methamphetamine Direct ELISA Kit (for d-methamphetamine measurement) is based upon the competitive binding to antibody of enzyme labeled antigen and unlabeled antigen, in proportion to their concentration in the reaction mixture. A 10 µl aliquot of a diluted unknown specimen is incubated with a 100 µl dilution of enzyme (Horseradish peroxidase) labeled d-methamphetamine derivative in micro-plate wells, coated with fixed amounts of oriented high affinity purified polyclonal antibody. The wells are washed thoroughly and a chromogenic substrate added. The color produced is stopped using a dilute acid stop solution and the wells read at 450 nm. The intensity of the color developed is inversely proportional to the concentration of drug in the sample. The technique is sensitive to 1 ng/ml. The Methamphetamine Direct ELISA Kit avoids extraction of urine sample for measurement. It employs a d-methamphetamine directed antiserum. Due to the proprietary method of orienting the antibody on the polystyrene micro-plate much higher sensitivity is achieved compared to passive adsorption. This allows an extremely small sample size, reducing matrix effects and interference with binding proteins(s) or other macromolecules.

### Components

MATERIALS PROVIDED	96 Tests
1. Microwells coated with polyclonal anti-d-methamphetamine	12X8X1
2. d-methamphetamine-Conjugate	12 ml
3. Immunalysis Positive Reference Standards	2 ml
4. Negative Standards	1 ml
5. TMB substrate	12 ml
6. Stop Reagent	11 ml

### Materials and Equipment Required but 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

### Disclaimer

This product is for research use only and not intended for diagnostic procedures.

### Specimen Collection and Preparation

The Methamphetamine Direct ELISA Kit is to be used with human samples, such as whole blood, oral fluids, serum, urine and plasma. OriGene has not tested all possible applications of this assay. Cutoff criteria are important in deciding the sample dilution.

### Assay Procedure

- Before proceeding with the assay, bring all reagents, serum references and controls to room temperature (18-26°C). Gently mix all reagents before use
  - The components in this kit are intended for use as an integral unit. The components of different lots should not be mixed
  - It is recommended that standards, control and serum samples be run in duplicate
  - Do not use sodium azide as preservative. Sodium azide inhibits HRP enzyme activities
1. Dilute specimens, to the necessary range with Phosphate Buffer Saline pH 7.0. (Urine samples are normally diluted 1:20 for a methamphetamine cutoff of 500 ng/ml.) The dilution factor and volume added can be adjusted based on the laboratory's cutoff.
  2. Add 10 µl of appropriately diluted calibrators and standards to each well in duplicate.
  3. Add 10 µl of the diluted specimens in duplicate (recommended) to each well.
  4. Add 100 µl of the Enzyme Conjugate to each well. Tap the sides of the plate holder to ensure proper mixing.
  5. Incubate for 60 minutes at room temperature (18-26°C) preferably in the dark, after addition of enzyme conjugate to the last well.
  6. Wash the wells 6 times with 350 µl distilled water using either a suitable plate washer or wash bottle taking care not to cross contaminate wells. If testing samples containing abnormally high amounts of hemoglobin (some Postmortem samples), use 10 mM Phosphate buffered saline pH 7.0-7.4. This will lower potential nonspecific binding of hemoglobin to the well, thus lowering background color.

7. Invert wells and vigorously slap dry on absorbent paper to ensure all residual moisture is removed. This step is critical to ensure that residual enzyme conjugate, does not skew results. If using an automated system, ensure that the final aspiration on the wash cycle aspirates from either side of the well.
8. Add 100  $\mu$ l of Substrate reagent to each well and tap sides of plate holder to ensure proper mixing.
9. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature, preferably in the dark.
10. Add 100  $\mu$ l of Stop Solution to each well, to change the blue color to yellow.
11. Measure the absorbance at a dual wavelength of 450 nm and 650 nm.
12. Wells should be read within 1 hour of yellow color development.

### Example of a Standard Curve

The following data represent a typical dose/response curve.

Standards	d-methamphetamine (ng/mL)	Absorbance (450nm)
STD1	0	1.519
STD2	10	0.649
STD3	25	0.471
STD4	50	0.359

The dose/response curve shown above should not be used in assay calculations. It is recommended that at least one in-house positive quality control sample be included with every assay run. A dose response curve or cutoff standards should be run with every plate.

### Results

If the average sample absorbance is equal to or less than the average absorbance of the laboratory positive reference standard the sample is POSITIVE for methamphetamine. If the average sample absorbance is greater than the average absorbance of the laboratory positive reference standard the sample is called NEGATIVE for methamphetamine. Alternatively a dose response curve can be established by plotting standard concentration (abscissa) against corresponding absorbance (ordinate). Values for unknown samples are obtained by interpolation from the curve.

### Sensitivity

Assay sensitivity based on the minimum methamphetamine concentration required to produce a four standard deviation from assay  $A_0$  is 1 ng/ml.

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