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© ELISA for anti-HIV peptide antibodies in the egg yolks of brown Leghorn layer hens.

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ABSTRACT

These are three ELISAs for detection of anti-HIV antibodies. These test were highly specific, sensitive and reproducible. They detect specific immunoglobulin Y against HIV peptides in the egg yolk of brown Leghorn layer hens. A modification of these methods were used to detect anti-HIV antibodies in Humans.

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GUIDELINES

Stop reaction as scheduled.

Dilutesamples, controls, conjugates, and TMB as recommended in the steps.

MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
3,3',5,5'-Tetramethylbenzidine	54827-17-7	Sigma Aldrich
Anti-Chicken IgY, HRP Conjugate, 300ul	G1351	Promega
Greiner Clear-bottom polystyrene 96-well plates	M2936	Sigma - Aldrich
Peptide 579-601 of HIV-gp41		
Peptide 308-331 HIV-gp120		
Peptide 421-438 HIV-gp120		

Coating buffer is prepared as follows: 3.7 g Sodium Bicarbonate (NaHCO3) and 0.64 g Sodium Carbonate (Na2CO3) in

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ı	TL of distilled water.
2	Phosphate buffered-saline Tween-20 (10% PBS-Tween 20, pH 7.2) is prepared as follows: Dissolve the following: 0.2g of KCl, 8g of NaCl, 1.45g of Na2HPO4, 0.25g of KH2PO4, and 2ml of tween-20 in 800 ml of distilled water. After that, adjust pH to 7.2, add additional distilled water to adjust the volume to 1L, and then may sterilize by autoclaving.
3	Blocking solution is prepared as follows: add 0.1 g KCl, 0.1 g K3PO4, 1.16 g Na2HPO4, and 4.0 g NaCl to 500 ml distilled water, pH 7.4. Then, to complete the preparation of this solution, 15g of non-fat dry milk should be added.
4	Sample/Conjugate Diluent is prepared as follows: Add 15 g of non-fat dry milk and 2.5 ml of 10% Tween 20 to 500 ml of PBS.
5	The 96-well polystyrene microplates (U- shaped bottom, Sigma-Aldrich) is coated with 100 ng of 579-601 of the HIV gp41, fragments 308-331 or 421-438 from HIV gp120 in coating buffer for 4.1 h at 37°C.
6	Then, each microplate is washed four times with 10% PBS-Tween 20 and the blocking solution (3% non-fat milk in PBS) added in the amount of 51 μ l into each well.
7	The microplate is incubated at 1.30 h at RT. After that, the microplate is washed as previously.
8	Fifty µl of water soluble fraction (WSF) diluted 1:50 with the sample diluent is added to the wells.
9	Then, each microplate is incubated for 1h at RT and washed four times as previously.
10	Then, $50 \mu l$ of horseradish peroxidase labeled anti-IgY conjugate (Sigma-Aldrich) diluted 1:30,000 is poured into each well.
11	Each microtiter plate is incubated again for 1h at RT and then, washed four times.
12	A volume of 50 μl of tetramethylbenzidine (TMB, Sigma-Aldrich) is added; and after a further incubation of 16 min in the dark, the reaction is stopped with a solution of 3M HCl.
13	After that, each microplate is read in a microplate reader at 450 nm.
	The cut-off value is assessed from the mean optical density (OD) of the negative control times 2.

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The cut-off points of ELISAs for the detection of anti-HIV peptide (579-601), anti-HIV peptide (308-331) and anti-HIV peptide (421-438) were 0.42, 0.40 and 0.44 respectively.