

# ELISA PRODUCT INFORMATION & MANUAL

## Human Resistin ELISA Kit (Colorimetric) NBP1-83744

Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay for quantitative detection. For research use only.

Not for diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

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#### 1 Intended Use

The human Resistin ELISA is an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the quantitative detection of human Resistin. **The human Resistin ELISA** is for research use only. Not for diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

## 2 Summary

Resistin is a hormone secreted by adipose tissue. It is also known as "serine/cysteine-rich adipocyte-Specific Secretory Factor" (ADSF or FIZZ3). The length of the resistin pre-peptide in human is 108 aminoacids; the molecular weight is ~12.5 kDa. Among the hormones synthesized and released from adipose tissue, resistin is an adipocytokine whose physiologic role has been the subject of much controversy regarding its involvement with obesity and type II diabetes mellitus. Resistin was originally found to be produced and released from adipose tissue to serve endocrine functions likely involved in insulin resistance. This idea primarily stems from studies demonstrating that serum resistin levels increase with obesity in several model systems. Since these observations, further research has linked resistin to other physiological systems such as inflammation and energy homeostasis. Current research is proposing to link resistin to inflammation and energy homeostasis, including its alleged role in insulin resistance in obese subjects.

## 3 Principles of the Test

An anti-human Resistin coating antibody is adsorbed onto microwells.

Human Resistin present in the sample or standard binds to antibodies adsorbed to the microwells. A biotin-conjugated anti-human Resistin antibody is added and binds to human Resistin captured by the first antibody.

Following incubation unbound biotinconjugated anti-human Resistin antibody is removed during a wash step. Streptavidin-HRP is added and binds to the biotinconjugated anti-human Resistin antibody.

Following incubation unbound Streptavidin-HRP is removed during a wash step, and substrate solution reactive with HRP is added to the wells.

Figure 1

#### **Coated Microwell**

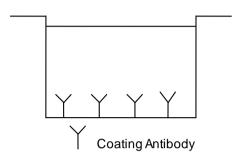


Figure 2

#### **First Incubation**

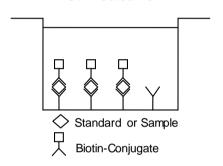


Figure 3

#### **Second Incubation**

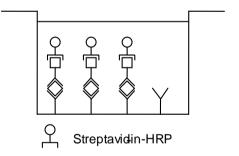
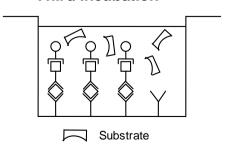


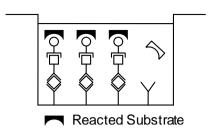
Figure 4

#### Third Incubation



A coloured product is formed in proportion to the amount of human Resistin present in the sample or standard. The reaction is terminated by addition of acid and absorbance is measured at 450 nm. A standard curve is prepared from 7 human Resistin standard dilutions and human Resistin sample concentration determined.

Figure 5



## 4 Reagents Provided

## 4.1 Reagents for human Resistin ELISA NBP1-83744 (96 tests)

- 1 aluminium pouch with a **Microwell Plate coated** with polyclonal antibody to human Resistin
- 1 vial (70 µl) **Biotin-Conjugate** anti-human Resistin polyclonal antibody
- 1 vial (150 µl) **Streptavidin-HRP**
- 2 vials human Resistin **Standard** lyophilized, 4000 pg/ml upon reconstitution
- 1 vial (5 ml) **Assay Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20, 10% BSA)
- 1 bottle (50 ml) **Wash Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20)
- 1 vial (15 ml) **Substrate Solution** (tetramethyl-benzidine)
- 1 vial (15 ml) **Stop Solution** (1M Phosphoric acid)
- 4 Adhesive Films

- **4.2 Reagents for human Resistin ELISA NBP1-83744** (10x96 tests)
- 10 aluminium pouches with a **Microwell Plate coated** with polyclonal antibody to human Resistin
- 10 vials (70 µl) **Biotin-Conjugate** anti-human Resistin polyclonal antibody
- 10 vials (150 µl) Streptavidin-HRP
- 10 vials human Resistin **Standard** lyophilized, 4000 pg/ml upon reconstitution
- 4 vials (5 ml) **Assay Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20, 10% BSA)
- 6 bottles (50 ml) **Wash Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20)
- 10 vials (15 ml) **Substrate Solution** (tetramethyl-benzidine)
- 1 vial (100 ml) **Stop Solution** (1M Phosphoric acid)
- 20 Adhesive Films

## 5 Storage Instructions – ELISA Kit

Store kit reagents between 2° and 8°C. Immediately after use remaining reagents should be returned to cold storage (2° to 8°C). Expiry of the kit and reagents is stated on labels.

Expiry of the kit components can only be guaranteed if the components are stored properly, and if, in case of repeated use of one component, this reagent is not contaminated by the first handling.

## 6 Specimen Collection and Storage Instructions

Cell culture supernatant, serum and plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin), were tested with this assay. Other biological samples might be suitable for use in the assay. Remove serum or plasma from the clot or cells as soon as possible after clotting and separation.

Pay attention to a possible "**Hook Effect**" due to high sample concentrations (see chapter 11).

Samples containing a visible precipitate must be clarified prior to use in the assay. Do not use grossly hemolyzed or lipemic specimens.

Samples should be aliquoted and must be stored frozen at -20°C to avoid loss of bioactive human Resistin. If samples are to be run within 24 hours, they may be stored at 2° to 8°C (for sample stability refer to 13.5).

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Prior to assay, the frozen sample should be brought to room temperature slowly and mixed gently.

## 7 Materials Required But Not Provided

- 5 ml and 10 ml graduated pipettes
- 5 μl to 1000 μl adjustable single channel micropipettes with disposable tips
- 50 µl to 300 µl adjustable multichannel micropipette with disposable tips
- Multichannel micropipette reservoir
- Beakers, flasks, cylinders necessary for preparation of reagents
- Device for delivery of wash solution (multichannel wash bottle or automatic wash system)
- Microwell strip reader capable of reading at 450 nm (620 nm as optional reference wave length)
- Glass-distilled or deionized water
- Statistical calculator with program to perform regression analysis

#### 8 Precautions for Use

- All chemicals should be considered as potentially hazardous. We therefore recommend that this product is handled only by those persons who have been trained in laboratory techniques and that it is used in accordance with the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear suitable protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken to avoid contact with skin or eyes. In the case of contact with skin or eyes wash immediately with water. See material safety data sheet(s) and/or safety statement(s) for specific advice.
- Reagents are intended for research use only and are not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or other sources.
- Do not use kit reagents beyond expiration date on label.
- Do not expose kit reagents to strong light during storage or incubation.
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat or smoke in areas where kit reagents or samples are handled.
- Avoid contact of skin or mucous membranes with kit reagents or specimens.
- Rubber or disposable latex gloves should be worn while handling kit reagents or specimens.
- Avoid contact of substrate solution with oxidizing agents and metal.
- Avoid splashing or generation of aerosols.
- In order to avoid microbial contamination or cross-contamination of reagents or specimens which may invalidate the test use disposable pipette tips and/or pipettes.
- Use clean, dedicated reagent trays for dispensing the conjugate and substrate reagent.

- Exposure to acid inactivates the conjugate.
- Glass-distilled water or deionized water must be used for reagent preparation.
- Substrate solution must be at room temperature prior to use.
- Decontaminate and dispose specimens and all potentially contaminated materials as they could contain infectious agents. The preferred method of decontamination is autoclaving for a minimum of 1 hour at 121.5°C.
- Liquid wastes not containing acid and neutralized waste may be mixed with sodium hypochlorite in volumes such that the final mixture contains 1.0% sodium hypochlorite. Allow 30 minutes for effective decontamination. Liquid waste containing acid must be neutralized prior to the addition of sodium hypochlorite.

## 9 Preparation of Reagents

**Buffer Concentrates** should be brought to room temperature and should be diluted before starting the test procedure. If crystals have formed in the **Buffer Concentrates**, warm them gently until they have completely dissolved.

## 9.1 Wash Buffer (1x)

Pour entire contents (50 ml) of the **Wash Buffer Concentrate** (20x) into a clean 1000 ml graduated cylinder. Bring to final volume of 1000 ml with glass-distilled or deionized water.

Mix gently to avoid foaming.

Transfer to a clean wash bottle and store at  $2^{\circ}$  to  $25^{\circ}$ C. Please note that Wash Buffer (1x) is stable for 30 days.

Wash Buffer (1x) may also be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x)	Distilled Water
	(ml)	(ml)
1 - 6	25	475
1 - 12	50	950

## 9.2 Assay Buffer (1x)

Pour the entire contents (5 ml) of the **Assay Buffer Concentrate (20x)** into a clean 100 ml graduated cylinder. Bring to final volume of 100 ml with distilled water. Mix gently to avoid foaming.

Store at 2° to 8°C. Please note that the Assay Buffer (1x) is stable for 30 days.

Assay Buffer (1x) may also be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Assay Buffer Concentrate (20x) (ml)	Distilled Water (ml)
	(1111)	(1111)
1 - 6	2.5	47.5
1 - 12	5.0	95.0

## 9.3 Biotin-Conjugate

Please note that the Biotin-Conjugate should be used within 30 minutes after dilution.

Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated **Biotin-Conjugate** solution with Assay Buffer (1x) in a clean plastic tube as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Biotin-Conjugate (ml)	Assay Buffer (1x) (ml)
1 - 6	0.03	2.97
1 - 12	0.06	5.94

## 9.4 Streptavidin-HRP

Please note that the Streptavidin-HRP should be used within 30 minutes after dilution.

Make a 1:200 dilution of the concentrated **Streptavidin-HRP** solution with Assay Buffer (1x) in a clean plastic tube as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Streptavidin-HRP (ml)	Assay Buffer (1x) (ml)
1 - 6	0.03	5.97
1 - 12	0.06	11.94

#### 9.5 Human Resistin Standard

Reconstitute **human Resistin standard** by addition of distilled water. Reconstitution volume is stated on the label of the standard vial. Swirl or mix gently to insure complete and homogeneous solubilization (concentration of reconstituted standard = 4000 pg/ml). Allow the reconstituted standard to sit for a minimum of 10 minutes. Mix well prior to making dilutions.

After usage remaining standard cannot be stored and has to be discarded.

**Standard dilutions** can be prepared directly on the microwell plate (see 10.d) or alternatively in tubes (see 9.5.1).

#### 9.5.1 External Standard Dilution

Label 7 tubes, one for each standard point.

S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7

Then prepare 1:2 serial dilutions for the standard curve as follows: Pipette 225 µl of Assay Buffer (1x) into each tube.

Pipette 225  $\mu$ I of reconstituted standard (concentration = 4000 pg/mI) into the first tube, labelled S1, and mix (concentration of standard 1 = 2000 pg/mI).

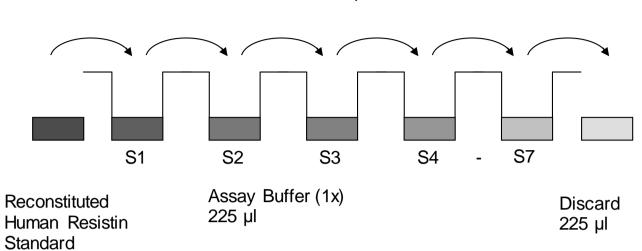
Pipette 225 µl of this dilution into the second tube, labelled S2, and mix thoroughly before the next transfer.

Repeat serial dilutions 5 more times thus creating the points of the standard curve (see Figure 6).

Assay Buffer (1x) serves as blank.

Figure 6

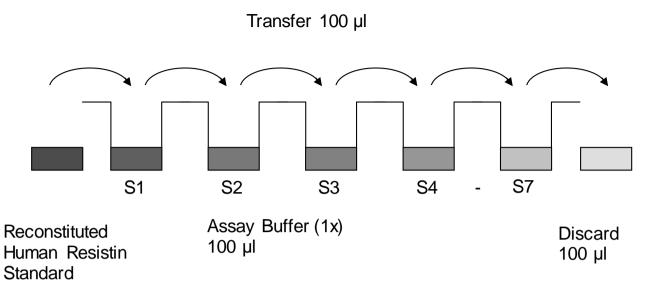
## Transfer 225 µl



#### 10 Test Protocol

- a. Predilute your samples before starting with the test procedure. Dilute serum and plasma samples 1:10 with Assay Buffer (1x) according to the following scheme:
  - 15 µl sample + 135 µl Assay Buffer (1x)
- b. Determine the number of microwell strips required to test the desired number of samples plus appropriate number of wells needed for running blanks and standards. Each sample, standard, blank and optional control sample should be assayed in duplicate. Remove extra microwell strips from holder and store in foil bag with the desiccant provided at 2°-8°C sealed tightly.
- c. Wash the microwell strips twice with approximately 400 µl **Wash Buffer** per well with thorough aspiration of microwell contents
  between washes. Allow the Wash Buffer to sit in the wells for about
  10 15 seconds before aspiration. Take care not to scratch the
  surface of the microwells.
  After the last wash step, empty wells and tap microwell strips on
  absorbent pad or paper towel to remove excess Wash Buffer. Use
  the microwell strips immediately after washing. Alternatively
  microwell strips can be placed upside down on a wet absorbent
  paper for not longer than 15 minutes. **Do not allow wells to dry**.
- d. Standard dilution on the microwell plate (Alternatively the standard dilution can be prepared in tubes see 9.5.1):
  Add 100 μl of Assay Buffer (1x) in duplicate to all standard wells. Pipette 100 μl of prepared standard (see Preparation of Standard 9.5, concentration = 4000 pg/ml) in duplicate into well A1 and A2 (see Table 1). Mix the contents of wells A1 and A2 by repeated aspiration and ejection (concentration of standard 1, S1 = 2000 pg/ml), and transfer 100 μl to wells B1 and B2, respectively (see Figure 7). Take care not to scratch the inner surface of the microwells. Continue this procedure 5 times, creating two rows of human Resistin standard dilutions ranging from 2000 to 31 pg/ml. Discard 100 μl of the contents from the last microwells (G1, G2) used.

Figure 7



In case of an <u>external standard dilution</u> (see 9.5.1), pipette 100  $\mu$ l of these standard dilutions (S1 - S7) in the standard wells according to Table 1.

Table 1
Table depicting an example of the arrangement of blanks, standards and samples in the microwell strips:

	1	2	3	4
Α	Standard 1 (2000 pg/ml)	Standard 1 (2000 pg/ml)	Sample 1	Sample 1
В	Standard 2 (1000 pg/ml)	Standard 2 (1000 pg/ml)	Sample 2	Sample 2
С	Standard 3 (500 pg/ml)	Standard 3 (500 pg/ml)	Sample 3	Sample 3
D	Standard 4 (250 pg/ml)	Standard 4 (250 pg/ml)	Sample 4	Sample 4
E	Standard 5 (125 pg/ml)	Standard 5 (125 pg/ml)	Sample 5	Sample 5
F	Standard 6 (63 pg/ml)	Standard 6 (63 pg/ml)	Sample 6	Sample 6
G	Standard 7 (31 pg/ml)	Standard 7 (31 pg/ml)	Sample 7	Sample 7
Н	Blank	Blank	Sample 8	Sample 8

- e. Add 100 µl of **Assay Buffer (1x)** in duplicate to the **blank wells**.
- f. Add 50 µl of **Assay Buffer (1x)** to the **sample wells**.
- g. Add 50 µl of each prediluted **sample** in duplicate to the **sample** wells.
- h. Prepare Biotin-Conjugate (see Preparation of Biotin-Conjugate 9.3).
- i. Add 50 µl of **Biotin-Conjugate** to all wells.
- j. Cover with an adhesive film and incubate at room temperature (18 to 25°C) for 2 hours, if available on a microplate shaker set at 400 rpm.
- k. Prepare **Streptavidin-HRP** (refer to Preparation of Streptavidin-HRP 9.4).
- Remove adhesive film and empty wells. Wash microwell strips 4 times according to point c. of the test protocol. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- m. Add 100 µl of diluted **Streptavidin-HRP** to all wells, including the blank wells.
- n. Cover with an adhesive film and incubate at room temperature (18° to 25°C) for 1 hour, if available on a microplate shaker set at 400 rpm.
- o. Remove adhesive film and empty wells. **Wash** microwell strips 4 times according to point c. of the test protocol. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- p. Pipette 100 μl of **TMB Substrate Solution** to all wells.
- q. Incubate the microwell strips at room temperature (18° to 25°C) for about 10 min. Avoid direct exposure to intense light.

The colour development on the plate should be monitored and the substrate reaction stopped (see next point of this protocol) before positive wells are no longer properly recordable. Determination of the ideal time period for colour development has to be done individually for each assay.

It is recommended to add the stop solution when the highest standard has developed a dark blue colour. Alternatively the colour development can be monitored by the ELISA reader at 620 nm. The substrate reaction should be stopped as soon as Standard 1 has reached an OD of 0.9 - 0.95.

- r. Stop the enzyme reaction by quickly pipetting 100 µl of **Stop Solution** into each well. It is important that the Stop Solution is spread quickly and uniformly throughout the microwells to completely inactivate the enzyme. Results must be read immediately after the Stop Solution is added or within one hour if the microwell strips are stored at 2 8°C in the dark.
- s. Read absorbance of each microwell on a spectro-photometer using 450 nm as the primary wave length (optionally 620 nm as the reference wave length; 610 nm to 650 nm is acceptable). Blank the plate reader according to the manufacturer's instructions by using the blank wells. Determine the absorbance of both the samples and the standards.

Note: In case of incubation without shaking the obtained O.D. values may be lower than indicated below. Nevertheless the results are still valid.

#### 11 Calculation of Results

- Calculate the average absorbance values for each set of duplicate standards and samples. Duplicates should be within 20 per cent of the mean value.
- Create a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard concentration on the ordinate against the human Resistin concentration on the abscissa. Draw a best fit curve through the points of the graph (a 5-parameter curve fit is recommended).
- To determine the concentration of circulating human Resistin for each sample, first find the mean absorbance value on the ordinate and extend a horizontal line to the standard curve. At the point of intersection, extend a vertical line to the abscissa and read the corresponding human Resistin concentration.
- If instructions in this protocol have been followed, samples have been diluted 1:20 (1:10 external predilution, 1:2 dilution on the plate: 50 μl sample + 50 μl Assay Buffer (1x)) and the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x 20).
- Calculation of samples with a concentration exceeding standard 1 may result in incorrect, low human Resistin levels (Hook Effect). Such samples require further external predilution according to expected human Resistin values with Assay Buffer (1x) in order to precisely quantitate the actual human Resistin level.
- It is suggested that each testing facility establishes a control sample of known human Resistin concentration and runs this additional control with each assay. If the values obtained are not within the expected range of the control, the assay results may be invalid.
- A representative standard curve is shown in Figure 8. This curve cannot be used to derive test results. Each laboratory must prepare a standard curve for each group of microwell strips assayed.

Representative standard curve for human Resistin ELISA. Human Resistin was diluted in serial 2-fold steps in Assay Buffer (1x). Do not use this standard curve to derive test results. A standard curve must be run for each group of microwell strips assayed.

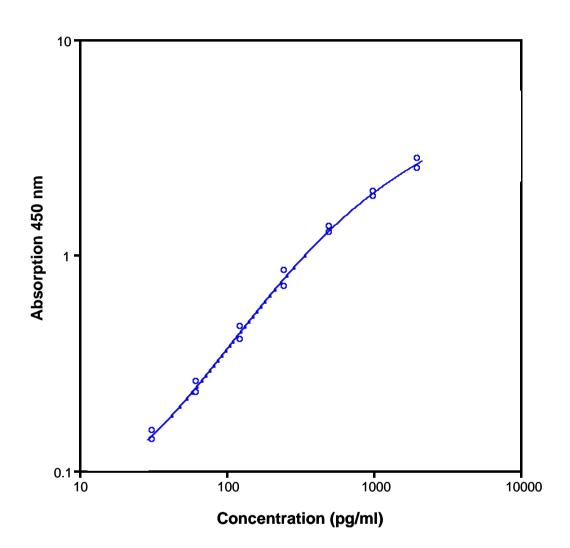


Table 2
Typical data using the human Resistin ELISA

Measuring wavelength: 450 nm Reference wavelength: 620 nm

	Human Resistin		Mean	
	Concentration	O.D. at	O.D. at	C.V.
Standard	(pg/ml)	450 nm	450 nm	(%)
1	2000	2.800	2.657	5.4
	2000	2.515		
2	1000	1.973	1.919	2.8
	1000	1.866		
3	500	1.357	1.312	3.4
	500	1.268		
4	250	0.845	0.779	8.5
	250	0.713		
5	125	0.468	0.487	7.1
	125	0.406		
6	63	0.260	0.244	6.2
	63	0.229		
7	31	0.153	0.146	4.9
	31	0.139		
Blank	0	0.037	0.034	
	0	0.031		

The OD values of the standard curve may vary according to the conditions of assay performance (e.g. operator, pipetting technique, washing technique or temperature effects). Furthermore shelf life of the kit may affect enzymatic activity and thus colour intensity. Values measured are still valid.

#### 12 Limitations

- Since exact conditions may vary from assay to assay, a standard curve must be established for every run.
- Bacterial or fungal contamination of either screen samples or reagents or cross-contamination between reagents may cause erroneous results.
- Disposable pipette tips, flasks or glassware are preferred, reusable glassware must be washed and thoroughly rinsed of all detergents before use.
- Improper or insufficient washing at any stage of the procedure will result in either false positive or false negative results. Empty wells completely before dispensing fresh wash solution, fill with Wash Buffer as indicated for each wash cycle and do not allow wells to sit uncovered or dry for extended periods.

#### 13 Performance Characteristics

## 13.1 Sensitivity

The limit of detection of human Resistin defined as the analyte concentration resulting in an absorbance significantly higher than that of the dilution medium (mean plus 2 standard deviations) was determined to be 3.1 pg/ml (mean of 8 independent assays).

## 13.2 Reproducibility

## 13.2.1 Intra-assay

Reproducibility within the assay was evaluated in 4 independent experiments. Each assay was carried out with 6 replicates of 8 serum samples containing different concentrations of human Resistin. 2 standard curves were run on each plate. Data below show the mean human Resistin concentration and the coefficient of variation for each sample (see Table 3). The calculated overall intra-assay coefficient of variation was 5.1%.

Table 3
The mean human Resistin concentration and the coefficient of variation for each sample

			1
		Mean Human	
		Resistin	Coefficient of
		Concentration	Variation
Sample	Experiment	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	1	3524	10
	2	3467	7
	3	3417	12
	4	2660	3
2	1	3306	9
	2	3303	7
	3	2995	8
	4	2869	5
3	1	4466	4
	2 3	4458	3
	3	4099	5
	4	3957	4
4	1	2036	2
	2	2123	2 5
	3	1924	5
	4	1798	3
5	1	3627	3
	2	3541	5
	3	3353	4
	4	2924	4
6	1	13972	4
	2	14048	3
	2 3	13667	4
	4	11963	4
7	1	8491	4
	2	8298	
	2 3	7861	3 3
	4	7237	5
8	1	5536	5
	2	5154	5
	2 3	4936	6
	4	4532	9

## 13.2.2 Inter-assay

Assay to assay reproducibility within one laboratory was evaluated in 4 independent experiments. Each assay was carried out with 6 replicates of 8 serum samples containing different concentrations of human Resistin. 2 standard curves were run on each plate. Data below show the mean human Resistin concentration and the coefficient of variation calculated on 18 determinations of each sample (see Table 4). The calculated overall inter-assay coefficient of variation was 8.1%.

Table 4
The mean human Resistin concentration and the coefficient of variation of each sample

Sample	Mean Human Resistin Concentration (pg/ml)	Coefficient of Variation (%)
1	3267	12.5
2	3118	7.1
3	4245	6.1
4	1970	7.2
5	3361	9.3
6	13412	7.3
7	7972	7.0
8	5040	8.3

## 13.3 Spike Recovery

The spike recovery was evaluated by spiking of human Resistin into serum, plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin) and cell culture supernatant samples. Recoveries were determined in 4 independent experiments with 2 replicates each.

The amount of endogenous human Resistin in unspiked serum or plasma was subtracted from the spike values.

The overall mean recovery was 85% for serum samples, 65 for EDTA plasma samples, 74% for citrate plasma samples, 60% for heparin plasma samples and 120% for cell culture supernatant samples.

### 13.4 Dilution Parallelism

Serum (1, 2) and plasma (EDTA (3), citrate (4)) samples with different levels of human Resistin were analysed at serial 2 fold dilutions with 4 replicates each.

The overall mean recovery was 102% for serum samples, 94% for EDTA plasma samples and 89% for heparin plasma samples (see Table 5).

Table 5

		Expected Human Resistin Concentration	Observed Human Resistin Concentration	Recovery of Expected Human Resistin Concentration
Sample	Dilution	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(%)
1	1:20		6463	
	1:40	3232	3289	102
	1:80	1616	1686	104
	1:160	808	806	100
2	1:20		5765	
	1:40	2883	2989	104
	1:80	1441	1490	104
	1:160	721	696	97
3	1:20		3793	
	1:40	1897	1866	98
	1:80	948	875	92
	1:160	474	432	91
4	1:20		8751	
	1:40	4376	4084	93
	1:80	2188	2002	92
	1:160	1094	902	82

## 13.5 Sample Stability

## 13.5.1 Freeze-Thaw Stability

Aliquots of serum samples were stored at -20°C and thawed 5 times, and the human Resistin levels determined. There was no significant loss of human Resistin immunoreactivity detected by freezing and thawing.

## 13.5.2 Storage Stability

Aliquots of serum samples were stored at -20°C, 2-8°C, room temperature (RT) and at 37°C, and the human Resistin level determined after 24 h. There was no significant loss of human Resistin immunoreactivity detected during storage at -20°C, 2-8°C and RT under above conditions.

A significant loss of human Resistin immunoreactivity was detected during storage at 37°C after 24 h.

## 13.6 Specificity

The interference of circulating factors of the immune systeme was evaluated by spiking these proteins at physiologically relevant concentrations into a human Resistin positive serum.

There was no crossreactivity detected.

## 13.7 Expected Values

Panels of 28 serum as well as 20 EDTA, citrate and heparin plasma samples from randomly selected apparently healthy donors (males and females) were tested for human Resistin.

For detected human Resistin levels see Table 6.

Table 6

Sample matrix	Minimum (ng/ml)	Maximum (ng/ml)	Mean (ng/ml)	Standard Deviation (ng/ml)
Serum	1856	11044	4319	2353
Plasma (EDTA)	2235	11538	4567	2562
Plasma (Citrate)	1383	6911	4277	1400
Plasma (Heparin)	1711	11123	4435	2671

## 14 Reagent Preparation Summary

## 14.1 Wash Buffer (1x)

Add Wash Buffer Concentrate 20x (50 ml) to 950 ml distilled water.

Number of Strips	Wash Buffer Concentrate (ml)	Distilled Water (ml)
1 - 6	25	475
1 - 12	50	950

## 14.2 Assay Buffer (1x)

Add Assay Buffer Concentrate 20x (5 ml) to 95 ml distilled water.

Number of Strips	Assay Buffer Concentrate (ml)	Distilled Water (ml)
1 - 6	2.5	47.5
1 - 12	5.0	95.0

## 14.3 Biotin-Conjugate

Make a 1:100 dilution of **Biotin-Conjugate** in Assay Buffer (1x):

Number of Strips	Biotin-Conjugate (ml)	Assay Buffer (1x) (ml)
1 - 6	0.03	2.97
1 - 12	0.06	5.94

## 14.4 Streptavidin-HRP

Make a 1:200 dilution of **Streptavidin-HRP** in Assay Buffer (1x):

Number of Strips	Streptavidin-HRP (ml)	Assay Buffer (1x) (ml)
1 - 6	0.03	5.97
1 - 12	0.06	11.94

#### 14.5 Human Resistin Standard

Reconstitute lyophilized **human Resistin standard** with distilled water. (Reconstitution volume is stated on the label of the standard vial.)

## 15 Test Protocol Summary

- 1. Predilute serum and plasma samples with Assay Buffer (1x) 1:10.
- 2. Determine the number of microwell strips required.
- 3. Wash microwell strips twice with Wash Buffer.
- 4. Standard dilution on the microwell plate: Add 100 μl Assay Buffer (1x), in duplicate, to all standard wells. Pipette 100 μl prepared standard into the first wells and create standard dilutions by transferring 100 μl from well to well. Discard 100 μl from the last wells.
  - Alternatively <u>external standard dilution</u> in tubes (see 9.5.1): Pipette 100 µl of these standard dilutions in the microwell strips.
- 5. Add 100 µl Assay Buffer (1x), in duplicate, to the blank wells.
- 6. Add 50 µl Assay Buffer (1x) to sample wells.
- 7. Add 50 µl sample in duplicate, to designated sample wells.
- 8. Prepare Biotin-Conjugate.
- 9. Add 50 µl Biotin-Conjugate to all wells.
- Cover microwell strips and incubate 2 hours at room temperature (18° to 25°C).
- 11. Prepare Streptavidin-HRP.
- 12. Empty and wash microwell strips 4 times with Wash Buffer.
- 13. Add 100 µl diluted Streptavidin-HRP to all wells.
- 14. Cover microwell strips and incubate 1 hour at room temperature (18° to 25°C).
- 15. Empty and wash microwell strips 4 times with Wash Buffer.
- 16. Add 100 µl of TMB Substrate Solution to all wells.
- 17. Incubate the microwell strips for about 10 minutes at room temperature (18° to 25°C).
- 18. Add 100 μl Stop Solution to all wells.
- 19. Blank microwell reader and measure colour intensity at 450 nm.

Note: If instructions in this protocol have been followed, samples have been diluted 1:20 (1:10 external predilution, 1:2 dilution on the plate:  $50 \mu l$  sample +  $50 \mu l$  Assay Buffer (1x)) and the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x 20).