

## SPECIFICITY

Drug	I-50 (ng/mL)	% Cross-Reactivity
Dermorphin	0.2	100
[L-Ala2]-Dermorphin	360	0.056
[Hyp6]-Dermorphin	3.2	6.25
Dermorphin Analog	8500	0.002
Dermorphin (1-4) tetrapeptide-Amide [D-Arg2]	>10,000	<0.002

Dermorphin is a unique peptide because it includes a D-alanine residue rarely found in nature. Attempted synthesis of Dermorphin could potentially result in the creation of a similar peptide containing the L-alanine residue, which renders the peptide essentially inert. Our Dermorphin ELISA test kit is specifically designed for the detection of the D-alanine residue version of Dermorphin and does not have strong cross-reactivity with the synthetic L-alanine form.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For technical assistance, please contact our technical services department at 859/254-1221 or email at [techservice-toxicology@neogen.com](mailto:techservice-toxicology@neogen.com). Representatives are available Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. EST.

**INSERT TO BE USED WITH: Dermorphin**



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# DRUG DETECTION ELISA KIT

## Dermorphin

**DRUG-ENZYME CONJUGATE FORMAT: CONCENTRATED**  
**PACKAGE SIZE: SINGLE 96-WELL OR BULK 480-WELL**

## INTENDED USE

For the determination of trace quantities of drugs and/or other metabolites in equine or canine matrices.

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

This kit can be used until the expiration date on the label when stored refrigerated at 4°C. Store controls at -20°C if not used within 10 days. **Note:** Some kits require controls to be stored frozen immediately upon receipt. Reference kit label for details.

## MATERIALS PROVIDED

	SINGLE (96-WELL)	BULK (480-WELL)
EIA Buffer	40 mL Phosphate Buffer (ready-to-use)	200 mL Phosphate Buffer (ready-to-use)
Wash Buffer Concentrate (10X)	20 mL Phosphate Buffered saline solution. Dilute 1:10 with deionized water prior to use.	100 mL Phosphate Buffered saline solution. Dilute 1:10 with deionized water prior to use.
K-Blue® Substrate	20 mL Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) Light Sensitive (ready-to-use)	100 mL Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) Light Sensitive (ready-to-use)
Drug-Enzyme Conjugate	200 µL drug-horseradish peroxidase conjugate. Dilute 1:180 using enzyme diluent before use.	1 mL drug-horseradish peroxidase conjugate. Dilute 1:180 using enzyme diluent before use.
Enzyme Diluent	30 mL aqueous buffer for dilution of drug-enzyme conjugate.	150 mL aqueous buffer for dilution of drug-enzyme conjugate.
Antibody Coated Plate	96-well Costar plate, in strips of 8 break-away wells. Coated with anti-drug antiserum. The plate is ready for use as is. <b>Do Not Wash</b>	(5) 96-well Costar plates, in strips of 8 break-away wells. Coated with anti-drug antiserum. The plate is ready for use as is. <b>Do Not Wash</b>
Qualitative Positive Control	750 µL provided (synthetic matrix) <b>Do Not Dilute</b>	Optional
Qualitative Negative Control	750 µL provided (synthetic matrix) <b>Do Not Dilute</b>	Optional

## MATERIALS NEEDED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Deionized (DI) water
2. Precision pipettes that range from 10  $\mu\text{L}$  – 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  and disposable tips.
3. Graduated cylinder to dilute and mix wash buffer.
4. Plate cover or plastic film to cover plate during incubation.
5. Clean glassware (i.e. test tubes) to dilute samples.
6. Microplate reader with 650nm filter and optional Microplate shaker.

## OPTIONAL MATERIALS

1. Neogen Red Stop
2. 1N HCl Acid

## SAMPLE TREATMENT

Recommended minimum sample dilutions are listed below. These dilutions may change based on your laboratory's determination. All sample dilutions should be made in Neogen's EIA Buffer.

**Equine/Canine Urine:** A dilution of 1:4. Please contact your Neogen Representative for assistance.

**Equine Serum/Plasma:** A dilution of 1:4. Please contact your Neogen Representative for assistance.

**Other sample types:** Please contact your Neogen Representative for assistance.

## TEST PROCEDURES

The following test procedures can be run manually or on an automated instrument. Please contact your Neogen representative for assistance with protocols for automated instruments.

1. Determine the number of wells to be used.
2. Dilute the concentrated enzyme conjugate 1:180 with the enzyme diluent provided (i.e. 200  $\mu\text{L}$  enzyme conjugate plus 35.8 mL enzyme diluent). Mix the solution by inversion. Do not vortex.
3. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample or control to the appropriate wells in duplicate.  
**Note:** DO NOT dilute Neogen's positive or negative controls.
4. Cover plate with plastic film or plate cover and incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
5. Add 180  $\mu\text{L}$  of diluted drug-enzyme conjugate to each well. Use 8-channel pipetter or 12-channel pipetter for rapid addition.
6. For manual runs, mix by gently shaking plate. A microplate shaker may be used.
7. Cover plate with plastic film or plate cover and incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.

8. Dilute concentrated wash buffer 1:10 with DI water (i.e. 20 mL of concentrated wash buffer plus 180 mL of DI water). Mix thoroughly. Diluted wash buffer is stable for 5 days at room temperature or 7 days at 4°C.
9. Once the incubation is complete, dump the liquid from the wells. Tap the plate on a clean lint-free towel to remove any remaining liquid in the wells.
10. Wash each well with 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of diluted wash buffer. Manual Wash: Repeat for a total of 3 washings, invert and tap dry the plate between each wash. After completing the last wash step wipe the bottom of the wells with a lint-free towel to remove any liquid on the outside of the wells. Automated Wash: Repeat for a total of 5 washings with 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of diluted wash buffer. It is important for the automated washer to conduct a final aspirate cycle to eliminate residual amounts of wash buffer. Residual amounts of buffer in the wells will affect assay performance. NOTE: DI water should never be used for the plate wash.
11. Add 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of the K-Blue Substrate to each well. For manual runs, use a multi-channel pipetter for best results. Mix by shaking plate gently.
12. Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
13. Read results visually or with a microplate reader set at 650 nm. If a dual wavelength is used, set  $W_1$  at 650 nm and  $W_2$  at 490 nm. **Optional:** Add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1N HCl solution or Neogen Corporation's Red Stop Solution to each well to stop the enzyme reaction. When Red Stop Solution is used to stop the reaction, read plate at 650 nm. If 1N HCl solution is used to stop the reaction, read plate at 450 nm.

## RESULTS INTERPRETATION

Each laboratory should determine the cutoff level for their individual application. When possible, cutoff calibrators and/or standards should be prepared in the same matrix being tested.

**Positive Result:** Samples with an absorbance less than or equal to the laboratory's designated cutoff calibrator should be considered positive. All positive samples should be confirmed by a quantitative method such as GC/MS.

**Negative Result:** Samples with an absorbance greater than the laboratory's designated cutoff calibrator should be considered negative.

**Qualitative Controls:** The Neogen positive and negative controls provided in the kit are intended to verify that the test kit is performing properly. The controls are not intended for use as cutoff calibrators. The positive control is spiked at a high concentration and its approximate level can be found on the label. **Note:** The kit was designed for screening purposes only. It is recommended that all suspect samples be confirmed by a quantitative method such as GC/MS or HPLC.