

For the quantitative determination of Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A concentrations in cell culture supernatants, serum, and plasma.

INTRODUCTION

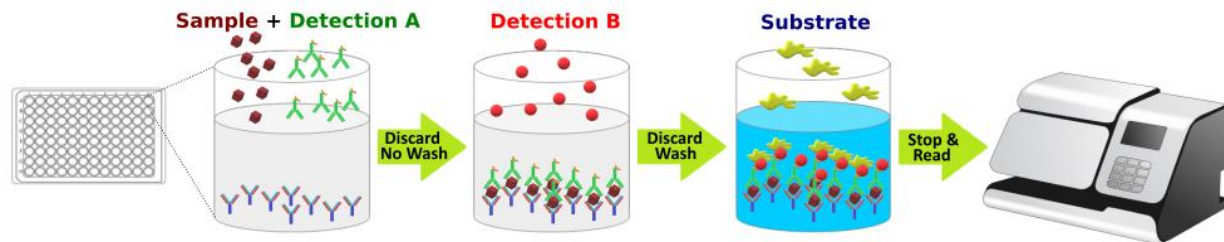
Botulinum neurotoxin type A is one of the seven serotypes of Botulinum Neurotoxins (BoNTs) produced by the bacteria *Clostridium botulinum*. BoNTs are synthesized as inactive single chain protein precursors and activated by proteolytic cleavage to generate disulfide-linked two-chain proteins. BoNTs are the most potent protein toxins for humans. As zinc proteases, they cleave SNARE proteins to elicit flaccid paralysis even death in botulism by blocking acetylcholine release at the neuromuscular junction. Foodborne botulism can happen when foods are contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum* spores. Low-acid foods are the most common sources of botulism, including asparagus, green beans, beets, corn, and potatoes, some fruits (tomatoes and figs), milk, all meats, fish, and other seafood.

Tribioscience’s Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) ELISA is designed to quantitatively detect Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) levels in serum, plasma, and other biological samples. The main feature is that [the kit uses our novel proprietary approaches to combine samples and detections into a one-step instead of the complicated traditional methods. It makes the assay simple, easy, accurate, and fast \(Fig. 1\). The detection range is from 46.9 to 3000 pg/mL.](#) The levels of Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) samples are parallel to the standard curves obtained using the kit standards linearly. Therefore, the kit can be used to determine relative mass values for natural Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) protein.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique (See Fig. 1). A monoclonal antibody specific for Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) was pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells, and then incubated with a Biotin-conjugated detection antibody specific for BoNT-A. Following streptavidin-HRP binding and wash to remove any unbound antibodies and samples, an ultra-sensitive TMB substrate solution is added to the wells for color development. The color intensity is in proportion to the amount of bound in the initial step. The intensity of the color is measured by plate read at 450 nm.

Fig. 1 Assay Principle



KIT CONTENT AND STORAGE CONDITIONS

PART	PART#	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE OF OPENED/ RECONSTITUTED
Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A Microplate	TBS31007A	96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a monoclonal antibody specific for BoNT-A.	Return unused wells to the foil pouch. Reseal along the entire edge of the zip-seal. May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.
Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A Standard	TBS31007B	50 µl of Recombinant Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (30 ng/mL).	Aliquot and store at -20 °C for up to 1 month in a manual defrost freezer. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Detection A	TBS31007C	2.1 mL of biotin-Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A antibody.	May be stored for up to 3 months at 2-8 °C.
Detection B	TBS31007D	200 µL of streptavidin HRP.	
Assay Diluent	TBS31007E	25 mL of a buffered protein base with preservatives.	
Wash Buffer	TBS3000W	12 mL of concentrated solution (10x).	
TMB Substrate	TBS3000T	12 mL of ultra-sensitive TMB substrate.	
Stop Solution	TBS3000S	6 mL of 2 N sulfuric acid.	

Store the unopened kit at 2-8 °C. Do not use past kit expiration date. The kit contains sufficient materials to run an ELISA on one 96 well plate.

PRECAUTIONS

Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

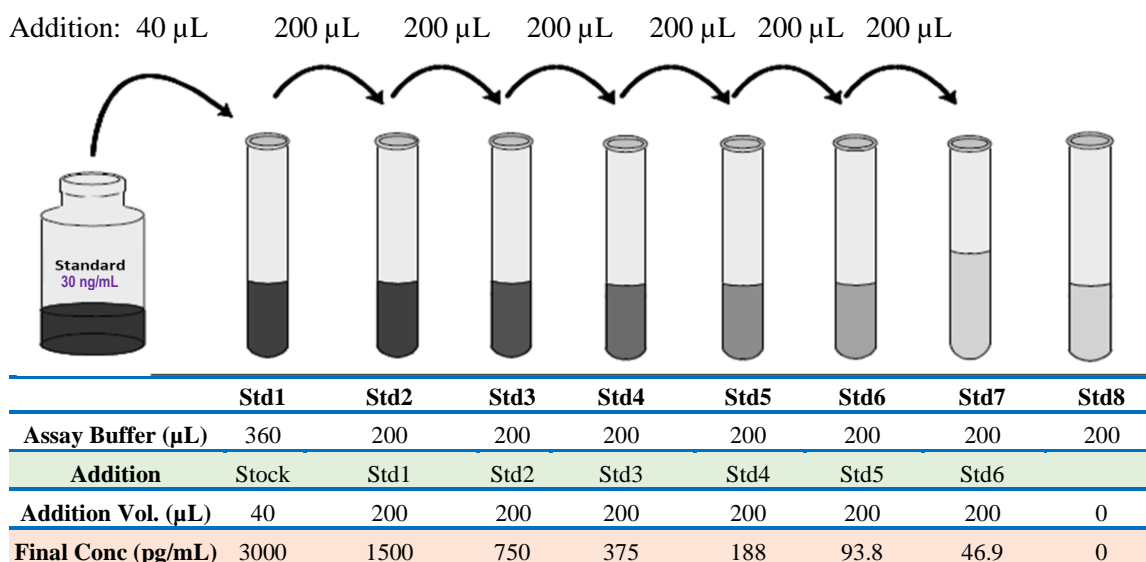
Wash Buffer: Add 12 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate (10x) to 108 mL of deionized distilled water to prepare 120 mL of Wash Buffer (*If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved*).

Detection B working solution preparation: Add 150 µL of **Detection B** streptavidin-HRP to 12 mL Assay Diluent (TBS31007E) to prepare Detection B working solution.

Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) Standard Preparation: Label test tubes as #1 through #8. Pipet 360 µL of 1x Assay Diluent into tube #1, and 200 µL into tubes #2 to #8 **as diagram below**.

1. Add 40 µL of the Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) Standard stock solution (30 ng/mL) to tube #1 and mix.
2. Make 2x serial dilutions of the standard using Tube #1(3000 pg/mL standard solution) from Tube #2 through #7 with sequential transfer of 200 µL to the next concentration. Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The standard concentration in tube 1 through 7 will be 3000, 1500, 750, 375, 188, 93.8 and 46.9 pg/mL. Tube# 8 is Standard 8 (0 pg/mL).

Fig.2 Diagram for Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNT-A) standard preparation



ASSAY PROCEDURE

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that all standards, controls, and samples be assayed in duplicate.

1. Add 80 µL of standard, sample, or control per well.
2. Add 20 µL of **Detection A** to the above standard and sample of each well, thoroughly mix. Cover with the adhesive sealer. Incubate at **RT for 2 hours with shaking**.
3. Aspirate each well (no wash). Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
4. Add 100 µL of **Detection B working solution** to each well. Incubate at **RT for 1 hour with shaking**.
5. Aspirate each well, and wash 3 times by filling each well with 300 µL Wash Buffer (*Complete removal of the liquid at each step is essential to good performance*). After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
6. Add 100 µL of **TMB Substrate** to each well. Incubate **at RT for 10-20 minutes with shaking** (*Protect from light*). The color becomes blue.
7. Add 50 µL of **Stop Solution** to each well. The color in the well should change from blue to yellow (gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing).

- Determine the optical density of each well within 20 minutes, using a microplate reader at 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 542 nm or 570 nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 542 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample subtract the average zero standard optical density (O.D.).

Create a standard curve using computer software capable of generating a four-parameter logistic (4-PL) curve-fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the Y-axis against the concentration on the X-axis and draw a best-fit curve through the points on the graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the human concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data.

TYPICAL DATA

This standard curve ($R^2=0.9972$) is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. Fig. 3 is an example of typical Data.

SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable dose (MOD) of BoNT-A is typically 46 pg/mL.

The Intra-assay CV and the Inter-assay CV are <10%.

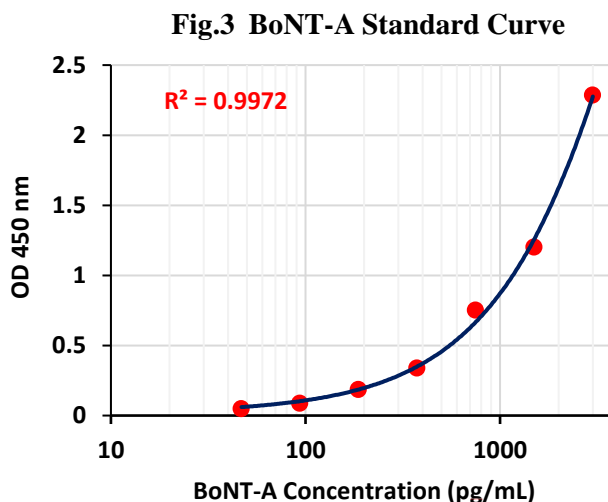
SPECIFICITY

This assay recognizes natural and recombinant BoNT-A.

No cross-reactivity with others.

RELATIVE PRODUCTS

- Human p-Tau-217 ELISA (TBS3293)
- Human p-Tau-181 ELISA (TBS3294)
- Human Total Tau ELISA (TBS3295)
- Human p-Tau-231 ELISA (TBS3296)
- Human AD7c NTP (TBS3297)
- Human Amyloid β 40 ELISA (TBS3298)
- Human NF-L ELISA (TBS32101)
- Human Total Amyloid β ELISA (TBS32104)
- Human UCHL1/PGP9.5 ELISA (TBS32107)
- Human Gamma H2AX ELISA (TBS3265)
- Human H2AX ELISA (TBS3266)
- Human IL-4 ELISA (TBS3221)
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- Human IL-6 ELISA (TBS3223)
- Human IL-7 ELISA (TBS3224)
- Human IL-8 ELISA (TBS3225)
- Human IL-10 ELISA (TBS3226)
- Human IL-13 ELISA (TBS3227)
- Human IL-17 ELISA (TBS3228)
- Human IL-22 ELISA (TBS3229)
- Human IL-33 ELISA (TBS4245)
- Human IFN-gamma ELISA (TBS3230)
- Human TGF- β 1 ELISA (TBS3232)
- Human GM-CSF ELISA (TBS3233)



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