

# EndoLISA<sup>®</sup>

**Endotoxin Detection Assay based on ELISA-technology**

Fluorescence microplate assay using a phage-derived capture molecule and a recombinant Factor C derived from horseshoe crab



# Package Insert EndoLISA<sup>®</sup>

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**192 tests**

For laboratory and research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

**Store the kit at 2 to 8°C**

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## Abbreviations used:

DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid
EGTA	Ethylene glycol tetraacetic acid
EU	Endotoxin Unit (1 EU corresponds to 0.1 ng LPS (FDA RSE <i>E. coli</i> O113 EC-6))
LAL	Limulus amoebocyte lysate
LLOQ	Lower limit of quantification
LPS	Lipopolysaccharide
MTP	Microtiter plate
rfu	Relative fluorescence unit
rpm	Revolutions per minute
RSE	Reference Standard Endotoxin

## 1. General Information

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### 1.1 Intended Use

**Intended use** EndoLISA® is intended for *in vitro* quantitative determination of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) in pharmaceutical and biological end-products, in-process control and research samples.

**Warning:** For *laboratory and research* use only. EndoLISA® is not intended for the diagnosis of human or animal diseases.

**Note:** EndoLISA® is not suitable for the detection of endotoxin in serum, plasma and blood samples.

**Number of tests** The kit contains reagents for 192 tests.

### 1.2 Kit Components

Kit components	Component	Container	Content	Description
	1 EndoLISA® Plate	Aluminium bag	2 plates	Pre-coated microplates; a total of 12 modules with 16 wells each
	2 Water (endotoxin-free)	Plastic bottle, blue cap	2 x 60 ml	Endotoxin-free water for reconstitution of the standard and dilution of samples and standard
	3 Binding Buffer (6x)	Glass bottle, white cap	2 x 2.5 ml	Binding buffer, 6-fold concentrated, ready-to-use
	4 Endotoxin Standard	Glass bottle, red cap	2 bottles	Endotoxin standard, lyophilized, containing approx. 1000 EU of LPS from <i>E. coli</i> O55,:B5
	5 Wash Buffer	Plastic bottle, yellow cap	2 x 75 ml	Wash buffer; ready-to-use
	6 Enzyme	Plastic bottle, transparent cap	2.5 ml	Enzyme solution for the detection of LPS, 10-fold concentrated
	7 Substrate	Brown plastic bottle, brown cap	2.5 ml	Fluorescence substrate, 10-fold concentrated
	8 Assay Buffer	Brown plastic bottle, brown cap	2 x 12 ml	Assay Buffer, to be combined with Substrate (7) and Enzyme (6)
	9 Cover Foil		2 pieces	Adhesive cover foils to be used during binding step

### 1.3 Specifications

**Assay range** 0 to 500 EU/ml

**Sensitivity** LLOQ = 0.05 EU/ml

**Assay time** 3 hours and 30 minutes

**Storage and stability** Unopened kits are stable at 2 to 8°C until the expiry date printed on the label. For more information on storage and stability of the individual components, please refer to the table in chapter 5.

## 2. Safety Information

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**Safety precautions** The kit reagents are not considered to be hazardous. The toxicological properties of the reagents provided with the kit have not been tested. A Material Safety Data Sheet according to EC Directive 91/155/EEC is available at [www.endolisa.com](http://www.endolisa.com)

### 3. Avoiding Contaminations

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<b>Endotoxin-free conditions</b>	All materials used, such as containers and pipette tips, should be purchased endotoxin-free.  <b>Important:</b> For preparing samples and standard dilutions, glass test tubes should be used, since endotoxin may adhere to hydrophobic plastic surfaces.
<b>Treatment of glass materials</b>	After standard cleaning procedure, glass materials should be rinsed with ultrapure water and have to be "baked" at 200°C for 4h. Use aluminum caps or aluminum foil to cover openings.
<b>Handling of sample material</b>	Samples should be stored refrigerated or frozen. Treat samples carefully in order to avoid microbial or endotoxin contamination. All materials in direct contact with the specimen or test reagents must be endotoxin-free.

### 4. Instrumentation and Software

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<b>Vortex</b>	To reconstitue the LPS standard mix thoroughly by vortexing at 1400 rpm for 10 minutes. Sample dilutions and standard dilutions should be mixed vigorously for 2 minutes. This is best achieved by using a Multi-tube Vortex (e.g. Heidolph Multi Reax test tube shaker).														
<b>Incubator / plate shaker</b>	The incubation steps of EndoLISA® are performed at 37°C. Thorough mixing substantially improves binding kinetics and reduces the standard deviation of replicates.														
<b>Fluorescence reader</b>	Microplate fluorescence readers from different suppliers may be used for reading of EndoLISA® results. EndoLISA® has been developed and validated on an FLx800™ reader supplied by BioTek Instruments ( <a href="http://www.biotek.com">www.biotek.com</a> ). All validation results have been generated on this instrument with settings as described below. Using other hardware, these instrument parameters may be used as orientation but should be validated.  Instrument settings: <table><tr><td>Temperature</td><td>37°C</td></tr><tr><td>Excitation filter (nm/band)</td><td>380/20</td></tr><tr><td>Emission filter (nm/band)</td><td>440/40</td></tr><tr><td>Reading orientation</td><td>from top</td></tr><tr><td>Readings per well</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Shaking mode</td><td>off</td></tr><tr><td>Sensitivity (scale = 0% to100 %)</td><td>5-10% at 5 EU/ml</td></tr></table>	Temperature	37°C	Excitation filter (nm/band)	380/20	Emission filter (nm/band)	440/40	Reading orientation	from top	Readings per well	10	Shaking mode	off	Sensitivity (scale = 0% to100 %)	5-10% at 5 EU/ml
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<b>Adjustment of instrument sensitivity (gain)</b>	Fluorescence detection provides a dynamic range of 4 orders of magnitude. When performing EndoLISA® for the first time, the sensitivity setting (gain) of the reader has to be adjusted. The optimal slope for the standard curve is achieved when the signal of the third standard (5 EU/ml) is adjusted between 5% and 10% of the maximum detectable signal of the reader. For example, the range of the FLx800™ Reader is between 0 to 99.000 rfu. For this instrument, the third standard should be adjusted between 5.000 rfu and 10.000 rfu.														
<b>Calculation software</b>	For standard curve fitting and calculation of the endotoxin content of unknown samples a calculation software is required. Most preferably, the EndoLISA® data of the standard curve should be modelled by a 4 parameter logistic function. Alternatively, a linear model can be used.  When using the FLx800™ reader from BioTek Instruments, the <b>Gen5™ software</b> for standard curve calculation should be used. Using this software the software settings can be downloaded on the EndoLISA® website: <a href="http://www.endolisa.com">www.endolisa.com</a> (Attention: The gain settings must be adjusted for each reader individually)														

## 5. Reagent Preparation

### Use of kit components, stability and storage conditions

Reagent	Preparation	Stability and storage conditions of working solutions
1: EndoLISA® Plate	Open sealed bag and remove the frame with the desired number of strips. Store unused strips in the reclosable zipper bag.	Once opened the strips are stable for 3 months when stored dry at 2-8°C
2: Water (endotoxin-free)	Ready-to use	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
3: Binding Buffer 6x	Ready-to use	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
4: Endotoxin Standard ( <i>E. coli</i> O55:B5)	The reconstitution volume is printed on the label; resolve lyophilized standard with water (bottle 2); mix for at least 10 minutes while vortexing vigorously.	Stable for 1 week when stored at 2-8°C or until expiry date of the kit when stored frozen in aliquots at -20°C. Freeze and thaw only once.
5: Wash Buffer	Ready-to use	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
6: Enzyme	For Assay Reagent preparation	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
7: Substrate	For Assay Reagent preparation	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
8: Assay Buffer	For Assay Reagent preparation	Stable until expiry date of the kit when stored at 2-8°C
9: Cover Foils	Self-adhesive foils for single use; cut off the required size and remove protective membrane	Stable

### Reagents to be prepared from kit components

#### Reconstitution of LPS Standard:

- The volume to be used for reconstitution of the LPS Standard (bottle 4) is indicated on the label.
- For reconstitution, pipette the indicated amount of endotoxin-free Water (bottle 2) into bottle 4.

**Important:** Use new pipette tips for every pipetting step to avoid contamination of the endotoxin-free water.

- Close the bottle, mix thoroughly by vortexing at 1400 rpm for 10 minutes.

#### Assay Reagent:

The Assay Reagent should be prepared shortly before use in the detection step (see chapter 6.6 Assay Procedure).

Required amounts are indicated in the table below. Combine 8 parts of Assay Buffer (bottle 8), 1 part of Substrate (bottle 7) and 1 part of Enzyme (bottle 6). Mix carefully - do not vortex.

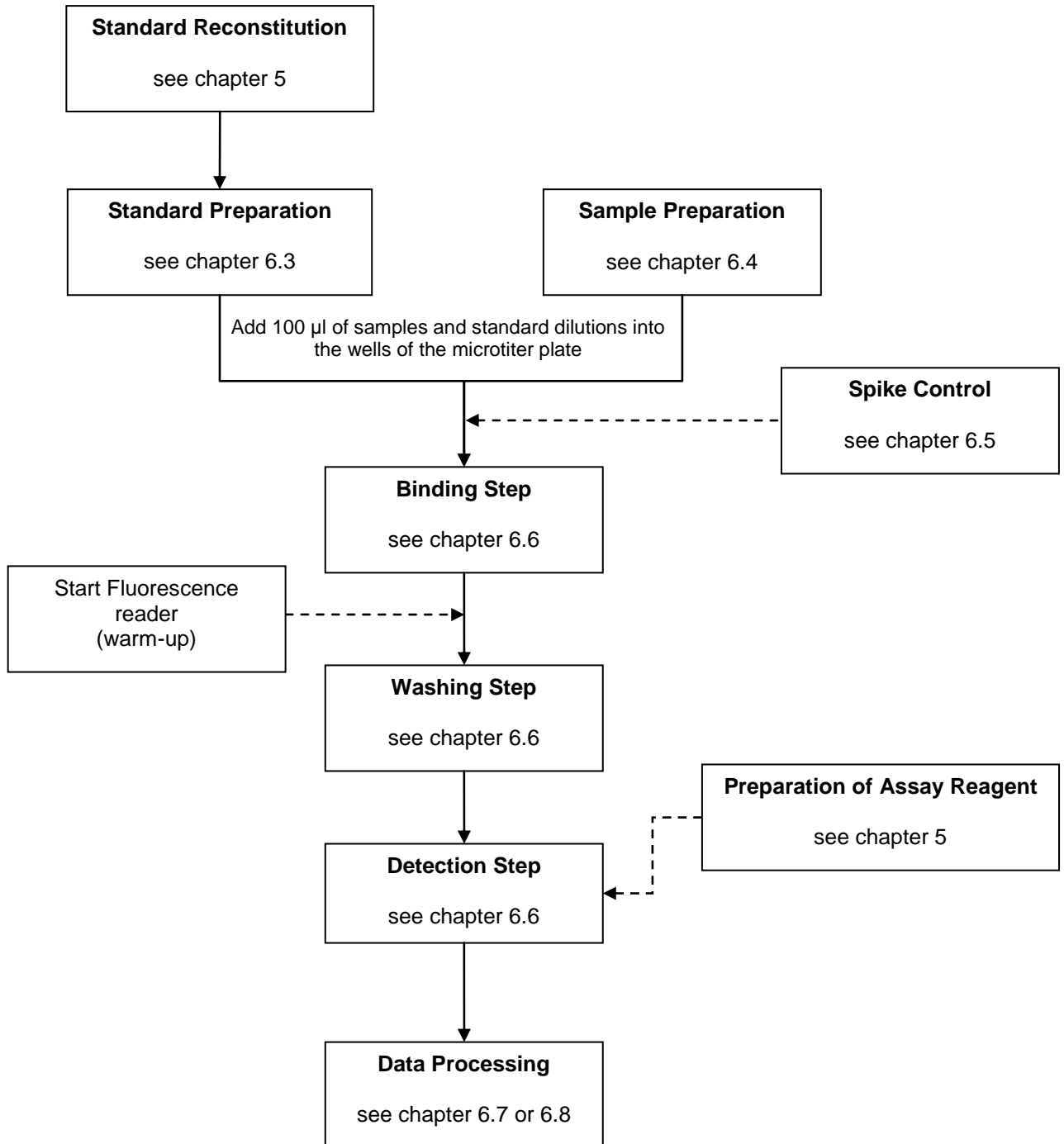
Assemble the indicated volumes in an endotoxin-free reagent reservoir:

Assay Reagent	Assay Buffer	Substrate	Enzyme
2 ml for 16 reactions	1.6 ml	0.2 ml	0.2 ml
4 ml for 32 reactions	3.2 ml	0.4 ml	0.4 ml
6 ml for 48 reactions	4.8 ml	0.6 ml	0.6 ml
8 ml for 64 reactions	6.4 ml	0.8 ml	0.8 ml
10 ml for 80 reactions	8.0 ml	1.0 ml	1.0 ml
12 ml for 96 reactions	9.6 ml	1.2 ml	1.2 ml

## 6. Assay Protocol

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### 6.1 Overview Assay Procedure



## 6.2 General Handling Instructions

<b>Handling instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All reagents needed for running EndoLISA® are supplied with the kit.</li> <li>▪ Be careful not to contaminate the kit components in use.</li> <li>▪ Let all reagents reach room temperature (20-25°C) before use.</li> <li>▪ Pipette carefully to ensure accurate transfer of the small volumes.</li> <li>▪ Perform a standard curve in parallel to each test series.</li> <li>▪ Perform all measurements in duplicates.</li> <li>▪ Reagents and MTP modules from different lots <b>MUST NOT</b> be mixed and used in one test series.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pipettes</li> <li>▪ Multi channel pipette</li> <li>▪ Dispensing pipette</li> <li>▪ Pipette tips, endotoxin-free</li> <li>▪ Dispensing pipette tips, endotoxin free</li> <li>▪ Glass test tubes, endotoxin-free</li> <li>▪ Reagent reservoir, endotoxin-free</li> </ul>
<b>Instruments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vortexer, 0-1500 rpm</li> <li>▪ Incubator 37°C</li> <li>▪ Plate shaker, 0-800 rpm</li> <li>▪ Fluorescence reader, temperature controlled</li> </ul>

## 6.3 Standard Preparation

Serial dilution of LPS Standard:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The reconstituted LPS Standard has a concentration of 500 EU/ml (= first standard concentration). For reconstitution of the Endotoxin Standard see section 5.</li> <li>▪ For preparation of the dilution series use endotoxin-free glass test tubes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Important:</b> Dilution in plastic vials may lead to poor recovery at lower concentrations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pipette 900 µl of endotoxin-free water into each tube prepared for the dilution series.</li> <li>▪ Add 100 µl of the reconstituted LPS Standard to prepare the second standard. Close the vial and mix thoroughly by vortex at 1400 rpm for 2 minutes (resulting concentration is 50 EU/ml).</li> <li>▪ Repeat the subsequent 1:10 dilution steps accordingly to prepare the remaining concentrations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Important:</b> Vortexing at 1400 rpm between each dilution step as well as before pipetting into the MTP is essential to generate reliable results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use endotoxin free water as zero standard (blank).</li> <li>▪ Standard dilutions are stable for 8h when stored at 2-8°C.</li> </ul>
Standard concentrations :	Depending on the used calculation method different standard concentrations have to be prepared:

	Non-linear regression model	Linear regression model
500 EU/ml	+	-
50 EU/ml	+	+
5 EU/ml	+	+
0.5 EU/ml	+	+
0.05 EU/ml	+	+
0.005 EU/ml	optional	-
0 EU/ml	-	+

## 6.4 Sample Preparation

<b>Sample preparation/ sample dilution</b>	<p>Many samples can be analyzed undiluted, but certain substances, concentrated samples and complex samples may disturb the assay (see section 6.10). In these cases a sample dilution of 1:5 in endotoxin-free Water (2) is recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ For sample dilution use endotoxin-free glass test tubes.</li><li>▪ Pipette 400 µl of endotoxin-free Water (2) into a vial and add 100 µl of sample. Vortex for 2 minutes.</li></ul> <p><b>Important:</b> Protein concentration in samples should not exceed 5 mg/ml.</p>
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## 6.5 Spike Control

<b>Spiking of samples</b>	Spiking of samples can be used to validate if sample components interfere with the assay and dilution is required (see section 6.10 for interference parameter).
<b>Spike material</b>	The LPS Standard provided with the kit can be used for spike control.
<b>Spike concentration</b>	<p>The LPS concentration of the spike should ideally be in the range of the expected LPS content of a given sample. It is recommended to use a spike concentration of 5 EU/ml for the samples.</p> <p><u>Example:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Add 10 µl of the 50 EU/ml standard to a sample (spike = 5 EU/ml).</li></ul>
<b>Validity criteria</b>	A result can be considered as valid, if the spike recovery is in the range of 50% to 200%. Samples with insufficient spike recovery have to be diluted.
<b>Recommended protocol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pipette four replicates of the sample, 100 µl each.</li><li>▪ Add 10 µl of the 50 EU/ml standard to two of the four wells.</li><li>▪ Mix plate on a plate shaker for 2 minutes at 800 rpm.</li><li>▪ Proceed as described in section 6.6 binding step</li></ul> <p><b>Important:</b> Make sure that the standard used for spiking is vortexed prior to use.</p>



## 6.6 Assay Procedure

- Filling of MTP**
- Select the required number of strips and fix it into the frame. Duplicate determinations are recommended.
  - Pipette 100 µl of sample or standard-dilution into the respective wells. The samples and the standard-dilution must be mixed thoroughly shortly before pipetting into the respective wells.
  - If required perform spiking as described in section 6.5
- Important:** Make sure that sample and standard are vortexed prior to use.
- Binding step**
- Add 20 µl of 6x Binding Buffer to each well of standard and sample. Pipette carefully and use fresh tips to avoid cross-contamination.
  - Seal the wells with cover foil.
  - Incubate plate at 37°C for 90 minutes with continuous mixing at 450 rpm.
- Important:** Complex or concentrated samples may require a prolonged binding step (90 min to 18h) since LPS tends to interact with protein or amphiphilic components of the matrix and therefore requires more time to reach binding equilibrium
- Start reader**
- Be sure to start the fluorescence reader in time in order to reach the working temperature of 37°C.
- Washing step**
- Pour out the liquid by rapidly inverting the plate and dashing the liquid into a basin.
  - Carefully pat dry the plate on a paper towel (top down). **Do not knock the plate** on the bench in any case.
  - Add 150 µl of Wash Buffer (5) to each well using a multi-channel pipette.
  - Repeat the washing step twice.
  - Finally pour out the liquid by rapidly inverting the plate and dashing the liquid into a basin.
  - Carefully pat the plate dry on a paper towel (top down).
- Important:** To reduce risk of cross contamination during the washing procedure avoid back-splashing of liquid while pouring the liquid out of plate! Avoid contacting the walls of the MTP wells with the pipette tips during dispensing the Wash Buffer. If so, change pipette tips!
- Proceed immediately to the detection step.
- Detection step**
- Prepare 120 µl Assay Reagent (prepared in section 5.) for each well.
  - Place the microplate close to or in the reader and add 100 µl of Assay Reagent to each well.
- Important:** Use a multi-channel pipette or a dispensing pipette in order to reduce the hands-on time.
- Close the reader and wait 1 min to allow the temperature to adjust.
  - Read fluorescence signals at time point zero (first reading).
  - Incubate the plate at 37°C (incubator or fluorescence reader).
- Important:** Do not shake the microtiter plate in the fluorescence reader.
- Read fluorescence signals after 90 minutes (second reading).
- Important:** Longer reaction time may increase sensitivity of test.

## 6.7 Standard Curve analysis using 4-Parameter Logistic Regression Model

- Data processing**
- Subtract zero minute values from 90 minute values
  - Calculate standard curve according to the following equation:

$$Y = (A-D)/(1+(X/C)^B)+D$$

with a fit weight:  $1/y^2$

- Calculate the sample EU/ml values according to the standard curve parameters
- Calculate regression coefficient (r values should be above 0.98)
- The back calculated value of the 50 – 0,05 EU/ml standard should be in the range of 60 % to 140 %

## 6.8 Standard Curve analysis using Linear Regression Model

- Data export**
- Export data (time point zero and time point 90 minutes) into a spreadsheet program

- Zero correction**
- Subtract time point zero data from time point 90 minute data.
  - Calculate the mean value of the zero standard (blank).
  - Calculate the mean values of the duplicates of standards and samples.
  - Subtract the mean value of the zero standard from the mean values of standards/samples.
  - Calculate the logarithm of rfu-values and of the concentration of the standards (EU/ml).

- Standard curve**
- Plot the standard curve (log(EU/ml) vs. log(rfu)).
  - Calculate function by fitting to a linear equation.

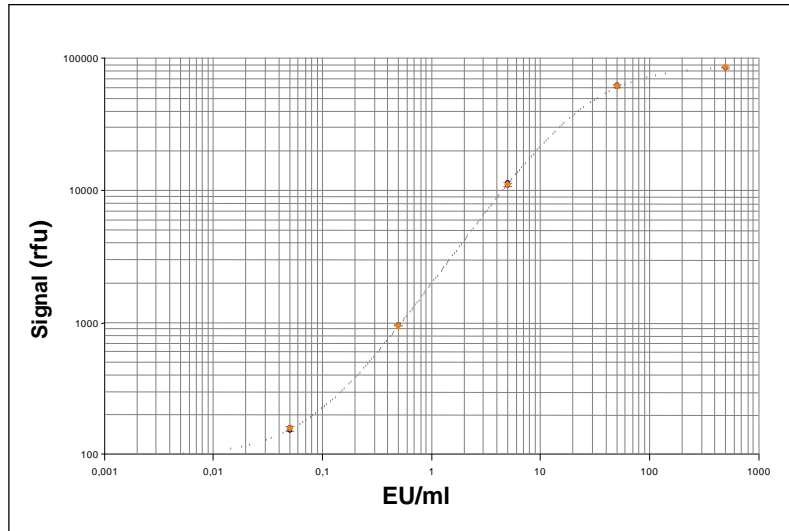
$$Y = A+ BX$$

- Calculate regression coefficient (r should be above 0.98).

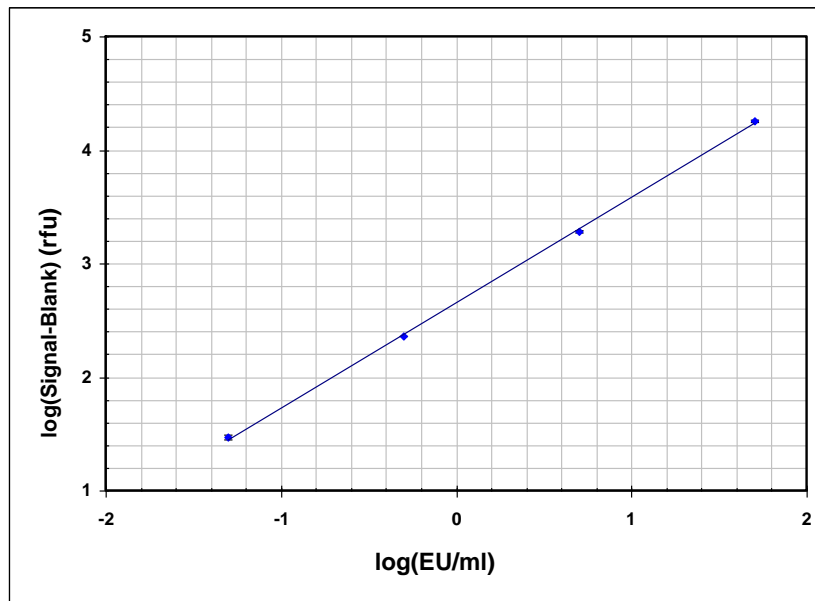
- Sample values**
- Calculate EU/ml values of samples on the basis of the linear equation.
  - Multiply results with the dilution factor of sample.

## 6.9 Typical Standard Curves

1. EndoLISA®  
standard curve  
(4-Parameter  
logistic non-linear  
regression model)  
Fig.1



2. EndoLISA®  
standard curve  
(linear regression  
model)  
Fig.2



## 6.10 Influencing Parameters and Limitations

<b>Temperature</b>	The recommended temperature to perform EndoLISA® is 37°C. All reagents should be used at room temperature. LPS binding can be performed at room temperature for 2-6 hours or overnight. For the detection reaction the temperature of 37°C is mandatory.
<b>Agitation</b>	Shaking at 300-500 rpm substantially enhances binding kinetic and to a less extent the kinetic of substrate reaction.
<b>pH</b>	The LPS binding step is not influenced in the pH range between 4.0 and 9.0. If the buffer capacity of the sample is moderate, the Binding Buffer is sufficient to keep the optimal working range. Samples with extreme pH values have to be neutralized before testing.
<b>Salt concentration</b>	Total salt concentration in a sample should not exceed 1 M. In case of higher concentration dilution is required.
<b>Detergents</b>	Detergents at high concentrations (> 0.1%) may interfere with the binding step. Interference can be checked by spiking experiments.
<b>Chelating agents</b>	Chelating agents (e.g. EDTA, EGTA) in the sample should not exceed 0.1 mM. If higher concentrations are present, dilution is required or the chelating agent has to be neutralized with magnesium. Citrate is tolerated up to 5 mM.
<b>Chaotropic agents</b>	High concentrations of chaotropic agents do not interfere with the EndoLISA. For example, guanidine hydrochloride and urea are tolerated up to 1 M and 6 M, respectively
<b>Organic solvents</b>	Interference of organic solvents has to be tested. DMSO is tolerated up to 10%. Methanol, ethanol and 2-propanol are tolerated up to 20%, 30% and 20% respectively.

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## 7. Experienced User Protocol

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For first time users it is recommended to refer to the more detailed Assay Protocol (section 6).

1. Getting started: Ensure that all reagents have reached room temperature (20-25°C) before use.
2. Reconstitution of Endotoxin Standard: Dissolve the Standard in Water (endotoxin-free; bottle 2) with the volume indicated on the bottle. Vortex vigorously for at least 10 minutes.  
*Note*: Endotoxin concentration of the stock solution is 500 EU/ml  
**Important**: Also vortex your samples, to ensure proper homogeneity.
3. Dilution: Dilute Endotoxin Standard for the standard curve. A final volume of 100 µl is needed for each well. Keep duplicate determinations in mind. Recommended dilution factor is 10 (50 EU/ml; ...; 0,005 EU/ml). Vortex for 2 min, before preparing the next dilution step.  
*Optional*: Samples may require dilution (for more information see section 6.4).  
After your dilution series is complete, vortex again for 10 min.
4. MTP: Select the required number of strips and fix them into the frame.
5. Filling of MTP: Pipette 100 µl of each preparation into the respective wells. Duplicate determinations are recommended.  
*Note*: Include blank control  
*Optional*: Spiking of the samples: To ensure measurability of endotoxins in the sample add 10 µl of the 50 EU/ml endotoxin dilution to 100 µl sample.  
Cover the plate with the lid and mix for 1 min.
6. Binding step: Add 20 µl of 6x Binding Buffer to each well of standard and sample. Seal the wells with cover foil and incubate plate at 37°C for 90 minutes at 450 rpm.
7. Start reader: Start the fluorescence reader in time in order to reach the working temperature of 37°C.
8. Washing step: Pour out the liquid into a basin. Wash each well with 3x 150 µl Wash Buffer.  
**Important**: Do not knock the plate on the bench in any case. Carefully pat the plate dry on a paper towel (top down).
9. Detection step: Prepare 120 µl Assay Reagent for each well by combining 8 parts of Assay Buffer, 1 part of Substrate and 1 part of Enzyme. Mix carefully - do not vortex. Add 100 µl of Assay Reagent to each well.
10. Reader: Measure fluorescence signals at time point zero (first reading). Incubate the plate at 37°C (incubator or fluorescence reader). Measure fluorescence signals after 90 minutes (second reading).

## 8. Test Principle

<b>Endotoxin</b>	Endotoxins are bacterial cell wall constituents which are recognized by the human immune system and triggers severe physiological reactions. The main endotoxin of gram-negative bacteria is lipopolysaccharide (LPS). LPS is composed of a conserved part (lipid A + conserved core carbohydrate structure) and a highly variable part (O-antigen).
<b>Phage binding proteins</b>	Certain receptor proteins from bacteriophages specifically bind to the conserved carbohydrate structures of lipid A. Such proteins are used to immobilize LPS to the surface of the EndoLISA <sup>®</sup> assay plate.
<b>Removal of interfering matrix</b>	Existing endotoxin assays (LAL-assays) are in principal highly specific and sensitive. However, as they are homogenous assays, their functionality is often disturbed by interfering substances included in a sample. Therefore dilution of the sample is required at the expense of sensitivity. With immobilizing LPS and introducing a washing step, the interfering matrix is removed in EndoLISA <sup>®</sup> , without necessity for extensive dilution.
<b>Recombinant Factor C (rFC)</b>	In blood cells of horseshoe crabs, the amebocytes, a coagulation cascade has been evolved to resist infections caused by gram-negative bacteria. The principal receptor of this proteolytic cascade is a protein named Factor C. Factor C is a zymogene (precursor of a protease) that becomes activated by lipid A. In combination with a synthetic fluorescence substrate, a preparation of Factor C is used for detection of the immobilized LPS. EndoLISA <sup>®</sup> uses a recombinant Factor C (rFC) which is not derived from the blood of the horseshoe crabs.

### Test Principle EndoLISA<sup>®</sup> - Schematic Overview

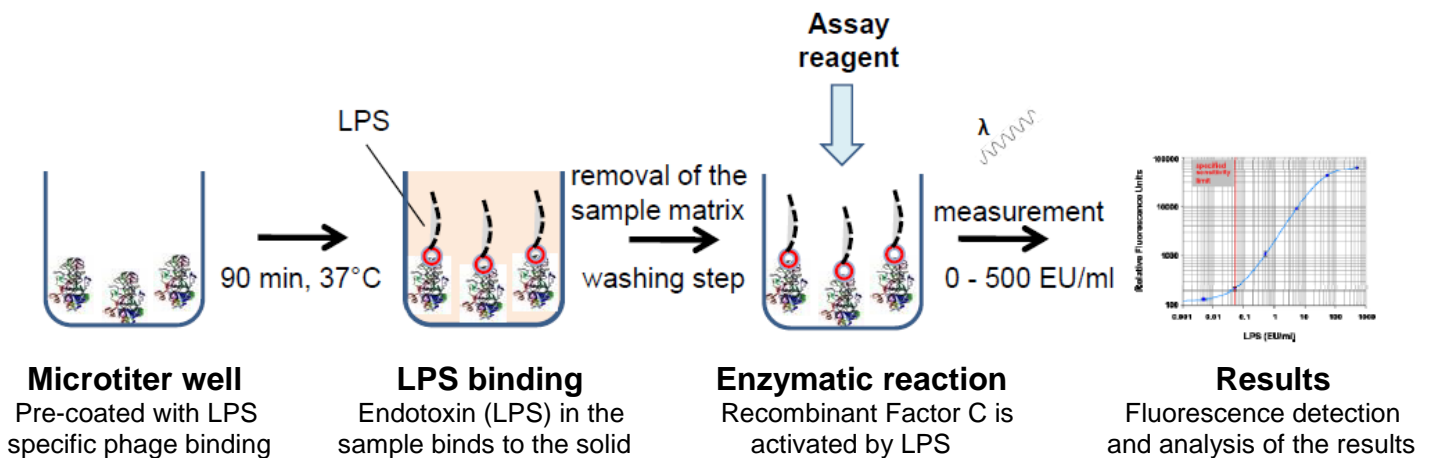


Fig.3 Principle of EndoLISA<sup>®</sup> test for endotoxin detection. Endotoxin binds to the LPS specific phage binding protein of the pre-coated microtiter plate. Subsequently the sample matrix is removed by a washing step. The assay reagent contains recombinant Factor C (rFC) and a substrate. LPS binding activates the recombinant Factor C (rFC) and the active form of the enzyme modifies the substrate and results in the generation of a fluorogenic compound. After addition of assay reagent to the samples, fluorescence detection is performed in a fluorescence reader. The endotoxin concentration of the samples is determined by standard curve analysis.

## 9. Trouble Shooting Guide

Observation	Possible Cause	Measure
No signal at all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wrong instrument settings</li> <li>▪ Lamp defect</li> <li>▪ Pipetting error</li> <li>▪ Incubation temperature much to high or much to low</li> <li>▪ Substrate missing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Check instrument parameter</li> <li>⇒ Change lamp</li> <li>⇒ Check reagents, repeat assay</li> <li>⇒ Check temperature setting</li> <li>⇒ Prepare the Assay Reagent as described in section 5 Reagent Preparation</li> </ul>
No signal with individual samples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pipetting error (no standard or sample pipetted; no Sample Buffer added)</li> <li>▪ Interfering ingredients</li> <li>▪ Inappropriate pH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Repeat assay</li> <li>⇒ Spike control; dilute sample 1:10</li> <li>⇒ Check pH; neutralize sample</li> </ul>
Low signal level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wrong sensitivity adjustment (gain)</li> <li>▪ Reader defect (e.g. optics)</li> <li>▪ Incubation temperature to high/to low</li> <li>▪ Evaporation during binding step</li> <li>▪ Kit damage (shipment or storage)</li> <li>▪ Kit or working solutions expired</li> <li>▪ Inappropriate emission wavelength or band</li> <li>▪ Enzyme missing</li> <li>▪ Mixing of the standard not appropriate</li> <li>▪ Liquid not removed completely after the washing step</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Adjust sensitivity</li> <li>⇒ Run instrument check</li> <li>⇒ Check temperature</li> <li>⇒ Seal wells with cover foil</li> <li>⇒ Check storage conditions and package material; contact technical service</li> <li>⇒ Use new kit or fresh reagents</li> <li>⇒ Emission filter should not be above 440 nm ; band should be 20-40 nm</li> <li>⇒ Prepare the Assay Reagent as described in section 5 Reagent Preparation</li> <li>⇒ For reconstitution of the standard vortex 10 minutes at 1400 rpm; for the preparation of the standard-dilution vortex 2 minutes between each dilution step</li> <li>⇒ Pour out the liquid by rapidly inverting the plate and dashing the liquid into a basin</li> </ul>
High background signal in standards and negative control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LPS contamination of assay components (e.g. Water)</li> <li>▪ LPS contamination of vials or pipette tips</li> <li>▪ Inappropriate excitation wavelength or band</li> <li>▪ Cross contamination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Use fresh reagents</li> <li>⇒ Use different lot of vials and pipette tips; switch to glass vials or change supplier</li> <li>⇒ Excitation filter should not be below 360 nm; band 10-20 nm</li> <li>⇒ When removing the liquid during the washing step, pour out the liquid by rapidly inverting the plate and dashing the liquid into a basin</li> </ul>
High well-to-well variation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Temperature gradient (incubator, reader)</li> <li>▪ Pipette damage</li> <li>▪ Plate has been knocked on the bench after the washing procedure</li> <li>▪ Mixing not appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Change incubator</li> <li>⇒ Calibrate pipettes</li> <li>⇒ Carefully pat dry the plate on a paper towel</li> <li>⇒ Vortex sample dilutions and standard dilutions vigorously for 2 minutes at 1400 rpm</li> </ul>
Invalid spike control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interfering ingredients</li> <li>▪ Inappropriate pH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Dilute sample 1:10</li> <li>⇒ Check pH; neutralize sample</li> </ul>
Condensate on cover foils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heating from bottom; incubator with uneven temperature distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ To some extent without negative influence; use different type of incubator</li> </ul>

## 10. Technical Support

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## 11. Legal Statements and Regulatory Information

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