

LFA STARTER KIT

CATALOG NUMBER: LFK001

DESCRIPTION

The Ethos Lateral Flow Assay (LFA) Starter Kit includes a selection of necessary components for developing a new lateral flow assay. The user must supply all reagents, buffers, and conjugates. This kit is For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

KIT CONTENTS (STORE AT 1-30°C AND OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT)

KIT COMPONENTS SUPPLIED	ETHOS PART NO.	SIZE	QTY
Wick Pad, Ahlstrom 222	LFK001-f	203.2 x 254mm	1
Conjugate or Sample Pad, Ahlstrom 8950	LFK001-g	203.2 x 254mm	2
Conjugate or Sample Pad, Ahlstrom 8964	LFK001-h	203.2 x 254mm	2
Conjugate or Sample Pad, Ahlstrom 8951	LFK001-i	203.2 x 254mm	2
Nitrocellulose Membrane #1 (high protein binding)	LFK001-a	25 x 300mm	4
Nitrocellulose Membrane #2 (high protein binding)	LFK001-b	25 x 300mm	4
Nitrocellulose Membrane #3 (intermediate protein binding)	LFK001-c	25 x 300mm	4
Nitrocellulose Membrane #4 (low protein binding)	LFK001-d	25 x 300mm	4
White Vinyl Backing Card	LFK001-e	62 x 301.58mm	8
Lateral Flow Cassette	LFK001-j	4.2 x 62mm	100

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

- Buffers, antibodies, conjugates, nanoparticles, and other reagents necessary for preparation and use of lateral flow assays
- Equipment for dispensing conjugate, test lines, and control lines
- Oven for drying
- Test strip cutter
- Card laminator (optional)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE

SAMPLE PAD

The sample pad is the first pad encountered by the sample at the bottom of the strip. The sample pad plays a critical role in filtering impurities, adjusting buffer composition, and ensuring a stable flow rate. Select the preferred sample pad material from the kit and cut to a width of roughly 18.5 mm. The length will depend on the size of the backing card. The sample pad may be pretreated by immersing in a buffer containing surfactants, detergents, and blocking agents followed by drying before use.

PROPERTIES OF SAMPLE AND CONJUGATE PADS

CONJUGATE OR SAMPLE PAD	DESCRIPTION & PROPERTIES	WICKING RATE (s/2cm)	WATER ABSORPTION CAPACITY (mg/cm ²)	BASIS WEIGHT (g/m ²)	CALIPER (mm)	SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS*
Ahlstrom 8950	Chopped Glass w/ Binder	12	46	50	0.25	Saliva, serum, plasma, nasal samples, stool, extracted food, grains
Ahlstrom 8964	Chopped Glass w/ Binder	5	79	75	0.43	Saliva
Ahlstrom 8951	Chopped Glass w/ Binder	3	63	75	0.38	Serum, plasma, extracted food, grains

*The best pad for a given application should be determined by testing.

CONJUGATE PAD: CONJUGATE DISPENSING

The conjugate pad is the second pad on the strip. It allows for storage and release of dried nanoparticle conjugate into the flowing sample. Select the conjugate pad from the kit and cut it to a width of roughly 8 mm. Dispense the nanoparticle-bioreceptor conjugate of desired OD by immersion or by using a dispenser. Dry the pad completely after dispensing. The buffer composition, the presence of stabilizing reagents (e.g. sucrose or trehalose), and the drying process are critical for the stability of the nanoparticle conjugates. Store the pad dry with desiccant in a zip lock bag until use.

Note: dispensing of the conjugate pad is optional – some tests allow for the conjugate solution to be mixed directly with the sample.

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NITROCELLULOSE MEMBRANE: TEST & CONTROL LINE DISPENSING

The membrane is where the signal is generated. Choose the preferred membrane from the kit. Stripe the membrane with test line and control line reagents and dry. The drying time and temperature should be optimized for the striping to allow for reproducible deposition amount. Store the membrane with desiccants in a zip lock bag until use.

Note: Due to their fragility, nitrocellulose membranes are stored in a protective paper sleeve sealed with tape. Extra care should be taken when opening the protective sleeve, and gloves should be worn when handling the membranes.

PROPERTIES OF MEMBRANES

MEMBRANE #	DESCRIPTION & PROPERTIES	WICKING RATE (s/4cm)	PORE SIZE (µm)	PROTEIN BINDING (µg/cm ²)	MEMBRANE THICKNESS (µm)
#1	Nitrocellulose w/ polyester backing	95 - 155	N/A	High	240
#2	Nitrocellulose w/ polyester backing	150	N/A	High	110
#3	Nitrocellulose w/ polyester backing	100	15	≥ 30	105
#4	Nitrocellulose w/ polyester backing	125	10	≥ 30	100

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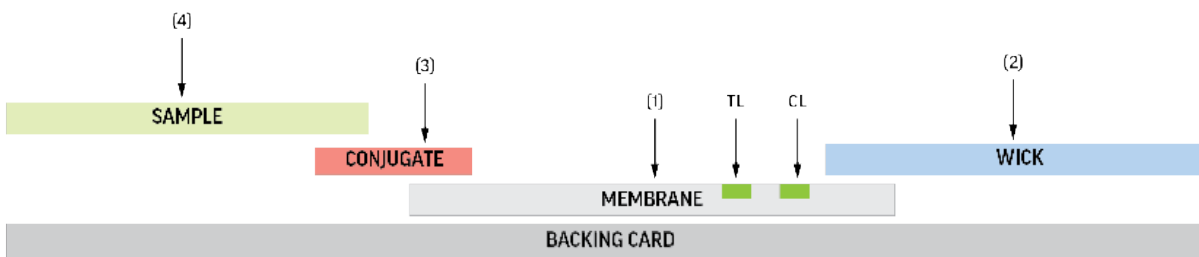
WICK PAD

The wick pad absorbs excess reagents at the top of the strip. It establishes the overall volume of sample the strip can handle. A cotton wick pad is provided and should be adequate for most applications. Cut to a width of approximately 20 mm. The length will depend on the size of the backing card. The wick pad is ready to use – no pretreatment necessary.

ASSEMBLE COMPONENTS ON BACKING CARD

The backing card has guides to direct the assembly of the components. The liner guides are peeled off and then the components are attached. The pads are typically pretreated before assembly on the backing card. The components should overlap as shown in the schematic. If available, a card laminator can be used for assembly.

1. First, mount the membrane on the backing card.
2. Next, position the wick pad to one end of the card, overlapping with the membrane.
3. The conjugate pad is then mounted, overlapping with the membrane.
4. Finally, the sample pad is mounted, overlapping with the opposite end of the conjugate pad.
5. Cut the assembled card into ~4mm width strips.
6. Load the strip into the cassette (Cassette is not required for dipstick tests).



Schematic of card assembly steps. Drawing not to scale.

TRADEMARKS:

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