

## **Quick Start Guide: Rubella Virus IgM $\mu$ -capture ELISA [ELS61246]**

Enzyme immunoassay for the qualitative determination of IgM-class antibodies against Rubella Virus in human serum or plasma. For research use only.

### **(A) Preparation of Reagents**

- Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature and mix thoroughly before starting.
- Before assaying, all samples should be diluted 1+100 with Sample Diluent. Dispense 10  $\mu$ l sample and 1 ml Sample Diluent into tubes to obtain a 1+100 dilution and mix thoroughly.

### **(B) Assay Steps**

1. Dispense 100  $\mu$ l standards/controls and diluted samples into their respective wells. Leave well A1 for the Substrate Blank.
2. Cover wells with the foil supplied in the kit. Incubate for 1 hour  $\pm$  5 min at  $37 \pm 1$  °C.
3. When incubation has been completed, remove the foil, aspirate the content of the wells and wash each well three times with 300  $\mu$ l of Washing Buffer. The interval between washing and aspiration should be > 5 sec. At the end carefully remove remaining fluid by tapping strips on tissue paper prior to the next step!

*Note: Washing is important! Insufficient washing results in poor precision and false results.*

4. Dispense 100  $\mu$ l Conjugate into all wells except for the Substrate Blank well A1.
5. Incubate for 30 min at room temperature (20-25 °C). Do not expose to direct sunlight.
6. Repeat step 3.
7. Dispense 100  $\mu$ l TMB Substrate Solution into all wells. Incubate for exactly 15 min at room temperature (20-25 °C) in the dark. A blue colour occurs due to an enzymatic reaction.
8. Dispense 100  $\mu$ l Stop Solution into all wells in the same order and at the same rate as for the TMB Substrate Solution, thereby a colour change from blue to yellow occurs.
9. Measure the absorbance at 450/620 nm within 30 min after addition of the Stop Solution.
10. Bichromatic measurement using a reference wavelength of 620 nm is recommended.