

# **Instruction for Use**

## **Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 960**

### **Catalogue Number 10-2001-02**

**For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.**

This Instruction for Use (IFU) describes how to store, prepare, and correctly use the Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 960 (cat no. 10-2001-02). The kit contains the reagents required to implement the detection step of the BOLD technology in an immunoassay. This step is preceded by the use of Exazym® ClickChem Conjugation Kit and Exazym® Polymerase Reaction Kit. To detect the signal amplification generated by BOLD, a final detection modality, e.g. streptavidin-enzyme or streptavidin-fluorescent dye or other streptavidin conjugates of your choice, will be attached to Exazym® Antibody Biotin. For example, streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase may be used if a colorimetric detection modality is preferred.

### **Introduction to BOLD**

Measurement of low abundance biomolecules remains a challenge in many pre-clinical, clinical and diagnostic applications due to insufficient sensitivity. While some biomarker discovery and detection as well as clinical diagnostic measurement methods have made significant advances in sensitivity, there are still many potential disease biomarkers that exist in accessible biofluids at levels below the detection limits of these techniques or where an increased precision is desirable. Furthermore, they require specialized instruments, increasing the cost and logistical complexity of large-scale adoption.

Cavidi has developed a range of Exazym® reagents and kits based on its proprietary BOLD signal amplification technology. BOLD brings ultra-sensitive detection levels to conventional immunodiagnostic assays and "BOLD" stands for Binding Oligo Ladder Detection. When using BOLD an oligo-dT primer conjugated to a detector antibody is mixed with a polymerase containing reverse transcriptase activity, 5-Bromo-2'-deoxyuridine 5'-triphosphate monomers (BrdUTP) and a rA-template to create a long hybrid-ladder of DNA:RNA to which biotinylated anti-BrdU detection antibodies selectively bind to enable the amplified signal. Integration of BOLD into an immunoassay improves the sensitivity and the limit of detection can be improved by up to 50x.

Signal enhancement using BOLD and Exazym® Kit System is useful for signal enhancement of immunoassays in particularly in translational research, health screening and diagnostics testing. Examples of such applications are biomarker discovery and detection, especially in the field of low abundance proteins, *in vitro* diagnostics in the fields where improved detection levels are crucial such as neurology, cardiology, and monitoring of relapse in already treated cancer patients.

### **What is Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 960?**

Exazym® Kit System consists of three products necessary to perform BOLD; i) conjugation of a primer to the detector antibody, ii) the polymerization phase to generate the hybrid ladder of DNA:RNA and, iii) binding of the biotinylated anti-BrdU detection antibodies to the hybrid ladder of DNA:RNA to provide the final signal. All required components for these three unique events of BOLD are included in:

- Exazym® ClickChem Conjugation Kit 50 and 250 - for conjugation of Exazym® primer to the detector antibody of choice.
- Exazym® Polymerase Reaction Kit 96 and 960 - for performing the polymerase reaction when applying BOLD technology for signal amplification of immunoassays.
- Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 96 and 960 - for detection of the DNA:RNA hybrid by a biotinylated anti-BrdU antibody; Exazym® Antibody Biotin.

Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 960 is intended for detection of the long DNA:RNA hybrid-ladder consisting of the poly-rA and the complementary poly-BrdU strands. The kit is for research use only and shall not be used in diagnostic procedures.

## Product specification

The kit contains the antibody and buffers required for detection of the DNA:RNA hybrid-ladder polymerized using Exazym® Polymerase Reaction Kit. The reagents supplied with the kit are sufficient for 10 microplates x 96 wells. Please note that the kit does not contain the final detection reagents, for example Streptavidin-HRP and the appropriate substrate system, or the reagents required for an alternative streptavidin-based detection modality. The kit can bring ultra-sensitive detection levels to conventional immunodiagnostic assays.

## Components included in the kit

The kit contains the following components:

2 vials 25 µg Exazym® Antibody Biotin (biotinylated anti-BrdU monoclonal antibody), 0.5 mg/ml

1 vial 115 mL Exazym® Antibody Buffer

5 tablets Exazym® Wash Buffer to be reconstituted in 1 L de-ionized water per tablet

## Materials and equipment required but not included

Adhesive plate covers

Streptavidin-HRP with appropriate substrate system or the reagents required for an alternative streptavidin-based detection modality.

De-ionized water

Plate washer; automated or manual (e.g. multi-pipette)

Plate reader for detection system of choice

Pipettes and other standard laboratory equipment

## Shipping conditions

Shipped on wet ice.

## Storage conditions

Exazym® Antibody Biotin is stored at +2 °C to +8 °C.

Exazym® Antibody Buffer is stored at +2 °C to +8 °C.

The tablet of Exazym® Wash Buffer is stored in a dry place at room temperature or at +2°C to +8°C. After reconstitution in de-ionized water, store the liquid at +2 °C to +8 °C.

## Warnings



Do not use a kit which is broken upon arrival. Please contact customer support immediately (see below for contact details).

This product is for research and laboratory use only and shall be handled by professional and trained users only.

Personal protective equipment shall be used such as eye shield and gloves when handling the kit.

For further safety information, please refer to the respective Material Safety Data Sheet on Cavidí's web page or call customer support (see below for contact details).

## **How to use Exazym® Biotin Detection Kit 960**

### **Preparations before use – Exazym® Antibody Biotin Working Solution**

1. Before use, allow Exazym® Antibody Buffer to reach room temperature.
2. Prepare and dilute Exazym® Antibody Biotin to a final concentration of 0.3 µg/mL using the antibody stock solution supplied with the kit and the Exazym® Antibody Buffer which has been allowed to reach room temperature (see step 1 above). Pre-incubate the antibody Working Solution for 1 hour at room temperature.

### **Preparation before use – Exazym® Wash Buffer**

1. Prepare Exazym® Wash Buffer by dissolving each tablet in 1 L de-ionized water using a laboratory flask or beaker and a magnetic stirrer. The solution shall be stirred until fully dissolved. The kit contains 5 tablets.
2. Allow Exazym® Wash Buffer to reach room temperature.

### **Procedure for detection of the DNA:RNA hybrid-ladder**

1. Add 100 µL/well of Exazym® Antibody Biotin Working Solution at a concentration of 0.3 µg/mL prepared as described above.
2. If a plate-based system is used, cover the plate with an adhesive plate cover.
3. Incubate for 30 min at room temperature.
4. Wash 3x300 µL/well with Exazym Wash Buffer which has been allowed to reach room temperature.
5. Proceed with next step which is detection of Exazym® Antibody Biotin by Streptavidin-HRP conjugate and thereafter in-house detection method.
6. At this step, use your own reagents and streptavidin conjugates to detect the biotinylated anti-BrdU antibody and follow their specific IFU.

**Note:** In case a short assay time is critical, a shorter Exazym® Antibody Biotin incubation time may be tested. An incubation time as short as 5 min may be sufficient depending on the ELISA system. If you have any comments or questions or would like to discuss protocol optimisation with one of Cavidí's technical experts, please do not hesitate to contact us (see below for contact details).

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