

9. LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURE

Effect of Anticoagulants

To determine whether anticoagulants interfere with the assay, blood was collected from 30 rats into plain and EDTA vacutainer tubes. All samples were assayed by the *Prolactin rat ELISA* procedure, with the following results.

$$(\text{EDTA}) = 1.05 \text{ (Serum)} - 9.3 \text{ ng/ml} \quad r = 0.978$$

Means: 3.68 ng/ml (Serum)
3.78 ng/ml (EDTA)

A limited study with citrated and heparinized plasma show comparable results to EDTA plasma.

"High-Dose Hook"-Effect

Rat sera containing up to 300 ng/ml Prolactin were measured with the *Prolactin rat ELISA* assay. A High-Dose Hook effect could not be observed.

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