# **SALIVARY TNF-ALPHA QUICK START GUIDE**



## BIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-Alpha) is a prominent pluripotent cytokine that plays a key role in innate inflammatory responses. When dysregulated, it causes chronic inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, but also oral conditions such as gingivitis and periodontal disease. In the context of infectious disease, TNF-a triggers a cascade of chemokines and cytokines that attract and activate lymphoid cells at the infection site. TNF-a also participates in the development of acquired immunity from infection, remodeling of tissues and contributes to apoptosis of tumor cells. TNF-q is also involved in various auto-immune conditions, heart disease, and osteoarthritis. There is little evidence of correspondence between TNF-a levels in blood and saliva in healthy individuals, but there may be an association during specific physiological states of systemic inflammation (i.e., sepsis, burns).

<b>Biological Representation</b>	Local/Oral Inflammation
Serum-Saliva Correlation	State Specific

## SAMPLE TIMING AND DESIGN

In healthy individuals with no signs of oral inflammation, TNF-a levels in saliva are observed in the low pg/ml range to undetectable. Salivary TNF-a levels are likely to be elevated in the context of several disease states such as periodontal disease, sepsis, gingivitis, and oral cancer. The biological availability of TNF-a is regulated by the secretion of soluble receptors which are measurable in oral fluids.

# FREQUENTLY STUDIED WITH

IL-1 Beta, IL-6, IL-8, sTNF-R Type I and Type II

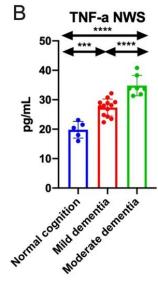
## **TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Sample Collection Methods & Volumes	
Passive Drool	✓
SalivaBio Swabs	-
Additional Collection Volume	150 μL*

\*Add 300 µL to the total collection volume for your analytes of interest.

## **EXAMPLE DATA**

Diagnostic significance of salivary TNF-a in ischemic stroke patients: correlation between salivary TNF-a and cognitive function in ACE III scale (A), results of ROC analysis for salivary TNF-a in relation to cognitive function status in ACE III scale. Differences statistically significant at: \*\*p < 0.005, \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001.



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