HUMAN IL-8 ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF HUMAN IL-8 CONCENTRATIONS IN CELL CULTURE SUPERNATES, PLASMA AND SERUM

PURCHASE INFORMATION:

ELISA Name	Human IL-8 ELISA
Catalog No.	SK00289-02
Lot No.	20111026
Formulation	96 T
Standard Range	7 - 250 pg/mL
Sensitivity	3 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 µL
Sample Type	Serum, EDTA Plasma, Cell Culture Supernates
Dilution Factor	**Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application**
Specificity	Human IL-8
Intra-assay Precision	4-6%
Inter-assay Precision	8-10%
Storage	2 - 8°C

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INTRODUCTION

Human IL-8 immunoassay is a 3.5 - 4.5 hour solid phase ELISA designed to measure human IL-8 in cell culture supernates, serum and plasma. It contains recombinant human IL-8 and antibodies raised against this protein. It has been shown to accurately quantify recombinant human IL-8. Results obtained with naturally occurring IL-8 samples show linear curves that were parallel to the standard curves obtained using the kit standards. These results indicate that the immunoassay kit can be used to determine relative mass values for natural human IL-8.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. An antibody specific for IL-8 has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any IL-8 present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody specific for IL-8 is added to the wells. Following a wash to remove any unbound antibody-biotin reagent, Avidin-HRP is added to the wells. After washing away any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of IL-8 bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

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_ The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
_ Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or sources.
_ It is important that the dilution buffer selected for the standard curve be consistent with the samples being assayed.
_ If samples generate values higher than the highest standard, dilute the samples with Dilution Buffer and repeat the assay.
_ Any variation in standard diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.
_ This assay is designed to eliminate interference by soluble receptors, binding proteins, and other factors present in biological samples. Until all factors have been tested in the immunoassay, the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

DESCRIPTION	CODE	QUANTITY
IL-8 Microplate - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with an antibody against IL-8.	**289-02-01**	**1 plate**
IL-8 Standard – 500 pg/vial of recombinant human IL-8 in a buffered protein base with preservatives; lyophilized.	**289-02-02**	**1 vial**
Detection Antibody Concentrate – 1.5 mL/vial, 10-fold concentrate of biotinylated antibody against IL-8 with preservatives; lyophilized.	**289-02-03**	**1 vial**
Positive Control - one vial of recombinant human IL-8; lyophilized.	**289-02-04**	**1 vial**
Avidin-HRP Conjugate - 30 µL/vial, 400-fold concentrated solution of Avidin conjugated to HRP.	**AVHRP**	**1 vial**
Dilution Buffer – 60 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	**DB08**	**1 bottle**
Wash Buffer - 50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	**WB01**	**1 bottle**
TMB Substrate Solution - 11 mL of TMB substrate solution	**TMB01**	**1 bottle**
Stop Solution – 11 mL of 0.5M HCl	**S-STOP**	**1 bottle**
Plate Sealer	**EAPS**	**1**
Plastic Pouch	**P01**	**1**

STORAGE

Unopened Kit: Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 8 months. For longer storage, unopened Standard, Positive Control and Detection Antibody Concentrate should be stored at -20°C or -70°C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

Opened / Reconstituted Reagents: Reconstituted Standard (stock) and Detection Antibody concentrated solution SHOULD BE STORED at -20°C or -70°C for up to one month. Avidin-HRP Conjugate

400-fold concentrated solution (protect from light) and other components may be stored at 2 - 8°C for up to 8 months.
Microplate Wells: Return unused wells to the plastic pouch with the desiccant pack and seal along entire edge of zip-seal. Microplate may be stored for up to 6 months at 2 - 8°C after opening.

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- Microplate shaker (250-300rpm).
- Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

All reagents should be considered as potentially hazardous. The stop solution contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Appropriate care should be taken while handling this solution. We recommend that this product be handled by persons who have been trained in laboratory techniques and that it is used in accordance with the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear suitable protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken to avoid contact with skin or eyes. In the case of contact with skin or eyes wash immediately with water.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

Cell Culture Supernates - Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤-20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Plasma - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤-20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.
Note: Use Aprotinin (enzyme inhibitor) (Code No.: 00700-01-25) for ALL sample collection to prevent sample degradation. 0.5 TIU per ml of sample solution.

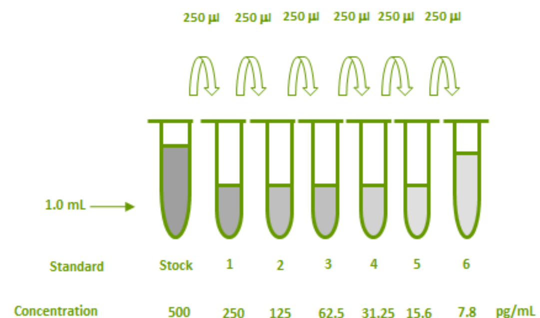
SAMPLE PREPARATION

Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.
Use polypropylene test tubes.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.
Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the Wash Buffer Concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 50 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water (450 mL) to prepare 500 mL of Wash Buffer.
IL-8 Standard - Refer to vial label for reconstitution volume. Reconstitute the **IL-8** standard with 1.0 mL of Dilution Buffer. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 500 pg/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Pipette 250 µL of Dilution Buffer into tubes #1 - #6. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (see below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The **250 pg/mL** standard serves as the high standard. The Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).

Tube	Standard	Dilution Buffer	Concentration
Stock	Powder	1000 µL	500 pg/mL
# 1	250 µL of stock	250 µL	250 pg/mL
# 2	250 µL of 1	250 µL	125 pg/mL
# 3	250 µL of 2	250 µL	62.5 pg/mL
# 4	250 µL of 3	250 µL	31.25 pg/mL
# 5	250 µL of 4	250 µL	15.6 pg/mL
# 6	250 µL of 5	250 µL	7.8 pg/mL



Positive Control - Reconstitute the **Positive Control** with 2.0 mL Dilution Buffer. **Note:** Positive Control should be prepared and used immediately.

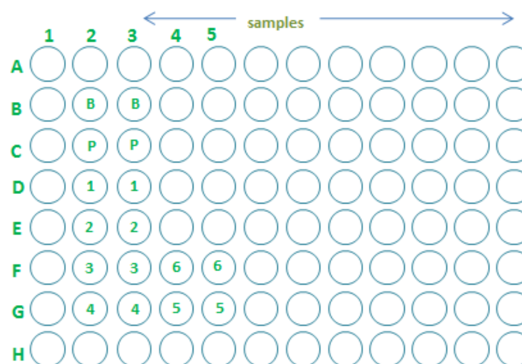
Detection Antibody - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody Concentrate with 1.5 mL of Dilution Buffer to produce a 10-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 13.5 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 1.5 μL of 10-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

Avidin-HRP Conjugate - Pipette 11.97 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 30 μL of the 400-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution. **Note:** 1x working solution of Avidin-HRP should be used within a few days (protect from light).

ASSAY PROCEDURE

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that blank, standards, positive control and samples be assayed in duplicate.

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Remove excess micro-plate strips from the plate frame, return them to the plastic pouch with the desiccant pack and seal.
3. Add 100 μL of Dilution Buffer to Blank wells (B2, B3).
4. Add 100 μL of Standard (from D2, D3 to G2, G3 and G4, G5 to F4, F5), sample, or positive control (C2, C3) per well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on micro-plate shaker at room temperature. A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.
5. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with 1x Wash Buffer (300 μL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
6. Add 100 μL of Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on micro-plate shaker at room temperature.
7. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
8. Add 100 μL of Avidin-HRP Conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate for 60 minutes on micro-plate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
9. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 5.
10. Add 100 μL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 5-10 minutes on micro-plate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
11. Add 100 μL of Stop Solution to each well. The color in the wells should change from blue to yellow. If the color in the wells is green or if the color change does not appear uniform, gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
12. Determine the optical density of each well within 15 minutes, using a micro-plate reader set to 450 nm.



CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, positive control and sample, and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a log-log curve fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the IL-8 concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data.

If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

TYPICAL DATA

This standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.

IL-8 (pg/mL)	Average OD450 (Corrected)*
Blank	0 (0.143)
7.813	0.020
15.625	0.039
31.25	0.147
62.5	0.394
125	1.085
250	2.393

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- Positive Control: 20 – 50 pg/mL

CALIBRATION

This immunoassay is calibrated against a highly purified recombinant human IL-8.

SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable dose (MDD) of IL-8 was 3 pg/mL.

SPECIFICITY

This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant human IL-8. The factors listed below were prepared at 50 ng/mL in Dilution Buffer, and assayed for cross reactivity. Preparations of the following factors at 50 ng/mL in a mid-range rh IL-8 control were assayed for interference. No significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

PROTEINS	CROSS-REACTIVITY (%)
Human IL-8	100
Human IL-2	0
Human IL-4	0
Human IFN-g	0
Mouse IL-2	0
Mouse IL-6	0
Mouse TNF-a	0

SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS
⇩
Add 100 µL of standard, samples, positive control to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.
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Aspirate and wash 4 times.
⇩
Add 100 µL Detection Antibody working solution to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.
⇩
Aspirate and wash 4 times.
⇩
Add 100 µL Avidin-HRP conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate 60 minutes on the plate shaker at RT. **Protect from light.**
⇩
Aspirate and wash 4 times.
⇩
Add 100 µL Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate 5-10 min on the plate shaker. **Protect from light.**
⇩
Add 100 µL Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min