



User's Manual

Human IL-18 BPα ELISA Kit



CKERS-IL18BB-256H



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For illustrative purposes only. To perform the assay the instructions for use provided with the kit have to be used.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Intended Use

The Human IL-18 BP_a ELISA kit is an in vitro enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the quantitative measurement of human IL-18 BP_a in serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatants.

General Description

Interleukin 18 binding protein (IL-18 BP) is a secreted glycoprotein, which may function as a natural anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive molecule neutralizing the effects of high IL18 levels during inflammation. It can prevent IL18 receptor binding and inhibits the production of IFN-gamma induced by IL18 in KG-1 cells. Aizawa et al (1999) have purified a mouse IL-18 binding protein and subsequently cloned the murine and human cDNA. Human and murine IL18BP share 60 % amino acid similarity.

Principles of Testing

This assay employs an antibody specific for human IL-18 BP_a coated on a 96- well plate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and IL-18 BP_a present in a sample is bound to the wells by the immobilized antibody. The wells are washed and biotinylated anti-human IL-18 BP_a antibody is added. After washing away unbound biotinylated antibody, HRP-conjugated streptavidin is pipetted to the wells. The wells are again washed, a TMB substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of IL-18 BP_a bound. The Stop Solution changes the color from blue to yellow, and the intensity of the color is measured at 450 nm.

Reagents And Materials Provided

1. IL-18 BP_a Microplate (Item A): 96 wells (12 strips × 8 wells) coated with anti-Human IL-18 BP_a. Store at 4°C for 1 month. (Return unused wells to the pouch containing desiccant pack, reseal along entire edge.)
2. Wash Buffer Concentrate (20×) (Item B): 25 ml of 20× concentrated solution. Store at 4°C for 1 month.
3. Standard Protein (Item C): 2 vials of Human IL-18 BP_a. 1 vial is enough to run each standard in duplicate. Store at -80°C for 1 week.
4. Detection Antibody IL-18 BP_a (Item F): 2 vials of biotinylated anti-Human IL-18 BP_a. Each vial is enough to assay half the microplate. Store at 4°C for 5 days.
5. HRP-Streptavidin Concentrate (Item G): 200 µl 500× concentrated HRP-conjugated streptavidin. Do not store and reuse.
6. TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent (Item H): 12 ml of 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) in buffer solution.
7. Stop Solution (Item I): 8 ml of 0.2 M sulfuric acid.
8. Assay Diluent A (Item D) 30 ml of diluent buffer, 0.09% sodium azide as preservative.
9. Assay Diluent B (Item E) 15 ml of 5× concentrated buffer. Store at 4°C for 1 month.

Materials Required But Not Supplied

1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
2. Precision pipettes to deliver 2 µl to 1 ml volumes.
3. Adjustable 1-25 ml pipettes for reagent preparation.
4. 100 ml and 1 liter graduated cylinders.
5. Absorbent paper.
6. Distilled or deionized water.
7. Log-log graph paper or computer and software for ELISA data analysis.
8. Tubes to prepare standard or sample dilutions.

Storage

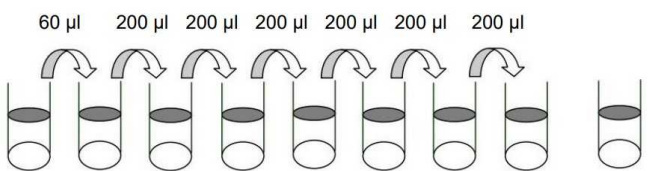
The entire kit may be stored at -20°C for up to 1 year from the date of shipment. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. The kit may be stored at 4°C for up to 6 months. For extended storage, it is recommended to store at -80°C. For prepared reagent storage, see "Reagents And Materials Provided".

Reagent Preparation

1. Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature (18 - 25°C) before use.
2. Assay Diluent B (Item E) should be diluted 5-fold with deionized or distilled water before use.
3. Sample dilution: Assay Diluent A (Item D) should be used for dilution of serum and plasma samples. 1× Assay Diluent B (Item E) should be used for dilution of cell culture supernatant samples. The suggested dilution for normal serum/plasma is 3 fold.

Note: Levels of IL-18 BP_a may vary between different samples. Optimal dilution factors for each sample must be determined by the investigator.

4. Preparation of standard: Briefly spin a vial of Item C. Add 400 µl Assay Diluent A (for serum/plasma samples) or 1× Assay Diluent B (for cell culture supernatants) into Item C vial to prepare a 150 ng/ml standard. Dissolve the powder thoroughly by a gentle mix. Add 60 µl IL-18 BP_a standard (150 ng/ml) from the vial of Item C, into a tube with 440 µl Assay Diluent A or 1× Assay Diluent B to prepare a 18,000 pg/ml standard solution. Pipette 400 µl Assay Diluent A or 1× Assay Diluent B into each tube. Use the 18,000pg/ml standard solution to produce a dilution series (shown below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. Assay Diluent A or 1× Assay Diluent B serves as the zero standard (0 pg/ml).



		Std1	Std2	Std3	Std4	Std5	Std6	Std7	Zero Standard
Diluent volume	Item C + 400 µl	440 µl	400 µl	400 µl	400 µl	400 µl	400 µl	400 µl	400 µl
Conc.	150 ng/ml	18000 pg/ml	6000 pg/ml	2000 pg/ml	666.7 pg/ml	222.2 pg/ml	74.07 pg/ml	24.69 pg/ml	0 pg/ml

5. If the Wash Concentrate (20×) (Item B) contains visible crystals, warm to room temperature and mix gently until dissolved. Dilute 20 ml of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water to yield 400 ml of 1× Wash Buffer.

6. Briefly spin the Detection Antibody vial (Item F) before use. Add 100 µl of 1× Assay Diluent B (Item E) into the vial to prepare a detection antibody concentrate. Pipette up and down to mix gently (the concentrate can be stored at 4°C for 5 days). The detection antibody concentrate should be diluted 80-fold with 1× Assay Diluent B (Item E) and used in step 5 of Part VI Assay Procedure.
7. Briefly spin the HRP-Streptavidin concentrate vial (Item G) and pipette up and down to mix gently before use, as precipitates may form during storage. HRP-Streptavidin concentrate should be diluted 500-fold with 1× Assay Diluent B (Item E). For example: Briefly spin the vial (Item G) and pipette up and down to mix gently. Add 30 µl of HRP-Streptavidin concentrate into a tube with 15 ml 1× Assay Diluent B to prepare a final 500 fold diluted HRP- Streptavidin solution (don't store the diluted solution for next day use). Mix well.

Assay Procedure

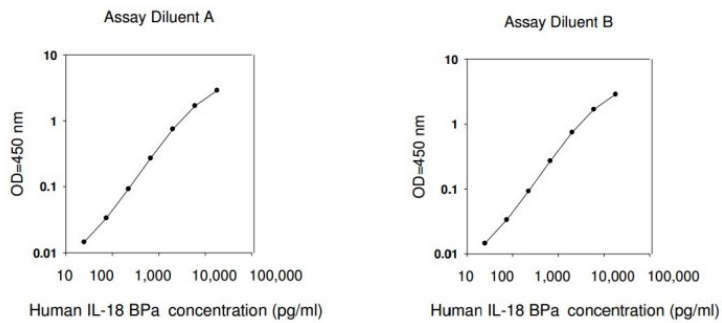
1. Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature (18 - 25°C) before use. It is recommended that all standards and samples be run at least in duplicate.
2. Label removable 8-well strips as appropriate for your experiment.
3. Add 100 µl of each standard (see Reagent Preparation step 3) and sample into appropriate wells. Cover wells and incubate for 2.5 hours at room temperature with gentle shaking.
4. Discard the solution and wash 4 times with 1× Wash Solution. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (300 µl) using a multi-channel Pipette 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.
5. Add 100 µl of 1× prepared biotinylated antibody (Reagent Preparation step 6) to each well. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
6. Discard the solution. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100 µl of prepared Streptavidin solution (see Reagent Preparation step 7) to each well. Incubate for 45 minutes at room temperature with gentle shaking.
8. Discard the solution. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
9. Add 100 µl of TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent (Item H) to each well. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark with gentle shaking.
10. Add 50 µl of Stop Solution (Item I) to each well. Read at 450 nm immediately.

Calculation

Calculate the mean absorbance for each set of duplicate standards, controls and samples, and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Plot the standard curve on log-log graph paper or using Sigma plot software, with standard concentration on the x-axis and absorbance on the y-axis. Draw the best-fit straight line through the standard points.

Typical Standard Curve

These standard curves are for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



Precision

Intra-Assay CV%: <10%

Inter-Assay CV%: <12%

Detection Range

20 pg/ml - 18000 pg/ml

Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose of Human IL-18 BPα was determined to be 20 pg/ml. Minimum detectable dose is defined as the analyte concentration resulting in an absorbance that is 2 standard deviations higher than that of the blank (diluent buffer).

Specificity

This ELISA kit shows no cross-reactivity with any of the cytokines tested: Human Angiogenin, BDNF, BLC, ENA-78, FGF-4, IL-1 alpha, IL-1 beta, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-11, IL-12 p70, IL-12 p40, IL-13, IL-15, I-309, IP-10, G-CSF, GM-CSF, IFN-gamma, Leptin (OB), MCP-1, MCP-2, MCP-3, MDC, MIP-1 alpha, MIP-1 beta, MIP-1 delta, PARC, PDGF, RANTES, SCF, TARC, TGF-beta, TIMP-1, TIMP-2, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, TPO, VEGF.

Linearity

Sample Type		Serum	Plasma	Cell Culture Media
1:2	Average % of Expected	95	94	97
	Range (%)	81-104	83-103	85-107
1:4	Average % of Expected	93	92	104
	Range (%)	80-104	83-102	85-104

Recovery

Recovery was determined by spiking various levels of Human IL-18 BPα into the sample types listed below.

Mean recoveries are as follows:

Sample Type	Average % Recovery	Range (%)
Serum	83.5	74-97
Plasma	82.3	72-96
Cell culture media	106.7	96-121