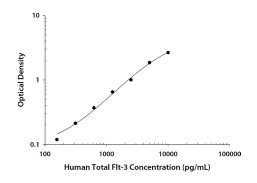
CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample, then subtract the average zero standard optical density (O.D.).

Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a four parameter logistic (4-PL) 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 human Flt-3/Flk-2 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.

TYPICAL DATA

A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. The graph below represents typical data generated when using the Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 DuoSet IC ELISA. The standard curve was calculated using a computer generated 4-PL curve-fit. This standard curve is for demonstration purposes only.



CALIBRATION

The Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 DuoSet IC ELISA is calibrated against a highly purified NS0-expressed recombinant human Flt-3/Fc Chimera produced at R&D Systems[®]. Samples containing natural Flt-3 showed linear dilution parallel to the standard curve obtained using the Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Standard. These results indicate that O.D. values from this DuoSet IC ELISA can be used to determine the relative concentration of human Flt-3 in natural samples.

SPECIFICITY

To determine specificity, recombinant human (rh) PDGF Ra/Fc Chimera, rhPDGF Rβ/Fc Chimera, rhM-CSF R/Fc Chimera, and rhSCF R/c-kit were assayed at 100 ng/mL and did not cross-react or interfere in the assay.

TECHNICAL HINTS & LIMITATIONS

• This DuoSet IC ELISA should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.

- Individual results may vary due to differences in technique, plasticware, and water sources.
- It is important that the diluents selected for reconstitution and for dilution of the samples and standard reflect the environment of the samples being measured. The diluents suggested in this protocol should be suitable for most cell lysates.
- The type of enzyme and substrate and the concentrations of capture/detection antibodies used can be varied to create an immunoassay with a different sensitivity and dynamic range.
 A basic understanding of immunoassay development is required for the successful use of these reagents in immunoassays.
- A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance. Wash Buffer should be dispensed forcefully and removed completely from the wells by aspiration or decanting. Remove any remaining Wash Buffer by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
- Use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
- It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
- Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. This may interfere with the sensitivity of the assay. Buffers containing protein should be made under aseptic conditions and stored at 2-8 °C or be prepared fresh daily.

PRECAUTIONS

The Stop Solution recommended for use with this kit is an acid solution.

Some components in this kit contain a preservative which may cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing mist.

Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Refer to the SDS on our website prior to use.

DuoSet[™] IC ELISA INTRACELLULAR

Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2

Catalog Number: DYC912-2 (2 plates) DYC912-5 (5 plates)

INTENDED USE

For the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure human fms-like tyrosine kinase (Flt-3/Flk-2) in cell lysates.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This DuoSet IC ELISA contains the basic components required for the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure human Flt-3, also known as Flk-2, in cell lysates. An immobilized capture antibody specific for human Flt-3 binds both tyrosine-phosphorylated and unphosphorylated Flt-3. After washing away unbound material, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for human Flt-3 is used to detect the captured receptor, utilizing a standard Streptavidin-HRP format.

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MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store the unopened kit at 2-8 °C. Do not use past kit expiration date.

DESCRIPTION	PART #	CATALOG # DYC912-2	CATALOG # DYC912-5	STORAGE OF OPENED/ RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Capture Antibody	841672	1 vial	2 vials	Store for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C or aliquot and store at \leq -20 °C for up to 3 months in a manual defrost freezer.*
Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Detection Antibody	841673	1 vial	2 vials	
Streptavidin-HRP A	890803	1 vial	1 vial	Store for up to 3 months at 2-8 °C.* DO NOT FREEZE.
Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Standard	841674	3 vials	5 vials	Use within one hour of reconstitution. Use a fresh standard for each assay.

* Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

DYC912-2 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least two 96 well plates.[†] DYC912-5 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least five 96 well plates.[†]

⁺ Provided the following conditions are met:

- The reagents are prepared as described in this package insert.
- The assay is run as described in the General ELISA Protocol.
- The recommended microplates, buffers, diluents, substrates, and solutions are used.

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Aprotinin (<u>Tocris[™], # 4139</u>)
- Leupeptin hemisulfate (Tocris, # 1167)
- NP-40 Alternative (EMD/Calbiochem, # 492016)
- Sodium Azide (NaN₃) (<u>Sigma, # S2002</u>)
- Sodium Orthovanadate (Na₃VO₄) (<u>Sigma, # S6508</u>), activated
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 96 well microplates (R&D Systems, # DY990)
- Plate sealers (<u>R&D Systems, # DY992</u>)
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer

SOLUTIONS REQUIRED

PBS - 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 8.1 mM Na₂HPO₄, 1.5 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.2-7.4,0.2 μm filtered (<u>R&D Systems, # DY006</u>)

Wash Buffer - 0.05% Tween® 20 in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4 (<u>R&D Systems,</u> <u># WA126</u>)

Block Buffer - 1% BSA*, 0.05% NaN₃ in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4

IC Diluent #12** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated Sodium Orthovanadate

IC Diluent #14 - 20 mM Tris, 137 mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween® 20, 0.1% BSA*, pH 7.2-7.4

Lysis Buffer #9** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated Sodium Orthovanadate, 10 μg/mL Aprotinin, 10 μg/mL Leupeptin hemisulfate

Note: Lysis Buffer #9 consists of IC Diluent #12 plus 10 μg/mL Aprotinin and 10 μg/mL Leupeptin hemisulfate. Approximately 50 mL of IC Diluent #12 is required to run the assay on one 96-well plate.

Substrate Solution: ELISA TMB Substrate (R&D Systems, # DY999B)

Stop Solution - 2N H₂SO₄ (R&D Systems, # DY994)

*The use of R&D Systems Reagent Diluent Concentrate 2 (Catalog # DY995) or Millipore Bovine Serum Albumin, Fraction V, Protease free (Catalog # 82-045) is recommended. All buffers containing BSA must be stored at 2-8 °C.

**Alternatively, use Sample Diluent Concentrate 2 (2X) (Catalog # DYC002), prepared as described in the DYC002 insert.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Capture Antibody (Part 841672) - Each vial contains 720 μ g/mL of mouse anti-human Flt-3 antibody when reconstituted with 200 μ L of PBS.

Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Detection Antibody (Part 841673) Each vial contains 14.4 μ g/mL of biotinylated goat anti-human Flt-3 antibody when reconstituted with 1 mL of IC Diluent #14. Immediately before use, dilute the detection antibody to a working concentration of 400 ng/mL in IC Diluent #14. Prepare only as much detection antibody as required to run each assay.

Human Total Flt-3/Flk-2 Standard (Part 841674) - Reconstitute with a recommended volume of 500 μL of IC Diluent #12 to produce a stock solution. Refer to the vial label for the concentration of recombinant human Flt-3/Flk-2. A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 10,000 pg/mL is recommended.

Streptavidin-HRP A (Part 890803) - 1 mL of Streptavidin conjugated to horseradish-peroxidase. Immediately before use, dilute the Streptavidin-HRP A to the working concentration specified on the vial using IC Diluent #14.

PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

Cell Lysates - Rinse cells two times with PBS, making sure to remove any remaining PBS after the second rinse. Solubilize cells at 1 x 10⁷ cells/mL in Lysis Buffer #9 and allow samples to sit on ice for 15 minutes. Assay immediately or store at \leq -70 °C. Before use, centrifuge samples at 2000 x g for 5 minutes and transfer the supernate to a clean test tube. Sample protein concentration may be quantified using a total protein assay. If needed, further dilutions should be made in IC Diluent #12.

GENERAL ELISA PROTOCOL

Plate Preparation

- 1. Dilute the capture antibody to a working concentration of 4μ g/mL in PBS, without carrier protein. Immediately coat a 96 well microplate with 100 μ L per well of the diluted capture antibody. Seal the plate and incubate overnight at room temperature.
- 2. Aspirate each well and wash with Wash Buffer, repeating the process two times for a total of 3 washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (400 μL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
- 3. Block plates by adding 300 µL of Block Buffer to each well. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 hours.
- 4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2. The plates are now ready for sample addition.

Assay Procedure

- Add 100 µL of sample or standard in IC Diluent #12 per well. Use IC Diluent #12 as the zero standard. Cover with a plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.
 Note: A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 10,000 pg/mL is recommended.
- 2. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of the Plate Preparation.
- 3. Add 100 μ L of the diluted detection antibody to each well. Cover with a new plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.
- 4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of the Plate Preparation.
- 5. Add 100 μ L of the diluted Streptavidin-HRP A to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
- 6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of the Plate Preparation.
- 7. Add 100 μ L of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
- 8. Add 50 μL of Stop Solution to each well. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
- 9. Determine the optical density of each well immediately, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.