

HUMAN SOLUBLE CD14 ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF
HUMAN SCD14 CONCENTRATIONS IN SERUM,
PLASMA AND CELL CULTURE SUPERNATES



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DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

PURCHASE INFORMATION:

ELISA NAME	HUMAN sCD14 ELISA
Catalog No.	SK00178-01
Lot No.	
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	78.125 – 5000 pg/mL
Sensitivity	10 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 µL
Sample Type	Serum, Plasma and Cell Culture Supernates
Dilution Factor	800 (<i>Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application</i>)
Specificity	Human sCD14 only
Intra-assay Precision	6-8%
Inter-assay Precision	10-12%
Storage	2°C - 8°C

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INTRODUCTION

Human soluble CD14 immunoassay is a 3.5 - 4.5 hour solid phase ELISA designed to measure human CD14 in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma. It contains recombinant human soluble CD14 and antibodies raised against this protein. It has been shown to accurately quantify recombinant human soluble CD14. Results obtained with naturally occurring soluble CD14 samples showed 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 soluble CD14.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A monoclonal antibody specific for soluble CD14 has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any soluble CD14 present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for soluble CD14 is added to the wells. Following a wash to remove any unbound antibody-biotin reagent, HRP link Streptavidin 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 soluble CD14 bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- _ FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.
- _ 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
CD14 Microplate - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a mouse monoclonal antibody against soluble CD14	178-01-01	1 plate
Soluble CD14 Standard – 5000 pg/vial of recombinant human soluble CD14 in a buffered protein base with preservatives; lyophilized.	178-01-02	1 vial
Detection Antibody Concentrate – 105 µL/vial, 100-fold Concentrate of Biotinylated polyclonal antibody against Soluble CD14 with preservatives; lyophilized.	178-01-03	1 vial
Positive Control – one vial of recombinant Human soluble CD14 , lyophilized	178-01-04	1 vial
Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate -60 µL/vial, 200-fold concentrated solution of Streptavidin conjugate to HRP with preservatives	SAHRP	1 vial
Dilution Buffer - 60mL/vial of buffered protein based solution with preservatives	DB01	2 bottles
Wash Buffer - 50 mL/vial, 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	WB01	1 bottle
TMB Substrate Solution - 11 mL / vial of TMB substrate solution	TMB01	1 bottle
Stop Solution - 11 mL /vial of 0.5N HCl	S-STOP	1 bottle
Plate Sealer	EAPS	1 piece
Plastic Pouch	P01	1 piece

STORAGE

Unopened Kit: Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 12 months. For longer storage, unopened Standard, Positive Control and Detection Antibody Concentrate as well as Dilution Buffer should be stored at -20°C or -70°C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

Opened / Reconstituted Reagents: Reconstituted Standard, Antibody Solution SHOULD BE STORED at -20°C or -70°C for up to one month. Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate 200-fold concentrate and other components may be stored at 2 - 8°C for up to 12 months.

Microplate Wells: Return unused wells to the plastic pouch with the desiccant pack, reseal 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, with the correction wavelength set at 540 nm or 570 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.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

Cell Culture Supernates - Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$. 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 $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$. 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 $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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

Serum and plasma samples require a 800-fold dilution. A suggested 100-fold dilution is 10 μL sample + 990 μL of Dilution Buffer. Then creating a final 800-fold dilution with 30 μL of 100-fold diluted sample + 210 μL of Dilution buffer.

Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.

Use polypropylene test tubes.

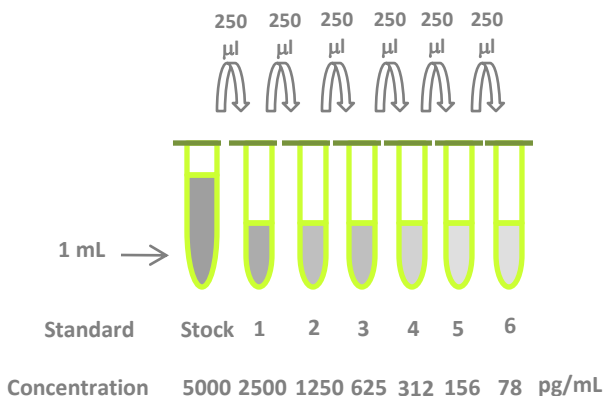
REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the 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.

Soluble CD14 Standard - Refer to vial label for reconstitution volume. Reconstitute the **Soluble CD14 Standard** with 1mL of Dilution Buffer. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 5000pg/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 to #6. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The 5000 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	1 mL	5000 pg/mL
# 1	250 μL of stock	250 μL	2500 pg/mL
# 2	250 μL of 1	250 μL	1250 pg/mL
# 3	250 μL of 2	250 μL	625 pg/mL
# 4	250 μL of 3	250 μL	312.5 pg/mL
# 5	250 μL of 4	250 μL	156.25 pg/mL
# 6	250 μL of 5	250 μL	78.125 pg/mL



Detection Antibody - Reconstitute the **Detection Antibody Concentrate** with 105 µL of Dilution Buffer to produce a 100-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 10.395 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 105 µL of 100-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate - Pipette 11.94 mL of Dilution Buffer into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 60 µL of 200-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution. *Note: 1 x working solution of Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate should be used within a few days.*

Positive Control - Reconstitute the positive control with 1mL of Dilution Buffer to make positive control solution. *Note: Positive should be used immediately.*

ASSAY PROCEDURE

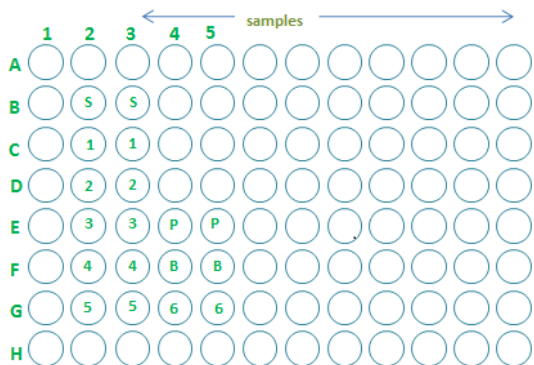
Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that standards be assayed in duplicate.

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, reseal.
3. Add 100 µL of Dilution Buffer to Blank wells (F4, F5).
4. Add 100 µL of Standard (from B2, B3 to G2, G3 and G4, G5), sample, or positive control (E4, E5) 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 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 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 **Streptavidin-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 40-80 seconds 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 soluble CD14 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.



CALIBRATION

This immunoassay is calibrated against a highly purified recombinant Human sCD14.

SENSITIVITY

Twenty-five assays were evaluated and the minimum detectable dose (MDD) of sCD14 was 10 pg/mL.

SPECIFICITY

This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant human soluble CD14. 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 soluble CD14 control were assayed for interference. No significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

PROTEINS	CROSS-REACTIVITY (%)
Human sCD14	100
Human GM-CSF	0
Human IL-4	0
Human TNF-alpha	0
Mouse CD14/Fc Chimera	0
Mouse IL-13	0
LPS	0

TYPICAL DATA

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

CD14 (PG/ML)	AVERAGE OD450 (CORRECTED)*
Blank	0.067
78.125	0.052
156.25	0.085
312.5	0.169
625	0.333
1250	0.657
2500	1.193
5000	2.027

*Lot No.:

** Positive Control: 461 – 769 pg/mL

LINEARITY









To assess the linearity of the assay, pooled research human serum samples were diluted with Dilution Buffer (BD01) and assayed.

DILUTION FACTOR	ASSAYED (PG/ML)	FINAL (NG/ML)	RECOVERY (%)
400X	3946.144	1578.46	100
800X	1951.198	1560.96	98.9

To assess the linearity of the assay, pooled research human EDTA plasma samples were diluted with Dilution Buffer (BD01) and assayed.

DILUTION FACTOR	ASSAYED (PG/ML)	FINAL (NG/ML)	RECOVERY (%)
400X	4367.883	1747.15	100
800X	2734.830	2187.86	125

SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE

PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS

Add 100µL of standard, samples, positive control to each well. Incubate 2 hours on the plate shaker at RT.

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 Streptavidin-HRP conjugate working solution to each well. Incubate 45 minutes on the plate shaker at RT.

Aspirate and wash 4 times.

Add 100 µL Substrate to each well. Incubate 1-5 min on the bench top. Protect from light.

Add 100 µL Stop Solution to each well. Read 450nm within 15 min