



Human Von Willebrand Factor

ELISA Kit

User Manual

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Sandwich Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay for Quantitative Detection of Human Von Willebrand Factor Concentrations in Cell Culture Supernates, Serum, Plasma, Cell Lysates, Tissue Homogenates.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Human vWF is a serum glycoprotein that mediates platelet adhesion to injured vascular endothelium. vWF function is regulated by ADAMTS13 mediated proteolysis within the A2 domain. Mutations of this protease cause thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

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II. ASSAY PRINCIPLES

The Cohesion Bioscience Human Von Willebrand Factor ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) kit is an in vitro enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the quantitative measurement of Human Von Willebrand Factor in Cell Culture Supernates, Serum, Plasma, Cell Lysates, Tissue Homogenates. This assay employs an antibody specific for Human Von Willebrand Factor coated on a 96-well plate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and Von Willebrand Factor present in a sample is bound to the wells by the immobilized antibody. The wells are washed and biotinylated anti-Human Von Willebrand Factor 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 Von Willebrand Factor bound. The Stop Solution changes the color from blue to yellow, and the intensity of the color is measured at 450 nm.

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III. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume
96-well Plate Coated With Anti-Human Von Willebrand Factor	12 x 8 Strips
Antibody	
Human Von Willebrand Factor Standard	3 ng x 2
Biotin-Labeled Detection Antibody (100X)	120 μl
Streptavidin-HRP (100X)	120 μl
Standard/Sample Diluent	30 ml
Detection Antibody Diluent	12 ml
Streptavidin-HRP Diluent	12 ml
Wash Buffer (20X)	30 ml
TMB Substrate Solution	12 ml
Stop Solution	12 ml
Plate Adhesive Strips	3 Strips
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IV. STORAGE AND STABILITY

All kit components are stable at 2 to 8 °C. Standard (recombinant protein) should be stored at -20 °C or -80 °C (recommended at -80 °C) after reconstitution. Opened Microplate Wells or reagents may be store for up to 1 month at 2 to 8 °C. Return unused wells to the pouch containing desiccant pack, reseal along entire edge. Note: the kit can be used within one year if the whole kit is stored at -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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V. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- 1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- 2. Adjustable pipettes and pipette tips to deliver 2 μ l 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. Computer and software for ELISA data analysis.
- 8. Tubes to prepare standard or sample dilutions.

VI. HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Reagents provided in this kit may be harmful if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Please carefully review the MSDS for each reagent before conducting the experiment.

Stop Solution contains 2 N Sulfuric Acid (H₂SO₄) and is an extremely corrosive agent. Please wear proper eye, hand and face protection when handling this material. When the experiment is finished, be sure to rinse the plate with copious amounts of running water to dilute the Stop Solution prior to disposing the plate.

3. Standard protein and Detection Antibody containing Sodium Azide as a preservative.

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VII. REAGENT PREPARATION

1. Sample Preparation

Store samples to be assayed within 24 hours at 2-8°C. For long-term storage, aliquot and freeze samples at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Cell culture supernates: Remove particulates by centrifugation, assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C.

Serum: Allow the serum to clot in a serum separator tube (about 4 hours) at room temperature. Centrifuge at approximately 1000 X g for 15 minutes. Analyze the serum immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C.

Plasma: Collect plasma using heparin or EDTA as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1500 X g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at -20°C.

Cell Lysates: Collect cells and rinse cells with PBS. Homogenize and lyse cells throughly in lysate solution. Centrifuge cell lysates at approximately 10000 X g for 5 minutes to remove debris. Aliquots of the cell lysates were removed and assayed.

Bone Tissue: Extract demineralized bone samples in 4 M Guanidine-HCl and protease inhibitors. Dissolve the final sample in 2 M Guanidine-HCl.

Tissue Homogenates: Rinse tissue with PBS to remove excess blood, chopped into 1-2 mm pieces, and homogenize with a tissue homogenizer in PBS or in lysate solution, lysate solution: tissue net weight = 10ml : 1g (i.e. Add 10ml lysate solution to 1g tissue). Centrifuge at approximately 5000 X g for 5 minutes. Assay immediately or aliquot and store homogenates at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. **Urine**: Urinary samples should be cleared by centrifugation and then can be used directly without dilution. Storage at -20°C.

2. Human Von Willebrand Factor Standard Preparation

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Reconstitute the lyophilized Human Von Willebrand Factor Standard by adding 1 ml of Standard/Sample Diluent to make the 3,000 pg/ml standard stock solution. Allow solution to sit at room temperature for 5 minutes, then gently vortex to mix completely. Use within one hour of reconstituting. Two tubes of the standard (3 ng per tube) are included in each kit. Use one tube for each experiment. Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standards to make the standard curve within the range of this assay (46.9 pg/ml - 3000 pg/ml) as below. Standard/Sample Dilution Buffer serves as the zero standard (0 pg/ml).

Standard	Add	Into
3,000 pg/ml		
1,500 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (3,000 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
750 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (1,500 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
375 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (750 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
188 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (375 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
94 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (188 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
47 pg/ml	500 μl of the Standard (94 pg/ml)	500 μl of the Standard/Sample Diluent
0 pg/ml	1 ml of the Standard/Sample Diluent	

Note: The standard solutions are best used within 2 hours. The 3,000 pg/ml standard solution should be stored at 4°C for up to 12 hours, or at -20°C for up to 48 hours. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

3. Biotin-Labeled Detection Antibody Working Solution Preparation The Biotin-Labeled Detection Antibody should be diluted in 1:100 with the Detection Antibody Diluent and mixed thoroughly. The solution should be prepared no more than 2 hours prior to the experiment.

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4. Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution Preparation

The Streptavidin-HRP should be diluted in 1:100 with the Streptavidin-HRP Diluent and mixed thoroughly. The solution should be prepared no more than 1 hour prior to the experiment.

5. Wash Buffer Working Solution Preparation

Pour entire contents (30 ml) of the Wash Buffer Concentrate into a clean 1,000 ml graduated cylinder. Bring final volume to 600 ml with glass-distilled or deionized water (1:20).

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VIII. ASSAY PROCEDURE

The Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution and TMB Substrate Solution must be kept warm at 37°C for 30 minutes before use. When diluting samples and reagents, they must be mixed completely and evenly. Standard detection curve should be prepared for each experiment. The user will decide sample dilution fold by crude estimation of protein amount in samples.

1. Add 100 μl of each standard and sample into appropriate wells.

2. Cover well and incubate for 90 minutes at room temperature or over night at 4°C with gentle shaking.

3. Remove the cover, discard the solution and wash plate 3 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution, and each time let Wash Buffer Working Solution stay in the wells for 1 - 2 minutes. Blot the plate onto paper towels or other absorbent material. Do NOT let the wells completely dry at any time.

4. Add 100 μ l of Biotin-Labeled Detection Antibody Working Solution into each well and incubate the plate at 37°C for 60 minutes.

5. Wash plate 3 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution, and each time let Wash Buffer Working Solution stay in the wells for 1 - 2 minutes. Discard the Wash Buffer Working Solution and blot the plate onto paper towels or other absorbent material.
6. Add 100 μl of Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution into each well and incubate the plate at 37°C for 45 minutes.

7. Wash plate 5 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution, and each time let wash buffer stay in the wells for 1 - 2 minutes. Discard the wash buffer and blot the plate onto paper towels or other absorbent material.

8. Add 100 μl of TMB Substrate Solution into each well and incubate plate at 37°C in dark for 30 minutes.

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9. Add 100 μl of Stop Solution into each well. The color changes into yellow immediately.

10. Read the O.D. absorbance at 450nm in a microplate reader within 30 minutes after adding the Stop Solution.

For calculation, (the relative O.D.450) = (the O.D.450 of each well) - (the O.D.450 of Zero well). The standard curve can be plotted as the relative O.D.450 of each standard solution (Y) vs. the respective concentration of the standard solution (X). The concentration of the samples can be interpolated from the standard curve.

Note: If the samples measured were diluted, multiply the dilution factor to the concentrations from interpolation to obtain the concentration before dilution.

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IX. ASSAY PROCEDURE SUMMARY

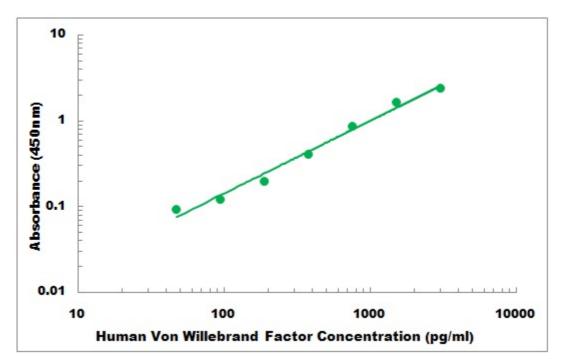
- Prepare all reagents, samples and standards
- Add 100 µl Standard or Sample
- Wash plate 3 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution
- Add 100 µl Biotin-Labeled Detection Antibody Working Solution
- Wash plate 3 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution
- Add 100 µl Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution
- Wash plate 5 times with Wash Buffer Working Solution
- Add 100 μI TMB Substrate Solution
- Add 100 µl Stop Solution
- Read the plate at 450nm

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X. TYPICAL DATA

The standard curve is for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



XI. SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable dose of Human Von Willebrand Factor is typically less than 25 pg/ml.

XII. SPECIFICITY

The Human Von Willebrand Factor ELISA Kit allows for the detection and quantification of endogenous levels of natural and/or recombinant Human Von Willebrand Factor proteins within the range of 46.9 pg/ml - 3000 pg/ml.

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XIII. CROSS REACTIVITY

No detectable cross-reactivity with other relevant proteins.

XIV. REFERENCES

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XV. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
High signal and background in	 Insufficient washing 	Increase number of washes
all wells		 Increase time of soaking
		between in wash
	 Too much Streptavidin-HRP 	Check dilution, titration
	 Incubation time too long 	 Reduce incubation time
	Development time too long	 Decrease the incubation
		time before the stop solution
		is added
No signal	 Reagent added in incorrect 	Review protocol
	order, or incorrectly prepared	
	 Standard has gone bad (If 	Check the condition of
	there is a signal in the sample	stored standard
	wells)	
	Assay was conducted from an	 Reagents allows to come to
	incorrect starting point	20 - 30 °C before performing
		assay
Too much signal-whole plate	 Insufficient washing-unbound 	 Increase number of washes
turned uniformly blue	Streptavidin-HRP remaining	Carefully
	 Too much Streptavidin-HRP 	 Check dilution
	 Plate sealer or reservoir 	 Use fresh plate sealer and
	reused, resulting in presence of	reagent reservoir for each
	residual Streptavidin-HRP	step
Standard curve achieved but	 Plate not developed long 	 Increase substrate solution
poor discrimination between	enough	incubation time
point	 Improper calculation of 	 Check dilution, make new
	standard curve dilution	standard curve
No signal when a signal is	 Sample matrix is masking 	 More diluted sample
expected, but standard curve	detection	Recommended
looks fine		
Samples are reading too high,	Samples contain protein levels	 Dilute samples and run
but standard curve is fine	above assay range	Again
Edge effect	 Uneven temperature around 	 Avoid incubating plate in
	work surface	areas where environmental
		conditions vary
		 Use plate sealer

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