

## Human IL-15 ELISA Kit

### Product description

Human IL-15 ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) Kit is an in vitro enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay kit used for quantitative determination of Human IL-15 in serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatants. Specific anti-IL-15 antibodies are pre-coated onto high-affinity enzyme plates. Standards and samples are added to the wells of the enzyme plate, and after incubation, IL-15 present in the sample binds to the solid-phase antibody. After washing to remove unbound substances, a detection antibody is added for binding and incubated, followed by washing, and then the enzyme complex (Streptavidin-HRP) is added for binding and incubated. After washing, a colorimetric substrate TMB is added for color development, avoiding light. The intensity of the color reaction is proportional to the concentration of IL-15 in the sample. The reaction is terminated by adding a stop solution, and the absorbance is measured at 450 nm wavelength (with a reference wavelength of 570 - 630 nm).

Interleukin-15 (IL-15), a widely expressed 14 kDa cytokine, plays a crucial role in numerous immune-related diseases. It shares approximately 97% and 73% sequence identity with IL-15 from primates and rodents, respectively. IL-15 is secreted by monocytes/macrophages (and some other cells), especially macrophages following viral infection. With similar biological functions to IL-2, IL-15 stimulates T cell activation and proliferation by sharing the  $\gamma$ c receptor subunit with IL-2. The roles of IL-15 in autoimmune processes (such as rheumatoid arthritis) and malignancies (such as adult T cell leukemia) underscore its significance as a key immunoregulatory molecule, garnering considerable attention from researchers.

### Specifications

Item Number	P162018S / P162018E
Specification	48 T / 96 T
Detection Range	3.9-250 pg/mL
Detection Method	Sandwich ELISA
Detection Species	Human
Detection Time	4.5 hours
Sensitivity	1.58 pg/mL
Dilution Linearity	83 - 124%
Recovery Rate	82 - 116%
Intra-assay Variability	3.2%
Inter-assay Variability	5.8%

## Components

Component Number	Component Name	Storage Temperature	P162018S	P162018 T
P162018-A	ELISA Plate	2~8°C	48 T	96 T
P162018-B	Standard	2~8°C	1 tube	2 tubes
P162018-C	Detection Antibody	2~8°C	120 µL	240 µL
P162018-D	Enzyme Conjugate	2~8°C(Avoid Light)	30 µL	60 µL
P162018-E	5x Dilution Buffer	2~8°C	8 mL	15 mL
P162018-F	20x Wash Buffer	2~8°C	25 mL	50 mL
P162018-G	Substrate Solution	2~8°C(Avoid Light)	8 mL	15 mL
P162018-H	Stop Solution	Room Temperature	5 mL	10 mL
P162018-I	Plate Sealers	Room Temperature	3 pieces	5 pieces

## Storage

The assay kit can be stored at 2~8°C. Alternatively, the reagents can be stored according to the storage conditions provided in the component information to avoid contamination and repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Diluted working solutions should be used immediately and not reused. The shelf life is 1 year.

**Table 1. Reagent Storage Table After First Use**

Material Name	Storage Conditions
Plate	Unused strips can be returned to the aluminum foil bag, tightly sealed, and stored at 2~8°C to avoid moisture absorption.
Standard	Use within 48 hours after dissolution, store at 2~8°C to avoid contamination.
Detection antibody	Use within 48 hours after dilution, store at 2~8°C to avoid contamination.
Enzyme conjugate	
5× Dilution Buffer	Store at 2~8°C for 1 month, avoiding contamination.
20× Wash Buffer	
Substrate solution	Store at 2~8°C for 1 month, avoiding light exposure.
Stop solution	Can be stored at room temperature.
Plate Sealers	

## Instructions

- For quantitative detection of Human IL-15 content in serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatant.
- Please read the instruction manual carefully before using this product.

## Notes

1. This product is for research use only.
2. For your safety and health, please wear lab coats and disposable gloves during operation.
3. The reagent kit should be used within its shelf life. Mixing different batches of related reagents is prohibited.
4. This product is only intended for the detection of target antigens specified in the instruction manual and samples. Other applications must be designed and validated by the user, and the reliability and accuracy of the results should be assessed accordingly.
5. Do not mix or substitute reagents or materials from different batches of other reagent kits' suppliers.

## Common Technical Tips

1. When the sample OD value is higher than the S1 OD value, further dilution should be performed in an appropriate sample diluent.
2. Avoid generating foam during mixing.
3. Replace tips promptly when adding standard solutions, samples, or other reagents to avoid cross-contamination.
4. Ensure proper sealing of the ELISA plate or complete coverage with plate seal film during incubation.
5. Please completely remove all solutions and buffers during the washing steps.
6. Before dissolving the standard samples, do not invert the standard sample tube randomly. After inverting the standard sample tube, thoroughly mix it up and down after adding the buffer, then centrifuge at low speed.
7. During the experiment, place the reagents according to the instructions.
8. Dispose of buffers promptly after completing the experiment; use and discard immediately.
9. Different products have different components in the reagent kit and cannot be used interchangeably.

## Other Preparation Materials

1. ELISA reader, measure absorbance at 450 nm (reference wavelength 630 nm).
2. Incubator, automated microplate washer.
3. Pipettes, 1  $\mu$ L to 1 mL pipettes with corresponding tips.
4. 100 mL and 1 L graduated cylinders.
5. Standard or sample dilution tubes.
6. Blotting paper.
7. Distilled water or deionized water.

8. Computer and analysis software.

## Pre-Experiment Preparation

### 1. Sample Collection and Processing

- 1) Cell Culture Supernatant: Centrifuge at  $1,000 \times g$  for 10 minutes to remove precipitates, then test immediately or aliquot and store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below.
- 2) Serum Samples: Collect serum in tubes free of pyrogens and endotoxins. After clotting for 30 minutes, centrifuge at  $1,000 \times g$  for 10 minutes. Test immediately after aspirating serum samples or aliquot and store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below.
- 3) Plasma Samples: Collect plasma samples using EDTA, sodium citrate, or heparin anticoagulants. Centrifuge at  $1,000 \times g$  for 30 minutes to collect samples. Test immediately or aliquot and store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below.

This assay kit may be applicable to other biological samples. Serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatant have been validated.

[Note] Visible precipitates in the sample must be removed before testing. Do not use samples with severe hemolysis or high lipid content. Samples should be aliquoted and stored at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to prevent loss of IL-15 activity. If testing within 24 hours, samples can be stored at  $2\sim 8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , avoiding repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Before testing, frozen samples should be slowly brought to room temperature ( $25^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and gently mixed.

If sample dilution is required, use the specified sample dilution buffer for dilution.

Recommended dilutions for normal serum/plasma samples (for reference only): 1:1 dilution with sample diluent; for cell culture supernatant (for reference only): undiluted.

Due to variations in the content of target proteins in samples, the dilution ratio for each sample should be determined based on preliminary results or actual conditions.

### 2. Preparation of the ELISA Plate

The ELISA plate should be brought to room temperature before use. Unused strips should be promptly sealed in a desiccant and stored at  $2\sim 8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with each sample requiring multiple wells for experimentation.

### 3. Reagent Preparation

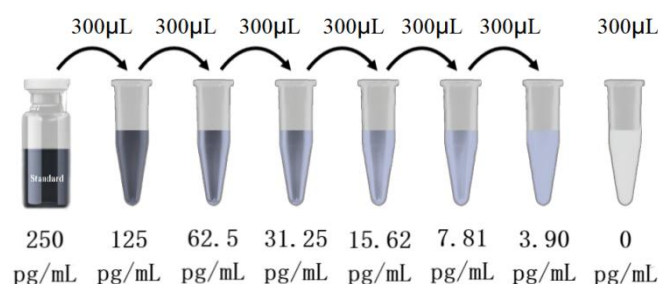
All reagent components and samples need to be brought to room temperature before use. To ensure the accuracy of the experiment, this should be done within 15 minutes before use.

- 1)  $1 \times$  Wash Solution Preparation: Equilibrate concentrated solution to room temperature, fully dissolve without crystallization. Mix well, take 25 mL of  $20 \times$  wash solution and dilute to 500 mL with distilled water; specific preparation volumes can be adjusted based on the amount used each time.

- 2) 1 × Dilution Solution Preparation: Allow the concentrated solution to equilibrate to room temperature, ensuring complete dissolution without any crystallization. Mix thoroughly, then take 10 mL of 5 × Dilution Solution and add it to distilled water, followed by diluting to 50 mL; the specific volume for preparation can be adjusted according to the required quantity for each use. The 1 × Dilution Solution is used for diluting standard samples, test samples, detecting antibodies, and enzyme conjugates.
- 3) Detection Antibody Preparation: Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 20 seconds before use, then dilute with antibody diluent at a ratio of 1:100 for working concentration, for example: take 60 μL and dilute to 6mL with antibody diluent; specific preparation volumes can be adjusted based on the amount used each time, mix thoroughly.
- 4) Enzyme Conjugate Preparation: Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 20 seconds before use, then dilute with enzyme diluent at a ratio of 1:200 for working concentration, for example, take 30 μL and dilute to 6mL with antibody/enzyme diluent; specific preparation volumes can be adjusted based on the amount used each time, mix thoroughly.
- 5) Preparation of Standard Curve: Prepare 7 sterile 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes and label them according to the standard concentrations. Preparation of S1: Dissolve one vial of standard lyophilized powder in the amount indicated by the label with sample diluent, mix thoroughly, labeled as 250 pg/mL. Add 300 μL of 1 × sample diluent to each centrifuge tube, take 300 μL of S1 and mix thoroughly into the first centrifuge tube, then take 300 μL to the next labeled concentration tube and mix thoroughly, creating a 2-fold dilution standard curve, starting with the highest concentration labeled as 250 pg/mL and the lowest concentration as 3.9 pg/mL, according to the following preparation method. A standard curve should be prepared for each experiment, and standard curves from different kits or different times should not be mixed. For sample testing, 100 μL of each standard is required per well; ensure the preparation volume is greater than the required volume to avoid insufficient usage.

**Table 2. Preparation of IL-15 Standard Curve (3.9-250 pg/mL)**

Standard Curve	Diluent (μL)	Volume of Standard Added (μL)	Final Concentration of Standard (Pg/mL)
S1	As labeled	/	250
S2	300	300	125
S3	300	300	62.5
S4	300	300	31.25
S5	300	300	15.62
S6	300	300	7.81
S7	300	300	3.90
Blank	300	0	0



## Operating Instructions

Before use, all reagents and samples need to be equilibrated to room temperature. It is strongly recommended to perform duplicate measurements for all standards and test samples.

1. Reagent Preparation: Prepare various test reagents, diluted standards, and test samples.
2. ELISA Plate Determination: Calculate the number of ELISA plate wells needed for test samples and standards. Remove the ELISA plate strips from the aluminum foil bag, return the unused strips to the bag, seal the bag, and store at low temperature.
3. Soak the ELISA plate: Soak the ELISA plate in  $1 \times$  wash solution ( $350 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ ), discard the liquid from the wells after 30 seconds, and tap dry the ELISA plate. The liquid volume affects the test results significantly; ensure no residual wash solution remains after the final tapping.
4. Sample Incubation: Add various gradient standards and diluted test samples,  $100 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ , ensuring spot sampling is completed within 15 minutes. Incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.
5. Plate Washing: Discard the liquid from the wells, wash the plate 5 times with  $1 \times$  wash solution ( $350 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ ), and tap dry the ELISA plate.
6. Detection Antibody Incubation: Add the detection antibody prepared to working concentration to the ELISA plate,  $100 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ , and incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.
7. Plate Washing: Discard the liquid from the wells, wash the plate 5 times with  $1 \times$  wash solution ( $350 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ ), and tap dry the ELISA plate.
8. Enzyme Conjugate Incubation: Add the enzyme conjugate prepared to working concentration to the ELISA plate,  $100 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ , and incubate at room temperature for 20 minutes.
9. Plate Washing: Discard the liquid from the wells, wash the plate 5 times with  $1 \times$  wash solution ( $350 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ ), and tap dry the ELISA plate.
10. Color Development: Before use, equilibrate the substrate solution to room temperature for 10 minutes. Add the substrate solution to the ELISA plate,  $100 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ , and incubate at room temperature in the dark for 15 minutes.
11. Stop Solution: Add  $50 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$  of stop solution to the ELISA plate. At this point, the color changes from blue to yellow. Gently shake the ELISA plate to ensure uniform color development.
12. Reading: Read the absorbance values at  $450 \text{ nm}/630 \text{ nm}$  within 10 minutes.

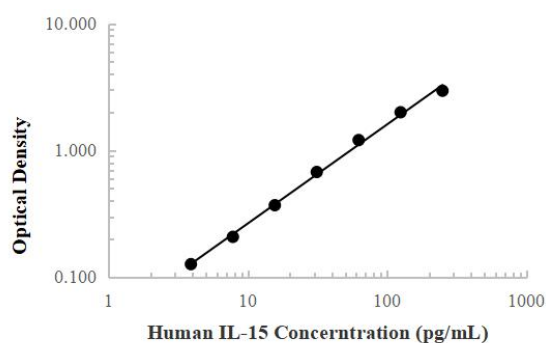
## Standard Curve Establishment

Calculate the average OD values for duplicate wells of standards and samples, and subtract the average OD value of blank wells to obtain the calibrated OD value. Plot the standard curve with the logarithm of standard concentrations as the x-axis and the logarithm of calibrated OD values as the y-axis. Various plotting and statistical software can be used to assist in drawing the standard curve and calculating the concentration of unknown samples. The four-parameter fitting method often yields better fitting results, while other methods such as linear fitting may also yield good fitting results, depending on the specific experimental data.

## Experimental Data

### 1. Standard Curve Data

Data were fitted to generate a standard curve graph, which was used for the analysis of experimental data.



standard curve graph

Concentration (pg/mL)	Absorbance	Mean Value	Calibration Value
250	2.954    2.957	2.955	2.955
125	1.975    2.020	1.998	2.000
62.5	1.166    1.258	1.212	1.206
31.25	0.626    0.707	0.666	0.676
15.62	0.348    0.398	0.373	0.369
7.81	0.201    0.229	0.215	0.208
3.9	0.113    0.129	0.121	0.127
0	0.042    0.041	0.041	/

### 2. Sensitivity Detection

The minimum detection limit of IL-15 is 1.58 pg/mL, calculated by averaging the zero well OD values from 20 repeated measurements and determining their standard deviation.

### 3. Precision Detection

#### Intra-assay Precision

Three samples of known concentrations were assayed 10 times on the same ELISA plate to evaluate

#### Inter-assay Precision

Three samples of known concentrations were assayed 30 times on different ELISA plates to evaluate.

Project	Intra-assay Precision			Inter-assay Precision		
Sample	1	2	3	1	2	3
	10	10	10	30	30	30
Mean Value	122.2	27.6	6.6	118.8	27.9	6.5
Standard Deviation	3.8	1.1	0.2	6.7	1.7	0.4
Coefficient of Variation (%)	3.1	3.8	2.8	5.6	5.9	5.8

### 4. Recovery Rate Detection

The recovery of IL-15 was determined by adding IL-15 at different levels to the samples. The recovery rates are as follows:

Sample Types	Average Recovery Rate (%)	Range (%)
Serum	94.3	85.6-116.1
Cell culture supernatant	99.7	82.2-113.3

### 5. Dilution Linearity Test

Serum Dilution Ratio	Mean Expected Value (%)	Range (%)
1:02	107.6	91.2-118.9
1:04	109.1	98.2-124.9
1:08	107.8	100.5-116.3
1:16	97.4	90.1-110.0

Plasma Dilution Ratio	Mean Expected Value (%)	Range (%)
1:02	93.7	83.4-107.8
1:04	95.8	86.9-108.1
1:08	99.3	87.4-122.9
1:16	93.2	88.3-102.9

### 6. Sample Values

Using this assay kit, samples from several healthy volunteers were tested. The medication history of the volunteers is unknown.



Sample Types	Sample Number	Mean Value (pg/mL)	Sample Value (pg/mL)
Serum	12	1.7	n.d.-9.4
Plasma	12	1.2	n.d.-8.6
Cell Culture Supernatant	6	n.d.	n.d.

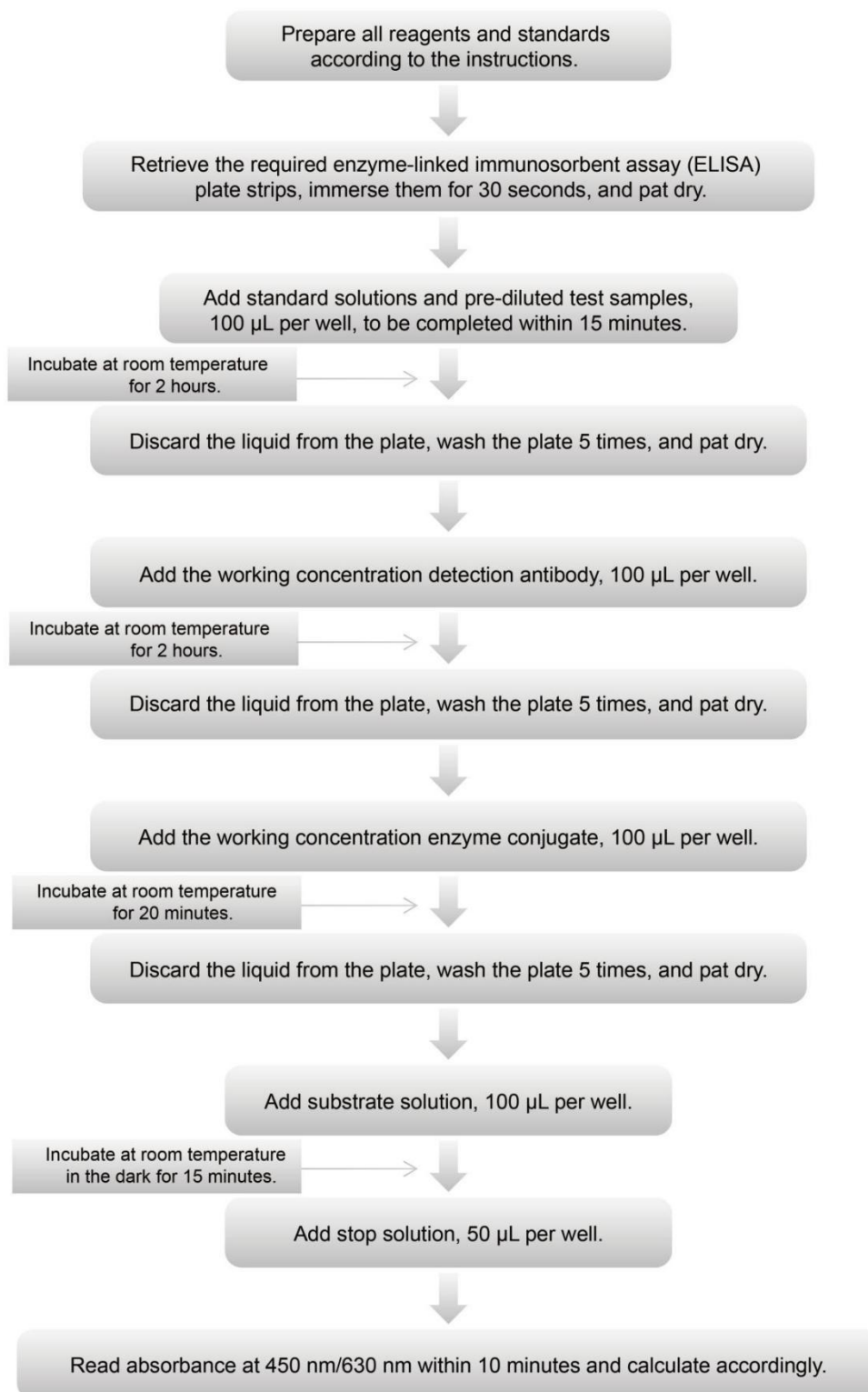
n.d. Refers to sample concentrations below the detection range of 3.9 Pg/mL

## 7. Specificity Assay

This assay kit recognizes both native and recombinant IL-15, with no observed significant cross-reactivity or interference effects.

Recombinant human:		Recombinant Mouse:	
IL-1 $\alpha$	IL-6	GM-CSF	IL-10
IL-1 $\beta$	IL-6R	IL-1 $\alpha$	IL-13
IL-1ra	IL-7	IL-1 $\beta$	IL-15
IL-2	IL-8	IL-2	LIF
IL-2 R $\alpha$	IL-9	IL-3	MIP-1 $\alpha$
IL-2 R $\beta$	IL-10	IL-4	MIP-1 $\beta$
IL-2 R $\gamma$	IL-11	IL-5	SCF
IL-3	IL-12	IL-6	TNF-a
IL-4	IL-13	IL-7	
IL-5		IL-9	

## Detection Schematic



## Frequently Asked Questions

Issues	Causes	Solution
Poor standard curve	Inaccurate pipetting volumes	Check the pipette, calibrate it regularly, handle it carefully, tightly cap the tip while mixing thoroughly, and minimize foam formation.
	Inappropriate dilution methods	
Low color intensity	Insufficient incubation time	Allow sufficient incubation time, and replace samples and reconstituted standards overnight.
	Inadequate pipetting volumes or improper dilution	Calibrate pipettes and standardize operations.
High coefficient of variation (CV)	Improper washing of the ELISA plate	Use the correct washing procedure; if using a plate washer, check all ports for blockages.
	Contaminated washing solution	Prepare fresh washing solution.
Low sensitivity	Improper storage of the assay kit	Store according to the product component table.