

## HUMAN INTERLEUKIN 2 ELISA KIT

FOR THE QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION  
OF HUMAN IL-2 CONCENTRATIONS IN  
SERUM AND EDTA PLASMA



ALWAYS REFER TO LOT SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
PROVIDED WITH EACH KIT FOR  
INSTRUCTIONS. PROTOCOL MUST BE  
READ BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

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### PRODUCT INFORMATION:

**THIS KIT IS FOR ONE TIME USE ONLY.**

ELISA NAME	HIGH SENSITIVITY IL-2 HUMAN ELISA KIT
Catalog No.	SK00747-01
Lot No.	20114202
Formulation	96 T
Standard range	3.9- 250 pg/mL
Sensitivity	1.5 pg/mL
Sample Volume	100 µL
Sample Type	Serum, EDTA Plasma
Dilution Factor	<b>Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application</b>
Specificity	Human IL-2
Calibration	Human IL-2 Recombinant
Intra-assay Precision	4 - 6%
Inter-assay Precision	8 - 12%
Storage	2 – 8° C
<b>This kit contains sufficient materials to run approximately 35 samples duplicated provided that assay is run according to protocol.</b>	

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**DESCRIPTION**

This High Sensitivity Human Interleukin-2 (IL-2) ELISA Kit contains the necessary components required for the quantitative measurement of recombinant and/or natural human mature IL-2 from serum and plasma in a sandwich ELISA format.

This immunoassay contains recombinant human IL-2 and antibodies raised against this protein. Results from this immunoassay have shown to accurately quantify recombinant and natural IL-2 samples.

**ASSAY OVERVIEW**

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich ELISA format. The plate is pre-coated with an antibody specific for human IL-2. The capture antibody can bind to the human IL-2 in the standard and samples. After washing the plate of any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody against human IL-2 is added to the wells. After another washing of the plate, Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate is added. After the last wash to remove any unbound enzyme, a substrate solution (TMB) is added to the wells and color develops in direct proportion to the amount of human IL-2 bound in the standard solutions or samples. A standard curve can be established and sample values can be read off the standard curve.

**PROCEDURAL LIMITATIONS**

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\_This ELISA kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.

\_Do not mix 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.

\_Any modifications in buffers, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, as well as kit age can cause a change in signal.

\_Not all interfering factors have been tested in the immunoassay, therefore the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.

**COMPONENTS PROVIDED**

DESCRIPTION	CODE	QUANTITY
<b>IL-2 Microplate</b> - 96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with an antibody against IL-2.	<b>747-01-01</b>	<b>1 plate</b>
<b>IL-2 Standard</b> – 500 pg/vial of recombinant human IL-2 in a buffered protein base with preservative; lyophilized.	<b>747-01-02</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Detection Antibody Concentrate</b> – 1.05 mL/vial, 10-fold concentrate of biotinylated antibody against IL-2 with preservative; lyophilized.	<b>747-01-03</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Positive Control</b> - one vial of recombinant human IL-2; lyophilized.	<b>747-01-04</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate</b> – 120 µL/vial, 100-fold concentrated solution of Streptavidin conjugate to HRP.	<b>SAHRP</b>	<b>1 vial</b>
<b>Dilution Buffer</b> – 45 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	<b>DB10</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Antibody Diluent Solution</b> – 12 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	<b>DB108A</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>HRP Diluent Solution</b> – 12 mL of buffered protein based solution with preservative.	<b>DB08B</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Wash Buffer</b> – 50 mL of 10-fold concentrated buffered surfactant, with preservative.	<b>WB01</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>TMB Substrate Solution</b> - 11 mL of TMB substrate solution.	<b>TMB01</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Stop Solution</b> – 11 mL of 0.5M HCl.	<b>S-STOP</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>
<b>Plate Sealer</b>	<b>EAPS</b>	<b>1 piece</b>
<b>Plastic Pouch</b>	<b>P01</b>	<b>1 piece</b>

**STORAGE**

**Unopened Kit:** Store at 2 – 8° C for up to 1 month. For long-term storage for up to 10 months, place unopened Standard, Detection Antibody and Positive

Control, Dilution Buffer (DB10), Antibody Diluent Solution (DB108A) and HRP Diluent Solution (DB08B) in a freezer at -20° C or -70° C. Streptavidin-HRP 100-fold concentrate and **TMB Substrate Solution** should be stored only at 2 ~ 8 ° C. Do not use kit past expiration date.

### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Microplate reader capable of absorbance measurement at 450 nm.
- Microplate shaker (350 – 400 rpm).
- Microplate washer or manifold dispenser.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- Multi-channel Pipette, Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.

### PRECAUTION

This kit should be handled by those persons who have been trained in and can follow the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken while handling solutions in this kit to avoid contact with skin or eyes, especially with the stop solution because it contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Wash immediately with water in case of contact on skin or eyes.

### SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

**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 ≤ -20° 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 ≤ -20° C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

### SAMPLE PREPARATION

Human plasma and serum samples DO NOT require any dilutions.

**Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application with a sample pretest.**

**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 1x Wash Buffer.

**IL-2 Standard** - Reconstitute the IL-2 standard with 1.0 mL of **Dilution Buffer (DB10)**. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 500 pg/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 (DB10) into tubes #2 to #7. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The **250 pg/mL** standard serves as the high standard. The Dilution Buffer (DB10) serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).

TUBE	STANDARD	DILUTION BUFFER (DB09)	CONCENTRATION
stock	Powder	1.0 ml	500 pg/ml
# 1	250 µl of stock	250 µl	250 pg/ml
# 2	250 µl of 1	250 µl	125 pg/ml
# 3	250 µl of 2	250 µl	62.5 pg/ml
# 4	250 µl of 3	250 µl	31.25 pg/ml
# 5	250 µl of 4	250 µl	15.6 pg/ml
# 6	250 µl of 5	250 µl	7.8 pg/ml
# 7	250 µl of 6	250 µl	3.9 pg/ml

**Positive Control** - Reconstitute the Positive Control with 2.0 mL of **Dilution Buffer (DB10)**.

**Detection Antibody Concentrate** - Reconstitute the Detection Antibody Concentrate with 1.05 mL of **Antibody Diluent Solution (DB108A)** to produce a 10-fold concentrated stock solution. Pipette 9.45 mL of **Antibody Diluent Solution (DB108A)** into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 1.05 mL of 10-fold concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution.

**Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate** - Pipette 11.88 mL of **HRP Diluent Solution (DB08B)** into a 15 mL centrifuge tube and transfer 120 µL of 100-fold

concentrated stock solution to prepare working solution. **Protect from light.**

### ELISA PROTOCOL

**Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before the start of the assay. Blank, standard dilutions, positive control and samples should be assayed in duplicate. ELISA Protocol may need further optimization.**

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Add 100 µL of **Dilution Buffer (DB10)** to Blank wells.
3. Add 100 µL of **Standard dilutions** in reverse order of serial dilution, **samples**, or **positive control** per well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature.
4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with **1x 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.
5. Add 100 µL of **Detection Antibody working solution** to each well. Cover with plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours on microplate shaker at room temperature.
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100 µL of **Streptavidin-HRP Conjugate working solution** to each well. Incubate for 60 minutes on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
8. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
9. Add 100 µL of **Substrate Solution** to each well. Incubate for 7-11 minutes on microplate shaker at room temperature. **Protect from light.**
10. 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.
11. Determine the optical density of each well using a microplate reader set to 450 nm within 3 minutes.

### 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. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

### SPECIFICITY

PROTEINS	CROSS-REACTIVITY (%)
Human IL-2	100
Human IL-6	0
Human IL-4	0
Human IL-1 beta	0
Human IL-33	0
Human IL-13	0

### TYPICAL DATA

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









STANDARD (PG/ML)	AVERAGE OD450NM (CORRECTED)
Blank	0 (0.129)
3.9	0.039
7.8	0.089
15.6	0.163
31.25	0.349
62.5	0.740
125	1.419
250	2.759

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POSITIVE CONTROL: 10 ~ 49 PG/ML

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**SUMMARY OF ASSAY PROCEDURE**

<b>PREPARE REAGENTS, SAMPLES AND STANDARDS</b>

Add 100 µl of standard dilutions, samples, or positive control to the 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 60 minutes on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>

Aspirate and wash 4 times.

Add 100 µl Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate 7-11 min on the plate shaker at RT. <b>Protect from light.</b>

Add 100 µl Stop Solution to each well. Read at 450nm within 3 min.