Human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR ELISA Kit

Catalog No. BSKH1070 (96 wells)
For Use with serum, plasma and cell culture supernatants

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures

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Introductions

T cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain 1 (TIM-1), also known as Kidney injury molecule 1 (KIM-1) and Hepatitis A virus cellular receptor 1 (HAVcr1), is a member of the TIM family which is involved in the regulation of innate and adaptive immune responses. TIM-1 is a type I transmembrane protein that contains an N-terminal immunoglobulin-like domain, a mucin domain with O- and N-linked glycosylations, a transmembrane segment, and a cytoplasmic signaling domain. Multiple TIM-1 variants can be produced due to polymorphisms or alternative splicing resulting in deletions in the mucin domain. Some of these polymorphisms are associated with susceptibility to atopy, autoimmunity, and severe hepatitis A viral infection in humans. Within the extracellular domain, human TIM-1 shares 41% amino acid sequence identity with mouse and rat TIM-1.

In vivo, TIM-1 is expressed on splenic B cells and is a marker for the identification of IL-10+ regulatory B cells. TIM-1 is also expressed on CD4+ T cells, mast cells, invariant NKT (iNKT) cells, dendritic cells, kidney epithelium and a broad range of mucosal epithelium. The expression of TIM-1 is upregulated on activated Th2 cells, after dendritic cell maturation, and on kidney tubular epithelial cells after injury. Metalloproteinase-mediated cleavage of TIM-1 at the membrane-proximal region results in the release of a soluble form of TIM-1 which is detectable in the urine and in circulation. Urinary TIM-1 is highly elevated in nephropathy and may be a useful biomarker for renal damage.

TIM-1 has been reported to be a receptor for a number of ligands, including phosphatidylserine, leukocyte mono-immunoglobulin-like receptor 5 (LMIR5/CD300b), TIM-1 (homophilic), TIM-4, IgA, and the glycoproteins of a number of enveloped viruses. Its interaction with phosphatidylserine enables TIM-1 to mediate the phagocytosis of apoptotic cells. In TIM-1-bearing iNKT cells, interaction with apoptotic cells can also result in iNKT cell activation, proliferation, and cytokine production. Interactions between cell-surface or soluble TIM-1 with LMIR5 is proposed to induce LMIR5-mediated activation of myeloid cells including macrophages/monocytes, mast cells, neutrophils, and dendritic cells. These interactions contribute to tissue homeostasis and damage during kidney injury. Ligandinduced TIM-1 signaling costimulates T cell activation and enhances Th2 cytokine production. In humans, TIM-1 serves as a cellular entry receptor for various viruses, including hepatitis A virus, Ebolavirus and Marburgvirus.

Principle of the Assay

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A monoclonal antibody specific for TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR present is bound by the immobilized antibody. Following incubation unbound samples are removed during a wash step, and then a detection antibody specific for TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR is added to the wells and binds to the combination of capture antibody-TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR in sample. Following a wash to remove any unbound combination, and enzyme conjugate is added to the wells. Following incubation and wash steps a substrate is added. A coloured product is formed in proportion to the amount of TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR present in the sample. The reaction is terminated by addition of acid and absorbance is measured at 450nm. A standard curve is prepared from seven TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR standard dilutions and TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR sample concentration determined.
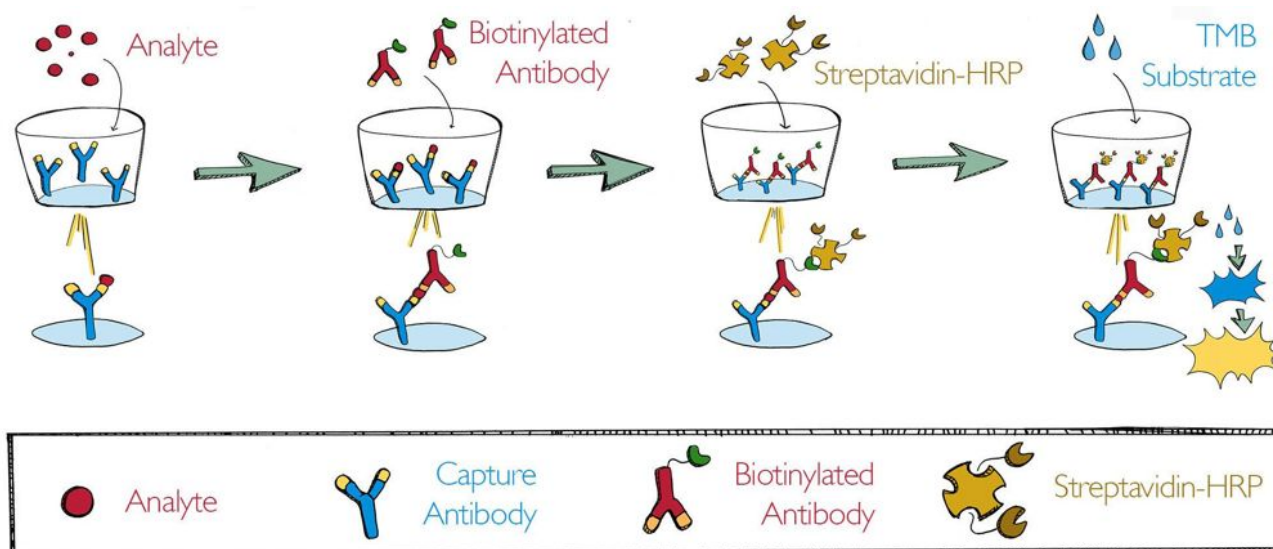
Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the assay

Materials supplied

Table 1. Kit Components

Kit Components	96 wells Quantity/Size
Aluminium pouches with a Microwell Plate coated with monoclonal antibody to human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR (8·12)	1 plate
Human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR Standard lyophilized, 1000 pg/ml upon reconstitution	2 vials
Concentrated Biotin-Conjugate anti-human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR monoclonal antibody	2 vials
Streptavidin-HRP solution	2 vials
Standard /sample Diluent	1 bottle
Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent	1 bottle
Streptavidin-HRP Diluent	1 bottle
Wash Buffer Concentrate 20x (PBS with 1% Tween-20)	1 bottle
Substrate Solution	1 vial
Stop Solution	1 vial
Adhesive Films	4 pieces
Product data sheet	1 copy

Storage

Table 2. Storage of the kit

Unopened Kit	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do **NOT** use past kit expiration date**!**	
Opened/ Reconstituted	Standard /Sample Diluent	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 - 8°C.**
	Concentrated Biotin-Conjugate	

Reagents	Streptavidin-HRP Solution	
	Biotin-Conjugate Antibody Diluent	
	Streptavidin-HRP Diluent	
	Wash Buffer Concentrate 20x	
	Substrate Solution	
	Stop Solution	
	Standard	Aliquot and store for up to 1 month at ≤20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Diluted standard shall not be reused.
	Microplate Wells	Return unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack, reseal along entire edge of zip-seal. May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 - 8°C.**

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

Materials Needed but Not Supplied

1. Microplate reader (450nm).

2. Micro-pipette and tips: 0.5-10, 2-20, 20-200, 200-1000ul.

3. 37℃ incubator.

4. Double-distilled water or deionized water.

5. Coordinate paper.

6. Graduated cylinder.

Precautions for Use

1. Store kit reagents between 2℃and 8℃.

2. Please perform simple centrifugation to collect the liquid before use.

3. To avoid cross contamination, please use disposable pipette tips.

4. The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acid solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this material. Avoid contact of skin or mucous membranes with kit reagents or specimens. In the case of contact with skin or eyes wash immediately with water.

5. Use clean, dedicated reagent trays for dispensing the washing liquid, conjugate and substrate reagent. Mix all reagents and samples well before use.

6. After washing microtiter plate should be fully pat dried. Do not use absorbent paper directly into the enzyme reaction wells.

7. Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or other sources. Do not use kit reagents beyond expiration date on label.

8. Each sample, standard, blank and optional control samples should be assayed in duplicate or triplicate.

9. Adequate mixing is very important for good result. Use a mini-vortexer at the lowest frequency or Shake by hand at 10min interval when there is no vortexer.

10. Avoid microtiter plates drying during the operation.

11. Dilute samples at the appropriate multiple, and make the sample values fall within the standard curve. If samples generate values higher than the highest standard, dilute the samples and repeat the assay.

12. Any variation in standard diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time and

temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.

13. This method can effectively eliminate the interference of the soluble receptors, binding proteins and other factors in biological samples.

Sample Collection and Storage

1. **Cell Culture Supernatants** – Remove particulates by centrifugation.

2. **Serum** – Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at approximately 1000 x g. Remove serum, avoid hemolysis and high blood lipid samples.

3. **Plasma** – Recommended EDTA as an anticoagulant in plasma. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of collection.

4. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at –20℃. Avoid repeated freeze–thaw cycles.

5. Dilute samples at the appropriate multiple (recommended to do pre-test to determine the dilution factor). **Note: The normal human serum or plasma samples are suggested to make a 1:2 dilution.**

Reagent Preparation

1. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

2. **Wash Buffer** – Dilute 10mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water to prepare 200mL of Wash Buffer. If crystals have formed in the concentrate Wash Buffer, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.

3. **Standard** – Reconstitute the Standard with 1.0mL of Standard /sample Diluent. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 1000 pg /mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions.

Pipette 500μL of Standard/sample Diluent into the 500 pg/mL tube and the remaining tubes. Use the stock solution to produce a 2-fold dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly and change pipette tips between each transfer. The 1000 pg/mL standard serves as the high standard. The Standard/ sample Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).

If you do not run out of re-melting standard, store it at –20℃. Diluted standard shall not be reused.
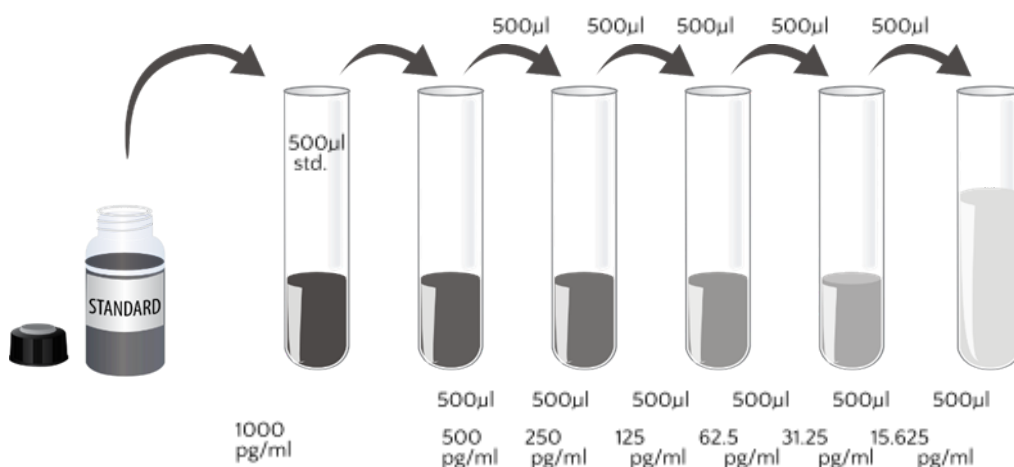

Figure 2. Preparation of TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR standard dilutions

4. Working solution of Biotin-Conjugate anti-human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR monoclonal antibody:
   Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Biotin-Conjugate solution with the Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent in a clean plastic tube.

5. Working solution of Streptavidin-HRP: Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Streptavidin-HRP solution with the Streptavidin-HRP Diluent in a clean plastic tube.

   __The working solution should be used within one day after dilution.__

General ELISA Protocol

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.

2. Determine the number of microwell strips required to test the desired number of samples plus appropriate number of wells needed for running blanks and standards. Remove extra microwell strips from holder and store in foil bag with the desiccant provided at 2-8℃ sealed tightly.

3. Add 100µL of Standard, control, or sample, per well. Cover with the adhesive strip provided. Incubate for 1.5 hours at 37℃.

4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (350µL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser or auto-washer. 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 the working solution of Biotin-Conjugate to each well. Cover with a new adhesive strip and incubate 1 hours at 37℃.

6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.

7. Add 100 µL of the working solution of Streptavidin-HRP to each well. Cover with a new adhesive strip and incubate for 30 minutes at 37℃. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.

8. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.

9. Add 100 µL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 10-20 minutes at 37℃. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.

10. Add 100 µL of Stop Solution to each well. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.

11. Determine the optical density of each well immediately, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. (optionally 630nm as the reference wavelength; 610-650nm is acceptable)

Assay Procedure Summary
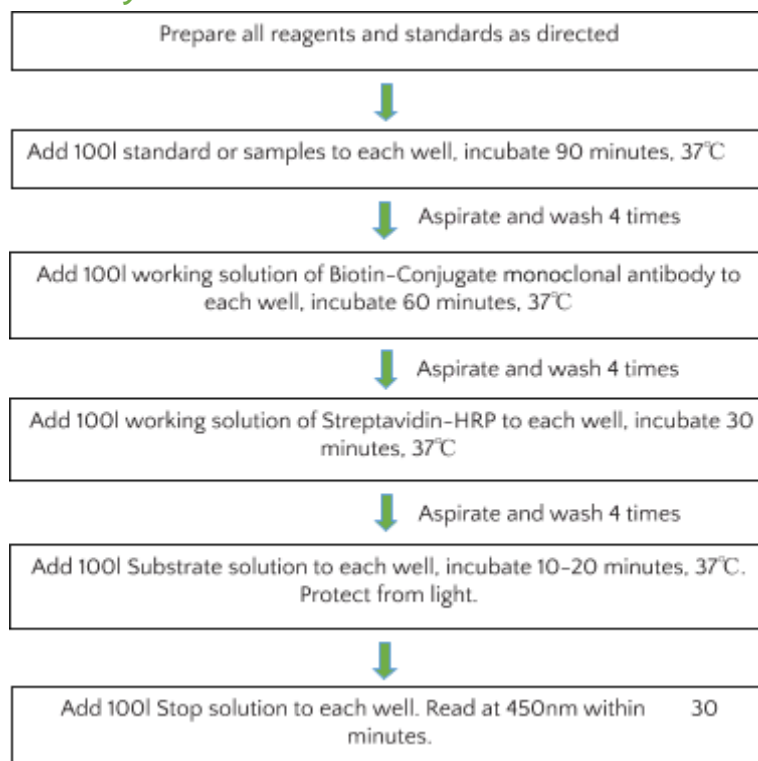
Technical Hints

1.   When mixing or reconstituting protein solutions, always avoid foaming.

2.   To avoid cross-contamination, change pipette tips between additions of each standard level, between sample additions, and between reagent additions. Also, use separate reservoirs for each reagent.

3.   To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary.

4.   Substrate Solution should remain colorless until added to the plate. Stop Solution should be added to the plate in the same order as the Substrate Solution. Keep Substrate Solution protected from light. Substrate Solution should change from colorless to gradations of blue.

5.   A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. According to the content of tested factors in the sample, appropriate diluted or concentrated samples, it is best to do pre-experiment.

Calculation of Results

1.   Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample and subtract the average zero standard optical density.

2.   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.

3.   The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR 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.

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

Table 3. Typical data using the TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR ELISA (Measuring wavelength: 450nm, Reference wavelength: 630nm)

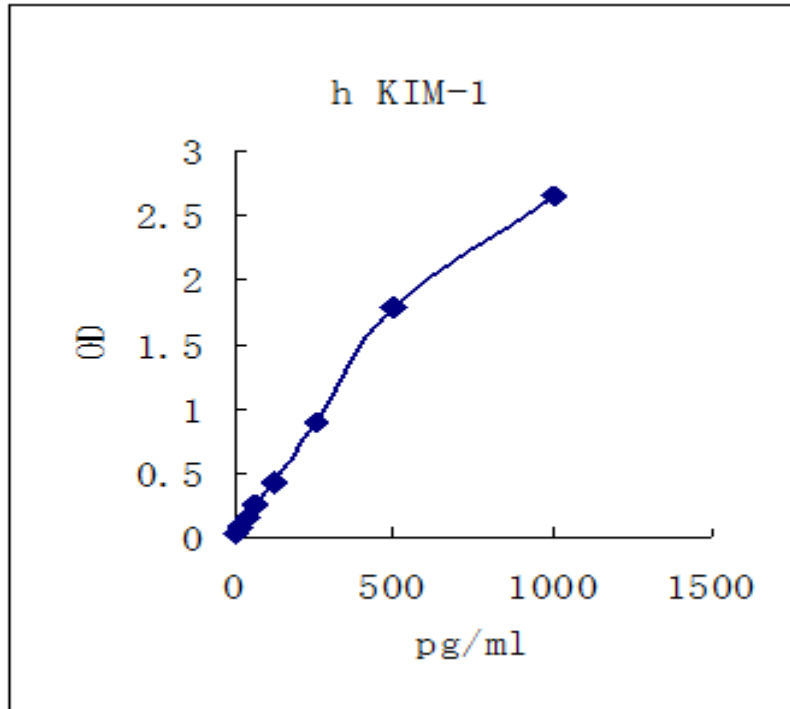| Standard (pg/ml)	OD.	OD.	Average	Corrected
0	0.028	0.032	0.030	——
15.625	0.076	0.083	0.079	0.049
31.25	0.126	0.130	0.128	0.098
62.5	0.213	0.245	0.229	0.199
125	0.415	0.406	0.410	0.380
250	0.841	0.876	0.858	0.828
500	1.787	1.735	1.761	1.731
1000	2.670	2.709	2.690	2.660

Figure 4. Representative standard curve for human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR ELISA.

Do not use this standard curve to derive test results. A standard curve must be run for each group of microwell strips assayed.

Performance Characteristics

REPEATABILITY: The coefficient of variation of both intra-assay and inter-assay were less than 10%.

SENSITIVITY: The minimum detectable dose was 7pg/mL.

SPECIFICITY: This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant human TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR. The factors listed below were prepared at 50ng/ml in Standard /sample Diluent and assayed for cross-reactivity and no significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

Table 4. Factors assayed for cross-reactivity

Recombinant human	Recombinant mouse	Recombinant rat
TIM-3	TIM-1	TIM-1
TIM-4	TIM-4	