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Human IL-21 Valukine™ ELISA

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I. BACKGROUND

Interleukin-21 (IL-21) is an approximately 14 kDa four-helix-bundle member of the family of cytokines that utilize the common gamma chain (γ_c) as a receptor subunit. γ_c is also a subunit of the receptors for IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, IL-9, and IL-15 (1). IL-21 is produced by activated T follicular helper cells (Tfh), Th17 cells, and NKT cells (2-6). It exerts its biological effects through a heterodimeric receptor complex of γ_c and the IL-21-specific IL-21 R (2, 7). Tfh-derived IL-21 plays an important role in the development of humoral immunity through its autocrine effects on the Tfh cell and paracrine effects on immunoglobulin affinity maturation, plasma cell differentiation, and B cell memory responses (4, 8, 9). It is also required for the migration of dendritic cells to draining lymph nodes (10). IL-21 regulates several aspects of T cell function. It co-stimulates the activation, proliferation, and survival of CD8⁺ T cells and NKT cells and promotes Th17 cell polarization (3, 5, 6, 11, 12). It blocks the generation of regulatory T cells and their suppressive effects on CD4⁺ T cells (13, 14). IL-21 R engagement enhances the cytolytic activity and IFN- γ production of activated NK cells but limits the expansion of resting NK cells (15). In addition, IL-21 suppresses cutaneous hypersensitivity reactions by limiting allergen-specific IgE production and mast cell degranulation (16). Dysregulation of the IL-21/IL-21 R system contributes to the development of multiple immunological disorders (1, 17). The 133 amino acid (aa) mature human IL-21 shares 63% and 61% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat IL-21, respectively. Alternative splicing generates an additional isoform with a substitution of the C-terminal 16 amino acids (18).

II. OVERVIEW

A. PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. An antibody specific for human IL-21 has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any human IL-21 present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for human IL-21 is pipetted into the wells. After washing away any unbound substances, Streptavidin-HRP are pipetted into the wells. Following a wash to remove any unbound reagent, TMB substrate solution (Chromogenic agent) is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of human IL-21 bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped, and the intensity of the color is measured.

B. LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- **FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.**
- This kit is suitable for cell culture supernate and human serum.
- 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.
- If samples generate values higher than the highest standard, dilute the samples with Reagent Diluent (1×) or Calibrator Diluent (1×) and repeat the assay.
- Any variation in operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.

III. ADVANTAGES

A. PRECISION

Intra-assay Precision (Precision within an assay)

Three samples were tested twenty times on one plate to assess intra-assay precision.

Inter-assay Precision (Precision between assays)

Three samples were tested in twenty separate assays to assess inter-assay precision.

	Intra-assay Precision			Inter-assay Precision		
Sample	1	2	3	1	2	3
Mean (pg/mL)	24.1	135.1	657.9	24.1	136.4	657.6
Standard Deviation	0.5	3.8	13.1	0.4	4.1	12.9
CV%	1.9	2.8	2.0	1.8	3.0	2.0

B. RECOVERY

The recovery of human IL-21 spiked to different levels throughout the range of the assay in cell culture media was evaluated. The recovery ranged from 94.9 to 121.6% with an average of 108.5%.

The recovery of Human IL-21 spiked to different levels throughout the range of the assay in human serum was evaluated. The recovery ranged from 97.6 to 118.3% with an average of 109.1%.

C. SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable dose (MDD) of human IL-21 is typically less than 0.82 pg/mL.

The MDD was determined by adding two standard deviations to the mean optical density value of twenty zero standard replicates and calculating the corresponding concentration.

D. CALIBRATION

This immunoassay is calibrated against a highly purified *E. Coli*-expressed recombinant human IL-21 produced at R&D Systems.

E. LINEARITY

To assess the linearity of the assay, different samples were containing or spiked with high concentrations of human IL-21 and diluted with Reagent Diluent (1×) (*for cell culture supernate samples*) or Calibrator Diluent (1×) (*for serum samples*) to produce samples with values within the dynamic range of the assay.

Dilution	Average % of Expected	Range (%)
1:2	91.7	87.5-96.0
1:4	92.4	86.1-97.1
1:8	94.6	92.4-100.7
1:16	96.7	91.0-103.4

F. SAMPLE VALUES

Serum - Three human serum samples were evaluated for the presence of human IL-21 in this assay. All samples measured ranged from 36.2 to 95.4 pg/mL with an average of 66.6 pg/mL.

G. SPECIFICITY

The following factors prepared at 50 ng/mL were assayed and exhibited no cross-reactivity or interference.

Recombinant human	Recombinant Mouse
IL-2	IL-21
IL-4	
IL-7	
IL-9	
IL-15	

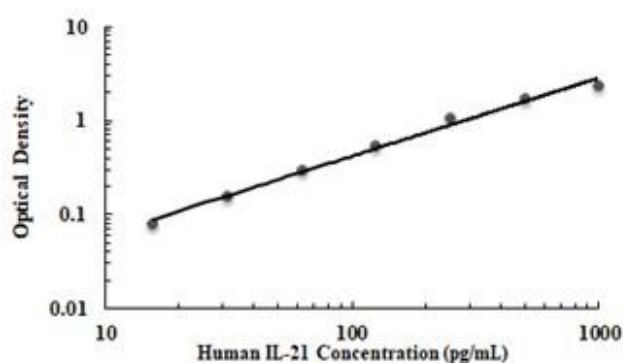
Recombinant human IL-21 R does not cross-react in this assay, but does interfere at concentrations > 31.25 pg/mL.

IV. EXPERIMENT

EXAMPLE STANDARD

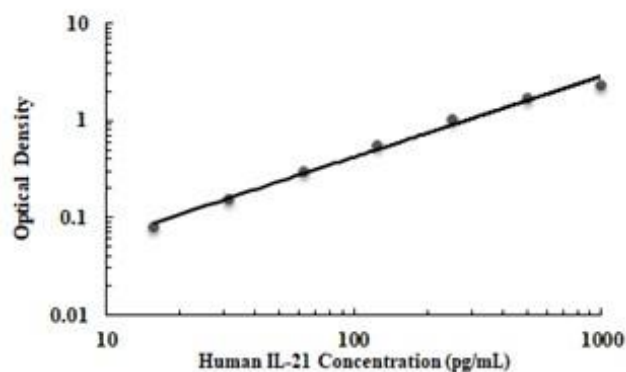
The standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.

SERUM ASSAY



pg/mL	OD	Average	Corrected
0	0.060 0.059	0.060	-
15.6	0.141 0.136	0.139	0.079
31.3	0.216 0.217	0.217	0.157
62.5	0.353 0.359	0.356	0.297
125	0.612 0.607	0.610	0.550
250	1.104 1.099	1.102	1.042
500	1.766 1.753	1.760	1.700
1000	2.358 2.394	2.376	2.317

CELL CULTURE SUPERNATE ASSAY



pg/mL	OD	Average	Corrected
0	0.080 0.078	0.079	-
15.6	0.230 0.226	0.228	0.149
31.3	0.377 0.371	0.374	0.295
62.5	0.654 0.640	0.647	0.568
125	1.082 1.091	1.087	1.008
250	1.750 1.722	1.736	1.657
500	2.355 2.401	2.378	2.299
1000	2.761 2.731	2.746	2.667

V. KIT COMPONENTS AND STORAGE

A. MATERIALS PROVIDED

Parts	Description	Size
Human IL-21 Microplate	96 well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a mouse antibody against human IL-21.	1 plate
Human IL-21 Standard	Recombinant human IL-21 in a buffered protein base; lyophilized. Refer to the vial label for reconstitution volume.	2 vials
Human IL-21 Detection Antibody	Biotinylated IL-21 antibody, lyophilized. Refer to the vial label for reconstitution volume.	1 vial
Streptavidin-HRP B (40×)	40× Streptavidin conjugated to horseradish peroxidase.	1 vial
Reagent Diluent (10×)	A 10× concentrated buffered protein base used to dilute detection antibody, HRP, standard and samples (<i>for cell culture supernate samples</i>). A 10× concentrated buffered protein base used to dilute detection antibody and HRP (<i>for serum samples</i>).	1 vial
Calibrator Diluent (2×)	A 2× concentrated buffered diluent used to dilute standard and samples (<i>for serum samples</i>).	1 vial
Wash Buffer Concentrate (25×)	A 25× concentrated solution of buffered surfactant with preservatives.	1 vial
TMB Substrate	TMB ELISA Substrate Solution	1 vial
Stop Solution	2 N sulfuric acid.	1 vial
Plate Sealers	Adhesive strip.	3 strips

B. STORAGE

Unopened Kit	Store at 2-8 °C. Do not use past kit expiration date.	
Opened/ Reconstituted Reagents	Streptavidin-HRP B	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.*
	Diluted Wash Solution	
	TMB Substrate	
	Stop Solution	
	Standard	Prepare fresh for each assay. Standards may be stored for up to 1 month at -20°C*.
	Detection Antibody	Aliquot and store for up to 1 month at -20 °C in a manual defrost freezer. *
	Reagent Diluent (10×)	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.* Use and discard diluted Reagent Diluent (1×). Prepare fresh for each assay.
	Calibrator Diluent (2×)	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.* Use and discard diluted Calibrator Diluent (1×). Prepare fresh for each assay.
	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.

C. OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- ♦ Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm, with the correction wavelength set at 540 nm or 570 nm.
- ♦ Pipettes and pipette tips.
- ♦ Deionized or distilled water.
- ♦ Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
- ♦ 500 mL graduated cylinder.

D. PRECAUTION

- ♦ Some components in this kit contain a preservative which may cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing mist.
- ♦ The Stop Solution provided with this kit is an acid solution. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

VI. PREPARATION

A. 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. Samples may require dilution with Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$).

Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes at room temperature before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 $\times$ g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Samples may require dilution with Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$).

B. SAMPLE PREPARATION

Cell culture supernate samples recommend a 2-fold dilution prior to the assay. A suggested 2-fold dilution is 100 μL of sample + 100 μL of **Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$)**. Optimal dilutions should be determined by the end user.

Serum samples recommend a 2-fold dilution. A suggested 2-fold dilution is 100 μL of sample + 100 μL of **Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$)**. Optimal dilutions should be determined by the end user.

C. REAGENT PREPARATION

Note: *Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.*

Wash Buffer (1 $\times$) - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute 20 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate (25 $\times$) into deionized or distilled water to prepare 500 mL of Wash Buffer (1 $\times$).

Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$) - Use deionized or distilled water to prepare Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$).

Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$) - Use deionized or distilled water to prepare Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$).

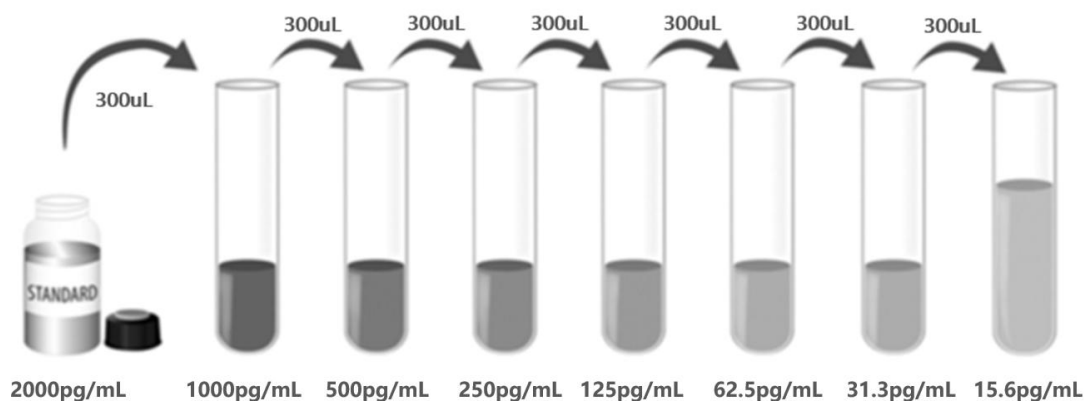
Detection Antibody (1 $\times$) - **Centrifuge briefly before opening. Reconstitution volume refer to vial label to prepare Detection Antibody (100 $\times$)**. Allow the Detection Antibody to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Aliquot and store if needed. Dilute to Detection Antibody (1 $\times$) with Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$). Prepare at least 15 minutes prior to use.

Streptavidin-HRP B (1 $\times$) - **Centrifuge briefly before opening.** Dilute to the working concentration specified on the vial label using Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$).

Human IL-21 Standard - Centrifuge briefly before opening. Refer to the vial label for the reconstitution volume*. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 2000 pg/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions.

*If you have any question, please seek help from our Technical Support.

Pipette 300 μ L of Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$) (for cell culture supernate samples) or Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$) (for serum samples) into each tube. Use the stock solution to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The 1000 pg/mL standard serves as the high standard. The Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$) (for cell culture supernate samples) or Calibrator Diluent (1 $\times$) (for serum samples) serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).



D. TECHNICAL HINTS

- When mixing or reconstituting protein solutions, always avoid foaming.
- 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.
- It is recommended that the samples be pipetted within 15 minutes.
- To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary.
- TMB Substrate should remain colorless until added to the plate. Keep Substrate Solution protected from light. Substrate Solution should change from colorless to gradations of blue.
- Stop Solution should be added to the plate in the same order as the TMB substrate. The color developed in the wells will turn from blue to yellow upon addition of the Stop Solution. Wells that are green in color indicate that the Stop Solution has not mixed thoroughly with the TMB substrate.

VII. ASSAY PROCEDURE

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

1. Prepare all reagents and working standards as directed in the previous sections.
2. Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame, return them to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack, and reseal.
3. Add 100 μ L of standard, or prepared sample per well. Cover with the adhesive strip provided. **Incubate for 2 hours at room temperature.** A plate layout is provided for a record of standards and samples assayed. (Samples may require dilution. See Sample Preparation section.)
4. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process three times for a total of four washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Solution (400 μ L) 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 μ L of the Detection Antibody (1 $\times$) diluted in Reagent Diluent (1 $\times$), to each well. Cover with a new adhesive strip and **incubate 2 hours at room temperature.**
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100 μ L of the working dilution of Streptavidin-HRP B to each well. Cover the plate and **incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.**
8. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 4.
9. Add 100 μ L of TMB Substrate to each well. **Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.**
10. Add 50 μ L of Stop Solution to each well. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
11. Determine the optical density of each well within 10 minutes, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in

the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

12. CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample and subtract the average zero standard optical density (O.D.). 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. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the human IL-21 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.

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PLATE LAYOUT

Use this plate layout to record standards and samples assayed.

A blank 12x8 grid of circles for a dot marker activity. The grid is labeled with numbers 1 through 12 on the left and letters A through H on the bottom. The top-left corner of the grid is folded over.



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I. 背景

白细胞介素-21 (IL-21) 是细胞因子家族的一个大约14 kDa四螺旋束成员，利用共同的 γ 链(γc)作为受体亚基。 γc 也是IL-2、IL-4、IL-7、IL-9和IL-15的受体的亚基(1)。IL-21由活化的T滤泡辅助细胞(Tfh)、Th17细胞和NKT细胞产生(2-6)。它通过 γc 和IL-21特异性IL-21R的异二聚体受体复合物发挥其生物学效应(2, 7)。Tfh衍生的IL-21通过其对Tfh细胞的自分泌作用、和对免疫球蛋白亲和力成熟、浆细胞分化、和B细胞记忆反应的旁分泌作用，在体液免疫的发展中发挥重要作用(4, 8, 9)。它也是树突状细胞迁移到引流淋巴结所必需(10)。IL-21可调节T细胞功能的几个方面。它共同刺激CD8⁺T细胞和NKT细胞的活化、增殖和存活，并促进Th17细胞极化(3, 5, 6, 11, 12)。它阻断调节性T细胞的产生及其对CD4⁺T细胞的抑制作用(13, 14)。IL-21 R参与增强活化NK细胞的细胞溶解活性和IFN- γ 的产生，但限制静息NK细胞的扩增(15)。此外，IL-21通过限制过敏原特异性IgE的产生和肥大细胞脱颗粒来抑制皮肤过敏反应(16)。IL-21/IL-21 R系统的失调导致多种免疫疾病的发生 (1, 17)。133个氨基酸(aa)的成熟人IL-21与小鼠和大鼠IL-21的aa序列同源性分别为63%和61%。选择性剪接通过C末端16个氨基酸的被取代产生额外的异构体(18)。

II. 概述

A. 检测原理

本实验采用双抗体夹心ELISA法。抗人IL-21抗体包被于微孔板上，样品和标准品中的人IL-21会与固定在板上的抗体结合，游离的成分被洗去；接着加入生物素化的抗人IL-21检测抗体进行孵育，洗涤去除未结合的物质后，加入链霉亲和素标记的辣根过氧化物酶（Streptavidin-HRP）孵育。洗涤去除未结合的试剂后，加入TMB底物溶液（显色剂）。溶液颜色与结合的目标蛋白成正比；加入终止液；用酶标仪测定吸光度。

B. 检测局限

- ◆ 仅供科研使用，不可用于体外诊断；
- ◆ 该试剂盒适用于细胞培养上清样本和人血清样本；
- ◆ 请在试剂盒有效期内使用；
- ◆ 不同试剂盒及不同批号试剂盒的组分不能混用；
- ◆ 样本值若大于标准曲线的最高值，应将样本用试剂稀释液（1×）或标准品稀释液（1×）稀释后重新检测；
- ◆ 检测结果的不同可由多种因素引起，包括实验人员的操作、移液器的使用方式、洗板技术、反应时间或温度、试剂盒的效期等。

III. 优势

A. 精确度

板内精确度（同一板内不同孔间的精确度）

已知浓度的三个样本，在同一板内分别检测20次，以确定板内精确度。

板间精确度（不同板之间的精确度）

已知浓度的三个样本，在不同板中分别检测20次，以确定板间精确度。

	板内精确度			板间精确度		
样本	1	2	3	1	2	3
平均值 (pg/mL)	24.1	135.1	657.9	24.1	136.4	657.6
标准差	0.5	3.8	13.1	0.4	4.1	12.9
CV%	1.9	2.8	2.0	1.8	3.0	2.0

B. 回收率

在细胞培养基样本中掺入检测范围内不同水平的人IL-21，测定其回收率。回收率范围在94.9-121.6%，平均回收率在108.5%。

在人血清样本中掺入检测范围内不同水平的人IL-21，测定其回收率。回收率范围在97.6-118.3%，平均回收率在109.1%。

C. 灵敏度

人IL-21的最低可测剂量（MDD）一般小于0.82pg/mL。

MDD是根据20个重复的零标准品孔的吸光度值的平均值加两倍标准差计算得到的相对应浓度。

D. 校正

此ELISA试剂盒经由R&D Systems生产的大肠杆菌表达的高纯度重组人IL-21蛋白所校正。

E. 线性

不同的样本中含有或掺入高浓度的人IL-21，然后用试剂稀释液（1×）（用于细胞上清样本）或标准品稀释液（1×）（用于人血清样本）将样本稀释到检测范围内，测定其线性。

稀释倍数	平均值 (%)	范围 (%)
1:2	91.7	87.5-96.0
1:4	92.4	86.1-97.1
1:8	94.6	92.4-100.7
1:16	96.7	91.0-103.4

F. 样本预值

血清样本 - 使用本试剂盒检测了3份人血清样本中IL-21的水平。3份样本的检测值范围为36.2-95.4 pg/mL，平均值为66.6 pg/mL。

G. 特异性

将以下因子配制成 50 ng/mL的浓度来检测没有观察到明显的交叉反应或干扰。

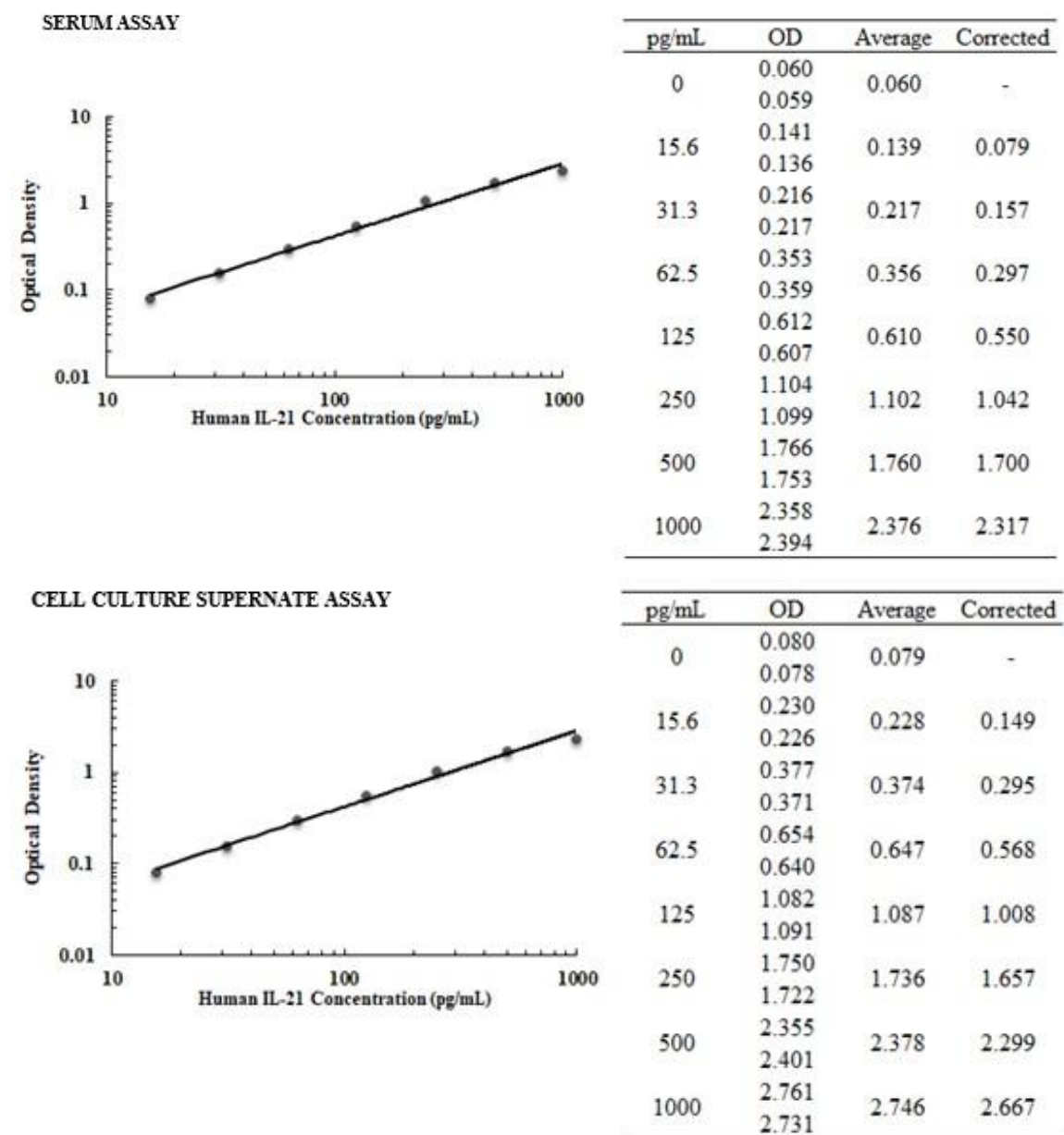
Recombinant human	Recombinant Mouse
IL-2	IL-21
IL-4	
IL-7	
IL-9	
IL-15	

重组人IL-21 R的样品在检测中无交叉反应，但在浓度大于31.25 pg/mL时有干扰作用。

IV. 实验

标准曲线实例

该标准曲线数据仅供参考，每次实验应绘制其对应的标准曲线。



V. 试剂盒组成及储存

A. 试剂盒组成

组成	描述	规格
Human IL-21 Microplate	包被小鼠抗人 IL-21 抗体的 96 孔聚苯乙烯板，8 孔×12 条	1 块板
Human IL-21 Standard	标准品（冻干粉），参考瓶身标签进行重溶	2 瓶
Human IL-21 Detection antibody	生物素化的 IL-21 检测抗体，冻干粉，参考瓶身标签进行重溶	1 瓶
Streptavidin-HRP B (40×)	40×浓缩的链霉亲和素标记的 HRP	1 瓶
Reagent Diluent (10×)	浓缩的试剂稀释液（10×）用于稀释检测抗体，HRP，标准品和样本（用于细胞上清样本） 浓缩的试剂稀释液（10×）用于稀释检测抗体和 HRP（用于人血清样本）	1 瓶
Calibrator Diluent (2×)	浓缩的标准品稀释液（2×）用于稀释标准品和样本（用于人血清样本）	1 瓶
Wash Buffer Concentrate (25×)	浓缩洗涤缓冲液（25×）	1 瓶
TMB Substrate	TMB ELISA 底物溶液	1 瓶
Stop Solution	终止液	1 瓶
Plate Sealers	封板膜	3 张

B. 试剂盒储存

未开封试剂盒	2-8℃储存；请在试剂盒有效期内使用	
已打开，稀释或重溶的试剂	链霉亲和素-HRP B	2-8℃储存，最多 30 天*
	洗涤缓冲液（1×）	
	TMB 底物溶液	
	终止液	
	标准品	使用时新鲜配制* 标准品-20℃储存，最多 30 天*
	检测抗体	分装， -20℃储存，最多 30 天*
	标准品稀释液（2×）	2-8℃储存，最多 30 天* 请每次使用新鲜配制的（1×）标准品稀释液，多余的丢弃
	试剂稀释液（10×）	2-8℃储存，最多 30 天* 请每次使用新鲜配制的（1×）试剂稀释液，多余的丢弃
	包被的微孔板条	将未用的板条放回带有干燥剂的铝箔袋内，密封：2-8℃储存，最多 30 天*

*必须在试剂盒有效期内

C. 实验所需自备试验器材

- ◆ 酶标仪（可测量450 nm检测波长的吸收值及540 nm或570 nm校正波长的吸收值）
- ◆ 高精度加液器及一次性吸头
- ◆ 蒸馏水或去离子水
- ◆ 洗瓶（喷瓶）、多通道洗板器或自动洗板机
- ◆ 500 mL量筒

D. 注意事项

- ◆ 试剂盒中的一些组分含有防腐剂，可能引起皮肤过敏反应，避免吸入。
- ◆ 试剂盒中的终止液是酸性溶液，使用时请做好眼睛、手、面部及衣服的防护。使用后请彻底洗手。

VI. 实验前准备

A. 样品收集及储存

细胞培养上清液：颗粒物应离心去除；立刻检测样本。样本收集后若不及时检测，需按一次使用量分装，冻存于-20℃冰箱内，避免反复冻融。样本可能需要用试剂稀释液（1×）稀释。

血清样本：用血清分离管(SST)分离血清。使血样室温凝集30分钟，然后1000 × g离心15分钟。吸取血清样本之后即刻用于检测，或者分装，-20℃贮存备用。避免反复冻融。样本可能需要用标准品稀释液（1×）稀释。

B. 样本准备工作

细胞上清样本建议用**试剂稀释液（1×）** 2倍稀释后进行检测，例如：100 μL细胞上清液+100 μL试剂稀释液（1×）。最佳稀释度应由最终用户确定。

血清样本建议用**标准品稀释液（1×）** 2倍稀释后进行检测，例如：100 μL样本+100 μL标准品稀释液（1×）。最佳稀释度应由最终用户确定。

C. 检测前准备工作

使用前请将所有试剂放置于室温

洗涤液（1×）：从冰箱中取出的浓缩洗涤液可能有结晶，属于正常现象；放置室温，轻摇混匀，待结晶完全溶解后再配制洗涤液。可将20mL浓缩洗涤液用去离子水或蒸馏水稀释配制成 500mL工作浓度的洗涤液（1×）。

标准品稀释液（1×）：使用去离子水或蒸馏水稀释配制成标准品稀释液（1×）。

试剂稀释液（1×）：使用去离子水或蒸馏水稀释配制成试剂稀释液（1×）。

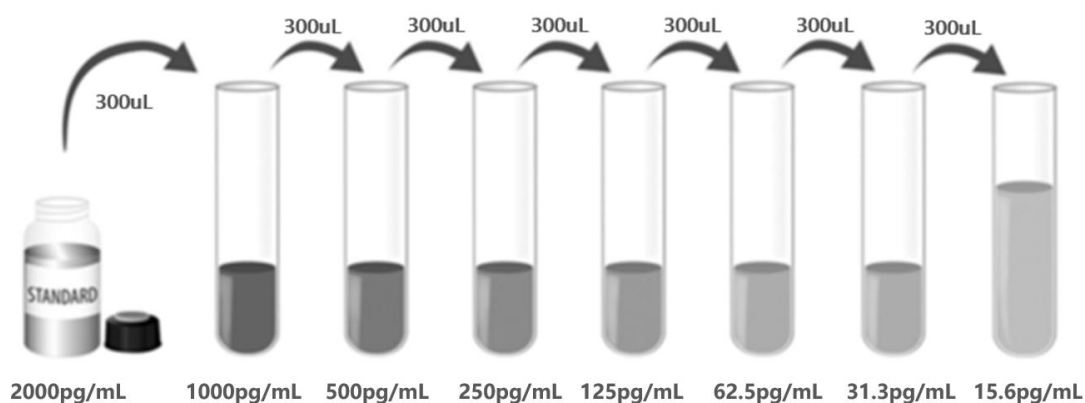
检测抗体（1×）：开盖前请瞬时离心。参考检测抗体瓶标签重溶冻干粉，制备检测抗体（100×）。轻轻震荡至少15分钟，其充分溶解。如有需要分装保存。用试剂稀释液（1×）稀释至检测抗体（1×），至少在使用前15分钟准备。

链霉亲和素- HRP B（1×）：开盖前请瞬时离心。用试剂稀释液（1×）将链霉亲和素- HRP B（40×）稀释至工作浓度。

人IL-21标准品：开盖前请瞬时离心。冻干标准品的重溶体积请参考瓶身标签，得到浓度为2000 pg/mL标准品母液。轻轻震荡至少15分钟，使其充分溶解。

*如有疑问，请咨询我们的技术支持。

向各稀释管中加入300 μ L试剂稀释液（1 $\times$ ）（用于细胞上清样本）或标准品稀释液（1 $\times$ ）（用于人血清样本）。将标准品母液参照下图做系列稀释，每管须充分混匀后再移液到下一管。1000 pg/mL管作标准曲线最高点，试剂稀释液（1 $\times$ ）（用于细胞上清样本）或标准品稀释液（1 $\times$ ）（用于人血清样本）可用作标准品零点（0 pg/mL）。



D. 技术小提示

- ◆ 当混合或重溶蛋白液时，尽量避免起沫；
- ◆ 为了避免交叉污染，配制不同浓度标准品、上样、加不同试剂都需要更换枪头。另外不同试剂请分别使用不同的移液槽；
- ◆ 建议15分钟内完成一块板的上样；
- ◆ 每次孵育时，正确使用封板膜可保证结果的准确性；
- ◆ TMB底物溶液在上板前应为无色，请避光保存；加入微孔板后，将由无色变成不同深度的蓝色；
- ◆ 终止液上板顺序应同TMB底物溶液上板顺序一致；加入终止液后，孔内颜色由蓝变黄；若孔内有绿色，则表明孔内液体未混匀，请充分混合。

VII. 操作步骤

使用前请将所有试剂和样本放置于室温，建议所有的实验样本和标准品做复孔检测

1. 按照上一节的说明，准备好所有需要的试剂和标准品；
2. 从已平衡至室温的密封袋中取出微孔板，未用的板条请放回铝箔袋内，重新封口；
3. 分别将不同浓度标准品，实验样本加入相应孔中，每孔100 μL 。用封板膜封住反应孔，**室温孵育2小时**。说明书提供了一张96孔模板图，可用于记录标准品和试验样本的板内位置；（样本需要稀释，详情参见样本制备部分。）
4. 将板内液体吸去，使用洗瓶、多通道洗板器或自动洗板机洗板。每孔加洗涤液400 μL ，然后将板内洗涤液吸去。重复操作3次，共洗4次。每次洗板尽量吸去残留液体会有助于得到好的实验结果。最后一次洗板结束，请将板内所有液体吸干或将板倒置，在吸水纸拍干所有残留液体；
5. 在每个微孔内加入100 μL 配制好的检测抗体（1 $\times$ ）。用封板膜封住反应孔，**室温孵育2小时**；
6. 重复第4步洗板操作；
7. 在每个微孔内加入100 μL 稀释好的链霉亲和素- HRP B工作液。用封板膜封住反应孔，**室温孵育20分钟，注意避光**；
8. 重复第4步洗板操作；
9. 在每个微孔内加入100 μL TMB底物溶液，**室温孵育30分钟，注意避光**；
10. 在每个微孔内加入50 μL 终止液，请轻拍微孔板，使溶液混合均匀；
11. 加入终止液后10分钟内，使用酶标仪测量450 nm的吸光度值，设定540 nm或570 nm作为校正波长。如果波长校正不可用，以450 nm的读数减去540 nm或570 nm的读数。这种减法将校正酶标板上的光学缺陷。没有校正而直接在450 nm处进行的读数可能会更高且更不准确；
12. **计算结果：**将每个标准品和样品的复孔吸光值取平均值，然后减去零标准品平均OD值（O.D.），使用计算机软件作四参数逻辑（4-PL）曲线拟合创建标准曲线。另一替代方法是，通过绘制y轴上每个标准品的平均吸光值与x轴上的浓度来构建标准曲线，并通过图上的点绘制最佳拟合曲线。数据可以通过绘制人IL-21浓度的对数与O.D.的对数来线性化，并且最佳拟合线可以通过回归分析来确定。该程序将产生足够但不太精确的数据拟合。

如果样品被稀释，从标准曲线读取的浓度必须乘以稀释倍数。

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96 孔模板图

请使用 96 孔模板图来记录标准品及样本在板内的位置

