



## Mouse TIMP1 ELISA Kit

Enzyme Immunoassay for the quantification of Mouse TIMP1 in Mouse Serum, plasma (heparin, EDTA) and cell culture supernatants.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

TIMP1 belongs to the TIMP gene family. TIMP1 are natural inhibitors of the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs), a group of peptidases involved in degradation of the extracellular matrix. In addition to its inhibitory role against most of the known MMPs, the encoded protein is able to promote cell proliferation in a wide range of cell types, and may also have an anti-apoptotic function. Transcription of this gene is highly inducible in response to many cytokines and hormones. In addition, the expression from some but not all inactive X chromosomes suggests that this gene inactivation is polymorphic in human females. This gene is located within intron 6 of the synapsin I gene and is transcribed in the opposite direction. [provided by RefSeq, Jul 2008]

Metalloproteinase inhibitor that functions by forming one to one complexes with target metalloproteinases, such as collagenases, and irreversibly inactivates them by binding to their catalytic zinc cofactor. Acts on MMP1, MMP2, MMP3, MMP7, MMP8, MMP9, MMP10, MMP11, MMP12, MMP13 and MMP16. Does not act on MMP14. Also functions as a growth factor that regulates cell differentiation, migration and cell death and activates cellular signaling cascades via CD63 and ITGB1. Plays a role in integrin signaling. Mediates erythropoiesis in vitro; but, unlike IL3, it is species-specific, stimulating the growth and differentiation of only human and murine erythroid progenitors. [UniProt]

## **PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY**

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. An antibody specific for TIMP1 has been pre-coated onto a microtiter plate. Standards or samples are pipetted into the wells and any TIMP1 present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound

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substances, a biotin-conjugated antibody specific for TIMP1 is added to each well and incubate. Following a washing to remove unbound substances, streptavidin conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) is added to each microplate well and incubated. After washing away any unbound antibody-enzyme reagent, a substrate solution (TMB) is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of TIMP1 bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped by the addition of acid and the intensity of the color is measured at a wavelength of 450nm  $\pm$ 2nm. The concentration of TIMP1 in the sample is then determined by comparing the O.D of samples to the standard curve.

### MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE INFORMATION

Store the unopened kit at 2-8°C. Use the kit before expiration date.

Expiration date: Six months at 4°C and twelve months at -20°C

Component	Quantity	Storage information
Antibody-coated microplate	8 X 12 strips	4°C. Unused strips should be sealed tightly in the air-tight pouch.
Standard (Lyophilized)	2 X 10 ng/vial	4°C
Standard/Sample diluent	30 ml (Ready to use)	4°C
Antibody conjugate concentrate (100X)	1 vial (130 $\mu$ l)	4°C
Antibody diluent buffer	12 ml (Ready to use)	4°C
HRP-Streptavidin concentrate (100X)	1 vial (130 $\mu$ l)	4°C
HRP-Streptavidin diluent buffer	12 ml (Ready to use)	4°C
TMB substrate	10 ml (Ready to use)	4°C (Protect from light)
STOP solution	10 ml (Ready to use)	4°C

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Plate sealer	4 strips	Room temperature
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### MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450nm (optional: read at 610-650 nm as the reference wave length)
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 37°C oven or incubator
- Washing buffer (0.01M PBS or 0.01M TBS, pH to 7.2-7.6).
  - 0.01M TBS: Add 1.2g of Tris, 8.5g of NaCl and 700µl of concentrated HCl to 800ml distilled water and adjust pH to 7.2-7.6. Finally, adjust the total volume to 1L.
  - 0.01 M PBS: Add 8.5g of NaCl, 1.4g of Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> and 0.2g of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> to 800ml distilled water and adjust pH to 7.2-7.6. Finally, adjust the total volume to 1L.
- Automated microplate washer (optional)

### TECHNICAL HINTS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection especially while handling blood or body fluid samples.
- Store the kit at 4°C at all times.
- To inspect the validity of experiment operation and the appropriateness of sample dilution proportion, a pilot experiment using standards and a small number of samples is recommended.
- The TMB Color developing agent should be colorless and transparent

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before using.

- Ensure complete reconstitution and dilution of reagents prior to use.
- All reagents should be mixed by gentle inversion or swirling prior to use. Do not induce foaming.
- Before using the kit, spin tubes and bring down all components to the bottom of tubes.
- Do not let strips dry, as this will inactivate active components in wells.
- It is highly recommended that the standards, samples and controls be assayed in duplicates.
- Change pipette tips between the addition of different reagent or samples.
- Avoid using reagents from different batches.
- In order to avoid marginal effect of plate incubation due to temperature difference (reaction may be stronger in the marginal wells), it is suggested that the 1X HRP-Streptavidin Solution and TMB substrate be pre-warmed in 37°C for 20-30 min before use.
- Samples contain azide cannot be assayed.

### **SAMPLE COLLECTION & STORAGE INFORMATION**

The sample collection and storage conditions listed below are intended as general guidelines. Sample stability has not been evaluated.

**Cell Culture Supernatants** - Remove particulates by centrifugation for 10 min at 1000 x g and aliquot & store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Serum**- Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes before centrifugation for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Collect serum and

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assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Plasma** - Collect plasma using EDTA or heparin as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. within 30 minutes of collection. Collect the supernatants and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

### REAGENT PREPARATION

- **1X Antibody conjugate:** It is recommended to prepare this reagent immediately prior to use and use it within 2 hours after preparation. Dilute 100X antibody conjugate concentrate into Antibody diluent buffer to yield 1X detection antibody solution. (e.g. 10  $\mu\text{l}$  of 100X antibody conjugate concentrate + 990  $\mu\text{l}$  of Antibody diluent buffer)
- **1X HRP-Streptavidin Solution:** It is recommended to prepare this reagent immediately prior to use and use it within 1 hours after preparation. Dilute 100X HRP-Streptavidin concentrate solution into HRP-Streptavidin diluent buffer to yield 1X HRP-Streptavidin Solution buffer. (e.g. 10  $\mu\text{l}$  of 100X HRP-Streptavidin concentrate solution + 990  $\mu\text{l}$  of HRP-Streptavidin diluent buffer)
- **Sample:** If the initial assay found samples contain TIMP1 higher than the highest standard, the samples can be diluted with Standard/Sample diluent and then re-assay the samples. For the calculation of the concentrations this dilution factor has to be taken into account. The sample must be well mixed with the diluents buffer before assay.

**(It is recommended to do pre-test to determine the suitable dilution**

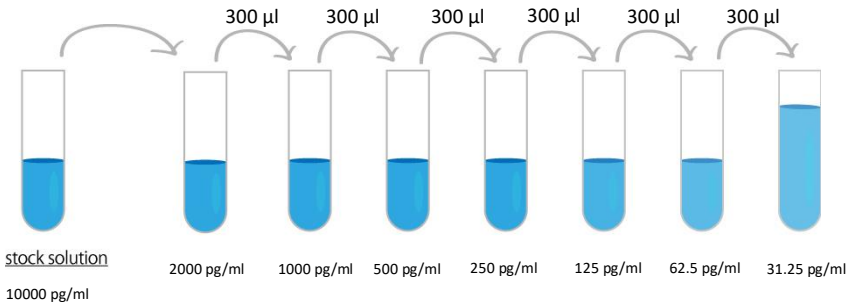
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factor).

- **Standards:** Standard solution should be prepared within 2 hours prior to the experiment. Reconstitute the standard with 1 ml Standard/Sample diluent to yield a stock concentration of 10000 pg/ml. Allow the stock standard to sit for at least 10 minutes with gentle agitation to make sure the standard is dissolved completely before making serial dilutions. The Standard/ Sample diluent serves as zero standard (0 pg/ml), and the rest of the standard serial dilution can be diluted with Standard/ Sample diluent as according to the suggested concentration below: 2000 pg/ml, 1000 pg/ml, 500 pg/ml, 250 pg/ml, 125 pg/ml, 62.5 pg/ml, 31.25 pg/ml.

**Note:** The reconstituted standard solutions are best used within 2 hours. The 10 ng/ml stock standard solution should be stored at 4°C for up to 12 hours, or aliquot & store at -20°C for up to 48 hours. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles





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Dilute TIMP1 standard as according to the table below:

Standard	TIMP1 Conc. (pg/ml)	$\mu$ l of Standard/Sample diluent	$\mu$ l of standard
S7	2000 pg/ml	800	200 (10000 pg/ml Stock)
S6	1000 pg/ml	300	300 (S7)
S5	500 pg/ml	300	300 (S6)
S4	250 pg/ml	300	300 (S5)
S3	125 pg/ml	300	300 (S4)
S2	62.5 pg/ml	300	300 (S3)
S1	31.25 pg/ml	300	300 (S2)
S0	0	300	0

### ASSAY PROCEDURE

All materials should be equilibrated to room temperature (RT) or 37°C before use. The 1X HRP-Streptavidin Solution and TMB substrate must be kept warm at 37°C before use. When diluting samples and reagents, they must be mixed completely and evenly. Standard TIMP1 detection curve should be prepared for each experiment. The user will decide sample dilution fold by crude estimation of TIMP1 amount in samples. Standards, samples and controls should be assayed in duplicates.

1. Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame, return them to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack, and reseal it.
2. Add 100  $\mu$ l of standards, samples and zero controls (S0, Standard/Sample diluent) into wells. Cover the plate and incubate for 90 minutes at 37°C.
3. Aspirate each well. Complete removal of liquid by aspirating, decanting or blotting against clean paper towels. DO NOT let the wells completely dry

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at any time. Wash step is not necessary in this step.

4. Add 100  $\mu$ l 1X Antibody conjugate into each well, gently tap the plate to mix well. Cover wells and incubate for 60 minutes at 37°C.
5. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process two times for a total three washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (0.01 M PBS or TBS) (300  $\mu$ l) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher, keep the wash buffer in the wells for 1 min before remove. Complete removal of liquid at each is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating, decanting or blotting against clean paper towels. DO NOT let the wells completely dry at any time.
6. Add 100  $\mu$ l of 1X HRP-Streptavidin solution to each well, gently tap the plate to mix well. Cover wells and incubate for 30 minutes at 37°C.
7. Aspirate each well and wash, repeating the process four times for a total five washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (0.01 M PBS or TBS) (300  $\mu$ l) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or autowasher, keep the wash buffer in the wells for 1 min before remove. Complete removal of liquid at each is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating, decanting or blotting against clean paper towels. DO NOT let the wells completely dry at any time.
8. Add 90  $\mu$ l of TMB substrate to each well. Incubate for 25-30 minutes at 37°C in dark. (Note: The incubation time is for reference only, the optimal incubation time should be determined by end user. And the shades of blue color can be seen in the wells with the four most concentrated TIMP1

standard solutions; the other wells show no obvious color).

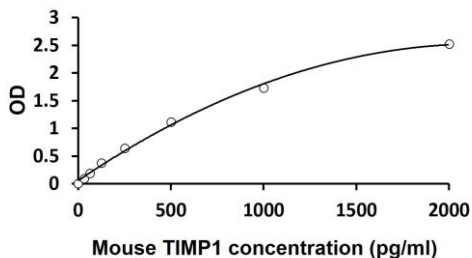
9. Add 100  $\mu$ l of Stop Solution to each well. The color of the solution should change from blue to yellow. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing
10. Read the OD with a microplate reader at 450nm immediately. It is recommended read the absorbance within 30 minutes after adding the stop solution.

### **CALCULATION OF RESULTS**

1. Calculate the average absorbance values for each set of standards, controls and patient samples.
2. Using linear graph paper, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance obtained from each standard against its concentration with absorbance value on the vertical (Y) axis and concentration on the horizontal (X) axis.
3. Using the mean absorbance value for each sample determine the corresponding concentration from the standard curve.
4. Automated method: The results in the IFU have been calculated automatically using a 4 PL (4 Parameter Logistics) curve fit. 4 Parameter Logistics is the preferred method. Other data reduction functions may give slightly different results.
5. If the samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be further converted by the appropriate dilution factor according to the sample preparation procedure as described above.

### EXAMPLE OF TYPICAL STANDARD CURVE

The following data is for demonstration only and cannot be used in place of data generations at the time of assay.



### QUALITY ASSURANCE

#### Sensitivity

The minimum detectable dose (MDD) of Mouse TIMP1 ranged from 31.2 pg/ml - 2000 pg/ml. The mean MDD was 15.6 pg/ml.

#### Specificity

This assay recognizes natural and recombinant Mouse TIMP1. No significant cross-reactivity or interference with the factors below was observed:

There is no detectable cross-reactivity with other relevant proteins.

#### Intra-assay and Inter-assay precision

The CV values of intra-assay was 5.7% and inter-assay was 7.2%.