

MONKEY VE-CADHERIN ELISA

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1 INTENDED USE

The monkey VE-cadherin ELISA is an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for quantitative detection of soluble monkey vascular endothelial (VE) cadherin in cell culture supernatants, monkey serum, plasma or other body fluids. The monkey VE-cadherin ELISA is for research use only. Not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

2 SUMMARY

Cadherin-5, though member of the family of cadherins has been shown to be functionally as well as structurally distinct from classical cadherins (e.g. E-, N-, P-cadherins). Through its function and location cadherin-5 has been named VE-cadherin.

VE-cadherin belongs to the adhesion molecules responsible for cellular interactions. The vascular endothelial cadherin (VE-cadherin) gene encodes a Ca²⁺-dependent cell adhesion molecule required for the organization of interendothelial junctions. This gene is exclusively and constitutively expressed in endothelial cells (6). The corresponding protein, an endothelial-specific cadherin, is localized at the intercellular junctions. VE-cadherin mediates homophilic, calcium-dependent aggregation and cell-to-cell adhesion (12). In addition, it decreases intercellular permeability to high-molecular weight molecules and reduces cell migration rate across a wounded area (10). Thus, VE-cadherin may exert a relevant role in endothelial cell biology through control of the cohesion and organization of the intercellular junctions (3).

The opening of the VE-cadherin mediated endothelial barrier may be a relevant step during neutrophil extravasation (8). This means that despite the fact that VE-cadherin is a "nonclassical" cadherin by structure, it functions as a classic cadherin (1).

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Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) stimulation results in a maximal tyrosine phosphorylation of VE-cadherin (7). VE-cadherin is a transmembrane protein, the intracellular domain has been shown to interact with cytoplasmic proteins called catenins that transmit the adhesion signal upon this activation (5). So the VE-cadherin extracellular domain is enough for early steps of cell adhesion and recognition. However, interaction of VE-cadherin the cytoskeleton, mediated through the cytoplasmatic domain, is necessary to provide strength and cohesion to the junction (11).

Apart from its established role in controlling the permeability of vascular endothelium, this molecule may have a similar role in perineurium, being important in the maintenance of the blood-nerve barrier (14). It furthermore functions to maintain the fibrin or collagen induced capillary tube architecture (2).

Specified cell adhesion molecules such as VE-cadherin are involved in the subsequent events of endothelial cell differentiation, apoptosis, and angiogenesis (13). In immunohistochemical studies, altered VE-cadherin expression has been described for several tumors.

Most recently it has been shown that the initiation of endothelial apoptosis correlates with cleavage and disassembly of components of adherens junctions. The extracellular portion of these junctions is altered during apoptosis because VE-cadherin dramatically decreases on the surface of cells. An extracellular fragment of VE-cadherin can be detected (4). This shedding of VE-cadherin can be blocked by an inhibitor of metalloproteinases. It may be part of a concerted mechanism to disrupt structural and signaling properties of adherens junctions and may actively interrupt extracellular signals required for endothelial cell survival (9).

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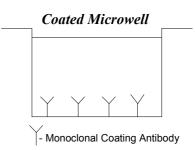
3 PRINCIPLES OF THE TEST

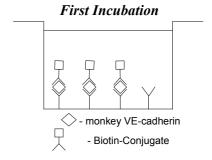
An anti-monkey-VE-cadherin coating antibody is adsorbed onto microwells.

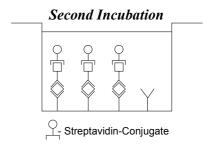
Monkey VE-cadherin present in the sample or standard binds to antibodies adsorbed to the microwells; a biotin conjugated anti-monkey-VE-cadherin antibody is added and binds to monkey VE-cadherin captured by the first antibody.

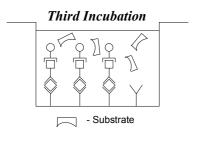
Following incubation unbound biotin conjugated anti-monkey-VE-cadherin is removed during wash а step. Streptavidin-HRP is added and binds to the biotin conjugated anti-monkey-VE-Following cadherin. incubation unbound Streptavidin-HRP is removed during a wash step, and substrate solution reactive with HRP is added to the wells.

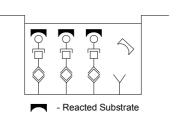
A coloured product is formed proportion to the amount of monkey VE-cadherin present in the sample. The reaction is terminated by addition of acid and absorbance is measured at 450 nm. A standard curve is prepared from seven monkey VE-cadherin standard dilutions and monkey VEcadherin sample concentration determined.











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4 REAGENTS PROVIDED

- 1 aluminium pouch with a Antibody Coated Microtiter Strips with Antibody to monkey VE-cadherin
- 1 vial (10 µl) **Biotin-Conjugate** concentrate anti-monkey-VE-cadherin antibody
- 1 vial (200 µl) Streptavidin-HRP
- 2 vials **VE-cadherin Standard**, lyophilized, 25 U/ml upon reconsti-tution
- 1 bottle (50 ml) **Wash Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20)
- 1 vial (5ml) **Assay Buffer Concentrate** 20x (PBS with 1% Tween 20 and 10 % BSA)
- 1 bottle (12ml) Sample Diluent
- 1 vial (7 ml) **Substrate Solution I** (tetramethyl-benzidine)
- 1 vial (7 ml) **Substrate Solution II** (0.02 % buffered hydrogen peroxide)
- 1 vial (12 ml) **Stop Solution** (1M Phosphoric acid)
- 1 vial (0.4 ml each) Blue-Dye, Green-Dye, Red-Dye
- 4 adhesive Plate Covers

Reagent Labels

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5 STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

Store Standard and Biotin-Conjugate at -20°C. Store other kit reagents between 2° and 8°C. Immediately after use remaining reagents should be returned to cold storage as indicated. Expiry of the kit and reagents is stated on labels.

The expiry of the kit components can only be guaranteed if the components are stored properly, and if, in case of repeated use of one component, the reagent is not contaminated by the first handling.

6 SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Cell culture supernatants, monkey serum, heparin plasma or other biological samples will be suitable for use in the assay. Remove serum from the clot or red cells, respectively, as soon as possible after clotting and separation.

Samples containing a visible precipitate must be clarified prior to use in the assay. Do not use grossly hemolyzed or lipemic specimens.

Clinical samples should be kept at 2° to 8°C and separated rapidly before storing at -20°C to avoid loss of bioactive VE-cadherin. If samples are to be run within 24 hours, they may be stored at 2° to 8°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

For stability and suitability of samples refer to 13. E.

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7 MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- 5 ml and 10 ml graduated pipettes
- 10 μl to 1,000 μl adjustable single channel micropipettes with disposable tips
- 50 µl to 300 µl adjustable multichannel micropipette with disposable tips
- Multichannel micropipette reservoir
- Beakers, flasks, cylinders necessary for preparation of reagents
- Device for delivery of wash solution (multichannel wash bottle or automatic wash system)
- Microwell strip reader capable of reading at 450 nm (620 nm as optional reference wave length)
- Glass-distilled or deionized water
- Statistical calculator with program to perform linear regression analysis.

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8 PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

- All chemicals should be considered as potentially hazardous. We therefore recommend that this product is handled only by those persons who have been trained in laboratory techniques and that it is used in accordance with the principles of good laboratory practice. Wear suitable protective clothing such as laboratory overalls, safety glasses and gloves. Care should be taken to avoid contact with skin or eyes. In the case of contact with skin or eyes wash immediately with water. See material safety data sheet(s) and/or safety statements(s) for specific advice.
- Reagents are intended for research use only and are not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or other sources.
- Do not use kit reagents beyond expiration date on label.
- Do not expose kit reagents to strong light during storage or incubation.
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat or smoke in areas where kit reagents or samples are handled.
- Avoid contact of skin or mucous membranes with kit reagents or specimens.
- Rubber or disposable latex gloves should be worn while handling kit reagents or specimens.
- Reagents containing thimerosal as preservative may be toxic if ingested.
- Avoid contact of substrate solutions with oxidizing agents and metal.
- Avoid splashing or generation of aerosols.

- In order to avoid microbial contamination or cross-contamination of reagents or specimens which may invalidate the test use disposable pipette tips and/or pipettes.
- Use clean, dedicated reagent trays for dispensing the conjugate and substrate reagents.
- Exposure to acids will inactivate the conjugate.
- Glass-distilled water or deionized water must be used for reagent preparation.
- Substrate solutions must be at room temperature prior to use.
- Decontaminate and dispose specimens and all potentially contaminated materials as if they could contain infectious agents. The preferred method of decontamination is autoclaving for a minimum of 1 hour at 121.5°C.
- Liquid wastes not containing acid and neutralized waste may be mixed with sodium hypochlorite in volumes such that the final mixture contains 1.0 % sodium hypochlorite. Allow 30 minutes for effective decontamination. Liquid waste containing acid must be neutralized prior to the addition of sodium hypochlorite.

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9 PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

A. Wash Buffer

If crystals have formed in the Wash Buffer Concentrate, warm it gently until they have completely dissolved.

Pour entire contents (50 ml) of the **Wash Buffer Concentrate** into a clean 1,000 ml graduated cylinder. Bring final volume to 1,000 ml with glass-distilled or deionized water. Mix gently to avoid foaming. The pH of the final solution should adjust to 7.4.

Transfer to a clean wash bottle and store at 2° to 25°C. Please note that the Wash Buffer is stable for 30 days. Wash Buffer may be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number	Wash Buffer	Distilled
of Strips	Concentrate (ml)	Water (ml)
1 - 6	25	475
1 - 12	50	950

B. Assay Buffer

Mix the contents of the bottle well. Add contents of **Assay Buffer** Concentrate (5.0ml) to 95ml distilled or deionized water and mix gently to avoid foaming. Store at 2° to 8°C. Please not that the Assay Buffer is stable for 30 days. Assay Buffer may be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number	Assay Buffer	Distilled
of Strips	Concentrate (ml)	Water (ml)
1 - 6	2.5	47.5
1 - 12	5.0	95.0

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C. Preparation of Biotin-Conjugate

Add 90µl of **Assay Buffer** to the vial containing the **Biotin-Conjugate** concentrate.

Make a 1:100 dilution with **Assay Buffer** (reagent B) in a clean plastic tube as needed according to the following table:

Store any diluted stock not needed immediately at -20°C.

Number	Biotin-	Assay
of Strips	Conjugate (ml)	Buffer (ml)
1 - 6	0.03	2.97
1 - 12	0.06	5.94

D. Preparation of monkey VE-cadherin Standard

Reconstitute monkey **VE-cadherin Standard** by addition of distilled water. Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for current volume of Distilled water needed for reconstitution of standard. Make sure the contents entirely dissolve by gentle swirling. The standard solution obtained is 25 U/ml.

E. Preparation of Streptavidin-HRP

Make a 1:200 dilution of the concentrated **Streptavidin-HRP** solution in Assay Buffer as needed according to the following table:

Number	Streptavidin-HRP	Assay Buffer
of Strips	(ml)	(ml)
1 - 6	0.06	12
1 - 12	0.12	24

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F. TMB Substrate Solution

Using clean pipettes and containers known to be metal free, dispense an equal volume of **Substrate Solution I** into **Substrate Solution II** and swirl gently to mix. The TMB Substrate Solution may develop a yellow tinge over time. This does not seem to affect product performance. A blue colour present in the TMB Substrate Solution, however, indicates that it has been contaminated and must be discarded.

The TMB Substrate Solution must be used within a few minutes after mixing. Warm to room temperature before use. Avoid direct exposure of TMB reagents to intense light and oxidizing agents during storage or incubation. Substrate preparation according to assay size:

Number of Strips	Substrate Solution I (ml)	Substrate Solution II (ml)
1 - 6	3.0	3.0
1 - 12	6.0	6.0

G. Addition of colour-giving reagents: Blue-Dye, Green-Dye, Red-Dye

This procedure is optional, does not in any way interfere with the test results, and is designed to help the customer with the performance of the test, but can also be omitted, just following the instruction booklet.

Alternatively, the dye solutions from the stocks provided (*Blue-Dye, Green-Dye, Red-Dye*) can be added to the reagents according to the following guidelines:

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1. Diluent:

Before sample dilution add the Blue-Dye at a dilution of 1:250 (see table below) to the appropriate diluent (1x) according to the test protocol. After addition of Blue-Dye, proceed according to the instruction booklet.

5 ml Diluent	20 μl Blue-Dye
12 ml Diluent	48 μΙ <i>Blue-Dye</i>

2. Biotin-Conjugate: Before dilution of the concentrated conjugate, add the Green-Dye at a dilution of 1:100 (see table below) to the Assay Buffer used for the final conjugate dilution. Proceed after addition of Green-**Dve** according to the instruction booklet, preparation of Biotin-conjugate.

3 ml Assay Buffer	30 μl Green-Dye
6 ml Assay Buffer	60 µl Green-Dye
12 ml Assay Buffer	120 μl Green-Dye

3. Streptavidin-HRP: Before dilution of the concentrated Streptavidin-HRP; add the Red-Dye at a dilution of 1:250 (see table below) to the Assay Buffer used for the final Streptavidin-HRP dilution. Proceed after addition of Red-Dye according to the instruction booklet, preparation of Streptavidin-HRP.

6 ml Assay Buffer	24 μl Red-Dye
12 ml Assay Buffer	48 μl Red-Dye

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10 TEST PROTOCOL

- a. Mix all reagents thoroughly without foaming before use.
- b. 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. Each sample, standard, blank, and optional control sample should be assayed in duplicate. Remove extra **Microwell Strips coated with Antibody** to monkey VE-cadherin from holder and store in foil bag with the desiccant provided at 2°-8°C sealed tigthly.
- c. Wash the microwell strips twice with approximately 300 µl **Wash Buffer** per well with thorough aspiration of microwell contents between washes. Take care not to scratch the surface of the microwells.
 - After the last wash, empty wells and tap microwell strips on absorbent pad or paper towel to remove excess Wash Buffer. Use the microwell strips immediately after washing or place upside down on a wet absorbent paper for not longer than 15 minutes. Do not allow wells to dry.
- d. Add 100 µl of **Sample Diluent** in duplicate to all standard wells. Prepare standard dilutions by pipetting 100 µl of reconstituted (refer to preparation of reagents, 9.D.) **monkey VE-cadherin Standard**, in duplicate, into wells A1 and A2. Mix the contents of wells A1 and A2 by repeated aspiration and ejection, and transfer 100 µl to well B1 and B2, respectively. Take care not to scratch the inner surface of the microwells. Continue this procedure five times, creating two rows of monkey VE-cadherin standard dilutions ranging from 12.5 to 0.19 U/ml. Discard 100 µl of the contents from the last microwells (G1, G2) used.

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Figure 1. Preparation of monkey VE-cadherin standard dilutions:

transfer 100 μ l discard monkey VE-cadherin A1 B1 C1 D1 - G1 100 μ l Sample Diluent

Figure 2. Diagram depicting an example of the arrangement of blanks, standards and samples in the microwell strips:

	1	2	3	4
A	Standard 1 (12.5 U/ml)	Standard 1 (12.5 U/ml)	Sample 1	Sample 1
В	Standard 2 (6.25 U/ml)	Standard 2 (6.25 U/ml)	Sample 2	Sample 2
С	Standard 3 (3.13 U/ml)	Standard 3 (3.13 U/ml)	Sample 3	Sample 3
D	Standard 4 (1.56 U/ml)	Standard 4 (1.56 U/ml)	Sample 4	Sample 4
Ε	Standard 5 (0.78 U/ml)	Standard 5 (0.78 U/ml)	Sample 5	Sample 5
F	Standard 6 (0.39 U/ml)	Standard 6 (0.39 U/ml)	Sample 6	Sample 6
G	Standard 7 (0.19 U/ml)	Standard 7 (0.19 U/ml)	Sample 7	Sample 7
Н	Blank	Blank	Sample 8	Sample 8

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- e. Add 100 µl of **Sample Diluent** in duplicate to the blank wells.
- f. Add 50 µl of **Sample Diluent**, in duplicate, to the sample wells.
- g. Add 50 µl of each **Sample**, in duplicate, to the designated wells.
- h. Prepare **Biotin-Conjugate** (refer to preparation of reagents).
- i. Add 50 µl of diluted **Biotin-Conjugate** to all wells, including the blank wells.
- j. Cover with a **Plate Cover** and incubate at room temperature (18° to 25°C) for 2 hours on a microplate shaker set at 100 rpm.
- k. Remove Plate Cover and empty wells. Wash microwell strips 3 times according to point c. of the test protocol. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- I. Prepare **Streptavidin-HRP** (refer to preparation of reagents).
- m. Add 100 µl of diluted **Streptavidin-HRP** to all wells, including the blank wells.
- n. Cover with a **Plate Cover** and incubate at room temperature (18° to 25°C) for 1 hour on a microplate shaker at 100 rpm.
- o. Prepare TMB Substrate Solution a few minutes prior to use preparation of reagents).
- p. Remove Plate Cover and empty wells. Wash microwell strips 3 times according to point c. of the test protocol. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- q. Pipette 100 μ l of mixed **TMB Substrate Solution** to all wells, including the blank wells.

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r. Incubate the microwell strips at room temperature (18° to 25°C) for about 10 minutes, if available on a rotator set at 100 rpm. Avoid direct exposure to intense light.

The colour development on the plate should be monitored and the substrate reaction stopped (see point s. of this protocol) before positive wells are no longer properly recordable.

It is recommended to add the stop solution when the highest standard has developed a dark blue colour.

Alternatively the colour development can be monitored by the ELISA reader at 620 nm. The substrate reaction should be stopped as soon as an OD of 0.6 - 0.65 is reached.

- s. Stop the enzyme reaction by quickly pipetting 100 µl of **Stop Solution** into each well, including the blank wells. It is important that the Stop Solution is spread quickly and uniformly throughout the microwells to completely inactivate the enzyme. Results must be read immediately after the Stop Solution is added or within one hour if the microwell strips are stored at 2 8°C in the dark.
- t. Read absorbance of each microwell on a spectro-photometer using 450 nm as the primary wave length (optionally 620 nm as the reference wave length; 610 nm to 650 nm is acceptable). Blank the plate reader according to the manufacturer's instructions by using the blank wells. Determine the absorbance of both, the samples and the monkey sVE-cadherin standards.

Note: In case of incubation without shaking the obtained O.D. values may be lower than indicated below. Nevertheless the results are still valid.

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11 CALCULATION OF RESULTS

- Calculate the average absorbance values for each set of duplicate standards and samples. Duplicates should be within 20 per cent of the mean.
- Create a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard concentration on the ordinate against the monkey VE-cadherin concentration on the abscissa. Draw a best fit curve through the points of the graph.
- To determine the concentration of circulating monkey VE-cadherin for each sample, first find the mean absorbance value on the ordinate and extend a horizontal line to the standard curve. At the point of intersection, extend a vertical line to the abscissa and read the corresponding monkey VE-cadherin concentration.

For samples which have been diluted according to the instructions given in this manual 1:2, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x2).

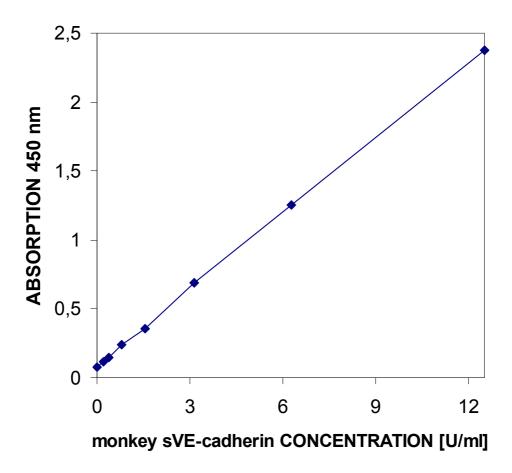
Note: Calculation of samples with an O.D. exceeding the range of the standard curve may result in incorrect, low monkey VE-cadherin levels. Such samples should be re-analyzed at higher dilution rate in order to precisely quantitate the actual monkey VE-cadherin level.

It is suggested that each testing facility establishes a control sample of known monkey VE-cadherin concentration and runs this additional control with each assay. If the values obtained are not within the expected range of this control, the assay results may be invalid.

- A representative standard curve is shown in Figure 3. This curve cannot be used to derive test results. Every laboratory must prepare a standard curve for each group of microwell strips assayed.

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Figure 3. Representative standard curve for monkey VE-cadherin ELISA. monkey VE-cadherin was diluted in serial two-fold steps in Sample Diluent, symbols represent the mean of three parallel titrations. Do not use this standard curve to derive test results. A standard curve must be run for each group of microwell strips assayed.



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Typical data using the monkey VE-cadherin ELISA

Measuring wavelength: 450 nm Reference wavelength: 620 nm

Standard	monkey VE-cadherin Concentration (U/ml)	O.D. Mean	C.V. (%)
1	12.5	2.378	2.1
	12.5		
2	6.25	1.253	1.8
	6.25		
3	3.13	0.685	3.2
	3.13		
4	1.56	0.353	5.2
	1.56		
5	0.78	0.240	1.7
	0.78		
6	0.39	0.150	6.7
	0.39		
7	0.19	0.118	4.5
	0.19		
Blank		0.080	

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12 LIMITATIONS

- Since exact conditions may vary from assay to assay, a standard curve must be established for every run.
- Bacterial or fungal contamination of either samples or reagents or crosscontamination between reagents may cause erroneous results.
- Disposable pipette tips, flasks or glassware are preferred, reusable glassware must be washed and thoroughly rinsed of all detergents before use.
- Improper or insufficient washing at any stage of the procedure will result in either false positive or false negative results. Completely empty wells before dispensing fresh Wash Buffer, fill with Wash Buffer as indicated for each wash cycle and do not allow wells to sit uncovered or dry for extended periods.

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13 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

A. Sensitivity

The limit of detection of monkey VE-cadherin defined as the analyte concentration resulting in an absorption significantly higher than that of the dilution medium (mean plus two standard deviations) was determined to be less than 0.10 U/ml (mean of 6 independent assays).

B. Reproducibility

a. Intra-assay

Reproducibility within the assay was evaluated in independent experiments. The overall intra-assay coefficient of variation has been calculated to be <5 %.

b. Inter-assay

Assay to assay reproducibility within one laboratory was evaluated in three independent experiments by three technicians. The overall inter-assay coefficient of variation has been calculated to be <10%.

C. Spiking Recovery

The spiking recovery was evaluated by spiking four levels of monkey VE-cadherin into pooled monkey serum. The overall mean recovery was 80 %.

D. Dilution Linearity

Four serum samples with different levels of monkey VE-cadherin were assayed at four serial two-fold dilutions with 4 replicates each. The overall mean recovery was 109 %.

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E. Sample Stability

a. Freeze-Thaw Stability

Aliquots of serum and cell culture samples (unspiked or spiked) were stored frozen at -20°C and thawed up to 5 times, and monkey VE-cadherin levels determined. There was no significant loss of monkey VE-cadherin by freezing and thawing up to 5 cycles of freezing and thawing.

b. Storage Stability

Aliquots of a serum and cell culture samples (spiked or unspiked) were stored at -20°C, 2-8°C, room temperature (RT) and at 37°C, and the monkey VE-cadherin level determined after 24 h. There was no significant loss of monkey VE-cadherin immunoreactivity during storage.

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15 REAGENT PREPARATION SUMMARY

A. Wash Buffer	Add Wash Buffer Concentrate 20 x (50 ml) to
	950 ml distilled water

B. Assay Buffer	Number	Assay Buffer	Distilled Water
	of Strips	Concentrate (ml)	(ml)
	1 - 6	2.5	47.5
	1 - 12	5.0	95.0

C. Biotin-Conjugate Predilution: Add 90µl Assay Buffer to tube containing Biotin-Conjugate concentrate. Mix. Make further dilution according to the table.

Number	prediluted 1:10	Assay Buffer
of Strips	Biotin-Conjugate (ml)	(ml)
1 - 6	0.03	2.97
1 - 12	0.06	5.94

D. Standard Add the volume of distilled water as stated on label to each vial of lyophilized monkey VE-cadherin Standard as needed.

E. Streptavidin-HRP	Number of Strips	Streptavidin-HRP (ml)	Assay Buffer (ml)	
	1 - 6	0.06	12	
	1 - 12	0.12	24	

Number	Substrate	Substrate
of Strips	Soloution I (ml)	Solution II (ml)
1 - 6	3.0	3.0
1 - 12	6.0	6.0
	of Strips 1 - 6	of Strips Soloution I (ml) 1 - 6 3.0

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16 TEST PROTOCOL SUMMARY

- Wash microwell strips twice with Wash Buffer
- Add 100 µl **Sample Diluent**, in duplicate, to all standard wells
- Pipette 100 µl reconstituted **monkey VE-cadherin Standard** into the first wells and create standard dilutions ranging from 12.5 to 0.19 U/ml by transferring 100 µl from well to well. Discard 100 µl from the last wells
- Add 100 µl Sample Diluent, in duplicate, to the blank wells
- Add 50 µl Sample Diluent to the sample wells
- Add 50 µl **Sample**, in duplicate, to designated wells
- Prepare Biotin-Conjugate
- Add 50 µl of diluted Biotin-Conjugate to all wells
- Cover microwell strips and incubate 2 hours at room temperature (18° to 25°C) on microplate shaker
- Prepare Streptavidin-HRP
- Empty and wash microwell strips 3 times with Wash Buffer
- Add 100 µl of diluted **Streptavidin-HRP** to all wells
- Cover microwell strips and incubate 1 hour at room temperature (18° to 25°C) on microplate shaker
- Prepare TMB Substrate Solution few minutes prior to use
- Empty and wash microwell strips 3 times with Wash Buffer
- Add 100 µl of mixed TMB Substrate Solution to all wells including blank wells
- Incubate the microwell strips for 10-20 minutes at room temperature (18°to 25°C) on microplate shaker
- Add 100 µl **Stop Solution** to all wells including blank wells
- Blank microwell reader and measure colour intensity at 450 nm

Note: Calculation of samples with an O.D. exceeding 2.0 may result in incorrect, low monkey VE-cadherin levels. Such samples require further dilution with Sample Diluent in order to precisely quantitate the actual monkey VE-cadherin level.

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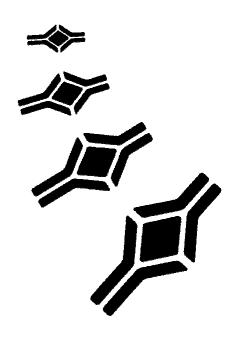
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