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Human AXL ELISA Kit

Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay for quantitative detection of Human AXL

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Product description

The Human AXL ELISA Kit is an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the quantitative detection of human AXL.

Summary

AXL (also known as Tyrosine-protein kinase receptor UFO) is an enzyme that in humans is encoded by the AXL gene. The gene was initially designated as UFO, in allusion to the unidentified function of this protein. The AXL protein is a cell surface receptor. The AXL receptor transduces signals from the extracellular matrix into the cytoplasm by binding growth factors like vitamin K-dependent protein growth-arrest-specific gene 6 (GAS6). It is involved in the stimulation of cell proliferation. This receptor can also mediate cell aggregation by homophilic binding.

AXL is an essential epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition-induced regulator of breast cancer metastasis and patient survival.

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Principles of the test

An anti-human AXL coating antibody is adsorbed onto microwells.

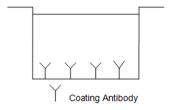


Fig. 1 Coated microwell.

Human AXL present in the sample or standard binds to antibodies adsorbed to the microwells. A biotin-conjugated anti-human AXL antibody is added and binds to human AXL captured by the first antibody.

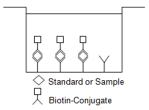


Fig. 2 First incubation.

Following incubation unbound biotin-conjugated anti-human AXL antibody is removed during a wash step. Streptavidin-HRP is added and binds to the biotin-conjugated anti-human AXL antibody.

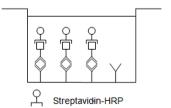


Fig. 3 Second incubation.

Following incubation unbound Streptavidin-HRP is removed during a wash step, and substrate solution reactive with HRP is added to the wells.

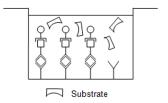


Fig. 4 Third incubation.

A colored product is formed in proportion to the amount of human AXL present in the sample or standard. The reaction is terminated by addition of acid and absorbance is measured at 450 nm. A standard curve is prepared from 7 human AXL standard dilutions and human AXL sample concentration determined.

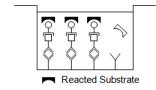


Fig. 5 Stop reaction.

Reagents provided

 $1\ aluminum\ pouch\ with\ a\ Microwell\ Plate\ coated\ with\ monoclonal\ antibody\ to\ human\ AXL$

1 vial (70 μl) Biotin-Conjugate anti-human AXL polyclonal antibody

1 vial (150 µl) Streptavidin-HRP

2 vials human AXL Standard lyophilized, 4,000 pg /ml upon reconstitution

1 vial (5 ml) Assay Buffer Concentrate 20x (PBS with 1% Tween $^{\scriptscriptstyle{\text{TM}}}$ 20, 10% BSA)

1 bottle (50 ml) Wash Buffer Concentrate 20x (PBS with 1% Tween[™] 20)

1 bottle (50 ml) Sample Diluent

1 vial (15 ml) Substrate Solution (tetramethyl-benzidine)

1 vial (15 ml) Stop Solution (1M Phosphoric acid)

4 Adhesive Films

Storage instructions - ELISA Kit

Store kit reagents between 2° and 8°C . Immediately after use remaining reagents should be returned to cold storage (2–8°C). Expiry of the kit and reagents is stated on labels. Expiry of the kit components can be guaranteed only if the components are stored properly, and if, in case of repeated use of one component, this reagent is not contaminated by the first handling.

Sample collection and storage instructions

Cell culture supernatant, serum, and plasma (citrate, heparin, EDTA) were tested with this assay. Other biological samples might be suitable for use in the assay. Samples containing a visible precipitate must be clarified prior to use in the assay. Do not use grossly hemolyzed or lipemic samples. Samples should be aliquoted and must be stored frozen at -20°C to avoid loss of bioactive human AXL. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Prior to assay, the frozen sample should be brought to room temperature slowly and mixed gently.

Materials required but not provided

- 5 ml and 10 ml graduated pipettes
- 5 μL to 1000 μL adjustable single channel micropipettes with disposable tips
- $50~\mu L$ to $300~\mu L$ adjustable multichannel micropipette with disposable tips
- Multichannel micropipette reservoir
- Beakers, flasks, and cylinders necessary for preparation of reagents
- Device for delivery of wash solution (multichannel wash bottle or automatic wash system)
- · Microplate shaker
- 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 regression analysis

Precautions for use

- All reagents 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 statement(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 pipet by mouth.

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- 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 samples.
- Rubber or disposable latex gloves should be worn while handling kit reagents or samples.
- Avoid contact of substrate solution with oxidizing agents and metal.
- Avoid splashing or generation of aerosols.
- To avoid microbial contamination or cross-contamination of reagents or samples that may invalidate the test, use disposable pipette tips and/or pipettes.
- Use clean, dedicated reagent trays for dispensing the conjugate and substrate reagent.
- Exposure to acid inactivates the conjugate.
- Glass-distilled water or deionized water must be used for reagent preparation.

- Substrate solution must be at room temperature prior to use.
- Decontaminate and dispose samples 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.

Preparation of reagents

Buffer Concentrates should be brought to room temperature and should be diluted before starting the test procedure. If crystals have formed in the Buffer Concentrates, warm them gently until they have completely dissolved.

Wash Buffer (1x)

- Pour entire contents (50 mL) of the Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x) into a clean 1000-mL graduated cylinder. Bring to final volume of 1000 mL with glass-distilled or deionized water. Mix gently to avoid foaming.
- 2. Transfer to a clean wash bottle and store at 2–25°C. The Wash Buffer (1x) is stable for 30 days.
- 3. Wash Buffer (1x) may also be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x) (mL)	Distilled Water (mL)
1–6	25	475
1–12	50	950

Assay Buffer (1x)

- Pour the entire contents (5 mL) of the Assay Buffer Concentrate (20x) into a clean 100-mL graduated cylinder. Bring to final volume of 100 mL with distilled water. Mix gently to avoid foaming.
- **2.** Store at 2–8°C. The Assay Buffer (1x) is stable for 30 days.
- 3. Assay Buffer (1x) may also be prepared as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Assay Buffer Concentrate (20x) (mL)	Distilled Water (mL)
1-6	2.5	47.5
1–12	5.0	95.0

Biotin-Conjugate

Note: The Biotin-Conjugate should be used within 30 minutes after dilution.

Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Biotin-Conjugate solution with Assay Buffer (1x) in a clean plastic tube as needed according to the following table:

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

Streptavidin-HRP

Note: The Streptavidin-HRP should be used within 30 minutes after dilution.

Make a 1:100 dilution of the concentrated Streptavidin-HRP solution with Assay Buffer (1x) in a clean plastic tube as needed according to the following table:

Number of Strips	Streptavidin-HRP (mL)	Assay Buffer (1x) (mL)
1–6	0.06	5.94
1–12	0.12	11.88

Human AXL Standard

- Reconstitute human AXL Standard by addition of distilled water. Reconstitution volume is stated on the label of the standard vial.
- Swirl or mix gently to insure complete and homogeneous solubilization (concentration of reconstituted standard = 4,000 pg/ml). Allow the standard to reconstitute for 10-30 minutes. Mix well prior to making dilutions.
- 3. Standard dilutions can be prepared directly on the microwell plate (see "Test protocol" on page 3) or alternatively in tubes (see "External standard dilution" on page 3).
 - After usage remaining standard cannot be stored and has to be discarded.

External standard dilution

- 1. Label 7 tubes, one for each standard point: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7
- 2. Prepare 1:2 serial dilutions for the standard curve as follows: Pipet 225 μ L of Sample Diluent into each tube.
- 3. Pipet 225 μL of reconstituted standard into the first tube, labeled S1, and mix (concentration of standard 1 = 2,000 pg/mL)
- 4. Pipet 225 μ L of this dilution into the second tube, labeled S2, and mix thoroughly before the next transfer.
- 5. Repeat serial dilutions 5 more times thus creating the points of the standard curve.

Sample Diluent serves as blank.

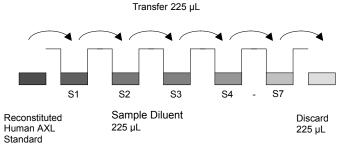


Fig. 6 Dilute standard - tubes.

Test protocol

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

Note: If instructions of this protocol have been followed samples have been diluted 1:2, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x 2).

- 1. Predilute your samples before starting with the test procedure. Use cell culture supernatant samples undiluted. Dilute serum and plasma samples 1:100 with Sample Diluent according to the following scheme: 10 μ L Sample + 990 μ L Sample Diluent
- 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. Each sample, standard, blank, and optional control sample should be assayed in duplicate. Remove extra microwell strips from holder and store in foil bag with the desiccant provided at 2–8°C sealed tightly.
- 3. Wash the microwell strips twice with approximately $400~\mu L$ 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 step, empty wells and tap microwell strips on absorbent pad or paper towel to remove excess Wash Buffer. Use the microwell strips immediately after washing. Alternatively, microwell strips can be placed upside down on a wet absorbent paper for not longer than 15 minutes. Do not allow wells to dry.

4. Standard dilution on the microwell plate (alternatively, the standard dilution can be prepared in tubes; see "External standard dilution" on page 3):

Add 100 μL of Sample Diluent in duplicate to all standard wells. Pipet 100 μL of prepared standard (see "Human AXL Standard" on page 3 in duplicate, into well A1 and A2 (see Table 1). Mix the contents of wells A1 and A2 by repeated aspiration and ejection (concentration of standard 1, S1 = 2,000 pg/mL), and transfer 100 μL to wells B1 and B2, respectively (see Figure 7).

Take care not to scratch the inner surface of the microwells. Continue this procedure 5 times, creating two rows of human AXL standard dilutions, ranging from 2,000 pg/mL to 31.25 pg/mL. Discard 100 μL of the contents from the last microwells (S7) used.

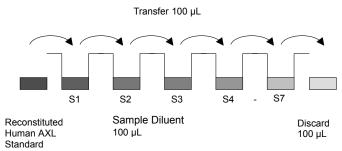


Fig. 7 Dilute standards - microwell plate.

In case of an external standard dilution (see "External standard dilution" on page 3), pipet 100 μ L of these standard dilutions (S1–S7) in the standard wells according to the following table.

Table 1 Example of the arrangement of blanks, standards, and samples in the microwell strips.

	1	2	3	4
Α	Standard 1	Standard 1	Sample 1	Sample 1
	2,000 pg/mL	2,000 pg/mL		
В	Standard 2	Standard 2	Sample 2	Sample 2
	1,000 pg/mL	1,000 pg/mL		
С	Standard 3	Standard 3	Sample 3	Sample 3
	500 pg/mL	500 pg/mL		
D	Standard 4	Standard 4	Sample 4	Sample 4
	250 pg/mL	250 pg/mL		
Е	Standard 5	Standard 5	Sample 5	Sample 5
	125 pg/mL	125 pg/mL		
F	Standard 6	Standard 6	Sample 6	Sample 6
	62.50 pg/mL	62.50 pg/mL		
G	Standard 7	Standard 7	Sample 7	Sample 7
	31.25 pg/mL	31.25 pg/mL		
Н	Blank	Blank	Sample 8	Sample 8

- 5. Add $100 \mu L$ of Sample Diluent in duplicate to the blank wells.
- 6. Add 50 μL of Sample Diluent in duplicate to the sample wells.
- 7. Add 50 µL of sample in duplicate to the sample wells.
- 8. Prepare Biotin-Conjugate (see "Biotin-Conjugate" on page 2).
- 9. Add 50 µL of diluted Biotin-Conjugate to all wells.
- **10.** Cover with an adhesive film and incubate at room temperature (18–25°C) for 2 hours, on a microplate shaker.
- 11. Prepare Streptavidin-HRP (see "Streptavidin-HRP" on page 2).
- 12. Remove adhesive film and empty wells. Wash microwell strips 4 times according to step 2. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- 13. Add 100 μL of diluted Streptavidin-HRP to all wells, including the blank wells.
- 14. Cover with an adhesive film and incubate at room temperature (18–25°C) for 1 hour, on a microplate shaker.
- **15.** Remove adhesive film and empty wells. Wash microwell strips 4 times according to step 2. Proceed immediately to the next step.
- 16. Pipet 100 µL of TMB Substrate Solution to all wells.

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17. Incubate the microwell strips at room temperature (18–25°C) for 30 minutes. Avoid direct exposure to intense light.

The color development on the plate should be monitored and the substrate reaction stopped (see next point of this protocol) before positive wells are no longer properly recordable. Determination of the ideal time period for color development has to be done individually for each assay.

It is recommended to add the stop solution when the highest standard has developed a dark blue color. Alternatively, the color development can be monitored by the ELISA reader at 620 nm. The substrate reaction should be stopped as soon as Standard 1 has reached an OD of 0.9–0.95.

- 18. Stop the enzyme reaction by quickly pipetting $100~\mu L$ of Stop Solution into each well. 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.
- 19. 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 standards.

Calculation of results

- Calculate the average absorbance values for each set of duplicate standards and samples. Duplicates should be within 20% of the mean value.
- Create a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard concentration on the ordinate against the human AXL concentration on the abscissa. Draw a best fit curve through the points of the graph (a 5-parameter curve fit is recommended).
- To determine the concentration of circulating human AXL 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 human AXL concentration.
- If instructions of this protocol have been followed, samples have been diluted 1:2 and the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x2).
- Calculation of samples with a concentration exceeding standard 1
 will result in incorrect human AXL levels. Such samples require
 further external predilution (according to expected human AXL
 values) with Sample Diluent in order to precisely quantitate the
 actual human AXL level.
- It is suggested that each testing facility establishes a control sample of known human AXL concentration and runs this additional control with each assay. If the values obtained are not within the expected range of the control, the assay results may be invalid.

A representative standard curve is shown in Figure 8.

Note: Do not use this standard curve to derive test results. Each laboratory must prepare a standard curve for each group of microwell strips assayed.

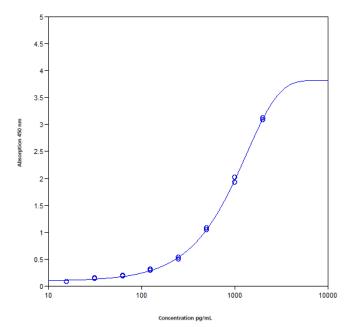


Fig. 8 Representative standard curve for Human AXL ELISA Kit. Human AXL was diluted in serial 2-fold steps in Sample Diluent.

Table 2 Typical data using the Human AXL ELISA Kit (measuring wavelength of 450 nm, reference wavelength of 620 nm).

Standard	Human AXL concentration (pg/mL)	0.D. at 450 nm	Mean O.D. at 450 nm	C.V. (%)
1	2,000	3.089 3.123	3.106	0.5
2	1,000	1.928 2.022	1.975	2.4
3	500	1.046 1.077	1.062	1.5
4	250	0.499 0.536	0.518	3.6
5	150	0.292 0.313	0.303	3.5
6	62.50	0.196 0.189	0.193	1.8
7	31.25	0.137 0.148	0.143	3.9
Blank	0	0.080 0.085	0.083	3.0

The OD values of the standard curve may vary according to the conditions of assay performance (e.g., operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, or temperature effects). Furthermore, shelf life of the kit may affect enzymatic activity and thus color intensity. Values measured are still valid.

Limitations

- Because exact conditions may vary from assay to assay, a standard curve must be established for every run.
- Bacterial or fungal contamination of either screen samples or reagents or cross-contamination 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. Empty wells
completely before dispensing fresh wash solution, fill with Wash
Buffer as indicated for each wash cycle, and do not allow wells to
sit uncovered or dry for extended periods.

Performance characteristics

Sensitivity

The limit of detection of human AXL defined as the analyte concentration resulting in an absorbance significantly higher than that of the dilution medium (mean plus 2 standard deviations) was determined to be 7.457 pg /mL (mean of 3 independent assays).

Sample stability

Freeze-thaw stability

Aliquots of serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatant samples (spiked or unspiked) were stored at -20° C and thawed 3 times, and the human AXL levels determined. There was no significant loss of human AXL immunoreactivity detected by freezing and thawing.

Storage stability

Aliquots of serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatant samples (spiked or unspiked) were stored at -20° C, $2-8^{\circ}$ C, room temperature, and at 37° C, and the human AXL level determined after 24 hours. No significant loss of human AXL immunoreactivity was detected under above conditions.

Specificity

The cross-reactivity and interference of circulating factors of the immune system was evaluated by spiking these proteins at physiologically relevant concentrations into a human AXL positive sample. No cross-reactivity or interference was detected.

Expected values

Panels of 40 serum as well as plasma samples (EDTA, citrate, heparin) from randomly selected healthy donors (males and females) were tested for human AXL.

Sample matrix	Number of samples evaluated	Mean (ng/mL)	Range (ng/mL)	Standarad deviation (ng/mL)
Serum	40	33.1	13.9-60.4	39
Plasma (EDTA)	40	33.1	18.0-67.4	37
Plasma (citrate)	40	28.5	2.0-50.8	40
Plasma (heparin)	40	24.7	11.1–46.2	38

Reproducibility

Intra-assay

Reproducibility within the assay was evaluated in 3 independent experiments. Each assay was carried out with 6 replicates of 7 serum and plasma samples containing different concentrations of human AXL. Two standard curves were run on each plate. Data below show the mean human AXL concentration and the coefficient of variation for

each sample. The calculated overall intra-assay coefficient of variation was $8.8\%.\,$

Table 3 The mean human AXL concentration and the coefficient of variation for each sample.

Sample	Experiment	Mean concentration (pg/mL)	Coefficient of variation (%)
1	1	26,470.8	10.9
	2	31,415.5	4.5
	3	22,245.2	6.9
2	1	31,465.2	5.0
	2	25,664.9	4.6
	3	30,140.8	5.7
3	1	10,544.0	7.0
	2	11,546.9	6.7
	3	11,857.5	15.9
4	1	15,016.7	7.7
	2	16,048.1	16.9
	3	16,247.7	9.8
5	1	18,529.6	6.9
	2	17,038.5	21.3
	3	18,295.0	3.0
6	1	23,832.4	4.4
	2	24,727.5	6.4
	3	21,884.7	20.4
7	1	18,685.8	7.3
	2	13,054.6	5.7
	3	13,054.1	7.6

Inter-assay

Assay-to-assay reproducibility within one laboratory was evaluated in 3 independent experiments. Each assay was carried out with 6 replicates of 7 serum and plasma samples containing different concentrations of human AXL. Two standard curves were run on each plate. Data below show the mean concentration and the coefficient of variation calculated on 18 determinations of each sample. The calculated overall inter-assay coefficient of variation was 10.0%.

 Table 4
 The mean human AXL concentration and the coefficient of variation of each sample.

Sample	Mean concentration (pg/mL)	Coefficient of variation (%)
1	26,710.5	17.2
2	29,090.3	10.4
3	11,316.2	6.1
4	15,770.8	4.2
5	17,954.4	4.5
6	23,481.5	6.2
7	14,931.5	21.8

Spike recovery

The spike recovery was evaluated by spiking 3 levels of human AXL into serum, plasma (EDTA, heparin, citrate) and cell culture supernatant. Recoveries were determined with 2 replicates each. The amount of endogenous human AXL in unspiked samples was subtracted from the spike values.

Sample	Spike	high (%)	Spike medium (%)		Spike	low (%)
matrix	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range
Serum	98	84-112	101	85-125	116	92–133
Plasma (EDTA)	93	75–109	96	88–102	125	108–134
Plasma (citrate)	111	102–118	99	89–113	117	94–135
Plasma (heparin)	102	87–112	897	83–107	124	114–134
Cell culture supernat ant	99	98–100	98	86–110	102	85–118

Dilution parallelism

Serum, plasma (EDTA, citrate, heparin), and cell culture supernatant samples with different levels of human AXL were analysed at serial 2-fold dilutions with 3 replicates each.

Sample matrix	Recover	y of exp. val.
Sample matrix	Dilution	Mean %
Serum	500	95
	1,000	105
	2,000	110
Plasma (EDTA)	500	100
	1,000	102
	2,000	84
Plasma (citrate)	500	90
	1,000	108
	2,000	-
Plasma (heparin)	500	97
	1,000	118
	2,000	_
Cell culture	2	101
supernatant	4	100

Reagent preparation summary

Wash Buffer (1x)

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

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

Assay Buffer (1x)

Add Assay Buffer Concentrate 20x (5 mL) to 95 mL distilled water.

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

Biotin-Conjugate

Make a 1:100 dilution of Biotin-Conjugate in Assay Buffer (1x).

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

Streptavidin-HRP

Make a 1:100 dilution of Streptavidin-HRP in Assay Buffer (1x).

Number of Strips	Streptavidin-HRP (mL)	Assay Buffer (1x) (mL)
1-6	0.06	5.94
1–12	0.12	11.88

Human AXL standard

Reconstitute lyophilized human AXL standard with distilled water. Reconstitution volume is stated on the label of the standard vial.

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Test protocol summary

Note: If instructions in this protocol have been followed, samples have been diluted 1:2 (50 μ L sample + 50 μ L Sample Diluent) and the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor (x 2).

Shaking is absolutely necessary for an optimal test performance.

- 1. Predilute your samples before starting with the test procedure. Use cell culture supernatant samples undiluted. Dilute serum and plasma samples 1:100 with Sample Diluent according to the following scheme: 10 µl Sample + 990 µl Sample Diluent.
- 2. Determine the number of microwell strips required.
- 3. Wash microwell strips twice with Wash Buffer.
- 4. Standard dilution on the microwell plate: Add 100 μ L Sample Diluent, in duplicate, to all standard wells. Pipet 100 μ L prepared standard into the first wells and create standard dilutions by transferring 100 μ L from well to well. Discard 100 μ L from the last wells.

Alternatively, external standard dilution in tubes (see "External standard dilution" on page 3): Pipet 100 μ L of these standard dilutions in the microwell strips.

- 5. Add 100 µL Sample Diluent, in duplicate, to the blank wells.
- 6. Add 50 µL Sample Diluent to sample wells.
- 7. Add 50 μ L prediluted sample in duplicate, to designated sample wells.
- 8. Prepare Biotin-Conjugate.
- 9. Add 50 µL Biotin-Conjugate to all wells.
- **10.** Cover microwell strips and incubate 2 hours at room temperature (18–25°C) on a microplate shaker.
- 11. Prepare Streptavidin-HRP.
- 12. Empty and wash microwell strips 4 times with Wash Buffer.
- 13. Add 100 µL diluted Streptavidin-HRP to all wells.
- **14.** Cover microwell strips and incubate 1 hour at room temperature (18–25°C) on a microplate shaker.
- **15.** Empty and wash microwell strips 4 times with Wash Buffer.
- 16. Add 100 µL of TMB Substrate Solution to all wells.
- 17. Incubate the microwell strips for about 30 minutes at room temperature (18–25°C).
- 18. Add 100 µL Stop Solution to all wells.
- 19. Blank microwell reader and measure color intensity at 450 nm.

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