Magnetic Luminex® Performance Assay

Human Kidney Biomarker Base Kit

Catalog Number LHK000

For the simultaneous quantitative determination of multiple human kidney biomarker concentrations in serum, plasma, and urine.

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INTRODUCTION

The kidneys play important roles in organismal homeostasis by regulating osmolality and blood pressure, aiding in the reabsorption of water and nutrients, excreting wastes, and secreting hormones. Renal function is also important in the metabolism and excretion of drugs (1). Therefore, analyzing nephrotoxicity using renal markers is an important experimental step during drug development. Historically, renal function has been evaluated by measuring serum creatinine and blood urea nitrogen levels (2). Recently, more sensitive kidney biomarkers have been identified and renal function can be assessed contextually by analyzing multiple proteins simultaneously. In addition, renal markers can be used to assess kidney development during embryogenesis as well as pathological conditions such as renal failure and renal cell carcinoma (2-6). This kit is an excellent tool for drug toxicology studies because it can simultaneously assess the levels of 9 Kidney Biomarkers in a single serum, plasma, or urine sample.

Any combination of the following bead sets are suitable for use with this base kit.

Analyte	Catalog Number	Microparticle Region
Clusterin	LHK2937	20
Cystatin C	LHK1196	19
CXCL10/IP-10	LHK266	25
Fetuin A/AHSG	LHK1184	21
Lipocalin-2/NGAL	LHK1757	27
Osteopontin (OPN)	LHK1433	28
RBP4	LHK3378	29
TFF3	LHK4407	30
TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR*	LHK1750	26

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

Magnetic Luminex® Performance Assay multiplex kits are designed for use with the Luminex MAGPIX® CCD Imager. Alternatively, kits can be used with the Luminex 100/200™ or Bio-Rad® Bio-Plex®, dual laser, flow-based sorting and detection platforms.

Analyte-specific antibodies are pre-coated onto color-coded magnetic microparticles. Microparticles, standards and samples are pipetted into wells and the immobilized antibodies bind the analytes of interest. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody cocktail specific to the analytes of interest is added to each well. Following a wash to remove any unbound biotinylated antibody, streptavidin-phycoerythrin conjugate (Streptavidin-PE), which binds to the biotinylated antibody, is added to each well. A final wash removes unbound Streptavidin-PE, the microparticles are resuspended in buffer and read using the Luminex MAGPIX Analyzer. A magnet in the analyzer captures and holds the superparamagnetic microparticles in a monolayer. Two spectrally distinct Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) illuminate the microparticles. One LED identifies the analyte that is being detected and the second LED determines the magnitude of the PE-derived signal, which is in direct proportion to the amount of analyte bound. Each well is imaged with a CCD camera. Kits can also be used with Luminex 100/200 or a Bio-Rad Bio-Plex dual laser, flow-based systems.

**This product is covered by one or more of the following US Patents: 7,300,652; 7,041,290; 6,664,385; and other US and foreign patents pending or issued.*

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.
- 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 fall outside the dynamic range of the assay, further dilute the samples with Calibrator Diluent and repeat the assay.
- Any variation in standard diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.
- Variations in sample collection, processing, and storage may cause sample value differences.
- This assay is designed to eliminate interference by soluble receptors, binding proteins, and other factors present in biological samples. Until these proteins have been tested in the Luminex Performance Assay, the possibility of interference cannot be excluded.
- Magnetic Luminex Performance Assays afford the user the benefit of multianalyte analysis of biomarkers in a single complex sample. A single multipurpose diluent is used to optimize recovery, linearity, and reproducibility. Such a multipurpose diluent may not optimize any single analyte to the same degree that a unique diluent selected for analysis of that analyte can optimize conditions. Therefore, some performance characteristics may be more variable than those for assays designed specifically for single analyte analysis.
- Only the analytes listed on the Standard Value Card can be measured with this base kit.

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.
- To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary.
- Protect microparticles and Streptavidin-PE from light at all times to prevent photobleaching.

PRECAUTIONS

Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 contains sodium azide, which may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metallic azides. Flush with large volumes of water during disposal.

Some components in this kit contain ProClin® which may cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing mist.

Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Please refer to the MSDS on our website prior to use.

MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store the unopened kit at 2-8 °C. Do not use past kit expiration date.

PART	PART #	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE OF OPENED, DILUTED, OR RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
Kidney Biomarker Standard Cocktail	894311	2 vials of recombinant human kidney biomarkers in a buffered protein base with preservatives; lyophilized.	Discard after use. Use a fresh standard for each assay.
Microparticle Diluent	895529	2 vials (6 mL/vial) of a buffered protein base with blue dye and preservative.	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.* *Once diluted, any unused microparticle cocktail must be discarded.*
Diluent RD2-1	895970	11 mL of a buffered protein base with preservatives.	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.*
Calibrator Diluent RD6-62	895986	21 mL of a concentrated buffered animal serum with preservatives. *Used diluted 1:5 in this assay.*	
Streptavidin-PE	892525	0.07 mL of a 100-fold concentrated streptavidin-phycoerythrin conjugate with preservatives.	
Wash Buffer Concentrate	895003	21 mL of a 25-fold concentrated solution of buffered surfactant with preservative. *May turn yellow over time.*	
Microplate	641385	1 flat-bottomed 96-well microplate used as a vessel for the assay.	
Mixing Bottles	895505	2 empty 8 mL bottles used for mixing microparticles with Microparticle Diluent.	
Plate Sealers	640445	6 adhesive foil strips.	
Standard Value Card	749829	1 card listing the Standard Cocktail reconstitution volume and working standard concentrations for this lot of base kit.	

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

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- **Luminex Performance Assay analyte-specific kit(s) (see Introduction on page 1).**
- Luminex MAGPIX, Luminex 100/200, or Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzer with X-Y platform.
- Hand-held microplate magnet or platewasher with a magnetic platform.
- Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.
- Multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser, or automated dispensing unit.
- 100 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- Horizontal orbital microplate shaker (0.12" orbit) capable of maintaining a speed of 800 ± 50 rpm.
- Microcentrifuge.
- **Polypropylene** test tubes for dilution of standards and samples.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

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

Serum - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 30 minutes at room temperature before centrifuging for 15 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °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. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Note: *Citrate plasma has not been validated for use in this assay.*

Urine - Aseptically collect the first urine of the day (mid-stream), voided directly into a sterile container. Centrifuge to remove particulate matter, and assay immediately or aliquot and store at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Use polypropylene tubes.

Urine samples require a 10-fold dilution. A suggested 10-fold dilution is 20 µL of sample + 180 µL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5)*. Mix thoroughly.

When assaying IP-10, Lipocalin-2, OPN, TIM-1, and TFF3, serum and plasma samples require a 10-fold dilution. A suggested 10-fold dilution is 20 µL of sample + 180 µL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5). Mix thoroughly.

When assaying Clusterin, Cystatin C, Fetuin A, and RBP4, serum and plasma samples must be diluted to a final 4000-fold dilution. A suggested 4000-fold dilution is 10 µL of sample + 990 µL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5). Add 25 µL of the diluted sample to 975 µL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5) to complete the 4000-fold dilution. Mix thoroughly.

*See Reagent Preparation section.

REAGENT PREPARATION

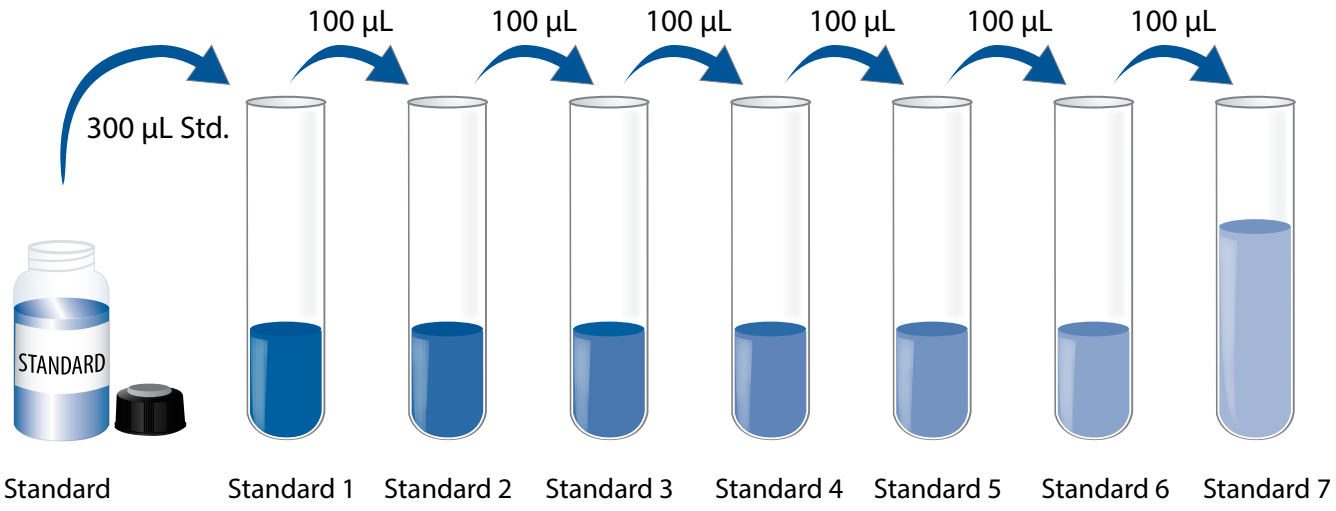
Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Add 20 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate to deionized or distilled water to prepare 500 mL of Wash Buffer.

Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5) - Add 20 mL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 concentrate to 80 mL of deionized or distilled water to prepare 100 mL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5).

Standard - Reconstitute the Kidney Biomarker Standard Cocktail with Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5). Refer to the Standard Value Card for the reconstitution volume and assigned values. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions.

Use polypropylene tubes. Pipette 300 µL of the reconstituted Standard into a tube labeled standard 1. Pipette 200 µL of Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (diluted 1:5) into the remaining tubes. Use standard 1 to produce a 3-fold dilution series (below). *Refer to analyte specific datasheets for details.* Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. Standard 1 serves as the high standard. Calibrator Diluent RD6-62 (1X) serves as the blank.



DILUTED MICROPARTICLE COCKTAIL PREPARATION

1. Centrifuge each Microparticle Concentrate vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vials to resuspend the microparticles, taking precautions not to invert the vials.
3. Dilute the Microparticle Concentrates in the mixing bottle provided. The volume of the Microparticle Concentrate listed in the table below is for each analyte (*e.g.* if measuring a full plate of OPN and TFF3, add 50 µL of OPN Microparticle Concentrate and 50 µL of TFF3 Microparticle Concentrate to 10 mL of Microparticle Diluent).

Number of Wells Used	Microparticle Concentrate	+	Microparticle Diluent
96	50.0 µL	+	10.0 mL
72	37.5 µL	+	7.50 mL
48	25.0 µL	+	5.0 mL
24	12.5 µL	+	2.50 mL

Note: *Protect microparticles from light during handling. Diluted microparticles cannot be stored. Prepare microparticles within 30 minutes of use.*

DILUTED BIOTIN ANTIBODY COCKTAIL PREPARATION

1. Centrifuge each Biotin Antibody Concentrate vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vials, taking precautions not to invert the vials.
3. Add 50 µL of each Biotin Antibody Concentrate to 5.5 mL of Diluent RD2-1. Mix gently.

STREPTAVIDIN-PE PREPARATION

Use a polypropylene amber bottle or a polypropylene tube wrapped with aluminum foil. Protect Streptavidin-PE from light during handling and storage.

1. Centrifuge the Streptavidin-PE vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vial, taking precautions not to invert the vial.
3. Dilute the 100X Streptavidin-PE to a 1X concentration by adding 55 µL of Streptavidin-PE to 5.5 mL of Wash Buffer.

INSTRUMENT SETTINGS

Luminex MAGPIX analyzer:

a) Assign the microparticle region for each analyte being measured (see Introduction on page 1)

b) 50 events/bead

c) Sample size: 50 µL

d) Collect Median Fluorescence Intensity (MFI)

Luminex 100/200 and Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzers:

Note: *Calibrate the analyzer using the proper reagents for superparamagnetic microparticles (refer to instrument manual).*

a) Assign the bead region for each analyte being measured (see Introduction on page 1)

b) 50 events/bead

c) Minimum events: 0

d) Flow rate: 60 µL/minute (fast)

e) Sample size: 50 µL

f) Doublet Discriminator gates at approximately 8000 and 16,500

g) Collect MFI

Note: *The CAL2 setting for the Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzer should be set at the low RP1 target value.*

ASSAY PROCEDURE

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

Note: *Protect microparticles and Streptavidin-PE from light at all times.*

1. Prepare all reagents, working standards, and samples as directed in the previous sections.
2. Resuspend the diluted microparticle cocktail by inversion or vortexing. Add 100 µL of the microparticle cocktail to each well of the microplate.
3. Add 50 µL of Standard or sample* per well. Securely cover with a foil plate sealer. Incubate for 3 hours at room temperature on a horizontal orbital microplate shaker (0.12" orbit) set at 800 ± 50 rpm. A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.
4. Using a magnetic device designed to accommodate a microplate, wash by applying the magnet to the bottom of the microplate, removing the liquid, filling each well with Wash Buffer (100 µL) and removing the liquid again. Complete removal of liquid is essential for good performance. Perform the wash procedure three times.

   Note: *Refer to the magnetic device user manual for proper wash technique using a round bottom microplate.*
5. Add 50 µL of diluted Biotin Antibody Cocktail to each well. Securely cover with a foil plate sealer and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature on the shaker set at 800 ± 50 rpm.
6. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
7. Add 50 µL of diluted Streptavidin-PE to each well. Securely cover with a foil plate sealer and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature on the shaker set at 800 ± 50 rpm.
8. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
9. Resuspend the microparticles by adding 100 µL of Wash Buffer to each well. Incubate for 2 minutes on the shaker set at 800 ± 50 rpm.
10. Read within 90 minutes using a Luminex or Bio-Rad analyzer.
    Note: *Resuspend microparticles immediately prior to reading.*

*Samples require dilution. See Sample Preparation section.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Use the Standard concentrations on the Standard Value Card and calculate 3-fold dilutions for the remaining levels. Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample and subtract the average blank Median Fluorescence Intensity (MFI).

Create a standard curve for each analyte by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a five parameter logistic (5-PL) curve-fit.

Since samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

CALIBRATION

This assay is calibrated against highly purified recombinant human kidney biomarkers produced at R&D Systems.

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PLATE LAYOUT

Use this plate layout to record standards and samples assayed.