

PeliKine compact™ human IFN-gamma

Product number M1933

Introduction

At this moment fifteen interferon α (IFN α), one interferon β (IFN β) and one interferon γ (IFN γ) have been reported. IFN γ is produced during an immune response by CD8⁺, NK, $\gamma\delta$ and TH1 T helper cells. It differs structurally and functionally from IFN α and IFN β ; binds to distinct receptors and has pronounced immuno-regulatory effects, including activation of macrophages to enhance phagocytosis and tumour killing capability, activation and growth enhancement of cytolytic T-cells and NK-cells, and induction of class II MHC antigen and Fc γ receptor on macrophages and many other cell types. IFN γ also regulates humoral immune responses: it induces immunoglobulin secretion by activated B-cells stimulated with IL-2 and potentiates IL-4 induced proliferation of human B-cells. IFN γ has documented antiviral and antiprotozoal activities, although IFN α and IFN β seem to have more potent antiviral activities than IFN γ . Several substances originally described for their biological activities have been identified as IFN γ ; macrophage activating factor (MAF), T-cell replacing factor (TRF), Type II interferon and immune interferon. Bioassays for the quantification of IFN γ , based on cytopathic reductive effects of IFN γ on cultured cells have been used for several years. In this assay IFN γ reduces the killing of a target cell line such as L929 (murine), HEp2C or A549 (human) cells by for example, encephalomyocarditis virus. An alternative assay system involves measurement of induction of HLA-DR antigens on tumour cells, which can be detected in a cell ELISA. These assays, although sensitive, are time consuming and might be susceptible to interference by other substances. The PeliKine (compact)™ human IFN γ ELISA kit has been developed for faster, more reproducible and specific quantification of human IFN γ in serum, plasma and other body fluids, as well as in cell-culture supernatant.

Assay procedure

See Assay procedure for PeliKine compact™ ELISA kit: www.sanquinreagents.com → Products → Cytokines → Compact cytokine kits → on bottom of page → 'optimized assay procedure'.

Kit component list

Quantity	Kit component	Volume	Cap colour
1 vial	coating antibody	100-fold concentrated	375 μ l
1 vial	blocking reagent	50-fold concentrated	2 ml
2 vials	IFN γ standard (lyophilized)	see label	500 μ l
1 vial	biotinylated antibody	100-fold concentrated	375 μ l
1 vial	streptavidin-poly-HRP conjugate	10,000-fold concentrated	20 μ l
1 bottle	HPE-dilution buffer	5-fold concentrated	55 ml
3 pcs	microtiter plate + lid	-	-
10 pcs	plate seals	-	-

Sensitivity

MEAN calculated zero signal + 3 SD : 1-2 pg/ml (shake - static incubation)
2 x (MEAN calculated zero signal) : 4-6 pg/ml (shake - static incubation)

Expected values

IFN γ values in fresh serum and plasma samples of healthy individuals are below 10 pg/ml.

Specificity

No crossreactivity was observed with the following recombinant human proteins: IL-1 α , IL-1 β , IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor (M-CSF), Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor (G-CSF), Granulocyte/Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor (GM-CSF), Leukaemia Inhibitory Factor (LIF), RANTES, Stem Cell Factor/ Mast Cell Factor (SCF/MCF), Transforming Growth Factor β -1 (TGF β -1), Tumour Necrosis Factor α (TNF α) and Tumour Necrosis Factor β (TNF β /Lymphotoxin).

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Standard

A natural human IFN γ standard has been calibrated against the WHO reference preparation (IFN γ 88/606; National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, U.K. 1 WHO Unit = 53 pg IFN γ). The kit contains one lyophilized vial natural human IFN γ . Reconstitute one lyophilized standard by adding 500 μ l of distilled water to the vial. Incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature and mix gently. After reconstitution the standard must be kept cold (2-8°C) and stored frozen after use (<-18°C, preferably <-70°C).

Standard curve

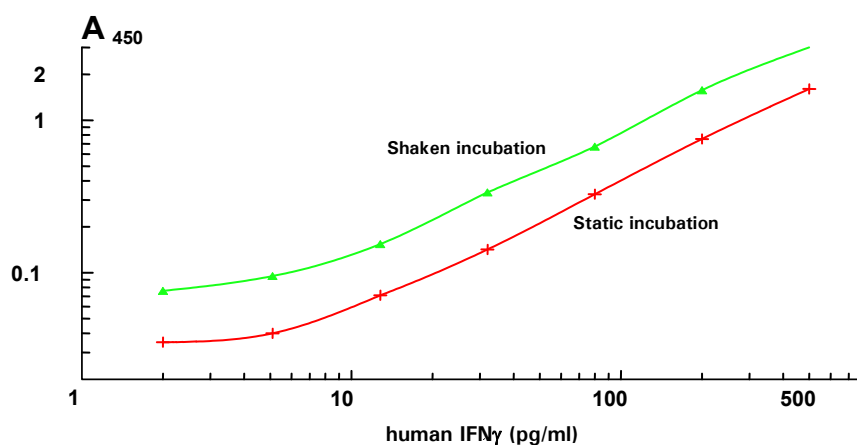
Label 7 tubes, one tube for each dilution: 500, 200, 80, 32, 12.8, 5.1, and 2.0 pg/ml. Pipette 600 μ l of working-strength HPE-dilution buffer into the tube labelled 500 pg/ml and 300 μ l of working-strength HPE-dilution buffer into the other tubes. Transfer 75 μ l of the IFN γ standard (4500 pg/ml) into the first tube labelled 500 pg/ml, mix well and transfer 200 μ l of this dilution into the second tube labelled 200 pg/ml. Repeat the serial dilutions six more times by adding 200 μ l of the previous tube of diluted standard to the 300 μ l of dilution buffer. Label one tube 0 pg/ml (working-strength HPE-dilutionbuffer).

It is recommended to prepare two separate series for each assay.

Samples

It is recommended to dilute the test samples at least 1:2 in working-strength HPE-dilution buffer. If high levels of IFN γ (outside the standard curve) are expected in the test samples, additional dilutions of sample i.e. 1:10 and 1:50 should also be prepared.

Typical standard curve



	STATIC INCUBATION	SHAKEN INCUBATION
	Calculated mean absorbance at 450 nm	
substrate blank	0	0
0 pg/ml	0.025	0.073
2.0 pg/ml	0.035	0.074
5.1 pg/ml	0.040	0.095
12.8 pg/ml	0.071	0.154
32 pg/ml	0.142	0.336
80 pg/ml	0.327	0.671
200 pg/ml	0.753	1.572
500 pg/ml	1.604	> 3.000

DO NOT USE THESE DATA TO CONSTRUCT A STANDARD CURVE FOR SAMPLE VALUE CALCULATIONS