BCMA[Biotinylated]: APRIL Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit

Pack Size: 96 tests

Catalog Number： EP-127

IMPORTANT: Please carefully read this manual before performing your experiment.

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INTENDED USE

This kit is designed for screening of inhibitors of human BCMA binding to human APRIL.

It is intended for research use only (RUO).

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This inhibitor screening Assay kit is designed to facilitate the identification and characterization of new BCMA pathway inhibitors. The assay takes advantage of our in house-developed binding of biotinylated human BCMA to immobilized human APRIL in a functional chemiluminescence assay. Briefly, we provide you with a human Biotinylated BCMA protein, a human APRIL protein, an anti-BCMA neutralizing antibody (as method verified Std.), and Streptavidin-HRP reagent. Your experiment will include 4 simple steps:

1) Coat the plate with human APRIL.

2) Add your molecule of interest to the tests.

3) Add human BCMA-Biotin to bind the coated human APRIL.

4) Add Streptavidin-HRP followed by TMB or other colorimetric HRP substrate.

Finally, the half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC50) of your compound to BCMA: APRIL binding will be determined by comparing OD readings among different experimental groups.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

TABLE 1. MATERIALS PROVIDED (pls modify according to COA)

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Catalog	Components	Size (96 tests)	Format	Storage	
EP127-C01	High-bind Plate	1 plate	Solid	2-8℃	
EP127-C02	Human APRIL	10 μg	Powder	2-8℃	-70℃ after reconstitution, avoid freeze-thaw cycles
EP127-C03	Biotinylated Human BCMA	10 μg	Powder	2-8℃	
EP127-C04	Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody	40 μg	Powder	2-8℃	
EP127-C05	Streptavidin-HRP	5 μg	Powder	2-8℃, avoid light	
EP127-C06	Coating Buffer	12 mL	Liquid	2-8℃	
EP127-C07	10xWashing Buffer	50 mL	Liquid	2-8℃	
EP127-C08	Blocking Buffer	50 mL	Liquid	2-8℃	
EP127-C09	Substrate Solution	12 mL	Liquid	2-8℃	
EP127-C10	Stop Solution	7 mL	Liquid	2-8℃, avoid light	

REAGENTS/EQUIPMENT NEEDED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

A luminometer or microtiter-plate capable of reading chemiluminescence;

Centrifuge;

37 ºC Incubator;

Single channel or multichannel pipettes with 10 μL, 200 μL and 1000 μL precision;

10 μL, 200 μL and 1000 μL pipette tips;

Test Tubes;

Graduated cylinder;

Deionized or distilled water for dilution;

STORAGE AND VALIDITY INSTRUCTIONS

Unopened kit should be stored at 2℃ -8℃ upon receiving. Find the expiration date on the outside packaging and do

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not use reagents past their expiration date.

The kit should be stored as TABLE 1 after the reconstitution of lyophilized materials. The shelf life is 30 days from the date of opening.

Note:

a. Do not use reagents past their expiration date.

b. Find the expiration date on the outside packaging.

REAGENT PREPARATION

1. Restore all reagents and samples to room temperature (20-25℃) before use.

2. Reconstitute the provided lyophilized materials to stock solutions with sterile deionized water as recommended in Tab.2, Solubilize for 15 to 30 minutes at room temperature with occasional gentle mixing. Avoid vigorous shaking or vortex. The reconstituted stock solutions should be stored at -70℃. **Avoid freeze-thaw cycles**.

Note: Streptavidin-HRP stock solution should be protected from light.

TABLE 2. RECONSTITUTION METHODS FOR 96 TESTS

Catalog	Components	Amount	Stock Solution Con.	Reconstitution Buffer and Vol.
EP127-C02	Human APRIL	10 μg	50 μg/mL	200 μL, water
EP127-C03	Biotinylated Human BCMA	10 μg	50 μg/mL	200 μL, water
EP127-C04	Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody	40 μg	100 μg/mL	400 μL, water
EP127-C05	Streptavidin-HRP	5 μg	50 μg/mL	100 μL, water

RECOMMENDED PROTOCOL

1. Working solution preparation

1.1 Preparation of 1×Washing Buffer:

Dilute 50 mL 10×Washing Buffer with ultrapure water/deionized water to 500 mL.

1.2 Preparation of Dilution Buffer:

10 mL Blocking Buffer (EP127-C08) add 30 mL 1×Washing Buffer.

2. Coating

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1)Dilute Human APRIL stock solution (50 μg/mL) to 0.3μg/mL with Coating Buffer to make Human APRIL working solution.

2)Add 100 μL of Human APRIL working solution (0.3μg/mL) to each well and leave a couple of wells uncoated for No-Coating Control, seal the plate with microplate sealing film and incubate overnight (or 16 hours) at 4℃.

3. Washing

Remove the remaining solution by aspiration, add 300 μL of 1×Washing Buffer to each well, gently tap the plate for 1 minute, remove any remaining 1×Washing Buffer by aspirating or decanting, invert the plate and blot it against paper towels. Repeat the washing step above for three times.

Note: For best results, the complete removal of the Human APRIL solution is essential. The use of a manifold dispenser or an auto-washer may be necessary.

4. Blocking

Add 300 μL Blocking Buffer to each well, seal the plate with microplate sealing film and incubate at 37℃ for 1.5 hours.

5. Washing

Repeat step 3. At the same time, you can start to prepare your samples.

6. Add Samples

1)Make series dilution of the samples as appropriate.

2)If you intend to use the provided Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody as a reference (Std.), you may dilute the antibody as recommended in Figure 1.

3)Add 50 μL of sample solution to each well according to our recommendation (Figure 2) or your own plate setup.

4)For No-Coating Control wells, please add 50 μL Dilution Buffer.

7.Binding

1) Dilute Biotinylated Human BCMA stock solution (50 μg/mL) to 0.01 μg/mL with Dilution Buffer to make Biotinylated Human BCMA working solution.

2) For No-binding ctrl. wells, please add 50 μL Dilution Buffer

3) For all other wells, please add 50 μL Biotinylated Human BCMA working solution to the wells and mix the samples

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by gently tapping the plate. Seal the plate with microplate sealing film and incubate at 37℃ for 1 hour.

Note: The working solution should be prepared immediately before use and should not be stored.

FIG.1 PREPARATION OF 1:1 SERIAL DILUTIONS OF THE Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody

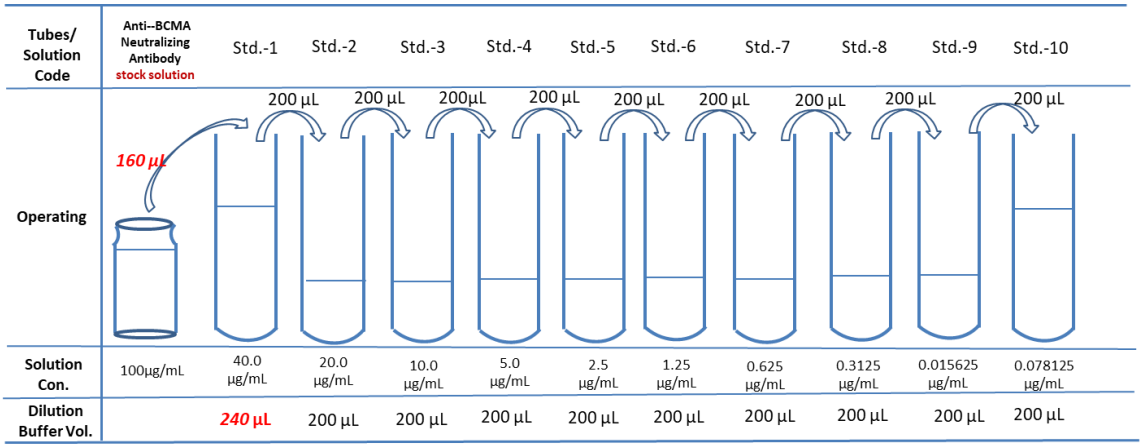
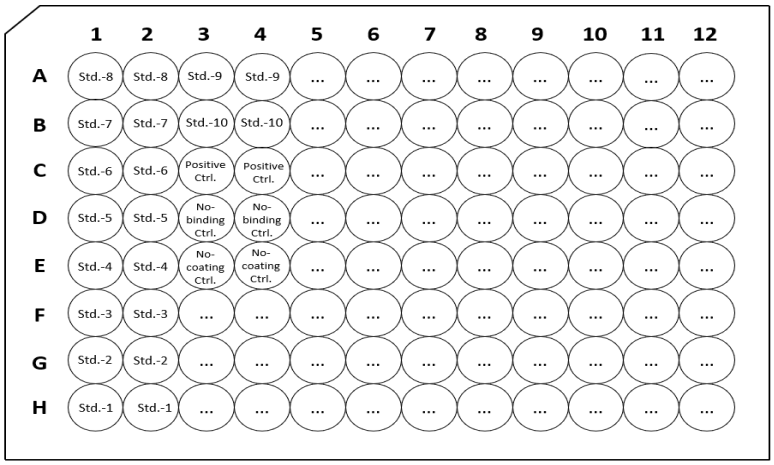


FIG.2 PLATE LAYOUT



8.Washing

Repeat step 3.

9.Add Streptavidin-HRP

1)Dilute Streptavidin-HRP stock solution (50 µg/mL) to 0.1 µg/mL with Dilution Buffer to make Streptavidin-HRP working solution.

2)For all wells, add 100 µL Streptavidin-HRP working solution, seal the plate with microplate sealing film and incubate at 37℃ for 1 hour, avoid light.

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10.Washing

Repeat step 3.

11.Substrate Reaction

Add 100 µL **Substrate Solution** to each well. Seal the plate with microplate sealing film and incubate at 37℃ for 20 minutes. Avoid light.

12.Termination

Add 50 µL **Stop Solution** to each well, and gently shake the plate to allow thorough mixing.

Note: *the color in the wells should change from blue to yellow.*

13.Data Recording

Read the absorbance at 450 nm using UV/Vis microplate spectrophotometer.

Note*: Subtracting the value read at* OD_{450nm} *with* OD_{630nm} *can be used to reduce the background noise.*

SIMPLIFIED PROTOCOL

TABLE. 3 ASSAY PROTOCOL

Steps Code	Steps	Reagents & Instruments	Reaction Conditions	Samples	No-binding Ctrl.	No-coating Ctrl.	Positive Ctrl.
1	Working fluid preparation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Coating	Human APRIL Working Solution	4℃ for overnight	100 µL	100 µL	—	100 µL
3	Washing	1XWash Buffer	Wash for 3 times	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL
4	Blocking	Blocking Buffer	37℃ for 1.5 hours	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL
5	Washing	1XWash Buffer	Wash for 3 times	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL
6	Add Samples	Samples	—	50 µL	—	—	—
		Dilution Buffer		—	50 µL	50 µL	50 µL
7	Binding	Biotinylated Human BCMA Working Solution		50 µL	—	50 µL	50 µL

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		Dilution Buffer	Mix by gentle tapping, incubate at 37℃ for 1 hours	—	50 µL	—	—
8	Washing	1XWash Buffer	Wash for 3 times	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL
9	Streptavidin-HRP	Streptavidin-HRP Working Solution	37℃ for 1 hours	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL
10	Washing	1XWash Buffer	Wash for 3 times	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL	300 µL
11	Substrate Reaction	Substrate Solution	37℃ for 20 minutes	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL
12	Termination	Stop Solution	Mix by gentle tapping	50 µL	50 µL	50 µL	50 µL
13	Data Recording	UV/Vis spectrophotometer	Measure absorbance at 450 nm, with the correction wavelength set at 630 nm				

Note for TAB. 3:

1) *Samples: Your samples of interest.*
2) *No-binding Ctrl.: Reaction without Biotinylated Human BCMA added. The absorbance should be around 0.05(< 0.1) at 450 nm*
3) *No-coating Ctrl.: Reaction without Human APRIL coated on the wells. The absorbance should be around 0.05(< 0.1) at 450 nm.*
4) *Positive Ctrl.: Determined the max value in 450nm absorbance, when out of inhibitors.*
5) *It is recommended that all samples, controls and standards should be done in duplicates.*

PRECAUSIONS

1. This kit is for research use only and is not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic applications.
2. This kit should be used according to the provided instructions.
3. Do not mix reagents from different lots.
4. All reagents should be balanced to room temperature (20℃-25℃) before use.
5. This kit should be stored at 2℃-8℃.
6. Please prepare the working solution of each component according to the needs of the experiment. Except for 1x Washing Buffer, all prepared working solution is for one-time use and cannot be stored.

METHOD VERIFICATION

INHIBITION OF BCMA [BIOTINYLATED]: APRIL BINDING BY ANTI-BCMA NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODY

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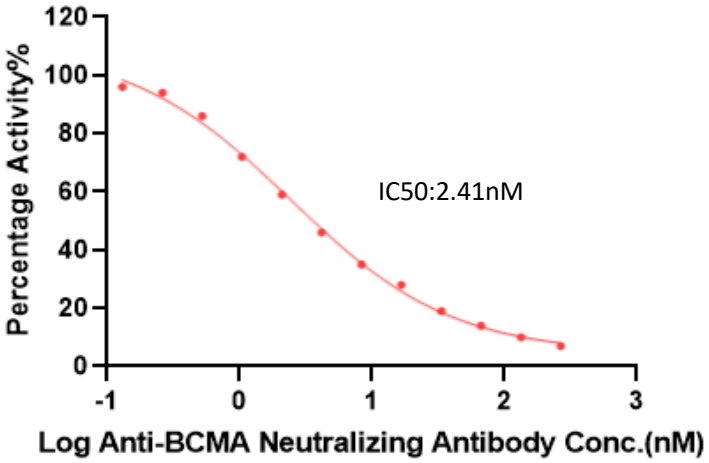
Serial dilutions of Anti-BCMA Neutralizing antibody (Catalog # EP127-C04) (1:1 serial dilution, from 40 μg/mL to 0.01953125 μg/mL) was added into APRIL: Biotinylated BCMA binding reactions. The assay was performed according to the above-described protocol. Background was subtracted from data points prior to log transformation and curve fitting(QC tested).



Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody conc.(μg/ml)	Anti-BCMA Neutralizing Antibody conc.(nM)	Mean Abs.(OD450)	Percentage Activity(%)
0.000	0.000	2.66	100%
0.020	0.130	2.566	96%
0.039	0.260	2.512	94%
0.078	0.521	2.278	86%
0.156	1.042	1.921	72%
0.313	2.083	1.577	59%
0.625	4.167	1.211	46%
1.250	8.333	0.938	35%
2.500	16.667	0.732	28%
5.000	33.333	0.493	19%
10.000	66.667	0.371	14%
20.000	133.333	0.259	10%
40.000	266.667	0.195	7%
No Coating		0.043	
No Binding		0.048	

For each experiment, a standard curve needs to be set for each micro-plate, and the specific OD value may vary depending on different laboratories, testers, or equipments. The example data is for reference only.

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