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# GDF15: GFRAL [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescent Assay Kit

#### Description

The GDF15: GFRAL [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescent Assay Kit is an ELISA designed to measure the binding between GDF15 (Growth and differentiation factor 15) and GFRAL (Glial-derived neurotrophic factor-family receptor  $\alpha$ -like) proteins for screening and profiling applications. This kit comes with enough purified GDF15 (amino acids 197-308) and biotinylated GFRAL (amino acids 19-351(end)), streptavidin-HRP, assay buffer, and detection reagent for 100 enzyme reactions.

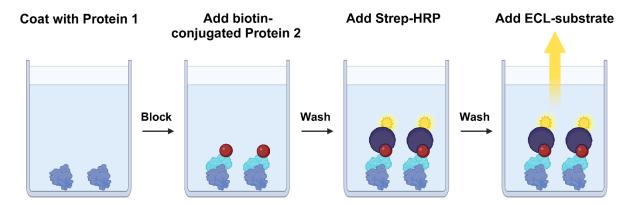


Figure 1. GDF15: GFRAL [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescent Assay Kit schematic. A 96-well plate is coated with GDF15 protein. After blocking, biotinylated GFRAL is added in an optimized assay buffer. Next, unbound biotinylated GFRAL is washed away, and the plate is incubated with streptavidin-HRP. After a final wash, ELISA ECL substrate is added to produce chemiluminescence that can be measured using a chemiluminescence reader. The chemiluminescence signal is proportional to the efficacy of GFRAL binding to GDF15.

#### **Background**

Growth and differentiation factor 15 (GDF15) is a cytokine, member of the TGF- $\beta$  superfamily, and binds to the receptor Glial-derived neurotrophic factor-family receptor  $\alpha$ -like (GFRAL). GDF15 is not normally expressed and is thought to be induced at times of stress. GDF15 is considered a biomarker for inflammation and adverse cardiovascular events. Elevation in GDF15 expression levels reduces food intake and body mass through binding to GFRAL and recruitment of the tyrosine kinase RET in the hindbrain. Due to the role of GDF15 in suppressing inflammation and appetite, it is a promising target to treat metabolic diseases including obesity, type 2 diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, cardiovascular disease, and cancer cachexia.

#### **Applications**

Study and screen compounds that inhibit the binding of GDF15 to GFRAL for drug discovery in high throughput screening (HTS) applications.



#### **Supplied Materials**

Catalog #	Name	Amount	Storage
	GDF15, Fc-Tag*	10 μg	-80°C
101013	GFRAL, Fc Fusion, Avi-Tag, Biotin-Labeled*	7.5 μg	-80°C
82620	5x PP-02 Buffer	4 ml	-20°C
79728	Blocking Buffer 2	50 ml	+4°C
79742	Streptavidin HRP	10 μΙ	+4°C
79670	ELISA ECL Substrate A (translucent bottle)	6 ml	Room Temp
	ELISA ECL Substrate B (brown bottle)	6 ml	Room Temp
79699	White 96-well microplate	1	Room Temp

<sup>\*</sup>The concentration of the protein is lot-specific and will be indicated on the tube.

#### **Materials Required but Not Supplied**

- 1x PBS (Phosphate Buffer Saline) Buffer
- PBST Buffer (1x PBS, containing 0.05% Tween-20)
- Luminometer or microplate reader capable of reading chemiluminescence
- Adjustable micropipettor and sterile tips
- Rotating or rocker platform

#### **Storage Conditions**



This assay kit will perform optimally for up to **6 months** from date of receipt when the materials are stored as directed.

#### Safety



This product is for research purposes only and not for human or therapeutic use. This product should be considered hazardous and is harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin, eyes, clothing, and if swallowed. If contact occurs, wash thoroughly.

#### **Contraindications**

This kit is compatible with up to 1% final DMSO concentration.

#### **Assay Protocol**

- All samples and controls should be performed in duplicate.
- The assay should include "Blank", "Positive Control", and "Test Inhibitor" conditions.
- We recommend maintaining the diluted protein on ice during use.
- For detailed information on protein handling please refer to Protein FAQs (bpsbioscience.com).
- We recommend using Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody (#101351) as internal control. If not running a dose response curve for the control inhibitor, we recommend running the control inhibitor at 0.1X, 1X and 10X the IC<sub>50</sub> value shown in the validation data below.



• For instructions on how to prepare reagent dilutions please refer to Serial Dilution Protocol (bpsbioscience.com).

#### Step 1: Coat 96-well plate

Coat the plate one day prior to running your samples.

- 1. Thaw GDF15 on ice. Briefly spin the tube containing the protein to recover its full content.
- 2. Dilute GDF15 protein to 2 ng/ $\mu$ l with 1x PBS (50  $\mu$ l/well).
- 3. Add 50 µl of diluted GDF15 to every well, except "Blank" wells.
- 4. Add 100 μl of Blocking Buffer 2 to the "Blank" wells.
- 5. Incubate at 4°C overnight.
- 6. Wash the plate three times using 200 µl of PBST Buffer per well.
- 7. Tap the plate onto a clean paper towel to remove the liquid.
- 8. Block the wells by adding 200 μl of Blocking Buffer 2 to every well.
- 9. Incubate at Room Temperature (RT) for at least 90 minutes.
- 10. Wash the plate three times using 200 µl of PBST Buffer per well.
- 11. Tap the plate onto a clean paper towel to remove the liquid.

#### Step 2: Binding reaction

- 1. Prepare 1x Assay Buffer by diluting 5x PP-02 Assay Buffer 5-fold with distilled water.
- 2. Add 20 µl of 1x Assay Buffer to every well.
- 3. Prepare the Test Inhibitor/Blocker (5  $\mu$ l/well): for a titration prepare serial dilutions at concentrations 10-fold higher than the desired final concentrations. The final volume of the reaction is 50  $\mu$ l.
  - 3.1 If the Test Inhibitor/Blocker is soluble in water, prepare a solution of the compound that is 10-fold higher than the final desired concentration using 1x Assay Buffer.

For the positive and negative controls, use 1x Assay Buffer (Diluent Solution).

#### OR

3.2 If the Test Inhibitor/Blocker is dissolved in DMSO, prepare a solution of the compound in 100% DMSO that is 100-fold higher than the highest concentration of the serial dilution. Then dilute 10-fold with 1x



Assay Buffer (at this step the compound concentration is 10-fold higher than the desired final concentration). The concentration of DMSO in the dilution is now 10%.

Prepare serial dilutions of the Test Inhibitor at concentrations 10-fold higher than the desired final concentrations using 10% DMSO in 1x Assay Buffer to keep the concentration of DMSO constant.

For positive and negative controls, prepare 10% DMSO in 1x Assay Buffer (vol/vol) so that all wells contain the same amount of DMSO (Diluent Solution).

Note: The final concentration of DMSO should not exceed 1%.

- 4. Add 5 μl of Test Inhibitor to each well labeled as "Test Inhibitor".
- 5. Add 5 µl of Diluent Solution to the "Positive Control" and "Blank" wells.
- 6. Thaw GFRAL on ice. Briefly spin the tube containing the protein to recover its full content.
- 7. Dilute GFRAL to 3 ng/μl with 1x Assay Buffer (25 μl/well).
- 8. Add 25  $\mu$ l of diluted GFRAL to all wells.
- 9. Incubate at RT for 1 hour.

	Blank (non-coated wells)	Positive Control	Test Inhibitor
1x Assay Buffer	20 μΙ	20 μΙ	20 μΙ
Test Inhibitor/Blocker	-	-	5 μΙ
Diluent Solution	5 μΙ	5 μΙ	-
Diluted GFRAL (3 ng/μl)	25 μΙ	25 μΙ	25 μΙ
Total	50 μl	50 μl	50 μl

- 10. Wash the plate three times with 200 µl of PBST Buffer per well and tap the plate onto a clean paper towel.
- 11. Add 100 μl of Blocking Buffer 2 to all wells and incubate for 10 minutes at RT.
- 12. Tap plate onto a clean paper towel.

#### **Step 3: Detection**

- 1. Dilute 1000-fold the Streptavidin-HRP with Blocking Buffer 2 (50 μl/well).
- 2. Add 50 µl of diluted Streptavidin-HRP to every well.
- 3. Incubate for 1 hour at RT.



- 4. Wash the plate three times with 200 μl of PBST Buffer per well and tap the plate onto a clean paper towel.
- 5. Just before use, mix 1 volume of ELISA ECL Substrate A and 1 volume of ELISA ECL Substrate B (100  $\mu$ l of mix/ well).
- 6. Add 100 μl of mix to every well.
- 7. Immediately read the plate in a luminometer or microplate reader capable of reading chemiluminescence.
- 8. The "Blank" value should be subtracted from all other values.

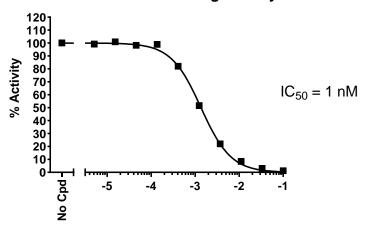
#### **Reading Chemiluminescence**

Chemiluminescence is the emission of light (luminescence) which results from a chemical reaction. The detection of chemiluminescence requires no wavelength selection because the method used is emission photometry and is not emission spectrophotometry.

To properly read chemiluminescence, make sure the plate reader is set for LUMINESCENCE mode. Typical integration time is 1 second, delay after plate movement is 100 msec. Do not use a filter when measuring light emission. Typical settings for the Synergy 2 BioTek plate reader are: use the "hole" position on the filter wheel; Optics position: Top; Read type: endpoint. Sensitivity may be adjusted based on the luminescence of controls.

#### **Example Results**

#### **GDF15:GFRAL Binding Activity**



#### Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody, (Log [µM])

Figure 2: Inhibition of GDF15 - GFRAL binding by Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody. GFRAL was incubated with increasing concentrations of Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody (#101351) in a GDF15 coated plate. Luminescence was measured using a Bio-Tek microplate reader. Results are expressed as a percentage of binding activity in which the condition without Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody is set to 100%.



Data shown is representative. For lot-specific information, please contact BPS Bioscience, Inc. at support@bpsbioscience.com.

#### **Troubleshooting Guide**

Visit bpsbioscience.com/assay-kits-faq for detailed troubleshooting instructions. For all further questions, please email support@bpsbioscience.com

#### **Related Products**

Products	Catalog #	Size
Anti-GFRAL Neutralizing Antibody	101351	50 μg
GFRAL, Fc Fusion, Avi-Tag Recombinant	101012	100 μg/ 1 mg
TGFβ/ Activin A/ Myostatin-Responsive Luciferase Reporter HEK293 Cell Line	60653	2 vials

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