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Description

The IL-31RA: IL-31 [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescence Assay Kit is an ELISA-based assay designed to measure the binding between IL-31RA (interleukin-31 receptor alpha subunit) and IL-31 protein for screening and profiling applications. This kit comes with enough purified IL-31RA (amino acids 20-519) and biotinylated IL-31 (amino acids 24-164(end)), streptavidin-HRP, assay buffer, and detection reagent for 100 enzyme reactions.

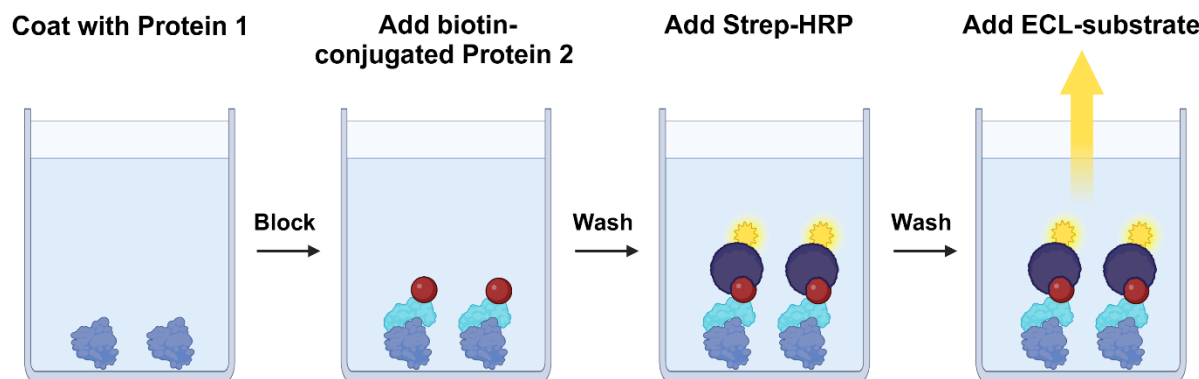


Figure 1. IL-31RA: IL-31 [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescence Assay Kit schematic.

A 96-well plate is coated with IL-31RA protein. After coating and blocking, biotinylated IL-31 is added in an optimized assay buffer. Next, unbound biotinylated IL-31 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 IL-31 binding to IL-31RA.

Background

IL-31 (interleukin 31) is a four-helix bundle proinflammatory cytokine preferentially produced by T helper type 2 (T_H2) cells. IL-31 regulates cell differentiation, cell proliferation, and immune responses, serving as a neuroimmune link between T_H2 cells and sensory neurons in generating a T cell-mediated inflammatory itch. The IL-31 receptor complex, composed of IL-31RA and OSMR (human oncostatin M receptor beta), is expressed by various epithelial and immune cells as well as dorsal root ganglia sensory neurons. IL-31 interacts with the IL-31 receptor complex, activating Janus kinases JAK1 and JAK2. This activation leads to the phosphorylation of signal transducer and activator of transcription (STAT) molecules, mainly STAT3, which upregulate the genes responsible for the IL-31 induced itch sensation. Often referred to as the itchy cytokine, increased expression of IL-31 or its receptor IL-31RA is correlated with alopecia, skin lesions, airway hypersensitivity, and particularly pruritic disorders such as atopic dermatitis. IL-31 and other T_H2 related cytokines (including IL-4, IL-13 and TSLP (thymic stromal lymphopoietin) play an important role in the pathogenesis of a variety of inflammatory and allergic diseases and have become popular for therapeutic development. The IL-31RA targeting antibody Nemolizumab has been FDA-approved for the treatment of atopic dermatitis.

Applications

Study and screen compounds that inhibit the binding of IL-31RA to IL-31 for drug discovery in high throughput screening (HTS) applications.

Supplied Materials

Catalog #	Name	Amount	Storage
102515	IL-31RA, Fc Fusion (IgG1), Avi-Tag*	10 µg	-80°C
102554	IL-31, His-Avi-Tag, Biotin-Labeled*	10 µg	-80°C
82620	5x PP-02 Buffer	4 ml	-20°C
79728	Blocking Buffer 2	50 ml	+4°C
79742	Streptavidin HRP	10 µl	+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

*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 should be run in duplicate while controls should be performed in quadruplicate.
- 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 \(bpsbioscience.com\)](https://www.bpsbioscience.com/protein-faqs).
- We recommend using Anti-IL-31RA Antibody (#102378) 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 IC₅₀ 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 IL-31RA on ice. Briefly spin the tube containing the protein to recover its full content.
2. Dilute IL-31RA protein to 2 ng/μl with 1x PBS (50 μl/well).
3. Add 50 μl of diluted IL-31RA 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 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 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 μl/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 μl.
 - 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 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

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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 IL-31 on ice. Briefly spin the tube containing the protein to recover its full content.
7. Dilute IL-31 to 4 ng/µl with 1x Assay Buffer (25 µl/well).
8. Add 25 µl of diluted IL-31 to all wells.
9. Incubate at RT for 1 hour.

	Blank (non-coated wells)	Positive Control	Test Inhibitor
1x Assay Buffer	20 µl	20 µl	20 µl
Test Inhibitor	-	-	5 µl
Diluent Solution	5 µl	5 µl	-
Diluted IL-31 (4 ng/µl)	25 µl	25 µl	25 µl
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 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 clean paper towel.

5. Just before use, mix 1 volume of ELISA ECL Substrate A and 1 volume of ELISA ECL Substrate B (100 μ l of mix/ well).
6. Add 100 μ l of mix to every well.
7. Immediately read the plate in a luminometer or microtiter-plate 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

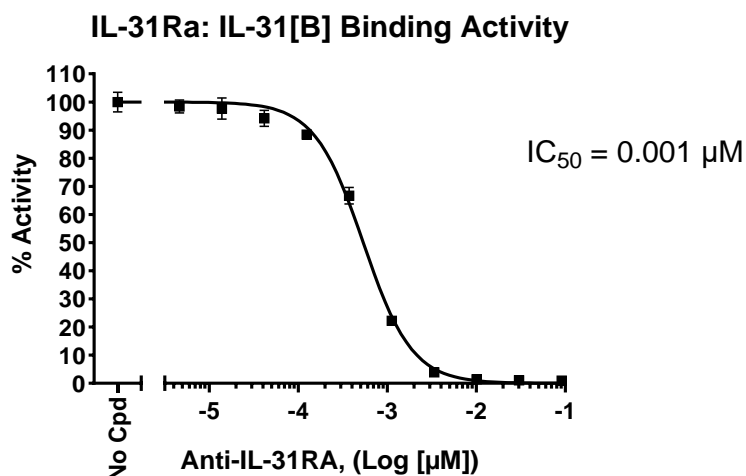


Figure 2: Inhibition of IL-31Ra- IL-31 binding by Anti-IL-31RA Antibody.

IL-31 was incubated with increasing concentrations of Anti-IL-31RA Antibody (#102378) in an IL-31RA 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-IL-31RA is set to 100%.

Data shown is representative.

References

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Troubleshooting Guide

Visit bpsbioscience.com/assay-kits-faq for detailed troubleshooting instructions. For lot-specific information and all other questions, please visit <https://bpsbioscience.com/contact>.

Related Products

<i>Products</i>	<i>Catalog #</i>	<i>Size</i>
IL-31: IL-31RA [Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Chemiluminescence Assay Kit	82973	96 reactions
IL-31 Responsive Luciferase Reporter HEK293 Cell Line	82799	2 vials
Human Interleukin-31 Recombinant	90190-B	10 µg
IL-15 Responsive Luciferase Reporter Cell Line	78402	2 vials
IL-23R:IL-23A[Biotinylated] Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit	78014	96 reactions
IL-23 Responsive STAT3 Luciferase Reporter HEK293 Cell Line	82591	2 vials

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