TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

AlphaLISA® Research Reagents

Bovine Interleukin -6 (bIL-6) AlphaLISA Immunoassay Kit

Product number: AL538HV/C/F

Caution: For Laboratory Use. A research product for research purposes only.

Lot specific kit information can be found at www.perkinelmer.com/COA

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Product Information

Application: This kit is designed for the quantitative determination of bovine Interleukin -6 (bIL-6) in cell culture supernatants using a homogeneous AlphaLISA assay (no wash steps). The assay shows negligible cross-reactivity with other bovine interleukins.

Sensitivity: Lower Detection Limit (LDL): 0.01 ng/mL

Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ): 0.04 ng/mL

EC_{50}: 4.75 ± 0.76 ng/mL

Dynamic range: 0.01 - 37 ng/mL (Figure 1).

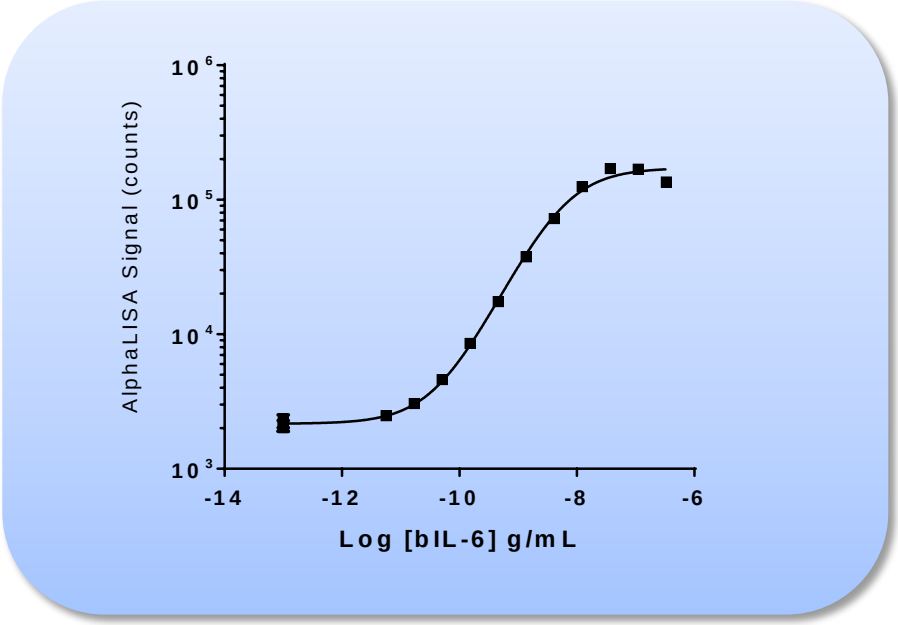


Figure 1. Typical sensitivity curves in AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer. The data was generated using a white Optiplate™-384 microplate and the EnVision® Multilabel Plate Reader with Alpha option 2102.

Storage: Store kit in the dark at +4˚C. Store reconstituted analyte at -20°C.

Stability: This kit is stable for at least 1 year from the manufacturing date when stored in its original packaging and the recommended storage conditions. Note: Once reconstituted, the bovine IL-6 analyte is stable for at least 18 months when stored at -20°C.

Quality Control

Lot to lot consistency is confirmed in an AlphaLISA assay. Maximum and minimum signals, EC_{50} and LDL were measured on the EnVision Multilabel Plate Reader with Alpha option using the protocol described in this technical data sheet. We certify that these results meet our quality release criteria. Maximum counts may vary between bead lots and the instrument used, with no impact on LDL measurement.

Analyte of Interest

Cytokines are soluble mediators that impact a multitude of biologies including cell proliferation, survival, death, motility, cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions as well as immune response and leukocyte infiltration. Cytokines are intimately associated with acute and chronic diseases and response to vaccination. In particular, levels of cytokines such as IL-6 can be used to measure inflammatory responses to infection and/or vaccination.

IL-6 is a cytokine produced mainly T cells and macrophages. Levels of IL-6 have been reported to be increased in a variety of infectious diseases such as bovine diarrhea and tuberculosis. Also, levels of IL-6 have been shown to be increased following vaccination, sometimes correlating with antibody titers. The present kit permits detection of bovine IL-6 (i.e. analyte) in bovine serum, plasma, and cell culture supernatants.

Description of the AlphaLISA Assay

AlphaLISA technology allows the detection of molecules of interest in buffer, cell culture media, serum and plasma in a highly sensitive, quantitative, reproducible and user-friendly mode. In an AlphaLISA assay, a Biotinylated Anti-Analyte Antibody binds to the Streptavidin-coated Alpha Donor beads, while another Anti-Analyte Antibody is conjugated to AlphaLISA Acceptor beads. In the presence of the analyte, the beads come into close proximity. The excitation of the Donor beads provokes the release of singlet oxygen molecules that triggers a cascade of energy transfer in the Acceptor beads, resulting in a sharp peak of light emission at 615 nm (Figure 2).

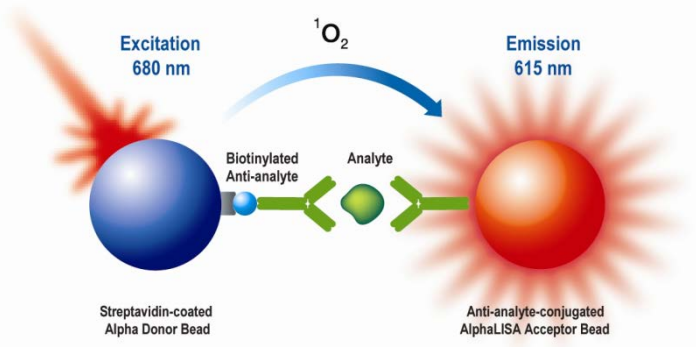


Figure 2. AlphaLISA Assay principle.

Precautions

- The AlphaLISA Donor beads are light-sensitive. All the other assay reagents can be used under normal light conditions. All Alpha assays using the Donor beads should be performed under subdued laboratory lighting (< 100 lux). Green filters (LEE 090 filters (preferred) or Roscolux filters #389 from Rosco) can be applied to light fixtures.
- The Biotinylated Anti-Analyte Antibody contains sodium azide. Contact with skin or inhalation should be avoided.

Kit Content: Reagents and Materials

Kit components	AL538 HV (100 assay points***)	AL538 C (500 assay points***)	AL538 F (5000 assay points***)
AlphaLISA Anti-bIL-6 Acceptor beads stored in PBS, 0.05% Proclin-300, pH 7.2	25 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)	50 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)	500 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)
Streptavidin (SA)-coated Donor beads stored in 25 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, 0.05% Proclin-300, pH 7.4	100 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, black cap)	200 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, black cap)	2 mL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tubes, black caps)
Biotinylated Anti-bIL-6 stored in PBS, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.05% NaN_3, pH 7.4	25 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)	50 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)	500 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)
AlphaLISA bIL-6 (1 µg), lyophilized analyte *	1 tube, clear cap	1 tube, clear cap	1 tube, clear cap
AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer (10X) **	2 mL, 1 small bottle	10mL, 1 small bottle	100 mL, 1 large bottle

* Reconstitute bovine IL-6 in 100 µL Milli-Q® grade H_2O. The reconstituted analyte should be used within 60 minutes or aliquoted into screw-capped polypropylene vials and stored at -20°C for further experiments. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles. It has been demonstrated that reconstituted h is stable for at least 18 months at -20°C. One vial contains an amount of bovine IL-6 sufficient for performing 10 standard curves. Additional vials can be ordered separately (cat # AL538S).

** Extra buffer can be ordered separately (cat # AL000C: 10 mL, cat # AL000F: 100 mL).

*** The number of assay points is based on an assay volume of 100 µL in 96-well plates (AL538HV) or 50 µL in 96- or 384-well assay plates using the kit components at the recommended concentrations.

Sodium azide should **not** be added to the stock reagents. High concentrations of sodium azide (> 0.001 % final in the assay) might decrease the AlphaLISA signal. Note that sodium azide from the Biotinylated Antibody stock solution will not interfere with the AlphaLISA signal (0.0001% final in the assay).

Specific additional required reagents and materials:

The following materials are recommended:

Item	Suggested source	Catalog #
TopSeal™-A Adhesive Sealing Film	PerkinElmer Inc.	6050195
EnVision®-Alpha Reader	PerkinElmer Inc.	-

Recommendations

General recommendations:

- The volume indicated on each tube is guaranteed for single pipetting. Multiple pipetting of the reagents may reduce the theoretical amount left in the tube. To minimize loss when pipetting beads, it is preferable not to pre-wet the tip.
- Centrifuge all tubes (including lyophilized analyte) before use to improve recovery of content (2000g, 10-15 sec). Re-suspend all reagents by vortexing before use.
- Use Milli-Q® grade H_2O (18 MΩ•cm) to dilute 10X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer to reconstitute the lyophilized analyte.
- When diluting the standard or samples, change tips between each standard or sample dilution. When loading reagents in the assay microplate, change tips between each standard or sample addition and after each set of reagents.
- When reagents are added to the microplate, make sure the liquids are at the bottom of the well.
- Small volumes may be prone to evaporation. It is recommended to cover microplates with TopSeal-A Adhesive Sealing Films to reduce evaporation during incubation. Microplates can be read with the TopSeal-A Film.
- The AlphaLISA signal is detected with an EnVision Multilabel Reader equipped with the Alpha option using the AlphaScreen standard settings (e.g. Total Measurement Time: 550 ms, Laser 680 nm Excitation Time: 180 ms, Mirror: D640as, Emission Filter: M570w, Center Wavelength 570 nm, Bandwidth 100 nm, Transmittance 75%).
- AlphaLISA signal will vary with temperature and incubation time. For consistent results, identical incubation times and temperature should be used for each plate.
- The standard curves shown in this technical data sheet are provided for information only. A standard curve must be generated for each experiment. The standard curve should be performed in the Immunoassay buffer for serum and/or plasma samples.

Assay Procedure

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW BEFORE USE

- The protocol described below is an example for generating one standard curve in a 50 µL final assay volume (48 wells, triplicate determinations). The protocols also include testing samples in 354 wells. If a different amount of samples are tested, the volumes of all reagents have to be adjusted accordingly, as shown in the table below. These calculations do not include excess reagent to account for losses during transfer of solutions or dead volumes.
- The standard dilution protocol is provided for information only. As needed, the number of replicates or the range of concentrations covered can be modified.
- Use of four background points in triplicate (12 wells) is recommended when LDL/LLOQ is calculated. One background point in triplicate (3 wells) can be used when LDL/LLOQ is not calculated.

		Volume				
Format	**# of data points**	**Final**	**Sample**	**AlphaLISAbeads / Biotin Antibody MIX**	**SA-Donor beads**	**Plate recommendation**
AL538 HV	100	100 µL	10 µL	40 µL	50 µL	White OptiPlate-96 (cat # 6005290) White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560)
AL538 C	250	100 µL	10 µL	40 µL	50 µL	White OptiPlate-96 (cat # 6005290) White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560)
	500	50 µL	5 µL	20 µL	25 µL	White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290) Light gray AlphaPlate™-384 (cat # 6005350)
	1 250	20 µL	2 µL	8 µL	10 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350) ProxiPlate™-384 Plus (cat # 6008280) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290)
	2 500	10 µL	1 µL	4 µL	5 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-1536 (cat # 6004350)
AL538 F	5 000	50 µL	5 µL	20 µL	25 µL	White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290) Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350)
	12 500	20 µL	2 µL	8 µL	10 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350) ProxiPlate-384 Plus (cat # 6008280) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290)
	25 000	10 µL	1 µL	4 µL	5 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-1536 (cat # 6004350)

The protocol described below is for 500 assay points including one standard curve (48 wells) and samples (452 wells).

If a different amount of samples are tested, the volumes of all reagents have to be adjusted accordingly.

1) Preparation of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer:
Add 1 mL of 10X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer to 9 mL H_2O.

2) Preparation of bIL-6 analyte standard dilutions:

Reconstitute lyophilized bIL-6 (1µg) in 100 µL H_2O.
Prepare standard dilutions as follows in 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer (change tip between each standard dilution):

Tube	Vol. of bIL-6 (µL)	Vol. of diluent (µL) *	[bIL-6] in standard curve	
			(g/mL in 5 µL)	(ng/mL in 5 µL)
A	20 µL of provided bIL-6	180	1.00E-06	1000.0000
B	60 µL of tube A	120	3.33E-07	333.3333
C	60 µL of tube B	120	1.11E-07	111.1111
D	60 µL of tube C	120	3.70E-08	37.0370
E	60 µL of tube D	120	1.23E-08	12.3457
F	60 µL of tube E	120	4.12E-09	4.1152
G	60 µL of tube F	120	1.37E-09	1.3717
H	60 µL of tube G	120	4.57E-10	0.4572
I	60 µL of tube H	120	1.52E-10	0.1524
J	60 µL of tube I	120	5.08E-11	0.0508
K	60 µL of tube J	120	1.69E-11	0.0169
L	60 µL of tube K	120	5.65E-12	0.0056
M ** (background)	0	100	0	0
N ** (background)	0	100	0	0
O ** (background)	0	100	0	0
P ** (background)	0	100	0	0

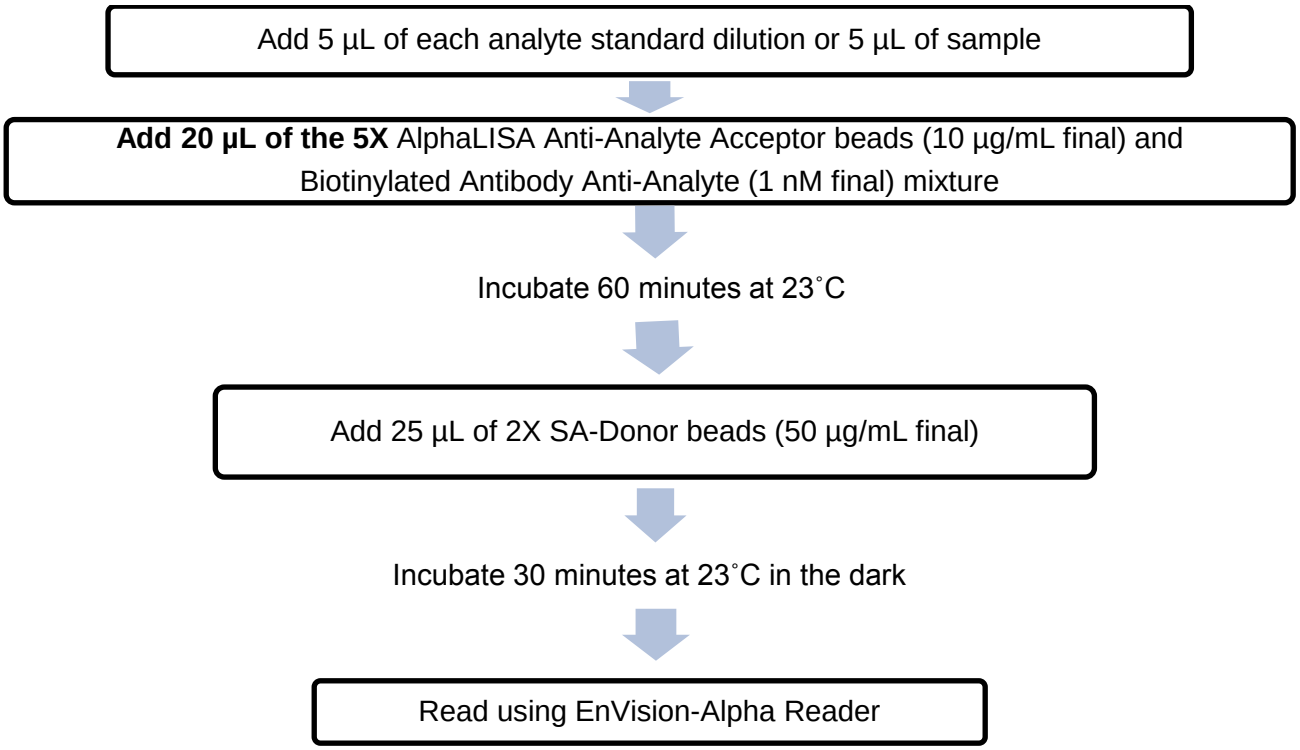
* Dilute standards in diluent (e.g. 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer).
At low concentrations of analyte, a significant amount of analyte can bind to the vial. Therefore, load the analyte standard dilutions in the assay microplate within 60 minutes of preparation.

** Four background points in triplicate (12 wells) are used when LDL is calculated. If LDL does not need to be calculated, one background point in triplicate can be used (3 wells).

3) Preparation of 5X AlphaLISA Anti-bIL-6 Acceptor beads (25 µg/mL) and 5X Biotinylated Anti bIL-6 Antibody (2.5 nM):
Add 15 µL of 5 mg/mL AlphaLISA Anti bIL-6 Acceptor beads and 15 µL of 500 nM Biotinylated Anti bIL-6 to 2970 µL of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer. Prepare just before use.

4) Preparation of 2X Streptavidin (SA) Donor beads (100 µg/mL): Keep the beads under subdued laboratory lighting.
Add 60 µL of 5 mg/mL SA-Donor beads to 2940 µL of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer. Prepare just before use.

5) In a white Optiplate (384 wells):



Important: If working with cell culture samples:

If cell culture supernatant samples are tested, preparing the standard curve in cell culture media containing 10%FBS is recommended. Overnight incubation after adding SA-Donor beads may increase sensitivity.

Data Analysis

- Calculate the average count value for the background wells.
- Generate a standard curve by plotting the AlphaLISA counts versus the concentration of analyte. A log scale can be used for either or both axes. No additional data transformation is required.
- Analyze data according to a nonlinear regression using the 4-parameter logistic equation (sigmoidal dose-response curve with variable slope) and a $1/Y^2$ data weighting (the values at maximal concentrations of analyte after the hook point should be removed for correct analysis).
- The LDL is calculated by interpolating the average background counts (12 wells without analyte) + 3 x standard deviation value (average background counts + (3xSD)) on the standard curve.
- The LLOQ as measured here is calculated by interpolating the average background counts (12 wells without analyte) + 10 x standard deviation value (average background counts + (10xSD)) on the standard curve. Alternatively, the true LLOQ can be determined by spiking known concentrations of analyte in the matrix and measuring the percent recovery, and then determining the minimal amount of spiked analyte that can be quantified within a given limit (usually +/- 20% or 30% of the real concentration).
- Read from the standard curve the concentration of analyte contained in the samples.
- If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

Assay Performance Characteristics

AlphaLISA assay performance described below was determined using the 2 step protocol.

- Assay Sensitivity:

The LDL and LLOQ were calculated as described above. The values correspond to the lowest concentration of analyte that can be detected in a volume of 5 µL using the recommended assay conditions.

LDL (ng/mL)	Buffer/Media	# of experiments
0.01	AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer	14
0.02	DMEM+ 10% FBS	6
0.02	RPMI + 10% FBS	6

* Note that LDL/ LLOQ can be decreased (i.e. sensitivity increased) by increasing the volume of analyte in the assay (e.g. use 10 µL of analyte in a final assay volume of 50 µL).

- Assay Precision:

The following assay precision data were calculated from the three independent assays using two different kit lots. In each lot, the analytes were prepared in AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer, DMEM, or RPMI. Each assay consisted of one standard curve comprising 12 data points (each in triplicate) and 12 background wells (no analytes). The assays were performed in 384-well format using AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer.

- Intra-assay precision:

The intra-assay precision was determined using a total of 16 independent determinations in triplicate. Shown are CV%.

bIL-6 (4 ng/ml)	Immunoassay Buffer	DMEM	RPMI
CV%	5	3	6

- Inter-assay precision:

The inter-assay precision was determined using a total of 3 independent determinations with 9 measurements for 400 ng/mL sample. Shown are CV%.

bIL-6 (4 ng/ml)	Immunoassay Buffer	DMEM	RPMI
CV%	9	6	19

- Spike Recovery:

Two known concentrations of analyte were spiked in Immunoassay Buffer and cell culture media containing 10% FBS. All samples, including non-spiked Immunoassay Buffers and culture media were measured in the assay. The average recovery from three independent measurements is reported.

Spiked bIL-6 (ng/mL)	% Recovery		
	Immunoassay Buffer	DMEM	RPMI
10	110	120	120
1	100	100	100

- Specificity:

Cross-reactivity of the AlphaLISA Anti bIL-6 Kit was tested using the following proteins at 1.25 ng/mL in AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer Buffer.

Protein	% Cross-reactivity
IL-1a	0
IL-2	0
IL-4	0
Horse IL-6	0
Sheep IL-6	28

Troubleshooting Guide

You will find detailed recommendations for common situations you might encounter with your AlphaLISA Assay kit at:

http://www.perkinelmer.com/in/resources/technicalresources/applicationsupportknowledgebase/alphalisa-alphascreen-no-washassays/alpha_troubleshoot.xhtml

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