

# Monkey IL-13 Immunoassay

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For the quantitative determination of Monkey IL-13 concentrations in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma.

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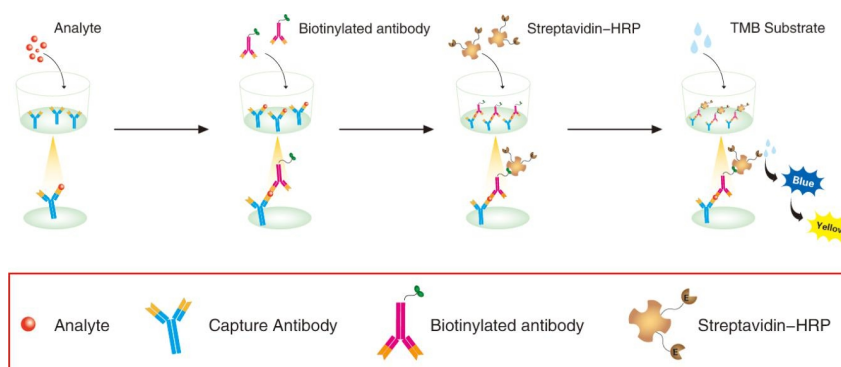
## BACKGROUND

Interleukin 13 (IL-13) is a protein that in humans is encoded by the IL13 gene. IL-13 is cytokine secreted by many cell types, but especially T helper type 2 (Th2) cells,] that is a mediator of allergic inflammation and disease. In addition to effects on immune cells that are similar to those of the closely related cytokine IL-4, IL-13 is more importantly implicated as a central mediator of the physiologic changes induced by allergic inflammation in many tissues. IL-13 induces its effects through a multi-subunit receptor that includes the alpha chain of the IL-4 receptor (IL-4R $\alpha$ ) and at least one of two known IL-13-specific binding chains. The functions of IL-13 overlap considerably with those of IL-4, especially with regard to changes induced on hematopoietic cells, but these effects are probably less important given the more potent role of IL-4. Thus, although IL-13 can induce immunoglobulin E (IgE) secretion from activated human B cells. Rather than a lymphoid cytokine, IL-13 acts more prominently as a molecular bridge linking allergic inflammatory cells to the non-immune cells in contact with them, thereby altering physiological function. Although IL-13 is associated primarily with the induction of airway disease, it also has anti-inflammatory properties. Airway matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs), which are protein-degrading enzymes, are required to induce egression of effete parenchymal inflammatory cells into the airway lumen where they are then cleared. Among other factors, IL-13 induces these MMPs as part of a mechanism that protects against excessive allergic inflammation that predisposes to asphyxiation.

## PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. A monoclonal antibody specific for IL-13 has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any IL-13 present is captured by the coated antibody after incubation. Following extensive washing, a biotin-conjugate antibody specific for IL-13 is added to detect the captured IL-13 protein in sample. For signal development, horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated Streptavidin is added, followed by tetramethyl-benzidine (TMB) reagent. Following a wash to remove any unbound combination, and enzyme conjugate is added to the wells. Solution containing sulfuric acid is used to stop color development and the color intensity which is proportional to the quantity of bound protein is measurable at 450nm.

## Schematic diagram:



## TECHNICAL HINTS AND LIMITATIONS

1. This Solarbio ELISA should not be used beyond the expiration data on the kit label.
2. To avoid cross-contamination, use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
3. To ensure accurate results, some details, such as technique, plasticware and water sources should be emphasized.
4. A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance.
5. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed.
6. It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
7. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. Buffers containing protein should be made under aseptic conditions and be prepared fresh daily.
8. In order to ensure the accuracy of the results, the standard curve should be made every time.

## PRECAUTIONS

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acid solution. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

## KIT COMPONENTS& STORAGE CONDITIONS

PART	SIZE	STORAGE OF OPENED/ RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
<b>Microwell Plate</b> - antibody coated 96-well Microplate (8 wells ×12 strips)	1 plate	Return unused wells to the foil pouch containing the desiccant pack. Reseal along entire edge of the zip-seal. May be stored for up to 1 month at 2 – 8°C**
<b>Standard</b> - lyophilized,4000pg/ml upon reconstitution	2 vials	Aliquot and Store at -20°C** for six months
lyophilized, <b>Biotin-Conjugated antibody</b>	1 vials	Store at 2-8°C **for six months
<b>Concentrated Streptavidin-HRP</b>	1 vial	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Standard /sample Diluent</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Streptavidin-HRP Diluent</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>20 x Wash Buffer Concentrate</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Substrate Solution</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Stop Solution</b>	1 bottle	Store at 2-8°C** for six months
<b>Plate Cover Seals</b>	4 pieces	

\*\*Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

## OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
2. Pipettes and pipette tips.
3. Deionized or distilled water.
4. Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer.
5. 500 mL graduated cylinder.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION & STORAGE

**Cell Culture Supernates** - Centrifuge cell culture media at  $1000\times g$  to remove debris. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Serum** - Use a serum separator tube (SST) and allow samples to clot for 2 hours at room temperature or overnight at  $2-8^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Centrifuge at approximately for 15 minutes at  $1000\times g$ . Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

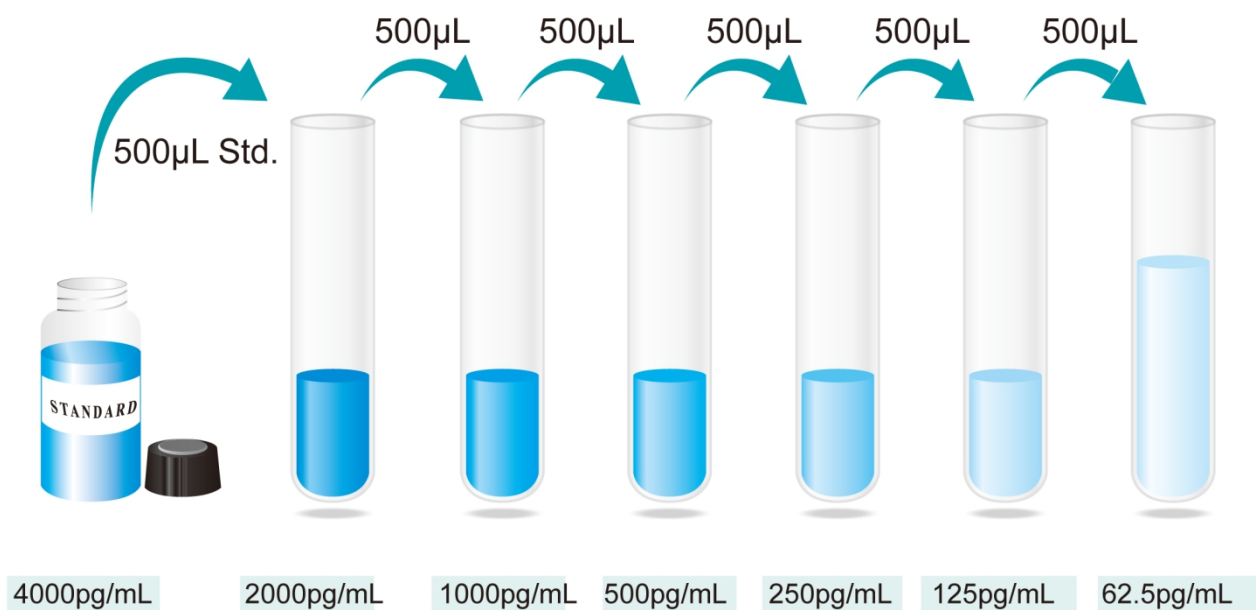
**Plasma** - Collect plasma using EDTA, heparin, or citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at  $1000\times g$  within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Note: The normal Monkey serum or plasma samples are suggested to make a 1:2 dilution.**

## REAGENTS PREPARATION

1. **Temperature returning** - Bring all kit components and specimen to room temperature ( $20-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) before use.
2. **Wash Buffer** - Dilute 30mL of 20x Wash Buffer Concentrate with 570mL of deionized or distilled water to prepare 600mL of Wash Buffer. If crystals have formed in the concentrate Wash Buffer, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved.
3. **Standard\Specimen (2 vials)** – monkey IL-13 Standard has a total of 2 vials. Each vial contains the standard sufficient for generating a standard curve. Reconstitute the Standard with 1.0mL of **Standard /Sample Diluent**. This reconstitution produces a stock solution of 4000 pg/mL. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Pipette 500 $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard/Specimen Diluent into 2000pg/ml tube and the remaining tubes. Use the stock solution of 4000pg/mL to produce a 2-fold dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly(vortex 20 sec for each of dilution step) and change pipette tips between each transfer. The 4000 pg/mL standard serves as the high standard. The

Standard/specimen Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 pg/mL).



#### Preparation of monkeyIL-13 standard dilutions

**\*If you do not run out of re-melting standard, store it at -20°C. Diluted standard shall not be reused.**

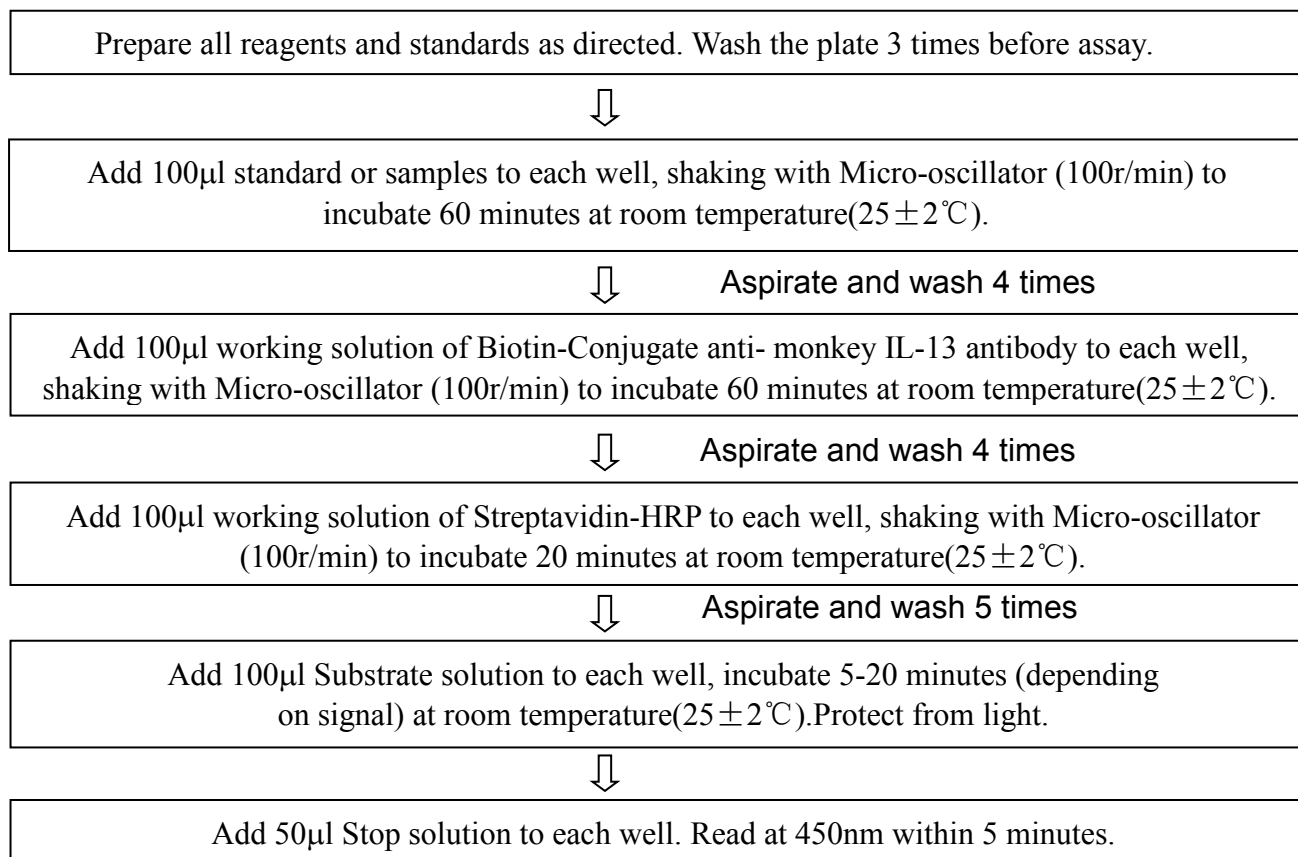
4. **Working solution of Biotin-Conjugate anti- monkey IL-13 antibody(1 vials)** - The lyophilized Detection Antibody should be stored at 4°C to -20°C in a manual defrost freezer for up to 6 months, if not used immediately. Centrifuge for 1 min at 6000 x g to bring down the material prior to open the vial. The vial contains sufficient Detection Antibody for a 96-well plate. Add 110 µL of sterile Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent to each vial and vortex 30 sec to obtain the stock solution. If the entire 96-well plate is used, take **50µL** of detection antibody stock solution into **10 mL** of Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent to make working dilution of Detection Antibody and mix thoroughly prior to the assay. If the partial antibody is used. make a **1:200** dilution of the concentrated Biotin-Conjugate solution with the Biotin-Conjugate antibody Diluent in a clean plastic tube.

**\*The working solution should be used within one day after dilution.**

5. **Working solution of Streptavidin-HRP(120µL)** - Centrifuge for 1 min at 6000 x g to bring down the material prior to open the vial. The vial contains **120 µL** HRP Conjugate sufficient for 96-well plate. Make **1:100** dilutions in Reagent Diluent. If the entire 96-well plate is used, add **100 ul** of HRP Conjugate to **10 mL** of Streptavidin-HRP Diluent to make working dilution of HRP Conjugate and mix thoroughly prior to the assay. The rest of undiluted HRP Conjugate can be stored at 4° C for up to 6 months. DO NOT FREEZE.

**\*The working solution should be used within one day after dilution.**

## ASSAY PROCEDURE



## CALCULATION OF RESULTS

1. The standard curve is used to determine the amount of specimens.
2. First, average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample. All O.D. values are subtracted by the mean value of blank control before result interpretation.
3. Construct a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a four parameter logistic (4-PL) curve-fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph.
4. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the IL-13 concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.
5. This standard curve is provided for demonstration only. A standard curve should be generated for

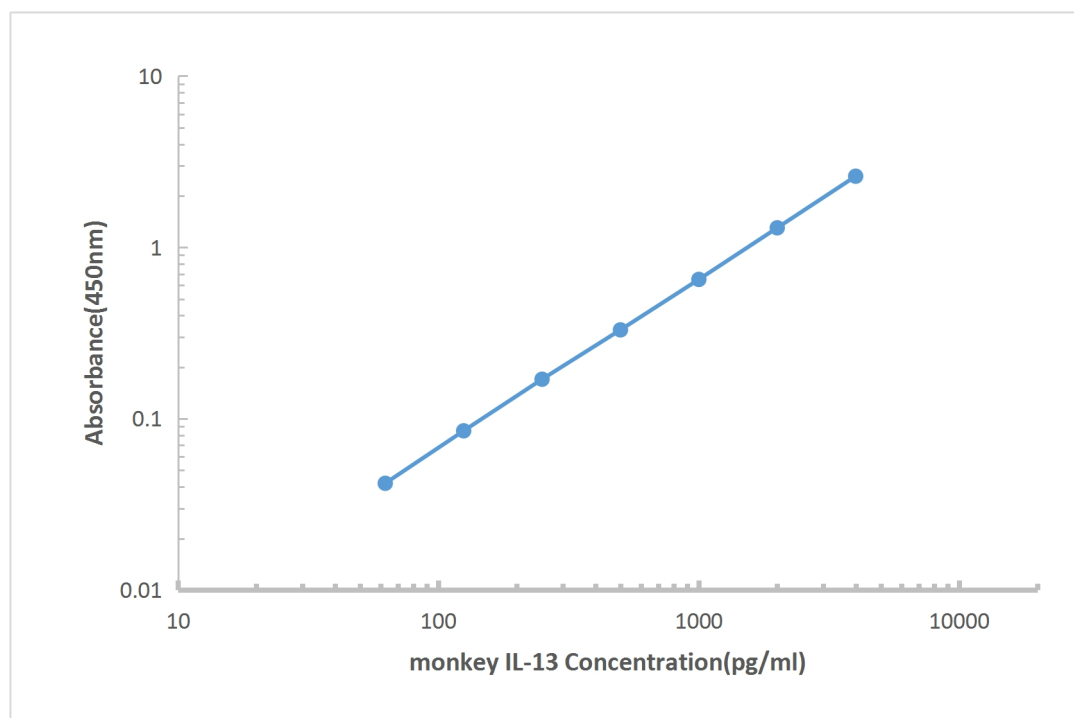


each set of samples assayed.

### Typical data using the IL-13 ELISA

Std (pg/mL)	O.D.1	O.D.2	Averag	Correct
0	0.08	0.075	0.0775	---
62.5	0.125	0.138	0.1315	0.054
125	0.322	0.343	0.3325	0.255
250	0.535	0.551	0.543	0.4655
500	0.885	0.863	0.874	0.7965
1000	1.166	1.148	1.157	1.0795
2000	1.598	1.621	1.6095	1.532
4000	2.156	2.129	2.1425	2.065

### Representative standard curve for IL-13 ELISA.



## Performance Characteristics

**SENSITIVITY:** The minimum detectable dose was 12pg/mL.

**SPECIFICITY:** This assay recognizes both natural and recombinant monkey IL-13. The factors listed below were prepared at 10ng/ml in Standard /sample Diluent and assayed for cross-reactivity and no significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.

**Adiponectin, ApoAI, BMP1, BMP2, BMP3, BMP4, BMP5, BMP7, CCL2, CCL4, CCL5, CRP, HSP27, HGF, IL-1 beta, IL-1RA, IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, sIL-6R, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, IL-15, IL-17C, IL-21, IL-23, IFN $\gamma$ , MMP-2, MMP-9, IL2R, PDGF, serpin E1, TGF $\beta$ 1, TGF $\beta$ 2, TGF $\beta$ 3, TLR1, TLR2, TLR3, TLR9, TNF- $\alpha$ , TNF RI, TNF RII, VEGF, VEGF R1.**

**REPEATABILITY:** The coefficient of variation of both intra-assay and inter-assay were less than 10%.

**RECOVERY:** The recovery of IL-13 spiked to three different levels in four samples throughout the range of the assay in various matrices was evaluated.

**Recovery of IL-13 in two matrices**

Sample Type	Average % of Expected Range (%)	Range (%)
Citrate plasma	93	86-102
Cell culture supernatants	95	87-106

**LINEARITY:** To assess the linearity of the assay, three samples were spiked with high concentrations of IL-13 in various matrices and diluted with the appropriate Sample Diluent to produce samples with values within the dynamic range of the assay. (The plasma samples were initially diluted 1:1)

Dilution ratio	Recovery (%)	Citrate plasma	Cell culture supernatants
1:2	Average% of Expected	93	105
	Range (%)	86-102	97-115
1:4	Average% of Expected	96	107
	Range (%)	89-104	99-118

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