

# DuoSet<sup>®</sup> IC

## Human Total Axl

Catalog Number DYC1643-2

DYC1643-5

**For the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure Axl  
in cell lysates.**

*This package insert must be read in its entirety before using this product.*

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NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.**

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## PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This DuoSet IC ELISA contains the basic components required for the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure Axl, also known as Ufo, in cell lysates. An immobilized capture antibody specific for Axl binds both tyrosine-phosphorylated and unphosphorylated Axl. After washing away unbound material, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for Axl is used to detect the captured receptor, utilizing a standard Streptavidin-HRP format.

## MATERIALS PROVIDED

**Store the unopened kit at 2 - 8° C. Do not use past kit expiration date.**

Description	Part #	Storage Conditions	Vials Provided	
			Cat. # DYC1643-2	Cat. # DYC1643-5
Total Axl Capture Antibody	841641	2 - 8° C	1	2
Total Axl Detection Antibody	841642	2 - 8° C	1	2
Total Axl Standard	841643	2 - 8° C	3	5
Streptavidin-HRP	890803	2 - 8° C	1	1

DYC1643-2 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least two 96 well plates.\*

DYC1643-5 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least five 96 well plates.\*

\*Provided the following conditions are met:

- The reagents are prepared as described in this package insert.
- The assay is run as described in the General ELISA Protocol on page 6.
- The recommended microplates, buffers, diluents, substrates, and solutions are used.

## OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Aprotinin (Sigma # A6279)
- Leupeptin (Sigma # L8511)
- NP-40 Alternative (EMD/Calbiochem # 492016)
- Sodium orthovanadate ( $\text{Na}_3\text{VO}_4$ ) (Sigma # S6508), activated
- Sodium azide ( $\text{NaN}_3$ ) (Sigma # S2002)
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 96 well microplates [Costar EIA Plates (Catalog # 2592 or R&D Systems Catalog # DY990) are suggested]
- Plate sealers (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY992)
- Squir bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer

## SOLUTIONS REQUIRED

**PBS** - 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 8.1 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , 1.5 mM  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , pH 7.2 - 7.4, 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  filtered.

**Wash Buffer** - 0.05% Tween<sup>®</sup> 20 in PBS, pH 7.2 - 7.4 (R&D Systems, Catalog # WA126).

**Block Buffer** - 1% BSA\*, 0.05%  $\text{NaN}_3$  in PBS, pH 7.2 - 7.4.

**IC Diluent #12\*\*** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated sodium orthovanadate.

**IC Diluent #14** - 20 mM Tris, 137 mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween 20, 0.1% BSA\*, pH 7.2 - 7.4 (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY995).

**Lysis Buffer #9\*\*** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated sodium orthovanadate, 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  Aprotinin, 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  Leupeptin.

**Note:** *Lysis Buffer #9 consists of IC Diluent #12 plus 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  Aprotinin and 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  Leupeptin. Approximately 50 mL of IC Diluent #12 is required to run the assay on one plate.*

**Substrate Solution** - 1:1 mixture of Color Reagent A ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) and Color Reagent B (Tetramethylbenzidine) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY999).

**Stop Solution** - 2 N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY994).

\*The use of R&D Systems Reagent Diluent Concentrate 2 (Catalog # DY995) or Millipore Bovine Serum Albumin, Fraction V, Protease free (Catalog # 82-045) is recommended. All buffers containing BSA must be stored at 2 - 8° C.

\*\*Sample Diluent Concentrate 2 (2X) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC002), supplemented as per the package insert.

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## REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

**Total Axl Capture Antibody** (Part 841641) - Each vial contains 720 µg/mL of mouse anti-human Axl antibody when reconstituted with 200 µL of PBS. After reconstitution, store at 2 - 8° C for up to 30 days or aliquot and store at ≤ -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at ≤ -70° C for up to 3 months.\*

**Total Axl Detection Antibody** (Part 841642) - Each vial contains 7.2 µg/mL of biotinylated goat anti-human Axl antibody when reconstituted with 1.0 mL of IC Diluent #14. After reconstitution, store at 2 - 8° C for up to 30 days or aliquot and store at ≤ -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at ≤ -70° C for up to 3 months.\*

**Total Axl Standard** (Part 841643) - Each vial contains 70 ng/mL of recombinant human Axl when reconstituted with 500 µL of IC Diluent #12. **Use within one hour of reconstitution. Use a fresh standard for each assay.** A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 4000 pg/mL is recommended.

**Streptavidin-HRP** (Part 890803) - 1 mL of Streptavidin conjugated to horseradish-peroxidase. Store at 2 - 8° C. **DO NOT FREEZE.**

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

## PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

**Cell Lysates** - Rinse cells two times with PBS, making sure to remove any remaining PBS after the second rinse. Solubilize cells at  $1 \times 10^7$  cells/mL in Lysis Buffer #9 and allow samples to sit on ice for 15 minutes. Assay immediately or store at ≤ -70° C. Before use, centrifuge samples at 2000 x g for 5 minutes and transfer the supernate to a clean test tube. Sample protein concentration may be quantified using a total protein assay. If needed, further dilutions should be made in IC Diluent #12.

## **PRECAUTION**

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acidic solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this material.

## **TECHNICAL HINTS AND LIMITATIONS**

- This DuoSet IC ELISA should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
- Individual results may vary due to differences in technique, plasticware and water sources.
- It is important that the diluents selected for reconstitution and for dilution of the standard reflect the environment of the samples being measured. The diluents suggested in this protocol should be suitable for most cell lysates.
- The type of enzyme and substrate and the concentrations of capture/detection antibodies used can be varied to create an immunoassay with a different sensitivity and dynamic range. A basic understanding of immunoassay development is required for the successful use of these reagents in immunoassays.
- A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance. Wash Buffer should be dispensed forcefully and removed completely from the wells by aspiration or decanting. Remove any remaining Wash Buffer by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
- Use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
- It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
- Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. This may interfere with the sensitivity of the assay. Buffers containing protein should be made under aseptic conditions and stored at 2 - 8° C or be prepared fresh daily.

# GENERAL ELISA PROTOCOL

A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.

## Plate Preparation

1. Dilute the Capture Antibody to the working concentration of 4.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  in PBS without carrier protein. Immediately coat a 96 well microplate with 100  $\mu\text{L}$  per well of the diluted Capture Antibody. Seal the plate and incubate overnight at room temperature.
2. Aspirate each well and wash with Wash Buffer, repeating the process two times for a total of 3 washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (400  $\mu\text{L}$ ) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
3. Block plates by adding 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of Block Buffer to each well. Incubate at room temperature for 1 - 2 hours.
4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2. The plates are now ready for sample addition.

## Assay Procedure

1. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample or standards in IC Diluent #12 per well. Use IC Diluent # 12 as the zero standard. Cover with a plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.  
**Note:** *A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 4000 pg/mL is recommended.*
2. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
3. Dilute the Detection Antibody to a working concentration of 200 ng/mL in IC Diluent #14 before use. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the diluted Detection Antibody to each well. Cover with a new plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.
4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
5. Immediately before use, dilute the Streptavidin-HRP to the working concentration specified on the vial label using IC Diluent #14. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the diluted Streptavidin-HRP to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
7. Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
8. Add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of Stop Solution to each well. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Determine the optical density of each well immediately, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

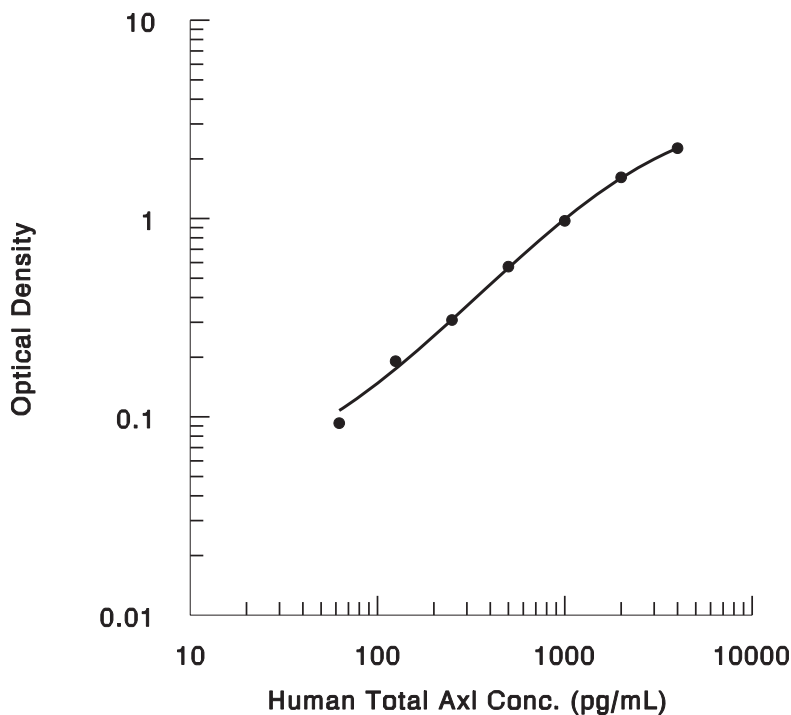
## CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample, then subtract the average zero standard optical density.

Create 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. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the Axl 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.

## TYPICAL DATA

A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. The graph below represents typical data generated when using the Human Total Axl DuoSet IC ELISA. The standard curve was calculated using a computer generated 4-PL curve-fit. This standard curve is for demonstration purposes only.

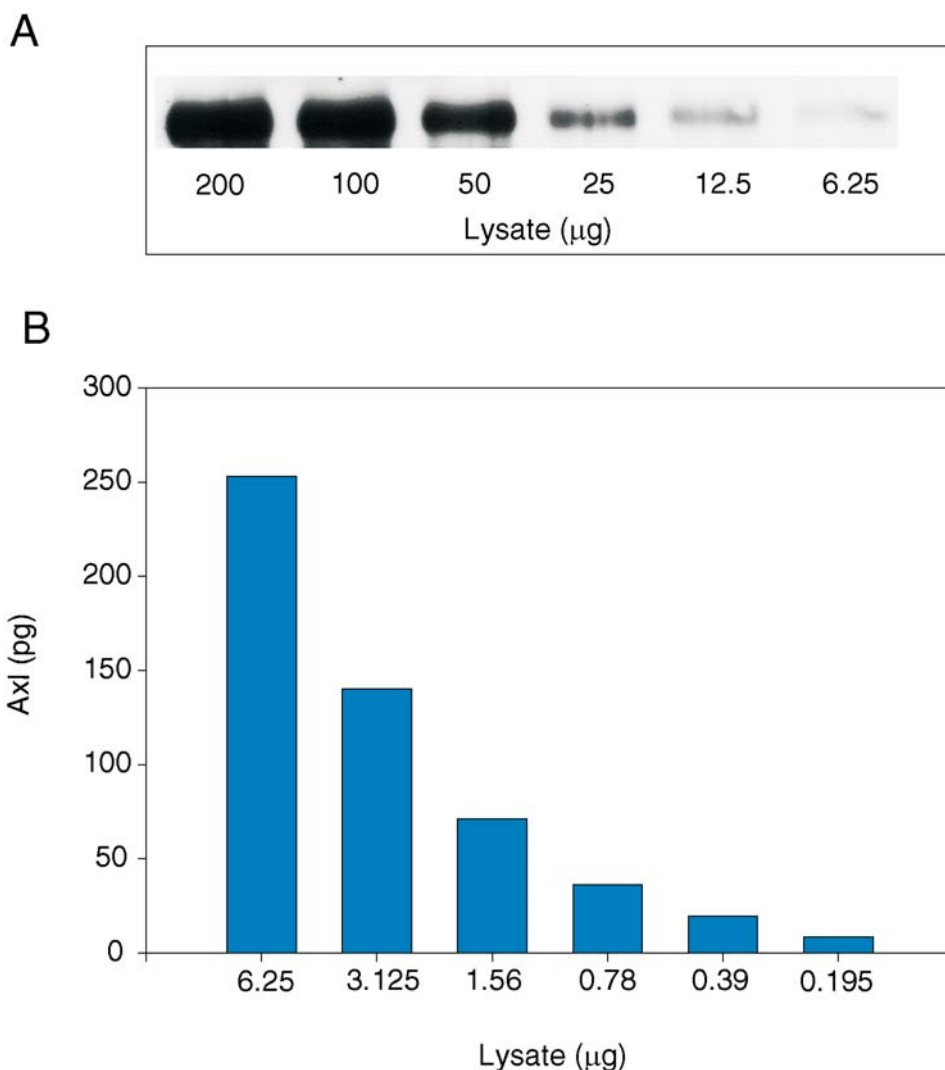




## CALIBRATION

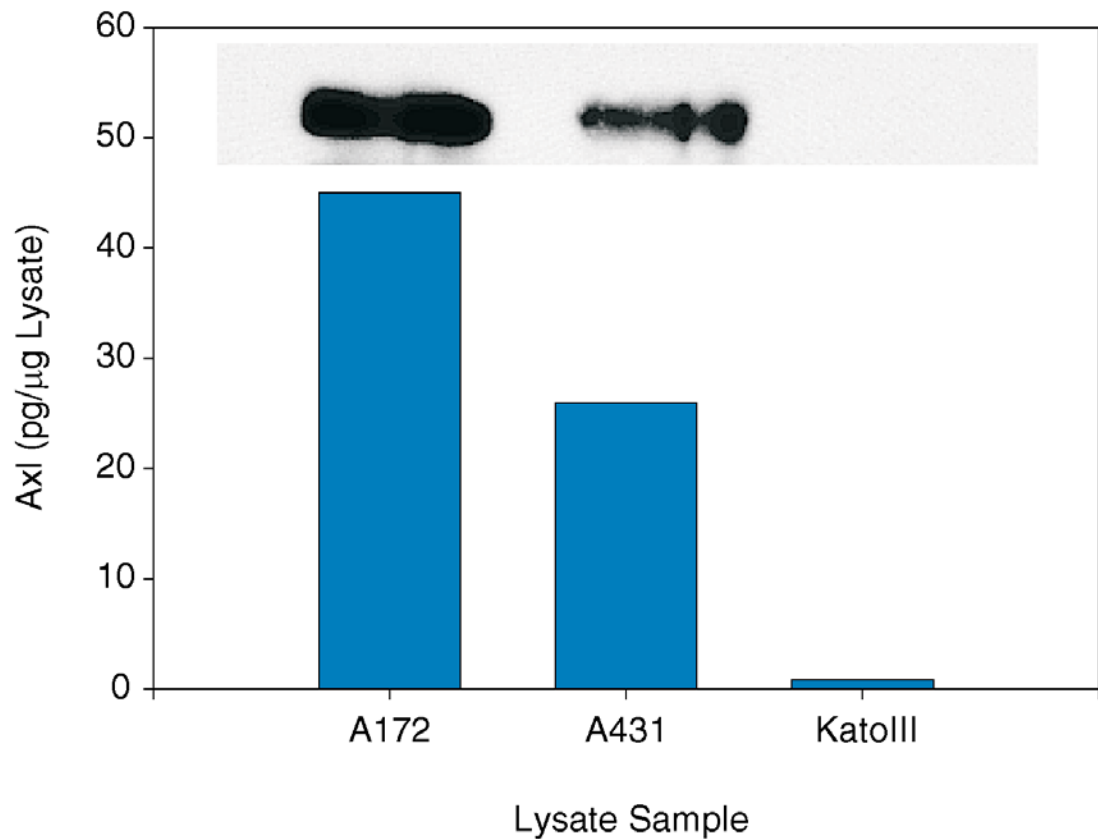
This DuoSet IC ELISA is calibrated against a highly purified NS0-expressed recombinant human Axl produced at R&D Systems.

## SENSITIVITY



**Figure 1: The Human Total Axl DuoSet IC ELISA is more sensitive than immunoprecipitation (IP)-Western blot analysis.** Lysates prepared from the human glioblastoma cell line A172 were diluted in series and analyzed by **(A)** IP-Western blot and **(B)** this DuoSet IC ELISA. IPs were performed using an anti-Axl monoclonal antibody and goat anti-mouse agarose. Immunoblots were incubated with a biotinylated anti-Axl polyclonal antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # BAF154) to detect total Axl. Bands were visualized with Streptavidin-HRP (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY998) followed by chemiluminescent detection. Human Axl can be detected in this DuoSet IC ELISA by using approximately 10 to 20 times less lysate than is needed for a conventional IP-Western blot.

## QUANTIFICATION



**Figure 2: The Human Total Axl DuoSet IC ELISA measures the relative level of Axl.** Lysates were prepared from the human glioblastoma cell line (A172), the human epidermoid carcinoma cell line (A431), and the human stomach cancer cell line (Kat0III). ELISA and IP-Western blot (inset) analyses were performed using 50  $\mu$ g and 100  $\mu$ g of lysate, respectively. The IP-Western blot was performed as described in Figure 1. The DuoSet IC ELISA results correlate well with the amounts of Axl detected by IP-Western blot.

## SPECIFICITY

To determine specificity, recombinant mouse Axl/Fc Chimera, recombinant human Dtk/Fc Chimera, and recombinant human Mer/Fc Chimera were assayed at 50 ng/mL and did not cross-react or interfere in the assay.

# PLATE LAYOUT

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