



# Human PAI-1 Activity Kit

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## **Assay Summary**

Add 80  $\mu$ l of Assay Mix  
and 20  $\mu$ l of standard/sample per well.  
Incubate at 37°C.



Read every 1 hour for 8 hours at 405 nm.





# AssaySense Human PAI-1 Chromogenic Activity Kit

Catalog No. CP1100  
Sample Insert/Reference Only

## Introduction

Type I plasminogen activator inhibitor (PAI-1) is a 50 kDa serpin family member that inhibits tissue- and urokinase-type plasminogen activators (tPA, uPA). This protein appears to be an important regulator of plasminogen activation by tPA and extracellular proteolysis by uPA (1-3). The plasminogen activator proteolytic enzyme systems are important not only for fibrinolysis but also for extracellular matrix remodeling and have been implicated in a number of normal and pathological processes including angiogenesis, ovulation and embryogenesis, thrombotic and hemorrhagic disorders, connective tissue diseases, neoplasm, and sepsis (4, 5). PAI-1 is a prognosticator in breast cancer (6), gastric cancer (7), various forms of lung cancer (8), and cervical cancer (9).

## Principle of Assay

The AssaySense Human PAI-1 Chromogenic Activity Kit is developed to determine human PAI-1 activity in plasma and cell culture supernatant samples. A fixed amount of tPA is added in excess to the diluted sample, which allows PAI-1 and tPA to form an inactive complex. The assay measures plasminogen activation by residual tPA in coupled assays that contain tPA, plasminogen, and a plasmin-specific synthetic substrate. The amount of plasmin produced is quantitated using a highly specific plasmin substrate releasing a yellow para-nitroaniline (pNA) chromophore. The absorbance of the pNA at 405 nm is inversely proportional to the PAI-1 enzymatic activity.

## Caution and Warning

- **Prepare all reagents as instructed, prior to running the assay.**
- **Prepare all samples prior to running the assay. The dilution factors for the samples are suggested in this protocol. However, the user should determine the optimal dilution factor.**
- This kit is for research use only.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.
- All human source materials have been tested and found to be negative to HbsAg, HIV-1 and HCV by FDA approved methods.

## Reagents

The activity assay kit contains sufficient reagents to perform 100 tests using microplate method.

- **Microplate:** One 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells).
- **Sealing Tapes:** Each kit contains 3 precut, pressure sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- **Assay Diluent:** 30 ml
- **Human tPA Standard:** 2 vials, lyophilized (48 IU)
- **Human Plasminogen:** 2 vials, lyophilized
- **Plasmin Substrate:** 2 vials, lyophilized

## Storage Condition

- Store components of the kit up to the expiration date.
- Store standard, Plasminogen, and Plasmin Substrate at -20°C.
- Store Microplate and Assay Diluent at 2-8°C.
- Unused microplate wells may be returned and resealed.
- Opened Assay Diluent may be stored for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.

## Other Supplies Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 405 nm
- Pipettes (1-20  $\mu$ l, 20-200  $\mu$ l, and multiple channel)
- Deionized or distilled reagent grade water
- Incubator (37°C)

## Sample Collection, Preparation and Storage

- **Plasma:** Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of 0.1 M sodium citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes to obtain platelet-poor plasma. Dilute plasma 1:4 with Assay Diluent. Next, mix equal volumes of diluted samples (ex. 15  $\mu$ l) with 40 IU/ml tPA Standard (ex. 15  $\mu$ l) for 10 minutes at room temperature prior to the assay. The time of plasma collection should be standardized as PAI-1 levels show the marked diurnal variation (EDTA or Heparin can also be used as an anticoagulant).
- **Cell Culture Supernatants:** Centrifuge cell culture media at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes to remove debris. Collect supernatants and dilute samples if necessary. Next, mix equal volumes of sample (ex. 15  $\mu$ l) with 40 IU/ml tPA Standard (ex. 15  $\mu$ l) for 10 minutes at room temperature prior to the assay.

## Reagent Preparation

- Standard Curve:** Reconstitute the Human tPA Standard (48 IU) with 1.2 ml of Assay Diluent to generate a standard solution of 40 IU/ml. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare duplicate or triplicate standard points by serially diluting the standard solution (40 IU/ml) with Assay Diluent to produce 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, and 0.625 IU/ml solutions. Assay Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 IU/ml). Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

Standard Point	Dilution	[tPA] (IU/ml)	*[PAI-1] (AU/ml)
P1	1 part Standard (40 IU/ml) + 1 part Assay Diluent	20.00	0.00
P2	1 part P1 + 1 part Assay Diluent	10.00	0.625
P3	1 part P2 + 1 part Assay Diluent	5.000	1.250
P4	1 part P3 + 1 part Assay Diluent	2.500	2.500
P5	1 part P4 + 1 part Assay Diluent	1.250	5.000
P6	1 part P5 + 1 part Assay Diluent	0.625	10.00
P7	Assay Diluent	0.000	20.00

\*Note: One arbitrary unit (AU) of inhibitor is defined as the amount that inhibits one IU of tPA/ml under the testing conditions.

- Plasminogen:** Add 1.2 ml reagent grade water. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.
- Plasmin Substrate:** Add 0.55ml reagent grade water. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

## Assay Procedure

- Assay Mix:** Freshly prepare the desired volume of the Assay Mix by combining the following reagents according to the assay numbers (n).

Reagents	n=1
Assay Diluent	60 µl
Plasminogen	10 µl
Plasmin Substrate	10 µl

- Add 80 µl of the above Assay Mix to each well.
- Add 20 µl of tPA Standard or sample per well and mix gently.
- Incubate at 37°C, and read the absorbance at 405 nm every hour for eight hours.

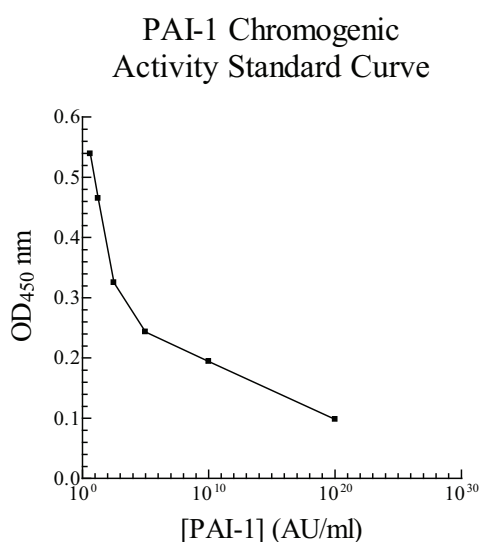
Assay Mix	80 $\mu$ l
tPA Standard or Sample	20 $\mu$ l
Cover wells with sealing tape. Incubate 37°C. Read the absorbance at 405 nm every hour for eight hours.	

## Data Analysis

- Calculate the mean value of the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard and sample.
- To generate a standard curve from the initial reaction time, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 405 nm absorbance or change in absorbance per minute ( $\Delta A/\text{min}$ ) on the y-axis. The best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis of the linear portion of the curve.
- Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

## Standard Curve

- The curve is provided for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.



## Performance Characteristics

- The minimum detectable dose of PAI-1 is typically  $\sim$  0.6 IU/ml.
- Intra-assay and inter-assay coefficients of variation were 4.7 % and 7.0% respectively.
- No significant cross-reactivity or interference was observed.



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