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# **Intended Use**

The CycLex Research Product CircuLex Mouse Progranulin ELISA Kit is used for the quantitative measurement of mouse progranulin in serum, plasma, cell culture supernatant, and other biological

This assay kit is for research use only and not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

## **Storage**

- Upon receipt store all components at 4°C.
- Don't expose reagents to excessive light.

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## Introduction

Progranulin (PGRN) also called granulin/epithelin, proepithelin, prostate cancer cell-derived growth factor, acrogranin, or paragranulin, is a cysteine-rich protein that is typically secreted in a highly glycosylated 88kDa form (1, 2). PGRN is a growth factor involved in the regulation of multiple processes including cell proliferation, tumorigenesis, wound healing, development and inflammation. PGRN is widely expressed in epithelia, bone marrow, immune cells, solid organs, and the nervous system both during development and in adulthood (3-7).

In 2006, mutations in PGRN were discovered to be a cause of frontotemporal jobar degeneration (FTLD) with ubiquitinated TDP-43-positive inclusions (6, 8-10, 12, 13). More than 70 mutations in PGRN, almost all of which result in null alleles, have been identified in FTLD patients. A few causative missense mutations also result in reduced levels of PGRN (10).

PGRN can be found in adipose tissue, epithelial tissue, gastrointestinal tract, reproductive organs, and so forth (11). Previous studies have demonstrated that increased gene expression of PGRN stimulates cancer cell division, invasion, and against anoikis, promoting tumor formation (2).

It has been shown that PGRN could restrain rheumatoid arthritis by binding directly to tumor necrosis factor receptors (TNFR) and play an anti-inflammatory role in the processes (14). In addition, it was reported that circulating PGRN levels are elevated in patients with type 2 diabetes (15). Moreover, increased plasma PGRN levels are associated with impaired glucose tolerance rather than impaired fasting glucose (16). Although type 2 diabetes is often accompanied by obesity, the respective role of elevation of circulating PGRN levels in obesity and type 2 diabetes remains to be elucidated.

# Principle of the Assay

The CycLex Research Product CircuLex Mouse Progranulin ELISA Kit employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique. An antibody specific for mouse progranulin is pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are dipetted into the wells and the immobilized antibody binds any mouse progranulin present. After washing away any unbound substances, an HRP conjugated antibody specific for mouse progranulin is added to the wells. Following a wash to remove any unbound antibody HRP conjugate, the remaining conjugate is allowed to react with the substrate H2O2-tetramethylbenzidine. The reaction is stopped by addition of acidic solution and absorbance of the resulting yellow product is measured at 450 nm. The absorbance is proportional to the concentration of mouse progranulin. A standard curve is constructed by plotting absorbance values versus mouse progranulin concentrations of calibrators, and concentrations of unknown samples are determined using this standard curve



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### **Summary of Procedure**

Add 100 µL of diluted samples to the wells

Incubate for 1.5 hours at room temp.

Wash the wells

Add 100 µL of HRP conjugated anti-mouse progranulin antibody

Incubate for 1.5 hours at room temp

Wash the wells

Add 100 µL of Substrate Reagent

Incubate for 10-20 minutes at room temp

Add 100 µL of Stop Solution

Measure absorbance at 450 nm

# **Materials Provided**

All samples and standards should be assayed in duplicate. The following components are supplied and are sufficient for the one 96-well microplate kir.

**Microplate:** One microplate supplied ready to use, with 96 wells (12 strips of 8-wells) in a foil, zip-lock bag with a desiccant pack. Wells are coated with anti-mouse progranulin antibody as a capture antibody.

10X Wash Buffer: One bottle containing 100 mL of 10X buffer containing Tween®-20

**Dilution Buffer:** One bottle containing 50 mL of 1X buffer; use for standard and sample dilution. Ready to use.

**Mouse Progranulin Standard:** One vial containing 120 ng of lyophilized recombinant mouse progranulin.

**HRP conjugated Detection Antibody:** One bottle containing 12 mL of HRP (horseradish peroxidase) conjugated anti-mouse progranulin antibody. Ready to use.

**Substrate Reagent:** One bottle containing 20 mL of the chromogenic substrate, tetra-methylbenzidine (TMB). Ready to use.

Stop Solution: One bottle containing 20 mL of 1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Ready to use.

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   Reagent reservoirs

   Deionized water of the highest quality

   Disposable paper towels • Plate reader: capable of measuring absorbance in 96-well plates at dual wavelengths of 450/540 nm. Dual wavelengths of 450/550 or 450/595 nm can also be used. The plate can also be read at a single

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### **Precautions and Recommendations**

- Allow all the components to come to room temperature before use.
- All microplate strips that are not immediately required should be returned to the zip-lock pouch, which must be carefully resealed to avoid moisture absorption.
- Do not use kit components beyond the indicated kit expiration date.
- Use only the microtiter wells provided with the kit.
- Rinse all detergent residues from glassware.
- Use deionized water of the highest quality.
- Do not mix reagents from different kits.
- The buffers and reagents used in this kit contain NaN<sub>3</sub> as preservatives. Care should be taken to avoid direct contact with these reagents.
- Do not mouth pipette or ingest any of the reagents.
- Do not smoke, eat, or drink when performing the osay or in areas where samples or reagents are
- Dispose of tetra-methylbenzidine (TMB) containing solutions in compliance with local regulations.
- Avoid contact with the acidic Stop Solution and Substrate Solution, which contains hydrogen peroxide.
- Wear gloves and eye protection when handling immunodiagnostic materials and samples of mouse origin, and these reagents. In case of contact with the Stop Solution and the Substrate Solution, wash skin thoroughly with water and seek medical attention, when necessary.
- Biological samples may be contaminated with infectious agents. Do not ingest, expose to open wounds or breathe aerosols. Wear protective gloves and dispose of biological samples properly.
- CAUTION: Sulfuric Acid is a strong acid. Wear disposable gloves and eye protection when handling Stop Solution.

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# Sample Collection and Storage

**Serum:** Use a serum separator tube and allow samples to clot for  $60 \pm 30$  minutes. Centrifuge the samples at 4°C for 10 minutes at 1,000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or store samples on ice for up to 6 hours before assaying. Aliquots of serum may also be stored at below -70°C for extended periods of time. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

**Plasma:** Collect plasma using EDTA-Na<sub>2</sub> as the anticoagulant. If possible, collect the plasma into a mixture of EDTA-Na<sub>2</sub> and Futhan (FUT175) to stabilize the sample against spontaneous *in vitro* complement activation. Immediately centrifuge samples at 4°C for 15 minutes at 1,000 x g. Assay immediately or store samples on ice for up to 6 hours before assaying. Aliquots of plasma may also be stored at below -70°C for extended periods of time. Avoid repeated freeze-than cycles.

Note: Citrate plasma has not been validated for use in this assay.

**Cell culture supernatant:** Remove any particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at below -70°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles

**Other biological samples:** Remove any particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at below -70°C. Avoid repeated freeze-than cycles.

NOTE: THE ABOVE PROCEDURES ARE INCENDED ONLY AS A GUIDELINE. THE OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE PARAMETERS BEING INVESTIGATED, AND MUST BE DETERMINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL USER. NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE OF PERFORMANCE USING THESE PROCEDURES IS MADE OR IMPLIED.



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## **Detailed Protocol**

The CycLex Research Product CircuLex Mouse Progranulin ELISA Kit is provided with removable strips of wells so the assay can be carried out on separate occasions using only the number of strips required for the particular determination. Since experimental conditions may vary, an aliquot of the Mouse Progranulin Standard within the kit should be included in each assay as a calibrator. Disposable pipette tips and reagent troughs should be used for all liquid transfers to avoid cross-contamination of reagents or samples.

## **Preparation of Working Solutions**

All reagents need to be brought to room temperature prior to the assay. Assay reagents are supplied ready-to-use, with the exception of 10X Wash Buffer and Mouse Programum Standard.

- 1. Prepare a working solution of Wash Buffer by adding 100 mL of the **10X Wash Buffer** to 900 mL of deionized (distilled) water (ddH<sub>2</sub>O). Mix well. Store at 4°C for two weeks or -20°C for long-term storage.
- 2. Reconstitute **Mouse Progranulin Standard** with <u>0.5 mL</u> of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. After dissolved by gently mixing, immediately dispense in small aliquots (e.g. 100 µL) to micro-centrifuge tubes and store at <u>below -70°C</u> to avoid repeated freezing and thawing. The concentration of the mouse progranulin in vial should be <u>240 ng/mL</u>, which is referred as a **Master Standard** of mouse progranulin.

Prepare Standard Solutions as follows:

Use the **Master Standard** to produce a dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. The 24 ng/mL standard (Std.1) serves as the highest standard. The **Dilution Buffer** serves as the zero standard (Blank):

	Volume of Standard	Dilution Buffer	Concentration
Std.1	60 μL of Master Standard (240 ng/mL)	540 μL	24 ng/mL
Std.2	300 μL of Std. 1 (24 ng/mL)	300 μL	12 ng/mL
Std.3	300 μL of Std. 2 (12 ng/mL)	300 μL	6 ng/mL
Std.4	300 μL of Std. 3 (6 hg/mL)	300 μL	3 ng/mL
Std.5	300 μL of Std. 4 (3 ng /mL)	300 μL	1.5 ng /mL
Std.6	300 μL of Std. 5 (1.5 ng /mL)	300 μL	0.75 ng /mL
Std.7	300 μL of Std. 6 (0.75 ng /mL)	300 μL	0.375 ng/mL
Blank		300 μL	0 ng /mL

**Note:** Do not use a Repeating pipette. Change tips for every dilution. Unused portions of Master Standard should be aliquoted and stored at below -70°C immediately. Avoid multiple freeze and thaw eyeles.

## **Sample Preparation**

Dilute samples with **Dilution Buffer**.

- Serum and plasma samples may require 500- to 1,000-fold dilution.
- Calculture supernatant and other biological media require neat to appropriate dilution.

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### **Standard Assay Procedure for Mouse Progranulin**

- 1. Remove the appropriate number of microtiter wells from the foil pouch and place them into the well holder. Return any unused wells to the foil pouch, refold, seal with tape and store at 4°C.
- 2. Dilute samples with **Dilution Buffer**. (See "Sample Dilution" above.)
- 3. Pipette 100  $\mu$ L of Standard Solutions (Std1-Std7, Blank) and diluted samples in duplicates, into the appropriate wells.
- 4. Incubate the plate at room temperature (ca.25°C) for 1.5 hours, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on ar orbital microplate shaker.
- 5. Wash 4-times by filling each well with Wash Buffer (350 µL) using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser or microplate washer.
- 6. Add 100 μL of HRP conjugated Detection Antibody into each well
- 7. Incubate the plate <u>at room temperature (ca.25°C) for 1.5 hours</u>, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an <u>orbital microplate shaker</u>.
- 8. Wash 4-times by filling each well with Wash Buffer 350 μL) using a squirt bottle, multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser or microplate washer.
- 9. Add 100 μL of Substrate Reagent. Avoid exposing the microtiter plate to direct sunlight. Covering the plate with e.g. aluminum foil is recommended. Return Substrate Reagent to 4°C immediately after the necessary volume is removed
- 10. Incubate the plate <u>at room temperature (ea.25°C) for 10-20 minutes</u>, shaking at ca. 300 rpm on an <u>orbital microplate shaker</u>. The incubation time may be extended up to 30 minutes if the reaction temperature is below 20°C.
- 11. Add 100 µL of Stop Solution to each well in the same order as the previously added Substrate Reagent.
- 12. Measure absorbance in each well using a spectrophotometric microplate reader at dual wavelengths of 450/540 nm. Dual wavelengths of 450/550 or 450/595 nm can also be used. Read the microplate at 450 nm if only a single wavelength can be used. Wells must be read within 30 minutes of adding the Stop Solution.
  - **Note-1:** Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential to good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
  - **Note-2:** Retable standard curves are obtained when either O.D. values do not exceed 0.25 units for the blank (zero concentration), or 3.0 units for the highest standard concentration. The plate should be monitored at 5-minute intervals for approximately 30 minutes.
  - Note-3 If the microplate reader is not capable of reading absorbance greater than the absorbance of the highest standard, perform a second reading at 405 nm. A new standard curve, constructed using the values measured at 405 nm, is used to determine mouse progranulin concentration of off-scale samples. The readings at 405 nm should not replace the on-scale readings at 450 nm.



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## **Calculations**

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample and subtract the average zero standard optical density. Plot the optical density for the standards versus the concentration of the standards and draw the best curve. The data can be linearized by using log/log paper and regression analysis may be applied to the log transformation. To determine the mouse progranulin concentration of each sample, first find the absorbance value on the y-axis and extend a horizontal line to the standard curve. At the point of intersection, extend a vertical line to the x-axis and read the corresponding mouse progranulin concentration. If the samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

- 1. The dose-response curve of this assay fits best to a sigmoidal 4-parameter logistic equation. The results of unknown samples can be calculated with any computer program having a 4-parameter logistic function. It is important to make an appropriate mathematical adjustment to accommodate for the dilution factor.
- 2. Most microtiter plate readers perform automatic calculations of analyte concentration. The calibration curve is constructed by plotting the absorbance (Y) of calibrators versus log of the known concentration (X) of calibrators, using the 4-parameter function. Alternatively, the logit log function can be used to linearize the calibration curve (i.e. logit of absorbance (Y) is plotted versus log of the known concentration (X) of calibrators).

# **Measurement Range**

The measurement range is 0.375 ng /mL to 24 ng /mL. Any sample reading higher than the highest standard should be diluted with Dilution Buffer in higher dilution and re-assayed. Dilution factors need to be taken into consideration in calculating the mouse progranulin concentration.

# **Troubleshooting**

- 1. All samples and standards should be assayed in duplicate, using the protocol described in the **Detailed**Protocol. Incubation times or temperatures significantly different from those specified may give erroneous results.
- Poor duplicates, accompanied by elevated values for wells containing no sample, indicate insufficient washing. If all instructions in the **Detailed Protocol** were followed accurately, such results indicate a need for washer maintenance.
- 3. Overall low signa may indicate that desiccation of the plate has occurred between the final wash and addition of Substrate Reagent. Do not allow the plate to dry out. Add Substrate Reagent immediately after wash.

# **Reagent Stability**

All of the reagents included in the CycLex Research Product CircuLex Mouse Progranulin ELISA Kit have been tested for stability. Reagents should not be used beyond the stated expiration date. Upon receipt, kit reagents should be stored at 4°C, except the reconstituted Mouse Progranulin Standard must be stored at below -70°C. Coated assay plates should be stored in the original foil bag sealed by the zip lock and containing a desiccant pack.



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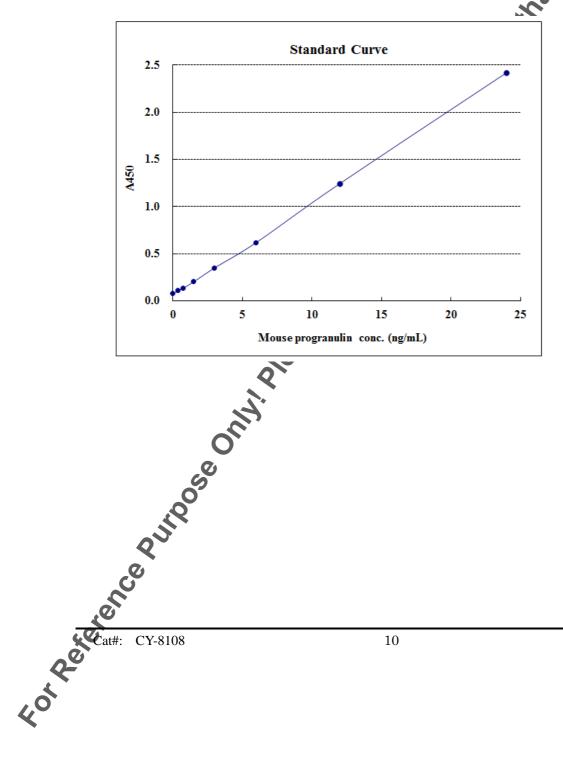
# **Assay Characteristics**

### 1. Sensitivity

The limit of detection (defined as such a concentration of mouse progranulin giving absorbance higher than mean absorbance of blank\* plus three standard deviations of the absorbance of blank A blank + 3SD blank) is better than 190 pg/mL of sample.

\* Dilution Buffer was pipetted into blank wells.

### Typical Standard Curve



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#### 2. Precision

### Mouse progranulin conc. (µg/mL)

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2	6.99	4.65	2.41
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4	7.51	4.63	2.38
5	7.43	4.86	2.45
6	7.09	4.60	2.47
7	7.14	4.57	2.42
8	7.01	4.59	2.39
9	7.14	4.84	2.57
10	7.25	4.74	2.56
11	7.41	4.69	2.49
12	7.09	4.78	2.56
13	7.50	4.81	2.50
14	7.36	4.64	2.50
15	7.30	4.63	2.53
16	7.13	4.80	2.50
MAX.	7.51	4.86	2.57
MIN.	6.86	4.57	2.38
MEAN	7.21	4.71	2.48
S.D.	0.19	0.09	0.06



### <u>Inter-assay Precision</u> (Precision between assays)

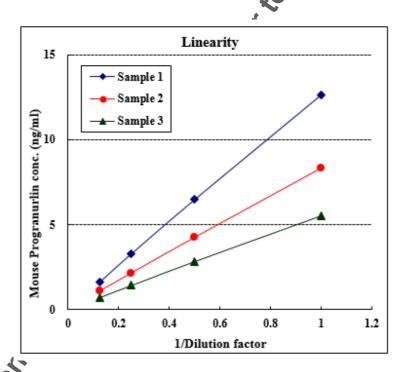
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# 3. Linearity

Three samples\* were diluted with Dilution Buffer and assayed after dilution. The neat sample was set to 1. The neat sample was 500-fold diluted as stated in the Assay Procedure.

\*Sample: mouse serum



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