



# Elispot, the assay of choice to evaluate vaccine efficacy in clinical trials!

Monitoring immune response of patients treated with immunotherapy is essential to evaluate the efficacy of treatment and correlate clinical responses to Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte (CTL) responses. Elispot assays are specific, accurate, sensitive, precise and robust. For these reasons, this bioassay is now recognized as the reference method to evaluate vaccine efficacy in clinical trials.

The use of Elispot assay as a predictive tool in immunotherapy emerges especially in cancer<sup>1,2,3</sup> and infectious diseases<sup>4</sup>.

## - **Cancerology**

The identification of tumor antigens as target structures of CD8<sup>+</sup> CTL has led to the development of vaccination strategies. Many studies have been made on the melanoma. The detection of melanoma-specific T-cell spots in IFN $\gamma$  Elispot assay could be predictive of anti tumoral clinical responses<sup>2,3</sup>.

## - **Vaccination**

It is proven that the Elispot assay is a good approach to evaluate vaccination strategies in many infectious diseases : HIV<sup>4</sup>, EBV<sup>6</sup>, hepatitis C virus.

## - **Transplantation**

The Elispot assay could also be useful in the prediction of infectious risk after transplantation<sup>7</sup>.

However, these fields of application are not exhaustive, the Elispot assay takes an important place in auto-immunity, allergy, TH1 / TH2 analysis, pharmacology...

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## Kit contents



### Elispot kit contents:

(available in 1 plate, 5 plates, 10 plates, 15 plates or 20 plates)

- Capture and detection antibodies
- Streptavidin Alkaline Phosphatase conjugate
- Buffers
- Blocking reagent
- Ready-to-use substrate buffer
- With or without sterile or non sterile PVDF plates

### Elispot Matched Antibody pair contents:

(available in 10x96 tests)

- Capture antibody ready-to-use
- Detection antibody ready to use

## Diacclone Elispot reagents

### Elispot complete kit

	Human	Mouse	Rat
CD178/ Fas L	IL-13	IFN $\gamma$	IFN $\gamma$
IFN $\gamma$	Granzyme B	IL-2	IL-4
IL-1 $\beta$	TNF- $\alpha$		TNF- $\alpha$
IL-2	IFN $\gamma$ / IL-2		
IL-4	IFN $\gamma$ / IL-4		
IL-5	IFN $\gamma$ / IL-5		
IL-6	IFN $\gamma$ / IL-10		
IL-10	IL-10 / IL-2		
IL-12	IFN $\gamma$ / IL-2		
Perforin	IL-10 / IL-4		
	IFN $\gamma$ /Gr B		

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IL-4	TNF- $\alpha$		
IL-5			