TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

AlphaLISA® Research Reagents

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Human Interleukin 1 Receptor Associated Kinase 4 (IRAK4) AlphaLISA Detection Kit

Product No.: AL3117C/F

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Product Information

Application: This kit is designed for the quantitative determination of IRAK4 in buffer, lysates, and tissue homogenates using a homogeneous AlphaLISA assay (no wash steps).

Sensitivity: Lower Detection Limit (LDL): 15.6 pg/mL

Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ): 41.1 pg/mL

EC_{50}: 38.9 ng/mL

Dynamic range: 15.6 – 1 000 000 pg/mL

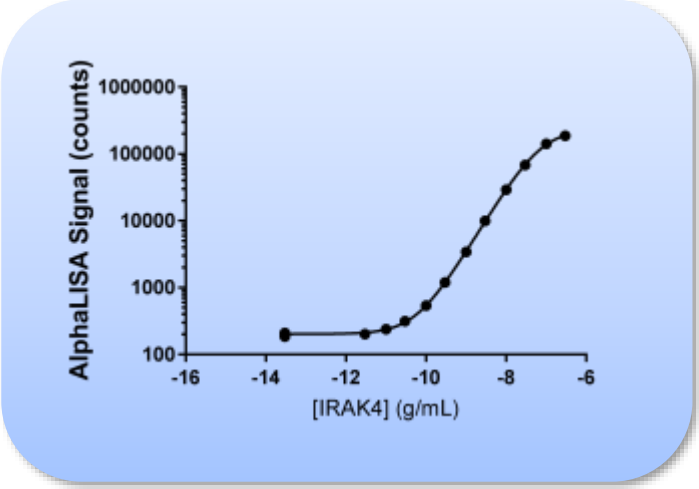

Figure 1. Typical sensitivity curve in AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer. The data was generated using a white Optiplate™-384 microplate and the EnVision® Multilabel Plate Reader 2102 with Alpha option.

Storage: Store kit in the dark at 4˚C. For reconstituted analyte aliquot and store at -20 °C. Avoid freeze-thaw cycles.

Stability: This kit is stable for at least 6 months from the manufacturing date when stored in its original packaging and the recommended storage conditions.

Quality Control

Lot to lot consistency is confirmed in an AlphaLISA assay. Maximum and minimum signals, EC_{50} and LDL were measured on the EnVision Multilabel Plate Reader with Alpha option using the protocol described in this technical data sheet. We certify that these results meet our quality release criteria. Maximum counts may vary between bead lots and the instrument used, with no impact on LDL measurement.

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Analyte of Interest

IRAK4 (Human Interleukin 1 Receptor Associated Kinase 4) is a serine/threonine protein kinase involved in signaling innate immune response. IRAK4 is recruited by MD88 through TLR signaling, where it phosphorylates IRAK1 and ultimately results in NF-kappa-B nuclear translocation and activation. IRAK4 supports signaling from T-cell receptors. IRAK4 contains domain structures which are similar to those of IRAK1, IRAK2, IRAKM and Pelle. IRAK4 is unique compared to IRAK1, IRAK2 and IRAKM in that it functions upstream of the other IRAKs but is more similar to Pelle in this trait. Animals deficient in IRAK-4 are more susceptible to viruses and bacteria but completely resistant to LPS challenge.

Description of the AlphaLISA Assay

AlphaLISA technology allows the detection of molecules of interest in buffer, cell culture media, and cell lysates in a highly sensitive, quantitative, reproducible and user-friendly mode. In this AlphaLISA assay, a biotinylated Anti-IRAK4 Antibody binds to the Streptavidin-coated Alpha Donor beads, while another Anti-IRAK4 Antibody is conjugated to AlphaLISA Acceptor beads. In the presence of the IRAK4, the beads come into close proximity. The excitation of the Donor beads provokes the release of singlet oxygen molecules that triggers a cascade of energy transfer in the Acceptor beads, resulting in a sharp peak of light emission at 615 nm (Figure 2).

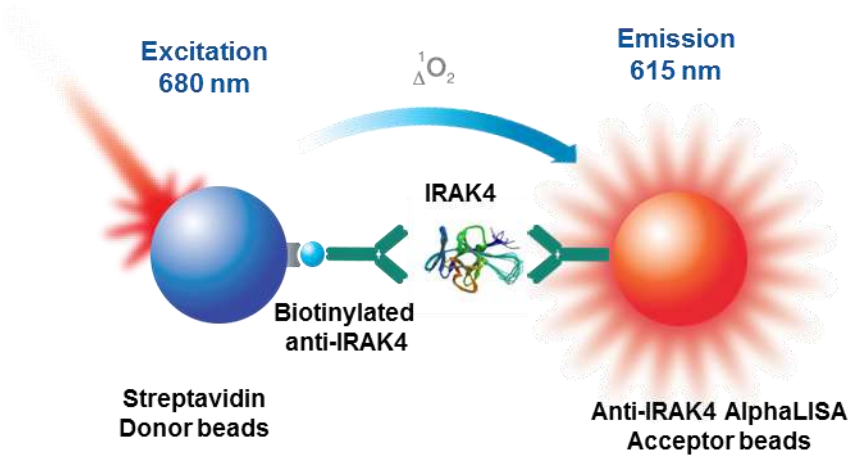


Figure 2. AlphaLISA IRAK4 Assay Principle.

Precautions

- The Alpha Donor beads are light-sensitive. All the other assay reagents can be used under normal light conditions. All Alpha assays using the Donor beads should be performed under subdued laboratory lighting (< 100 lux). Green filters (LEE 090 filters (preferred) or Roscolux filters #389 from Rosco) can be applied to light fixtures.
- Take precautionary measures to avoid contamination of the reagent solutions.
- The biotinylated Anti-Analyte Antibody contains sodium azide. Contact with skin or inhalation should be avoided.

Kit Content: Reagents and Materials

Kit components	AL3117HV (100 assay points***)	AL3117C (500 assay points***)	AL3117F (5000 assay points***)
AlphaLISA Anti-IRAK4 Acceptor beads stored in PBS, 0.05% Kathon CG/ICP, pH 7.2	20 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)	50 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)	500 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, white cap)
Streptavidin (SA)-coated Donor beads stored in 25 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, 0.05% Kathon CG/ICP, pH 7.4	80 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, black cap)	200 µL @ 5 mg/mL (1 brown tube, black cap)	2 X 1 mL @ 5 mg/mL (2 brown tubes, black caps)
Biotinylated Anti-IRAK4 Antibody stored in PBS, 0.1% Tween-20, 0.05% NaN_3, pH 7.4	20 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)	50 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)	500 µL @ 500 nM (1 tube, black cap)
Lyophilized Recombinant IRAK4*	1 µg (1 tube, clear cap)	1 µg (1 tube, clear cap)	1 µg (1 tube, clear cap)
AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer (10X)**	2 mL, 1 small bottle	10 mL, 1 medium bottle	100 mL, 1 large bottle

* Reconstitute lyophilized analyte in 100 µL Milli-Q® grade H_2O. The reconstituted analyte should be used within 60 minutes or aliquoted into screw-capped 0.5 mL polypropylene vials and stored at -20°C for future experiments. The aliquoted analyte stored at -20°C is stable up to 30 days. Avoid freeze-thaw cycles. One vial contains an amount of analyte sufficient for performing 10 standard curves. Additional vials can be ordered separately (cat # AL3117S).

** Extra buffer can be ordered separately (cat # AL000C: 10 mL, cat # AL000F: 100 mL).

*** The number of assay points is based on an assay volume of 100 µL in HV size kits or 50 µL in C/F size kits using the kit components at the recommended concentrations.

Sodium azide should **not** be added to the stock reagents. High concentrations of sodium azide (> 0.001 % final in the assay) might decrease the AlphaLISA signal. Note that sodium azide from the Biotinylated Antibody stock solution will not interfere with the AlphaLISA signal (0.0001% final in the assay).

Specific additional required reagents and materials:

The following materials are recommended:

Item	Suggested source	Catalog #
TopSeal™-A Plus Adhesive Sealing Film	PerkinElmer Inc.	6050185
EnVision®-Alpha Reader	PerkinElmer Inc.	-

Recommendations

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW BEFORE USE

- The volume indicated on each tube is guaranteed for single pipetting. Multiple pipetting of the reagents may reduce the theoretical amount left in the tube. To minimize loss when pipetting beads, it is preferable not to pre-wet the tip.
- Centrifuge all tubes (including lyophilized analyte) before use to improve recovery of content (2000g, 10-15 sec). Re-suspend all reagents by vortexing before use.
- Use Milli-Q® grade H_2O (18 MΩ•cm) to dilute 10X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer and to reconstitute the lyophilized analyte.
- When diluting the standard or samples, change tips between each standard or sample dilution. When loading reagents in the assay microplate, change tips between each standard or sample addition and after each set of reagents.
- When reagents are added to the microplate, make sure the liquids are at the bottom of the well.
- Small volumes may be prone to evaporation. It is recommended to cover microplates with TopSeal-A Adhesive Sealing Films to reduce evaporation during incubation. Microplates can be read with the TopSeal-A Film in place.
- The AlphaLISA signal is detected with an EnVision Multilabel Plate Reader equipped with the Alpha option using the AlphaScreen standard settings (e.g. Total Measurement Time: 550 ms, Laser 680 nm Excitation Time: 180 ms, Mirror: D6 as, Emission Filter: M570w, Center Wavelength 570 nm, Bandwidth 100 nm, Transmittance 75%).
- AlphaLISA signal will vary with temperature and incubation time. For consistent results, identical incubation times and temperature should be used for each plate.
- The standard curves shown in this technical data sheet are provided for information only. A standard curve must be generated for each experiment.

Assay Procedure

- The protocol described below is an example for generating one standard curve in a 50 µL final assay volume (48 wells, triplicate determinations). The protocols also include testing samples in 452 wells. If different amount of samples are tested, the volumes of all reagents have to be adjusted accordingly, as shown in the table below. These calculations do not include excess reagent to account for losses during transfer of solutions or dead volumes.
- The standard dilution protocol is provided for information only. As needed, the number of replicates or the range of concentrations covered can be modified.
- Use of four background points in triplicate (12 wells) is recommended when LDL/LLOQ is calculated. One background point in triplicate (3 wells) can be used when LDL/LLOQ is not calculated.

		Volume					
Format	**# of data points**	**Final**	**Sample**	**AlphaLISA Acceptor Beads**	**Biotinylated Antibody**	**SA-Donor beads**	**Plate recommendation**
AL3117HV	100	100 µL	10 µL	20 µL	20 µL	50 µL	White OptiPlate-96 (cat # 6005290) White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560)
AL3117C	250	100 µL	10 µL	20 µL	20 µL	50 µL	White OptiPlate-96 (cat # 6005290) White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560)
	500	50 µL	5 µL	10 µL	10 µL	25 µL	White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290) Light gray AlphaPlate™-384 (cat # 6005350)
	1 250	20 µL	2 µL	4 µL	4 µL	10 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350) ProxiPlate™-384 Plus (cat # 6008280) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290)
	2 500	10 µL	1 µL	2 µL	2 µL	5 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-1536 (cat # 6004350)
AL3117F	5 000	50 µL	5 µL	10 µL	10 µL	25 µL	White ½ AreaPlate-96 (cat # 6005560) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290) Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350)
	12 500	20 µL	2 µL	4 µL	4 µL	10 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-384 (cat # 6005350) ProxiPlate-384 Plus (cat # 6008280) White OptiPlate-384 (cat # 6007290)
	25 000	10 µL	1 µL	2 µL	2 µL	5 µL	Light gray AlphaPlate-1536 (cat # 6004350)

3 Step Hi Concentration Protocol described below is for 500 assay points including one standard curve (48 wells) and samples (452 wells). *If different amount of samples are tested, the volumes of all reagents have to be adjusted accordingly.*

1) Preparation of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer:
Add 5 mL of 10X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer to 45 mL Milli-Q® grade H_2O.

2) Preparation of IRAK4 analyte standard dilutions:

a. Reconstitute lyophilized IRAK4 (1 µg) in 100 µL Milli-Q® grade H_2O. The remaining reconstituted analyte should be aliquoted immediately and stored at -20ºC for future assays (see page 4 for more details).
b. Prepare standard dilutions as follows in 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer (change tip between each standard dilution):

Tube	Vol. of IRAK4 (µL)	Vol. of diluent (µL)*	[IRAK4] in standard curve	
			(g/mL in 5 µL)	(pg/mL in 5 µL)
A	10 µL of reconstituted IRAK4	90	1.00E-06	1 000 000
B	60 µL of tube A	140	3.00E-07	300 000
C	60 µL of tube B	120	1.00E-07	100 000
D	60 µL of tube C	140	3.00E-08	30 000
E	60 µL of tube D	120	1.00E-08	10 000
F	60 µL of tube E	140	3.00E-09	3 000
G	60 µL of tube F	120	1.00E-09	1 000
H	60 µL of tube G	140	3.00E-10	300
I	60 µL of tube H	120	1.00E-10	100
J	60 µL of tube I	140	3.00E-11	30
K	60 µL of tube J	120	1.00E-11	10
L	60 µL of tube K	140	3.00E-12	3
M ** (background)	0	100	0	0
N ** (background)	0	100	0	0
O ** (background)	0	100	0	0
P ** (background)	0	100	0	0

* Dilute standards in diluent (e.g. 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer, cell culture media, lysis buffer, or serum). The diluent used to dilute standards should match the sample type as closely as possible.
At low concentrations of analyte, a significant amount of analyte can bind to the vial. Therefore, load the analyte standard dilutions in the assay microplate within 60 minutes of preparation.

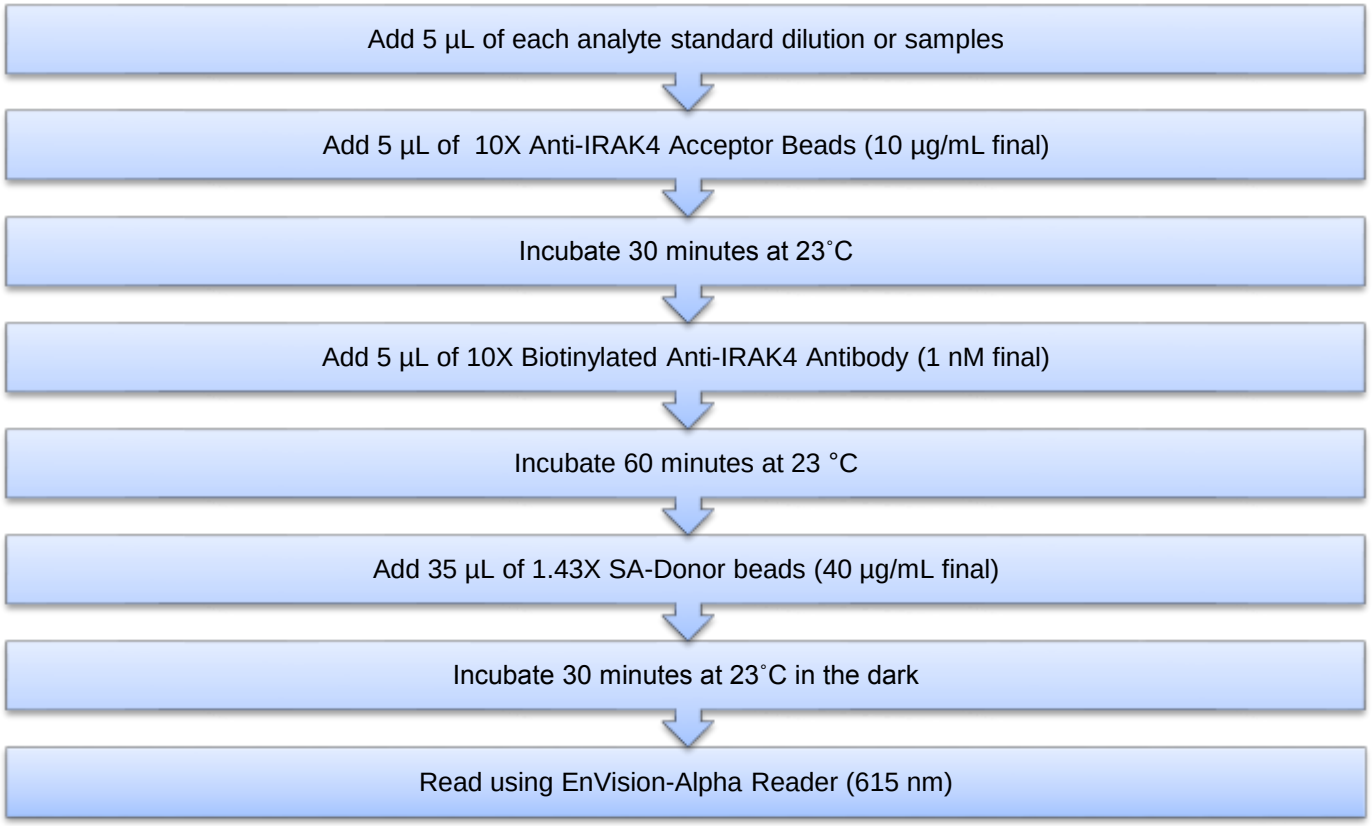
** Four background points in triplicate (12 wells) are used when LDL is calculated. If LDL does not need to be calculated, one background point in triplicate can be used (3 wells).

3) Preparation of 10X Anti-IRAK4 AlphaLISA Acceptor beads (100 µg/mL):
a. Prepare just before use.
b. Add 50 µL Anti-IRAK4 Acceptor beads to 2450 µl of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer.

4) Preparation of 10X biotinylated Anti-IRAK4 antibody (10 nM):
a. Prepare just before use.
b. Add 50 µL 500 nM Biotinylated Anti-IRAK4 Antibody to 2450 µl of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer.

5) Preparation of 1.43X Streptavidin (SA) Donor beads (57.1 µg/mL):
a. Prepare just before use.
b. Keep the beads under subdued laboratory lighting.
c. Add 200 µL of 5 mg/mL SA-Donor beads to 17 300 µL of 1X AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer.

6) In a white Optiplate (384 wells):



Data Analysis

- Calculate the average count value for the background wells.
- Generate a standard curve by plotting the AlphaLISA counts versus the concentration of analyte. A log scale can be used for either or both axes. No additional data transformation is required.
- Analyze data according to a nonlinear regression using the 4-parameter logistic equation (sigmoidal dose-response curve with variable slope) and a $1/Y^2$ data weighting (the values at maximal concentrations of analyte after the hook point should be removed for correct analysis).
- The LDL is calculated by interpolating the average background counts (12 wells without analyte) + 3 x standard deviation value (average background counts + (3xSD)) on the standard curve.
- The LLOQ as measured here is calculated by interpolating the average background counts (12 wells without analyte) + 10 x standard deviation value (average background counts + (10xSD)) on the standard curve. Alternatively, the true LLOQ can be determined by spiking known concentrations of analyte in the matrix and measuring the percent recovery, and then determining the minimal amount of spiked analyte that can be quantified within a given limit (usually +/- 20% or 30% of the real concentration).
- Read from the standard curve the concentration of analyte contained in the samples.
- If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

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Assay Performance Characteristics

AlphaLISA assay performance described below was determined using the 3-step Hi-Concentration protocol using AlphaLISA Immunoassay Buffer (IAB) as assay buffer. The analytes (standards) were prepared in IAB or AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer (ALB) and all other components were prepared in IAB.

- Assay Sensitivity:

The LDL was calculated as described above. The values correspond to the lowest concentration of analyte that can be detected in a volume of 5 µL sample using the recommended assay conditions.

LDL (pg/mL)*	(Analyte diluent)	# of experiments
76	IAB	6
84	AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer	6

- Assay Precision:

The following assay precision data were calculated from the three independent assays using two different kit lots. In each lot, the analytes were prepared in IAB or AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer. All other components were prepared in IAB. Each assay consisted of one standard curve comprising 12 data points (each in triplicate) and 12 background wells (no analytes). The assays were performed in 384-well format.

- Intra-assay precision:

The intra-assay precision was determined using a total of 16 independent determinations in triplicate. Shown as CV%.

IRAK4	IAB	Lysis Buffer
CV (%)	5	7

- Inter-assay precision:

The inter-assay precision was determined using a total of 3 independent determinations with 9 measurements for 10 ng/mL sample. Shown as CV%.

IRAK4	IAB	Lysis Buffer
CV (%)	8	8

- Spike Recovery:

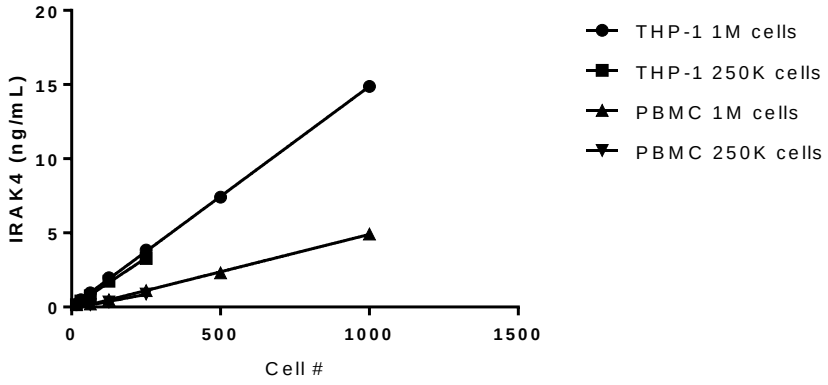
Three known concentrations of analyte were spiked into IAB or AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer. All samples, including non-spiked diluents were measured in the assay. Note that the analytes for the respective standard curves were prepared in IAB or FBS. All other assay components were diluted in IAB.

Spiked IRAK4 (ng/mL)	% Recovery	
	IAB	Lysis Buffer
10	93	96
3	85	91
1	90	95

- Lysate Experiments

To validate the assay kit, THP-1 and PBMC cell lysate samples with unknown concentrations of IRAK4 were tested. THP-1 cell lysates were harvested from a large bulk size 12-well plate. 1,000,000 and 250,00 THP-1 cells per well plated overnight, counted and lysed with 1 mL AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer. PBMC cells were thawed, counted and separated to 1,000,000 and 250,000 cells and lysed with 1 mL AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer. Data from dilutions of THP-1 cells and PBMC cells shows congruency between the cell counts and dilutions down to 5 µL of 16K THP-1 cells and 62.5K PBMC were above the LDL of IRAK4. AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer was used as the diluent in the standard curve for analysis.

IRAK 4 Dilution Linearity of THP-1 and PBMC cells



	THP-1 1M cells	THP-1 250K cells	PBMC 1M cells	PBMC 250K cells
R square	0.9998	0.9976	0.9996	0.9944

- Tissue Experiments

Commercially available Human Tumor Breast Tissue and Human Normal Placental Tissue Homogenates were tested for IRAK4. AlphaLISA Lysis Buffer was used as the diluent for the standard curve. Detected levels are displayed in the table below:

IRAK4	Amount detected (pg/mL)
Human Breast Tumor Tissue	94
Human Normal Placental Tissue	109

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Troubleshooting Guide

You will find detailed recommendations for common situations you might encounter with your AlphaLISA Assay kit at:

http://www.perkinelmer.com/lab-products-and-services/application-support-knowledgebase/alphalisa-alphascreen-no-wash-assays/alpha-troubleshooting.html

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