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PathScan® Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair

1 Kit (Reagents for 4 x 96 well plates)

Species Cross Reactivity: H M UniProt ID: #Q13131, #P54646 Entrez-Gene Id: #5562, #5563

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Product Includes	Product #	Volume	Cap Color	Storage Temp
AMPKα Rabbit Capture Rabbit mAb (100X)	61108	400 µl	Pink	+4C
Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) Detection Mouse mAb (100X)	31458	400 µl	Blue	+4C
Anti-mouse IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (1000X)	16736	40 µl	Yellow	-20C

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Description

CST's PathScan® Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair is offered as an economical alternative to our PathScan® Phospho-AMPKα-(Thr172) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7959. Capture and Detection antibodies (100X stocks) and Anti-Mouse IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (1000X stock) are supplied. Sufficient reagents are provided for 4 x 96 well ELISAs. The AMPKα Rabbit Capture Antibody is coated in PBS overnight in a 96 well microplate. After blocking, cell lysates are added followed by a Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) Mouse Detection Antibody and Anti-Mouse IgG, HRP-linked Antibody. HRP substrate, TMB, is added for color development. The magnitude of the absorbance for this developed color is proportional to the quantity of Phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) protein. Antibodies in kit are custom formulations specific to kit.

Reagents Not Supplied

Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS-20X) #9808
Phosphate Buffered Saline with Tween-20 (PBST-20X) #9809
Cell Lysis Buffer (10X) #9803
TMB Substrate #7004
STOP Solution #7002
Blocking Buffer: 1X PBS/0.5% Tween-20, 1% BSA
96 Well Microplates**
Microplate Reader
** Antibody Pairs have been validated on Corning® 96 Well Clear Polystyrene High Bind Stripwell™ Microplates (#2592).

Notes: Antibody pairs have been optimized using recommended buffers, reagents, plates and the included protocol. Solutions should be made fresh daily.

Background

AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) is highly conserved from yeast to plants and animals and plays a key role in the regulation of energy homeostasis (1). AMPK is a heterotrimeric complex composed of a catalytic α subunit and regulatory β and γ subunits, each of which is encoded by two or three distinct genes ($\alpha 1, 2; \beta 1, 2; \gamma 1, 2, 3$) (2). The kinase is activated by an elevated AMP/ATP ratio due to cellular and environmental stress, such as heat shock, hypoxia, and ischemia (1). The tumor suppressor LKB1, in association with accessory proteins STRAD and MO25, phosphorylates AMPKα at Thr172 in the activation loop, and this phosphorylation is required for AMPK activation (3-5). AMPKα is also phosphorylated at Thr258 and Ser485 (for $\alpha 1$; Ser491 for $\alpha 2$). The upstream kinase and the biological significance of these phosphorylation events have yet to be elucidated (6). The $\beta 1$ subunit is post-translationally modified by myristoylation and multi-site phosphorylation including Ser24/25, Ser96, Ser101, Ser108, and Ser182 (6,7). Phosphorylation at Ser108 of the $\beta 1$ subunit seems to be required for AMPK activation, while phosphorylation at Ser24/25 and Ser182 affects AMPK localization (7). Several mutations in AMPK γ subunits have been identified, most of which are located in the putative AMP/ATP binding sites (CBS or Bateman domains). Mutations at these sites lead to reduction of AMPK activity and cause glycogen accumulation in heart or skeletal muscle (1,2). Accumulating evidence indicates that AMPK not only regulates the metabolism of fatty acids and glycogen, but also modulates protein synthesis and cell growth through EF2 and TSC2/mTOR pathways, as well as blood flow via eNOS/nNOS (1).

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ELISA Antibody Pair

A. Solutions and Reagents

NOTE: Prepare solutions with reverse osmosis deionized (RODI) or equivalent grade water.

1. **20X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS):** (#9808) To prepare 1 L 1X PBS: add 50 ml 20X PBS to 950 ml dH₂O, mix.
2. **Wash Buffer:** 1X PBS/0.05% Tween® 20, (20X PBST #9809).
3. **Blocking Buffer:** 1X PBS/0.05% Tween® 20, 1% BSA.
4. **1X Cell Lysis Buffer:** PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Lysis Buffer (#7018) 1X: This buffer is ready to use as is. Buffer can be stored at 4°C for short-term use (1-2 weeks).

Recommended: Add 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) (#8553) immediately before use.

5. **Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA):** (#9998).
6. **TMB Substrate:** (#7004).
7. **STOP Solution:** (#7002)

NOTE: Reagents should be made fresh daily.

B. Preparing Cell Lysates

For adherent cells.

1. Aspirate media when the culture reaches 80-90% confluence. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Remove media and rinse cells once with ice-cold 1X PBS.
3. Remove PBS and add 0.5 ml to 1 ml ice-cold PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Lysis Buffer (1X) #7018 plus 1 mM PMSF to each plate (10 cm diameter) and incubate the plate on ice for 2 min.
4. Collect cell lysate in a clean tube.
5. Centrifuge for 10 min (14,000 x g) at 4°C and transfer the supernatant to a new tube. Store supernatant at -80°C in single-use aliquots.

For suspension cells

1. Remove media by low speed centrifugation (~1,200 rpm) when the culture reaches 0.5-1.0 x 10⁶ viable cells/ml. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Collect cells by low speed centrifugation (~1,200 rpm) and wash once with 5-10 ml ice-cold 1X PBS.
3. Cells harvested from 50 ml of growth media can be lysed in 2.0 ml of 1X cell lysis buffer plus 1 mM PMSF.
4. Resuspend the cell pellet and incubate the tube on ice for 2 min.
5. Microcentrifuge for 10 min (x14,000 rpm) at 4°C and transfer the supernatant to a new tube. The supernatant is the cell lysate. Store at -80°C in single-use aliquots.

C. Coating Procedure

1. Rinse microplate with 200 µl of dH₂O, discard liquid. Blot on paper towel to make sure wells are dry.
2. Dilute capture antibody 1:100 in 1X PBS. For a single 96 well plate, add 100 µl of capture antibody stock to 9.9 ml 1X PBS. Mix well and add 100 µl/well. Cover plate and incubate overnight at 4°C (17-20 hr).
3. **After overnight coating, gently uncover plate and wash wells:**
 1. Discard plate contents into a receptacle.
 2. Wash four times with wash buffer, 200 µl each time per well. For each wash, strike plates on fresh paper towels hard enough to remove the residual solution in each well, but do not allow wells to completely dry at any time.
 3. Clean the underside of all wells with a lint-free tissue.
4. Block plates. Add 150 µl of blocking buffer/well, cover plate, and incubate at 37°C for 2 hr.
5. After blocking, wash plate (Section C, Step 3). Plate is ready to use.

D. Test Procedure

1. Lysates can be used undiluted or diluted in blocking buffer. 100 μ l of lysate is added per well. Cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 2 hr.
2. Wash plate (Section C, Step 3).
3. Dilute detection antibody 1:100 in blocking buffer. For a single 96 well plate, add 100 μ l of detection antibody Stock to 9.9 ml of blocking buffer. Mix well and add 100 μ l/well. Cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 1 hr.
4. Wash plate (Section C, Step 3).
5. Secondary antibody, either streptavidin anti-mouse or anti-rabbit-HRP, is diluted 1:1000 in blocking buffer. For a single 96 well plate, add 10 μ l of secondary antibody stock to 9.99 ml of blocking buffer. Mix well and add 100 μ l/well. Cover and incubate at 37°C for 30 min.
6. Wash plate (Section C, Step 3).
7. Add 100 μ l of TMB substrate per well. Cover and incubate at 37°C for 10 min.
8. Add 100 μ l of STOP solution per well. Shake gently for a few seconds.
9. Read plate on a microplate reader at absorbance 450 nm.

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