**TrkA and TrkB Antibody Sampler Kit**

☑️ 1 Kit

(5 x 20 µl)

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**Description:** The TrkA and TrkB Antibody Sampler Kit provides an economical means to investigate the Trk family of tyrosine kinase receptors. The kit includes enough antibody to perform two western blot experiments with each primary antibody.

**Background:** The family of Trk receptor tyrosine kinases consists of TrkA, TrkB, and TrkC. While the sequence of these family members is highly conserved, they are activated by different neurotrophins: TrkA by NGF, TrkB by BDNF or NT4, and TrkC by NT3 (1). Neurotrophin signaling through these receptors regulates a number of physiological processes, such as cell survival, proliferation, neural development, and axon and dendrite growth and patterning (1). In the adult nervous system, the Trk receptors regulate synaptic strength and plasticity. TrkA regulates proliferation and is important for development and maturation of the nervous system (2). Phosphorylation at Tyr490 is required for Shc association and activation of the Ras-MAP kinase cascade (3,4). Residues Tyr674/675 lie within the catalytic domain, and phosphorylation at these sites reflects TrkA kinase activity (3-6). Point mutations, deletions, and chromosomal rearrangements (chimeras) cause ligand-independent receptor dimerization and activation of TrkA (7-10). TrkA is activated in many malignancies including breast, ovarian, prostate, and thyroid carcinomas (8-13). Research studies suggest that expression of TrkA in neuroblastomas may be a good prognostic marker as TrkA signals growth arrest and differentiation of cells originating from the neural crest (10). The phosphorylation sites are conserved between TrkA and TrkB. Tyr490 of TrkA corresponds to Tyr512 in TrkB, and Tyr674/675 of TrkA to Tyr706/707 in TrkB of the human sequence (14). TrkB is overexpressed in tumors, such as neuroblastoma, prostatic adenocarcinoma, and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (15). Research studies have shown that in neuroblastomas, overexpression of TrkB correlates with an unfavorable disease outcome when autocrine loops signaling tumor survival are potentiated by additional overexpression of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) (16-18). An alternatively spliced truncated TrkB isoform lacking the kinase domain is overexpressed in Wilms’ tumors and this isoform may act as a dominant-negative regulator of TrkB signaling (17).

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** Both total TrkA and TrkB antibodies detect endogenous levels of their respective Trk receptors and do not cross-react with related proteins. The Trk (pan) (A76H6R) Rabbit mAb detects endogenous levels of total TrkA, TrkB, and TrkC proteins. However, the antibody may preferentially detect TrkA over TrkB and TrkC over TrkB. Phospho-TrkA (Tyr490)/TrkB (Tyr516) (C35G9) Rabbit mAb detects endogenous levels of TrkA and TrkB only when phosphorylated at the indicated sites; this antibody may cross-react with Bcr-Abl phosphorylated at an unknown tyrosine residue. Phospho-TrkB (Tyr674/675)/TrkB (Tyr706/707) (C50F3) Rabbit mAb detects endogenous levels of TrkA and TrkB only when phosphorylated at the indicated sites; this antibody may cross-react with Bcr-Abl phosphorylated at ~150 kDa phosphorylated at an unknown tyrosine residue.

**Source/Purification:** Total monoclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with synthetic peptides (KLH-coupled) corresponding to residues surrounding Tyr490 of human TrkA or Tyr674/674 of human TrkB. The phosphorylation sites are conserved between TrkA and TrkB. Tyr490 of TrkA corresponds to Tyr512 in TrkB, and Tyr674/675 of TrkA to Tyr706/707 in TrkB of the human sequence (14). TrkB is overexpressed in tumors, such as neuroblastoma, prostatic adenocarcinoma, and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (15). Research studies have shown that in neuroblastomas, overexpression of TrkB correlates with an unfavorable disease outcome when autocrine loops signaling tumor survival are potentiated by additional overexpression of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) (16-18). An alternatively spliced truncated TrkB isoform lacking the kinase domain is overexpressed in Wilms’ tumors and this isoform may act as a dominant-negative regulator of TrkB signaling (17).

**Background References:**

Western Immunoblotting Protocol

For western blots, incubate membrane with diluted primary antibody in either 5% w/v BSA or nonfat dry milk, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween® 20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.

NOTE: Please refer to primary antibody datasheet or product webpage for recommended primary antibody dilution buffer and recommended antibody dilution.

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. 10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS): (#12498) To prepare 1 L 1X TBS: add 100 ml 10X to 900 ml dH2O, mix.
3. 1X SDS Sample Buffer: Blue Loading Pack (#7722) or Red Loading Pack (#7723). Prepare fresh 3X reducing loading buffer by adding 1/10 volume 3X DTT to 1 volume of 3X SDS loading buffer. Dilute to 1X with dH2O.
4. 10X Tris-Glycine SDS Running Buffer: (#4050) To prepare 1 L 1X running buffer: add 100 ml 1X running buffer to 900 ml dH2O, mix.
5. 10X Tris-Glycine Transfer Buffer: (#12539) To prepare 1 L 1X transfer buffer: add 100 ml 10X transfer buffer to 200 ml methanol + 700 ml dH2O, mix.
6. 10X Tris Buffered Saline with Tween® 20 (TBST): (#9997) To prepare 1 L 1X TBST: add 100 ml 10X TBST to 900 ml dH2O, mix.
7. Nonfat Dry Milk: (#9999)
8. Blocking Buffer: 1X TBST with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk to 150 ml 1X TBST and mix well.
9. Wash Buffer: (#9997) 1X TBST
10. Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA): (#9998)
11. Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer: 1X TBST with 5% BSA or 5% nonfat dry milk as indicated on primary antibody datasheet; for 20 ml, add 1.0 g BSA or nonfat dry milk to 20 ml 1X TBST and mix well.
13. Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format): (#7720)
14. Blotting Membrane and Paper: (#12369) This protocol has been optimized for nitrocellulose membranes. Pore size 0.2 µm is generally recommended.
15. Secondary Antibody Conjugated to HRP: anti-rabbit (#7074); anti-mouse (#7076)
16. Detection Reagent: LumiGLO® chemiluminescent reagent and peroxide (#7003) or SignalFire™ ECL Reagent (#6883)

B. Protein Blotting

A general protocol for sample preparation.

1. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
3. Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 µl per well of 6-well plate or 500 µl for a 10 cm diameter plate). Immediately scrape the cells off the plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
4. Sonicate for 10–15 sec to complete cell lysis and shear DNA (to reduce sample viscosity).
5. Heat a 20 µl sample to 95–100°C for 5 min; cool on ice.
6. Microcentrifuge for 5 min.
7. Load 20 µl onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm). NOTE: Loading of prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µl/ lane) to verify electrophoresis and biotinylated protein ladder (#7727, 10 µl/ lane) to determine molecular weights are recommended.
8. Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose membrane (#12369).

C. Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

NOTE: Volumes are for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm²) of membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.

I. Membrane Blocking

1. (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 min at room temperature.
2. Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hr at room temperature.
3. Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.

II. Primary Antibody Incubation

1. Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution and diluent as recommended in the product datasheet) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
2. Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.
3. Incubate membrane with the species appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (#7074 or #7076 at 1:2000) and anti-biotin, HRP-linked Antibody (#7075 at 1:1000–1:3000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hr at room temperature.
4. Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.
5. Proceed with detection (Section D).

D. Detection of Proteins

1. Incubate membrane with 10 ml LumiGLO® (0.5 ml 20X LumiGLO® #7003, 0.5 ml 20X peroxide, and 9.0 ml purified water) or 10 ml SignalFire™ #6883 (5 ml Reagent A, 5 ml Reagent B) with gentle agitation for 1 min at room temperature.
2. Drain membrane of excess developing solution (do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to x-ray film. An initial 10 sec exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.

NOTE: Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following incubation and declines over the following 2 hr.