

PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout)



✓ 1 Kit
(32 multiplexed assays)

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Species Cross-Reactivity: H, M

Description: The PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) uses glass slides as the planar surface and is based upon the sandwich immunoassay principle. The array kit allows for the simultaneous detection of 16 phosphorylated proteins predominantly belonging to the Akt signaling network. Target-specific capture antibodies have been spotted in duplicate onto nitrocellulose-coated glass slides. Each kit contains two 16-pad slides, allowing the user to test up to 32 samples and generate 512 data points in a single experiment. Cell lysate is incubated on the slide followed by a biotinylated detection antibody cocktail. Streptavidin-conjugated DyLight™ 680 is then used to visualize the bound detection antibody. A fluorescent image of the slide can then be captured with a digital imaging system and spot intensities quantified using array analysis software.

Specificity/Sensitivity: PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) detects the indicated cellular proteins and signaling nodes only when phosphorylated on the specified residues (see Array Target Map). No substantial cross-reactivity has been observed between targets. This kit is optimized for cell lysates diluted to a total protein concentration between 0.2 and 1 mg/ml (see kit protocol).

Products Included	Quantity	Cap Color
Array Slides	2 slides	
Multi-Well Gasket	2 gaskets	
Sealing Tape	2 sheets	
20X Array Wash Buffer	15 ml	White
Array Blocking Buffer	5 ml	Red
Array Diluent Buffer	15 ml	Blue
10X Detection Antibody Cocktail	300 µl	White
10X DyLight™ 680-linked Streptavidin	300 µl	Brown
*Cell Lysis Buffer #7018	30 ml	Clear

*Kit should be stored at 4°C with the exception of 1X Cell Lysis Buffer, which is stored at -20°C (packaged separately).

Akt Signaling

Target	Phosphorylation Site
1 Positive Control	N/A
2 Negative Control	N/A
3 Akt	Thr308
4 Akt	Ser473
5 S6 Ribosomal Protein	Ser235/236
6 AMPKα	Thr172
7 PRAS40	Thr246
8 mTOR	Ser2481
9 GSK-3α	Ser21
10 GSK-3β	Ser9
11 p70 S6 Kinase	Thr389
12 p70 S6 Kinase	Thr421/Ser424
13 Bad	Ser112
14 RSK1	Ser380
15 PTEN	Ser380
16 PDK1	Ser241
17 Erk1/2	Thr202/Tyr204
18 4E-BP1	Thr37/46

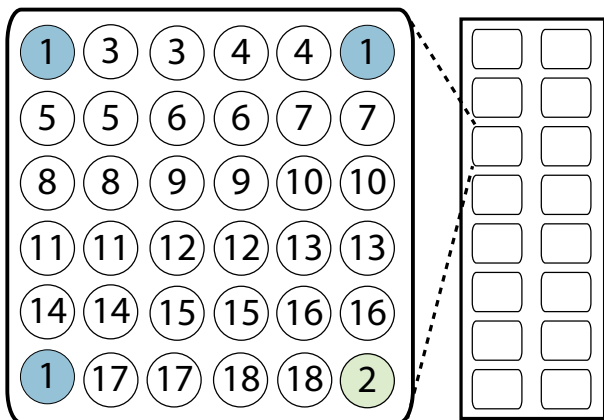


Figure 1. Target map of the PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) #9700.

Background: The Akt signaling module is typically activated in response to growth factor stimulation of receptor tyrosine kinases transmitting primarily anabolic growth and survival signals. Akt1/2 are ubiquitously expressed protein kinases having a multitude of cellular substrates and are involved in the regulation of a wide range of cellular processes. Akt is activated by phosphorylation at two distinct sites: Ser473 by the mTORC2 complex and Thr308 by the plasma membrane residing kinase PDK1.

PI3 kinase is a lipid kinase that phosphorylates inositol phospholipids at position three to generate docking sites for Akt at the plasma membrane where Akt is activated. PTEN is a lipid phosphatase that negates the action of PI3 kinase to downregulate the signal emanating from this module.

mTOR integrates growth factor signaling and nutrient availability and is a core component of two macromolecular complexes, mTORC1 and mTORC2. The autophosphorylation of mTOR at Ser2481 correlates with the levels of its activation. mTORC1 phosphorylation of p70 S6 kinase leads to kinase activation, which in turn activates protein synthesis. The S6 ribosomal protein is found downstream of p70 S6 kinase and its phosphorylation at Ser235/236 reflects mTOR pathway activation. The mTORC2 complex activates Akt by phosphorylating it at Ser473. Phosphorylation of PRAS40 at Thr246 by Akt relieves PRAS40 inhibition of mTORC1.

4E-BP1 is a repressor of translation and inhibits cap-dependent translation initiation. Hyperphosphorylation of 4E-BP1 by mTORC1 leads to derepression of this blockade, which results in activation of cap-dependent translation.

Phosphorylation of the pro-apoptotic protein Bad at Ser112 and the multifunctional kinases GSK-3 α and GSK-3 β at Ser21 and Ser9, respectively, by Akt inhibits their activity and promotes cell survival.

AMPK is an energy sensor that is activated by phosphorylation at Thr172 in response to elevated AMP levels. Under conditions of low energy and elevated levels of AMP, AMPK helps to ensure that anabolic processes, such as those triggered by Akt, are decreased until energy levels are restored.

Although not a component of the Akt signaling network, Erk1 and Erk2 kinases are a central component of the Ras/MAP kinase signaling module. Erk1/2 regulate multiple cellular functions and are involved in a broad range of cellular processes, such as proliferation, differentiation, and motility. Erk and Akt signaling modules cross regulate each other at multiple points and through a variety of mechanisms. Erk is activated by a wide range of extracellular signals including growth factors, cytokines, hormones, and neurotransmitters, leading to dual phosphorylation at Thr202 and Tyr204.

The 90 kDa ribosomal S6 kinase 1 (RSK1) is activated primarily by Erk1/2 in response to many growth factors, polypeptide hormones, and neurotransmitters. p90RSK1 phosphorylates a wide range of substrates including ribosomal protein S6, and positively regulates protein translation and cellular growth. p90RSK1 can also be activated by kinases that regulate the response to cellular stress.

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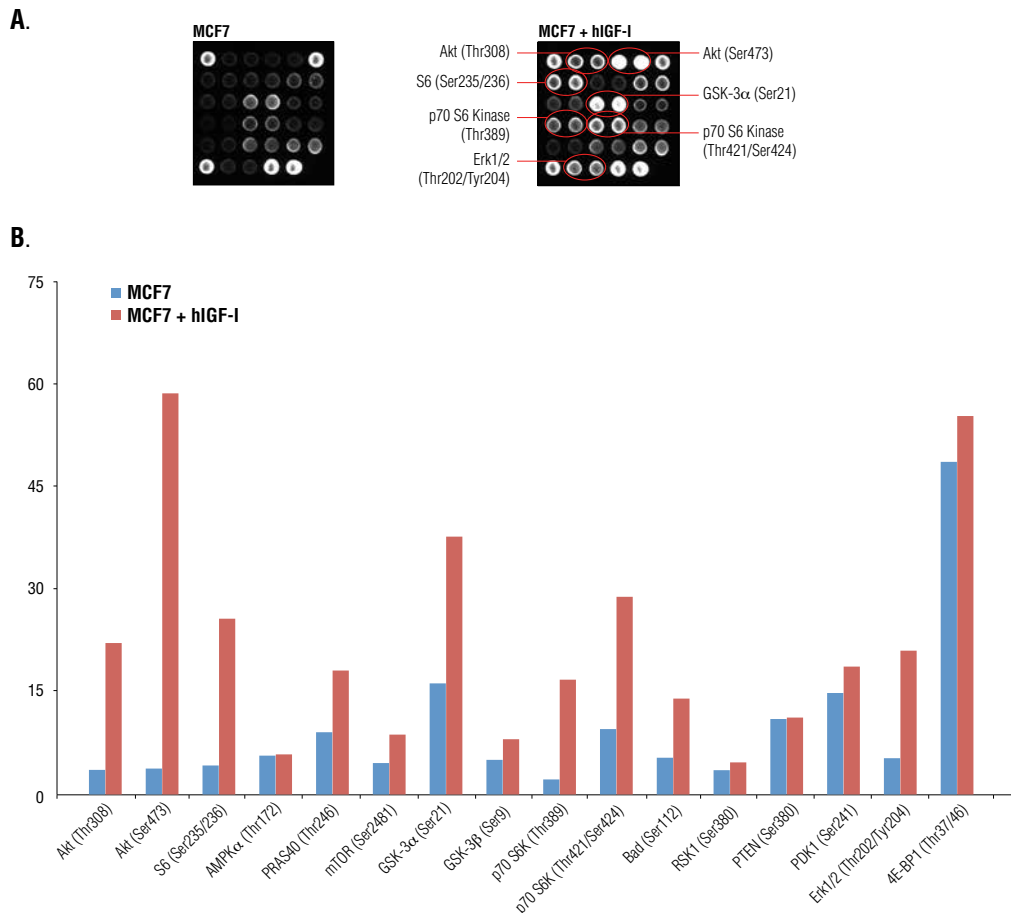


Figure 2. MCF7 cells were grown to 85% confluency and then serum starved overnight. Cells were either untreated or treated with Human Insulin-like Growth Factor I (hIGF-I) #8917 (100 ng/ml, 20 min). Cell extracts were prepared and analyzed using the PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) #9700. Panel A shows images that were acquired using the LI-COR® Biosciences Odyssey® imaging system. Panel B shows quantification of results. Pixel intensity was quantified using the LI-COR® Image Studio v2.0 array analysis software.

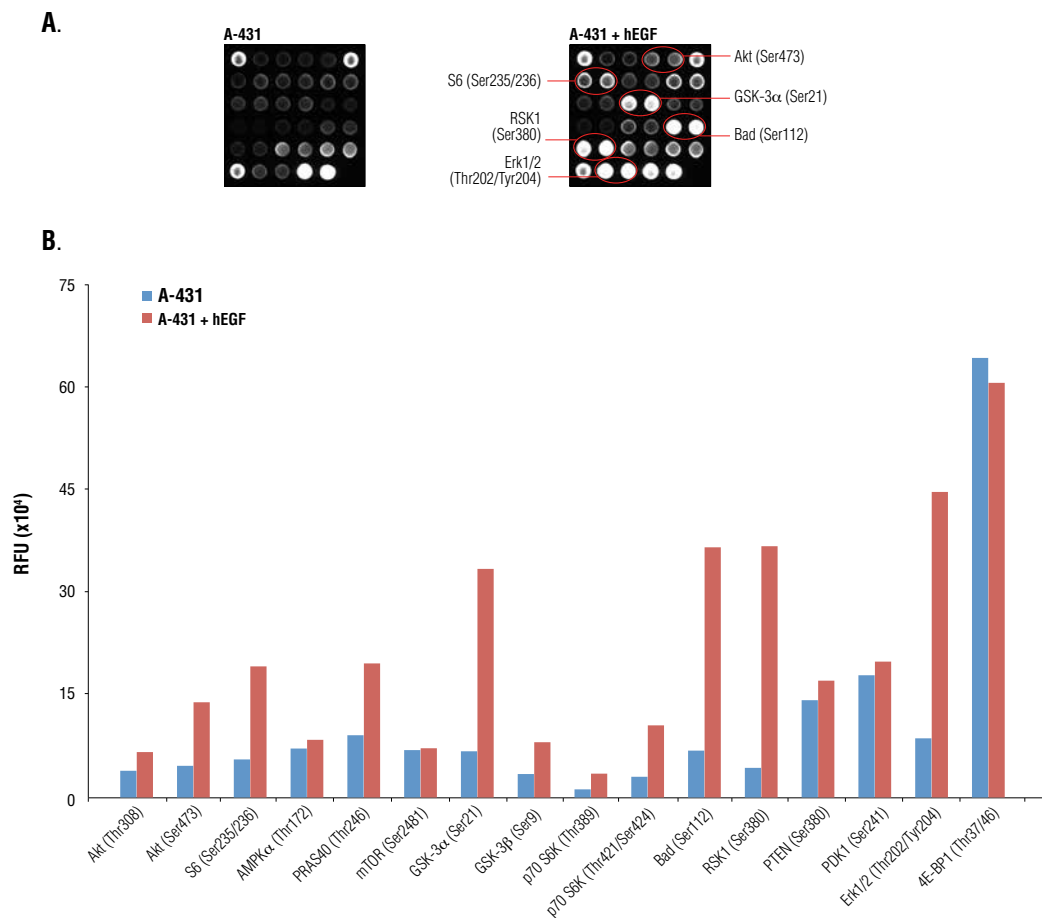


Figure 3. A-431 cells were grown to 85% confluency and then serum starved overnight. Cells were either untreated or treated with Human Epidermal Growth Factor (hEGF) #8916 (100 ng/ml, 5 min). Cell extracts were prepared and analyzed using the PathScan® Akt Signaling Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) #9700. Panel A shows images that were acquired using the LI-COR® Biosciences Odyssey® imaging system. Panel B shows quantification of results. Pixel intensity was quantified using the LI-COR® Image Studio v2.0 array analysis software.

PathScan® Antibody Array Kit (Fluorescent Readout) Protocol

A Preparing Cell Lysates

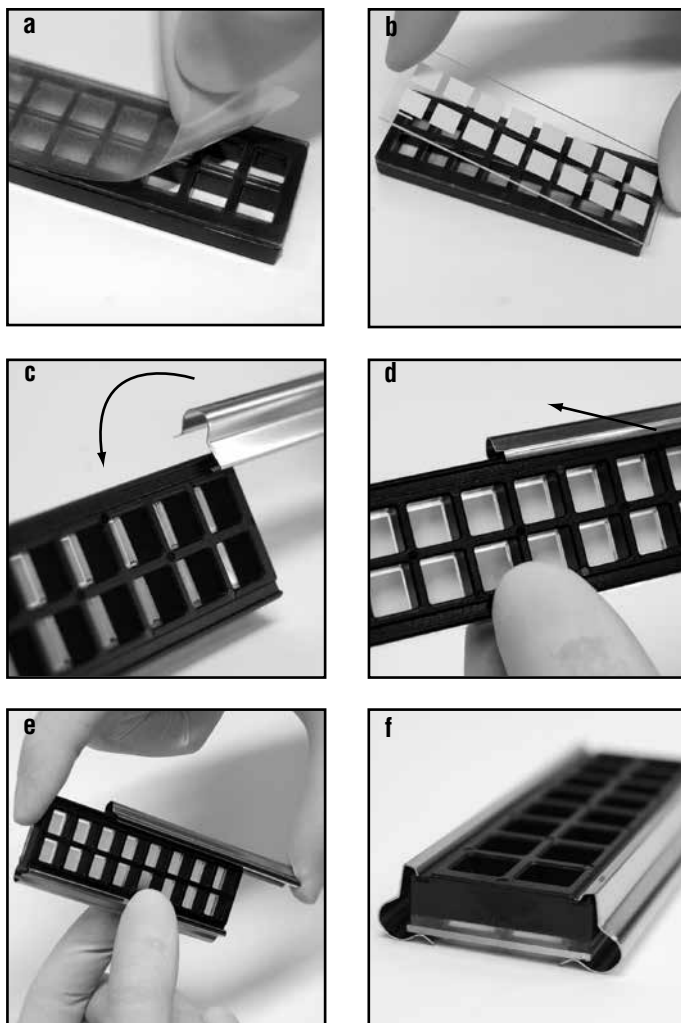
1. Thaw 1X Cell Lysis Buffer #7018 and mix thoroughly. Supplement Cell Lysis Buffer with phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) to a final concentration of 1 mM, or a cocktail of protease inhibitors (not included). Keep lysis buffer on ice.
2. Remove media and wash cells once with ice-cold 1X PBS.
3. Remove PBS and add ice-cold 1X Cell Lysis Buffer. For adherent cells, use 0.5 ml 1X Cell Lysis Buffer for each plate (10 cm in diameter). Incubate on ice for 5 minutes.
4. If using adherent cells, dislodge the cells using a cell scraper. Transfer lysed cells to an appropriate tube. Keep on ice.
5. Microcentrifuge at maximum speed for 10 minutes at 4°C and transfer the supernatant to a new tube. The supernatant is the cell lysate. Lysate may be used immediately or stored at -80°C in single-use aliquots.
6. Immediately before performing the assay, dilute lysates to 0.2 – 1.0 mg/ml in Array Diluent Buffer. Set aside on ice.

B Assay Procedure

1. Bring glass slides and blocking buffer to room temperature before use.
2. Prepare 1X Array Wash Buffer by diluting 20X Array Wash Buffer in deionized water.
Dilute 1mL of 20X Array Wash Buffer with 19 ml of deionized water. Label as 1X Array Wash Buffer.
3. Prepare 1X Detection Antibody Cocktail as follows:
For running only 1 slide: Dilute 150µL of 10X Detection Antibody Cocktail with 1350 µl of Array Diluent Buffer.
For running 2 slides: Dilute 300 µl of 10X Detection Antibody Cocktail with 2700 µl of Array Diluent Buffer.
4. Prepare 1X DyLight 680®-linked Streptavidin as follows:
For running only 1 slide: Dilute 150 µl of 10X DyLight 680®-linked Streptavidin with 1350 µl of Array Diluent Buffer.
For running 2 slides: Dilute 300 µl 10X DyLight 680®-linked Streptavidin with 2700 µl of Array Diluent Buffer.
*Keep on ice and protect from light.
5. Affix the multi-well gasket to the glass slide (see figure at right):
 - a. Place the multi-well gasket face-down on the benchtop (the silicone layer should be facing up). Remove the protective plastic film.
 - b. Carefully place the glass slide on top of the multi-well gasket with the nitrocellulose pads facing down while aligning the pads with the openings in the gasket. The orientation line should appear in the upper left hand corner when the slide is oriented vertically.
 - c. Insert the numbered metal clip into the groove in the gasket and rotate the clip into the locked position. Ensure that the clip is on the same side as the orientation line on the slide.
 - d. Slide the clip into place. The number "1" on the metal clip will now be in the same corner of the assembly as the orientation line.
 - e. Snap the unmarked metal clip to the other side of the assembly in the same manner and slide into place.
 - f. The assembled array is ready to use.
6. Add 100 µl Array Blocking Buffer to each well and cover with sealing tape. Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature on an orbital shaker.
Note: Do not allow the pads to dry out until after step 14.
7. Decant Array Blocking Buffer by gently flicking out the liquid into a sink or other appropriate waste receptacle. Add 75 µl diluted lysate to each well and cover with sealing tape. Incubate for 2 hours at room temp (or overnight at 4°C) on an orbital shaker.

8. Decant well contents by gently flicking out the liquid into a sink or other appropriate waste receptacle. Add 100 µl 1X Array Wash Buffer to each well and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature on an orbital shaker. Repeat three more times. Decant well contents.
9. Add 75 µl 1X Detection Antibody Cocktail to each well and cover with sealing tape. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature on an orbital shaker.
10. Wash 4 X 5 minutes with 100 µl 1X Array Wash Buffer as in step 8.
Note: From this point on, keep slide protected from light.
11. Add 75 µl 1X DyLight 680®-linked Streptavidin to each well and cover with sealing tape. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature on an orbital shaker.
12. Wash 4 X 5 minutes with 100 µl 1X Array Wash Buffer as in step 8.
13. Remove multi-well gasket by pulling the bottom of the metal clips away from the center of the slide, then peeling the slide and gasket apart.
14. Place the slide face up in a plastic dish (a clean pipette tip box cover works well). Wash once for 10 seconds with 10 ml deionized water.
15. Remove slide from plastic dish and allow to dry completely.
16. Capture an image of the slide using a fluorescent digital imaging system capable of exciting at 680 nm and detecting at 700 nm. Quantify spot intensities using commercially available array image analysis software.

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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for PathScan® Antibody Array Kit



I. Identification:

Product name: PathScan® Antibody Array Kit
Product Catalog: 7744, 7323, 9700 Kits
Manufacturer Supplier: Cell Signaling Technology
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II. Composition/Information:

Substance Name: PathScan® Antibody Array Kit

CAS#: None

This product is For Research Use Only. According to 29 CFR 1910.1200(d), mixtures with hazardous ingredients at less than <1% and carcinogens at less than <0.1% are considered non-hazardous. Please refer to the individual material safety data sheets for hazard information specific to kit components.

- Array Slides MSDS
- PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Lysis Buffer (1X) (CST#7018) MSDS
- Array Blocking Buffer MSDS
- Array Diluent Buffer MSDS
- Array Wash Buffer MSDS
- Detection Antibody Cocktail MSDS
- HRP-linked Streptavidin MSDS (Kit 7323 only)
- DyLight 680®-linked Steptavidin MSDS (Kit 7744 only)
- 20X LumiGLO & 20X Peroxide (CST#7003) MSDS

III. Hazard Identification:

Emergency Overview:

Not considered hazardous.

Not expected to produce significant adverse health effects when the recommended instructions for use are followed. No known significant effects or critical hazards.

IV. First Aid Measures:

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention.

Ingestion: If person is conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention.

Skin exposure: Wash skin with soap and water. If irritation develops or persists, get medical attention.

Eye exposure: Immediately flush eyes water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

V. Fire Fighting Measures:

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Explosion: Not applicable.

Fire extinguishing media: Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.

Firefighting: Wear protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

Specific Hazard: None.

VI. Accidental Release Measures: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as indicated in Section VIII. Absorb liquid with an absorbent material. Transfer contaminated absorbent to a closed chemical waste container for disposal. Wash spill site after material has been picked up for disposal.

VII. Handling And Storage:

Storage: Store kit in tightly closed container at 4°C.

VIII - XIII. Refer to individual MSDS for kit components for Sections 8-13 information: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection, Physical and Chemical Properties, Stability and Reactivity, Toxicological Information, Ecological information, Disposal Considerations.

XIV. Transport Information:

DOT: Proper Shipping Name: None.

This substance is considered Non-Hazardous for transport.

IATA: Proper Shipping Name: None.

This substance is considered Non-Hazardous for air transport.

XV. Regulatory Information:

EU Regulations/Classifications: Xi. Irritant.

Risk Phrases: Irritant. Irritating to eyes and skin. Harmful if swallowed.

Safety Phrases: In case of contact wash with water and seek medical attention.

US Regulatory Information: Irritant.

XVI. Other Information:

This product is not intended for use in humans. To the best of our knowledge, this document is accurate. It is intended to serve as a guide for safe use of this product in a laboratory setting by experienced personnel. The burden of safe use of this material rests entirely with the user. The above information is believed to be accurate but is not necessarily all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Cell Signaling Technology, Inc., shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from the handling of or from contact with the above product.