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**Protein Kinase Substrate**

# c-Jun Fusion Protein

Concentration: 1 mg/ml

Recombinant

- Small 0.1 mg
- Large 0.5 mg



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**Background:** c-Jun is a member of the Jun Family containing c-Jun, JunB and JunD, and is a component of the transcription factor AP-1 (activator protein-1). AP-1 is composed of dimers of Fos, Jun and ATF family members and binds to and activates transcription at TRE/AP-1 elements (reviewed in 1). Extracellular signals including growth factors, chemokines and stress activate AP-1-dependent transcription. The transcriptional activity of c-Jun is regulated by phosphorylation at Ser63 and Ser73 through SAPK/JNK (reviewed in 2). Knock-out studies in mice have shown that c-Jun is essential for embryogenesis (3), and subsequent studies have demonstrated roles for c-Jun in various tissues and developmental processes including axon regeneration (4), liver regeneration (5) and T cell development (6). AP-1 regulated genes exert diverse biological functions including cell proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis, as well as transformation, invasion and metastasis, depending on cell type and context (7-9). Other target genes regulate survival as well as hypoxia and angiogenesis (8,10). c-Jun has emerged as a promising therapeutic target for cancer, vascular remodeling, acute inflammation, as well as rheumatoid arthritis (11,12).

**Description:** c-Jun Fusion Protein serves as a useful substrate for SAPK/JNK, which will phosphorylate it at Ser63 and Ser73 (1). It is expressed as a recombinant protein fusion to amino acid residues corresponding to c-Jun codons 1-89.

**Source/Purification:** Isolated from a strain of E. coli that carries the coding sequence for human c-Jun residues 1-89 (kindly provided by Dr. J.R. Woodgett). Protein was purified by affinity chromatography.

**Quality Control:** The purified protein was identified by SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis, using c-Jun Antibody #9162, to be greater than 95% c-Jun Fusion Protein.

**Directions for Use:** c-Jun Fusion Protein at a concentration of 0.5 µg/µl in a 20 µl reaction can be phosphorylated using active SAPK in an in vitro kinase assay with 1X Kinase Buffer (#9802) and 200 µM ATP (#9804). After a 30-minute assay at 30°C, phosphorylation can be detected by Western blot with phospho-specific c-Jun antibodies (#9164 and #9261).

**Molecular Formula:** Apparent Molecular Weight: 37 kDa

**Selected Application References:**

Malek, R.L. et al. (2001) Nrg-1 belongs to the endothelial differentiation gene family of G protein-coupled sphingosine-1-phosphate receptors. *J. Biol. Chem.* 276, 5692-5699.

**Entrez-Gene ID** #3725  
**Swiss-Prot Acc.** #P05412

**Storage:** Supplied in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5 at 25°C), 50 mM NaCl, 2 mM Na2EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C.

**For application specific protocols please see the web page for this product at [www.cellsignal.com](http://www.cellsignal.com).**

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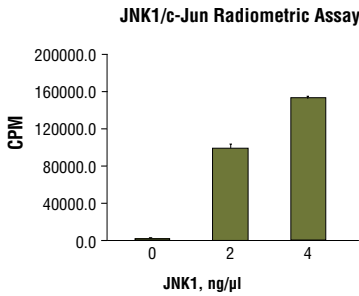


Figure 2. c-Jun fusion protein was used as substrate to measure JNK1 kinases activity in a radiometric assay using the following reaction conditions: 25 mM Tris-HCl (pH7.5), 10 mM MgCl2, 5 mM b-glycerophosphate, 0.1 mM Na3VO4, 2 mM DTT, 50 µM ATP, Substrate: c-Jun fusion protein 400 ng/µL, and variable amounts of JNK1 kinases.

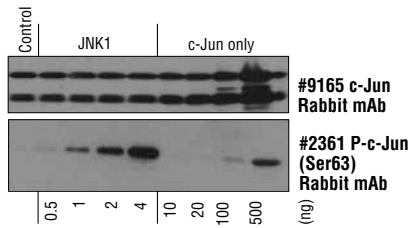


Figure 1. Western blot analysis of c-Jun fusion protein phosphorylated by JNK1 kinase, using c-Jun (60A8) Rabbit mAb #9165 (upper panel) and Phospho-c-Jun (Ser63) (54B3) Rabbit mAb #2361 (lower panel).

## Fusion Protein Protocol

### A Solutions and Reagents

- Note:** Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.
- 10X Kinase Buffer (#9802):** Store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . May be stored at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for short-term use (1–2 weeks).
- c-Jun Fusion Protein:** Concentration = 2mg/ml.
- 10 mM ATP Adenosine-5' triphosphate (ATP)** supplied as a 10 mM solution in sterile, doubly distilled water as a disodium salt. #9804
- $^{32}\text{P}$ ATP
- \* **Transfer Buffer:** 25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH=8.5).
- \* **3X SDS Sample Buffer:** 187.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), 6% w/v sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 30% glycerol, 150 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 0.03% w/v bromophenol blue. For 100 mL, use 2.27 g Tris-HCl, 6g SDS, 30 mL glycerol and 30mg w/v bromophenol blue or bromophenol blue dye. Store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Add DTT fresh just before use.
- \* **10X Tris-Buffered Saline with Tween-20 (TBS/T):** 0.2 M Tris base, 1.36 M NaCl, 1.0% Tween-20. To prepare 1 liter, dissolve 24.2 g Tris, 80 g NaCl in  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  and adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl. Store at room temperature.
- \* **Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBS/T with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk. For 150 mL, dissolve 7.5g nonfat dry milk in 15 mL 10X TBS/T and 135 mL  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ . Mix well. Prepare freshly for each experiment.
- \* **Wash Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T). Store at room temperature.
- \* **Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBS/T with 5% BSA.
- Phototope<sup>®</sup>-HRP Western Blot Detection System #7071:** Includes biotinylated protein marker, secondary anti-rabbit (#7074) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP), anti-biotin antibody conjugated to HRP (#7075), 20X LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> chemiluminescent reagent and 20X peroxide (#7003).
- LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> Substrate #7003:** 0.5 mL 20X LumiGLO, 0.5 mL 20X peroxide and 9.0 mL Milli-Q water.

### B Radiometric Assay Protocol

- Dilute 10 mM ATP with 3X assay buffer 1:40 to make 250  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP.
- Dilute c-Jun (1 mg/ml) with  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  by 1:2 to make 0.5 mg/ml c-Jun solution.
- Dilute [ $^{32}\text{P}$ ] ATP to 0.2  $\mu\text{Ci}/\mu\text{l}$  [ $^{32}\text{P}$ ] ATP with 250  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP solution.
- Transfer enzyme from  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
- Dilute enzyme protein to desired concentration with 1X assay buffer followed by 2-fold serial dilutions.
- To start the reaction combine 10  $\mu\text{l}$  kinase solution, 10  $\mu\text{l}$  c-Jun Fusion Protein (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) and 5  $\mu\text{l}$  0.2  $\mu\text{Ci}/\mu\text{l}$  [ $^{32}\text{P}$ ] ATP solution.

#### Final Assay Conditions

25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)  
 10 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$   
 5 mM  $\text{b-glycerophosphate}$   
 0.1 mM  $\text{Na}_3\text{VO}_4$   
 2 mM DTT  
 200  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP  
 200  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  c-Jun fusion protein  
 10–100 ng Kinase

- After 15 minutes terminate reaction by spotting 20  $\mu\text{l}$  of the reaction mixture onto phosphocellulose P81 paper.
- Air dry the P81 paper then wash with 1% phosphoric acid 3 times.
- Transfer P81 paper to 4 ml scintillation tube then add 3 ml scintillation cocktail.
- Count samples in a scintillation counter.

### C Kinase Assay

- Dilute 10 mM ATP with 2X kinase assay buffer by 1:25 to make 400  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP.
- Dilute c-Jun (1 mg/ml) with  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  by 1:2 to make 0.5 mg/ml c-Jun solution.
- Transfer enzyme from  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
- Dilute enzyme protein to desired concentration with 2X assay buffer (with ATP).
- To start the reaction combine 20  $\mu\text{l}$  diluted kinase solution and 20  $\mu\text{l}$  c-Jun (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ).

#### Final Assay Conditions for a 40 $\mu\text{l}$ Reaction

25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)  
 10 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$   
 5 mM  $\text{b-glycerophosphate}$   
 0.1 mM  $\text{Na}_3\text{VO}_4$   
 2 mM DTT  
 200  $\mu\text{M}$  ATP  
 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  c-Jun fusion protein  
 10–100 ng Kinase

- After 30 minutes terminate reaction with 20  $\mu\text{l}$  3X SDS Sample Buffer.
- Dilute sample with 1X SDS Sample Buffer by 1:167 to make 1 ng/ $\mu\text{l}$  c-Jun.

### D Western Immunoblotting

- Heat the sample to  $95-100^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2–5 minutes.
- Load 20  $\mu\text{l}$  of sample per well sample on SDS-PAGE gel.
- Note:** CST recommends loading prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10  $\mu\text{l}/\text{lane}$ ) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein marker (#7727, 10  $\mu\text{l}/\text{lane}$ ) to estimate molecular weights.
- Run SDS-page and electrotransfer to nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane.
- Note:** Volumes for all the following steps are for 10 cm x 10 cm membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.
- (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 mL TBST for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- Incubate membrane in 10 mL Blocking Buffer for 1-2 hours at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
- Incubate membrane with Phospho-c-Jun (Ser63) Antibody #9261 (1:1000 dilution) in 10 mL Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer with gentle agitation overnight at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
- Incubate membrane with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) and HRP-conjugated anti-biotin antibody (1:1000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 mL of Blocking Buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
- Incubate membrane with 10 mL LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> Substrate with gentle agitation for 1 minute at room temperature.
- Drain membrane of excess LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> Substrate (but do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to X-ray film. An initial 10-second exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.
- Note:** Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> incubation and declines over the following 2 hours. LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> Substrate can be further diluted if signal response is too fast.

# Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for Fusion Proteins

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## I. Identification:

**Product name:** Fusion Proteins  
**Product Catalog Number:** 6000, 7000, and 9000 series  
**CAS number:** None

**Manufacturer Supplier:** Cell Signaling Technology  
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## II. Composition/Information on Ingredients:

This product is composed of proteins in aqueous buffer solution. According to 29 CFR 1910.1200(d), hazardous ingredients at less than <1% and carcinogens at less than < 0.1% are considered non-hazardous. This product may contain the following hazardous ingredients:

Ingredient	CAS#	Percent
Glycerol	56-81-5	50%

## III. Hazard Identification:

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this solution have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Emergency Overview of Hazardous ingredient:** Glycerol (CAS# 56-81-5)

**Caution:** Avoid contact and inhalation.

**Target organ:** Kidneys.

## IV. First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, rinse mouth with water provided person is conscious. Get medical attention.

**Skin Exposure:** In case of contact, wash skin with soap and water.

**Eye Exposure:** In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

## V. Fire Fighting Measures:

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide.

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

## VI. Accidental Release Measures:

Absorb liquid with an absorbent material. Transfer contaminated absorbent to a chemical waste container for disposal.

## VII. Handling And Storage:

Avoid inhalation and contact with eyes and skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

Store at -20°C in tightly closed container.

## VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal

**Engineering Controls:** Maintain adequate ventilation, eye wash and quick-drench facilities in work area.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Lab coat, chemical resistant gloves and chemical safety glasses.

**Occupational Exposure Limits:** Data not available.

## IX. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection:

**Physical State:** liquid  
**Appearance:** colorless  
**Odor:** odorless  
**Boiling Point:** data not available  
**Melting Point:** data not available  
**Volatile Organic Compound:** data not available  
**Solubility in water:** readily miscible in water

## X. Stability and Reactivity:

**Stability:** Stable under recommended conditions.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** May form carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

**Conditions to avoid:** Strong oxidizing agents.

## XI. Toxicological Information:

May cause skin irritation.

May be toxic if absorbed through skin or ingested.

May cause eye irritation.

**Target Organs:** Kidneys

Prolonged exposure may cause nausea, headache, and vomiting.

## XII. Ecological Information:

Data not available.

## XIII. Disposal Considerations:

Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

## XIV. Transport Information:

**D.O.T.:** This substance is considered non-hazardous for transport.

**IATA:** This substance is considered non-hazardous for air transport.

## XV. Regulatory Information:

**US Classification and Label information:**

**Caution:** Avoid contact and inhalation.

**Target organ(s):** Kidneys.

**Chemical inventory status :** Not classified/controlled according to EU, USA, WHMIS.

## XVI. Other Information:

This product is not intended for use in humans. It is sold only for research use only. No other use is intended, and any other use may involve substantive hazards.

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