

# PathScan® Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Sandwich ELISA Kit



✓ 1 Kit  
(96 assays)

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### Species Cross-Reactivity: H

**Introduction:** CST's PathScan® Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Sandwich ELISA Kit is a solid phase sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) that detects transfected levels of Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) protein. A TrkA Mouse mAb #4614\* has been coated onto the microwells. After incubation with cell lysates, both phospho- and nonphospho-TrkA proteins are captured by the coated antibody. Following extensive washing, Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Antibody #4610\* is added to detect phospho-TrkA protein. Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody #7074\* is then used to recognize the bound detection antibody. HRP substrate, TMB, is added to develop color. The magnitude of optical density for this developed color is proportional to the quantity of Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) protein.

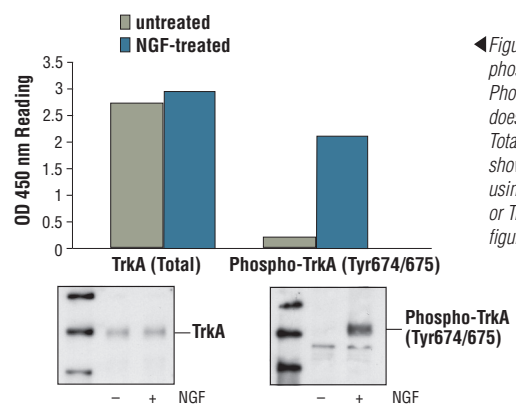
\*Antibodies in kit are custom formulations specific to kit.

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** CST's PathScan® Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7212 detects transfected levels of phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Protein. As shown in Figure 1, using this ELISA Kit #7212, a significant induction of phospho-TrkA (Tyr490) is detected in 3T3/TrkA cells treated with NGF. However, the levels of total TrkA (phospho and nonphospho) in untreated and NGF-treated cells detected by PathScan® Total TrkA Sandwich ELISA Kit #7208, remain unchanged.

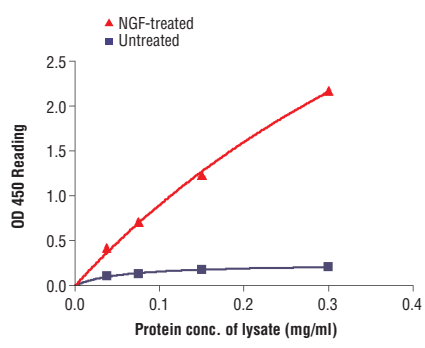
**Background:** The family of Trk receptor tyrosine kinases consists of TrkA, TrkB, and TrkC. While the sequence of these family members is highly conserved, they are activated by different neurotrophins: TrkA by NGF, TrkB by BDNF or NT4, and TrkC by NT3 (1). Neurotrophin signaling through these receptors 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).

Product Includes	Item #	Kit Quantity	Color	Storage Temp
TrkA Mouse mAb Coated Microwells*	17775	96 tests		4°C
Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Rabbit Detection Ab	4610	1 each	Green (Lyophilized)	4°C
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (ELISA Formulated)	13272	1 each	Red (Lyophilized)	4°C
Detection Antibody Diluent	13339	11 ml	Green	4°C
HRP Diluent	13515	11 ml	Red	4°C
TMB Substrate	7004	11 ml		4°C
STOP Solution	7002	11 ml		4°C
Sealing Tape	54503	2 sheets		4°C
ELISA Wash Buffer (20X)	9801	25 ml		4°C
ELISA Sample Diluent	11083	25 ml	Blue	4°C
Cell Lysis Buffer (10X)	9803	15 ml		-20°C

\*12 8-well modules – Each module is designed to break apart for 8 tests.



◀ Figure 1: Treatment of 3T3/TrkA cells with NGF stimulates phosphorylation of TrkA at Tyr674/675, detected by PathScan® Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Sandwich ELISA kit #7212, but does not affect the level of total TrkA detected by PathScan® Total TrkA Sandwich ELISA kit #7208. OD 450 readings are shown in the top figure, while the corresponding Western blots using Phospho-TrkA (Tyr674/675) Antibody #4610 (right panel) or TrkA Rabbit mAb #2505 (left panel), is shown in the bottom figure. The human TrkA is expressed in 3T3/TrkA cells.



◀ Figure 2: The relationship between protein concentration of lysates from untreated and NGF-treated 3T3/TrkA cells and kit assay optical density readings. After starvation, 3T3/TrkA cells (85% confluence) were treated with NGF (100 ng/ml) for 2 min at 37°C, and then lysed.

## PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Protocol (for kits with Lyophilized Antibodies)

### A Solutions and Reagents

**NOTE:** Prepare solutions with purified water.

- Microwell strips:** Bring all to room temperature before use.
- Detection Antibody:** Supplied lyophilized as a green colored cake or powder. Add 1.0 ml of Detection Antibody Diluent (green solution) to yield a concentrated stock solution. Incubate at room temperature for 5 min with occasional gentle mixing to fully reconstitute. To make the final working solution, add the full 1.0 ml volume of reconstituted Detection Antibody to 10.0 ml of Detection Antibody Diluent in a clean tube and gently mix. Unused working solution may be stored for 4 weeks at 4°C.
- HRP-Linked Antibody\*:** Supplied lyophilized as a red colored cake or powder. Add 1.0 ml of HRP Diluent (red solution) to yield a concentrated stock solution. Incubate at room temperature for 5 min with occasional gentle mixing to fully reconstitute. To make the final working solution, add the full 1.0 ml volume of reconstituted HRP-Linked Antibody to 10.0 ml of HRP Diluent in a clean tube and gently mix. Unused working solution may be stored for 4 weeks at 4°C.
- Detection Antibody Diluent:** Green colored diluent for reconstitution and dilution of the detection antibody (11 ml provided).
- HRP Diluent:** Red colored diluent for reconstitution and dilution of the HRP-Linked Antibody (11 ml provided).
- Sample Diluent:** Blue colored diluent provided for dilution of cell lysates.
- 1X Wash Buffer:** Prepare by diluting 20X Wash Buffer (included in each PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Kit) in purified water.
- Cell Lysis Buffer:** 10X Cell Lysis Buffer #9803 or 1X Cell Lysis Buffer #7018: This buffer can be stored at 4°C for short-term use (1–2 weeks). Recommended: Add 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) immediately before use.
- TMB Substrate** (#7004).
- STOP Solution** (#7002).

\*Note: Some PathScan® ELISA Kits may include HRP-Linked Streptavidin in place of HRP-Linked Antibody.

### B Preparing Cell Lysates

**For adherent cells.**

- Aspirate media when the culture reaches 80–90% confluence. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- Remove media and rinse cells once with ice-cold 1X PBS.
- Remove PBS and add 0.5 ml ice-cold 1X Cell Lysis Buffer plus 1 mM PMSF to each plate (10 cm diameter) and incubate the plate on ice for 5 min.
- Scrape cells off the plate and transfer to an appropriate tube. Keep on ice.
- Sonicate lysates on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 10 min (14,000 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.

**For suspension cells**

- Remove media by low speed centrifugation (~1200 rpm) when the culture reaches 0.5–1.0 × 10<sup>6</sup> viable cells/ml. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- Collect cells by low speed centrifugation (~1200 rpm) and wash once with 5–10 ml ice-cold 1X PBS.
- Cells harvested from 50 ml of growth media can be lysed in 2.0 ml of 1X Cell Lysis Buffer plus 1 mM PMSF.
- Sonicate lysates on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 10 min (14,000 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 Test Procedure

- After the microwell strips have reached room temperature, break off the required number of microwells. Place the microwells in the strip holder. Unused microwells must be resealed and stored at 4°C immediately.
- Cell lysates can be undiluted or diluted with Sample Diluent (supplied in each PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Kit, blue color). Individual datasheets for each kit provide a sensitivity curve that serves as a reference for selection of an appropriate starting lysate concentration. The sensitivity curve shows typical kit assay results across a range of lysate concentration points.
- Add 100 µl of each undiluted or diluted cell lysate to the appropriate well. Seal with tape and press firmly onto top of microwells. Incubate the plate for 2 hr at 37°C. Alternatively, the plate can be incubated overnight at 4°C.
- Gently remove the tape and wash wells:
  - Discard plate contents into a receptacle.
  - Wash 4 times with 1X Wash Buffer, 200 µl each time for each well.
  - For each wash, strike plates on fresh towels hard enough to remove the residual solution in each well, but do not allow wells to completely dry at any time.
  - Clean the underside of all wells with a lint-free tissue.
- Add 100 µl of reconstituted Detection Antibody (green color) to each well (refer to Section A, Step 2). Seal with tape and incubate the plate at 37°C for 1 hr.
- Repeat wash procedure (Section C, Step 4).
- Add 100 µl of reconstituted HRP-Linked secondary antibody (red color) to each well (refer to Section A, Step 3). Seal with tape and incubate the plate for 30 min at 37°C.
- Repeat wash procedure (Section C, Step 4).
- Add 100 µl of TMB Substrate to each well. Seal with tape and incubate the plate for 10 min at 37°C or 30 min at 25°C.
- Add 100 µl of STOP Solution to each well. Shake gently for a few seconds.

**NOTE:** Initial color of positive reaction is blue, which changes to yellow upon addition of STOP Solution.

- Read results.
  - Visual Determination:** Read within 30 min after adding STOP Solution.
  - Spectrophotometric Determination:** Wipe underside of wells with a lint-free tissue. Read absorbance at 450 nm within 30 min after adding STOP Solution.

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