

# PathScan® Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Sandwich ELISA Kit

1 Kit  
(96 assays)



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## Species Cross-Reactivity: H, M

**Description:** The PathScan® Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Sandwich ELISA Kit is a solid phase sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) that detects endogenous levels of histone H4 when acetylated at lysine 12. A histone H4 mouse antibody\* has been coated onto the microwells. After incubation with cell lysates, histone H4 protein (acetylated and non-acetylated) is captured by the coated antibody. Following extensive washing, Acetyl-histone H4 (Lys12) rabbit antibody\* is added to detect acetylated Lys12 on the histone H4 protein. Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody is then used to recognize the bound detection antibody. HRP substrate, TMB, is added to develop color. The magnitude of the absorbance for this developed color is proportional to the quantity of histone H4 acetylated at Lys12.

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

## Companion Products:

PathScan® Acetyl-Histone 4 (Lys8) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7224

Histone H4 Antibody #2592

Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys8) Antibody #2594

Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Antibody #2591

PathScan® Acetyl-Histone H4 Sandwich ELISA Kit #7238

Cell Lysis Buffer (10X) #9803

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** CST's PathScan® Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7228 detects endogenous levels of histone H4 when acetylated at Lys12. As shown in Figure 1 using the Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7228, a high level of acetylation at Lys12 on histone H4 is detected in NIH/3T3 cells when treated with TSA. The level of total histone H4 (acetylated and non-acetylated) remains unchanged as shown by Western analysis (Figure 1). Similar results are obtained when COS and Jurkat cells are treated with TSA (data not shown). This kit detects proteins from the indicated species, as determined through in-house testing, but may also detect homologous proteins from other species.

**Background:** Modulation of chromatin structure plays an important role in the regulation of transcription in eukaryotes. The nucleosome, made up of DNA wound around eight core histone proteins (two each of H2A, H2B, H3, and H4), is the primary building block of chromatin (1). The amino-terminal tails of core histones undergo various post-translational modifications, including acetylation, phosphorylation, methylation, and ubiquitination (2-5). These modifications occur in response to various stimuli and have a direct effect

Product Includes	Item #	Kit Quantity	Color	Storage Temp
Histone H4 Mouse mAb Coated Microwells*	93097	96 tests		4°C
Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Rabbit Detection mAb	71495	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.

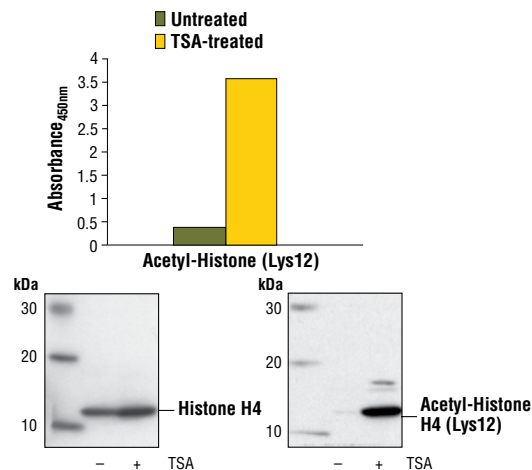


Figure 1. Treatment of NIH/3T3 cells with trichostatin A (TSA) increases the acetylation of Histone H4 at Lys12 detected by PathScan® Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7228. TSA treatment does not affect the level of histone H4 that is detected by Western analysis. NIH/3T3 cells (70-80% confluent) were treated for 16-18 hours with 0.4  $\mu$ M TSA at 37°C. Absorbance readings at 450 nm are shown in the top figure while the corresponding Western blots using Histone H4 Antibody #2592 (left panel) or Acetyl-Histone H4 (Lys12) Antibody #2591 (right panel) are shown in the bottom figure.

on the accessibility of chromatin to transcription factors and, therefore, gene expression (6). In most species, histone H2B is primarily acetylated at Lys5, 12, 15, and 20 (4,7). Histone H3 is primarily acetylated at Lys9, 14, 18, 23, 27, and 56. Acetylation of H3 at Lys9 appears to have a dominant role in histone deposition and chromatin assembly in some organisms (2,3). Phosphorylation at Ser10, Ser28, and

Thr11 of histone H3 is tightly correlated with chromosome condensation during both mitosis and meiosis (8-10). Phosphorylation at Thr3 of histone H3 is highly conserved among many species and is catalyzed by the kinase haspin. Immunostaining with phospho-specific antibodies in mammalian cells reveals mitotic phosphorylation at Thr3 of H3 in prophase and its dephosphorylation during anaphase (11).

**Applications Key:** W—Western IP—Immunoprecipitation IHC—Immunohistochemistry IC—Immunocytochemistry IF—Immunofluorescence F—Flow cytometry E—ELISA D—DELFIATM

**Species Cross-Reactivity Key:** H—human M—mouse R—rat Hm—hamster Mk—monkey Mi—mink C—chicken X—Xenopus Z—zebra fish B—bovine All—all species expected  
Species enclosed in parentheses are predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology.

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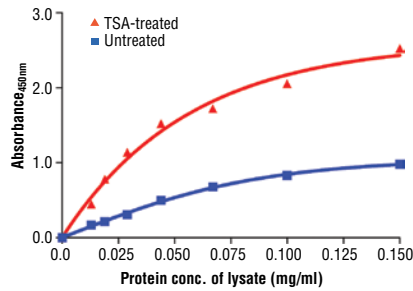


Figure 2: The relationship between protein concentration of lysates from untreated and TSA treated HeLa cells and kit assay optical density readings. HeLa cells were treated with TSA (4 $\mu$ M overnight). An acid extraction was performed for cell lysis in the presence of 5mM sodium butyrate.

## 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 (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.

**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 (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 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.