

# PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Kit

✓ 1 Kit  
(96 assays)



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## Species Cross-Reactivity: H, M

**Introduction:** CST's PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Kit is a solid phase sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) that detects endogenous levels of total IκB-α protein. An IκB-α Mouse mAb 7361\* has been coated onto the microwells. After incubation with cell lysates, both nonphospho- and phospho-IκB-α proteins are captured by the coated antibody. Following extensive washing, an IκB-α Antibody 7362\* is added to detect the captured IκB-α protein. HRP-linked anti-rabbit 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 total IκB-α protein.

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

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** CST's PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Kit detects endogenous levels of total IκB-α protein. Using PathScan® Phospho-IκB-α (Ser32) Sandwich ELISA Kit #7355, a significant induction of phospho-IκB-α (Ser32) in HeLa cells treated with TNF-α can be detected. However, the level of total IκB-α (phospho- and nonphospho-), detected by this Sandwich ELISA Kit #7360, remains unchanged (Figure 1).

**Background:** The NF-κB/Rel transcription factors are present in the cytosol in an inactive state complexed with the inhibitory IκB proteins (1-3). Activation occurs via phosphorylation of IκBα at Ser32 and Ser36 followed by proteasome-mediated degradation that results in the release and nuclear translocation of active NF-κB (3-7). IκBα phosphorylation and resulting Rel-dependent transcription are activated by a highly diverse group of extracellular signals including inflammatory cytokines, growth factors, and chemokines. Kinases that phosphorylate IκB at these activating sites have been identified (8).

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**Applications Key:** W—Western IP—Immunoprecipitation IHC—Immunohistochemistry ChIP—Chromatin Immunoprecipitation IF—Immunofluorescence F—Flow cytometry E—ELISA E-P—ELISA Peptide  
**Species Cross-Reactivity Key:** H—human M—mouse R—rat Hm—hamster Mk—monkey Mi—mink C—chicken Dm—D. melanogaster X—Xenopus Z—zebra fish B—bovine  
Dg—dog Pg—pig Sc—S. cerevisiae All—all species expected Species enclosed in parentheses are predicted to react based on 100% homology.

Product Includes	Item #	Kit Quantity	Color	Storage Temp
IκB-α Mouse mAb Coated Microwells*	35183	96 tests		4°C
IκB-α Rabbit Detection mAb	14152	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.

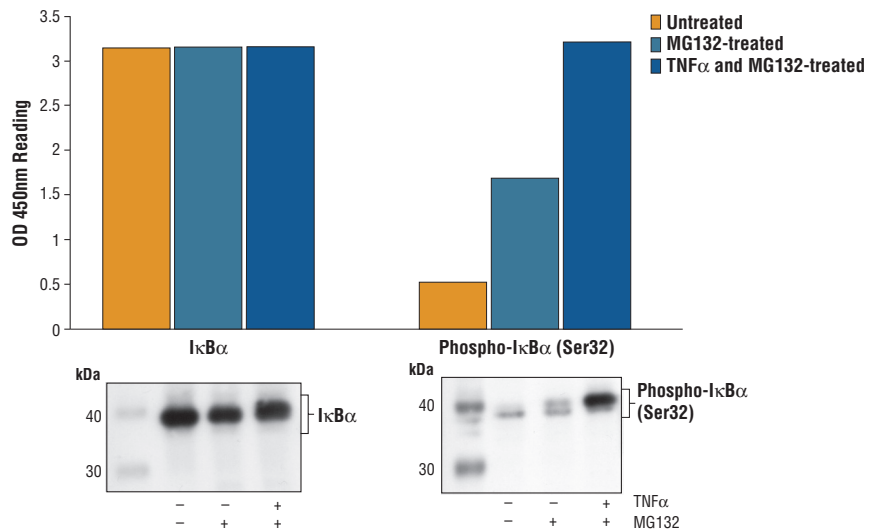


Figure 1: Treatment of HeLa cells with TNF-α stimulates phosphorylation of IκB-α at Ser32, detected by PathScan® Phospho-IκB-α (Ser32) Sandwich ELISA kit, #7355, but does not affect the level of total IκB-α protein detected by PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA kit, #7360. Treatment with MG132, a proteasome inhibitor, (37°C for 180 min before TNF-α induction) causes accumulation of phospho-IκB-α in control and TNF-α-treated cells, shown in both Sandwich ELISA and Western blot analysis. OD450 readings are shown in the top figure, while the corresponding Western blot using Phospho-IκB-α (Ser32) Ab #9241 (right panel) or IκB-α (L27H11) Mouse mAb #7361 (left panel), is shown in the bottom figure.

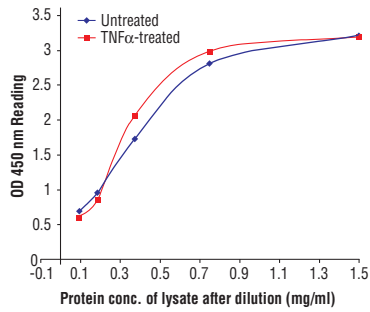


Figure 2: Linear relationship between protein concentration of lysates from untreated and TNF $\alpha$ -treated HeLa cells and kit assay optical density readings. HeLa cells (70-85% confluence) were treated with TNF $\alpha$  (10 ng/ml) and lysed after incubation at 37°C for 5 minutes.

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

### A Solutions and Reagents

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

- 1. Microwell strips:** Bring all to room temperature before use.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Detection Antibody Diluent:** Green colored diluent for reconstitution and dilution of the detection antibody (11 ml provided).
- 5. HRP Diluent:** Red colored diluent for reconstitution and dilution of the HRP-Linked Antibody (11 ml provided).
- 6. Sample Diluent:** Blue colored diluent provided for dilution of cell lysates.
- 7. 1X Wash Buffer:** Prepare by diluting 20X Wash Buffer (included in each PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Kit) in purified water.
- 8. Cell Lysis Buffer:** 10X Cell Lysis Buffer #9803: This buffer can be stored at 4°C for short-term use (1–2 weeks). Recommended: Add 1 mM phenylmethyl-sulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) immediately before use.
- 9. TMB Substrate (#7004).**
- 10. 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.**

1. Aspirate media when the culture reaches 80–90% confluence. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Remove media and rinse cells once with ice-cold 1X PBS.
3. 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.
4. Scrape cells off the plate and transfer to an appropriate tube. Keep on ice.
5. Sonicate lysates on ice.
6. 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**

1. 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.
2. Collect cells by low speed centrifugation (~1200 rpm) and wash once with 5–10 ml ice-cold 1X PBS.
3. Cells harvested from 50 ml of growth media can be lysed in 2.0 ml of 1X Cell Lysis Buffer plus 1 mM PMSF.
4. Sonicate lysates on ice.
5. 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Gently remove the tape and wash wells:
  - a. Discard plate contents into a receptacle.
  - b. Wash 4 times with 1X Wash Buffer, 200 µl each time for each well.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Clean the underside of all wells with a lint-free tissue.
5. 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.
6. Repeat wash procedure (Section C, Step 4).
7. 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.
8. Repeat wash procedure (Section C, Step 4).
9. 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.
10. 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.

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