

HTScan® ROCK2 Kinase Assay Kit

✓ 100 Assays
(96 Well Format)



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Products Included	Product #	Kit Quantity
Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody	5070	30 µl
Kinase Buffer (10X)	9802	15 ml
ATP (10 mM)	9804	1 ml
PLK (Ser137) Biotinylated Peptide	1300	1.25 ml
ROCK2 Kinase	7731	5 µg

Description: The kit provides a means of performing kinase activity assays with recombinant human ROCK2 kinase. It includes active ROCK2 kinase (supplied as a GST fusion protein), a biotinylated peptide substrate and a phospho-serine/threonine antibody for detection of the phosphorylated form of the substrate peptide.

Peptide Core Sequence: RRPS*YRK

Molecular Weights: Peptide substrate, Biotin-PLK (Ser137): 1,945 Daltons. GST-ROCK2 Kinase: 88 kDa.

Background: ROCK (Rho-associated kinase), a family of serine/threonine kinases, is an important downstream target of GTPase Rho and plays an important role in Rho-mediated signaling pathway. Two isoforms of ROCK have been identified (ROCK1 and ROCK2). ROCK is composed of N-terminal catalytic, coiled-coil and C-terminal PH (pleckstrin homology) domains. The C-terminus of ROCK negatively regulates its kinase activity (1,2). Caspase-3-induced cleavage of ROCK1 and direct cleavage of ROCK2 by granzyme B (grB) activates ROCK and leads to phosphorylation of myosin light chain and inhibition of myosin phosphatase (3). This phosphorylation may account for the mechanism by which Rho regulates cytokinesis, cell motility, cell membrane blebbing during apoptosis and smooth muscle contraction (4,5,6).

Source/Purification: The GST-Kinase fusion protein was produced using a baculovirus expression system with a construct expressing human ROCK2 (Pro6-Ser553) (GenBank Accession No. NM_004850) with an amino-terminal GST tag. The protein was purified by one-step affinity chromatography using glutathione-agarose.

Quality Control: The substrate peptide was selected using our Serine/Threonine Kinase Substrate Screening Kit #7400. Phospho-PKA Substrate (RRXS/T) (100G7) Rabbit mAb #9624 was used for detection. The quality of the biotinylated peptide was evaluated by reverse-phase HPLC and by mass spectrometry.

Purified ROCK2 kinase was quality controlled for purity by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie stain. ROCK2 kinase activity was determined using a radiometric assay [Fig.1]. Time course [Fig.2], kinase dose-dependency [Fig.3] and substrate dose-dependency [Fig.4] assays were performed to verify ROCK2 activity using the ROCK2 substrate peptide provided in this kit. ROCK2 sensitivity to the inhibitor staurosporine was measured using the ROCK2 substrate peptide provided in this kit [Fig.5].

Background References:

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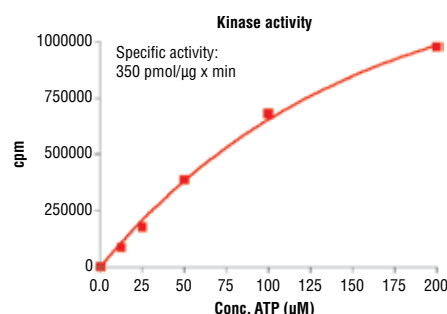


Figure 1. ROCK2 kinase activity was measured in a radiometric assay using the following reaction conditions: 5 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 2.5 mM β -glycerophosphate, 1 mM EGTA, 0.4 mM EDTA, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.05 mM DTT, 50 μ M ATP. Substrate: S6K substrate peptide (KRRRLASLR) 400 ng/ μ l, and variable amounts of recombinant ROCK2.

Storage: Antibodies are supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ g/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Do not aliquot the antibodies. Peptides are supplied at 6 μ M in 0.001% DMSO. Enzymes are supplied in 50 mM Tris-HCL (pH 8.0), 100 mM NaCl, 5 mM DTT, 15 mM reduced glutathione and 20% glycerol. Store at -80°C.

Keep enzymes on ice during use.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Companion Products:

Serine/Threonine Kinase Substrate Screening Kit #7400

ROCK2 Kinase #7731

Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody #5070

PLK (Ser137) Biotinylated Peptide #1330

Staurosporine #9953

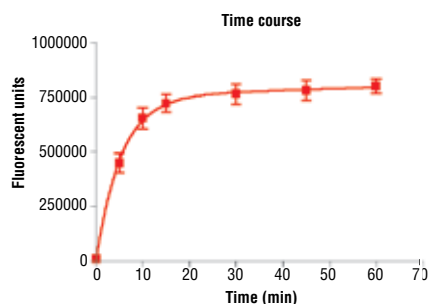


Figure 2. Time course of ROCK2 kinase activity: DELFIA® data generated using Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody #5070 to detect phosphorylation of ROCK2 substrate peptide (#1300) by ROCK2 kinase. In a 50 μ l reaction, 50 ng ROCK2 and 1.5 μ M substrate peptide were used per reaction. (DELFIA® is a registered trademark of PerkinElmer, Inc.)

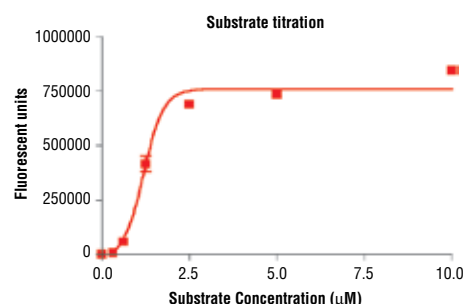


Figure 4. Peptide concentration dependence of ROCK2 kinase activity: DELFIA® data generated using Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody #5070 to detect phosphorylation of substrate peptide (#1300) by ROCK2 kinase. In a 50 μ l reaction, 50 ng of ROCK2 and increasing concentrations of substrate peptide were used per reaction at room temperature for 30 minutes. (DELFIA® is a registered trademark of PerkinElmer, Inc.)

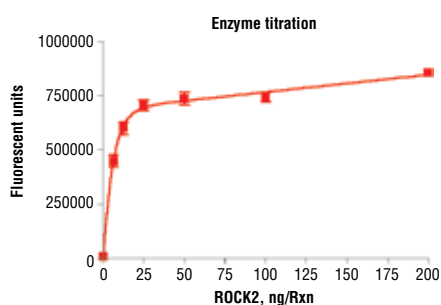


Figure 3. Dose dependence curve of ROCK2 kinase activity: DELFIA® data generated using Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody #5070 to detect phosphorylation of substrate peptide (#1300) by ROCK2 kinase. In a 50 μ l reaction, increasing amounts of ROCK2 and 1.5 μ M substrate peptide were used per reaction at room temperature for 30 minutes. (DELFIA® is a registered trademark of PerkinElmer, Inc.)

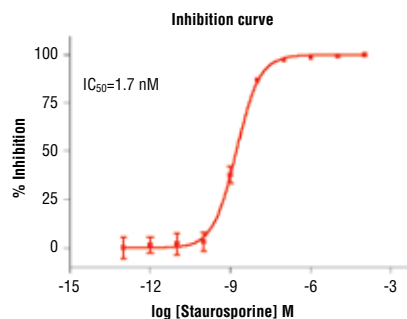


Figure 5. Staurosporine inhibition of ROCK2 kinase activity: DELFIA® data generated using Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody #5070 to detect phosphorylation of ROCK2 substrate peptide (#1300) by ROCK2 kinase. In a 50 μ l reaction, 50 ng ROCK2, 1.5 μ M substrate peptide, 50 μ M ATP and increasing amounts of staurosporine were used per reaction at room temperature for 30 minutes. (DELFIA® is a registered trademark of PerkinElmer, Inc.)

Protocol for HTScan® ROCK2 Kinase Assay Kit

Kinase

Note: Lot-specific information for this kinase is provided on the enzyme vial. Optimal assay incubation times and enzyme concentrations must be determined empirically for each lot of kinase under specified conditions.

A Additional Solutions and Reagents (Not included)

1. **Wash Buffer:** 1X PBS, 0.05% Tween-20 (PBS/T)
2. Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)
3. **Stop Buffer:** 50 mM EDTA pH 8

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B Suggested Protocol for 100 Assays

1. Add 100 µl 10 mM ATP to 1.25 ml 6 µM substrate peptide. Dilute the mixture with dH₂O to 2.5 ml to make 2X ATP/substrate cocktail ([ATP]=400 µM, [substrate] = 3 µM).
2. Transfer enzyme from -80°C to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
3. **Microcentrifuge briefly at 4°C to bring liquid to the bottom of the vial. Return immediately to ice.**
4. Add 1 ml 10X kinase buffer [1 ml 10X Kinase Buffer 250 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 100 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 50 mM β-glycerophosphate, 20 mM dithiothreitol (DTT)] to 1.5 ml dH₂O to make 2.5 ml 4X reaction buffer.
5. Transfer 0.6 ml of 4X Reaction buffer to each enzyme tube to make 4X reaction cocktail ([enzyme] = 8 ng/µl in 4X reaction cocktail).
6. Add 12.5 µl of the 4X reaction cocktail to 12.5 µl/well of prediluted compound of interest (usually around 10 µM) and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature.
7. Add 25 µl of 2X ATP/substrate cocktail to 25 µl/well preincubated reaction cocktail/compound.

Final Assay Conditions for a 50 µl Reaction

25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)
10 mM MgCl₂
5 mM β-glycerophosphate
0.1 mM Na₃VO₄
2 mM DTT
200 µM ATP
1.5 µM peptide
50 ng ROCK2 Kinase

8. Incubate reaction plate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
9. Add 50 µl/well Stop Buffer (50 mM EDTA, pH 8) to stop the reaction.
10. Transfer 25 µl of each reaction to a 96-well streptavidin-coated plate containing 75 µl dH₂O/well and incubate at room temperature for 60 minutes.
11. *Wash three times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
12. Dilute primary antibody, Phospho-PLK (Ser137) Antibody, 1:1000 in PBS/T with 1% BSA. Add 100 µl/well primary antibody.
13. Incubate at room temperature for 120 minutes.
14. *Wash three times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
15. For DELFIA[®] or Colorimetric ELISA detection methods please use the following protocols.

DELFIA[®] Assay

1. Prepare appropriate dilution of Europium labeled secondary antibody in PBS/T with 1% BSA (1:500 dilution for anti-mouse IgG or 1:1000 for anti-rabbit IgG).
2. Add 100 µl/well secondary antibody solution.
3. Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
4. *Wash five times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
5. Add 100 µl/well DELFIA[®] Enhancement Solution.
6. Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
7. Read plate using a Time Resolved Fluorescent plate reader using the following settings;
 - a. Excitation Filter: 340 nm
 - b. Emission Filter: 615 nm
 - c. Delay⁺⁺: 400 µs

⁺⁺ Delay time is the delay from the excitation pulse to the beginning of the measurement.

Companion Products for DELFIA[®]

DELFIA[®] Europium-labeled Anti-mouse IgG (PerkinElmer Life Sciences #AD0124)
DELFIA[®] Europium-labeled Anti-rabbit IgG (PerkinElmer Life Sciences #AD0105)
DELFIA[®] Enhancement Solution (PerkinElmer Life Sciences #1244-105)
DELFIA[®] Streptavidin coated, 96-well, yellow plate (PerkinElmer Life Sciences AAAND-0005)

Colorimetric ELISA Assay

1. Prepare appropriate dilution of HRP labeled secondary antibody in PBS/T with 1% BSA (1:500 dilution for anti-mouse IgG or 1:1000 for anti-rabbit IgG).
2. Add 100 µl/well secondary antibody solution.
3. Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
4. *Wash five times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
5. Add 100 µl/well TMB substrate.
6. Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes.
7. Add 100 µl/well of stop solution.
8. Mix well.
9. Read the absorbance at 450 nm with a microtiter plate reader.

Companion Products For Colorimetric ELISA Assay

Anti-mouse IgG, HRP Linked Antibody #7076
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP Linked Antibody #7074
TMB Solution #7004
Stop Solution #7002

***NOTE:** Use of an automated microplate washer as well as centrifugation of plates when appropriate, greatly improves reproducibility.

Please contact Cell Signaling Technology for HTS-ready antibodies (PBS formulated and carrier-free), and detailed peptide substrate sequence information.
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