# **IRAK4 Kinase**

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**Description:** Purified recombinant human IRAK4 kinase, supplied as a GST fusion protein.

Background: Interleukin-1 (IL-1) receptor-associated kinase (IRAK) is a serine/threonine-specific kinase that can be coprecipitated in an IL-1-inducible manner with the IL-1 receptor (1). The mammalian family of IRAK molecules contains four members (IRAK1, IRAK2, IRAK-M and IRAK4). The binding of IL-1 to IL-1 receptor type I (IL-1RI) initiates the formation of a complex that includes IL-1RI, AcP, MvD88 and IRAKs (2). IRAK undergoes autophosphorylation shortly after IL-1 stimulation. The subsequent events involve IRAK dissociation from the IL-1RI complex, its ubiquitination and its association with two membrane-bound proteins: TAB2 and TRAF6. The resulting IRAK-TRAF6-TAB2 complex is then released into the cytoplasm and activates protein kinase cascades, which include TAK1, IKKs and the stressactivated kinases (3).

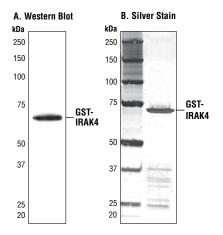


Figure 1. The purity of the IRAK4 fusion protein was analyzed using SDS/PAGE followed by anti-IRAK4 Western blot (A) or Silver stain (B).

**Source/Purification:** The GST-Kinase fusion protein was produced using a baculovirus expression system with a construct expressing human IRAK4 (Ala104-Ser460) (GenBank Accession No. AF445802.1) with an amino-terminal GST tag. The protein was purified by one-step affinity chromatography purification using glutathione-agarose.

Quality Control: The theoretical molecular weight of the GST-IRAK4 fusion protein is 70 kDa. The purified kinase was quality controlled for purity using SDS-PAGE followed by Silver stain and Western blot [Fig.1]. IRAK4 kinase activity was determined using a radiometric assay [Fig.2]. A kinase dose dependency assay was performed to measure IRAK4 activity using HTScan™ IRAK4 Kinase Assay Kit #7552 [Fig.3].

#### **Background References:**

- (1) Dinarello, C.A. (1996) Blood 87, 2095-2147.
- (2) Takaesu, G. et al. (2001) Mol. Cell. Biol. 21, 2475-2484.
- (3) Janssens, S. and Beyaert, R. (2003) Mol. Cell 11, 293-302.

**Storage:** Enzyme is supplied in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM NaCl, 5 mM DTT, 15 mM reduced glutathione, 20% glycerol. Store at -80°C.

Keep on ice during use.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

#### **Companion Products:**

HTScan™ IRAK4 Kinase Assay Kit #7552

Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Biotinylated Peptide #1344

Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Antibody #3141

Kinase Buffer (10X) #9802

ATP (10 mM) #9804

Staurosporine #9953

Serine/Threonine Kinase Substrate Screening Kit #7400

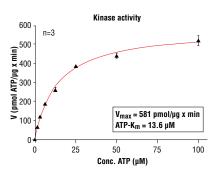


Figure 2. IRAK4 kinase activity was measured in a radiometric assay using the following reaction conditions: 60 mM HEPES-NaOH, pH 7.5, 3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 3 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 3 uM Na-orthovanadate, 1.2 mM DTT, ATP (variable), 2.5 ug/50 ul PEG20,000, Substrate: Histone H2B, 5 ug/50 ul, Recombinant IRAK4: 20 ng/50 ul.

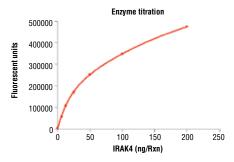


Figure 3. Dose dependence curve of IRAK4 kinase activity: DELFIA® data generated using Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Antibody #3141 to detect phosphorylation of substrate peptide (#1344) by IRAK4 kinase. In a 50 μl reaction, increasing amounts of IRAK4 and 1.5 μM substrate peptide were used per reaction at room temperature for 30 minutes. (DELFIA® is a registered trademark of PerkinElmer, Inc.)



# **Protocol for IRAK4 Kinase Assay**

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

#### 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)
- Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)
  Stop Buffer: 50 mM EDTA pH 8
- 4. Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Antibody #3141
- 5. Kinase Buffer (10X) #9802
- 6. ATP (10 mM) #9804
- 7. Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Biotinylated Peptide #1344
- 8. DELFIA® Europium-labeled Anti-rabbit antibody (PerkinElmer Life Sciences #AD0105)
- 9. DELFIA® Enhancement Solution (PerkinElmer Life Sciences #1244-105)
- DELFIA® Streptavidin coated, 96-well, yellow plate (PerkinElmer Life Sciences AAAND-0005)

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## B Suggested Protocol for 100 Assays

- Add 100 µl 10 mM ATP to 1.25 ml 6 µM substrate peptide. Dilute the mixture with dH<sub>2</sub>0 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.
- 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 [250 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 100 mM MgCl $_2$ , 1 mM Na $_3$ VO $_4$ , 50 mM  $\beta$ -glycerophosphate, 20 mM dithiothreitol (DTT)] to 1.5 ml dH $_2$ 0 to make 2.5 ml 4X reaction buffer.
- 5. Dilute enzyme in 1.25 ml of 4X reaction buffer to make 4X reaction cocktail ([enzyme]=4.0 ng/µl in 4X reaction cocktail).
- Add 12.5 µI of the 4X reaction cocktail to 12.5 µI/well of prediluted compound of interest (usually around 10 µM) and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- 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-HCI (pH 7.5) 10 mM MgCl $_2$ 5 mM β-glycerophosphate 0.1 mM Na $_3$ VO $_4$ 2 mM DTT 200  $\mu$ M ATP 1.5  $\mu$ M peptide 50 ng IRAK4 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 μI of each reaction to a 96-well streptavidin-coated plate containing 75 μI dH<sub>2</sub>O/well and incubate at room temperature for 60 minutes.
- 11. \*Wash three times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
- Dilute primary antibody in PBS/T with 1% BSA. Add 100 μl/well primary antibody.

Please note: This protocol was validated using a Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Biotinylated Peptide and Phospho-Ezrin (Thr567)/Radixin (Thr564)/Moesin (Thr558) Antibody diluted 1:1000 (see additional reagents). Primary antibody chosen should be specific to the substrate used.

- 13. Incubate at 37°C for 120 minutes.
- 14. \*Wash three times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
- Dilute Europium labeled secondary antibody 1:1000 in PBS/T with 1% BSA. Add 100 µl/well diluted antibody.
- **16.** Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 17. \*Wash five times with 200 µl/well PBS/T.
- 18. Add 100 µl/well DELFIA® Enhancement Solution.
- **19.** Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
- Detect 615 nm fluorescence emission with appropriate Time-Resolved Plate Reader.

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

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