

# PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair



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✓ 1 Kit  
(4 X 96 assays)

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## Species Cross-Reactivity: H, M

**Description:** CST's PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair is being offered as an economical alternative to our PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Kit #7360. Capture and Detection antibodies (100X stocks) and HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1000X stock) are supplied. Sufficient reagents are supplied for 4 x 96 well ELISAs. The IκB-α Capture Antibody is coated in PBS overnight in a 96 well microplate. After blocking, cell lysates are added followed by an IκB-α Detection Antibody and anti-Rabbit IgG, HRP conjugated antibody. HRP substrate, TMB, is added for color development. The magnitude of the absorbance for this developed color is proportional to the quantity of total IκB-α protein.

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

## Reagents not supplied:

Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS-20X) #9808

Phosphate Buffered Saline with Tween®20 (PBST-20X) #9809

Cell Lysis Buffer (10X) #9803

TMB Substrate #7004

STOP Solution #7002

Blocking Buffer: 1X PBS/0.05% Tween®20, 1% BSA

96 Well Microplates\*\*

Microplate Reader

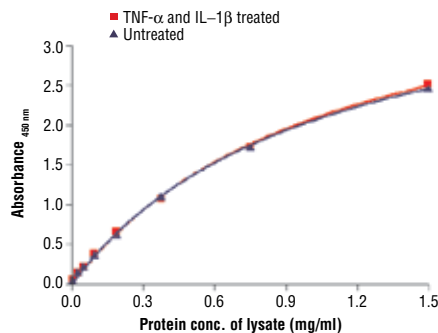
\*\* Antibody Pairs have been validated on Corning® 96 Well Clear Polystyrene High Bind Stripwell™ Microplates (#2592).

**Notes:** Antibody pairs have been optimized using recommended buffers, reagents, plates and the included protocol. Solutions should be made fresh daily.

**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 IκB-α at Ser32 and Ser36 followed by proteasome-mediated degradation that results in the release and nuclear translocation of active NF-κB (3-7). IκB-α 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).

## Background References:

Products Included	Item #	Volume	Cap Color	Storage Temp
IκB-α Capture Mouse mAb (100X)	50740	400 μL	Pink	4°C
IκB-α Detection Rabbit mAb (100X)	35236	400 μL	Blue	4°C
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (1000X)	25944	40 μL	Red	-20°C



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The relationship between lysate protein concentration from untreated and TNF-α and IL-1β treated HeLa cells and the absorbance at 450 nm using PathScan® Total IκB-α Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair #7831 is shown. HeLa cells were treated with TNF-α and IL-1β for 5 minutes at 37°C and then lysed.

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**Applications Key:** W—Western IP—Immunoprecipitation IHC—Immunohistochemistry ChIP—Chromatin Immunoprecipitation IF—Immunofluorescence F—Flow cytometry 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% sequence homology.

## PathScan® Sandwich ELISA Antibody Pair Protocol

### A Required Reagents

- Coating Buffer:** 1X PBS, (20X PBS #9808)  
3.2 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.5 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 1.3 mM KCl, 135 mM NaCl, pH 7.4
- Wash Buffer:** 1X PBS/0.05% Tween®20, (20X PBST #9809)
- Blocking Buffer:** 1X PBS/0.05% Tween®20, 1% BSA
- 1X Cell Lysis Buffer:** (10X Cell Lysis Buffer #9803)  
20 mM Tris (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM ethylene diamine tetraacetate (EDTA),  
1 mM ethylene glycol-bis(2-aminoethyl)-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid (EGTA),  
1% Triton X-100, 2.5 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM β-glycerophosphate,  
1 mM Na<sub>3</sub>VO<sub>4</sub>, 1 μg/ml leupeptin.
- TMB Substrate:** (TMB Substrate #7004)
- STOP Solution:** (STOP Solution #7002)

**NOTE:** Reagents should be made fresh daily

### B Coating Procedure

- Rinse microplate with dH<sub>2</sub>O. Add 200 μl of dH<sub>2</sub>O and discard liquid. Blot on paper towel to make sure wells are dry.
- Dilute capture antibody 1:100 in PBS. For a single 96 well plate, add 100 μl of Capture Antibody Stock to 9.9 ml PBS. Mix well and add 100 μl/well. Cover plate and incubate overnight at 4°C (17-20 hours).
- After overnight coating, gently uncover plate and wash wells:**
  - Discard plate contents into a receptacle.
  - Wash 4 times with 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.
- Block plates. Add 150 μl of Blocking Buffer/well, cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 2 hours.
- After blocking, wash plate as in Step 3. Plate is ready to use.

### C Preparing Cell Lysates

- Aspirate media, treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- To harvest cells under nondenaturing conditions, remove media and rinse cells once with ice-cold PBS.
- Remove PBS and add 0.5 ml ice-cold 1X Cell Lysis Buffer plus 1 mM phenyl-methylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) to each plate (10 cm in diameter) and incubate the plate on ice for 5 minutes.
- Scrape cells off the plate and transfer to an appropriate tube. Keep on ice.
- Sonicate lysates on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 10 minutes 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.

### D Test Procedure

- Lysates can be used undiluted or diluted in Blocking Buffer. 100 μl of lysate is added per well. Cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 2 hours.
- Wash plate as in Coating Procedure, Step 3.
- Dilute detection antibody 1:100 in Blocking Buffer. For a single 96 well plate, add 100 μl of Detector Antibody Stock to 9.9 ml of Blocking Buffer. Mix well and add 100 μl/well. Cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 1 hour.
- Plate is washed as in Coating Procedure, Step 3.
- Secondary antibody, either, anti-mouse or anti-rabbit-HRP, is diluted 1:1000 in Blocking Buffer. For a single 96 well plate, add 10 μl of secondary antibody stock to 9.99 ml of Blocking Buffer. Mix well and add 100 μl/well. Cover and incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes.
- Wash plate as in Coating Procedure, Step 3.
- Add 100 μl of TMB Substrate per well. Cover and incubate at 37°C for 10 minutes.
- Add 100 μl of STOP Solution per well.
- Read plate on a microplate reader at Absorbance 450 nm.