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# PathScan® Phospho-Tau (Thr217) Chemiluminescent Sandwich ELISA Kit

1 Kit  
(96 assays)



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**Species Cross-Reactivity:** H, M, R

**Description:** The PathScan® Phospho-Tau (Thr217) Chemiluminescent Sandwich ELISA Kit is a solid phase sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) that detects endogenous levels of tau protein phosphorylated at Thr217. This chemiluminescent ELISA, which is offered in low volume microplates, shows increased signal and sensitivity while using a smaller sample size. Incubation of cell lysates and detection antibody on the coated microwell plate forms a sandwich with phospho-tau (Thr217) in a single step. The plate is then extensively washed and chemiluminescent reagent is added for signal development. The magnitude of light emission, measured in relative light units (RLU), is proportional to the quantity of phospho-tau (Thr217).

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

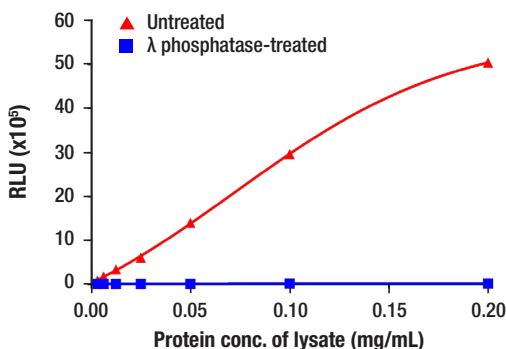
**Specificity/Sensitivity:** The PathScan® Phospho-Tau (Thr217) Chemiluminescent Sandwich ELISA Kit detects endogenous levels of tau protein phosphorylated at Thr217. The kit sensitivity is shown in Figure 1. This kit detects proteins from the indicated species, as determined through in-house testing, but may also detect homologous proteins from other species.

**Background:** Tau is a heterogeneous microtubule-associated protein that promotes and stabilizes microtubule assembly, especially in axons. Six isoforms with different amino-terminal inserts and different numbers of tandem repeats near the carboxy terminus have been identified, and tau is hyperphosphorylated at approximately 25 sites by Erk, GSK-3, and CDK5 (1,2). Phosphorylation decreases the ability of tau to bind to microtubules. Neurofibrillary tangles are a major hallmark of Alzheimer's disease (AD); these tangles are bundles of paired helical filaments (PHFs) composed of hyperphosphorylated tau. In particular, phosphorylation at Ser396 by GSK-3 or CDK5 destabilizes microtubules. Furthermore, research studies have shown that inclusions of tau are found in a number of other neurodegenerative diseases, collectively known as tauopathies (1,3).

Product Includes	Item #	Kit Quantity	Color	Storage Temp
Tau Rabbit mAb Coated Microwells*	20475	96 tests		4°C
Phospho-Tau (Thr217) Rabbit Detection Antibody	92077	1 each	Red (Lyophilized)	4°C
HRP Diluent	13515	5.5 mL	Red	4°C
Luminol/Enhancer Solution	84850	3 mL		RT
Stable Peroxide Buffer	42552	3 mL		RT
Sealing Tape	54503	2 each		4°C
ELISA Wash Buffer (20X)	9801	25 mL		4°C
Cell Lysis Buffer (10X)	9803	15 mL		-20°C

**Low volume microplate** \*12 8-well modules – Each module is designed to break apart for 8 tests.

**Note:** This kit contains components with mixed storage temperatures. Please store this entire kit at 4°C for long-term storage. Upon first use, please store each component as indicated in the chart above and on individual component labels.



*Figure 1. Tau is phosphorylated at Thr217 in untreated mouse brain extracts, but not in λ phosphatase-treated mouse brain extracts. The relationship between lysate protein concentration from untreated and λ phosphatase-treated mouse brain extracts and the immediate light generation with chemiluminescent substrate using the PathScan® Phospho-Tau (Thr217) Chemiluminescent Sandwich ELISA Kit #87749 is shown. Mouse brain tissues were lysed and then either left untreated or treated with λ phosphatase.*

#### Background References:

- (1) Johnson, G.V. and Stoothoff, W.H. (2004) *J Cell Sci* 117, 5721-9.
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**Species Cross-Reactivity:** H—human M—mouse R—rat Hm—hamster Mk—monkey Mi—mink C—chicken Dm—D. melanogaster X—Xenopus Z—zebrafish B—bovine Dg—dog Pg—pig Sc—S. cerevisiae Ce—C. elegans Hr—Horse  
**All**—all species expected. Species enclosed in parentheses are predicted to react based on 100% homology.

## PathScan® Chemiluminescent Sandwich ELISA Protocol (One-Step Test Procedure)

**NOTE:** This protocol is for PathScan® kits that use an HRP directly conjugated to the detection antibody (1-step method), rather than a 2-step method where the detection antibody and a secondary-HRP are added sequentially.

Refer to product-specific datasheets for assay incubation temperature. This chemiluminescent ELISA is offered in low volume microplates. Only a total volume of 50 µL (samples and reagents) are required in each microwell.

### A Solutions and Reagents

**NOTE:** Prepare solutions with deionized/purified water or equivalent.

- Microwell strips:** Bring all to room temperature before opening bag/use. Unused microwell strips should be returned to the original re-sealable bag containing the desiccant pack and stored at 4°C.
- Detection Antibody:** Reconstitute lyophilized Detection Antibody (red colored cake) with 3 mL HRP Diluent. Incubate at room temperature for 5 min with occasional gentle mixing to fully reconstitute. For best results, use immediately following antibody reconstitution. Unused reconstituted Detection Antibody may be stored for up to 4 weeks at 4°C, although there may be some loss of signal compared to freshly reconstituted antibody.
- HRP Diluent:** Red colored diluent for reconstitution and dilution of the Detection Antibody that is linked to HRP (5.5 mL provided, only 3 mL is needed to resuspend the lyophilized Detection Antibody).
- 1X ELISA Wash Buffer:** Prepare by diluting ELISA Wash Buffer (20X) (included in each kit) to 1X with deionized water.
- 1X Cell Lysis Buffer:** Prepare by diluting 10X Cell Lysis Buffer #9803 to 1X with deionized water. This buffer can be stored at 4°C for short-term use (1–2 weeks). Recommended: When using to prepare cell lysates, add Protease/Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail (#5872, not supplied) and 1 mM phenylmethyl- sulfonyl fluoride (PMSF, #8553, not supplied) immediately before use.
- Luminol/Enhancer Solution and Stable Peroxide Buffer**

### 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 including 1 mM PMSF and Protease/Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail 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 (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

- Remove media by low speed centrifugation (~1200 rpm) when the culture reaches  $0.5\text{--}1.0 \times 10^6$  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 including 1 mM PMSF and Protease/Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail.
- Sonicate lysates on ice.
- 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

**NOTE:** Equilibrate all materials and prepared reagents to room temperature prior to running the assay.

- Prepare all reagents as indicated above (Section A).
- Samples should be undiluted or diluted with 1X Cell Lysis Buffer to a 2X protein concentration in order to achieve a final 1X protein concentration upon addition of the Detection Antibody. 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 results across a range of lysate concentration points.
- Add 25 µL of each sample to the appropriate wells.
- Add 25 µL of the Detection Antibody to each well.
- Seal the plate and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature on a plate shaker set to 400 rpm (moderate agitation).
- Gently remove the tape and wash wells:
  - Discard plate contents into a receptacle.
  - Wash 4 times with 1X Wash Buffer, 150 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.
- Prepare Detection Reagent Working Solution by mixing equal parts Luminol/Enhancer Solution and Stable Peroxide Buffer.
- Add 50 µL of the Detection Reagent Working Solution to each well.
- Use a plate-based luminometer to measure Relative Light Units (RLU) at 425 nm within 1–10 min following addition of the substrate. Optimal signal intensity is achieved when read within 10 min.