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Protein Kinase Substrate

Elk-1 Fusion Protein

Concentration: 0.25 mg/ml

Recombinant

☑ Small 0.1 mg

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Background: The transcription factor Elk-1 is a component of the ternary complex that binds the serum response element (SRE) and mediates gene activity in response to serum and growth factors (1-3). Elk-1 is phosphorylated by MAP kinase pathways at a cluster of S/T motifs at its carboxy terminus; phosphorylation at these sites, particularly Ser383, is critical for transcriptional activation by Elk-1. Elk-1 appears to be a direct target of activated MAP kinase: (a) biochemical studies indicate that Elk-1 is a good substrate for MAP kinase; (b) the kinetics of Elk-1 phosphorylation and activation correlate with MAP kinase activity; (c) interfering mutants of MAP kinase block Elk-1 activation in vivo. Other studies have shown that Elk-1 (Ser383) is also a target of the stress-activated kinase SAPK/JNK (4,5).

Description: Elk-1 Fusion Protein serves as a useful substrate for p42/44 MAP kinases (1,6). It is expressed as a recombinant protein fusion containing Elk-1 residues 307–428.

Source/Purification: Cloned from a human cDNA library (7) and overexpressed in *E. coli*.

Quality Control: The purified fusion protein was identified by SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis, using Elk-1 Antibody #9182, to be greater than 95% pure Elk-1 .

Directions for Use: Elk 1 Fusion Protein, at a concentration of 2 µg/20 µl reaction, can be phosphorylated using 50 units of p42 MAP kinase (Erk2) in an in vitro kinase assay with 1X Kinase Buffer #9802 and 200 µM ATP #9804. After a 30-minute assay at 30ºC, phosphorylation can be detected by Western blot with Phospho-Elk-1 (Ser383) Antibody #9181.

Molecular Weight: 41, 45 kDa

Specific Activity: Elk 1 Fusion Protein at a concentration of 2 µg/20 µ| reaction was phosphorylated using p42 MAP kinase (Erk) in an *in vitro* kinase assay with 1X Kinase Buffer #9802 and 200 µM ATP #9804. After a 30-minute assay at 30°, phosphorylation was detected by Western blot with Phospho-Elk-1 (Ser383) Antibody #9181.

Background References:

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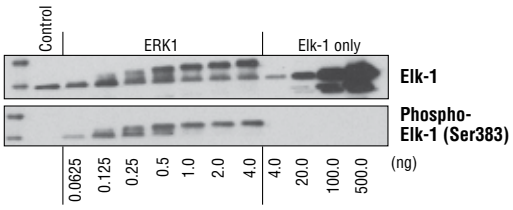
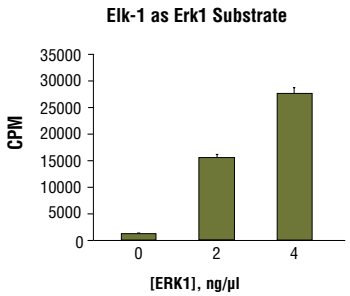


Figure 1. Western blot analysis of Elk-1 fusion protein phosphorylated by Erk1 kinase, using Elk-1 Antibody #9182 (upper panel) and Phospho-Elk-1 (Ser383) Antibody #9181 (lower panel).



◀ *Figure 2. Elk-1 fusion protein was used as substrate to measure Erk1 kinases activity in a radiometric assay using the following reaction conditions: 25 mM Tris-HCl (pH7.5), 10 mM $MgCl_2$, 5 mM b-glycerophosphate, 0.1 mM Na_3VO_4, 2 mM DTT, 50 µM ATP, Substrate: Elk-1 fusion protein 400 ng/µL, and variable amounts of Erk1 kinases.*

Storage: Supplied in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5 at 25°C), 50 mM NaCl, 2 mM Na2EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and 50% glycerol. Store at –20°C.

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Fusion Protein Protocol

A Solutions and Reagents

1. **Note:** Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.
2. **10X Kinase Buffer (#9802):** Store at –20°C. May be stored at 4°C for short-termuse (1–2 weeks).
3. **Elk-1 Fusion Protein:** Concentration = 0.5mg/ml. Use 0.5 µg assay.
4. **10 mM ATP Adenosine-5' triphosphate (ATP)** supplied as a 10 mM solution in sterile, doubly distilled water as a disodium salt. #9804
5. ^{32}ATP
6. * **Transfer Buffer:** 25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH=8.5).
7. * **3X SDS Sample Buffer:** 187.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25°C), 6% w/v sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 30% glycerol, 150 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 0.03% w/v bromophenol blue. For 100 mL, use 2.27 g Tris-HCl, 6g SDS, 30 mL glycerol and 30mg w/v bromophenol blue or bromophenol blue dye. Store at –20°C. Add DTT fresh just before use.
8. * **10X Tris-Buffered Saline with Tween-20 (TBS/T):** 0.2 M Tris base, 1.36 M NaCl, 1.0% Tween-20. To prepare 1 liter, dissolve 24.2 g Tris, 80 g NaCl in dH_2O and adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl. Store at room temperature.
9. * **Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBS/T with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk. For 150 mL, dissolve 7.5g nonfat dry milk in 15 mL 10X TBS/T and 135 mL dH_2O. Mix well. Prepare freshly for each experiment.
10. * **Wash Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T). Store at room temperature.
11. * **Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBS/T with 5% BSA.
12. **Phototope®-HRP Western Blot Detection System #7071:** Includes biotinylated protein marker, secondary anti-rabbit (#7074) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP), anti-biotin antibody conjugated to HRP (#7075), 20X LumiGLO® chemiluminescent reagent and 20X peroxide (#7003).
13. **LumiGLO® Substrate #7003:** 0.5 mL 20X LumiGLO, 0.5 mL 20X peroxide and 9.0 mL Milli-Q water.

B Radiometric Assay Protocol

1. Dilute 10 mM ATP with 3X assay buffer 1:40 to make 250 µM ATP.
2. Dilute [^{32}p] ATP to 0.2 µCi/µl [^{32}p] ATP with 250 µM ATP solution.
3. Transfer enzyme from -80°C to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
4. Dilute enzyme protein to desired concentration with 1X assay buffer followed by 2-fold serial dilutions.
5. To start the reaction combine 10 µl kinase solution, 10 µl Elk-1 Fusion Protein (0.5 µg/µl) and 5 µl 0.2 µCi/µl [^{32}p] ATP solution.

Final Assay Conditions

25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)
10 mM $MgCl_2$
5 mM β-glycerophosphate
0.1 mM Na_3VO_4
2 mM DTT
200 µM ATP
200 µg/ml Elk-1 fusion protein
10-100 ng Kinase

6. After 15 minutes terminate reaction by spotting 20 µl of the reaction mixture onto phosphocellulose P81 paper.
7. Air dry the P81 paper then wash with 1% phosphoric acid 3 times.
8. Transfer P81 paper to 4 ml scintillation tube then add 3 ml scintillation cocktail.
9. Count samples in a scintillation counter.

C Kinase Assay

1. Dilute 10 mM ATP with 2X kinase assay buffer by 1:25 to make 400 µM ATP.
2. Transfer enzyme from -80°C to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
3. Dilute enzyme protein to desired concentration with 2X assay buffer (with ATP).
4. To start the reaction combine 20 µl diluted kinase solution and Elk-1 (0.5 µg/µl).

Final Assay Conditions for a 40 µl Reaction

25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)
10 mM $MgCl_2$
5 mM β-glycerophosphate
0.1 mM Na_3VO_4
2 mM DTT
200 µM ATP
250 µg/ml Elk-1 fusion protein
10-100 ng Kinase

5. After 30 minutes terminate reaction with 20 µl 3X SDS Sample Buffer.

D Western Immunoblotting

1. Heat the sample to 95–100°C for 2–5 minutes.
2. Load 5–15 µl of sample per well sample on SDS-PAGE gel.
3. **Note:** CST recommends loading prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µL/lane) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein marker (#7727, 10 µL/lane) to estimate molecular weights.
4. Run SDS-page and electrotransfer to nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane.
5. **Note:** Volumes for all the following steps are for 10 cm x 10 cm membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.
6. (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 mL TBST for 5 minutes at room temperature.
7. Incubate membrane in 10 mL Blocking Buffer for 1-2 hours at room temperature.
8. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
9. Incubate membrane and Phospho-Elk-1 (Ser383) Antibody #9181 (1:1000 dilution) in 10 mL Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
10. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
11. Incubate membrane with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) and HRP-conjugated anti-biotin antibody (1:1000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 mL of Blocking Buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
12. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 mL Wash Buffer.
13. Incubate membrane with 10 mL LumiGLO® Substrate with gentle agitation for 1 minute at room temperature.
14. Drain membrane of excess LumiGLO® Substrate (but do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to X-ray film. An initial 10-second exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.
15. **Note:** Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following LumiGLO® incubation and declines over the following 2 hours. LumiGLO® Substrate can be further diluted if signal response is too fast.

MSDS

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for Fusion Proteins

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I. Identification:

Product name: Fusion Proteins
Product Catalog Number: 6000, 7000, and 9000 series
CAS number: None

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II. Composition/Information on Ingredients:

This product is composed of proteins in aqueous buffer solution. According to 29 CFR 1910.1200(d), hazardous ingredients at less than <1% and carcinogens at less than < 0.1% are considered non-hazardous. This product may contain the following hazardous ingredients:

Ingredient	CAS#	Percent
Glycerol	56-81-5	50%

III. Hazard Identification:

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this solution have not been thoroughly investigated.

Emergency Overview of Hazardous ingredient: Glycerol (CAS# 56-81-5)

Caution: Avoid contact and inhalation.
Target organ: Kidneys.

IV. First Aid Measures:

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention.
Ingestion: If swallowed, rinse mouth with water provided person is conscious. Get medical attention.
Skin Exposure: In case of contact, wash skin with soap and water.
Eye Exposure: In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

V. Fire Fighting Measures:

Flash Point: Data not available.
Autoignition Temperature: Data not available.
Fire Extinguishing Media: Water spray, dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide.
Firefighting: Wear protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

VI. Accidental Release Measures:

Absorb liquid with an absorbent material. Transfer contaminated absorbent to a chemical waste container for disposal.

VII. Handling And Storage:

Avoid inhalation and contact with eyes and skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Store at–20°C in tightly closed container.

VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal

Engineering Controls: Maintain adequate ventilation, eye wash and quick-drench facilities in work area.
Personal Protective Equipment: Lab coat, chemical resistant gloves and chemical safety glasses.
Occupational Exposure Limits: Data not available.

IX. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection:

Physical State:	liquid
Appearance:	colorless
Odor:	odorless
Boiling Point:	data not available
Melting Point:	data not available
Volatile Organic Compound:	data not available
Solubility in water:	readily miscible in water

X. Stability and Reactivity:

Stability: Stable under recommended conditions.
Hazardous Decomposition: May form carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.
Conditions to avoid: Strong oxidizing agents.

XI. Toxicological Information:

May cause skin irritation.
May be toxic if absorbed through skin or ingested.
May cause eye irritation.

Target Organs: Kidneys
Prolonged exposure may cause nausea, headache, and vomiting.

XII. Ecological Information:

Data not available.

XIII. Disposal Considerations:

Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

XIV. Transport Information:

D.O.T.: This substance is considered non-hazardous for transport.
IATA: This substance is considered non-hazardous for air transport.

XV. Regulatory Information:

US Classification and Label information:
Caution: Avoid contact and inhalation.
Target organ(s): Kidneys.

Chemical inventory status : Not classified/controlled according to EU, USA, WHMIS.

XVI. Other Information:

This product is not intended for use in humans. It is sold only for research use only. No other use is intended, and any other use may involve substantive hazards.

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