

PKC Isoform Antibody Sampler Kit



1 Kit
 (4 x 20 µl)

Orders ■ 877-616-CELL (2355)
 orders@cellsignal.com
Support ■ 877-678-TECH (8324)
 info@cellsignal.com
Web ■ www.cellsignal.com

rev. 08/04/17

For Research Use Only. Not For Use In Diagnostic Procedures.

Products Included	Product #	Quantity	Mol. Wt.	Isotype
PKC α Antibody	2056	20 µl	80 kDa	Rabbit IgG
PKC δ (D10E2) Rabbit mAb	9616	20 µl	78 kDa	Rabbit IgG
PKC ζ (C24E6) Rabbit mAb	9368	20 µl	78 kDa	Rabbit IgG
PKD/PKC μ (D4J1N) Rabbit mAb	90039	20 µl	115 kDa	Rabbit IgG
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody	7074	100 µl		Goat

See www.cellsignal.com for individual component applications, species cross-reactivity, dilutions and additional application protocols.

Description: PKC Antibody Sampler Kit contains reagents to examine the total protein levels of various PKC isoforms. The kit contains enough primary and secondary antibodies to perform two Western mini-blot per primary antibody.

Background: Activation of PKC is one of the earliest events in a cascade leading to a variety of cellular responses such as secretion, gene expression, proliferation and muscle contraction (1,2). PKC isoforms have been classified into three groups: classical PKCs, which are calcium-dependent via their C2 domains and are activated by phosphatidylserine (PS), diacylglycerol (DAG) and phorbol esters (TPA or PMA) through their cysteine-rich C1 domains, novel PKCs, which are calcium-independent but are still regulated by PS, DAG and TPA and atypical PKCs, which are calcium-independent and do not require PS, DAG or TPA for their activation (3-7). Members of these three PKC groups contain a pseudo-substrate or autoinhibitory domain that binds to the substrate binding site in the catalytic domain, preventing its activation in the absence of cofactors or activators.

Other members have been recently added to the PKC superfamily based on homology within the catalytic domain. PKC, or PKD, is regulated by DAG and TPA through its C1 domain. However, PKD is distinguished by a PH domain, as well as by its unique substrate recognition and Golgi localization. The PKC-related kinases, or PRKs, lack a C1 domain and do not respond to DAG or phorbol esters. Instead, they can be activated by phosphatidylinositol lipids and their kinase activity is directly regulated by small GTPases of the Rho family through Rho binding to the homology region 1 (HR1).

The activity of PKC is under the control of three distinct phosphorylation events. Specifically, Thr500 in the activation loop, the Thr641 autophosphorylation site and the Ser660 hydrophobic site at the carboxy terminus of PKC β II are phosphorylated *in vivo* (2). For the atypical PKC isoforms, there is no phosphorylation in the hydrophobic region, which has a glutamic acid residue in place of the serine or threonine residue found in other PKC isoforms. The enzyme PDK1, or a close relative, is responsible for PKC activation.

Specificity/Sensitivity: All antibodies in this kit detect endogenous levels of total protein from their respective targets. All antibodies only recognize their specified isoform and do not cross-react with other PKC isoforms.

Source/Purification: Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to human PKC ζ and to residues surrounding Arg216 of human PKC δ protein and near the carboxy terminus of human PKD (PKC μ). Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with synthetic peptides corresponding to the sequence of the human protein PKC α . Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

Storage: Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 µg/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C. *Do not aliquot the antibodies.*

Recommended Antibody Dilutions:
 Western blotting 1:1000
 See www.cellsignal.com for individual component dilutions and additional application protocols.

Please visit www.cellsignal.com for validation data and a complete listing of recommended companion products.

Background References:

- (1) Nishizuka, Y. (1984) *Nature* 308, 693–698.
- (2) Keranen, L.M. et al. (1995) *Curr. Biol.* 5, 1394–1403.
- (3) Newton, A.C. (1995) *J. Biol. Chem.* 270, 28495–28498.
- (4) Mellor, H. and Parker, P.J. (1998) *Biochem J.* 332 (Pt 2), 281–292.
- (5) Ron, D. and Kazanietz, M.G. (1999) *FASEB J.* 13, 1658–1676.
- (6) Way, K.J. et al. (2000) *Trends Pharmacol. Sci.* 21, 181–187.
- (7) Moscat, J. and Diaz-Meco, M.T. (2000) *EMBO Rep.* 1, 399–403.

Western Immunoblotting Protocol

For western blots, incubate membrane with diluted primary antibody in either 5% w/v BSA or nonfat dry milk, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween® 20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.

NOTE: Please refer to primary antibody datasheet or product webpage for recommended primary antibody dilution buffer and recommended antibody dilution.

A. Solutions and Reagents

NOTE: Prepare solutions with reverse osmosis deionized (RODI) or equivalent grade water.

- 20X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS):** (#9808) To prepare 1 L 1X PBS: add 50 ml 20X PBS to 950 ml dH₂O, mix.
- 10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):** (#12498) To prepare 1 L 1X TBS: add 100 ml 10X to 900 ml dH₂O, mix.
- 1X SDS Sample Buffer:** Blue Loading Pack (#7722) or Red Loading Pack (#7723)
Prepare fresh 3X reducing loading buffer by adding 1/10 volume 30X DTT to 1 volume of 3X SDS loading buffer. Dilute to 1X with dH₂O.
- 10X Tris-Glycine SDS Running Buffer:** (#4050) To prepare 1 L 1X running buffer: add 100 ml 10X running buffer to 900 ml dH₂O, mix.
- 10X Tris-Glycine Transfer Buffer:** (#12539) To prepare 1 L 1X transfer buffer: add 100 ml 10X transfer buffer to 200 ml methanol + 700 ml dH₂O, mix.
- 10X Tris Buffered Saline with Tween® 20 (TBST):** (#9997) To prepare 1 L 1X TBST: add 100 ml 10X TBST to 900 ml dH₂O, mix.
- Nonfat Dry Milk:** (#9999)
- Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBST with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk to 150 ml 1X TBST and mix well.
- Wash Buffer:** (#9997) 1X TBST
- Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA):** (#9998)
- Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBST with 5% BSA or 5% nonfat dry milk as indicated on primary antibody datasheet; for 20 ml, add 1.0 g BSA or nonfat dry milk to 20 ml 1X TBST and mix well.
- Biotinylated Protein Ladder:** (#7727)
- Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format):** (#7720)
- Blotting Membrane and Paper:** (#12369) This protocol has been optimized for nitrocellulose membranes. Pore size 0.2 µm is generally recommended.
- Secondary Antibody Conjugated to HRP:** anti-rabbit (#7074); anti-mouse (#7076)
- Detection Reagent:** LumiGLO® chemiluminescent reagent and peroxide (#7003) or SignalFire™ ECL Reagent (#6883)

B. Protein Blotting

A general protocol for sample preparation.

- Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
- Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 µl per well of 6-well plate or 500 µl for a 10 cm diameter plate). Immediately scrape the cells off the plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
- Sonicate for 10–15 sec to complete cell lysis and shear DNA (to reduce sample viscosity).
- Heat a 20 µl sample to 95–100°C for 5 min; cool on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 5 min.
- Load 20 µl onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm). **NOTE:** Loading of prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µl/lane) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein ladder (#7727, 10 µl/lane) to determine molecular weights are recommended.
- Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose membrane (#12369).

C. Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

NOTE: Volumes are for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm²) of membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.

I. Membrane Blocking

- (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 min at room temperature.
- Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hr at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.

II. Primary Antibody Incubation

- Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution and diluent as recommended in the product datasheet) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
- Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.
- Incubate membrane with the species appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (#7074 or #7076 at 1:2000) and anti-biotin, HRP-linked Antibody (#7075 at 1:1000–1:3000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hr at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 min each with 15 ml of TBST.
- Proceed with detection (Section D).

D. Detection of Proteins

- Incubate membrane with 10 ml LumiGLO® (0.5 ml 20X LumiGLO® #7003, 0.5 ml 20X peroxide, and 9.0 ml purified water) or 10 ml SignalFire™ #6883 (5 ml Reagent A, 5 ml Reagent B) with gentle agitation for 1 min at room temperature.
- Drain membrane of excess developing solution (do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to x-ray film. An initial 10 sec exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.
NOTE: Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following incubation and declines over the following 2 hr.

LumiGLO® is a registered trademark of Kirkegaard & Perry Laboratories. Tween® is a registered trademark of ICI Americas, INC. SignalFire™ is a trademark of Cell Signaling Technology, INC.