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RayBio® Human Phospho-CREB (Ser133) and Total CREB ELISA Kit

Catalog Number: PEL-CREB-S133-T
User Manual
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Please read entire manual carefully before starting experiment.

Introduction

RayBio® Phospho-CREB (Ser133) and Total CREB ELISA kit is a very rapid, convenient and sensitive assay kit that can monitor the activation or function of important biological pathways in Human cell lysates. By determining phosphorylated CREB protein in your experimental model system, you can verify pathway activation in your cell lysates. You can simultaneously measure numerous different cell lysates without spending excess time and effort in performing a Western Blotting analysis.

This Sandwich ELISA kit is an in vitro enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the measurement of Human phospho-CREB and total CREB. An anti-pan CREB antibody has been coated onto a 96-well plate. Samples are pipetted into the wells and CREB present in a sample is bound to the wells by the immobilized antibody and the wells are washed. In select wells, rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133) antibody is added to detect phosphorylated CREB. In the remaining wells, mouse anti-pan-CREB antibody is used to detect pan CREB. After washing away unbound antibody, HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG or HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG is pipetted into the wells. The wells are again washed, a TMB substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of CREB (Ser133) or pan CREB bound. The Stop Solution changes the color from blue to yellow, and the intensity of the color is measured at 450 nm.

Storage / Stability

The entire kit may be stored at -20°C for up to 6 months from the date of shipment. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. For prepared reagent storage, see kit contents on the next page.

Kit Components

Name	Catalog #	Size / Qty	Description	Storage / Stability After Preparation
Anti-Pan-CREB Microplate	PEL-CREB-S133-A	96 wells	Microplate coated with anti-pan-CREB antibody.	1 month at -20°C*
Positive Control	HELAS001-1	1 vial	1 vial of lyophilized powder from treated HeLa cell lysate.	1 week at -80°C
Anti-Phospho CREB (Ser133) Detection Antibody	PEL-CREB-S133-C1	1 vial	1 vial of rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133) (1 vial is enough to assay half of the microplate)..	5 days at 4°C
Pan CREB Detection Antibody	PEL-CREB-S133-T-C2	1 vial	1 vial of mouse anti-pan-CREB (1 vial is enough to assay half microplate).	5 days at 4°C
HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG	PEL-ITEMD1	1 vial	1 vial (25 µl) of 500X concentrated HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG.	Do not store and reuse.
HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG	PEL-ITEMD2	1 vial	1 vial (25 µl) of 1000x concentrated HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG.	Do not store and reuse.
Wash Buffer	EL-ITEMB	25 ml	20X concentrated wash buffer.	1 month at 4°C
Assay Diluent B	EL-ITEME	15 ml	5X concentrated assay diluent.	1 month at 4°C
Lysis Buffer	EL-Lysis	5 ml	2X cell lysis buffer.	1 month at 4°C
TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent	EL-TMB	12 ml	3,3,5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) in buffer solution.	N/A
Stop Solution	EL-STOP	8 ml	0.2 M sulfuric acid.	N/A

*Return unused wells to the pouch containing desiccant pack, reseal along entire edge.

Additional Materials Required

1. Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
2. Protease and Phosphatase inhibitors.
3. Shaker.
4. Precision pipettes to deliver 2 µl to 1 ml volumes.
5. Adjustable 1-25 ml pipettes for reagent preparation.
6. 100 ml and 1 liter graduated cylinders.
7. Absorbent paper.
8. Distilled or deionized water.
9. Log-log graph paper or computer and software for ELISA data analysis.
10. Tubes to prepare the positive control or sample dilutions.

Sample Preparation

For the initial experiment, we recommend a serial dilution, such as a 5-fold to 50-fold dilution, for your cell lysates with prepared Assay Diluent (see Reagent Preparation step 2) before use.

Note: The fold dilution of sample used depends on the abundance of phosphorylated proteins and should be determined empirically. More of the sample can be used if signals are too weak. If signals are too strong, the sample can be diluted further.

Reagent Preparation

1. Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature (18 - 25°C) before use.
2. 5X Assay Diluent should be diluted 5-fold with deionized or distilled water before use.
3. Cell lysate buffer should be diluted 2-fold with deionized or distilled water (for cell lysate and tissue lysate). We also recommend the addition of protease and phosphatase inhibitors (not included) to the lysis buffer prior to use.
4. Preparation of Positive Control: Briefly spin the Positive Control Vial. Add 400 µl of prepared 1X Assay Diluent into Positive Control. Gently mix the powder to allow it to dissolve thoroughly. If a precipitate is seen in the solution after mixing, this can be removed by a quick centrifuge of the positive control vial, and then pipetting the supernatant only for the assay.
5. If the Wash Concentrate (20X) contains visible crystals, warm to room temperature and mix gently until dissolved. Dilute 20 ml of Wash Buffer Concentrate into deionized or distilled water to yield 400 ml of 1X Wash Buffer.
6. Preparation of Detection Antibodies:
    a. Preparation of rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133) antibody: Briefly spin the vial of rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133). Add 100 µl of 1X Assay Diluent into the vial to prepare a phospho detection antibody concentrate. Pipette up and down to mix gently (the concentrate can be stored at 4°C for 5 days or at -80°C for one month). The concentrate should then be diluted 55-fold with 1X Assay Diluent and used in step 5 of the Assay Procedure.
    b. Preparation of mouse anti-pan-CREB antibody: Briefly spin the vial of mouse anti-pan-CREB. Add 100 µl of 1X Assay Diluent into the vial to prepare a detection antibody concentrate. Pipette up and down to mix gently (the concentrate can be stored at 4°C for 5 days or at -80°C for one month). The concentrate should then be diluted 55-fold with 1X Assay Diluent.
7. Preparation of HRP-conjugated concentrates:
    a. Preparation of HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG: Briefly spin the vial of HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG concentrate before use. HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG should be diluted 500X with 1X Assay Diluent and used in step 7 of the Assay Procedure.
    b. Preparation of HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG: Briefly spin the vial of HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG concentrate before use. HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG should be diluted 1000x with 1X Assay Diluent and used in step 7 of the Assay Procedure.

Assay Procedure

1. Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature (18 - 25°C) before use. It is strongly recommended to run all positive controls and samples in at least duplicate. It is also recommended to run the positive controls in singlet for each of the pan and phospho-specific antibodies.
2. Label removable 8-well strips as appropriate for your experiment.
3. Add 100 µl of positive control (see Reagent Preparation step 4) or sample into appropriate wells. Cover the wells and incubate for 2.5 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C with gentle shaking.
4. Discard the solution and wash 4 times with 1X Wash Solution. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (300 µl) using a multi-channel Pipette or autowasher. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Wash Buffer by aspirating or decanting. Invert the plate and blot it against clean paper towels.
5. Add 100 µl of prepared 1X rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133) antibody (see Reagent Preparation step 6a) into the wells designated to detect phosphorylated protein. Add 100 µl of prepared 1X mouse anti-pan-CREB antibody (see Reagent Preparation step 6b) to the remaining wells to detect pan protein. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
6. Discard the solution. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
7. Add 100 µl of prepared HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG solution (see Reagent Preparation step 7a) to the wells corresponding with rabbit anti-phospho-CREB (Ser133) in order to detect phosphorylated protein. To the remaining wells (corresponding with mouse anti-pan-CREB), add 100 µl of prepared HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG solution (see Reagent Preparation step 7b) in order to detect pan protein. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
8. Discard the solution. Repeat the wash as in step 4.
9. Add 100 µl of TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent to each well. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark with gentle shaking.
10. Add 50 µl of Stop Solution to each well. Read at 450 nm immediately.

Assay Procedure Summary

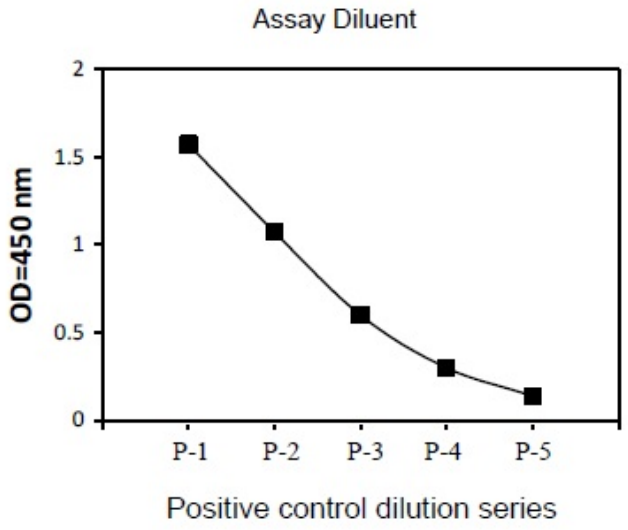
1. Prepare all reagents, samples and positive control as instructed.
2. Add 100 µl positive control or sample to each well. Incubate 2.5 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C with gentle shaking.
3. Add 100 µl prepared detection antibody to each well. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
4. Add 100 µl prepared HRP-Conjugated solution. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle shaking.
5. Add 100 µl TMB One-Step Substrate Reagent to each well. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
6. Add 50 µl Stop Solution to each well. Read at 450 nm immediately.

Typical Data

Calculate the mean absorbance for each sample. Then, subtract the average zero (blank) optical density from each sample mean and set of singlet positive controls.

A. Positive Control

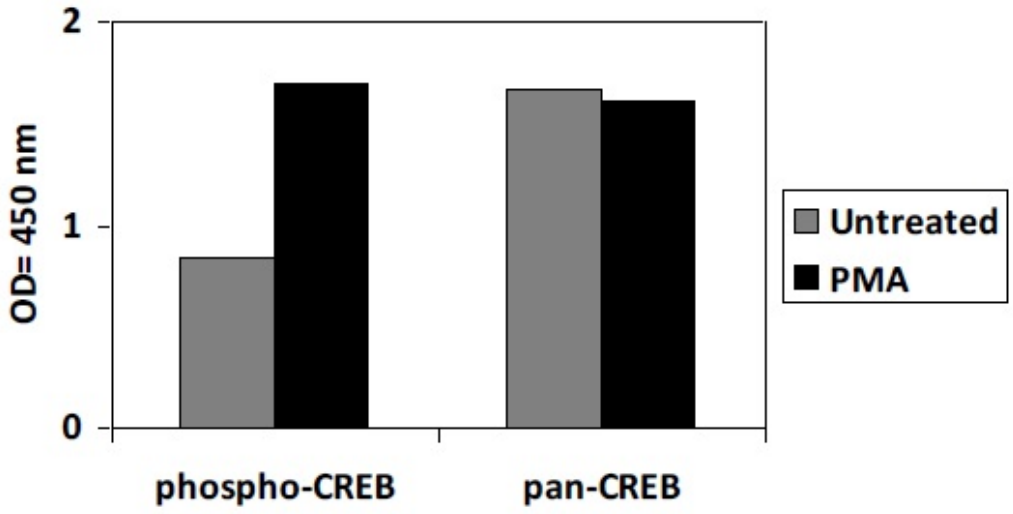
HeLa cells were treated with PMA for 20 min. Cells were solubilzed at 4 x 10^7 cells/ml in Cell Lysate Buffer. Serial dilutions of lysates were analyzed in this ELISA.



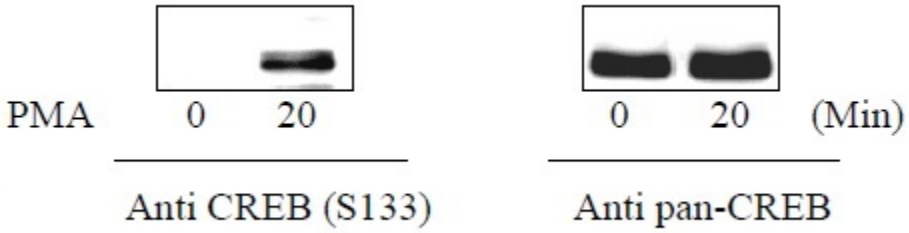
B. PMA Stimulation of HeLa Cell Lines

HeLa cells were untreated or treated with 250 nM PMA for 20 min. Cell lysates were analyzed using this phospho-ELISA and Western Blot.

i. ELISA



ii. Western-Blot Analysis



Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Cause	Solution
Low signal in samples	• Sample concentration is too low • Improper preparation of detection antibody • Too brief incubation times • Inadequate reagent volumes or improper dilution	• Increase sample concentration. Briefly spin down vials before opening. Dissolve the powder thoroughly. • Ensure sufficient incubation time; assay procedure step 3 may be done overnight. Check pipettes and ensure correct preparation
High signal in samples	• Sample concentration is too high	• Reduce sample concentration
Large CV	• Inaccurate pipetting. Air bubbles in wells	• Check pipettes. Remove bubbles in wells
High background	• Plate is insufficiently washed • Contaminated wash buffer	• Review the manual for proper wash. If using a plate washer, ensure that all ports are unobstructed. • Make fresh wash buffer
Low sensitivity	• Improper storage of the ELISA kit • Stop solution • Improper primary or secondary antibody dilution	• Store your positive control at -70°C after reconstitution, others at 4°C. Keep substrate solution protected from light. • Add stop solution to each well before reading plate • Ensure correct dilution