DuoSet® IC

Human Total APE

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DYC1044E

For the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure Apurinic Endonuclease (APE) in cell lysates.

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PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This DuoSet® IC ELISA contains the basic components required for the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure human APE (also known as APEN, APEX, HAP1, or Ref-1) in cell lysates. An immobilized capture antibody specifically binds human APE. After washing away unbound material, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for human APE is used to detect the protein, utilizing a standard Streptavidin-HRP format.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

Store the unopened kit at 2-8° C. Do not use past kit expiration date.

			Vials Provided	
Description	**Part #**	**Storage Conditions**	**Cat. # DYC1044-2**	**Cat. # DYC1044-5**
Human Total APE Capture Antibody	841925	2-8° C	1	2
Human Total APE Detection Antibody	841926	2-8° C	1	2
Human Total APE Standard	841927	2-8° C	3	5
Streptavidin-HRP	890803	2-8° C	1	1

DYC1044-2 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least two 96 well plates.*
DYC1044-5 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least five 96 well plates.*

This kit is also available in an Economy Pack (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC1044E). Economy Packs contain sufficient materials to run ELISAs on 15 microplates.* Specific vial counts of each component may vary. Please refer to the literature accompanying your order for specific vial counts.

*Provided the following conditions are met:

- The reagents are prepared as described in this package insert.
- The assay is run as described in the General ELISA Protocol on page 6.
- The recommended microplates, buffers, diluents, substrates, and solutions are used.

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Aprotinin (Sigma # A6279)
- Leupeptin (Tocris # 1167)
- Pepstatin (Tocris # 1190)
- Phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride (PMSF) (Sigma # P7626)
- Sodium Orthovanadate (Na_3VO_4) (Sigma # S6508), activated
- Sodium Pyrophosphate ($Na_4P_2O_7$) (Sigma # P8010)
- Sodium Fluoride (NaF) (Sigma # 201154)
- Triton™ X-100 (Sigma # T9284)
- Urea
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 96 well microplates (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY990)
- Plate sealers (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY992)
- Squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, or automated microplate washer

SOLUTIONS REQUIRED

PBS - 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 8.1 mM Na_2HPO_4, 1.5 mM KH_2PO_4, pH 7.2-7.4, 0.2 μm filtered (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY006).

Wash Buffer - 0.05% Tween® 20 in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4 (R&D Systems, Catalog # WA126).

Block Buffer - 1% BSA*, 0.05% NaN_3, in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4.

IC Diluent #1 - 1% BSA* in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4, 0.2 μm filtered.

IC Diluent #8** - 1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Triton X-100, 5 mM NaF in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4.

Note: *IC Diluent #8 is also the base diluent for IC Diluent #3, IC Diluent #7, and Lysis Buffer #6. Approximately 50 mL of this diluent is required to run the assay on one plate.*

IC Diluent #3** - 1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Triton X-100, 5 mM NaF, 1 M urea in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4.

IC Diluent #7** - 1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Triton X-100, 5 mM NaF, 6 M urea in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4.

Lysis Buffer #6** - 1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Triton X-100, 5 mM NaF, 6 M urea, 1 mM activated sodium orthovanadate, 2.5 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 10 μg/mL Leupeptin, 10 μg/mL Pepstatin, 100 μM PMSF, 3 μg/mL Aprotinin in PBS, pH 7.2-7.4.

Substrate Solution - 1:1 mixture of Color Reagent A (H_2O_2) and Color Reagent B (Tetramethylbenzidine) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY999).

Stop Solution - 2 N H_2SO_4 (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY994).

*The use of R&D Systems Reagent Diluent Concentrate 2 (Catalog # DY995) or Millipore Bovine Serum Albumin, Fraction V, Protease free (Catalog # 82-045) is recommended. All buffers containing BSA must be stored at 2-8° C.

**Alternatively, use Sample Diluent Concentrate 1 (5X) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC001), prepared as described in the DYC001 insert.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Human Total APE Capture Antibody (Part 841925) - Each vial contains 180 μg/mL of mouse anti-human APE antibody when reconstituted with 200 μL of PBS. After reconstitution, store at 2-8° C for up to 30 days or aliquot and store at ≤ -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at ≤ -70° C for up to 3 months.*

Human Total APE Detection Antibody (Part 841926) - Each vial contains 72 μg/mL of biotinylated rat anti-human APE antibody when reconstituted with 1.0 mL of IC Diluent #1. After reconstitution, store at 2-8° C for up to 30 days or aliquot and store at ≤ -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at ≤ -70° C for up to 3 months.*

Human Total APE Standard (Part 841927) - Each vial contains 180 ng/mL of recombinant human APE when reconstituted with 500 μL of IC Diluent #7. **Use within one hour after reconstitution. A fresh standard should be used for each assay.** Immediately before use, an initial 6-fold dilution should be made in IC Diluent #8. Additional dilutions should be made in IC Diluent #3. A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 30 ng/mL is recommended.

Streptavidin-HRP (Part 890803) - 1 mL of Streptavidin conjugated to horseradish-peroxidase. Store at 2-8° C. Immediately before use, dilute the Streptavidin-HRP to the working concentration specified on the vial label using IC Diluent #1. **DO NOT FREEZE.**

*Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

Cell Lysates - Rinse cells two times with PBS, making sure to remove any remaining PBS after the second rinse. Solubilize cells at 1 x 10^7 cells/mL in Lysis Buffer #6. Vortex lysates briefly and allow to sit at room temperature for 1 hour before use or store at ≤ -20° C in a manual defrost freezer. Sample protein concentration may be quantified using a total protein assay. Before use, centrifuge at 2000 x g for 5 minutes and transfer the supernate into a clean test tube. For assaying, dilute lysates 6-fold with IC Diluent #8 and make further serial dilutions in IC Diluent #3.

Note: *The final concentration of urea in all samples and standards should be 1 M prior to addition to the plate.*

PRECAUTIONS

The Stop Solution recommended for use with this kit is an acid solution.

Some components in this kit contain ProClin® which may cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing mist.

Color Reagent B recommended for use with this kit may cause skin, eye, and respiratory irritation. Avoid breathing fumes.

Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Please refer to the MSDS on our website prior to use.

TECHNICAL HINTS AND LIMITATIONS

- This DuoSet IC ELISA should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
- Individual results may vary due to differences in technique, plasticware and water sources.
- It is important that the diluents selected for reconstitution and for dilution of the standard reflect the environment of the samples being measured. The diluents suggested in this protocol should be suitable for most cell lysates.
- The type of enzyme and substrate and the concentrations of capture/detection antibodies used can be varied to create an immunoassay with a different sensitivity and dynamic range. A basic understanding of immunoassay development is required for the successful use of these reagents in immunoassays.
- A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance. Wash Buffer should be dispensed forcefully and removed completely from the wells by aspiration or decanting. Remove any remaining Wash Buffer by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
- Use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
- It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
- Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. This may interfere with the sensitivity of the assay. Buffers containing protein should be made under aseptic conditions and stored at 2-8° C or be prepared fresh daily.

GENERAL ELISA PROTOCOL

A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.

Plate Preparation

1. Dilute the Capture Antibody to the working concentration of 1.0 μg/mL in PBS without carrier protein. Immediately coat a 96 well microplate with 100 μL per well of the diluted Capture Antibody. Seal the plate and incubate overnight at room temperature.
2. Aspirate each well and wash with Wash Buffer, repeating the process two times for a total of 3 washes. Wash by filling each well with Wash Buffer (400 μL) using a squirt bottle, manifold dispenser 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 by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
3. Block plates by adding 300 μL of Block Buffer to each well. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 hours.
4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2. The plates are now ready for sample addition.

Assay Procedure

1. Add 100 μL of sample or standards in IC Diluent #3 per well. Use IC Diluent #3 as the zero standard. Cover with a plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.

   Note: *A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 30 ng/mL is recommended.*
2. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
3. Dilute the Detection Antibody to a working concentration of 2.0 μg/mL in IC Diluent #1 immediately before use. Add 100 μL of the diluted Detection Antibody to each well. Cover with a new plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.
4. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
5. Add 100 μL of the diluted Streptavidin-HRP to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
6. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 2 of Plate Preparation.
7. Add 100 μL of Substrate Solution to each well. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
8. Add 50 μL of Stop Solution to each well. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing.
9. Determine the optical density of each well immediately, using a microplate reader set to 450 nm. If wavelength correction is available, set to 540 nm or 570 nm. If wavelength correction is not available, subtract readings at 540 nm or 570 nm from the readings at 450 nm. This subtraction will correct for optical imperfections in the plate. Readings made directly at 450 nm without correction may be higher and less accurate.

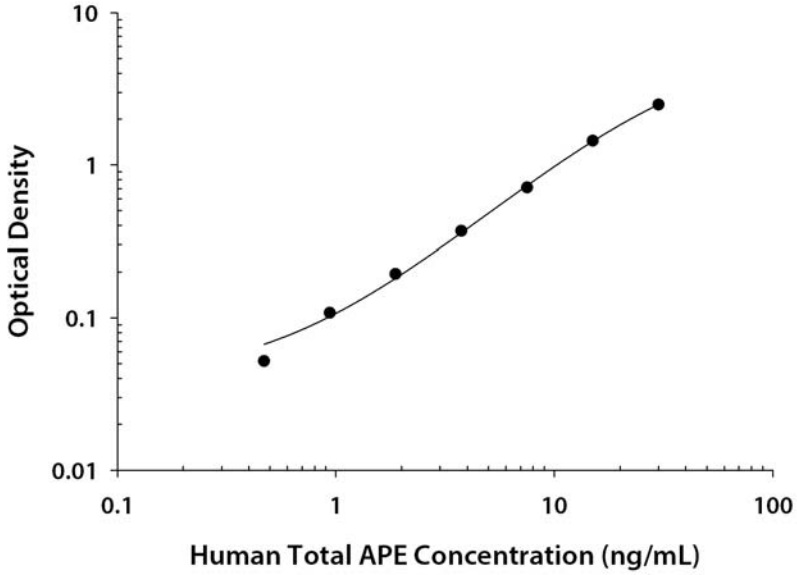
CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample, then subtract the average zero standard optical density (O.D.). Results may be normalized to total protein or cell number.

Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a four parameter logistic (4-PL) curve-fit. As an alternative, construct a standard curve by plotting the mean absorbance for each standard on the y-axis against the concentration on the x-axis and draw a best fit curve through the points on the graph. The data may be linearized by plotting the log of the human APE concentrations versus the log of the O.D. and the best fit line can be determined by regression analysis. This procedure will produce an adequate but less precise fit of the data.

TYPICAL DATA

A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. The graph below represents typical data generated when using the Human Total APE DuoSet IC ELISA. The standard curve was calculated using a computer generated 4-PL curve-fit. This standard curve is for demonstration purposes only.



CALIBRATION

The Human Total APE DuoSet IC ELISA is calibrated against a highly purified *E. coli*-expressed recombinant human APE produced at R&D Systems. Samples containing natural APE showed linear dilution parallel to the standard curve obtained using the Human Total APE Standard. These results indicate that O.D. values from this DuoSet IC ELISA can be used to determine the relative concentration of APE in natural samples.

SPECIFICITY

The Human Total APE DuoSet IC ELISA specifically recognizes total APE. Specificity was demonstrated by Western blot analysis of the protein bound by the capture antibody supplied in the ELISA.

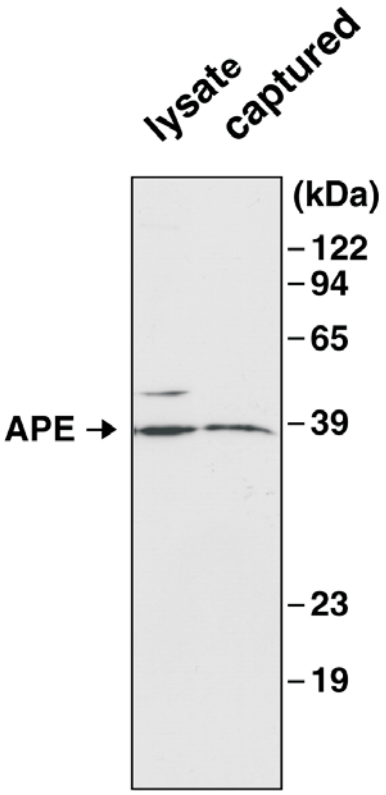


Figure 1: Lysate prepared from K562 cells was incubated in wells coated with Human Total APE Capture Antibody. Unbound material was removed by washing and bound material was solubilized in SDS gel sample buffer. The same lysate and captured proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE, transferred to a PVDF membrane, and immunoblotted with Human Total APE Detection Antibody. A band corresponding to APE was detected.

QUANTIFICATION

Amounts of APE, as quantified by the Human Total APE DuoSet IC ELISA, are consistent with the amounts of APE determined by qualitative Western blot analysis.

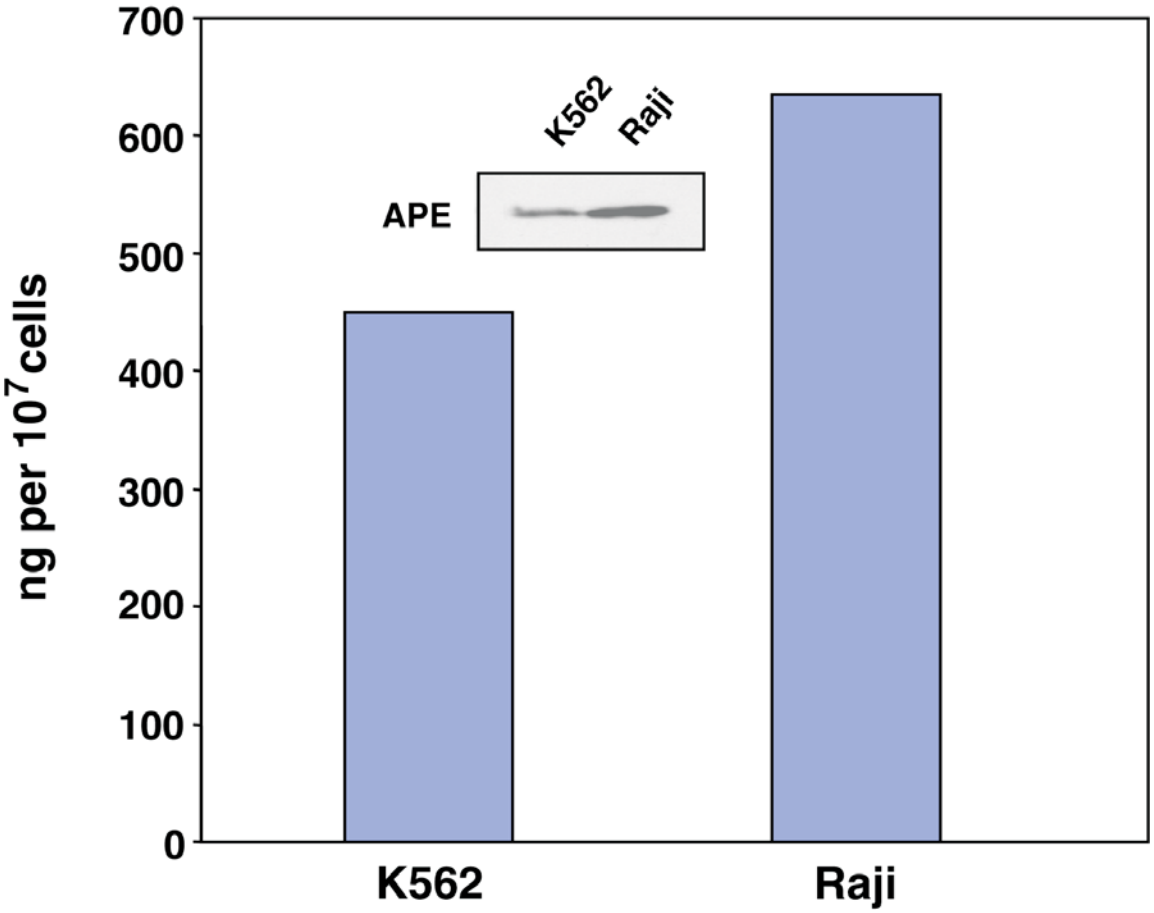
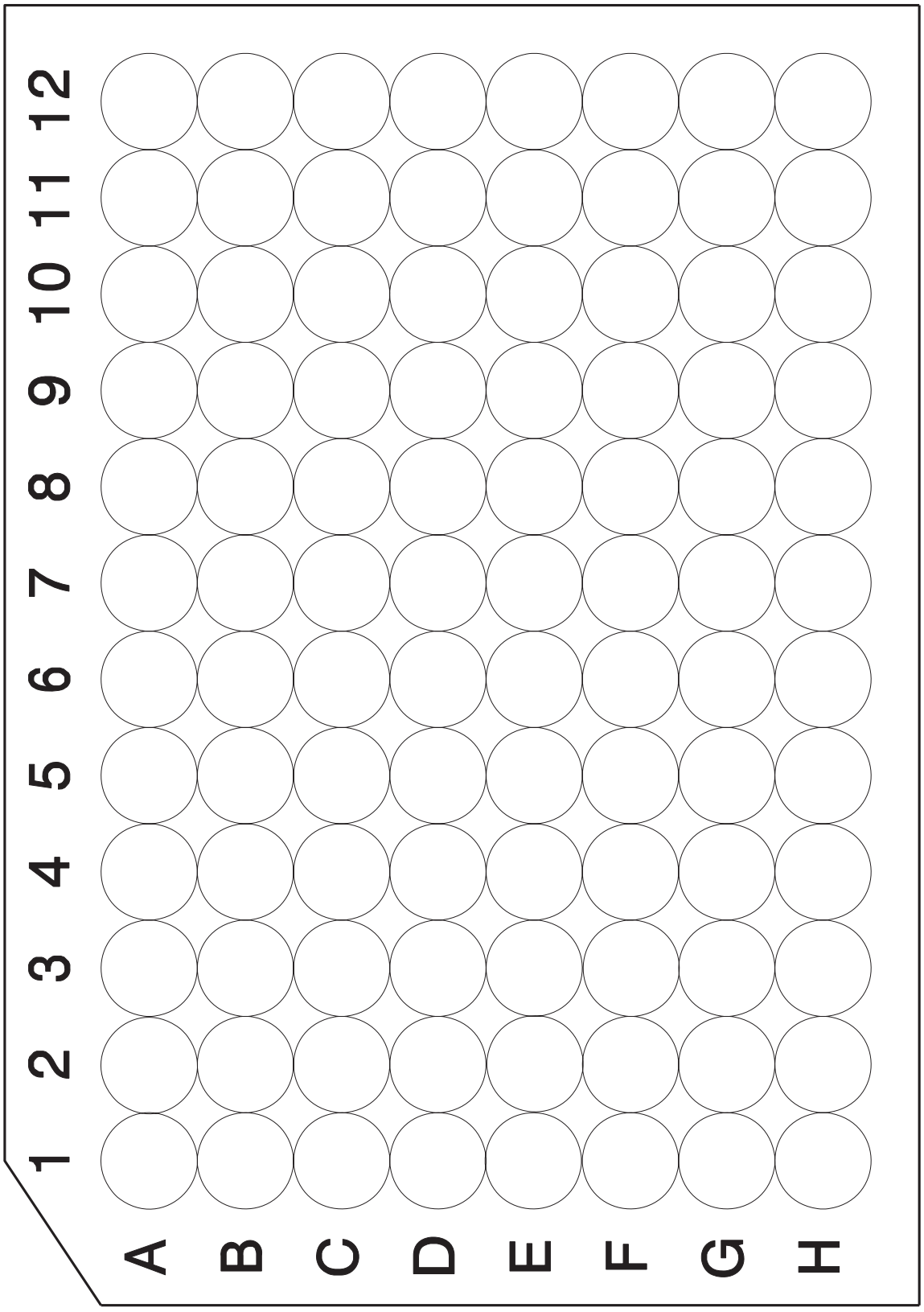


Figure 2: Lysates prepared from K562 and Raji cells were quantified with this DuoSet IC ELISA. The same lysates were also immunoblotted (inset) with an anti-APE polyclonal antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # AF1044). The DuoSet IC ELISA results correlate well with the total amounts of APE detected by Western blot.

PLATE LAYOUT

Use this plate layout as a record of standards and samples assayed.



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