

DuoSet® IC

Human/Mouse/Rat Total PP2A

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DYC1653-5

DYC1653E

**For the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure
Protein Phosphatase 2A (PP2A) 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 Protein Phosphatase 2A (PP2A), also known as PPP2, in cell lysates. PP2A is composed of a catalytic subunit, PPP2ca, a scaffolding subunit, PPP2R1A/PR65, and one of a large number of regulatory subunits. In this assay, an immobilized capture antibody specific for the catalytic subunit of PP2A common to all forms of the enzyme binds the phosphatase. After washing away unbound material, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for PP2A is used to detect the catalytic subunit of PP2A, 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. # DYC1653-2	Cat. # DYC1653-5
Total PP2A Capture Antibody	842095	2-8° C	1	2
Total PP2A Detection Antibody	842096	2-8° C	1	2
Total PP2A Standard	842097	2-8° C	3	5
Streptavidin-HRP	890803	2-8° C	1	1

DYC1653-2 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least two 96 well plates.*
DYC1653-5 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 # DYC1653E).
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)
- Sodium Azide (NaN₃) (Sigma # S2002)
- Phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride (PMSF) (Sigma # P7626)
- NP-40 Alternative (EMD/Calbiochem # 492016)
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 96 well microplates [Costar EIA Plates (Catalog # 2592 or R&D Systems Catalog # DY990) are recommended]. For measurement of very low phosphatase activity, use 1/2 area microplates with a suitable plate reader [Costar EIA Plates (Catalog # 3690) are recommended]
- 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 Na₂HPO₄, 1.5 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.2-7.4, 0.2 µm filtered.

TBS - 25 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.5.

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

Block Buffer - 1% BSA,* 0.05% NaN₃, 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 #10 - 50 mM HEPES, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM EGTA, 0.5% NP-40 Alternative, 120 mM NaCl, pH 7.5. Store at 2-8° C.

Lysis Buffer #8 - 50 mM HEPES, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM EGTA, 0.5% NP-40 Alternative, 120 mM NaCl, 25 µg/mL Leupeptin, 25 µg/mL Pepstatin, 2 µg/mL Aprotinin, 1 mM PMSF, pH 7.5. Add the protease inhibitors just before use.

Note: *Lysis Buffer #8 consists of IC Diluent #10 plus protease inhibitors.*

Approximately 50 mL of IC Diluent #10 is required to run the assay on one 96 well plate.

Substrate Solution - 1:1 mixture of Color Reagent A (H₂O₂) and Color Reagent B (Tetramethylbenzidine) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY999).

Stop Solution - 2 N H₂SO₄ (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY994).

*The use of Reagent Diluent Concentrate 2 (R&D Systems, 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.

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REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Total PP2A Capture Antibody (Part 842095) - Each vial contains 540 μ g/mL of rabbit anti-human PP2A antibody when reconstituted with 200 μ L of PBS. After reconstitution, store at 2-8° C for up to 30 days or aliquot and store at \leq -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at \leq -70° C for up to 3 months.*

Total PP2A Detection Antibody (Part 842096) - Each vial contains 18 μ g/mL of biotinylated rat anti-human PP2A 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 \leq -20° C in a manual defrost freezer or at \leq -70° C for up to 3 months.*

Total PP2A Standard (Part 842097) - Each vial contains 240 ng/mL of recombinant human PP2A when reconstituted with 500 μ L of IC Diluent #10. **Use within one hour of reconstitution. A fresh standard should be used for each assay.** A six point curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 20,000 pg/mL is recommended.

Streptavidin-HRP (Part 890803) - 1.0 mL of streptavidin conjugated to horseradish-peroxidase. Store at 2-8° C. **DO NOT FREEZE.**

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

PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

Cell Lysates - Rinse cells two times with TBS, making sure to remove any remaining TBS after the second rinse. Solubilize cells at 1×10^7 cells/mL in Lysis Buffer #8 and allow samples to sit on ice for 15 minutes. Assay immediately or store at \leq -70° C. Before use, centrifuge samples at 2000 x g for 5 minutes and transfer the supernate to a clean test tube. Sample protein concentration may be quantified using a total protein assay. If needed, further dilutions should be made in IC Diluent #10.

PRECAUTION

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acidic solution. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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 diluent 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 a working concentration of 3.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ 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 #10 per well. Use IC Diluent #10 as the zero standard. Cover with a plate sealer and incubate 2 hours at room temperature.
Note: *A six point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 20,000 pg/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 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ in IC Diluent #1 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. Immediately before use, dilute the Streptavidin-HRP to the working concentration specified on the vial label using IC Diluent #1. 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 the 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.

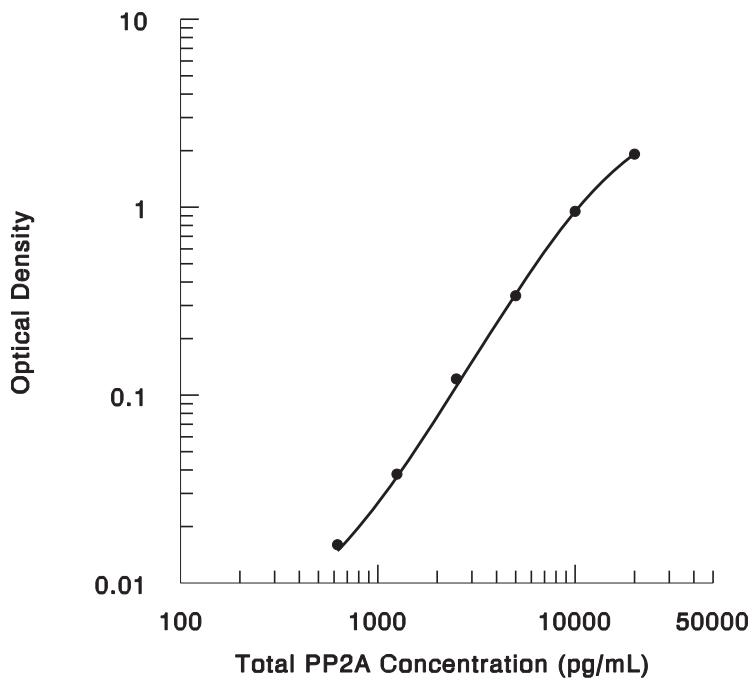
CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample then subtract the average zero standard optical density. 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 PP2A 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 this Human/Mouse/Rat Total PP2A 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/Mouse/Rat Total PP2A DuoSet IC ELISA is calibrated against a highly purified *E. coli*-expressed recombinant human PP2A catalytic subunit produced at R&D Systems. Samples containing natural PP2A showed linear dilution parallel to the standard curve obtained using the Total PP2A Standard. These results indicate that O.D. values from this DuoSet IC ELISA can be used to determine the relative concentration of PP2A in natural samples.

SPECIFICITY

The Human/Mouse/Rat Total PP2A DuoSet IC ELISA specifically recognizes the catalytic subunit of PP2A. The kit has minimal cross-reactivity with other serine/threonine phosphatases. Specificity was demonstrated by Western blot analysis of protein immunoprecipitated with the capture antibody supplied in this kit. One major band corresponding to PP2A was observed.

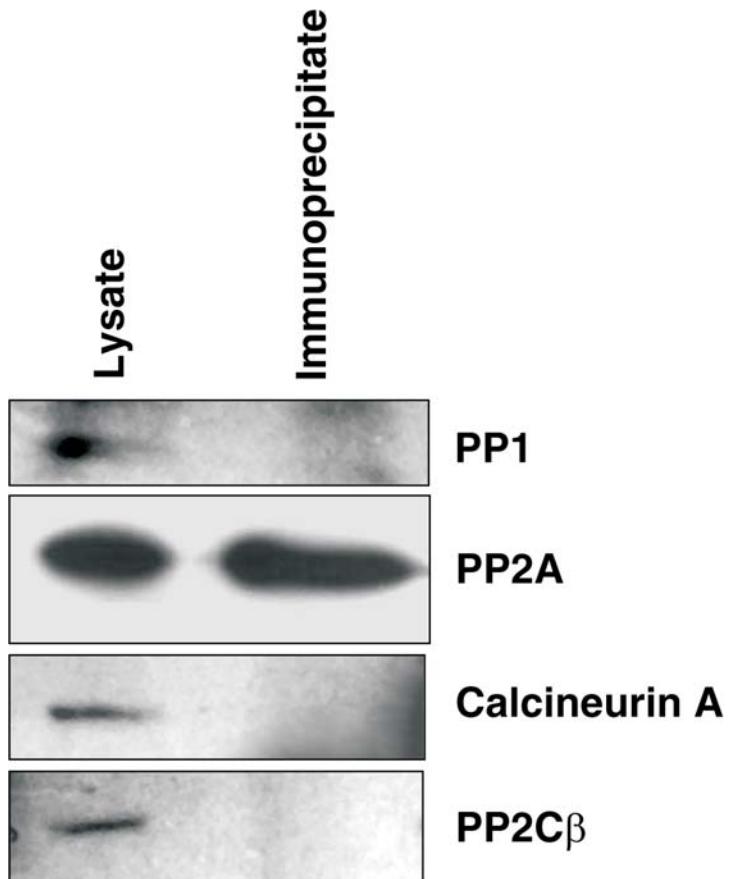


Figure 1: A lysate prepared from PC-12 rat adrenal pheochromocytoma cells was immunoprecipitated with the Total PP2A Capture Antibody. Unbound material was removed by washing. Starting lysate and bound material were solubilized in SDS-PAGE loading buffer and subjected to Western blotting using antibodies against the catalytic subunits of PP1 (R&D Systems, Catalog # MAB3000), Calcineurin A (R&D Systems, Catalog # MAB2839), PP2C β (R&D Systems, Catalog # AF4396), or the Total PP2A Detection Antibody supplied in this kit. While the lysate contains all four proteins, only PP2A is detected in the immunoprecipitate.

To further determine specificity, recombinant human (rh) PP1, rhPP2C α , rhCalcineurin A, and rhPP4 were assayed at 200 ng/mL and did not cross-react or interfere in the assay.

QUANTIFICATION

The amounts of PP2A quantified by the Human/Mouse/Rat Total PP2A DuoSet IC ELISA are consistent with the relative amounts of PP2A catalytic subunit determined by Western blotting.

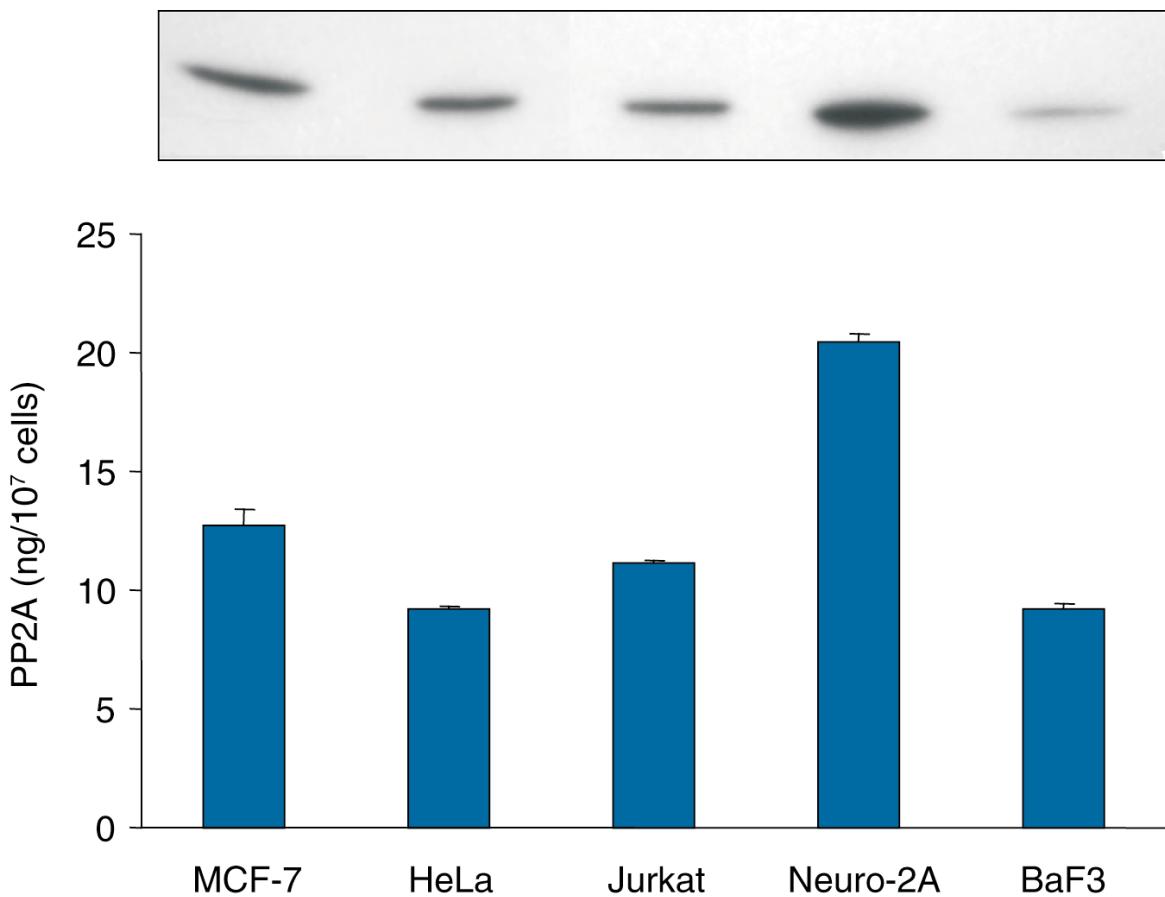


Figure 2: Lysates prepared from MCF-7 human breast cancer, HeLa human cervical epithelial carcinoma, Jurkat human acute T cell leukemia, Neuro-2A mouse neuroblastoma, and BaF3 mouse pro-B cells were quantified with this DuoSet IC ELISA. The same lysates were also immunoblotted with anti-PP2A polyclonal antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # AF3989). The DuoSet IC ELISA results correlate well with the relative amounts of PP2A detected by Western blot.

REGULATION OF PP2A ACTIVITY

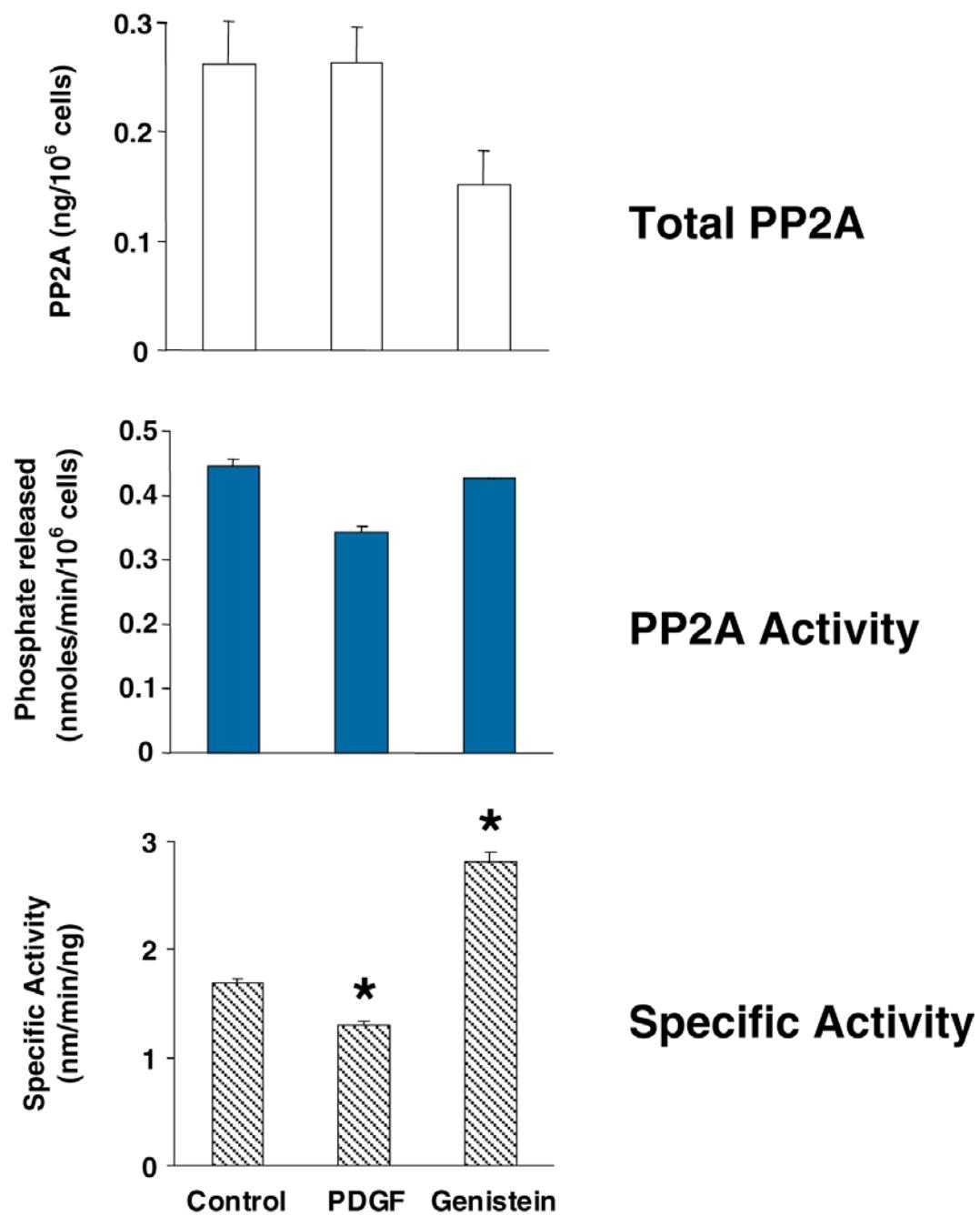
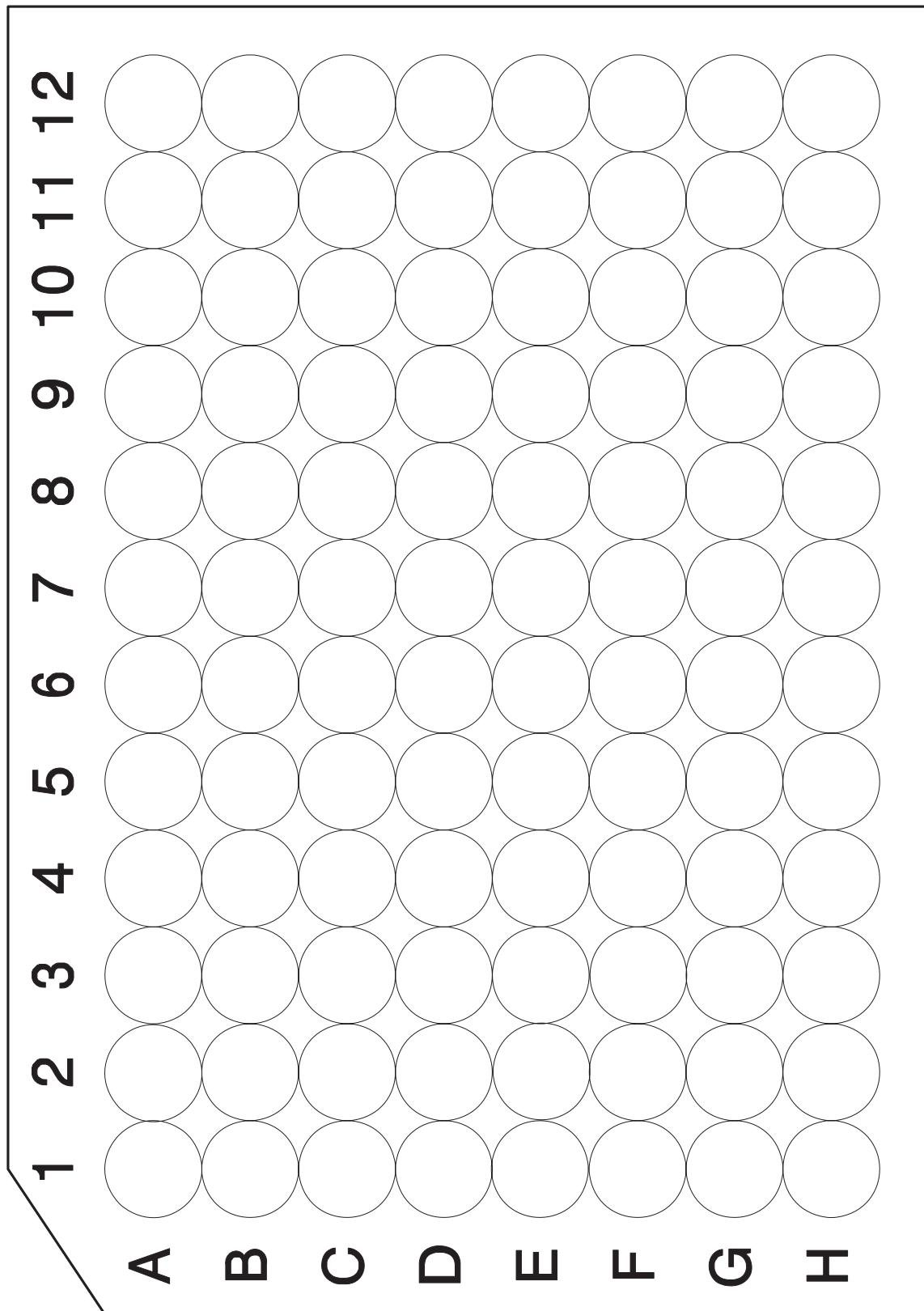


Figure 3: Serum-starved NIH-3T3 mouse embryonic fibroblast cells were treated with either 50 ng/mL of recombinant human PDGF-BB (R&D Systems, Catalog # 220-BB) for 20 minutes or the tyrosine kinase inhibitor genistein (1 mM) for 60 minutes before preparing lysates for measuring total PP2A protein (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC1653) and PP2A activity (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC3309). Specific activity was calculated as the ratio of phosphate released per minute to total PP2A protein. PDGF treatment caused a 23% decrease in PP2A activity without changing the levels of PP2A protein. Although there was a loss of PP2A protein with genistein treatment, there was a 65% increase in the specific activity of the enzyme.

*Indicates P < 0.01 by T-test. These observations are consistent with reports that phosphorylation of the PP2A catalytic subunit at tyrosine 307 inhibits phosphatase activity [Chen *et al.* (1992) *Science* **257**:1261].

PLATE LAYOUT

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



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