DuoSet® IC

Human Total EphB4

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DYC3038-5

For the development of sandwich ELISAs to measure EphB4 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 EphB4 in cell lysates. An immobilized capture antibody specific for EphB4 binds both tyrosine-phosphorylated and unphosphorylated EphB4. After washing away unbound material, a biotinylated detection antibody specific for EphB4 is used to detect the captured receptor, 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. # DYC3038-2**	**Cat. # DYC3038-5**
Total EphB4 Capture Antibody	842416	2 - 8° C	1	2
Total EphB4 Detection Antibody	842417	2 - 8° C	1	2
Total EphB4 Standard	842418	2 - 8° C	3	5
Streptavidin-HRP	890803	2 - 8° C	1	1

DYC3038-2 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least two 96 well plates.*

DYC3038-5 contains sufficient materials to run ELISAs on at least five 96 well plates.*

*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 (Sigma # L8511)
- NP-40 Alternativer (EMD/Calbiochem # 492016)
- Sodium orthovanadate (Na_3VO_4) (Sigma # S6508), activated
- Sodium azide (NaN_3) (Sigma # S2002)
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Deionized or distilled water
- 96 well microplates [Costar EIA Plates (Catalog # 2592 or R&D Systems Catalog # DY990) are suggested]
- 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.

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 #12** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated sodium orthovanadate.

IC Diluent #14 - 20 mM Tris, 137 mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween 20, 0.1% BSA*, pH 7.2 - 7.4.

Lysis Buffer #9** - 1% NP-40 Alternative, 20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 137 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM activated sodium orthovanadate, 10 μg/mL Aprotinin, 10 μg/mL Leupeptin.

Note: *Lysis Buffer #9 consists of IC Diluent #12 plus 10 μg/mL Aprotinin and 10 μg/mL Leupeptin. Approximately 50 mL of IC Diluent #12 is required to run the assay on one 96 well plate.*

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.

**Sample Diluent Concentrate 2 (2X) (R&D Systems, Catalog # DYC002), supplemented as per the package insert.

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REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Total EphB4 Capture Antibody (Part 842416) - Each vial contains 144 μg/mL of goat anti-human EphB4 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.*

Total EphB4 Detection Antibody (Part 842417) - Each vial contains 14.4 μg/mL of biotinylated goat anti-human EphB4 antibody when reconstituted with 1.0 mL of IC Diluent #14. 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.*

Total EphB4 Standard (Part 842418) - Each vial contains 90 ng/mL of recombinant human EphB4 when reconstituted with 500 μL of IC Diluent #12. **Use within one hour of reconstitution. Use a fresh standard for each assay.** A seven point standard curve using 2-fold serial dilutions and a high standard of 10,000 pg/mL is recommended.

Streptavidin-HRP (Part 890803) - 1 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 PBS, making sure to remove any remaining PBS after the second rinse. Solubilize cells at 1 x 10^7 cells/mL in Lysis Buffer #9 and allow samples to sit on ice for 15 minutes. Assay immediately or store at ≤ -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 #12.

PRECAUTION

The Stop Solution suggested for use with this kit is an acidic solution. Wear eye, hand, face, and clothing protection when using this material.

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 and cell culture supernatants.
- 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 800 ng/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 #12 per well. Use IC Diluent #12 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 10,000 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 400 ng/mL in IC Diluent #14 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 #14. 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.

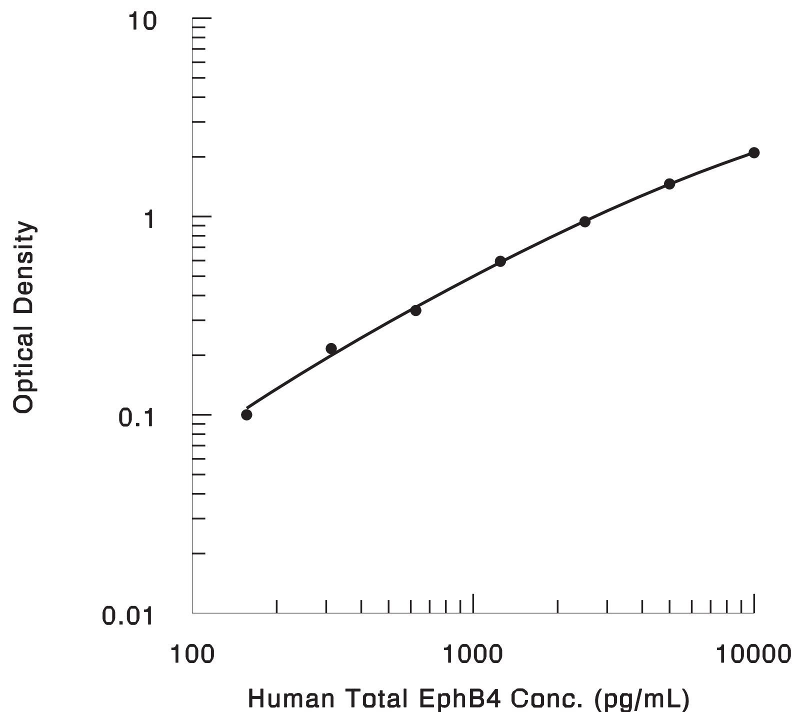
CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample, then subtract the average zero standard optical density.

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 EphB4 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 EphB4 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

This DuoSet IC ELISA is calibrated against a highly purified NS0-expressed recombinant human EphB4 produced at R&D Systems.

SENSITIVITY

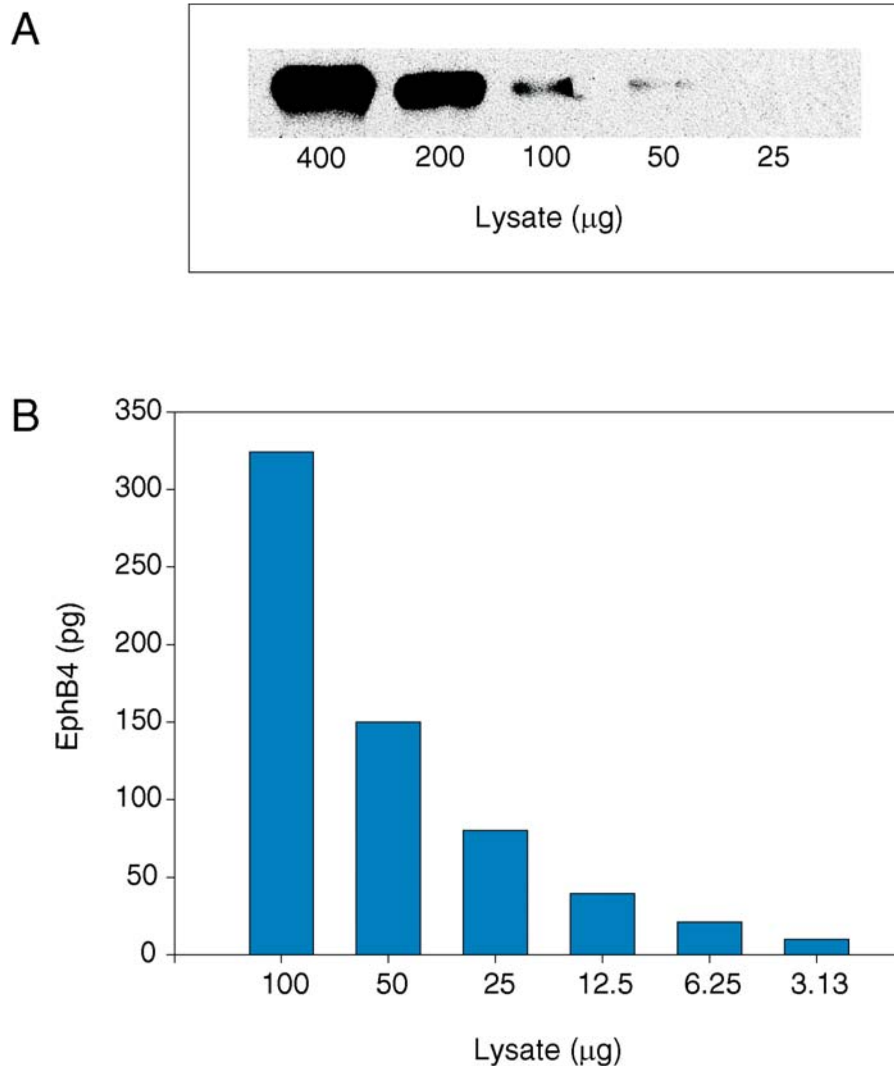


Figure 1: The Human Total EphB4 DuoSet IC ELISA is more sensitive than immunoprecipitation (IP)-Western blot analysis. Lysates prepared from the human breast ductal carcinoma cell line T-47D were serially diluted and analyzed by **(A)** IP-Western blot (inset) and **(B)** this DuoSet IC ELISA. IPs were performed using an anti-EphB4 polyclonal antibody and Protein G agarose. Immunoblots were incubated with a biotinylated anti-EphB4 polyclonal antibody to detect total EphB4. Bands were visualized with Streptavidin-HRP (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY998) followed by chemiluminescent detection. Human EphB4 can be detected by the Human Total EphB4 DuoSet IC ELISA by using approximately 2 to 4 times less lysate than is needed for a conventional IP-Western blot.

SPECIFICITY

To determine specificity, recombinant human (rh) EphA2, rhEphA5, rhEphB4/Fc Chimera, and rhEphB6 were assayed at 100 ng/mL and did not cross-react or interfere in the assay. Recombinant human EphA1/Fc Chimera does not cross-react but does interfere at concentrations greater than 12,500 pg/mL.

QUANTIFICATION

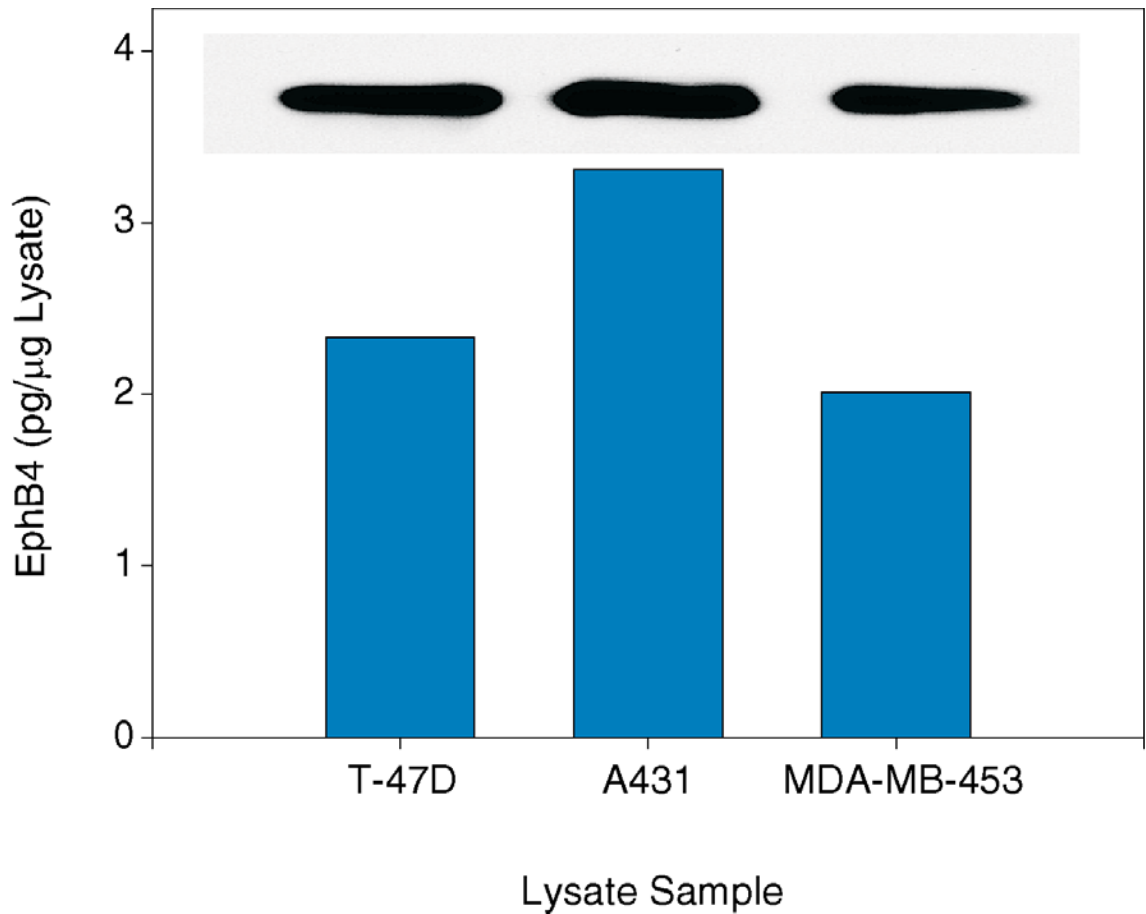


Figure 2: The Human Total EphB4 DuoSet IC ELISA measures the relative level of EphB4. Lysates were prepared from T-47D cells, the human epidermoid carcinoma cell line A431, and the human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-453. ELISA and IP-Western blot (inset) analyses were performed using 100 µg and 400 µg of lysate, respectively. The IP-Western blot was performed as described in Figure 1.

PLATE LAYOUT

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

NOTES

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