

14-3-3 proteins are a family of conserved regulatory molecules that are expressed in all eukaryotic cells. 14-3-3 proteins have the ability to bind a multitude of functionally diverse signaling proteins, including kinases, phosphatases, and transmembrane receptors. More than 200 signaling proteins have been reported as 14-3-3 ligands. The 14-3-3 proteins eluted in the 14th fraction of bovine brain homogenate and were found on positions 3.3 of subsequent electrophoresis by Moore and Perez (1967). Elevated amounts of 14-3-3 proteins are found in the cerebrospinal fluid of patients with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.<sup>[1]</sup> There are seven genes that encode seven distinct 14-3-3 proteins in most mammals. Eukaryotes can tolerate the loss of a single 14-3-3 gene if multiple genes are expressed, however deletion of all 14-3-3s (as experimentally determined in yeast) results in death. 14-3-3 proteins can be considered evolved members of the Tetratrico Peptide Repeat (TPR) superfamily, generally have 9 or 10 alpha helices, and usually form homo- and/or hetero-dimer interactions along their amino-termini helices. These proteins contain a number of known common modification domains, including regions for divalent cation interaction, phosphorylation<sup>[2]</sup> & acetylation, and proteolytic cleavage, among others established and predicted. 14-3-3 proteins play an isoform-specific role in class switch recombination. They are believed to interact with the protein Activation-Induced (Cytidine) Deaminase in mediating class switch recombination. Phosphorylation of Cdc25C by CDS1 and CHK1 creates a binding site for the 14-3-3 family of phosphoserine binding proteins. Binding of 14-3-3 has little effect on Cdc25C activity, and it is believed that 14-3-3 regulates Cdc25C by sequestering it to the cytoplasm, thereby preventing the interactions with CycB-Cdk1 that are localized to the nucleus at the G2/M transition. [3]

#### References

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#### PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

This ELISA kit is for quantification of 14-3-3 eta in Monkey. This is a quick ELISA assay that reduces time to 50% compared to the conventional method, and the entire assay only takes 3 hours. This assay employs the quantitative sandwich enzyme immunoassay technique and uses biotin-streptavidin chemistry to improve the performance of the assays. An antibody specific for 14-3-3 eta has been pre-coated onto a microplate. Standards and samples are pipetted into the wells and any 14-3-3 eta present is bound by the immobilized antibody. After washing away any unbound substances, a detection antibody specific for 14-3-3 eta is added to the wells. Following wash to remove any unbound antibody reagent, a detection reagent is added. After intensive wash a substrate solution is added to the wells and color develops in proportion to the amount of 14-3-3 eta bound in the initial step. The color development is stopped, and the intensity of the color is measured.

This package insert must be read in its entirety before using this product.

## **Storage**

Store at 4 °C. The kit should be used in 6 months.



#### MATERIALS PROVIDED

Description	Quantity	Description	Quantity	Description	Quantity
Antibody Precoated Plate	1	20 x PBS	1	Substrate Solution	1
Detection Antibody	1	20 x Assay Buffer	1	Stop Solution	1
HRP Conjugate	1	96-well plate sheet	1	DataSheet/Manual	1
Standard	3				

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

#### **Reagent Preparations**

Monkey 14-3-3 eta Detection Antibody (1 vial) – The lyophilized Detection Antibody should be stored at -20°C in a manual defrost freezer for up to 6 months, if not used immediately. Centrifuge for 1 min at 6000 x g to bring down the material prior to open the vial. The vial contains sufficient Detection Antibody for a 96-well plate. Add 200 μL of sterile 1 x PBS to a vial and vortex 30 and allow it to sit for 5 min prior to use. Make 1:50 dilution in 1 x 1 x PBS. Take 200 μL of detection antibody to 10.5 mL of 1 x PBS to make Working dilution of detection antibody and vortex 30 sec if the entire 96-well plate is used. If the partial antibody is used store the rest at -20°C until use.

Monkey 14-3-3 eta Standard (3 vials) – Each lyophilized Monkey 14-3-3 eta Standard vial contains the standard sufficient for generating a standard curve. The unreconstituted standard can be stored at -  $20^{\circ}$ C for up to 6 months if not used immediately. Centrifuge for 1 min at 6000 x g to bring down the material prior to open the vial. Add  $500 \mu$ L of 1 x Assay Buffer to a vial to make the high standard concentration of  $4{,}000 \text{ pg/ml}$  and **vortex 1 min** and allow it to sit for 5 min. A seven-point standard curve is generated using 2-fold serial dilutions in 1 x Assay Buffer, **vortex 30 sec** for each of dilution step.

**HRP Conjugate** (55  $\mu$ l) – Centrifuge for 1 min at 3000 x g to bring down the material prior to open the vial. The vial contains 55  $\mu$ L HRP Conjugate sufficient for one 96-well plate (Please notify us if it is below 40  $\mu$ L). Add 1 x PBS to reach 55  $\mu$ L if needed. Make 1:200 dilutions in 1 x PBS. If the entire 96-well plate is used, add all HRP Conjugate to 10.5 mL of 1 x PBS to make **working dilution of HRP Conjugate** and vortex 30 sec prior to the assay. The rest of undiluted HRP Conjugate can be stored at 4 °C for up to 6 months. It is recommended to fully recover the HRP with 1 ml of 1 x PBS at final use.

20 x PBS, pH 7.3, 25 mL- Dilute to 1 x PBS with deionized distilled water and mix well prior to use. 20 x Assay Buffer, 20 mL- Dilute to 1 x Assay Buffer with 1 x PBS prior to use. Substrate Solution, 10.5 mL.

Stop Solution, 5.5 mL.



#### **Assay Procedure**

- 1. All procedures are conducted at room temperature (20-25 °C) and ensure equal pipetting/dispensing at each step and remove air bubbles in the wells for all steps.
- 2. Lift the plate cover and cover the unused wells or reseal the unused strips in the aluminum bag with desiccant at 4 °C. Vortex the standards and samples for 10 sec before applying to the plate. Add 100 μL of sample or standard per well and use duplicate wells for each standard or sample. Cover the 96-well plate and incubate on shaker at 450 rpm for 1 h (1.5 h if no shaking). Attention: MUST vortex standards and samples for 10 sec before pipetting to the wells!
- 3. Aspirate each well and wash with 300 µL of **1 x Assay Buffer** for two times. Wash by filling each well with 1 x Assay Buffer using a multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser, squirt bottle or auto-washer. Complete removal of liquid at each step is essential for good performance. After the last wash, remove any remaining Assay Buffer by aspirating or by inverting the plate and blotting it against clean paper towels.
- 4. Add 100 μL of the **working dilution of Detection Antibody** to each well. Cover the plate and incubate on shaker at 450rpm for 1 h (1.5 h if no shaking).
- 5. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 3.
- 6. Add 100 μL of the **working dilution of HRP Conjugate** to each well. Cover the plate and incubate for 20 minutes. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
- 7. Repeat the aspiration/wash as in step 3 but wash 4 times instead.
- 8. Add 100 μL of **Substrate Solution** to each well and observe the color development every 1-2 mins. Incubate for up to **30 minutes** (**depending on signal. Stop** the reaction when it turns to dark blue in the highest standard wells). Over-incubation of the substrate will result in overflow of high standard and should be avoided. Avoid placing the plate in direct light.
- 9. When it gets to dark blue in the highest concentration of standard wells, add 50  $\mu$ L of **Stop Solution** to each well to stop the reaction. Gently tap the plate to ensure thorough mixing. **Ensure all wells turn yellow by pipette tip prior to measurement.**
- 10. Determine the optical density of each well immediately, using a validated 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.

**Sample dilution**: If high density is expected, samples should be diluted with equal volume of 1 x Assay Buffer and **vortex for 1 min** prior to assay. If the OD value still exceeds the upper limit of the standard curve, further dilution is recommended till it falls in the detection range and the dilution factor must be used for calculation of the concentration.

#### **Precaution and Technical Notes**

- 1. It is critical to follow the procedure step by step otherwise appropriate color development may not occur as expected and make sure no air bubbles in wells before adding reagents.
- 2. A standard curve should be generated for each set of samples assayed. Thorough mixing of standards at each of dilution steps is critical to acquire a normal standard curve and **vortex again (10 sec) before pipetting to the 96-well plate**.
- 3. HRP Conjugate contains enzyme, DO NOT mass up with Detection Antibody.
- 4. The Stop Solution is an acid solution, handle with caution.
- 5. This kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the label.
- 6. A thorough and consistent wash technique is essential for proper assay performance.
- 7. Use a fresh reagent reservoir and pipette tips for each step.
- 8. It is recommended that all standards and samples be assayed in duplicate.
- 9. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents and buffers. This may interfere with the performance of the assay.



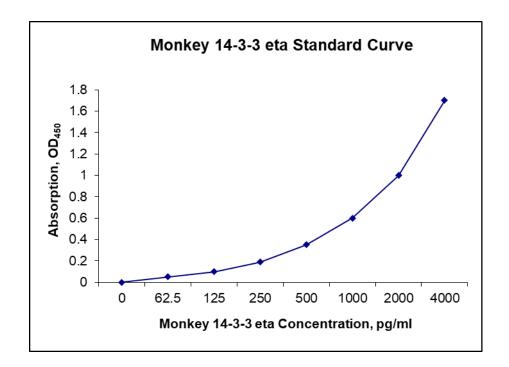
#### **Calculation of Results**

Average the duplicate readings for each standard, control, and sample and subtract the average zero (blank) 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 14-3-3 eta 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. If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

#### **The Standard Curve**

The graph below represents typical data generated when using this Monkey 14-3-3 eta ELISA Kit. The correlation coefficient (r<sup>2</sup>) is 0.995-1.000. The standard curve should be calculated using a computer generated 4-PL curve-fit to determine concentrations of unknow specimens.





## **Specificity**

The following recombinant Monkey proteins prepared at 1 ng/ml were tested and exhibited no cross-reactivity or interference.

Adiponectin, ApoAI, BMP7, CCL2, CRP, FGF acidic, HGF, HSP27, IGF-1, IL-1α, IFN-α, MMP-9, PDGF, PLA2G7, prolactin, TLR9, TGF-β1, TNF-α, TNF RI, TNF RII, VEGF, VEGF-R1.

## **Detection Range**

62.5-4,000 pg/ml

# **Assay Sensitivity**

12 pg/ml

#### **Assay Precision**

Intra-Assay %CV: 5; Inter-Assay %CV: 10

## **Related products**

- 1. GR238016 50 ml Reagent Reservoir, 100/case, 5 packs/case (pack of 20)
- 2. GR238004 Tissue Culture 96-well Microplate, individually packed, Case of 50
- 3. GR238019 1.5 ml Microcentrifuge tube with screw cap and free-standing, pack of 500
- 4. GR238007 125 ml leak-resistant HDPE bottle, colorless, pack of 24
- 5. GR238002 Microplate 12x8-Well Strip High Binding, Case of 50
- 6. GR238003 Microplate 12x8-Well Strip Medium Binding, Case of 50
- 7. GR238032 42592 Costar Stripwell Microplate 1 x 8 Flat Bottom, High Binding, Case of 100
- 8. GR238001 468667 Thermo Microplate 12x8-Well Strip Nunc Maxixorp F8, Case of 60
- 9. GR238031 96-well microplate sealer plastic, pack of 100

#### **DECLARATION**

THIS REAGENT IS FOR IN VITRO LABORATORY TESTING AND RESEARCH USE ONLY. DO NOT USE IT FOR CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS. DO NOT USE OR INJECT IT IN HUMANS AND ANIMALS.

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**Troubleshooting Guide** 

Problem	Possible causes	Solution
Poor	<ul><li> Inaccurate pipetting</li><li> Insufficient vortexing</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Check pipette calibration and ensure equal dispensing.</li> <li>Vortex 30 sec for each of standard dilution steps and vortex</li> </ul>
standard	• OD <sub>450</sub> too high for the high	again (10 sec) before pipetting to the 96-well plate.
curve	standard point	Reduce substrate incubation time
	• Air bubbles in wells.	<ul> <li>Remove air bubbles in wells by pipette tip.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Standard defect or not fully</li> </ul>	Change a standard vial or spin down the vial before
	recovered	reconstitution
	<ul><li> Improper preparation of reagents and storage</li><li> Too brief incubation times</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Spin down vials before opening. Reconstitute the content thoroughly. Proper storage of plate and strip and detection antibody after first usage.</li> </ul>
Low signal	<ul> <li>Inadequate reagent volume or</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Microplate shaker may improve signals.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>improper dilution</li><li>Standard defect and sample</li></ul>	• Insufficient HRP Conjugate. Ensure sufficient incubation time and increase sample incubation to 2 h.
0 7 .	overdiluted	Change a Standard vial. Undilute sample or less dilution
Overflow in the standards	<ul><li>Substrate incubation too long</li><li>Air bubbles in wells</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Observe the color development every 1-2 mins and reduce substrate incubation time.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Stop the reaction by adding 50 µl of Stop Solution when it turns to dark blue in the highest concentration of standard wells.</li> </ul>
		Remove air bubbles in wells
	<ul> <li>Inaccurate pipetting and mixing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check pipettes and ensure the pipette is calibrated properly.</li> </ul>
Large CV	<ul> <li>Improper standard/sample</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure accurate pipetting and thorough mixing.</li> </ul>
	dilutions.	<ul> <li>Use reverse, instead of forward pipetting.</li> </ul>
	• Air bubbles in wells.	<ul> <li>Use the correct dilution buffers</li> </ul>
	Microplate reader out of	• Remove air bubbles in wells by pipette tip.
	calibration	Calibrate the microplate reader properly
	It did not turn yellow after adding  Stop Solution	If it did not turn yellow after adding Stop Solution, mix with
	Stop Solution	pipette tip till it turns yellow prior to measurement.
High	Reagent reservoir issue	Use a new reagent reservoir for Substrate Solution.  In the state of the state
background	<ul> <li>Plate is insufficiently washed and air bubbles in wells.</li> </ul>	• Increase wash to 4 times before adding substrate and ensure plate washer functions normally. Remove air bubbles in wells
background	<ul> <li>Contaminated Assay Buffer</li> </ul>	by pipette tip. Use squirt bottle for washing.
	<ul><li>Pipet tip contaminated</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Make fresh Assay Buffer and wash thoroughly.</li> </ul>
	• Tipet up contammated	<ul> <li>Use new pipette tips for blank wells.</li> </ul>
	The procedure was misconducted.	Ensure the step-by-step protocol. Spin vials of Detection
No signal	• Failures of spin down the contents	antibody and Standard to completely recover the content.
detected	in Detection Antibody and	<ul> <li>Ensure HRP volume. Mix 100 μl of Substrate with 0.5 μl HRP</li> </ul>
	Standards.	and dark blue color should develop in 5 min.
	• Failure of HRP or Substrate	Try a new standard vial and use positive control.
	Samples overdiluted	Try not dilute samples
	Improper dilutions of standards	Ensure accurate and thorough dilutions of standards at each
Low	• Improper storage of the ELISA kit	step.
sensitivity		<ul> <li>Store detection antibody at -20°C after reconstitution and</li> </ul>
		others at 4°C. Keep substrate solution protected from light.