MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 KinEASE™ FP-645nm FarRed Assay

Catalog # 32-125

Sufficient reagents for two 384-well plates per kit.

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I. STORAGE AND STABILITY

Storage: Upon receipt, store individual components at recommended temperatures. Store the 384-well plates at room temperature. Store all other components at -20ºC.

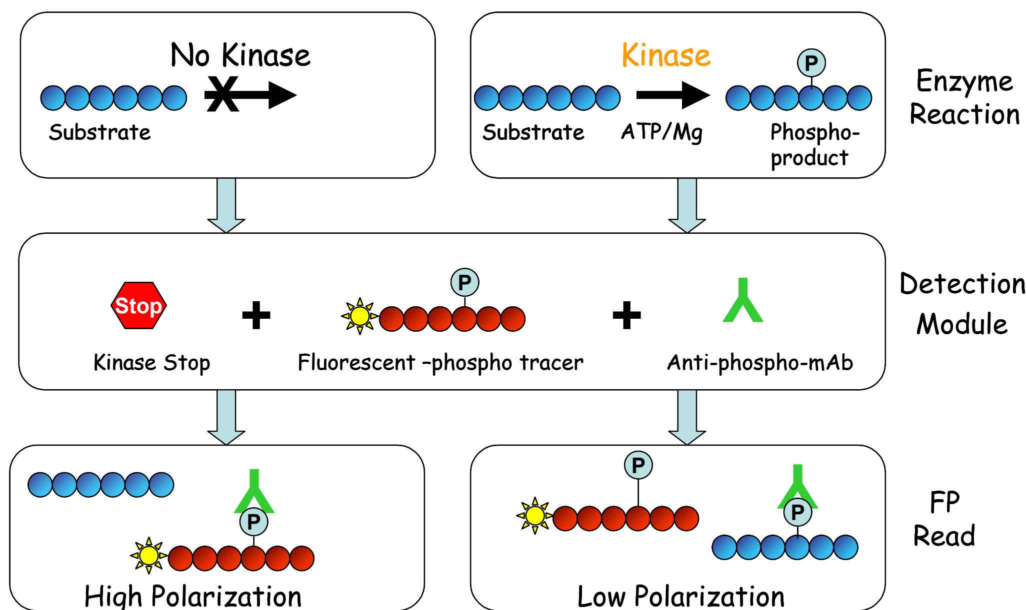
Stability: Components stable for 6 months from date of shipment if stored and handled correctly. We recommend that all enzymes to be used with this kit are stored as aliquots and a fresh aliquot used for each experiment.

II. ASSAY OVERVIEW

In this assay, a phosphorylated peptide has been labeled with a red fluorescent dye. This phosphorylated tracer has a low molecular weight and thus a low fluorescence polarization value. The phosphorylated tracer binds to a phospho-specific antibody to form a high molecular weight complex with a high polarization value.

In a kinase reaction, a peptide or a protein substrate (non-fluorescently labeled) is phosphorylated by the kinase in the presence of ATP and Magnesium to form a phosphorylated product. This phosphorylated product competes with the tracer for binding to the phospho-specific antibody. As increasing amounts of phosphorylated product are formed from the kinase reaction, there is a reduction in the binding of tracer to antibody resulting in a decrease in the fluorescence polarization value.

MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 KinEASE™ FP-645nm FarRed Assay supplied in this kit offers a method for assaying MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 using a preferred substrate and a generic detection system.



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III. SYSTEM COMPONENTS

A. Provided Kit Components

Prior to use, each reagent should be vortexed, and then centrifuged to collect residual liquid trapped in the vial cap. **Please note the MBPK Tracer-red solution is light sensitive.**

Reagent	Catalog #	Stock	Volume Supplied	Storage
MBPK Substrate	12-551	238µM (5mg/ml)	1500µl	-20ºC
MBPK Antibody-red	35-005	20X	237µl	-20ºC
MBPK Tracer-red	20-300	100X	48µl	-20ºC
10X KinEASE™ Buffer	20-302	10X	5ml	-20ºC
10X Detection Buffer	20-308	10X	3ml	-20ºC
10X KinEASE™ Enzyme Dilution Buffer	2004306	10X	1ml	-20ºC
$MgCl_2$	20-303	1M	500µl	-20ºC
DTT	20-265	1M	450µl	-20ºC
ATP	20-306	10mM	300µl	-20ºC
EDTA	20-307	0.5M	2ml	-20ºC
384 Well KinEASE™ Plate	30-014		2 plates	RT

Note: Individual buffer components should be stored at -20°C until ready to use

B. Recommended Buffers

Buffer	5X Buffer
Reaction Buffer	250mM HEPES pH 7.2, 0.05% BSA (Probumin™ Chemicon Catalog # 3225-80), 50mM $MgCl_2$, 5mM DTT (DTT to be added immediately prior to use)
Detection Buffer	250mM HEPES pH 7.2, 0.5% Tween®-20, 5mM DTT (DTT to be added immediately prior to use)

Buffer	1X Buffer
Enzyme Dilution Buffer	50mM HEPES pH 7.2, 0.1% BSA (Probumin™, Chemicon Catalog # 1003512), 0.01% Brij-35, 0.1mM EDTA, 1mM DTT (DTT to be added immediately prior to use)

IV. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Safety Warnings and Precautions: The MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 KinEASE™ FP-645nm FarRed Assay is designed for research use only. All chemicals should be considered potentially hazardous and principles of good laboratory practice should be followed.

A. Kinase Reaction Module

Prepare sufficient volume of each solution based on the number of assays to be performed, plus a slight overage to account for pipetting inaccuracies (either 10-20% extra or one extra assay point is generally sufficient). **Note:** A precipitate may be observed in the thawed 0.5M EDTA (Catalog # 20-307). Warm the tube to 37°C for 15 minutes and vortex to bring into solution.

Reaction Solution Preparation

1. **5X Reaction Buffer:** For 1ml of 5X Reaction Buffer combine 445µl water, 500µl 10X KinEASE™ Buffer, 50µl 1M $MgCl_2$, and 5µl 1M DTT. The total amount of 5X Reaction Buffer required will depend upon the number of experimental assay points. The 1ml volume should be scaled up (or down) according to the particular requirements of the experiment.

2. **1X Reaction Buffer (for use in the No Enzyme Wells, Buffer Control Wells and Tracer Control Wells):** Prepare the 1X Reaction Buffer by diluting the 5X Reaction Buffer 5-fold with water (*e.g.,* for 1ml of 1X Reaction Buffer combine 800µl water and 200µl 5X Reaction Buffer).

3. **1X Enzyme Dilution Buffer (EDB):** For 1ml of the 1X EDB combine 899µl water, 100µl of 10X KinEASE™ Enzyme Dilution Buffer, and 1µl of 1M DTT. The 1ml volume should be scaled up (or down) according to the particular requirements of the experiment.

4. **2.5X ATP Working Solution:** Prepare a 250µM ATP Working Solution in 1.25X Reaction Buffer (*e.g.,* for 1ml of the 2.5X ATP Working Solution combine 725µl water, 250µl 5X Reaction Buffer, and 25µl 10mM ATP). 10µl of the 2.5X ATP Working Solution is required per well.

5. **2.5X MBPK Substrate Working Solution:** Prepare a 37.5µM MBPK Substrate Working Solution in 1.25X Reaction Buffer (*e.g.,* to prepare 1ml of MBPK Substrate Working Solution combine 592.5µl water, 250µl 5X Reaction Buffer and 157.5µl of 238µM MBPK Substrate). 10µl of MBPK Substrate Working Solution is required per well.

6. **5X MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 Working Solution:** Prepare the MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 Working Solution in 1X KinEASE™ EDB at a concentration of 5X the required final reaction concentration. 5µl of MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 Working Solution is required per well.

Reaction Protocol

1. Set up 3 assay controls as detailed below.

   Buffer Control Wells (assay background)
   25µl 1X Reaction Buffer

   Tracer Control Wells (min. mP value)
   25µl 1X Reaction Buffer

   No Enzyme Wells (max. mP value)
   10µl MBPK Substrate Working Solution
   5µl 1X Reaction Buffer
   10µl ATP Working Solution

2. Set up reactions as detailed below.

   Plus Enzyme Wells
   10µl MBPK Substrate Working Solution
   5µl MAP Kinase 2/Erk2 Working Solution
   10µl ATP Working Solution

   The reactions are started by addition of the 10µl ATP Working Solution. When using the same concentration of enzyme (e.g. EC_{70} value), the substrate working solution and enzyme working solutions can be combined and added as 15ul per well.
   If required, 0.5µl DMSO may be added to a set of control wells to simulate compound addition.

3. Incubate reactions for the required length of time at the appropriate temperature. To ensure that all reaction components have collected in the bottom of the wells, very gently tap the bottom of the plate against the bench top. **Note**: Optimum kinase reaction incubation time and temperature should be determined by the end user. Typical kinase reaction conditions used at Upstate are 30-60 minutes at room temperature with constant agitation.

B. Detection Module

Detection Solution Preparation

1. **5X Detection Buffer:** Prepare the 5X Detection Buffer by diluting the 10X Detection Buffer 2-fold and adding DTT to a concentration 5mM (*e.g.,* for 1ml of 5X Detection Buffer combine 495µl water, 500µl of 10X Detection Buffer and 5µl of 1M DTT).

2. **1X Detection Buffer (for use in the Buffer Control Wells and Tracer Control Wells):** Prepare the 1X Detection Buffer by diluting the 5X Detection Buffer 5-fold with water (*e.g.,* for 1ml of 1X Detection Buffer add 200µl 5X Detection Buffer to 800µl water).

3. **MBPK Stop Mix:** Prepare a MBPK Stop Mix containing MBPK Tracer-red and EDTA in 1X Detection Buffer by diluting the MBPK Tracer-red 100-fold and adding EDTA to a concentration of 280mM (*e.g.,* for 1ml of MBPK Stop Mix combine 330µl water, 560µl 0.5M EDTA pH 7.2, 100µl of 10X Detection Buffer and 10µl 100X MBPK Tracer-red). 5µl of MBPK Stop Mix is required per well.

4. **MBPK Antibody-red Mix:** Prepare MBPK Antibody-red Mix containing MBPK Antibody-red in 1X Detection Buffer by diluting the MBPK Antibody-red 20-fold (*e.g.,* for 1ml of MBPK Antibody-red Mix combine 750µl water, 200µl 5X Detection Buffer and 50µl 20X MBPK Antibody-red). 5µl of MBPK Antibody-red Mix is required per well.

Detection Protocol

1. Add the following to the 3 sets of assay controls wells.

   Buffer Control Wells (assay background)
   10µl 1X Detection Buffer

   Tracer Control Wells (min. mP value)
   5µl of MBPK Stop Mix
   5µl 1X Detection Buffer

   No Enzyme Wells (max. mP value)
   5µl MBPK Stop Mix
   5µl MBPK Antibody Mix

2. Stop the reactions by adding 5µl/well MBPK Stop Mix.

3. Add 5µl/well MBPK Antibody Mix. **Note**: Once the MBPK Stop Mix has been added to the Tracer Control wells, the MBPK Stop Mix and MBPK Antibody Mix may be combined and added as 10µl/well.

4. Incubate the plate for a minimum of 4 hours at room temperature (assay signal is stable for up to 24 hours).

5. Read plate on a Fluorescence Polarization Reader. The end user must optimize their instrument parameters for optimal assay sensitivity. Recommended parameters for the MDC Analyst AD used at Upstate are as follows:

Method: *Fluorescence Polarization*
Excitation: *485nm (bw20)*
Emission: *530nm (bw25)*
Mirror: Dichroic 505
Lamp: *Continuous*
Z-height: *3mm (to be determined for individual readers*)
Readings per well: *1*
Integration time: *100000µsec*

Attenuator: *out*
PMT setup: *Smartread Sensitivity 2*
Excitation Polarizer: *S (static)*
Emission Polarizer: *SP (dynamic)*
G Factor: *(to be determined for individual readers*)
Select Buffer Control Wells for background subtraction.

General Assay Notes

- It is recommended that the $MgCl_2$ final reaction concentration should not exceed 10mM in the reaction (*i.e.*, 50mM in the 5X Reaction Buffer). If a higher concentration of $MgCl_2$ is required run an enzyme reaction with stop mix and Antibody mix added prior to ATP addition to confirm that the reaction is stopped under these conditions.

- The 10X KinEASE™ Buffer (Catalog # 20-302) is used to prepare 5X working stocks to ensure a final 1X buffer concentration in the assay. These working buffers should be stored at 4ºC until ready to use. If long-term storage (one week to six months) is required, DTT should be omitted until assay is to be performed and sodium azide added to the 5X buffer at a final concentration of 0.05%.

V. APPENDIX A - Assay Optimization

Determination of Enzyme Concentration for Screening

Using the optimized assay conditions, a suitable enzyme concentration for screening applications may then be determined by following the procedure outlined below.

Set up an enzyme titration with two-fold serial dilutions of enzyme and appropriate controls (No Enzyme Wells, Tracer Control Wells and Buffer Control Wells) according to the standard assay protocol.

Analyze the results obtained by plotting a graph of enzyme concentration (Units/ml) vs. Fluorescence Polarization (mP) (see below for example).

Determine the EC_{70} mP using the following formula:

$$EC_{70}\ mP = ((\textit{No Enzyme Control} - \textit{Tracer Control}) \times 0.3) + \textit{Tracer Control}$$

From the graph of enzyme concentration (Units/ml) vs. Fluorescence Polarization (mP) determine the concentration of enzyme that correlates to the EC_{70} mP value calculated above. This enzyme concentration (EC_{70} Units/ml) is recommended for screening applications.