



HTRF TOTAL-ERK1/2 DETECTION KITS

Part # 64NRKPEG & 64NRKPEH

Test Size#: 500 tests (64NRKPEG), 10,000 tests (64NRKPEH)

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ASSAY PRINCIPLE

This assay is intended for the simple, rapid and direct detection of endogenous levels of ERK1/2 in cells, ERK1/2 is produced by cells and after lysis of the cell membrane, total-ERK1/2 can be detected using the kit reagents. This total protein assay is used for monitoring the steady state protein level in the cell and is ideal for normalization when analysing the phosphorylation level of the corresponding protein.

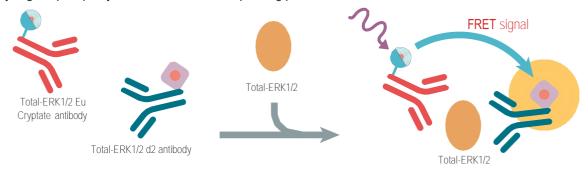


Figure 1: Principle of HTRF sandwich assay.

As shown here, total-ERK1/2 is detected in a sandwich assay format using 2 different specific antibodies, one labelled with Eu³⁺-Cryptate (donor) and the second with d2 (acceptor).

When the dyes are in close proximity, the excitation of the donor with a light source (laser or flash lamp) triggers a Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) towards the acceptor, which in turn fluoresces at a specific wavelength (665 nm). The specific signal modulates positively in proportion to total-ERK1/2.

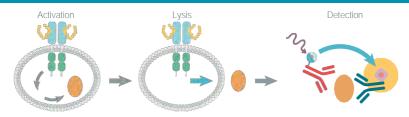
The assay can be run under a two-plate assay manual, where cells are plated, stimulated and lysed in the same culture plate. Lysates are then transferred to the assay plate for the detection of total-ERK1/2 by HTRF® reagents. This manual gives the cells viability and confluence to be monitored. It can also be further streamlined to a one-plate assay manual. Detection of total-ERK1/2 with HTRF® reagents is performed in a single plate used for plating, stimulation and detection. No washing steps are required. This manual, HTS designed, allows miniaturization while maintaining HTRF® quality.

For tissue derived samples, please refer to the technical note: "Optimize your htrf® cell signaling assays on tissues" on www.revvity.com

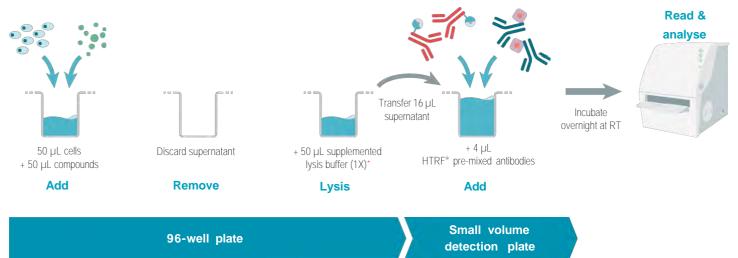
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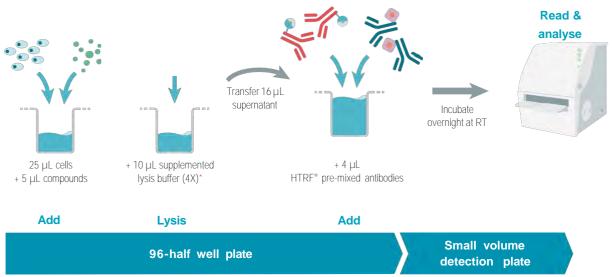
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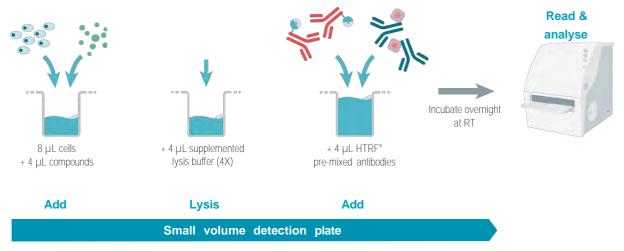
► TWO-PLATE ASSAY MANUAL FOR ADHERENT CELLS:



► TWO-PLATE ASSAY MANUAL FOR SUSPENSION CELLS:



► ONE-PLATE ASSAY MANUAL:



^{*} Depending on cell lines used, volume of lysis should be optimized.

► FOR HTRF CERTIFIED READER

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

KIT COMPONENTS	STORAGE	500 TESTS CAT# 64NRKPEG		10,000 TESTS CAT# 64NRKPEH	
Control lysate (ready-to-use)	≤-60°C	green cap	1 vial - 150 μL	green cap	2 vials - 150 μL
Total-ERK1/2 Eu Cryptate antibody	≤-16°C	red cap	1 vial - 50 μL	red cap	1 vial - 1 mL
Total-ERK1/2 d2 antibody	≤-16°C	blue cap	1 vial - 50 μL	blue cap	1 vial - 1 mL
Blocking reagent* (stock solution 100X)	≤-16°C	purple cap	1 vial - 300 μL	purple cap	3 vials - 2 mL
Lysis buffer* # 1 (stock solution 4X)	≤-16°C	transparent cap	4 vials - 2 mL	white cap	1 vial - 130 mL
Detection buffer** (ready-to-use)	≤-16°C	orange cap	2 vials - 2 mL	red cap	1 vial - 50 mL

^{*} Amounts of reagents provided are sufficient for generating 50 µL of cell lysate per well.

▶ PURCHASE SEPARATELY

96-well or 384-well small volume (SV) detection microplates - For more information about microplate recommendations, please visit our website at: www.revvity.com

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Storage upon reception:

Store the kit at ≤-60°C or below until the expiration date indicated on the package.

Storage and stability of thawed material:

When you are ready to use the kit, take the reagents out and prepare them following the manual provided in this document. Unused thawed reagents can be stored and conserved for future use. Refer to the table below for storage options and corresponding shelf life.

	STORAGE AFTER THAWING/ RECONSTITUTION		
Lysis Buffer / Blocking Reagent / Detection buffer	2-8°C until the expiration date indicated on the package		
Antibodies*	2-8°C for 48h or freeze at -16°C or below until the expiration date indicated on the package for long term storage		
Protein/standard /Control Lysate*	freeze at -60°C or below until the expiration date indicated on the package for long term storage		

^{*}For Antibodies, Protein, Standard & control lysate, Stock solutions may be thawed and frozen only once. Freeze in aliquots to avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles (once aliquoted, single use of the reagent). Volume of antibodies aliquots should not be under 10µL. Volume of Protein, Standard & control lysate aliquots should not be under 20µL.

Note: Total-ERK1/2 Eu Cryptate antibody working solutions (prepared with aliquoted frozen stock solutions) should be filtered before use to improve assay reproducibility.

^{**} The Detection Buffer is used to prepare working solutions of acceptor and donor reagents.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Allow all reagents to thaw before use. We recommend centrifuging the vials gently after thawing, before pipeting the stock solutions. Prepare the working solutions from stock solutions by following the instructions below.

TO PREPARE WORKING CONTROL LYSATE SOLUTION

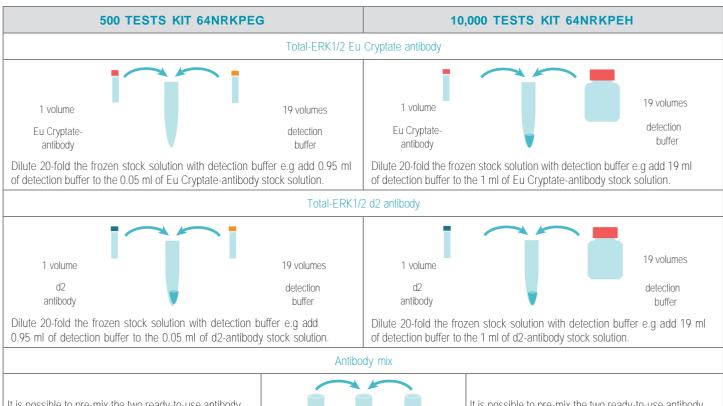
The control lysate is only provided as an internal assay control to check the quality of the results obtained. The window between control lysate and negative control should be greater than 2.

Thaw the control lysate. Mix gently, the control lysate is ready to use.

TO PREPARE WORKING ANTIBODY SOLUTIONS:

HTRF® reagent concentrations have been set for optimal assay performances. Note that any dilution or improper use of the d2 and Eu Cryptate-antibodies will impair the assay's quality. Be careful, as working solution preparation for antibodies may differ between the 500 and 10,000 tests data point kit.

Antibody working solutions are stable for 2 days at 2-8°C. Dilute the antibodies with detection buffer. In practice:



It is possible to pre-mix the two ready-to-use antibody solutions just prior to dispensing the reagents by adding 1 volume of d2-antibody solution to 1 volume of

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TO PREPARE SUPPLEMENTED LYSIS BUFFER:

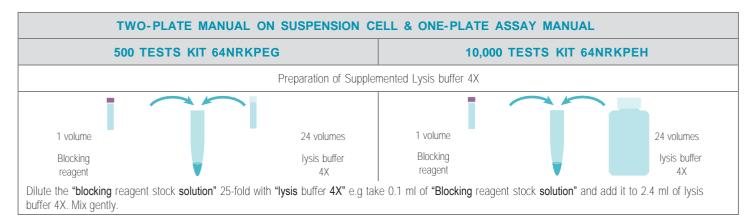
Make sure that the lysate has been generated by using the kit reagents.

Supplemented lysis buffer differs between the manuals. Make sure to use the appropriate supplemented lysis buffer depending on the chosen manual's specification.

Prepare the required amount of supplement lysis buffer before running the assay, working solutions are stable for 2 days at 2-8°C.

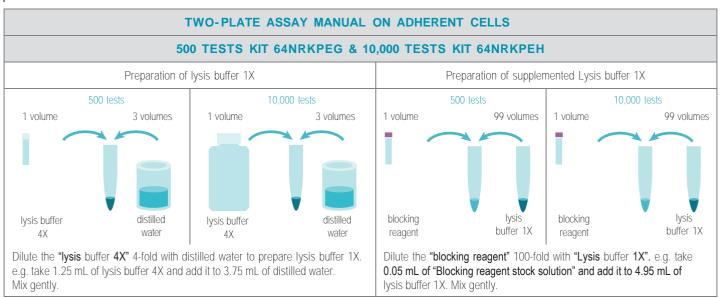
▶ Supplemented Lysis buffer 4X for two-plate assay manual on suspension cells & one-plate assay manual

Determine the amount of supplemented lysis buffer needed for the experiment. Each well requires 4 μ L of supplemented lysis buffer for one-plate assay manual and 10 μ L for two-plate assay manual on suspension cells. Dilute the blocking reagent stock solution 25-fold with lysis buffer 4X. In practice:



▶ Supplemented Lysis buffer 1X for two-plate assay manual on adherent cells

Determine the amount of supplemented lysis buffer needed for the experiment. Each well requires generally 50 μ L of supplemented lysis buffer. Prepare a lysis buffer solution 1X and then dilute the blocking reagent stock solution 100-fold with this lysis buffer 1X. In practice:



Incubate overnight at room temperature.

(665nm and 620nm) on a compatible HTRF® reader.

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► Standard manual for two-plate assay manual in 20 μL final volume (after lysis step)

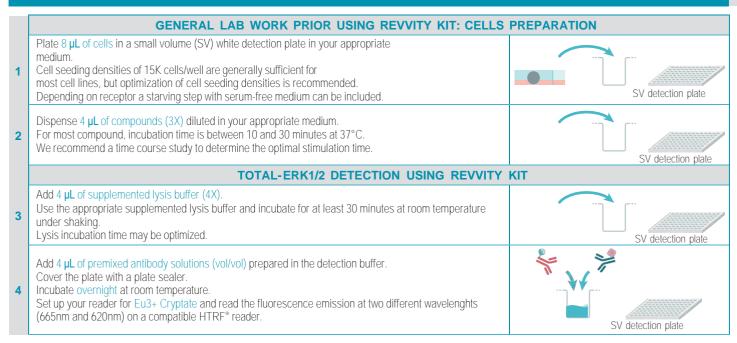
Set up your reader for Eu³⁺ Cryptate and read the fluorescence emission at two different wavelenghts

	NON TREATED CELL LYSATE	TRE ATED CELL LYSATE	CONTROL LYSATE	NEGATIVE CONTROL
Step 1	Dispense 16 µL of non treated cell lysate	Dispense 16 µL of treated cell lysate	Dispense 16 µL of control lysate	Dispense 16 µL of supplemented lysis buffer(1X)
Step 2	Add 2 μL of Total-ERK1/2 d2 antibody working solution to all wells			lls
Step 3	Add 2 μL of Total-ERK1/2 Eu Cryptate antibody working solution to all wells			
Step 4	Cover the plate with a plate sealer. Incubate overnight at room temperature.			
Step 5	Remove the plate sealer and read on an HTRF compatible reader			

SV detection plate

The Negative control is used to check the non-specific signal. The ratio between control lysate signal / non-specific signal should be greater than 2.

ONE PLATE ASSAY MANUAL



> Standard manual for one-plate assay manual in 20 μL final volume

		NON TREATED CELL LYSATE	TREATED CELL LYSATE	NEGATIVE CONTROL	CONTROL LYSATE
AL LAB RK	Step 1	Dispense 8	μL of cells		
GENERAL	Step 2	Add 4 µL of your appropriate medium	Add 4 µL of compound (3X)	Add 12 µL of your appropriate medium	Dispense 16 µL of control lysate
STEPS	Step 3	Add 4 μL of supplemented lysis buffer (4X) - 30 min/RT.			
	Step 4	Add 2 µL of Total-ERK1/2 d2 antibody solution to all wells			
2 DETECTION	Step 5	Add 2 μL of Total-ERK1/2 Eu Cryptate antibody solution to all wells			
TOTAL-ERK1/2	Step 6	Cover the plate with a plate sealer. Incubate overnight at room temperature.			
TOT	Step 7	Remove the plate sealer and read on an HTRF compatible reader			

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DATA REDUCTION & INTERPRETATION

1. Calculate the ratio of the acceptor and donor emission signals for each individual well.

Ratio =
$$\frac{\text{Signal 665 nm}}{\text{Signal 620 nm}} \times 10^4$$

2. Calculate the % CVs. The mean and standard deviation can then be worked out from ratio replicates.

For more information about data reduction, please visit www.revvity.com

RESULTS

These data should be considered only as an example. Results may vary from one HTRF® compatible reader to another.

The curves are drawn up by plotting HTRF Ratio versus the log [compound] concentrations.

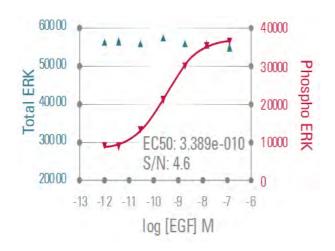
The signal linearity is dependent both on the cell line and on the total protein detected. A cell density experiment is highly recommended to ensure working in optimal conditions.

Results on A431 cells (100,000 cells/well), using the two-plate assay manual for adherent cells.

Cells were activated with EGF for 5 minutes and then lysed with 50 uL of supplemented lysis buffer for 30 minutes at room temperature.

16 μ L of lysates were transferred in a first plate to detect total-ERK1/2, and 16 μ L of lysates were transferred in a second plate to detect phospho-ERK1/2 using the HTRF phospho-ERK1/2 assay - Cat # 64ERKPEG, 64ERKPEH, 64ERKPEI

	phospho-ERK1/2 results		total-ERK1/2 results	
log [compound] (M)	Ratio	CV %	Ratio (1)	CV % (2)
-12.0	9094	9.4%	56144	1.2%
-11.4	9039	1.1%	56396	1.5%
-10.5	13300	6.1%	55817	0.6%
-9.6	21158	2.6%	57222	2.3%
-8.7	29980	1.6%	55840	1.2%
-7.8	35368	1.4%	55544	1.6%
-6.9	36433	1.1%	54861	1.3%



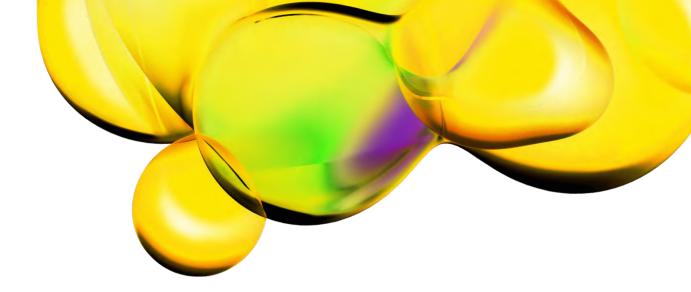
GENER AL LAB WORK PRIOR USING REVVITY KIT: CELLS AND LYSATE PREPAR ATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / TROUBLESHOOTING PAR AMETERS

Using adherent cells, allow time for your cells to recover after plating	Allow cells to regain full signaling capacity by plating them at least 6 hours before starting the pharmacological treatment.
Depending on the pathway, a serum starving step could be essential to reduce the basal level activity. This step should be optimized case-by-case.	Advice on cell culture conditions prior using Revvity kit: - For adherent cells Before treating the cells with compounds, remove culture media from the plate and replace it with serum-free media before incubating from 2 hours up to overnight at 37°C For suspension cells Starvation step should be carried out in the flask. Harvest cells by centrifugation and re-suspend cells at a suitable cell density in serum-free media, incubate from 2 hours up to overnight at 37°C.
Generation of lysates	Ensure that the lysates used for the assay have been generated by using the HTRF® lysis buffer supplemented with the HTRF® blocking reagent, provided in the kit. Lysates generated with HTRF® buffers can be used in other technologies, like Western-blot. The blocking reagent contains only phosphatase inhibitors that prevent dephosphorylation of phosphorylated proteins from active serine/threonine and tyrosine phosphatases The lysis buffer is effective for creating cell extract under non denaturing conditions from both plated cells and cells pelleted from suspension cultures.
Using the two-plate assay manual , a low signal can often be improved by adjusting lysis volumes.	In most cases, a typical adherent cell line grown in 96-well plates is readily detected in a lysis volume of 50µL. However, the lysis volume can be adjusted from 25 µL to 200 µL.
Using an improper cell density can induce poor sensitivity and low signal	Check that the cell density is correct. Too high or low cell numbers can affect assay performances
Parameters such as cell density, stimulation time and lysis incubation time should be optimized for each cell line used.	The assay can be used for many adherent and non-adherent cell types, including transfected cell lines and primary cells. However, the expression and phosphorylation of the readout of interesrcan vary from one cell line to another. Depending on the type of treatment, and the temperature, the stimulation time can vary widely. Because of this, we recommend a time course study to determine the optimal compound incubation time. Depending of the nature of your cells, lysis time may vary from 30' to 1h. Because of this, we also recommend determination of the optimal time.
Fluorescence reading	Using an inappropriate set-up may seriously impair the results. For information about HTRF® compatible readers and for set-up recommendations, please visit our website at: www.revvity.com
Assaying for multiple targets from a single lysate.	The two-plate assay manual indicates the use of 16µL of lysate per well, whereas the 96-well cell culture microplate would generate 50µL (or more) of lysate. Therefore, a typical cell lysate can be assayed for many targets, given that temporal and expression level constraints can vary from one target to another.
Batch production of cell lysates example of T175 flask	General lab work - prior using Total-ERK1/2 Revvity kit: Day1: Dispense 8 million cells in T175cm2, add 25 mL of cell culture complete medium and incubate 2 days at 37°C, 5% CO2. Day3: cell stimulation Remove cell culture medium by aspiration, wash once (do not detach the cells), add 5 mL of agonist (1x) diluted in FCS free medium and incubate at 37°C, 5% CO2, for the optimized time. Day3: cell lysis Remove stimulation medium, wash once (do not detach the cells), add 3 ml of 1X HTRF® lysis buffer supplemented with the HTRF® blocking reagent for 30 min at Room Temperature under orbital shaking. Transfer the cell lysate to a 15 mL vial, centrifuge 10 min, 2400 rcf at RT, recover cell lysate supernatant and store aliquots at -60°C or below. For long term conservation, aliquots should be stored in liquid nitrogen.

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