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Oct-4

Transcription Factor Assay Kits

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Overview

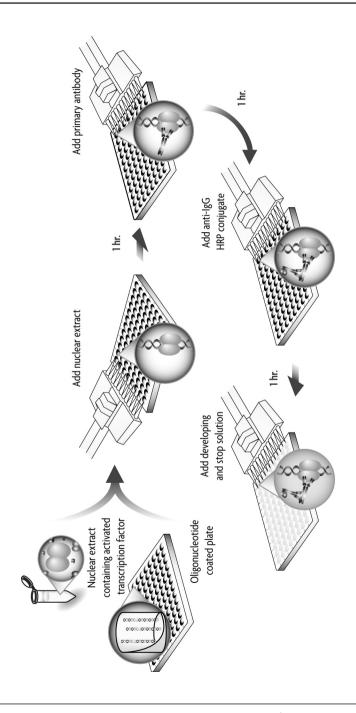
Oct-4 (Oct-3/4, POU5FI) is a key factor involved in the first differentiation step of embryogenesis and functions to maintain an undifferentiated cell state. Because of the importance of Oct-4 in normal development, accurate monitoring of Oct-4 in cells, tissues, and animals is crucial for many biomedical research and drug development projects. To date, such research projects are tedious and time consuming, and lack high-throughput screening methods.

With its patented TransAM[™] method*, Active Motif introduced the first ELISA-based kits to detect and quantify transcription factor activation. TransAM Kits combine a fast, user-friendly format with a sensitive, specific assay. TransAM Oct-4 Kits are designed specifically for the study of Oct-4. They contain a 96-well plate to which oligonucleotide containing an Oct-4 consensus binding site has been immobilized. The activated Oct-4 contained in nuclear extract specifically binds to this oligonucleotide. By using an antibody that is directed against Oct-4, the complex bound to the oligonucleotide is detected. Addition of a secondary antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) provides a sensitive colorimetric readout that is easily quantified by spectrophotometry. The 96-well plate with individual strips of 8 wells is suitable for manual use or high-throughput screening applications. TransAM Oct-4 Kits are available in two sizes:

| product | format | catalog no. |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| TransAM Oct-4 | 1 x 96-well plate 5 x 96 well plates | 42496 42996 |

See Active Motif products related to Oct-4 in Appendix, Section B.

^{*} Technology covered by AAT-filed patents and licensed to Active Motif.



Introduction

Oct-4 Transcription Factor

Oct-4 (Octamer Binding Transcription Factor 4) is part of the POU family, whose members contain a bipartite DNA-binding domain consisting of the POU-specific (POUS) and POU homeodomain (POUHD). Connection of these subdomains by a flexible linker gives POU transcription factors the intrinsic ability to adopt several binding configurations on DNA. POU transcription factors were originally identified as proteins able to activate genes bearing cis-acting elements containing an octameric sequence within their promoter region. They bind to the consensus sequence ATGCAAAT¹.

The Oct-4 gene has only been found in mammals. In mice, it is located on chromosome 17 and is separated into five exons, which encode a mRNA transcript of 1.5 kb². The human Oct-4 is 87% identical to that of the mouse, and is located on chromosome 6². In humans, two transcripts are produced through alternative splicing, while mice produce only one transcript². Oct-4 has also been found in other mammalian species including bovine and rat¹. Oct-4 mRNA and protein are present in unfertilized oocytes and expression is abundant and uniform in all cells of the embryo through the morula stage (32-64 cells). After day 7.5, Oct-4 is strictly confined to the primordial germ cells (PGCs), precursors of the gametes. Oct-4 is also expressed in embryonic stem (ES) and embryonic carcinoma (EC) cells².

The first morphological indication of differentiation in mammalian embryogenesis is the formation of the trophectoderm (TE) at the early blastocyst stage³. While TE cells are restricted to extra-embryonic cell lineages, inner cell mass (ICM) cells remain totipotent³. During this phase, Oct-4 is downregulated in cells that form the TE, while the cells in the ICM maintain a high level of Oct-4. Consequently, a high level of Oct-4 expression is thought to keep cells in a totipotent stage, whereas down-regulation is associated with differentiation³. Several genes have been found to contain Oct-4 binding sites; some positively and some negatively regulated. The α and β subunits of human chorionic gonadotrophin (HGC) are negatively regulated by Oct-4 while platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) α is activated by Oct-4³.

Transcription Factor Assays

To date, three methods are widely used to measure Oct-4 activation, either directly or indirectly:

- Oct-4 expression can be measured by Western blot, using antibodies raised against Oct-4.
 This method is time consuming (up to 2 days once the nuclear extracts are prepared), and is not suitable for processing large numbers of samples.
- 2. The DNA-binding capacity of Oct-4 can be assayed by gel retardation, also called electro-phoretic mobility shift assay (EMSA). In this method, nuclear extracts are incubated with a radioactive double-stranded oligonucleotide probe containing the consensus sequence for Oct-4 binding. If Oct-4 is active in the nuclear extract, it will bind to the probe. Samples are then resolved by electrophoresis on a native polyacrylamide gel, followed



- by autoradiography. This method is sensitive, but like the previous procedure, it is time consuming (multiple days of gel exposure may be required to achieve sufficient sensitivity) and it cannot be applied to high-throughput screening. Gelshift assays also require special precautions and equipment for handling radioactivity.
- 3. Another method used to assay Oct-4 activation is based on reporter genes, typically luciferase or β -galactosidase, placed under the control of a promoter containing the Oct-4 consensus sequence. This promoter can be artificial, made of several Oct-4 cis-elements and a TATA box, or natural. Limitations of this procedure are: (i) reporter gene assays have to be repeated several times to obtain statistically reliable data; and (ii) reporter gene assays are sensitive to confounding factors that may influence the expression level of the reporter gene. Therefore, assays have to be carefully standardized. This method is sensitive and easy to perform with a large number of samples but requires efficient cell transfection with the reporter plasmid.

TransAM Oct-4

Oct-4 is a key factor involved in embryogenesis and represents an excellent pharmacological target. However, pharmaceutical research in this field has been hampered by the lack of convenient assays suitable for processing large numbers of samples.

To overcome this, Active Motif is offering a high-throughput assay to quantify Oct-4 activation. The TransAM Kit combines a fast and user-friendly ELISA format with a sensitive and specific assay for transcription factors. TransAM Oct-4 Kits contain a 96-well plate on which has been immobilized oligonucleotide containing the Oct-4 consensus binding site (5 ´-ATTTGA A ATGCAAAT-3 ´). The active form of Oct-4 contained in nuclear extract specifically binds to this oligonucleotide. The primary antibody used to detect Oct-4 recognizes an epitope on Oct-4 that is accessible only when Oct-4 is activated and bound to its target DNA. An HRP-conjugated secondary antibody provides a sensitive colorimetric readout that is easily quantified by spectrophotometry. Once the nuclear extract is prepared, this assay is completed in less than 3.5 hours. As this assay is performed in a 96-well plate, a large number of samples can be handled simultaneously, allowing for high-throughput automation. This assay is specific for Oct-4 activation and has been shown to be 10-fold more sensitive and 20-fold faster than the gel retardation technique. With the 3.5-hour procedure of TransAM, we could detect Oct-4 activation with 0.5 μg of nuclear extract. A comparable assay using EMSA required 5 μg of nuclear extract and a 3-day autoradiography.

TransAM has many applications including the study of drug potency, inhibitor or activator proteins, and/or protein structure/function in the Oct-4 signaling pathway.



Kit Performance and Benefits

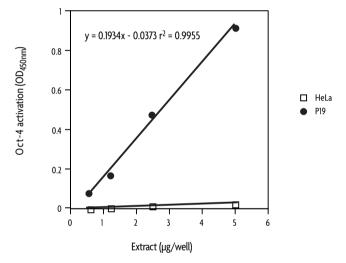
The TransAM Oct-4 Kit is for research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

Detection limit: < 0.5 µg nuclear extract/well. TransAM is 10-fold more sensitive than EMSA.

Range of detection: TransAM provides quantitative results from 0.5 to 5 µg of nuclear extract/well.

Cross-reactivity: TransAM Oct-4 specifically detects bound Oct-4 in human, mouse and rat extracts.

Assay time: 3.5 hours. TransAM is 20-fold faster than EMSA.



Monitoring Oct-4 activation with the TransAM Oct-4 Kit: Different amounts of nuclear extracts from unstimulated P19 and HeLa cells are tested for Oct-4 activation by using the TransAM Oct-4 Kit. These curves are provided for demonstration only.

Kit Components and Storage

Except for the nuclear extract that must be kept at -80°C, kit components can be stored at -20°C prior to first use. Then, we recommend storing each component at the temperature indicated in the table below.

| Reagents | Quantity 1 plate / 5 plates | Storage / Stability |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Oct-4 antibody | 11 µl / 55 µl | 4°C for 6 months |
| Anti-rabbit HRP-conjugated IgG | 11 µl / 55 µl (0.25 µg/µl) | 4°C for 6 months |
| Wild-type oligonucleotide AM25 | 100 µl / 500 µl (10 pmol/µl) | -20°C for 6 months |
| Mutated oligonucleotide AM25 | 100 μl / 500 μl (10 pmol/μl) | -20°C for 6 months |
| P19 nuclear extract | 40 μl / 200 μl (5 μg/μl) | -80°C for 6 months |
| Dithiothreitol (DTT) | 100 µl / 500 µl (1 M) | -20°C for 6 months |
| Protease Inhibitor Cocktail | 100 µl / 500 µl | -20°C for 6 months |
| Herring sperm DNA | 100 μl / 500 μl (1 μg/μl) | -20°C for 6 months |
| Lysis Buffer AM4 | 10 ml / 50 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| Binding Buffer AM1 | 10 ml / 50 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| 10X Wash Buffer AM2 | 22 ml / 110 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| 10X Antibody Binding Buffer AM3 | 2.2 ml / 11 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| Developing Solution | 11 ml / 55 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| Stop Solution | 11 ml / 55 ml | 4°C for 6 months |
| 96-well assay plate | 1/5 | 4°C for 6 months |
| Plate sealer | 1/5 | |

Additional materials required

- Multi-channel pipettor
- Multi-channel pipettor reservoirs
- Rocking platform
- Microplate spectrophotometer capable of reading at 450 nm (655 nm as optional reference wavelength)

For Nuclear Extract preparation

- Hypotonic Buffer
- Phosphatase Inhibitor Buffer
- 10X PBS
- Detergent (NP-40)



Protocols

Buffer Preparation and Recommendations

Preparation of Complete Lysis Buffer

We provide an excess of Lysis Buffer AM4 in order to perform the assay AND to prepare customized cell extracts. Our Nuclear Extract Kit can also be purchased separately (Cat. Nos. 40010 & 40410). Prepare the amount of Complete Lysis Buffer required for the assay by adding 1 µl of 1 M DTT and 10 µl of Protease Inhibitor Cocktail per ml of Lysis Buffer AM4 (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). Some of the protease inhibitors lose their activity after 24 hours once diluted. Therefore, we recommend using the Complete Lysis Buffer immediately for cell lysis. The remaining amount should be discarded if not used in the same day.

Preparation of Complete Binding Buffer

Prepare the amount of Complete Binding Buffer required for the assay by adding 2 μ l of 1 M DTT, and 10 μ l of 1 μ g/ μ l Herring sperm DNA per ml of Binding Buffer AM1 (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). After use, discard remaining Complete Binding Buffer.

Preparation of 1X Wash Buffer

Prepare the amount of 1X Wash Buffer required for the assay as follows: For every 100 ml of 1X Wash Buffer required, dilute 10 ml 10X Wash Buffer AM2 with 90 ml distilled water (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). Mix gently to avoid foaming. The 1X Wash Buffer may be stored at 4°C for one week. The Tween 20 contained in 10X Wash Buffer AM2 may form clumps, therefore homogenize the buffer by vortexing for 2 minutes prior to use.

Preparation of 1X Antibody Binding Buffer

Prepare the amount of 1X Antibody Binding Buffer required for the assay as follows: For every 10 ml of 1X Antibody Binding Buffer required, dilute 1 ml 10X Antibody Binding Buffer AM3 with 9 ml distilled water (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section)*. Mix gently to avoid foaming. Discard remaining 1X Antibody Binding Buffer after use. The BSA contained in the 10X Antibody Binding Buffer AM3 may form clumps, therefore homogenize the buffer by warming to room temperature and vortexing for 1 minute prior to use. Dilute both primary and secondary antibodies to 1:1000 with the 1X Antibody Binding Buffer. Depending on the particular assay, the signal:noise ratio may be optimized by using higher dilutions of both antibodies. This may decrease the sensitivity of the assay.



^{*} Volumes listed refer to the preparation of buffer for diluting both the primary & secondary antibodies.

Developing Solution

The Developing Solution should be warmed to room temperature before use. The Developing Solution is light sensitive, therefore, we recommend avoiding direct exposure to intense light during storage. The Developing Solution may develop a yellow hue over time. This does not affect product performance. A blue color present in the Developing Solution indicates that it has been contaminated and must be discarded. Prior to use, place the Developing Solution at room temperature for at least 1 hour. Transfer the amount of Developing Solution required for the assay into a secondary container before aliquoting into the wells (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). After use, discard remaining Developing Solution.

Stop Solution

Prior to use, transfer the amount of Stop Solution required for the assay into a secondary container (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). After use, discard remaining Stop Solution.

WARNING: The Stop Solution is corrosive. Wear personal protective equipment when handling, *i.e.* safety glasses, gloves and labcoat.

Nuclear extract

The P19 nuclear extract is provided as a positive control for Oct-4 activation. Sufficient extract is supplied for 40 reactions per plate. This extract is optimized to give a strong signal when used at 5 μ g/well. We recommend aliquoting the extract in 5 μ l fractions and storing at -80°C. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles of the extract. Various cell extracts are available from Active Motif (see Appendix, Section B. Related Products).

Wild-type and mutated consensus oligonucleotides

The wild-type consensus oligonucleotide is provided as a competitor for Oct-4 binding in order to monitor the specificity of the assay. Used at 20 pmol/well, the oligonucleotide will prevent Oct-4 binding to the probe immobilized on the plate. Conversely, the mutated consensus oligonucleotide should have no effect on Oct-4 binding. Prepare the required amount of wild-type and/or mutated consensus oligonucleotide by adding 2 µl of appropriate oligonucleotide to 31.8 µl of Complete Binding Buffer per well being used (see the Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers in this section). To allow for optimum competition, add the oligonucleotide to the well prior to addition of the cell extract.



Quick Chart for Preparing Buffers

| Reagents to prepare | Components | For 1 well | For 1 strip (8 wells) | For 6 strips (48 wells) | For 12 strips (96 wells) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Complete Lysis Buffer | DTT | 0.02 μl | 0.2 μl | 1.2 µl | 2.4 µl |
| | Protease inhibitor cocktail | 0.23 µl | 1.8 µl | 10.8 µl | 21.6 µl |
| | Lysis Buffer AM4 | 22.25 µl | 178.0 µl | 1.068 ml | 2.136 ml |
| | TOTAL REQUIRED | 22.5 µl | 180.0 μl | 1.08 ml | 2.16 ml |
| Complete Binding Buffer | DTT | 0.07 µl | 0.54 µl | 3.2 µl | 6.48 µl |
| Complete binding burier | Herring sperm DNA | 0.34 µl | 2.7 μl | 3.2 μl | 32.4 μl |
| | Binding Buffer AM1 | 33.4 µl | 267 µl | 1.6 ml | 3.2 ml |
| | TOTAL REQUIRED | 33.8 µl | 270 µl | 1.62 ml | 3.24 ml |
| Complete Binding Buffer | Wild-type or mutated oligo | 2 µl | 16 µl | 96 µl | N/A |
| with wild-type or | Complete Binding Buffer | 31.8 µl | 254 µl | 1.524 ml | N/A |
| mutated oligonucleotide | TOTAL REQUIRED | 33.8 µl | 270 µl | 1.62 ml | N/A |
| 1X Wash Buffer | Distilled water | 2.025 ml | 16.2 ml | 97.2 ml | 194.4 ml |
| or madir barrer | 10X Wash Buffer AM2 | 225 µl | 1.8 ml | 10.8 ml | 21.6 ml |
| | TOTAL REQUIRED | 2.25 ml | 18 ml | 108 ml | 216 ml |
| 1X Antibody | Distilled water | 202.5 µl | 1.62 ml | 9.72 ml | 19.44 ml |
| Binding Buffer* | 10X Ab Binding Buffer AM3 | 22.5 µl | 180 µl | 1.08 ml | 2.16 ml |
| binding burier | TOTAL REQUIRED | 225 µl | 1.8 ml | 10.8 ml | 21.6 ml |
| Developing Solution | TOTAL REQUIRED | 112.5 µl | 900 µl | 5.4 ml | 10.8 ml |
| Stop Solution | TOTAL REQUIRED | 112.5 µl | 900 µl | 5.4 ml | 10.8 ml |

^{*} Volumes listed refer to the preparation of buffer for diluting both the primary & secondary antibodies.

Oct-4 Transcription Factor Assay

Determine the appropriate number of microwell strips required for testing samples, controls and blanks in duplicate. If less than 8 wells in a strip need to be used, cover the unused wells with a portion of the plate sealer while you perform the assay. The content of these wells is stable at room temperature if kept dry and, therefore, can be used later for a separate assay. Store the unused strips in the aluminum pouch at 4°C. Use the strip holder for the assay.

Prepare the Complete Lysis Buffer, Complete Binding Buffer, 1X Wash Buffer and 1X Antibody Binding Buffer as described above in the section Buffer Preparation and Recommendations. Multichannel pipettor reservoirs may be used for dispensing the Complete Binding Buffer, Wash Buffer, Antibody Binding Buffer, Developing Solution and Stop Solution into the wells being used.

Step 1: Binding of Oct-4 to its consensus sequence

- 1. Add 30 μ l Complete Binding Buffer to each well to be used. If you wish to perform competitive binding experiments, add 30 μ l Complete Binding Buffer that contains 20 pmol (2 μ l) of the wild-type or mutated consensus oligonucleotide (see the Buffer Preparation section above for a description of competitive binding).
- 2. **Sample wells:** Add 20 µl of sample diluted in Complete Lysis Buffer per well. We recommend using 2-20 µg of nuclear extract diluted in Complete Lysis Buffer per well. A protocol for preparing nuclear extracts is provided on page 11.
 - Positive control wells: Add 5 μ g of the provided nuclear extract diluted in 20 μ l of Complete Lysis Buffer per well (1 μ l of extract in 19 μ l of Complete Lysis Buffer per well).
 - Blank wells: Add 20 µl Complete Lysis Buffer only per well.
- 3. Use the provided adhesive cover to seal the plate. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature with mild agitation (100 rpm on a rocking platform).
- 4. Wash each well 3 times with 200 μl 1X Washing Buffer. For each wash, flick the plate over a sink to empty the wells, then tap the inverted plate 3 times on absorbent paper towels.

Step 2: Binding of primary antibody

- 1. Add 100 µl diluted antibody (1:1000 dilution in 1X Antibody Binding Buffer) to wells.
- 2. Cover the plate and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature without agitation.
- 3. Wash the wells 3 times with 200 µl 1X Washing Buffer (as described in Step 1, No. 4).

Step 3: Binding of secondary antibody

- 1. Add 100 μl diluted HRP antibody (1:1000 dilution in 1X Antibody Binding Buffer) to all wells being used.
- 2. Cover the plate and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature without agitation.
- 3. During this incubation, place the Developing Solution at room temperature.
- 4. Wash the wells 4 times with 200 μl 1X Washing Buffer (as described in Step 1, No. 4).

Step 4: Colorimetric reaction

- 1. Add 100 µl room-temperature Developing Solution to all wells being used.
- Incubate 2-10 minutes at room temperature protected from direct light. Please read the
 Certificate of Analysis supplied with this kit for the optimal development time for this specific kit lot, which varies from lot to lot. Monitor the blue color development in the sample
 and positive control wells until it turns medium to dark blue. Do not overdevelop.
- 3. Add 100 µl Stop Solution. In presence of the acid, the blue color turns yellow.
- 4. Read absorbance on a spectrophotometer within 5 minutes at 450 nm with a reference wavelength of 655 nm. Blank the plate reader according to the manufacturer's instructions using the blank wells.



Preparation of Nuclear Extract

For your convenience, Active Motif offers a Nuclear Extract Kit (Cat. Nos. 40010 & 40410). This kit contains buffers optimized for use in the TransAM Kits, which serves to reduce inconsistencies in the assay that may arise from using homemade or other buffers. If you prefer to make your own buffers, please refer to the following protocol.

This procedure can be used for a confluent cell layer of 75 cm 2 (100-mm dish). The yield is approximately 0.5 mg of nuclear proteins for 10^7 cells.

- Wash cells with 10 ml of ice-cold PBS/PIB.
- 2. Add 10 ml of ice-cold PBS/PIB and scrape the cells off the dish with a cell lifter. Transfer the cells into a pre-chilled 15 ml tube and spin at $300 \times g$ for 5 minutes at 4° C.
- 3. Resuspend the pellet in 1 ml of ice-cold HB buffer by gentle pipetting and transfer the cells into a pre-chilled 1.5 ml tube.
- 4. Allow the cells to swell on ice for 15 minutes.
- 5. Add 50 µl 10% Nonidet P-40 (0.5 % final) and mix by gentle pipetting.
- 6. Centrifuge the homogenate for 30 seconds at 4°C in a microcentrifuge.
- 7. Resuspend the nuclear pellet in 50 μl Complete Lysis Buffer and rock the tube gently on ice for 30 minutes on a shaking platform.
- 8. Centrifuge for 10 minutes at 14,000 x g at 4°C and save the supernatant (nuclear cell extract). Aliquot and store at -80° C. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.
- 9. Determine the protein concentration of the extract by using a Bradford-based assay.

| 10X PBS | For 250 ml, mix: | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 7.5 | 3.55 g Na ₂ HPO ₄ + 0.61 g KH ₂ PO ₄ | | |
| 1.5 M NaCl | 21.9 g | | |
| 27 mM KCl | 0.5 g | | |

Adjust to 250 ml with distilled water. Prepare a 1X PBS solution by adding 10 ml 10X PBS to 90 ml distilled water. Sterilize the 1X PBS by filtering through a 0.2 μ m filter. The 1X PBS is at pH 7.5. Store the filter-sterilized 1X PBS solution at 4°C.

| PIB (Phosphatase Inhibitor Buffer) | For 10 ml, mix |
|--|----------------|
| 125 mM NaF | 52 mg |
| 250 mM β-glycerophosphate | 0.55 g |
| 250 mM para-nitrophenyl phosphate (PNPP) | 1.15 g |
| 25 mM NaVO ₃ | 31 mg |

Adjust to 10 ml with distilled water. Mix the chemicals by vortexing. Incubate the solution at 50° C for 5 minutes. Mix again. Store at -20° C.

PBS/PIB

Prior to use, add 0.5 ml of PIB to 10 ml of 1X PBS.

| HB (Hypotonic Buffer) | For 50 ml, mix |
|--|---------------------------|
| 20 mM Hepes, pH 7.5 | 0.24 g |
| 5 mM NaF | 12 mg |
| 10 μM Na ₂ MoO ₄ | 5 μl of a 0.1 M solution |
| 0.1 mM EDTA | 10 µl of a 0.5 M solution |

Adjust pH to 7.5 with 1 N NaOH. Adjust volume to 50 ml with distilled water. Sterilize by filtering through a $0.2 \mu m$ filter. Store the filter-sterilized solution at $4^{\circ}C$.

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Appendix

| Section A. Troubleshooting Guide PROBLEM POSSIBLE CAUSE RECOMMENDATION | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Omission of key reagent | Check that all reagents have been added in the correct order | | | |
| Substrate or conjugate is no longer active | Test conjugate and substrate for activity | | | |
| Enzyme inhibitor present | Sodium azide will inhibit the peroxidase reaction, follow our recommendations to prepare buffers | | | |
| Plate reader settings not optimal | Verify the wavelength and filter settings in the plate reader | | | |
| Incorrect assay temperature | Bring substrate to room temperature | | | |
| Inadequate volume of Developing Solution | Check to make sure that correct volume is delivered by pipette | | | |
| Developing time too long | Stop enzymatic reaction as soon as the positive wells turn medium-dark blue | | | |
| Concentration of antibodies too high | Increase antibody dilutions | | | |
| Inadequate washing | Ensure all wells are filled with Wash Buffer and follow washing recommendations | | | |
| Incomplete washing of wells | Ensure all wells are filled with Wash Buffer and follow washing recommendations | | | |
| Well cross-contamination | Follow washing recommendations | | | |
| Too much nuclear extract per well | Decrease amount of nuclear extract down to 1-2 µg/well | | | |
| Concentration of antibodies too high | Perform antibody titration to determine optimal working concentration. Start using 1:2000 for primary antibody and 1:5000 for the secondary antibody. The sensitivity of the assay will be decreased | | | |
| Not enough nuclear extract per well | Increase amount of nuclear extract not to exceed 50 µg/well | | | |
| Oct-4 is poorly activated or inactivated | Perform a time course for Oct-4 activation in the studied cell line | | | |
| Extracts are not from correct species | Refer to cross-reactivity information on pg. 5 | | | |
| | POSSIBLE CAUSE Omission of key reagent Substrate or conjugate is no longer active Enzyme inhibitor present Plate reader settings not optimal Incorrect assay temperature Inadequate volume of Developing Solution Developing time too long Concentration of antibodies too high Inadequate washing Incomplete washing of wells Well cross-contamination Too much nuclear extract per well Concentration of antibodies too high Not enough nuclear extract per well Oct-4 is poorly activated or inactivated Extracts are not from | | | |



Section B. Related Products

| TransAM™ Kits | Format | Catalog No. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| TransAM™ AML-3/Runx2 | 1 x 96 rxns | 44496 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 44996 |
| TransAM™ AP-1 Family | 2 x 96 rxns | 44296 |
| TransAM™ AP-1 c-Fos | 1 x 96 rxns | 44096 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 44596 |
| TransAM™ AP-1 FosB | 1 x 96 rxns | 45096 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 45596 |
| TransAM™ AP-1 c-Jun | 1 x 96 rxns | 46096 |
| • | 5 x 96 rxns | 46596 |
| TransAM™ AP-1 JunD | 1 x 96 rxns | 43496 |
| • | 5 x 96 rxns | 43996 |
| TransAM™ ATF-2 | 1 x 96 rxns | 42396 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 42896 |
| TransAM™ c-Myc | 1 x 96 rxns | 43396 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 43896 |
| TransAM™ C/EBP α/β | 1 x 96 rxns | 44196 |
| 11413/111 C/ 251 G/ P | 5 x 96 rxns | 44696 |
| TransAM™ CREB | 1 x 96 rxns | 42096 |
| TIGHS/AIVI CILED | 5 x 96 rxns | 42596 |
| TransAM™ pCREB | 1 x 96 rxns | 43096 |
| Halisalvi pelleb | 5 x 96 rxns | 43596 |
| TransAM™ Flk-1 | 1 x 96 rxns | 44396 |
| Halisalvi Lik-i | 5 x 96 rxns | 44896 |
| TransAM™ FR | 1 x 96 rxns | 41396 |
| Hallsalvi EK | 5 x 96 rxns | 41996 |
| TransAM™ HIF-1 | 1 x 96 rxns | 47096 |
| IIdiisAivi Tir-i | 5 x 96 rxns | 47096 47596 |
| TransAM™ HNF Family | 2 x 96 rxns | 46296 |
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| TransAM™ IRF Family | 2 x 96 rxns | 45296 |
| TransAM™ MAPK Family | 2 x 96 rxns | 47296 |
| TransAM™ MEF2 | 1 x 96 rxns | 43196 |
| To a ANAM NICOD Const. | 5 x 96 rxns | 43696 |
| TransAM™ NFκB Family | 2 x 96-rxns | 43296 |
| TransAM™ NFκB p50 | 1 x 96 rxns | 41096 |
| T 4100 NE D 45 | 5 x 96 rxns | 41596 |
| TransAM™ NFκB p65 | 1 x 96 rxns | 40096 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 40596 |
| TransAM™ STAT Family | 2 x 96 rxns | 42296 |
| TransAM™ STAT3 | 1 x 96 rxns | 45196 |
| | 5 x 96 rxns | 45696 |
| Nushift™ & Gelshift™ Kits | Format | Catalog No. |
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| Nushift™ Oct-2 | 17 rxns | 37054 |
| Gelshift™ Oct-2 Gelshift™ Oct-4 | 20 rxns 20 rxns | 37334 37335 |
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| Cell-based ELISAs | | Format | Catalog No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| FACE™ AKT | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48120 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48620 |
| FACE™ AKT Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48220 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48720 |
| FACE™ ATF-2 | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48115 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48615 |
| FACE™ ATF-2 Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48215 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48715 |
| FACE™ ERK1/2 | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48140 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48640 |
| FACE™ ERK1/2 Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48240 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48740 |
| FACE™ GSK3β | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48170 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48670 |
| FACE™ GSK3β Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48270 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48770 |
| FACE™ JNK | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48110 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48610 |
| FACE™ JNK Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48210 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48710 |
| FACE™ MEK1/2 | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48180 |
| | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48680 |
| FACE™ MEK1/2 Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48280 |
| FACET 30 | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48780 |
| FACE™ p38 | | 1 x 96 rxns | 48100 |
| FACETM = 20 Classes | | 5 x 96 rxns | 48600 |
| FACE™ p38 Chemi | | 1 x 96 rxns 5 x 96 rxns | 48200 |
| | | | 48700 |
| Cell extracts | | Format | Catalog No. |
| Nuclear Extract Kit | | 100 rxns | 40010 |
| | | 400 rxns | 40510 |
| Mitochondrial Fractionation Kit | | 100 rxns | 40015 |
| P19 nuclear extract | | 200 μg | 36074 |
| P19 nuclear extract (Retinoic acid | d treated) | 200 µg | 36057 |
| Antibodies | Application | Format | Catalog No. |
| Oct-1 mAb | WB | 100 µl | 39515 |
| Oct-2 mAb | WB | 100 μl | 39517 |
| Oct-2 mAb | SS | 17 rxns | 39604 |
| OCC Z III/O | | 17 17(13 | 37001 |

mAb: monoclonal antibody; WB: Western blot; SS: Supershift

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