



ELISA Kit

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*Human*  
**Caspase-3 (active)**

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## Contents and Storage

### Storage

Store at 2 to 8°C.

### Contents

Reagents Provided	96 Test Kit
<i>Hu Caspase-3 (active) Standard</i> , lyophilized. Contains 0.1% sodium azide. Refer to vial label for quantity and reconstitution volume.	2 vials
<i>Standard Diluent Buffer</i> . Contains 0.1% sodium azide, red dye*; 25 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Antibody Coated Wells</i> . 12 x 8 Well Strips.	1 plate
<i>Caspase-3 (Active) Detection Antibody</i> . Contains 0.1% sodium azide, blue dye*; 11 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)</i> . Contains 3.3 mM thymol; 0.125 mL per vial.	1 vial
<i>HRP Diluent</i> . Contains 3.3 mM thymol, yellow dye*; 25 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Wash Buffer Concentrate (25X)</i> . 100 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Stabilized Chromogen, Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB)</i> . 25 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Stop Solution</i> . 25 mL per bottle.	1 bottle
<i>Plate Covers</i> , adhesive strips.	3
* In order to help our customers avoid any mistakes in pipetting the ELISAs, we provide colored <i>Standard Diluent Buffer</i> , <i>Detection Antibody</i> , and <i>HRP Diluent</i> to help monitor the addition of solution to the reaction well. This does not in any way interfere with the test results.	

### Disposal Note

This kit contains materials with small quantities of sodium azide. Sodium azide reacts with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metal azides. Upon disposal, flush drains with a large volume of water to prevent azide accumulation. Avoid ingestion and contact with eyes, skin and mucous membranes. In case of contact, rinse affected area with plenty of water. Observe all federal, state and local regulations for disposal.

### Safety

All blood components and biological materials should be handled as potentially hazardous. Follow universal precautions as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when handling and disposing of infectious agents.

# Introduction

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## Purpose

The Invitrogen Caspase-3 (active) Human ELISA is designed to detect and quantify the level of human active caspase-3 protein when cleaved at Asp175/Ser176. This assay is intended for the detection of active caspase-3 from lysates of human cells.

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## Principle of the Method

The Invitrogen Caspase-3 (active) Human kit is a solid phase sandwich Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay (ELISA). A monoclonal antibody specific for human caspase-3 has been coated onto the wells of the microtiter strips provided. Samples, including a standard containing human active caspase-3, control specimens, and unknowns, are pipetted into these wells and then a rabbit antibody specific for human active caspase-3 is added to the wells. During the first incubation, the human caspase-3 protein binds to the immobilized (capture) antibody and the specific active caspase-3 antibody serves as a detection antibody by binding to the immobilized active caspase-3 protein. After the first incubation step and washing to remove excess protein and detection antibody, a horseradish peroxidase-labeled Anti-Rabbit IgG (Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP) is added. This binds to the detection antibody to complete the four-member sandwich. After a third incubation and washing to remove all the excess Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP, a substrate solution is added, which is acted upon by the bound enzyme to produce color. The intensity of this colored product is directly proportional to the concentration of human active caspase-3 present in the original specimen.

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## Background Information

Apoptosis (programmed cell death) is an active process that plays a critical role in multiple biologic processes from embryologic development, to lymphocyte development and selection, and homeostasis. Caspases (cysteiny l aspartate-specific proteinases) are essential in the regulation of apoptosis.

There are two types of apoptotic caspases: initiator (apical) caspases and effector (executioner) caspases. Initiator caspases (e.g., caspase-2, -8, -9 and -10) cleave inactive pro-forms of effector caspases, thereby activating them. Effector caspases (e.g., caspase-3, -6, -7) in turn cleave other protein substrates within the cell resulting in the apoptotic process. At least fourteen caspases have so far been implicated in human apoptotic pathway cascade. Among these, caspase-3 is considered to be a major executioner protease in apoptosis.

Caspase-3, also known as CPP32 (32 kDa cysteine protease), Yama (the Hindu god of death), apopain, or SCA-1 (SREBP cleavage activity 1), is a cysteine protease with aspartic specificity and a well-characterized effector of apoptosis. Caspase-3 is highly expressed in lung, spleen, heart, liver and kidney, moderate levels in brain and skeletal muscle, and low in testis. Many cell lines are found expressing caspase-3, with highest expression in cells of the immune system. Caspase-3 is synthesized as inactive proenzyme, where upon cleavage at Asp175/Ser176, is converted to the active enzyme. The crystal structure of caspase-3 shows that the active enzyme is a heterotetramer, containing anti-parallel arranged heterodimers, each one formed by a 17 kDa (p17) and a 12 kDa (p12) subunit.

The activation of caspase-3 can be mediated by other members of caspase, such as caspase-6, -8 and -10, and the cytotoxic T-cell (CTL) protease granzyme B. Once activated, caspase-3 cleaves key cellular proteins in

apoptotic cells, such as the nuclear enzyme poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP), sterol regulatory element binding proteins (SREBPs), and other caspase members (caspase-2, -6, -7, and -9).

The best recognized biochemical hallmark of apoptosis is the activation of caspases. Detection of active caspase-3 in cells and tissues is an important method for apoptosis induced by a wide variety of apoptotic signals. Sensitive and reproducible detection of active caspase-3 is important to advance the understanding of cellular functions and multiple pathologies of etiologies.

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# Methods

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## Materials Needed But Not Provided

- Microtiter plate reader (at or near 450 nm) with software
  - Calibrated adjustable precision pipettes
  - Distilled or deionized water
  - Plate washer: automated or manual (squirt bottle, manifold dispenser, etc.)
  - Glass or plastic tubes for diluting solutions
  - Absorbent paper towels
  - Calibrated beakers and graduated cylinders
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## Procedural Notes

1. When not in use, kit components should be refrigerated. All reagents should be warmed to room temperature before use.
  2. **Microtiter plates should be allowed to come to room temperature before opening the foil bags.** Once the desired number of strips has been removed, immediately reseal the bag and store at 2 to 8°C to maintain plate integrity.
  3. Samples should be collected in pyrogen/endotoxin-free tubes.
  4. Samples should be frozen if not analyzed shortly after collection. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles of frozen samples. Thaw completely and mix well prior to analysis.
  5. It is recommended that all standards, controls and samples be run in duplicate.
  6. When pipetting reagents, maintain a consistent order of addition from well-to-well. This ensures equal incubation times for all wells.
  7. **Do not mix or interchange different reagent lots from various kit lots.**
  8. Do not use reagents after the kit expiration date.
  9. Absorbances should be read immediately, but can be read up to 2 hours after assay completion. For best results, keep plate covered in the dark.
  10. In-house controls should be run with every assay. If control values fall outside pre-established ranges, the accuracy of the assay is suspect.
  11. All residual wash liquid must be drained from the wells by efficient aspiration or by decantation followed by tapping the plate forcefully on absorbent paper. **Never** insert absorbent paper directly into the wells.
  12. Because Stabilized *Chromogen* is light sensitive, avoid prolonged exposure to light. Avoid contact between chromogen and metal, or color may develop.
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## Directions For Washing

- **Incomplete washing will adversely affect the test outcome.** All washing must be performed with the *Wash Buffer Concentrate (25X)* provided.
  - Washing can be performed manually as follows: completely aspirate the liquid from all wells by gently lowering an aspiration tip into the bottom of each well. Take care not to scratch the inside of the well. After aspiration, fill the wells with at least 0.4 ml of diluted *Wash Buffer*. Let soak for 15 to 30 seconds, then aspirate the liquid. Repeat as directed under Assay Procedure. After the washing procedure, the plate is inverted and tapped dry on absorbent tissue.
  - Alternatively, the diluted *Wash Buffer* may be put into a squirt bottle. If a squirt bottle is used, flood the plate with the diluted *Wash Buffer*, completely filling all wells. After the washing procedure, the plate is inverted and tapped dry on absorbent tissue.
  - If using an automated washer, follow the washing instructions carefully.
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## Procedure For Protein Extraction From Cells Or Tissues

### Recommended Formulation for Cell or Tissue Extraction Buffer:

- 10 mM Tris, pH 7.4
- 100 mM NaCl
- 1 mM EDTA
- 1 mM EGTA
- 1 mM NaF
- 20 mM  $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
- 2 mM  $\text{Na}_3\text{VO}_4$
- 1% Triton X-100
- 10% glycerol
- 0.1% SDS
- 0.5% deoxycholate

This Cell Extraction Buffer (Invitrogen, Cat.#.FNN0011) needs the following reagents to be added:

- 1 mM PMSF (stock is 0.3 M in DMSO)
- Protease inhibitor cocktail (e.g., Sigma Cat. #.P-2714) (reconstituted according to manufacturer's guideline). Add 500  $\mu\text{l}$  per 5 ml Cell Extraction Buffer.

The Cell Extraction Buffer is stable for 2 to 3 weeks at 4°C or for up to 6 months when aliquoted (without protease inhibitors and PMSF added) and stored at -20°C. When stored frozen, the buffer should be thawed on ice. **Important:** add the protease inhibitors just before using. The stability of protease inhibitor supplemented Cell Extraction Buffer is 24 hours at 4°C. PMSF is very unstable and must be added prior to use, even if added previously.

The following protocol has been applied to several cell lines using this Cell Extraction Buffer. Researchers may optimize the cell extraction procedures that work best in their hands.

1. Collect cells in PBS by centrifugation (non-adherent) or scraping from culture flasks (adherent).
2. Wash cells twice with cold PBS.
3. Remove and discard the supernatant and collect the cell pellet. (At this point the cell pellet can be frozen at -80°C and lysed at a later date).
4. Lyse the cell pellet in Cell Extraction Buffer for 30 minutes on ice with vortexing at 10 minute intervals. The volume of Cell Extraction Buffer depends on the cell number in cell pellet and the level of active caspase-3. For example,  $1 \times 10^7$  Jurkat cells grown in RPMI 1640 (Invitrogen Cat. # 11875-093) plus 10% FBS and treated with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  staurosporine for 5 hours can be extracted in 1 ml of Extraction Buffer. Under these conditions, use of 1-10  $\mu\text{l}$  of the clarified cell lysate diluted to a volume of 100  $\mu\text{l}$ /well in *Standard Diluent Buffer* (See **Assay Procedure**) is sufficient for the detection of active caspase-3.
5. Transfer lysates to microcentrifuge tubes and centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C.
6. Aliquot the clear lysates to clean microcentrifuge tubes. These samples are ready for assay. Lysates can be stored at -80°C. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.



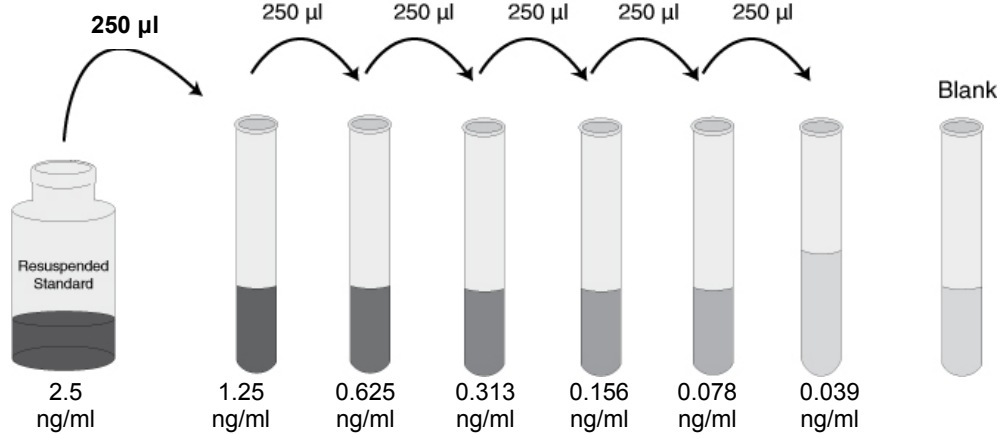
# Preparation of Reagents

## Dilution of Standard

**Note:** The Human Caspase-3 (active) Standard was prepared from recombinant protein.

1. Reconstitute standard with *Standard Diluent Buffer*. Refer to standard vial label for instructions. Swirl or mix gently and allow to sit for 10 minutes to ensure complete reconstitution. Label as 2.5 ng/ml human caspase-3 (active). Use the standard within 1 hour of reconstitution.
2. Add 0.25 ml of *Standard Diluent Buffer* to each of 6 tubes labeled 1.25, 0.625, 0.313, 0.156, 0.078, and 0.039 ng/ml of human caspase-3 (active).
3. Make serial dilutions of the standard as described in the following dilution diagram. Mix thoroughly between steps.

Remaining reconstituted standard should be discarded or frozen in aliquots at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  for further use. Standard can be frozen and thawed one time only without loss of activity.



## Preparing IgG HRP

**Note: Prepare within 15 minutes of usage.** The *Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)* is in 50% glycerol, which is viscous. To ensure accurate dilution, allow the *Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)* to reach room temperature. Gently mix. Pipette the *Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)* slowly. Remove excess concentrate solution from pipette tip by gently wiping with clean absorbent paper.

1. Dilute 10 µl of this 100X concentrated solution with 1 ml of *HRP Diluent* for each 8-well strip used in the assay. Label as Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP Working Solution.
2. Return the unused *Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)* to the refrigerator.

# of 8-Well Strips	Volume of Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X)	Volume of Diluent
2	20 µl solution	2 ml
4	40 µl solution	4 ml
6	60 µl solution	6 ml
8	80 µl solution	8 ml
10	100 µl solution	10 ml
12	120 µl solution	12 ml

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## Dilution of Wash Buffer

1. Allow the *Wash Buffer Concentrate (25X)* to reach room temperature and mix to ensure that any precipitated salts have redissolved. Dilute 1 volume of the *Wash Buffer Concentrate (25X)* with 24 volumes of deionized water (e.g., 50 ml may be diluted up to 1.25 liters, 100 ml may be diluted up to 2.5 liters). Label as Working Wash Buffer.
  2. Store both the concentrate and the Working Wash Buffer in the refrigerator. The diluted buffer should be used within 14 days.
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## Assay Procedure

**Be sure to read the *Procedural Notes* section before carrying out the assay.** Allow all reagents to reach room temperature before use. Gently mix all liquid reagents prior to use.

**Note:** A standard curve must be run with each assay.

1. Determine the number of 8-well strips needed for the assay. Insert these in the frame(s) for current use. (Re-bag extra strips and frame. Store these in the refrigerator for future use.)
2. Add 100  $\mu$ l of the *Standard Diluent Buffer* to the zero standard wells. Well(s) reserved for chromogen blank should be left empty.
3. Add 100  $\mu$ l of standards and controls or diluted samples to the appropriate microtiter wells. The sample dilution chosen should be optimized for each experimental system. Tap gently on side of plate to mix.
4. Cover wells with *plate cover* and incubate for **2 hours at room temperature**.
5. Thoroughly aspirate or decant solution from wells and discard the liquid. Wash wells 4 times. See **Directions for Washing**.
6. Pipette 100  $\mu$ l of *Caspase-3 (Active) Detection Antibody* solution into each well except the chromogen blank(s). Tap gently on the side of the plate to mix.
7. Cover plate with *plate cover* and incubate for **1 hour at room temperature**.
8. Thoroughly aspirate or decant solution from wells and discard the liquid. Wash wells 4 times. See **Directions for Washing**.
9. Add 100  $\mu$ l Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP Working Solution to each well except the chromogen blank(s). Prepare the working dilution as described in **Preparing IgG HRP**.
10. Cover wells with the *plate cover* and incubate for **30 minutes at room temperature**.
11. Thoroughly aspirate or decant solution from wells and discard the liquid. Wash wells 4 times. See **Directions for Washing**.
12. Add 100  $\mu$ l of *Stabilized Chromogen* to each well. The liquid in the wells will begin to turn blue.
13. Incubate for **30 minutes at room temperature and in the dark**. **Note: Do not cover the plate with aluminum foil or metalized mylar.** The incubation time for chromogen substrate is often determined by the microtiter plate reader used. Many plate readers have the capacity to record a maximum optical density (O.D.) of 2.0. The O.D. values should be monitored and the substrate reaction stopped before the O.D. of the positive wells exceeds the limits of the instrument. The O.D. values at 450 nm can only be read after the *Stop Solution* has been added to each well. If using a reader that records only to 2.0 O.D., stopping the assay after 20 to 25 minutes is suggested.
14. Add 100  $\mu$ l of *Stop Solution* to each well. Tap side of plate gently to mix. The solution in the wells should change from blue to yellow.
15. Read the absorbance of each well at 450 nm having blanked the plate reader against a chromogen blank composed of 100  $\mu$ l each of *Stabilized Chromogen* and *Stop Solution*. Read the plate within 2 hours after adding the *Stop Solution*.
16. Use a curve fitting software to generate the standard curve. A four parameter

algorithm provides the best standard curve fit.

17. Read the concentrations for unknown samples and controls from the standard curve. **Multiply value(s) obtained for sample(s) by the appropriate dilution factor to correct for the dilution in step 3.** Samples producing signals greater than that of the highest standard should be diluted in *Standard Diluent Buffer* and reanalyzed.
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**Typical  
Data  
(Example)**

The following data were obtained for the various standards over the range of 0 to 2.5 ng/ml human caspase-3 (active).

Standard Human Caspase-3 (active) (ng/ml)	Optical Density (450 nm)
2.5	3.25
1.25	1.99
0.625	1.12
0.313	0.59
0.156	0.35
0.078	0.23
0.039	0.17
0	0.13

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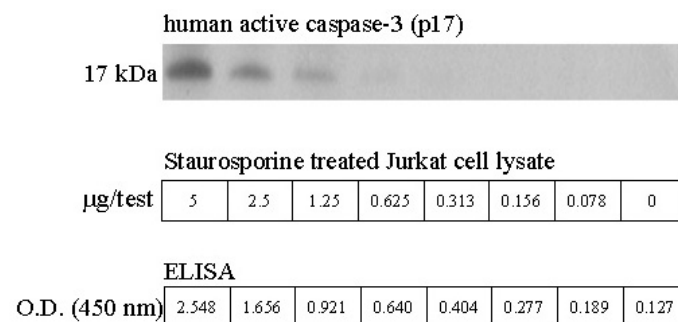
# Performance Characteristics

## Sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity of this assay is 0.033 ng/mL of human active caspase-3. This was determined by adding two standard deviations to the mean O.D. obtained when the zero standard was assayed 30 times.

The sensitivity of this ELISA was compared to western blotting using known quantities of human active caspase-3. The data presented below show that the sensitivity of the ELISA is approximately 4x greater than that of western blotting. The bands shown in the western blot data were developed using rabbit anti-human caspase-3 (active), and an alkaline phosphatase conjugated anti-rabbit IgG followed by chemiluminescent substrate and autoradiography.

### Detection of active caspase-3 by ELISA vs Western Blot:



## Precision

### 1. Intra-Assay Precision

Samples of known human active caspase-3 concentration were assayed in replicates of 12 to determine precision within an assay.

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Mean (ng/ml)	1.93	0.63	0.15
SD	0.09	0.02	0.01
%CV	4.68	3.11	4.70
SD = Standard Deviation CV = Coefficient of Variation			

### 2. Inter-Assay Precision

Samples were assayed 36 times in multiple assays to determine precision between assays.

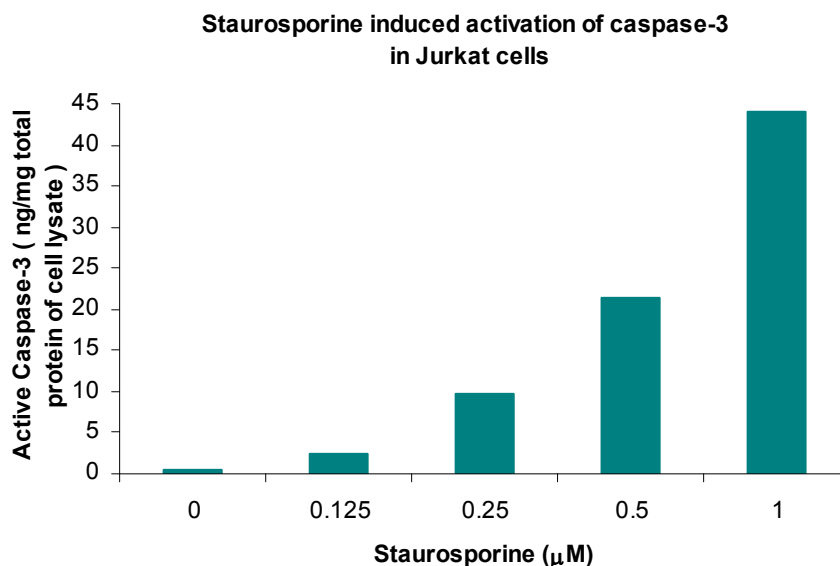
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Mean (ng/ml)	1.83	0.63	0.15
SD	0.14	0.04	0.01
%CV	7.67	6.94	7.54
SD = Standard Deviation CV = Coefficient of Variation			

**Recovery** To evaluate recovery, human caspase-3 (active) standard was spiked at 3 different concentrations into 10% Cell Extraction Buffer. The percent recovery was calculated as an average of 104%.

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**Specificity** The Invitrogen Caspase-3 (active) Human ELISA recognizes human active caspase-3 cleaved at Asp175/Ser176. Other species have not been tested.

Jurkat cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 medium (Invitrogen Cat. No. 11875-093) plus 10% FBS, and treated with staurosporine at different concentrations for 5 hours and then lysed with Cell Extraction Buffer. Non-treated cells were used as controls. The following figure shows that staurosporine induces activation of caspase-3 in a dosage dependent manner.



**Linearity of Dilution**

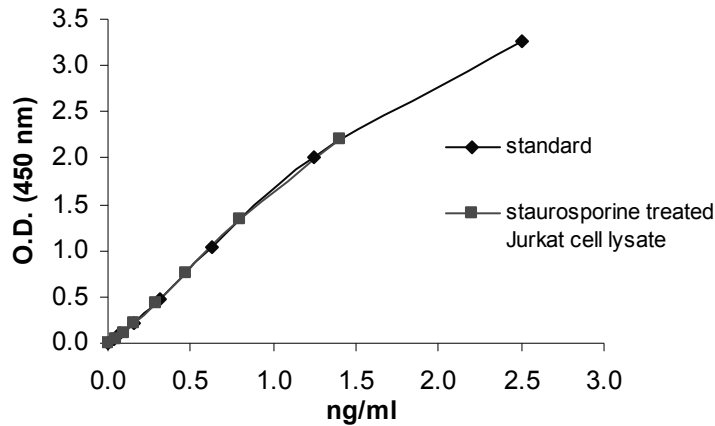
Jurkat cells were grown in RPMI 1640 containing 10% fetal bovine serum at 37°C, stimulated with 1.0 µM staurosporine for 5 hours, and lysed with Cell Extraction Buffer. This lysate was diluted in Standard Diluent Buffer over the range of the assay and measured for human active caspase-3 content. Linear regression analysis of samples versus the expected concentration yielded a correlation coefficient of 0.99.

Dilution	Cell Lysate		
	Measured (ng/ml)	Expected (ng/ml)	% Expected
Neat	1.399	1.399	100
1/2	0.797	0.699	114
1/4	0.466	0.398	117
1/8	0.288	0.233	124
1/16	0.155	0.144	108

## Parallelism

Natural human active caspase-3 from Jurkat cell lysate was serially diluted in *Standard Diluent Buffer*. The optical density of each dilution was plotted against the human active caspase-3 standard curve. Parallelism was demonstrated by the figure below and indicated that the standard accurately reflects active caspase-3 content in samples.

Parallelism: Human Active Caspase-3 ELISA



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## Limitations of the Procedure

Do not extrapolate the standard curve beyond top standard point; the dose-response is non-linear in this region and accuracy is difficult to obtain. Dilute all samples above the highest standard point with *Standard Diluent Buffer*, reanalyze these and multiply results by the appropriate dilution factor.

The influence of various extraction buffers has not been thoroughly investigated. The rate of degradation of native human active caspase-3 in various matrices has not been investigated.

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# Appendix

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## Troubleshooting Guide

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Standard curve wells develop, but sample wells produce weak or no signal.

*Cause:* Improper sample preparation.

*Solution 1:* Make sure to prepare cell extracts in the protease inhibitor-supplemented Cell Extraction Buffer recommended in the protocol booklet. Other buffer formulations have not been evaluated.

*Cause:* Samples contain materials that interfere with the assay.

*Solution 1:* The Cell Extraction Buffer recommended in the protocol booklet contains SDS. This detergent can potentially interfere with the immunoassay. For this reason, we recommend that all samples be diluted by a factor of at least 1:10 using the Standard Diluent Buffer provided in the kit. This buffer also contains blocking proteins that will reduce background signal.

*Cause:* The concentration of the target analyte is too dilute.

*Solution 1:* When preparing the cell extracts, increase the number of cells per volume of protease inhibitor supplemented Cell Extraction Buffer. Ideally, the concentration of protein in each cell extract, as determined by the Quant-iT™ protein assay kit, will be between 1 and 10 mg/ml (Method 1) or 1 and 5 mg/ml (Method 2). It is recommended that 5-10 µg of total cellular protein as a starting point be loaded into each well.

*Solution 2:* Optimize the stimulation procedure and time.

*Cause:* A sample treatment step was not performed.

*Solution 1:* Certain analytes (e.g., ERK1/2 [pTpY185/187] and ERK1/2 Total) require a sample treatment step to improve performance with Invitrogen phosphoELISA™ kits. Please see the analyte-specific protocol booklet for information on sample treatment procedures.

*Cause:* Samples deteriorated during storage.

*Solution 1:* Make sure that the Cell Extraction Buffer is supplemented with phosphatase inhibitors and protease inhibitors just prior to use.

*Solution 2:* All samples should be stored frozen at –80°C.

*Solution 3:* Samples should be subjected to only one freeze-thaw cycle.

*Solution 4:* Some proteins can be lost by adsorption when stored in containers made of polystyrene or certain kinds of glass. Polypropylene tubes are best for storing samples.

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Sample wells develop, but standard wells produce weak or no signal.

*Cause:* Improper dilution of standards.

*Solution 1:* Check reconstitution volume of standard.

*Solution 2:* Standard curves are generated by serially diluting the reconstituted standard. Check the serial dilution method.

*Solution 3:* Standards should be used within an hour of reconstitution and serial dilution.

*Cause:* Improper storage of standards.

*Solution 1:* Standards are provided as lyophilized powders that should be stored at 2–8°C. Once reconstituted, standard should be stored at –80°C.

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Neither the standard curve wells nor the sample wells develop.

*Cause:* Insufficient horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated secondary antibody activity.

*Solution 1:* Check the dilution of the HRP secondary antibody.

*Solution 2:* The HRP secondary antibody must be freshly diluted for each assay.

*Solution 3:* The HRP secondary antibody must be stored at 2–8°C.

*Solution 4:* Sodium azide is an irreversible inhibitor of horseradish peroxidase enzyme activity. Make sure to dilute the HRP secondary antibody in the correct buffer. A quick test can be performed to determine if the HRP secondary antibody is active. Into a clean test tube, dispense 200 µl of the TMB substrate solution provided in the kit. This TMB substrate solution should be clear to slightly blue-green tinted. Next, pipette 2 µl of the HRP secondary antibody. The color of the TMB will change to an intense aqua blue instantaneously if the HRP has retained its enzyme activity.

*Cause:* Insufficient Detector Antibody.

*Solution 1:* The Detector Antibody must be stored at 2–8°C.

*Solution 2:* Improper dilution of Detector Antibody.

*Cause:* TMB solution lost activity.

*Solution 1:* The TMB solution should be clear before it is dispensed into the wells of the microtiter plate.

An intense aqua blue color indicates that the product is contaminated. Please contact Technical Support if this problem is noted. To avoid contamination, we recommend that the quantity required for an assay be dispensed into a disposable trough for pipetting. Any TMB solution left in the trough should be discarded.

*Solution 2:* Avoid contact of the TMB solution with items containing metal ions.

Standard curves are not developing consistently in between different runs.

*Cause:* Improper dilution of Secondary antibody.

*Solution 1:* The Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X) is in 50% glycerol. This solution is viscous. To ensure accurate dilution, allow Anti-Rabbit IgG HRP (100X) to reach room temperature. Gently mix. Pipette concentrate slowly. Remove excess concentrate solution from pipette tip by gently wiping with clean absorbent paper.

*Solution 2:* Check plate washing technique. Results can be effected if some liquid remains after aspiration.

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## Technical Support

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### Contact Us

For more troubleshooting tips, information, or assistance, please call, email, or go online to [www.invitrogen.com/ELISA](http://www.invitrogen.com/ELISA).



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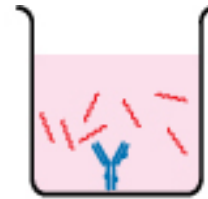
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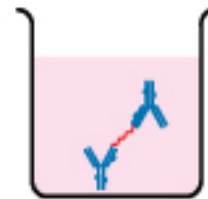
# Human Caspase-3 (active) Assay Summary

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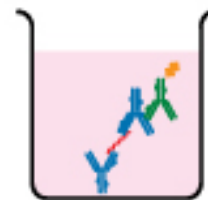
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Incubate 100  $\mu$ l of Detection Antibody  
for 1 hour at RT



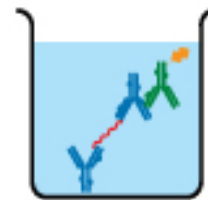
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Incubate 100  $\mu$ l of HRP Anti-Rabbit Antibody  
for 30 minutes at RT

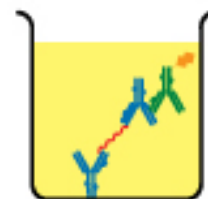


aspirate and wash 4x

Incubate 100  $\mu$ l of Stabilized Chromogen  
for 30 minutes at RT



Add 100  $\mu$ l of Stop Solution and read at 450 nm



**Total time: 4 hours**



Human  
Caspase-3  
(active)



HRP Anti-Rabbit  
Antibody



Detection  
Antibody