

Polyclonal Antibody to STAT1 alpha - Aff - Purified

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| Alternate names: | DKFZP686B04100, ISGF-3, P84, P91, STAT1-alpha, STAT1a, STAT91, Signal Transducer And Activator Of Transcription 1 91kDa, Transcription Factor ISGF-3 Components P91/P84 |
| Catalog No.: | BP7223 |
| Quantity: | 0.1 mg |
| Background: | The signal transducer and activator of transcription (STAT) family of transcription factors is composed of seven family members (STATs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B and 6) that are involved in many cell processes (apoptosis, anti-apoptosis, cell differentiation and proliferation), depending upon the cell type. STATs are activated by ligand binding to cytokine receptors and other receptors associating with Janus kinase (JAK) family members that phosphorylate STAT proteins, causing them to assemble and translocate to the nucleus. In the nucleus, phosphorylated STAT protein complexes bind to DNA and regulate the transcription of particular genes. STAT1 α (91 kDa) participates in a signaling pathway which is initiated by IFN- γ . The STAT1 α antibody does not recognize STAT1 β , which is missing the C-terminal 38 amino acids present in STAT1 α . STAT1 α is useful as a positive control for measuring total STAT1 α protein levels. |
| Host: | Rabbit |
| Immunogen: | Chemically synthesized peptide derived from the C-terminal region of mouse STAT1 α |
| Format: | State: Liquid Ig fraction Purification: Epitope-specific affinity chromatography Buffer System: Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline (without Mg $^{2+}$ and Ca $^{2+}$), pH 7.3 (+/- 0.1), 50% glycerol with 1.0 mg/mL BSA (IgG, protease free) as a carrier, containing 0.05 % sodium azide |
| Applications: | Western blot (0.1 - 1.0 μ g/ml). Positive Control Used: NIH3T3 cells; 3T3-L1 adipocytes. Other applications not tested. Optimal dilutions are dependent on conditions and should be determined by the user. |
| Specificity: | This antibody detects STAT1 α . Species: Human, Mouse. Other species not tested. |
| Storage: | Store at 2 - 8 $^{\circ}$ C up to one week or (in aliquots) at -20 $^{\circ}$ C for longer. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing. Centrifuge vial before opening. Shelf life: one year from despatch. |
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Protocols:

Western Blotting Procedure

1. Lyse approximately 10^7 cells in 0.5 mL of ice cold Cell Lysis Buffer (formulation provided below). This buffer, a modified RIPA buffer, is suitable for recovery of most proteins, including membrane receptors, cytoskeletal-associated proteins, and soluble proteins. Other cell lysis buffer formulations, such as Laemmli sample buffer and Triton-X 100 buffer, are also compatible with this procedure. Additional optimization of the cell stimulation protocol and cell lysis procedure may be required for each specific application.
2. Remove the cellular debris by centrifuging the lysates at 14,000 x g for 10 minutes. Alternatively, lysates may be ultracentrifuged at 100,000 x g for 30 minutes for greater clarification.
3. Carefully decant the clarified cell lysates into clean tubes and determine the protein concentration using a suitable method, such as the Bradford assay. Polypropylene tubes are recommended for storing cell lysates.
4. React an aliquot of the lysate with an equal volume of 2x Laemmli Sample Buffer (125 mM Tris, pH 6.8, 10% glycerol, 10% SDS, 0.006% bromophenol blue, and 130 mM dithiothreitol [DTT]) and boil the mixture for 90 seconds at 100°C.
5. Load 10-30 μ g of the cell lysate into the wells of an appropriate single percentage or gradient minigel and resolve the proteins by SDS-PAGE.
6. In preparation for the Western transfer, cut a piece of PVDF membrane slightly larger than the gel. Soak the membrane in methanol for 1 minute, then rinse with ddH₂O for 5 minutes. Alternatively, nitrocellulose may be used.
7. Soak the membrane, 2 pieces of Whatman paper, and Western apparatus sponges in transfer buffer (formulation provided below) for 2 minutes.
8. Assemble the gel and membrane into the sandwich apparatus.
9. Transfer the proteins at 140 mA for 60-90 minutes at room temperature.
10. Following the transfer, rinse the membrane with Tris buffered saline for 2 minutes.
11. Block the membrane with blocking buffer (formulation provided below) for one hour at room temperature or overnight at 4°C.
12. Incubate the blocked blot with primary antibody at 0.1-1.0 μ g/mL in Tris buffered saline supplemented with 3% non-fat dried milk and 0.1% Tween 20 overnight at 4°C or for two hours at room temperature.
13. Wash the blot with several changes of Tris buffered saline supplemented with 0.1% Tween 20.
14. Detect the antibody band using an appropriate secondary antibody, such as goat F(ab)₂ anti-rabbit IgG alkaline phosphatase conjugate or goat F(ab)₂ anti-rabbit IgG horseradish peroxidase conjugate in conjunction with your chemiluminescence reagents and instrumentation.

Cell Lysis Buffer Formulation:

10 mM Tris, pH 7.4
100 mM NaCl
1 mM EDTA
1 mM EGTA
1 mM NaF
20 mM Na₄P₂O₇
2 mM Na₃VO₄
0.1% SDS
0.5% sodium deoxycholate
1% Triton-X 100
10% glycerol
1 mM PMSF (made from a 0.3 M stock in DMSO)
or 1 mM AEBSF (water soluble version of PMSF)
60 µg/mL aprotinin
10 µg/mL leupeptin
1 µg/mL pepstatin
(alternatively, protease inhibitor cocktail such as Sigma Cat. # P2714 may be used)

Transfer Buffer Formulation:

2.4 gm Tris base
14.2 gm glycine
200 mL methanol
Q.S. to 1 liter, then add 1 mL 10% SDS.
Cool to 4°C prior to use.

Tris Buffered Saline Formulation:

20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4
0.9% NaCl

Blocking Buffer Formulation:

100 mL Tris buffered saline
5 gm BSA
0.1 mL Tween 20

Pictures:

Western Blotting Lysates of NIH3T3 cells stimulated with 50 ng/mL PDGF for 5 minutes were resolved by SDS-PAGE on a 10% Tris-glycine gel and transferred to PVDF. The membrane was blocked with a 5% BSA-TBST buffer for one hour at room temperature, and then incubated with 0.50 µg/mL STAT1α antibody for two hours at room temperature in a 3% milk-TBST buffer. After washing, the membrane was incubated with goat F(ab')₂ anti-rabbit IgG HRP-conjugate and signals were detected using the Pierce SuperSignal™ method. The data show total level of STAT1α present in these cells stimulated under this condition.

