

## Product: ERK1, Active

Catalog #: 02-2018

Amount: 5 µg

### Product Description

Recombinant full-length, tag-free human ERK1 was expressed in Sf9 cells and activated by active MEK1 in vitro. The gene accession number is [NM\\_002746](#).

### Gene Aliases

PRKM3; P44ERK1; P44MAPK; MAPK3

### Formulation

Recombinant protein stored in 50mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 0.25mM DTT, 0.1mM EGTA, 0.1mM EDTA, 0.1mM PMSF, 25% glycerol.

### Storage and Stability

Store product at -70°C. For optimal storage, aliquot target into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. For most favorable performance, avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

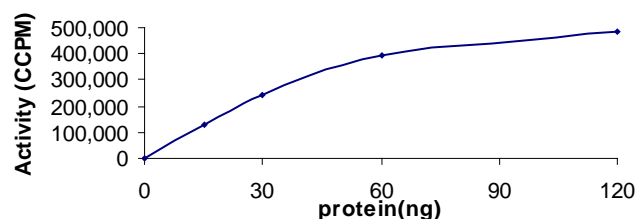
### Scientific Background

ERK1 is a protein serine/threonine kinase that is a member of the extracellular signal-regulated kinases (ERKs) which are activated in response to numerous growth factors and cytokines (1). Activation of ERK1 requires both tyrosine and threonine phosphorylation that is mediated by MEK. ERK1 is ubiquitously distributed in tissues with the highest expression in heart, brain and spinal cord. Activated ERK1 translocates into the nucleus where it phosphorylates various transcription factors (e.g., Elk-1, c-Myc, c-Jun, c-Fos, and C/EBP beta).

### References

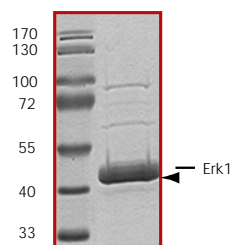
1. Boulton, T.G. et al: Purification and properties of extracellular signal-regulated kinase 1, an insulin-stimulated microtubule-associated protein 2 kinase. *Biochemistry*. 1991 Jan 8;30(1):278-86.

### Specific Activity



The specific activity of ERK1 was determined to be **383 nmol/min/mg** as per activity assay protocol.

### Purity



The purity was determined to be **>90%** by densitometry. Approx. MW **44kDa**.

## ERK1, Active

Full-length recombinant protein expressed in Sf9 cells

Catalog Number	<b>02-2018</b>
Quantity	5µg
Specific Activity	383 nmol/min/mg
Specific Lot Number	K221-2
Purity	>90%
Format	5µg in 50µl
Concentration	0.1µg/µl
Stability	1yr At -70°C from date of shipment
Storage & Shipping	Store product at -70°C. For optimal storage, aliquot target into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. For most favorable performance, avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles. Product shipped on dry ice.

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# Activity Assay Protocol

## Reaction Components

### Active Kinase (Catalog #: 02-2018)

Active ERK1 (0.1µg/µl) diluted with Kinase Dilution Buffer (Catalog #: K21-09) and assayed as outlined in sample activity plot. (Note: these are suggested working dilutions and it is recommended that the researcher perform a serial dilution of Active ERK1 for optimal results).

### Kinase Dilution Buffer, pH 7.2 (Catalog #: K21-09)

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09) diluted at a 1:4 ratio (5X dilution) with distilled .

### Kinase Assay Buffer I, pH 7.2 (Catalog #: K01-09)

Buffer components: 25mM MOPS, pH 7. 2, 12.5mM β-glycerol-phosphate, 25mM , 5mM EGTA, 2mM EDTA. Add 0.25mM DTT to Kinase Assay Buffer prior to use.

### [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail

Prepare 250µM [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in a designated radioactive working area by adding the following components: 150µl of 10mM ATP Stock Solution (Catalog #: A50-09), 100µl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP (1mCi/100µl), 5.75ml of Kinase Assay Buffer (Catalog #: K01-09). Store 1ml aliquots at –.

### 10mM ATP Stock Solution, pH7.2 (Catalog #: A50-09)

Prepare ATP stock solution by dissolving 55mg of ATP in 10ml of Kinase Assay Buffer (Catalog #: K01-09). Store 200µl aliquots at –.

### Substrate

Myelin basic protein (MBP) diluted in distilled to a final concentration of 1mg/ml.

## Assay Protocol

- Step 1. Thaw [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in shielded container in a designated radioactive working area.
- Step 2. Thaw the Active ERK1, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate and Enzyme Dilution Buffer on ice.
- Step 3. In a pre-cooled microfuge tube, add the following reaction components bringing the initial reaction volume up to 20µl:
  - Component 1. 10µl of diluted Active ERK1 (Catalog #02-2018)
  - Component 2. 10µl of 1mg/ml stock solution of substrate
- Step 4. Set up the blank control as outlined in step 3, excluding the addition of the substrate. Replace the substrate with an equal volume of distilled H<sub>2</sub>O.
- Step 5. Initiate the reaction by the addition of 5µl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail bringing the final volume up to 25µl and incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30°C for 15 minutes.
- Step 6. After the 15 minute incubation period, terminate the reaction by spotting 20µl of the reaction mixture onto individual pre-cut strips of phosphocellulose P81 paper.
- Step 7. Air dry the pre-cut P81 strip and sequentially wash in a 1% phosphoric acid solution (dilute 10ml of phosphoric acid and make a 1L solution with distilled H<sub>2</sub>O) with constant gentle stirring. It is recommended that the strips be washed a total of 3 intervals for approximately 10 minutes each.
- Step 8. Count the radioactivity on the P81 paper in the presence of scintillation fluid in a scintillation counter.
- Step 9. Determine the corrected cpm by removing the blank control value (see Step 4) for each sample and calculate the kinase specific activity as outlined below.

### Calculation of [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Specific Activity (SA) (cpm/pmol)

Specific activity (SA) = cpm for 5µl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP / pmoles of ATP (in 5µl of a 250µM ATP stock solution, i.e., 1250 pmoles)

### Kinase Specific Activity (SA) (pmol/min/µg or nmol/min/mg)

Corrected cpm from reaction / [(SA of <sup>32</sup>P-ATP in cpm/pmol)\*(Reaction time in min)\*(Enzyme amount in µg or mg)]\*(Reaction Volume) / (Spot Volume)]

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