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EpiQuik™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)

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User Guide*

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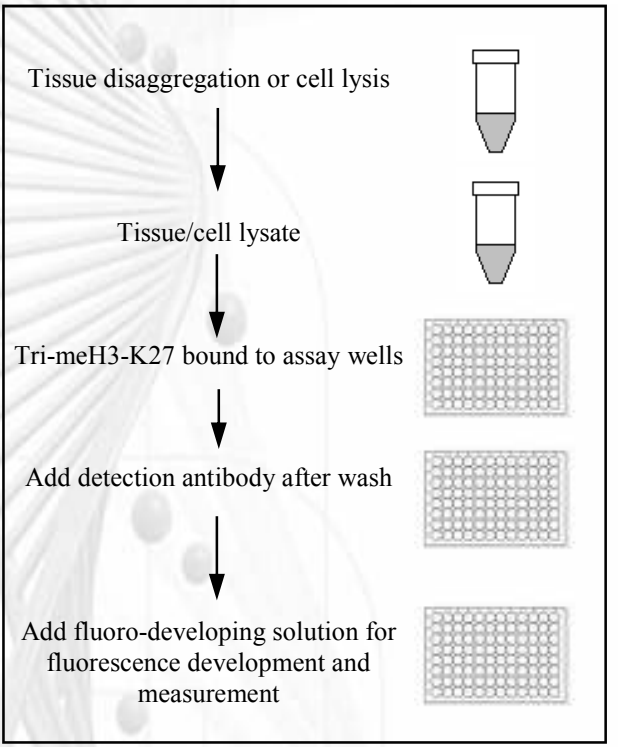
INTRODUCTION

Epigenetic activation or inactivation of genes plays a critical role in many important human diseases, especially in cancer. A major mechanism for epigenetic inactivation of the genes is methylation of CpG islands in genome DNA caused by DNA methyltransferases. Histone methyltransferases (HMTs) control or regulate DNA methylation through chromatin-dependent transcription repression or activation. HMTs transfer 1-3 methyl groups from S-adenosyl-L-methionine to the lysine and arginine residues of histone proteins. G9a and polycomb group enzymes such as EZH2 are histone methyltransferases that catalyze methylation of histone H3 at lysine 27 (H3-K27) in mammalian cells. Tri-methylation of H3-K27 is a facultative heterochromatin mark which promotes the recruitment of polycomb group proteins for gene silencing. Increased global H3-K27 tri-methylation is found to be involved in some pathological processes such as cancer progression. The global H3-K27 tri-methylation can also be changed by inhibition or activation of HMTs. Thus, quantitative detection of global tri-methyl histone H3-K27 would provide useful information for better understanding epigenetic regulation of gene activation/repression and for developing HMT-targeted drugs. The *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric) provides a tool for measuring global tri-methylation of histone H3-K27. The kit has the following features:

- Quick and efficient procedure, which can be finished within 2.5 hours.
- Innovative fluorometric assay without the need for radioactivity, electrophoresis, or chromatography.
- Specifically captures tri-methylated H3-K27 with the detection limit as low as 0.4 ng/well and detection range from 5 ng-2 μg/well of histone extracts.
- The control is conveniently included for the quantification of the amount of tri-methylated H3-K27.
- Strip microplate format makes the assay flexible: manual or high throughput.
- Simple, reliable, and consistent assay conditions.

PRINCIPLE AND PROCEDURE

The *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric) is designed for measuring global histone H3-K27 tri-methylation. In an assay with this kit, the tri-methylated histone H3 at lysine 27 is captured to the strip wells coated with an anti-trimethyl H3-K27 antibody. The captured tri-methylated histone H3-K27 can then be detected with a labeled detection antibody, followed by a fluorescent development reagent. The ratio of tri-methylated H3-K27 is proportional to the intensity of fluorescence. The absolute amount of tri-methylated H3-K27 can be quantitated by comparing to the standard control.



Schematic Procedure for Using the *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)

PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

The *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric) is suitable for specifically measuring global histone H3-K27 tri-methylation using a variety of mammalian cells (human, mouse, etc.) including fresh and frozen tissues, cultured adherent and suspension cells.

The *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric) is for research use only and is not intended for diagnostic or therapeutic application.

Suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and eye protection are required when working with the kit.

Epigentek guarantees the performance of all products in the manner described in our product instructions.

Epigentek reserves the right to change or modify any product to enhance its performance and design.

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The *EpiQuik*™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric) and methods of use are covered by a pending US patent.

KIT CONTENTS

Components	48 assays P-3043-48	96 assays P-3043-96
F1 (10X Wash Buffer)	10 ml	20 ml
F2 (Antibody Buffer)	6 ml	12 ml
F3 (Detection Antibody, 1 mg/ml)*	5 µl	10 µl
F4 (Fluoro-Developer)*	12 µl	24 µl
F5 (Fluoro-Enhancer)*	12 µl	24 µl
F6 (Fluoro-Dilution)	4 ml	8 ml
Standard Control (100 µg/ml)*	10 µl	20 µl
8-Well Sample Strips (with Frame)	4	9
8-Well Standard Control Strips	2	3
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** For maximum recovery of the products, centrifuge the original vial prior to opening the cap.*

SHIPPING AND STORAGE

The kit is shipped in two parts: one part at ambient room temperature, and the second part on frozen ice packs at 4°C.

Upon receipt: (1) Store **F3**, **F4**, and **Standard Control** at –20°C; (2) Store **all other components** at 4°C away from light. The kit is stable for up to 6 months from the shipment date, when stored properly.

Note: Check if buffers **F1** and **F2** contain salt precipitates before using. If so, warm (at room temperature or 37°C) and shake the buffers until the salts are re-dissolved.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

Orbital shaker
Pipettes and pipette tips
Reagent reservoir
Fluorescence microplate reader
15 ml conical tube
1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes

PROTOCOL

1. **a)** Prepare histone extracts from cells/tissues treated or untreated by using your own successful method (acid extraction or high salt extraction).
   b) For your convenience and the best results, Epigentek offers the *EpiQuik*™ Total Histone Extraction Kit (Cat. No. OP-0006) optimized for use in the *EpiQuik*™ modified histone quantification series.
   c) Preparation of histone extracts can also be performed using the attached procedure (See Appendix). Histone extracts can be used immediately or stored at –80°C for future use.

2. Determine the number of strip wells required. Leave these strips in the plate frame (remaining unused strips can be placed back in the bag. Seal the bag tightly and store at 4°C). Dilute **F1** with distilled water (pH 7.2-7.5) at a 1:10 ratio (e.g., 1 ml of **F1** + 9 ml of distilled water).

3. Add 50 µl of **F2** into each well. For the sample, add 1-2 µg of the histone extract into the sample wells. For the standard curve, dilute the **Standard Control** with **F2** to 1 – 100 ng/µl at 5-7 points (e.g., 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 25, 50, and 100 ng/µl). Add 1 µl of **Standard Control** at the different concentrations into the standard wells. For the blank, do not add any nuclear extracts or standard control proteins. Mix and cover the strip wells with Parafilm M and incubate at room temperature for 1-2 hours.

4. Aspirate and wash the wells with 150 µl of **diluted F1** three times.

5. Dilute **F3** (at a 1:1000 ratio) to 1 µg/ml with **F2**. Add 50 µl of the **diluted F3** to each well and incubate at room temperature for 60 minutes on an orbital shaker (100 rpm).

6. Aspirate and wash the wells with 150 µl of **diluted F1** six times.

7. Prepare the **Fluoro-Development Solution** by adding 1 µl of **F4** and 1 µl of **F5** into each 400 µl of **F6**. Add 50 µl of the **Fluoro-Development Solution** into the wells and incubate at room temperature for 1-5 minutes away from light. The color in the standard wells containing the higher concentrations may turn slightly pink during this period. Measure and read fluorescence on a fluorescence microplate reader at $530_{EX}/590_{EM}$ nm.

   Note: If the strip well frame does not fit the fluorescence reader, transfer the solution to a standard 96-well microplate and read fluorescence at $530_{EX}/590_{EM}$ nm.

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8. Calculate % histone H3-K27 tri-methylation:

$$\text{Tri-methylation \%} = \frac{\text{RFU (treated (tested) sample – blank)}}{\text{RFU (untreated (control) sample – blank)}} \times 100\%$$

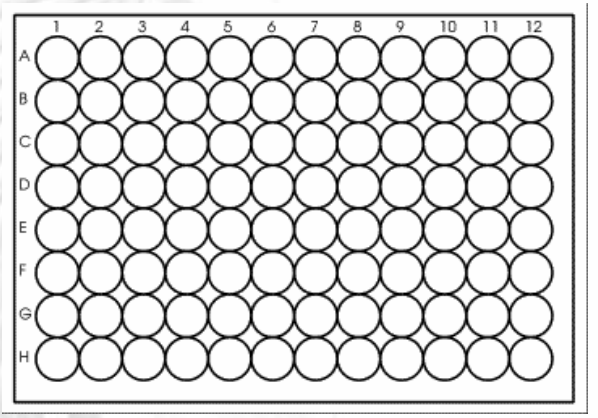
For the amount quantification, plot RFU versus amount of **Standard Control** and determine the slope as delta RFU/ng.

Calculate the amount of tri-methylated H3-K27 using the following formula:

$$\text{Amount (ng/mg protein)} = \frac{\text{RFU (sample – blank)}}{\text{Protein } (\mu\text{g})^* \times \text{slope}} \times 1000$$

* Histone extract amount added into the sample well at step 3.

Plate Configuration



- **Strip 1-3 (for 96 assays) or strip 1-2 (for 48 assays) -** standard wells (**Labeled as SC**); the standard curve can be generated with 5-8 concentration points (includes blank).
- Example amount of standard control/well **- A1**: 100 ng; **B1**: 50 ng; **C1**: 25 ng; **D1**: 12 ng; **E1**: 6 ng; **F1**: 3 ng; **G1**: 1.5 ng; **H1**: 0 ng.
- **Strip 4-12 (for 96 assays) or strip 3-6 (for 48 assays) -** sample wells (**No label**).
- Each sample or standard point can be assayed in duplicates or triplicates.

Appendix

Histone Extraction Protocol

1. *For tissues (treated and untreated),* weigh the sample and cut the sample into small pieces (1-2 mm^3) with a scalpel or scissors. Transfer tissue pieces to a Dounce homogener. Add TEB buffer (PBS containing 0.5% Triton X 100, 2 mM PMSF and 0.02% NaN3) at 200 mg/ml, and disaggregate tissue pieces by 50-60 strokes. Transfer homogenized mixture to a 15 ml conical tube and centrifuge at 3000 rpm for 5 minutes at 4°C. If total mixture volume is less than 2 ml, transfer mixture to a 2 ml vial and centrifuge at 10,000 rpm for 1 minute at 4°C. Remove supernatant.

   For cells (treated and untreated), harvest cells and pellet the cells by centrifugation at 1000 rpm for 5 minutes at 4°C. Resuspend cells in TEB buffer at 10^7 cells/ml and lyse cells on ice for 10 minutes with gentle stirring. Centrifuge at 3000 rpm for 5 minutes at 4°C. If total volume is less than 2 ml, transfer cell lysates to a 2 ml vial and centrifuge at 10,000 rpm for 1 minute at 4°C. Remove supernatant.

2. Resuspend cell/tissue pellet in 3 volumes (approx. 200 $\mu l/10^7$ cells or 200 mg tissues) of extraction buffer (0.5N HCl + 10% glycerol) and incubate on ice for 30 minutes.

3. Centrifuge at 12,000 rpm for 5 minutes at 4°C and remove the supernatant fraction to a new vial.

4. Add 8 volumes (approx. 0.6 ml/10^7 cells or 200 mg tissues) of acetone and leave at –20°C overnight.

5. Centrifuge at 12,000 rpm for 5 minutes and air-dry the pellet. Dissolve the pellet in distilled water (30-50 $\mu l/10^7$ cells or 200 mg tissues).

6. Quantify the protein concentration. Aliquot the extract and store the extract at –20°C or –80°C.

TROUBLESHOOTING

No Signal for Both the Standard Control and the Samples

Reagents are added incorrectly.	Check if reagents are added in order and if any steps of the procedure may have been omitted by mistake.
Incubation time and temperature is incorrect.	Ensure the incubation time and temperature described in the protocol are followed correctly.

No Signal or Very Weak Signal for Only the Standard Control

The amount of standard control is not added into "standard control wells," or is added insufficiently.	Ensure a sufficient amount of control is properly added to the standard control wells.

No Signal for Only the Sample

The protein sample is not properly extracted.	Ensure the procedure and reagents are correct for the nuclear protein extraction.
The protein amount is added into well insufficiently.	Ensure extract contains a sufficient amount of proteins.
Protein extracts are stored incorrectly.	Ensure the protein extracts are stored at –20°C or –80°C.

High Background Present for the Blank

The well is not washed sufficiently.	Check if wash at each step is performed according to the protocol.
Contaminated by the standard control.	Ensure the well is not contaminated from adding the control protein or by using control protein contaminated tips.
Overdevelopment.	Decrease development time in Step 7.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Products	Size	Cat. No.
EpiQuik™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)	48 assays	P-3043-48
	96 assays	P-3043-96

Available Related Products	Cat. No.
EpiQuik™ Global Mono-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Colorimetric)	P-3038
EpiQuik™ Global Mono-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)	P-3039
EpiQuik™ Global Di-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Colorimetric)	P-3040
EpiQuik™ Global Di-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)	P-3041
EpiQuik™ Global Tri-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Colorimetric)	P-3042
EpiQuik™ Global Pan-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Colorimetric)	P-3044
EpiQuik™ Global Pan-Methyl Histone H3-K27 Quantification Kit (Fluorometric)	P-3045

Need more components? You can also order parts separately by calling 1-877-374-4368 or e-mailing sales@epigentek.com.