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Abstract

MST kinase phosphorylates Rab proteins at the same site as LRRK2 and has been used to phosphorylate Rab8A and Rab10 quantitatively. This protocol includes a method to produce phosphoRab8A protein and remove as much contaminating MST3 as possible, to enable use of the phosphoRab to test subsequent activation of LRRK2 kinase. See these references for details on MST3 phosphorylation of Rab GTPases:

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Materials

His-Rab8A Q67L full length

His-GFP-Rab10 Q68L 1-181

His-MST3 protein (pET15b 6HIS MST3 TV1; MRC-PPU DU62980)

GST-PreScission protease (plasmid MRC-PPU DU2328)

Reaction buffer: 50 mM HEPES  , 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mM TCEP, 250 μM GTP, 2 mM ATP, 5% (v/v) glycerol, 5 μM BSA

LRRK2 G2019S (Thermo Fisher Scientific #A15200)

Troubleshooting

- 11 To cleave the HIS tag from MST3, bind GST-PreScission protease (50 μg) to 100 μL glutathione agarose slurry (pre-washed and pelleted) 02:00:00 at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a total volume of 500 μL . Wash the resin 3X with 1 mL reaction buffer. Add His-MST3 kinase (0.5 mg) and incubate Overnight on a rotator at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. 1d
- 11 Spin beads 3000 rpm, 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 00:05:00 and collect supernatant, which contains free MST3 and uncleaved His-MST3. Bind supernatant to Nickel-NTA agarose (100 μL of a 50% slurry, prewashed and pelleted) for 02:00:00 at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to trap uncleaved His-MST3. 2h 5m
- 11 Spin beads 3000 rpm, 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 00:05:00 and collect supernatant, which contains free MST3 without the HIS tag. 5m
- 11 Phosphorylate His-Rab8A Q67L full length with free MST3 using a molar ratio of 1:6 (kinase:substrate) at 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ Overnight in reaction buffer.
- 11 Phosphorylated His-Rab8A is then separated from MST3 by gel filtration using a 24 mL Superdex 75 10/300 column (Cytiva Life Sciences, #17517401). Collect the relevant Rab-containing fractions determined by SDS-PAGE. 16h
- 11 Further purify His-Rab8A by binding to Nickel-NTA agarose (100 μL of a 50% slurry, prewashed and pelleted) and elute with 500 millimolar (mM) imidazole (3 X 100 μL) after washing with 60 column volumes of reaction buffer.
- 11 Incubate 88 nanomolar (nM) LRRK2 G2019S with 3 micromolar (μM) His-GFP-Rab10 Q68L 1-181 or His-SUMO-Rab10 wild type full length substrate $\pm$ 6 micromolar (μM) phosphoRab8A Q67L in reaction buffer in a total volume of 100 μL .



- 11 Incubate reaction in a 30°C water bath and collect $20\ \mu\text{L}$ time points at 0, 10, and 20 minutes. Stop reactions with addition of $5\ \mu\text{L}$ SDS-PAGE sample buffer. Add $200\ \text{nM}$ MLI-2 for control conditions to ensure that pRab10 detected is due to LRRK2 activity.
- 11 Analyze samples by SDS-PAGE and immunoblot for phosphoRab10; image blot with Li-COR and quantify bands using ImageJ (see below for more details).

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Step 11

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