ECLiPico<sup>™</sup> ECL Chemiluminescence Kit

#### Catalog # ECL01-01



Product	Cat. #	Size
ECLiPico™ ECL	ECL02-01	100 mL (50 mL +50 mL)
Chemiluminescence Kit	ECL02-02	200 mL (100 mL +100 mL)

## **Product Description**

This product is a highly sensitive chemiluminescence kit. The basic principle is luminol-based chemiluminescence; it can react with horseradish peroxidase (HRP) coupled to the secondary antibody to emit light. Detection by X-ray film exposure or other imaging methods (such as fluorescence or chemiluminescence imager); with low to mid -concentration samples, signals can still be detected, saving samples; low-concentration antibodies (primary antibody, secondary antibody) can still detect signals after incubation, saving precious antibodies.

# **Shipping and Storage**

Ship on ice or blue ice pak; store at 4°C

### **Kit Composition**

Component Number	Component	ECL01-01 (total of 100 mL)	ECL01-02(total of 200 mL)
ECL02-A	ECLiPico A Solution	50 mL	100 mL
ECL02-B	ECLiPico B Solution	50 mL	100 mL

### **Procedure**

1. Mix equal volumes of ECL02-A solution and ECL02-B solution (1:1) to make ECL working solution, prepare it at room temperature, and use it immediately.

2. Follow your procedure of Western Blot experiment, to the step in which the PVDF membrane (or NC membrane) is incubated with the secondary antibody. Washed the blot several times,

and the excess liquid is absorbed by the filter paper. Place the membrane between two pieces of clean plastic wrap (or PE gloves). Add ECL working solution to cover the surface of the membrane. This process should be done carefully to avoid air bubbles between the membranes and the wraps.

3. After allowing for sufficient time for the reaction to proceed, use filter paper or absorbent paper to absorb excess ECL working solution, and then carry out film exposure or detection by a fluorescence imager. Adjust detection settings on your imager to suite the need of your detection. Adjust exposure conditions according to luminous intensity being observed.

### **Precautions**

1. Be sure to replace the pipette tip during the pipetting process of ECL solution A and solution B to avoid cross-contamination of liquid A and liquid B, which may cause the active ingredients to fail.

2. When contacting with the membrane, please wear gloves and use clean equipment such as clean tweezers to avoid contamination by exogenous proteins and metal ions.

3. Sodium azide can inhibit the activity of HRP, and thus should be avoided in all related reagents used in this procedure.

4. After the ECL working solution is prepared, please use it up within one day, and do not keep it until the next day, so as not to compromise the accuracy of the experimental results.

5. After each solution is used, please close the cap tightly and store it away from light to prevent failure; especially B solution, which contains oxidizing agents, is easy to be reduced and lose effectiveness.

6. For the selection of ECL chemiluminescence kit, please refer to the attached Table 1. The recommended dilution ratio test data of primary antibody and secondary antibody are all from self-developed antibodies.

7. For common problems and their solutions of ECL chemiluminescence detection, refer to Table 2.

8. ECL chemiluminescence reagent kit A/B solutions are harmful to human body, please be careful when operating, pay attention to effective protection, avoid direct contact with human body or inhalation of respiratory tract-wear lab coats and gloves

9. For your safety and health, please wear a lab coat and disposable gloves for operation.

Table 1 ECL Substrate reagent selection guide

Product	ECLiNano™ ECL	ECLiPico™ ECL	ECLiFemto™ ECL
	Chemiluminescence	Chemiluminescence Kit	Chemiluminescence Kit
	Kit		
Cat. #	ECL03-01	ECL02-01	ECL01-01
Detection Limit	Nanogram level	Picogram	Femtogram
Primary antibody dilution (1 mg/ml stock)	1:1000-1:5000	1:4000-1:10000	1:10000-30000
Secondary antibody dilution (1 mg/ml stock)	1:1000-1:6000	1:3000-1:60000	1:6000-150000
Features	Wide range and applicability	Wide range; versatile; high sensitivity, for low to mid abundance protein, no need for large amount of antibody	Very high sensitivity; low abundance protein, suitable for working with expensive or limiting amount of antibody

#### Table 2 Common problems and recommendations in ECL detection

Problem	Possible Cause	Recommendation
High background	Incorrect primary or secondary	Make more antibody more
(with/without specific	antibody or incorrect dilution	diluted
bands)	Incorrect blocking or	Must use BSA or a protein-free
	insufficient blocking	blocker for detection of
		phosphorylated protein
	Insufficient incubation with	Lengthen the incubation time
	primary antibody	(consider overnight at 4° C)
Weak signal	Concentration of primary or	Increase concentration of
	secondary antibody too low	primary or secondary antibody
	Protein abundance is too low	1. Increase volume of sample
		in gel electrophoresis
		2. Use the femto grade ECL if
		appropriate.
Light quickly quenched,	Bands are too intense, ECL	Reduce sample volume in gel
bands empty in the middle	substrates are depleted	and/or amount of primary or
(ghost bands)	quickly.	secondary antibody

Brown or yellow color	Bands or areas with too much	Reduce sample volume in gel
bands on membrane	HRP enzymatic activity,	and/or amount of primary or
	resulting too much free	secondary antibody
	radicals, inactivating failure in	
	oxidation	