Applications	Reactivity	Sensitivity	MW (kDa)	Isotype
W IHC-P IHC-F	H	Endogenous	185	Rabbit IgG

Applications Key: W=Western Blotting IHC-P=Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin) IHC-F=Immunohistochemistry (Frozen)

Reactivity Key: H=Human

Species cross-reactivity is determined by western blot. Species enclosed in parentheses are predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology.

Protocols

Immunohistochemistry Protocol (Frozen)

A. Solutions and Reagents

1. Xylene
2. Ethanol (anhydrous denatured, histological grade 100% and 95%)
3. Hematoxylin (optional)
4. **Fixative: For optimal fixative, please refer to the product data sheet**

a. 10% Neutral buffered formalin

b. Acetone

c. Methanol

d. 16% formaldehyde

1. **3% formaldehyde:** To prepare, add 18.75 ml 16% formaldehyde to 81.25 ml 1X PBS.

5. **10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):** To Prepare 1 L add 24.2 g Trizma base ($C_4H_{11}NO_3$) and 80 g sodium chloride (NaCl) to 1 L dH_2O. Adjust pH to 7.6 with concentrated HCl.
6. **Wash buffer:** 1X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS) To prepare 1 L add 100 ml 10X TBS to 900 ml dH_2O.
7. **Methanol/Peroxidase:** To prepare, add 10 ml 30% H_20_2 to 90 ml methanol. Store at -20 ℃.
8. **Blocking Solution:** 1X TBS/0.3% Triton-X 100/5% normal goat serum (#5425). **To prepare:** add 500 µl goat serum and 30 µl Triton-X 100 to 9.5 ml 1X TBS.
9. **Biotinylated Secondary Antibody.**
10. **ABC Reagent:** (Vectastain ABC Kit, Vector Laboratories, Inc., Burlingame, CA). Prepare according to manufacturer's instructions 30 minutes before use.
11. **DAB Reagent or suitable substrate:** Prepare according to manufacturer's recommendations.

B. Sectioning

1. For tissue stored at -80 ℃: remove from freezer and equilibrate at -20 ℃ for approximately 15 minutes before attempting to section. This may prevent cracking of the block when sectioning.
2. Section tissue at a range of 6-8 µm and place on positively charged slides.
3. Allow sections to air dry on bench for a few minutes before fixing (this helps sections adhere to slides).

C. Fixation

NOTE: Consult product data sheet to determine the optimal fixative.

1. After sections have dried on the slide, fix in optimal fixative as directed below.

a. **10% Neutral buffered formalin:** 10 minutes at room temperature. Proceed with staining procedure immediately.

b. **Cold acetone:** 10 minutes at -20 ℃. Air dry. Proceed with staining procedure immediately.

c. **Methanol:** 10 minutes at -20 ℃. Proceed with staining procedure immediately.

d. **3% Formaldehyde:** 15 minutes at room temperature. Proceed with staining procedure immediately.

e. **3% Formaldehyde/methanol:** 15 minutes at room temperature in 3% formaldehyde, followed by 5 minutes in methanol at -20 ℃ **(do not rinse in between)**. Proceed with staining procedure immediately.

D. Staining

1. Wash sections in wash buffer twice for 5 minutes.
2. Incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature in 3% H_20_2 diluted in methanol.
3. Wash sections in wash buffer twice for 5 minutes.
4. Block each section with blocking solution for one hour at room temperature.
5. Remove blocking solution and add 100-400 µl diluted primary antibody to each section. (Dilute antibody in blocking solution). Incubate overnight at 4 ℃. **Refer to product datasheet to determine the recommended dilution.*
6. Remove antibody solution and wash sections three times with wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
7. Add 100-400 µl secondary antibody, diluted in blocking solution per manufacturer's recommendation, to each section. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
8. If using ABC avidin/biotin method, make ABC reagent according to the manufacturer's instructions and incubate solution for 30 minutes at room temperature.
9. Remove secondary antibody solution and wash sections three times in wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
10. Add 100-400 µl ABC reagent to each section and incubate for 30 min. at room temperature.
11. Remove ABC reagent and wash sections three times in wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
12. Add 100-400 µl DAB or suitable substrate to each section and monitor staining closely.
13. As soon as the sections develop, immerse slides in dH_20.
14. If desired, counterstain sections in Hematoxylin per manufacturer's instructions.
15. Wash sections in dH_20 two times for 5 minutes each.
16. **Dehydrate sections:**

a. Incubate sections in 95% ethanol two times for 10 seconds each.

b. Repeat in 100% ethanol, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.

c. Repeat in xylene, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.

17. Mount coverslips.

Immunohistochemistry Protocol (Paraffin)

***IMPORTANT:** See product data sheet for the appropriate antibody diluent and antigen unmasking procedure.**IHC Protocol:** Unmasking buffer/antibody diluent.

A. Solutions and Reagents

1. Xylene
2. Ethanol, anhydrous denatured, histological grade (100% and 95%)

3. Deionized water (dH_2O)

4. Hematoxylin (optional)

5. **Wash Buffer:**

   1X TBS/0.1% Tween-20 (1X TBST): To prepare 1 L add 100 ml 10X TBS to 900 ml dH_2O. Add 1 ml Tween-20 and mix.

   10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS): To prepare 1 L add 24.2 g Trizma® base ($C_4H_{11}NO_3$) and 80 g sodium chloride (NaCl) to 1 L dH_2O. Adjust pH to 7.6 with concentrated HCl.

6. ***Antibody Diluent:**

a. **SignalStain® Antibody Diluent** #8112

b. **TBST/5% normal goat serum (#5425):** To 5 ml 1X TBST add 250 µl normal goat serum.

c. **PBST/5% normal goat serum (#5425):** To 5 ml 1X PBST add 250 µl normal goat serum.

   1X PBS/0.1% Tween-20 (1X PBST): To prepare 1 L add 100 ml 10X PBS to 900 ml dH_2O. Add 1 ml Tween-20 and mix.

   10X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS): To prepare 1 L add 80 g sodium chloride (NaCl), 2 g potassium chloride (KCl), 14.4 g sodium phophate, dibasic (Na_2HPO_4) and 2.4 g potassium phosphate, monobasic (KH_2PO_4) to 1 L dH_2O. Adjust pH to 7.4.

7. ***Antigen Unmasking:**

a. **Citrate:** 10 mM Sodium Citrate Buffer: To prepare 1 L add 2.94 g sodium citrate trisodium salt dihydrate ($C_6H_5Na_3O_7{\bullet}2H_2O$) to 1 L dH_2O. Adjust pH to 6.0.

b. **EDTA:** 1 mM EDTA: To prepare 1 L add 0.372 g EDTA ($C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_8Na_2{\bullet}2H_2O$) to 1 L dH_2O. Adjust pH to 8.0.

c. **TE:** 10 mM Tris/1 mM EDTA, pH 9.0: To prepare 1L add 1.21 g Trizma® base ($C_4H_{11}NO_3$) and 0.372 g EDTA ($C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_8Na_2{\bullet}2H_2O$) to 950 ml dH_2O. Adjust pH to 9.0, then adjust final volume to 1000 ml with dH_2O.

d. **Pepsin:** 1 mg/ml in Tris-HCl pH 2.0.

8. **3% Hydrogen Peroxide:** To prepare, add 10 ml 30% H_2O_2 to 90 ml dH_2O.

9. **Blocking Solution:** TBST/5% normal goat serum (#5425): to 5 ml 1X TBST add 250 µl normal goat serum.

10. Biotinylated secondary antibody.

11. **ABC Reagent:** (Vectastain ABC Kit, Vector Laboratories, Inc., Burlingame, CA) Prepare according to manufacturer's instructions 30 minutes before use.

12. **DAB Reagent or suitable substrate:** Prepare according to manufacturer's recommendations.

B. Deparaffinization/Rehydration

NOTE: Do not allow slides to dry at any time during this procedure.

1. **Deparaffinize/hydrate sections:**

a. Incubate sections in three washes of xylene for 5 minutes each.

b. Incubate sections in two washes of 100% ethanol for 10 minutes each.

c. Incubate sections in two washes of 95% ethanol for 10 minutes each.

2. Wash sections twice in dH_2O for 5 minutes each.

C. *Antigen Unmasking

NOTE: Consult product data sheet for specific recommendation for the unmasking solution.

1. **For Citrate:** Bring slides to a boil in 10 mM sodium citrate buffer pH 6.0 then maintain at a sub-boiling temperature for 10 minutes. Cool slides on bench top for 30 minutes.
2. **For EDTA:** Bring slides to a boil in 1 mM EDTA pH 8.0 followed by 15 minutes at a sub-boiling temperature. No cooling is necessary.
3. **For TE:** Bring slides to a boil in 10 mM TE/1 mM EDTA, pH 9.0 then maintain at a sub-boiling temperature for 18 minutes. Cool on the bench for 30 minutes.
4. **For Pepsin:** Digest for 10 minutes at 37 ℃.

D. Staining

1. Wash sections in dH_2O three times for 5 minutes each.
2. Incubate sections in 3% hydrogen peroxide for 10 minutes.
3. Wash sections in dH_2O twice for 5 minutes each.

   NOTE: Consult product data sheet for recommended antibody diluent.
4. Wash sections in wash buffer for 5 minutes.
5. Block each section with 100-400 µl blocking solution for 1 hour at room temperature.
6. Remove blocking solution and add 100-400 µl primary antibody diluted in recommended antibody diluent to each section. Incubate overnight at 4 ℃.
7. Remove antibody solution and wash sections in wash buffer three times for 5 minutes each.
8. Add 100-400 µl biotinylated secondary antibody, diluted in TBST per manufacturer's recommendation, to each section. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
9. If using ABC avidin/biotin method, prepare ABC reagent according to the manufacturer's instructions and incubate solution for 30 minutes at room temperature.
10. Remove secondary antibody solution and wash sections three times with wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
11. Add 100-400 µl ABC reagent to each section and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
12. Remove ABC reagent and wash sections three times in wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
13. Add 100-400 µl DAB or suitable substrate to each section and monitor staining closely.
14. As soon as the sections develop, immerse slides in dH_2O.
15. If desired, counterstain sections in hematoxylin per manufacturer's instructions.
16. Wash sections in dH_2O two times for 5 minutes each.
17. Dehydrate sections:

a. Incubate sections in 95% ethanol two times for 10 seconds each.

b. Repeat in 100% ethanol, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.

c. Repeat in xylene, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.

18. Mount coverslips.

Western Immunoblotting Protocol (Primary Ab Incubation In BSA)

For Western blots, incubate membrane with diluted antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 at 4 ℃ with gentle shaking, overnight.

Products available from Cell Signaling Technology are linked by their respective catalog numbers.

A. Solutions and Reagents

NOTE: Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

1. **1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS).**
2. **1X SDS Sample Buffer:** (#7722, #7723) 62.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25 ℃), 2% w/v SDS, 10% glycerol, 50 mM DTT, 0.01% w/v bromophenol blue or phenol red.
3. **Transfer Buffer:** 25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH 8.5).
4. **10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):** (#9997) To prepare 1 liter of 10X TBS: 24.2 g Tris base, 80 g NaCl; adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl (use at 1X).
5. **Nonfat Dry Milk:** (#9999) (weight to volume [w/v]).
6. **Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 15 ml 10X TBS to 135 ml water, mix. Add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk and mix well. While stirring, add 0.15 ml Tween-20 (100%).
7. **Wash Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T).
8. **Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA):** (#9998).
9. **Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% BSA; for 20 ml, add 2 ml 10X TBS to 18 ml water, mix. Add 1.0 g BSA and mix well. While stirring, add 20 µl Tween-20 (100%).
10. **Phototope®-HRP Western Blot Detection System:** (#7071 anti-rabbit) or (#7072 anti-mouse) Includes biotinylated protein ladder, secondary (#7074 anti-rabbit) or (#7076 anti-mouse) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP), anti-biotin antibody conjugated to HRP, LumiGLO® chemiluminescent reagent and peroxide.
11. **Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format):** (#7720).
12. **Biotinylated Protein Ladder Detection Pack:** (#7727).
13. **Blotting Membrane:** This protocol has been optimized for nitrocellulose membranes, which CST recommends. PVDF membranes may also be used.

B. Protein Blotting

A general protocol for sample preparation is described below.

1. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
3. Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 µl per well of 6-well plate or 500 µl per plate of 10 cm diameter plate). Immediately scrape the cells off the plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
4. Sonicate for 10–15 seconds for complete cell lysis and to shear DNA (to reduce sample viscosity).
5. Heat a 20 µl sample to 95–100 ℃ for 5 minutes; cool on ice.
6. Microcentrifuge for 5 minutes.

7. Load 20 µl onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm). **NOTE:** CST recommends loading prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µl/lane) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein ladder (#7727, 10 µl/lane) to determine molecular weights.
8. Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane.

C. Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

NOTE: Volumes are for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm^2) of membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.

1. (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 minutes at room temperature.
2. Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hour at room temperature.
3. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
4. Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4 ℃.
5. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.

I. For Unconjugated Primary Antibodies

1. Incubate membrane with **appropriate** HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) and HRP-conjugated anti-biotin antibody (1:1000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
2. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.

II. For HRP Conjugated Primary Antibodies

Skip to Detection of Proteins (Step D).

III. For Biotinylated Primary Antibodies

1. Incubate membrane with HRP-Streptavidin (at the appropriate dilution) in milk for one hour with gentle agitation at room temperature.
2. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.

D. Detection of Proteins

1. Incubate membrane with 10 ml LumiGLO® (0.5 ml 20X LumiGLO®, 0.5 ml 20X Peroxide and 9.0 ml Milli-Q water) with gentle agitation for 1 minute at room temperature. **NOTE:** LumiGLO® substrate can be further diluted if signal response is too fast.
2. Drain membrane of excess developing solution (do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to x-ray film. An initial 10-second exposure should indicate the proper exposure time. **NOTE:** Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following LumiGLO® incubation and declines over the following 2 hours.

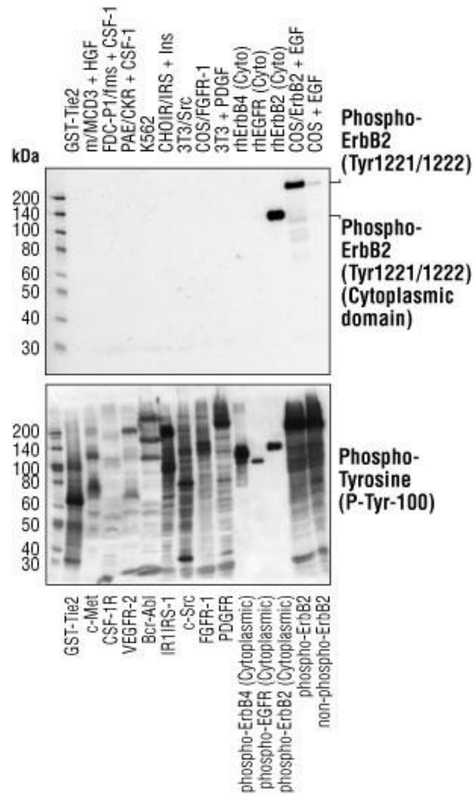
Specificity / Sensitivity

Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb detects endogenous levels of ErbB2 only when phosphorylated at tyrosines 1221/1222. The antibody does not detect other activated Erb family members or other tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins.

Source / Purification

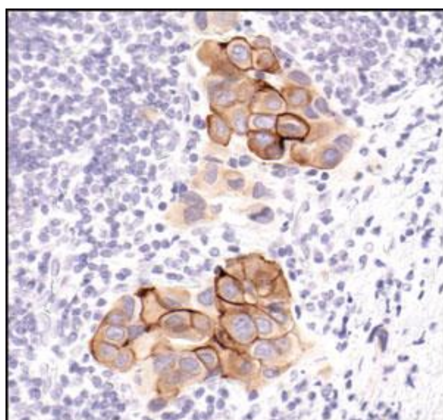
Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic phosphopeptide corresponding to residues surrounding tyrosines 1221/1222 of human ErbB2 protein.

Western Blotting



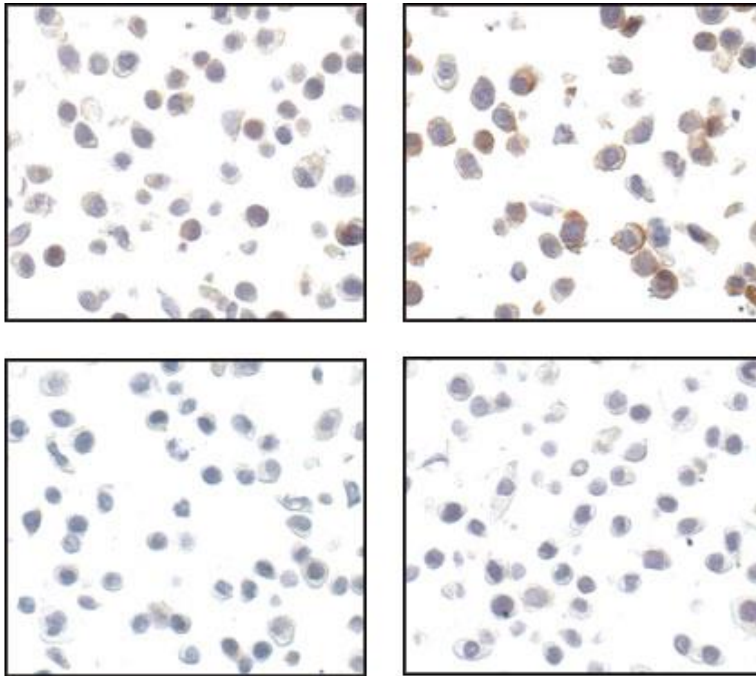
Western blot analysis of extracts from cells expressing different activated tyrosine kinase proteins, using Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb (upper) or Phospho-Tyrosine mAb (P-Tyr-100) #9411 (lower). Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb specifically detects phosphorylated HER2/ErbB2 but not other phosphorylated tyrosine kinases.

IHC-P (paraffin)



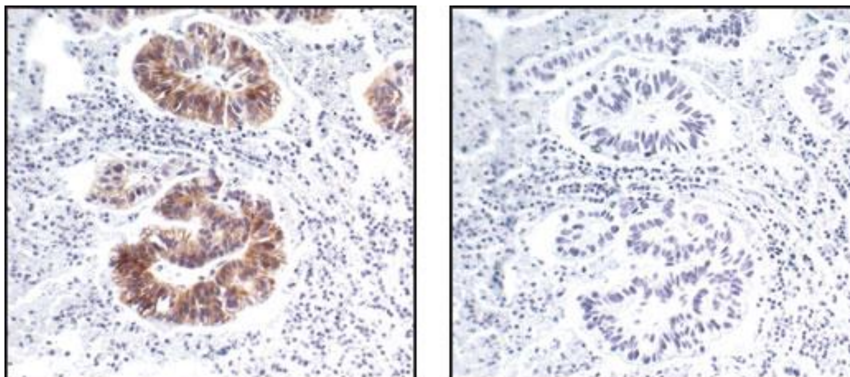
Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded human breast carcinoma, showing membrane localization, using Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb.

IHC-P (paraffin)



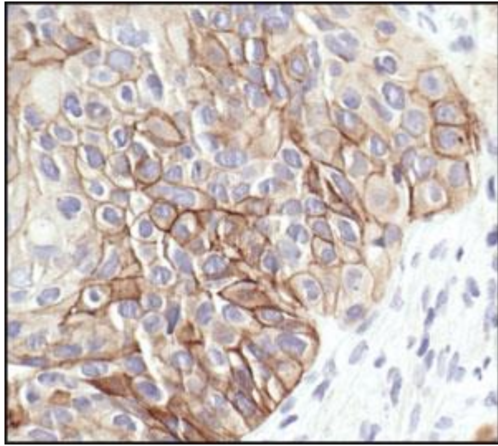
Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded SkBr3 cell pellets untreated (left) EGF-treated (right) either untreated (top) or lambda-phosphatase-treated (bottom), using Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb.

IHC-P (paraffin)



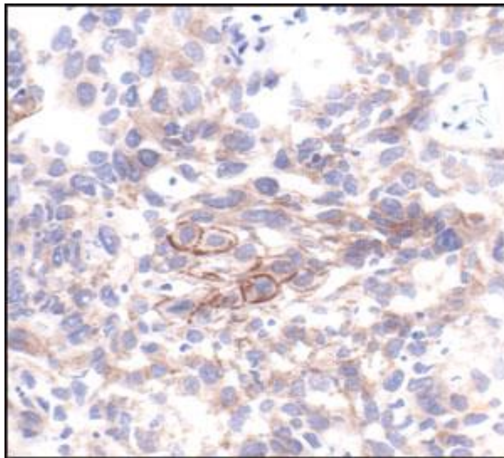
Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded human renal adenocarcinoma, using Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb in the presence of control peptide (left) or Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) Blocking Peptide #1254 (right).

IHC-P (paraffin)



Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded human NCI-H358 xenograft, using Phospho-HER2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222) (6B12) Rabbit mAb.

IHC-F (frozen)



Immunohistochemical analysis of frozen HCC827 xenograft, using Phospho-Her2/ErbB2 (Tyr1221/1222)(6B12) Rabbit mAb.