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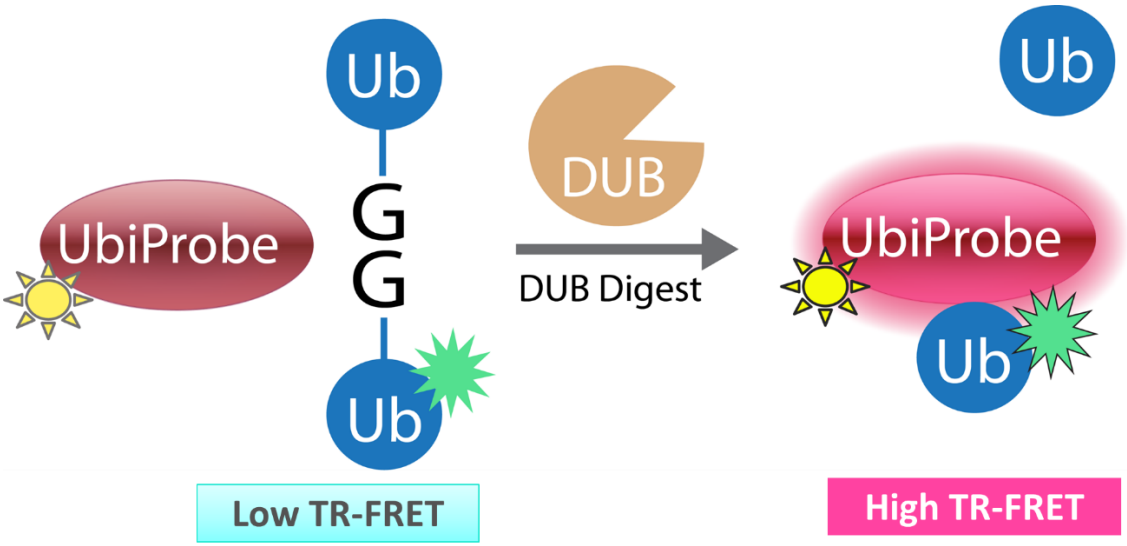

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BACKGROUND

The Ubiprobe assay consists of a designed Di-Ubiquitin (Di-Ub) fluorophore labeled as a reporter substrate, along with a ubiquitin binding reagent called "UbiProbe" serving as a detection probe. This arrangement generates a TR-FRET signal indicative of Deubiquitinase (DUB) enzyme activity. In the absence of DUB or in presence of DUB inhibitors, the uncleaved Di-Ub reporter substrate is considered inactive, leading to low TR-FRET signal. Upon cleavage of the Di-Ub-reporter substrate by the DUB, the cleaved ubiquitin interacts with UbiProbe, producing a TR-FRET signal. This coupled assay utilizes the signal generated via the cleavage of the Di-Ub substrate as a quantitative measure of isopeptidase activity in a homogeneous high-throughput format. Different Di-Ub reporter substrates (available with M1, K6, K11, K33, K48, and K63 linkages) allow for demonstration of selectivity and evaluation chain-specific DUBs.

SUGGESTED USES:

1. Real-time monitoring of DUB activity against DiUbiquitin substrates.
2. Profiling and validation of DUB inhibitors or activators.
3. High throughput screening (HTS) to identify DUB inhibitors.
4. Selectivity studies and DUBTACs screening.
5. Mechanism of action studies of DUB inhibitors or activators.

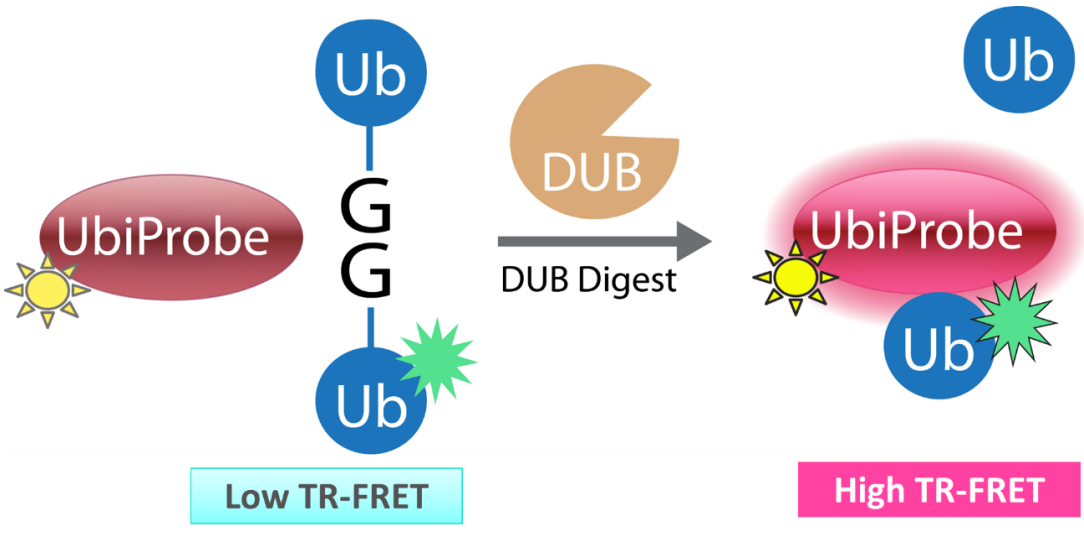

Figure 1. Schematic of UbiProbe DUB Assay. Cleavage of DiUb substrate by DUB results in high TR-FRET signal.

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COMPONENTS

Store all materials at -80ºC, avoid cycles of freezing and thawing. All components are stable for at least 2 months.

1. **10X Assay Buffer**
   Size: 1.0 mL (10X)
   Note: Add β-mercaptoethanol fresh to a final concentration of 1mM in 1X assay buffer.

2. **UbiProbe**
   Size: 1x 18 µl (125X, 5 µM)

3. **K63-DiUb^{Alexa647}**
   Size: 1x 18 µl (125X, 5 µM)

4. **MonUb^{Alexa647}**
   Size: 1x 5 µl (250X, 5 µM)

5. **Positive Control DUB, USP2core**
   Size: 1x 5 µl (400X, 20 µM)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRED BUT NOT INCLUDED IN THE KIT

1. Deubiquitinase of your choice. DUBs can also be purchased separately from Lifesensors Inc.
2. Low-speed centrifuge with a microplate adaptor.
3. Multichannel pipettes suitable for dispensing 0.5 µl and 5 µl volumes.
4. 384 shallow-well black assay plate such as NUNC Catalog # 267461.
5. β-Mercaptoethanol (BME).
6. Streptavidin Europium Chelate W-1024 (Sa-Eu) purchased from Columbia Biosciences (Cat# D17-2212-50).
7. TR-FRET capable plate reader with UV (320 nm +/- 20 nM), 620 nm, and 665 nm optical filters.
8. 96 or 384 well polypropylene plate for preparing compound dilutions.
9. Plate seals (optional).

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. ***Do not add 10X assay buffer directly to DUB, UbiProbe, Di-Ub Substrate or Streptavidin Europium.***

2. ***After thawing the reagents, avoid making small volume (for example 2 µl) aliquots of UbiProbe and Di-Ubiquitins for freezing at -80ºC. Components have been validated for activity after multiple freeze-thaw cycles.***

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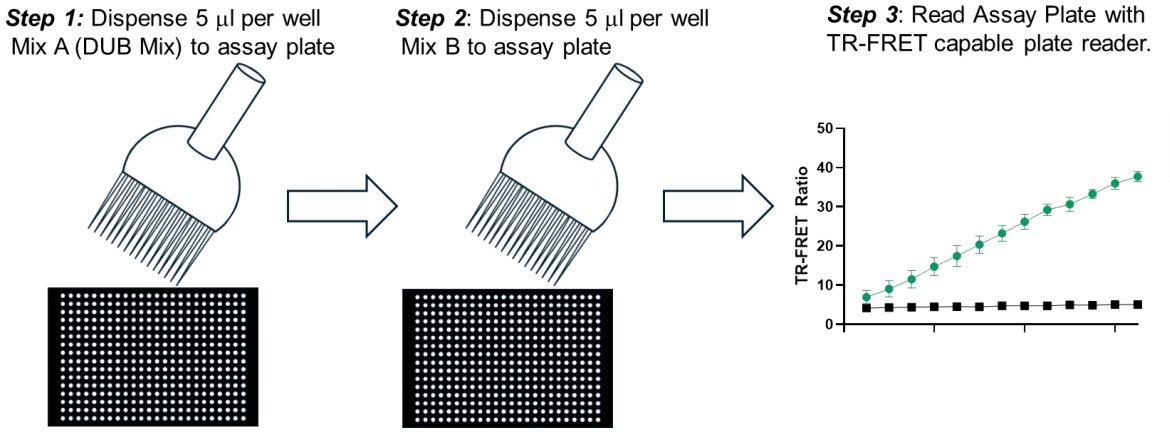
3. ***Streptavidin Europium should be stored according to manufacturer recommendations, typically at 2℃ - 8℃.***

ASSAY SUMMARY



ASSAY SETUP

– See Table 1 for example concentrations and volumes.

1. ***Prepare 1x Assay buffer***. Dilute 10x assay buffer in water and add β-Mercaptoethanol (BME) to a final concentration of 1.0 mM. For example, dilute 1 mL of 10x assay buffer in 9 mL water and add 0.7 µl BME (14.4 M). If testing compounds, dispense 0.5 µl of dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) or compounds at a 21x concentration to the assay plate.

   Note. A reducing agent must be added to the assay buffer for optimal DUB activity. DTT (5 to 10 mM) can be used as an alternative to β-mercaptoethanol.

2. ***Prepare Mix A***: Prepare Mix A by diluting your deubiquitinase (DUB) at a 2x screening concentration in 1x assay buffer. For example, to set up a USP2Core assay with a final concentration of 5 nM, prepare a 2x solution by adding 10 nM USP2Core in the required volume of 1x assay buffer.

3. Dispense 5 µl of Mix A per well to the assay plate. Include blank control wells and positive control wells to ensure that the assay is working properly.
   a. For a blank control (-DUB), dispense 5 µl of assay buffer into corresponding wells.
   b. For a positive control, prepare a 40 nM solution of MonoUb^{Alexa647}. Dispense 5 µl/ well. The MonoUb^{Alexa647} will bind UbiProbe and generate a high TR-FRET signal.

4. Briefly centrifuge assay plate for ~30 seconds at ~2000 rpm. If testing compounds, the DUB may be preincubated with the compounds for 30min at room temperature. Seal or cover the assay plate until the next step.

5. ***Prepare Mix B***: Prepare Mix B by diluting UbiProbe, K63-DiUb^{Alexa647}, and Streptavidin Europium in assay buffer at 2x concentrations. For example, prepare a 2x mix containing 40 nM UbiProbe, 40 nM K48-DiUb^{Alexa647} substrate and 2 nM Streptavidin Europium in 1x assay buffer. Dispense 5 µl per well to the assay plate.

6. Briefly centrifuge assay plate for ~30 seconds at ~2000 rpm.
7. Read the assay plate in a plate reader capable of measuring TR-FRET signal. See table 2 for suggested plate reader parameters. For DUBs that are highly active or DUBs at high concentration (for example, >100 nM), assay kinetics may be very rapid. It is recommended to titrate the DUB concentration to identify the optimal concentration that exhibits linear assay kinetics.

EXAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS AND VOLUMES

Table 1. Example Volume calculations for a single full 384-well plate

Mix A (2.25 ml)	2x Concentration	Volume	Final concentration
Assay Buffer	1x	2.25 ml	1x
USP2c (20µM)	10 nM	1.13 µl	5 nM
Positive TR-FRET Control (125 µl)			
Assay Buffer	1x	125 µl	1x
Mono-Ub^{Alexa647} (5 µM)	40 nM	1 µl	20 nM

Mix B (2.25 ml)	2x Concentration	Volume	Final concentration
Assay Buffer	1x	2.25 ml	1x
UbiProbe (5 µM)	40 nM	18 µl	20 nM
K63-DiUbiquitin-Ub^{Alexa647} (5 µM)	40 nM	18 µl	20 nM
Streptavidin Europium (1.85 µM)	2 nM	2.43 µl	1 nM

PLATE READER SETTINGS

Table 2. Suggested plate reader parameters for Time-Resolved FRET detection

Excitation	Wavelength	Integration Time Start	Integration Time Stop
Excitation	320 nm, ± 10 nm		
Channel 1 Emission	620 nm, ± 10 nm	60 µs	400 µs
Channel 2 Emission	665 nm, ± 10 nm	60 µs	400 µs

REPRESENTATIVE DATA

1. Validation of USP2core as a pan-linkage specific DUB using UbiProbe kits

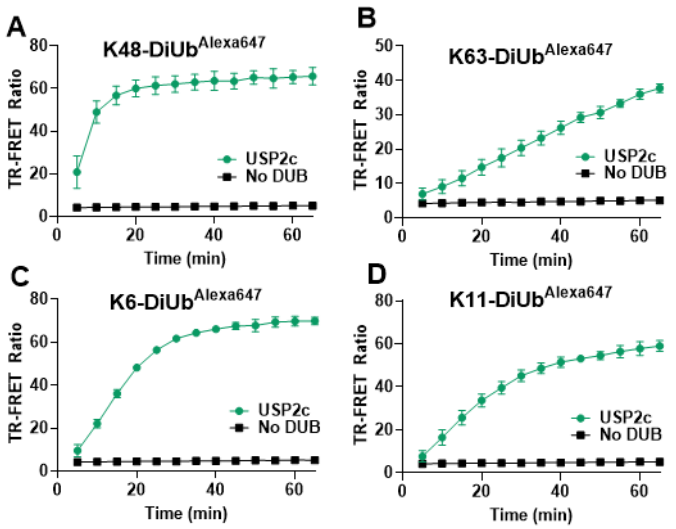


Figure 2. Robust USP2 activity obtained using UbiProbe assay with various DiUb substrates. USP2Core (5 nM) was incubated with K48-DiUb (**A**), K63-DiUb (**B**), K6-DiUb (**C**) and K11-DiUb (**D**) and TR-FRET was measured for 65 minutes at 5-min intervals. DUB activity with each of the Di-ubiquitin probes is represented as TR-FRET ratio and compared to negative control (-DUB). The TR-FRET signal was acquired using BMG Labtech ClarioStar. The error bars represent standard deviation, n=4.

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