An Optimized Western Blot Protocol from GeneTex

1. Sample preparation
2. Separation by gel electrophoresis
3. Transfer to a membrane support
4. Nonspecific binding of unoccupied sites
5. Addition of the primary antibody
6. Addition of the secondary antibody
7. Addition of chemiluminescent substrate and exposure to film

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Preparation of Protein Extracts

1. Prepare extracts from cultured cells or tissues with our Trident Extraction Kits.
   - The total number of cells per ml and the cell equivalent loaded per lane of gel should be optimized specifically for each protein and antibody.

2. Determine the protein concentration of the extract and transfer the appropriate amount of your sample to a new tube. Aliquot and freeze the stock at -20°C or below.

3. Add Trident Sample Buffer to your sample and boil at 100°C for 5 minutes to denature the proteins. Spin the sample briefly and load onto your SDS-PAGE gel.
   - Add Dithiothreitol (DTT) or β-mercaptoethanol (2-ME) to the Trident Sample Buffer before use to reduce proteins, if necessary.

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The Trident Membrane Protein Extraction Kit (GTX16373) is for rapid extraction of native total membrane proteins (organelle membrane proteins) and native plasma membrane proteins from cultured mammalian cells or tissues.

- Simple and user-friendly
- Wide range of starting cells (1 - 50 million / sample)
- Detergent- and EDTA-free
- No need for Dounce homogenizer or tissue blender
- Finish extraction in less than 45 minutes
- High yield
SDS-PAGE and Gel Transfer

1. Load 30 µg of each protein extract or 100 ng of purified protein into the wells of the SDS-PAGE gel. Load an appropriate amount of Trident Blue Prestained Protein Ladder (GTX16376) or Trident Prestained Protein Ladder (High Range: GTX50875 or Standard Range: GTX49384) to one or more additional lanes.

2. Run the gel in 1X Trident Running Buffer for 1-2 hours at 50-100 V.
   - We recommend setting the electrophoresis at a lower voltage and for a longer time. This should result in clearer bands and better resolution.

3. Transfer the proteins from the gel to a nitrocellulose or methanol-rinsed PVDF membrane in 1X Trident Transfer Buffer.
   - Optional: Confirm successful protein transfer by Ponceau Red staining before proceeding to the next step.

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### Trident Prestained Protein Ladder

- **Trident Prestained Protein Ladder (Standard Range: GTX49384)**
  - High Range: GTX50875)

  - Ready to use
  - 2-5 µL per well for general western blots
  - 3-color protein standard with 10 (GTX49384) or 12 (GTX50875) pre-stained proteins
  - Blue bands with 1 green (25 kDa) and 1 red (75 kDa) band
  - Cover wide range molecular weights from 10 to 245 kDa
  - Compatible with multiple buffer systems: Tris, MOPS, MES
  - Compatible with PVDF, nylon, and nitrocellulose membranes

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### Supporting Products

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Quality Antibodies. Quality Results.
Blocking, Antibody Incubation, and Washing

1. **Blocking**: Incubate the blot in 3% non-fat milk / PBST or **Trident Universal Protein Blocking Reagent (GTX30963)** for 30-60 minutes at RT.

2. **Primary antibody incubation**: Incubate the blot in 1% non-fat milk / PBST or **Trident Universal Protein Blocking Reagent (GTX30963)** containing the primary antibody at the proper dilution for two hours at RT or 4°C overnight.

3. **Washing**: Wash the blot with 1X PBST for 10 minutes once and for 5 minutes twice.

4. **Secondary antibody incubation**: Incubate the blot in 1% non-fat milk / PBST or **Trident Universal Protein Blocking Reagent (GTX30963)** containing the HRP-conjugated secondary antibody at the proper dilution for one hour at RT.

5. **Washing**: Wash the blot with 1X PBST three times, each for 10 minutes.

The Trident Universal Protein Blocking Reagent (animal serum-free) **(GTX30963)** does not contain any animal serum, and can be used for WB, ELISA, IHC and ICC/IF experiments.

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**ECL-based Signal Detection**

Follow the instructions of the **Trident plus Western HRP Substrate (GTX400006)** or **Trident femto Western HRP Substrate (GTX14698)** for detection of your signal.

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**WB analysis using Trident femto Western HRP Substrate (GTX14698) with varied sample amount and exposure times.**

Serial dilutions of purified mCherry recombinant protein were prepared and applied to WB assay. Identical blots were incubated with 1 ml of **Trident femto Western HRP Substrate (GTX14698)**, SuperSignal™West Femto, Clarity™, and Luminata™ Forte.

![Image of WB analysis results](image)

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