# Pyruvate Dehydrogenase (PDH) Activity Assay Kit

Note: Take two or three different samples for prediction before test. Operation Equipment: Spectrophotometer Cat No: NA0837 Size: 50T/48S

## **Components:**

Reagent I: Liquid 60 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent II: Liquid 1 mL×1. Storage at -20°C. Protect from light.

Reagent III: Liquid 50 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent IV: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent V: Powder×1. Storage at -20°C.

Reagent VI: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent VII: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C.

**Working solution:** Add Reagent IV, Reagent V, Reagent VI and Reagent VII to Reagent III, fully dissolved. The remaining reagents can be stored at 4°C for one week.

## **Product Description:**

PDH is widely exist in animals, plants, microorganism and cultured cells, which is the rate-limiting enzyme of acetylformic acid oxidative and decarboxylate catalyzed by Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PDHC). The decarboxylation of acetylformic acid forms hydroxyethyl -TPP, links glycolysis to the three carboxylic acid cycle.

PDH catalyzes the dehydrogenation of acetylformic acid and reduct 2, 6-dichlorophenol indophenol (2,6-DCPIP), which makes the absorption of 605 nm decrease.

## **Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:**

Spectrophotometer, water bath, desk centrifuge, adjustable pipette,1 mL glass cuvette, mortar/homogenizer, ice and distilled water.

#### **Procedure:**

#### I. Sample preparation:

Weigh tissue sample of 0.1 g or collect cells sample of 5 million and add 1 mL of Reagent I and 10 uL of Reagent II, homogenate with mortar/homogenizer on ice. Centrifuge at 11000 g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

#### **II.** Determination procedure:

1. Preheat the spectrophotometer 30 minutes, adjust wavelength to 605 nm, set zero with distilled water.

2. Each sample requires 900  $\mu$ L of working solution. Take a certain amount of working solution according to the number of samples plus one and it at 37°C(mammal) or 25°C(other species) for 5 minutes.

3. Blank tube: Add 50  $\mu$ L of distilled water, and 900  $\mu$ L of working solution to 1 mL quartz cuvette. Mix thoroughly and timing, measure the absorption at 605 nm at the initial time and 1 minute, recorded as A1 and A2 respectively, calculate  $\Delta A_B = A1-A2$ .

4. Test tube: Add 50  $\mu$ L of supernatant, and 900  $\mu$ L of working solution to 1 mL quartz cuvette. Mix thoroughly and timing, measure the absorption at 605 nm at the initial time and 1 minute, recorded as A3 and A4 respectively, calculate  $\Delta A_T = A3 - A4$ .  $\Delta A = \Delta A_T - \Delta A_B$ .

## **III. PDH Calculation:**

## 1) Protein concentration:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of 2,6-DCPIP per minute every milligram of protein.

 $PDH(U/mg \text{ prot}) = [\Delta A \times Vrv \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (Vs \times Cpr) \div T = 904.762 \times \Delta A \div Cpr$ 

# 2) Sample weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of 2,6-DCPIP per minute every gram tissue.

PDH(nmol/min/mg weight)=  $[\Delta A \times Vrv \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (W \times Vs \div Vsv) \div T=913.81 \times \Delta A \div W$ 

# 3) Bacteria or cell density

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of 2,6-DCPIP per minute every 10000 cells or bacteria.

 $PDH(nmol/min/10^{4} cell) = [\Delta A \times Vrv \div (\varepsilon \times d) \times 10^{9}] \div (500 \times Vs \div Vsv) \div T = 1.828 \times \Delta A$ 

Vrv: Reaction total volume, 9.5×10<sup>-4</sup> L;

ε: Molar extinction coefficient, 2.1×10<sup>4</sup> L/mol/cm;

d: Light path of cuvette, 1 cm;

Vs: The sample volume,0.05 mL;

Vsv: The reagent I and II volume, 1.01 mL;

T: Reaction time, 1 minute;

Cpr: Sample protein concentration, mg/mL;

W: Sample quality, g;

500: The total number of bacteria and cells, 5 million.

# Note:

1. During the determination, all samples are placed on ice to avoid denaturation and inactivation.

2. The measured value of  $\Delta A$  should in range of 0.01~ 0.25. If  $\Delta A$ >0.25, the sample should be properly diluted.

3. Since Reagent I contains a certain concentration of protein (about 1mg/mL), it is necessary to subtract the protein content of Reagent I when determining the concentration of sample protein.

## Experimental Examples:

1. Take 0.1 g of lung, add 1 mL of Reagent I and 10  $\mu$ L Reagent II, grind the homogenate with ice bath, centrifuge at 11000g and 4°C for 10 min, take the supernatant and put it on ice, operate according to the

determination steps, and calculate the  $\Delta A_T = A_3 - A_4 = 1.226 - 1.015 = 0.211$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A_1 - A_2 = 1.442 - 1.439 = 0.003$ .

PDH activity (U/g mass) = 913.81 × ( $\Delta A_T$ -  $\Delta A_B$ ) ÷ W = 1900.72 U/g mass.

2. Take 0.1 g of Echinochloa crusgalli, add 1 mL of Reagent I and 10  $\mu$ L Reagent II, grind the homogenate with ice bath, centrifuge at 11000g and 4°C for 10 min, take the supernatant and put it on ice, operate according to the determination steps, and calculate the  $\Delta A_T = A3 - A4 = 1.391 - 1.379 = 0.012$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A1 - A2 = 0$ . PDH activity (U/g mass) = 913.81 × ( $\Delta AT - \Delta AB$ )  $\div$  W = 109.66 U/g mass.

## **Recent Product Citations:**

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#### **References:**

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