

## Pyruvate Kinase (PK) Activity Assay Kit

**Note:** Before the experiment, it is recommended to select 2-3 sample with large expected differences for pre-experiment.

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Catalog Number:** BC0540

**Size:** 50T/48S

**Product Composition:** Before use, please carefully check whether the volume of the reagent is consistent with the volume in the bottle. If you have any questions, please contact Solarbio staff in time.

Reagent name	Size	Preservation Condition
Extract solution	Liquid 60 mL×1	2-8°C
Reagent I	Liquid 50 mL×1	2-8°C
Reagent II A	Powder ×1	-20°C
Reagent II B	Powder×2	-20°C
Reagent III	Powder×1	-20°C
Reagent IV	Liquid 45 μL×1	2-8°C

### Solution Preparation:

- Reagent II A:** Add 1.2 mL of distilled water and dissolve fully when the solution will be used. The left reagent can still store at -20°C for 4 weeks. Avoid repeated freezing-thawing.
- Reagent II B:** Add 0.7 mL of distilled water for one tube and dissolve fully when the solution will be used. The left reagent can still store at -20°C for 4 weeks. Avoid repeated freezing-thawing.
- Reagent III:** Add 1.8 mL of distilled water to one tube and dissolve fully when the solution will be used. The left reagent can be packaged and stored at -20°C for 4 weeks to avoid repeated freezing and thawing.
- Reagent IV:** Before use, according to the amount of volume ratio Reagent IV: distilled water=5μL:100μL (7T), mix well, place on ice for standby, prepare when the solution will be used.
- Working solution:** according to the amount of volume ratio Reagent I: Reagent II A: Reagent II B= 860μL: 20μL: 20μL (1T), mix well, prepare when the solution will be used.

### Product Description:

Pyruvate Kinase (PK, EC 2.7.1.40) is widely present in animals, plants, microorganisms and cultured cells. It could catalyze the final step of the glycolysis process. PK is one of the major rate-limiting enzymes in the glycolysis process and one of the key enzymes for ATP production. Therefore, the determination of PK activity is of great significance.

PK catalyzes the generation of ATP and pyruvate from phosphoenolpyruvate and ADP. Lactate dehydrogenase further catalyzed NADH and pyruvate to generate lactic acid and NAD<sup>+</sup>. The

NADH

degradation rate can be measured at 340 nm to reflect the activity of PK.

### Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided

Ultraviolet spectrophotometer, table centrifuge, water bath/constant temperature incubator, adjustable pipette, 1 mL quartz cuvette, mortar, ice and distilled water.

### Procedure

#### I. Sample pretreatment

- Bacteria or cultured cells:** Collect bacteria or cells into the centrifuge tube, and discard supernatant after centrifugation. The number of bacteria or cells ( $10^4$ ): the proportion of Extract solution volume (mL) is 500-1000:1 (it is recommended to add 1 mL of Extract solution to 5 million bacteria or cells), and ultrasonic crushing of bacteria or cells (placed on ice, 200 W, work time 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times); Centrifuge at  $8000 \times g$  and  $4^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes, take the supernatant and place it on the ice for test.
- Tissue:** The tissue mass (g): the ratio of Extract solution volume (mL) is 1:5-10 (take about 0.1 g of tissue and add 1 mL of the Extract solution), and conduct ice bath homogenate. Centrifuge at  $8000 \times g$  and  $4^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes. Take the supernatant and place it on the ice for test.
- Serum (plasma) sample:** Detect sample directly. (If the solution is turbid, centrifuge to take the supernatant and then measure)

#### II. Determination procedure:

- Preheat the spectrophotometer for more than 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 340 nm and set spectrophotometer counter to zero with distilled water.
- Preheat working solution at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes.
- Operation table:

Reagent Name ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Test Tube
Working solution	900
Reagent III	30
Reagent IV	15
Sample	30

Add the reagents to 1 mL quartz cuvette in order, immediately mix thoroughly, and start timing while adding the sample. Record the initial absorbance  $A_1$  at the 340 nm wavelength at 20 seconds, rapidly put cuvette together with the reaction solution in  $37^\circ\text{C}$  after colorimetric and react accurately in water bath for 2 minutes. Quickly remove the cuvette and dry, colorimetric at 340 nm and record the absorbance of  $A_2$  at the time of 140 seconds, calculate  $\Delta A = A_1 - A_2$ .

#### III. Calculation of PK vitality unit

- Calculation of liquid PK activity:

Definition of unit: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of NADH in the reaction system per minute every milliliter of

liquid.

$$PK(U/mL) = [\Delta A \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div V_s \div T = 2613 \times \Delta A$$

2. Calculate by the concentration of sample protein

Definition of units: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of NADH in the reaction system per minute every milligram of tissue protein.

$$PK(U/mg \text{ prot}) = [\Delta A \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (C_{pr} \times V_s) \div T = 2613 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

3. Calculate by fresh weight

Definition of unit: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of NADH in the reaction system per minute every gram tissue.

$$PK(U/g \text{ weight}) = [\Delta A \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (W \times V_s \div V_e) \div T = 2613 \times \Delta A \div W$$

4. Calculate by the number of bacteria or cell

Definition of units: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol of NADH in the reaction system per minute every ten thousand bacteria or cells.

$$PK(U/10^4 \text{ cell}) = [\Delta A \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (N \times V_s \div V_e) \div T = 2613 \times \Delta A \div N$$

$V_{rv}$ : Total volume of the reaction system,  $9.75 \times 10^{-4}$  L;

$\epsilon$ : The molar extinction coefficient of NADH is  $6.22 \times 10^3$  L/mol/cm.

$d$ : Light path of 1 mL quartz cuvette, 1 cm;

$V_s$ : Add the sample volume, 0.03 mL;

$V_e$ : Add the Extract solution volume, 1 mL;

$T$ : Reaction time, 2 minutes;

$C_{pr}$ : Sample protein concentration, mg/mL;

$W$ : Sample weight, g;

$N$ : Total number of bacteria or cells,  $10^4$  cell.

### Notes

1. During the determination process, Reagent IV and samples are placed on the ice to avoid denaturation and inactivation.
2. Keep the temperature of reaction solution in cuvette at 37°C, take a small beaker at 37°C and add in a certain amount of distilled water (the temperature of distilled water at 37°C), and put the beaker in 37°C water bath. In the reaction process, the cuvette and the reaction solution are placed in the beaker.
3. It is better for two people to do this experiment at the same time, one for colorimetric and the other for timing, to ensure the accuracy of the experimental results.

### Experimental example:

1. Weigh about 0.1g of rabbit heart, add 1mL of Extract solution, homogenize in an ice bath, 8000g, centrifuge at 4 °C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant and dilute it 16 times with the Extract solution before testing on ice. Afterwards, following the measurement steps, using a 1mL quartz cuvette,

$A_1=0.690$   $A_2=0.369$ ,  $\Delta A=A_1-A_2=0.321$ , calculate the activity of pyruvate kinase:

PK activity (U/g weight)= $2613 \times \Delta A \div W \times 16$  (dilution ratio)=134203.68 U/g weight

2. Take 30  $\mu$ L of bovine serum for direct detection, using a 1mL quartz cuvette,  $A_1=0.785$   $A_2=0.658$ ,  $\Delta A=A_1-A_2=0.127$ , calculate the activity of pyruvate kinase:

PK activity (U/mL)= $2613 \times \Delta A=331.851$  U/mL

3. Weigh about 0.1g of green ivy leaves, add 1mL of Extract solution, homogenize in an ice bath, 8000g, centrifuge at 4 °C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant and place it on ice for testing. Afterwards, following the measurement steps, using a 1mL quartz cuvette, calculate  $A_1=0.866$   $A_2=0.853$ ,  $\Delta A=A_1-A_2=0.013$ , calculate the activity of pyruvate kinase to obtain:

PK activity (U/g weight)= $2613 \times \Delta A \div W=336.69$  U/g mass

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