

Description

A quantitative colorimetric kinetic assay for hexokinase activity. Hexokinase activity is measured through an NADPH-coupled reduction of the tetrazolium salt MTT to a coloured product with an absorption maximum at 565 nm.

Specifications

Detection Method	Colorimetric kinetic (OD565nm)
Detection Range	0.22 to 100 U/L
Sample Type	Microorganisms, plasma, serum, cultured cells, tissue and culture media
Species Reactivity	All
Assay Time	15 minutes
Kit Size	100 Assays
Equipment Required	Microplate reader
Storage	-20°C
Shelf Life	6 months after receipt
Shipping	Gel Pack

Kit Components

Component	Quantity	Storage
Assay Buffer	10 mL	-20°C
NADP/MTT	1 mL	-20°C
Substrate Mix	1 mL	-20°C
Enzyme A	120 µL	-20°C
Enzyme B	120 µL	-20°C
Calibrator	1 mL	-20°C

Ordering Information

Assay Genie Cat. No.	Pack Size
BA0248	100 Assays

Assay Procedure

Note: This is a sample protocol. Protocols are batch/lot specific - always follow the instructions supplied with your kit.

1. This assay is based on a kinetic reaction. To ensure identical incubation time, addition of Working Reagent should be quick and mixing brief but thorough; a multi-channel pipettor is recommended. Assays may be run at any desired temperature (e.g. 25°C or 37°C).
2. Sample preparation: serum and plasma are assayed directly. Tissue: rinse in phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4) to remove blood, homogenise 50 mg tissue in ~200 µL buffer containing 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5), centrifuge at 10,000 × g for 15 min at 4°C and remove supernatant. Cell lysate: collect cells by centrifugation at 2,000 × g for 5 min at 4°C (use a cell scraper for adherent cells), homogenise or sonicate in cold buffer containing 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5), centrifuge at 10,000 × g for 15 min at 4°C and remove supernatant. Samples may be stored at -20 to -80°C for at least one month.

3. Reagent preparation: equilibrate reagents to the desired reaction temperature and briefly centrifuge tubes. Prepare enough Working Reagent (WR) for all wells by mixing, for each 96-well assay: 8 µL Substrate Mix, 8 µL NADP/MTT solution, 1 µL Enzyme A, 1 µL Enzyme B and 70 µL Assay Buffer.
4. Transfer 100 µL H₂O (OD_H₂O) and 100 µL Calibrator (OD_CAL) into wells of a clear flat-bottom 96-well plate.
5. Transfer 20 µL of each sample into separate wells, then add 80 µL WR to each sample well. Tap the plate briefly to mix.
6. Read OD_{565nm} (OD₀), and again after 15 min (OD₁₅) on a plate reader.

Calculation

Subtract OD₀ from OD₁₅ for each sample to compute ΔOD_S . Hexokinase activity = $(\Delta OD_S / (OD_{CAL} - OD_{H_2O})) \times (Reaction\ Vol / (t \times Sample\ Vol)) \times 273 \times n$ (U/L), where 273 relates to the molar absorption coefficient of reduced MTT and light pathlength calculated from the calibrator, OD_{CAL} and OD_{H₂O} are the OD_{565nm} (OD₀) values of the calibrator and water, t is the reaction time (15 min recommended), Reaction Vol and Sample Vol are 100 µL and 20 µL respectively, and n is the dilution factor. Unit definition: 1 U of hexokinase catalyses the conversion of 1 µmole of glucose to glucose-6-phosphate per min at pH 8.2. If activity exceeds 100 U/L, use a shorter reaction time or dilute the sample; for activity < 1 U/L, extend incubation to 2 hours.

Notes

- Normal precautions for laboratory reagents should be exercised while using the reagents.
- Reagents are for research use only. Refer to the MSDS for detailed safety information.

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