



Phenylalanine ammonia-lyase Activity

Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit

User Manual

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Detection and Quantification of Phenylalanine ammonia-lyase
(PAL) activity in Tissue extracts, Cell lysate Samples.

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I. INTRODUCTION

PAL widely found in various plants and a few micro-organisms, is a key enzyme in plants phenylpropanoid metabolism, and closely related to some important secondary substances'synthetic such as lignin, isoflavones phytoalexin, flavonoid pigments,and play an important role in normal growth and development in plants and against the bacteria resist.

Phenylalanine ammonia-lyase Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit provides a convenient tool for sensitive detection of phenylalanine ammonia-lyase activity in a variety of samples. PAL catalytic will decompose L-phenylalanine to trans-cinnamic acid and ammonia. The ammonia reacts with the dyeto form a colored product.The color intensity increaseat 620nm is proportional to PALactivity in the sample.

II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	10 ml x 1	4 °C
Substrate	Powder x 1	4 °C, keep in dark
Positive Control	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent A	Powder x 2	4 °C, keep in dark
Dye Reagent B	Powder x 2	4 °C, keep in dark
Dye Reagent B Diluent	3 ml x 1	4 °C
Plate Adhesive Strips	3 Strips	
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III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 620 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Ice
7. 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube
8. Centrifuge
9. Timer

IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

Positive Control: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Dissolve in 50 μ L Assay

Buffer before use. Store at -20°C for 1 month.

Substrate: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Dissolve in 1 mL Reaction Buffer before use, store at 4°C .

Dye Reagent A: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 3.5 mL distilled water into 1 vial Dye Reagent A to dissolve before use. Store at 4°C in dark and use within 24 hours.

Dye Reagent B: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 1.5 mL Dye Reagent B Diluent into 1 vial Dye Reagent B, mix before use. Store at 4°C in dark and use within 24 hours.

Standard: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 1 mL distilled water to dissolve, then add 5 μ L into 995 μ L distilled water, mix, the concentration will be 1000 $\mu\text{mol/L}$. Store at 4°C for 1 month. Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standard solution using distilled water to make the standard curve. The concentration of standard curve could be 1000/500/250/125/62.5/31.2/15.6 $\mu\text{mol/L}$.

V. SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml Assay Buffer on ice, centrifuged at 8000g 4°C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube first

Reagent*	Sample**	Control	Positive Control	Standard	Blank
Reaction Buffer	80 μ l	80 μ l	80 μ l	--	--
Distilled water	--	10 μ l	--	--	100 μ l
Sample	10 μ l	--	--	--	--
Positive control	--	--	10 μ l	--	--
Substrate	10 μ l	10 μ l	10 μ l	--	--
Standard	--	--	--	100 μ l	--
Shake and mix, put it into the oven, 37°C for 45 minutes					
Dye Reagent A	70 μ l	70 μ l	70 μ l	70 μ l	70 μ l
Dye Reagent B	30 μ l	30 μ l	30 μ l	30 μ l	30 μ l
Shake and mix, centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 5 minutes, transfer 150 μ l supernatant into the microplate for detection. Record absorbance measured at 620 nm.					

Note:

*Reagents must be added sequentially and should not be premixed prior to addition.

**For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range. If the enzyme activity is lower, please add more samples into the reaction system; or increase the reaction time; if the enzyme activity is higher, please dilute the sample, or decrease the reaction time.

**For colored samples, we recommend setting a parallel sample background control well with same volume of sample only. Other reagents were replaced by distilled water to the same total volume. Subtract the OD value of the sample background control from the OD value of the sample to correct for interference from the sample's own color.

VII. CALCULATION

Unit Definition: One unit is defined as the amount of the enzyme will catalyze the deamination of L-phenylalanine to produce 1 μmole ammonia per minute.

1. Calculate the sample activity in ASSAY PROCEDURE according to the slope of the standard curve

$$\text{Activity} = \frac{(\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) - \text{Intercept}}{\text{Slope} \times T} \times n (\text{U/mL})$$

Calculate the initial activity according to sample preparation procedure.

2. According to one point of the standard OD value and concentration

2.1 According to the protein concentration of sample

$$\text{Activity} = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}})}{(\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Sample}} \times C_{\text{Protein}} \times T} (\text{U/mg})$$

2.2 According to the weight of sample

$$\text{Activity} = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}})}{(\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times (W \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) \times T} (\text{U/g})$$

Slope: the absorbance slope of standard curve

n: the dilution factor

C_{Protein} : the protein concentration, mg/mL

C_{Standard} : the concentration of standard, μmol/mL

W: the weight of total sample, g

V_{Standard} : the volume of standard in assay procedure, mL

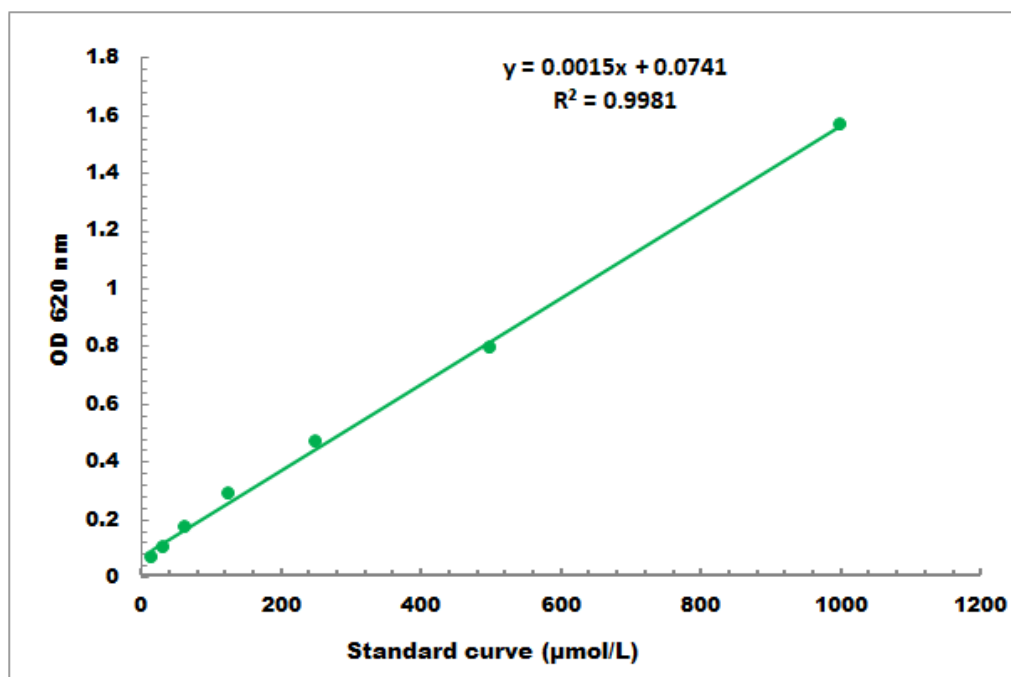
V_{Sample} : the volume of sample in assay procedure, mL

V_{Assay} : the volume of Assay Buffer in sample preparation, mL

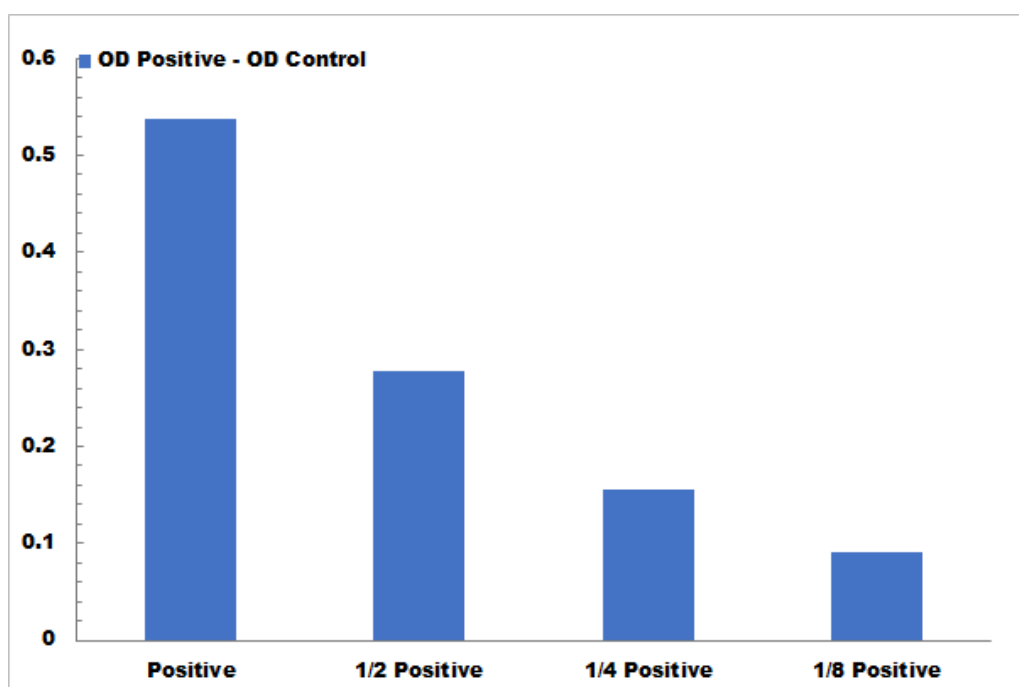
T: the reaction time in step 1, minute

VIII. TYPICAL DATA

The standard curve is for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



Detection Range: 10μmol/L - 1000μmol/L



Positive Control reaction in 96-well plate assay with decreasing the concentration