



**NADH Dehydrogenase
(Mitochondrial Complex I) Activity
Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit
User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of NADH

Dehydrogenase (Mitochondrial Complex I) Activity in Tissue extracts,
Cell lysate, Cell culture media and Other biological fluids Samples.

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I. INTRODUCTION

NADH dehydrogenase (EC 1.6.5.3) (also referred to as NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase or, especially in the context of the human protein, Complex I) is an enzyme of the respiratory chains of myriad organisms from bacteria to humans that falls under the H⁺ or Na⁺-translocating NADH Dehydrogenase (NDH) Family, a member of the Na⁺ transporting Mrp superfamily. It catalyzes the transfer of electrons from NADH to coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) and, in eukaryotes, it is located in the inner mitochondrial membrane. NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductases type I of bacteria and of eukaryotic mitochondria and chloroplasts couple electron transfer to the electrogenic transport of protons or Na⁺. It is one of the "entry enzymes" of cellular respiration or oxidative phosphorylation in the mitochondria.

NADH Dehydrogenase Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit provides a sensitive and convenient method for NADH dehydrogenase activity determination. The enzyme catalysed reaction product is NAD⁺. The reaction velocity is measured as a decrease in A₄₅₀ resulting from the oxidation of NADH.

III.KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-WellMicroplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer I	30 mlx 4	4 °C
Assay Buffer II	1.2 mlx 1	4 °C
Assay Buffer III	20 mlx 1	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	20 mlx 1	-20 °C
Inhibitor	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Inhibitor Diluent	0.5 mlx 1	4 °C
Enzyme	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Substrate	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Dye ReagentA	Powder x 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent B	1 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	-20 °C
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II. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 450 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer
8. Ice

IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

Standard: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Dissolve in 1 ml distilled water to generate 2 mmol/L of standard stock solution, store at 4 °C for 1 day or -20°C for 3 days after reconstitution. Then dilute to 400 µmol/L standard top solution by adding 0.2 ml stock solution into 0.8 ml distilled water. 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 400/200/100/50/25/12.5/6.25 µmol/L.

Inhibitor: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 0.5 ml Inhibitor Diluent to dissolve before use. Keep in dark for immediate use or store at -20°C for 2-3 months after reconstitution.

Enzyme: Add 10 ml Reaction Buffer to dissolve before use, heated at 40-50 °C. Prepare for immediate use or store at -80°C for 2 weeks after reconstitution.

Substrate: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 1 ml Reaction Buffer to dissolve before use. Keep in dark for immediate use or store at -20 °C for 2-4 weeks.

Dye Reagent A: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 3 ml distilled water to dissolve before use, mix, store at 4°C for 1 month after reconstitution.

Note: Divide into small aliquots to avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

V. SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. For cell and bacteria samples

Collect cell or bacteria into centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation, add 0.99ml Assay Buffer I and 10 μ l Assay Buffer II on ice, centrifuged at 600g 4°C for 5 minutes. Take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube, 11000g 4°C for 10 minutes, discard the supernatant. Add 198 μ l Assay Buffer III and 2 μ l Assay Buffer II to the precipitation, shock, sonicate (with power 20%, sonicate 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times). Centrifuged at 11000g 4°C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

2. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 0.99ml Assay Buffer I and 10 μ l Assay Buffer II on ice, centrifuged at 600g 4°C for 5 minutes. Take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube, 11000g 4°C for 10 minutes, discard the supernatant. Add 198 μ l Assay Buffer III and 2 μ l Assay Buffer II to the precipitation, shock, sonicate (with power 20%, sonicate 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times). Centrifuged at 11000g 4°C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

3. For liquid samples

Detect directly or dilute with Assay Buffer.

VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Warm all reagents to room temperature before use.

Add following reagents into the microplate:

Reagent*	Sample**	Control	Standard	Blank
Reaction Buffer	35µl	35µl	--	--
Inhibitor	5µl	5µl	--	--
Enzyme	100 µl	100 µl	--	--
Substrate	10 µl	10 µl	--	--
Distilled water	--	10 µl	60 µl	160 µl
Sample	10 µl	--	--	--
Mix and incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.				
Standard	--	--	100 µl	--
Dye Reagent A	30 µl	30 µl	30 µl	30 µl
Dye Reagent B	10 µl	10 µl	10 µl	10 µl
Mix and incubate at room temperature for 2 minutes, record absorbance measured at 450 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 of Complex activity is defined as the enzyme oxidizes 1 μmol of NADH per minute.

1. According to the slope of the standard curve

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

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

2.1 According to the protein concentration of sample

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

2.2 According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$\text{Activity} = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Control}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}})}{(\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times N \times (V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) \times T} (\text{U}/10^4)$$

2.3 According to the weight of sample

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

2.4 According to the volume of sample

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

Slope: the absorbance slope of standard curve

n: the dilution factor

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

W: the weight of total sample, g

N: the quantity of total cell or bacteria sample, 10⁴

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

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

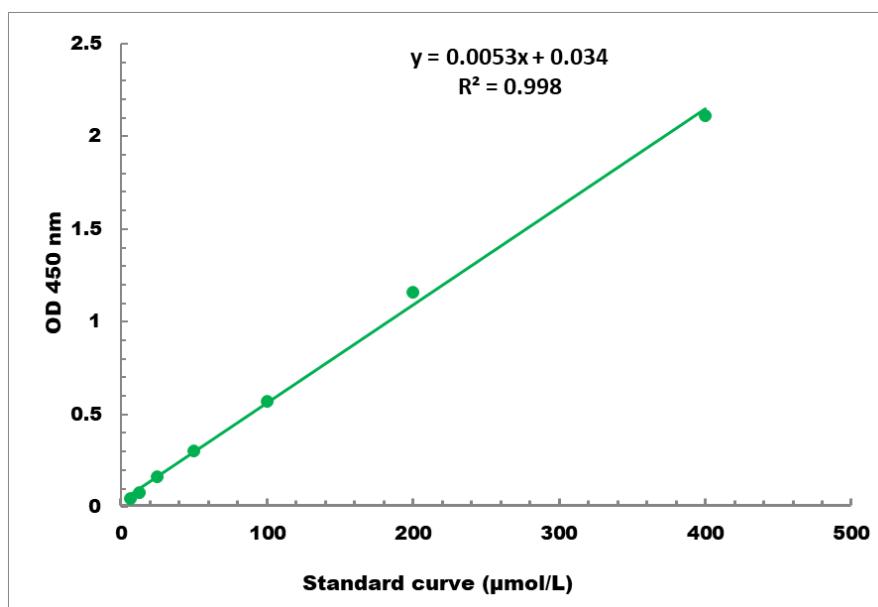
V_{Sample}: the volume of sample in assay procedure, mL

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

T: the reaction time, minute

VIII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 4μmol/L - 400 μmol/L