



# **Phytase Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of Phytase Activity in Tissue extracts,  
Cell lysate, Cell culture media and Other biological fluids Samples.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Phytase is a phosphatase enzyme that catalyzes, or kickstarts, the hydrolysis of phytic acid, also known as phytate. Phytic acid is a form of indigestible phosphorus that's present in plant-based foods such as cereal, wheat, and various grains. Roughly two-thirds of the phosphorus present in plant foods is bound in the form of phytic phosphate. Through the hydrolysis reaction, phytase liberates phosphorus so that the body can use it. While phytases have been found to occur in animals, plants, fungi and bacteria, phytases have been most commonly detected and characterized from fungi.

Phytase Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit is designed to measure phytase activity in biological samples. Phytase decomposes the substrate. The dye reagent forms a color with released phosphate ion, which is measured on a plate reader 660 nm.

## II.KIT COMPONENTS

| Component             | Volume     | Storage |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| 96-WellMicroplate     | 1 plate    |         |
| Assay Buffer          | 30mlx 4    | 4 °C    |
| Reaction Buffer       | 8 ml x 1   | 4 °C    |
| Substrate             | Powder x 1 | 4 °C    |
| Dye Reagent I         | Powder x 1 | 4 °C    |
| Dye Reagent II        | Powder x 1 | 4 °C    |
| Dye Reagent III       | 10 ml x 1  | 4 °C    |
| Standard (1mmol/L)    | 1 ml x 1   | -20 °C  |
| Positive Control      | Powder x 1 | -20 °C  |
| Plate Adhesive Strips | 3 Strips   |         |
| Technical Manual      | 1 Manual   |         |

### III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 660 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer
8. Ice
9. Convection oven

#### IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

**Standard:** Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. 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  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ .

**Substrate:** Add 8 ml Reaction Buffer into Substrate, mix. Store at 4 °C for 1-2 months or -20°C for 3-6 months after reconstitution.

**Dye Reagent:** Add 5 ml Dye Reagent III into Dye Reagent I and 1 ml Dye Reagent III into Dye Reagent II respectively to dissolve. Transfer all Dye Reagent II into Dye Reagent III, mix; then transfer all Dye Reagent I into Dye Reagent III (Must follow this step). The mixed Dye Reagent may store at 4 °C for 2-3 days.

**\*Note:** It should be yellow. If colorless, the solution is failure. If blue, the solution is polluted. This solution should be prepared before use. It is best to use disposable plastic containers to prepare the solution in order to prevent phosphorus pollution.

**Positive Control:** Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 1 ml distilled water to dissolve before use, then add 0.1 ml into 0.9 ml distilled water. Store at -80°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 1 ml Assay Buffer for  $5 \times 10^6$  cell or bacteria, sonicate (with power 20%, sonicate 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times); centrifuged at 8000g 4°C for 20 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 1 ml Assay Buffer on ice, centrifuged at 8000g 4°C for 20 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

## VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into the microplate:

| Reagent*                                                                                                       | Sample**    | Control     | Standard    | Blank       | Positive Control |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Substrate                                                                                                      | 80 $\mu$ l  | 80 $\mu$ l  | --          | --          | 80 $\mu$ l       |
| Sample                                                                                                         | 20 $\mu$ l  | --          | --          | --          | --               |
| Distilled water                                                                                                | --          | 20 $\mu$ l  | --          | 100 $\mu$ l | --               |
| Positive Control                                                                                               | --          | --          | --          | --          | 20 $\mu$ l       |
| Standard                                                                                                       | --          | --          | 100 $\mu$ l | --          | --               |
| Mix, cover the plate adhesive strip, put the plate into the convection oven, incubate at 55 °C for 10 minutes. |             |             |             |             |                  |
| Dye Reagent                                                                                                    | 100 $\mu$ l | 100 $\mu$ l | 100 $\mu$ l | 100 $\mu$ l | 100 $\mu$ l      |
| Mix, measured at 660 nm and record the absorbance.                                                             |             |             |             |             |                  |

### 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 phytase activity is defined as the enzyme that generates  $1\mu\text{mol}$  of  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  per minute.

1. According to the slope of the standard curve

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

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

2.1 According to the protein concentration of sample

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

2.2 According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

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

2.3 According to the weight of sample

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

Slope: the absorbance slope of standard curve

n: the dilution factor

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

W: the weight of total sample, g

N: the quantity of total cell or bacteria sample,  $10^4$

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : the concentration of standard,  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$

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

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

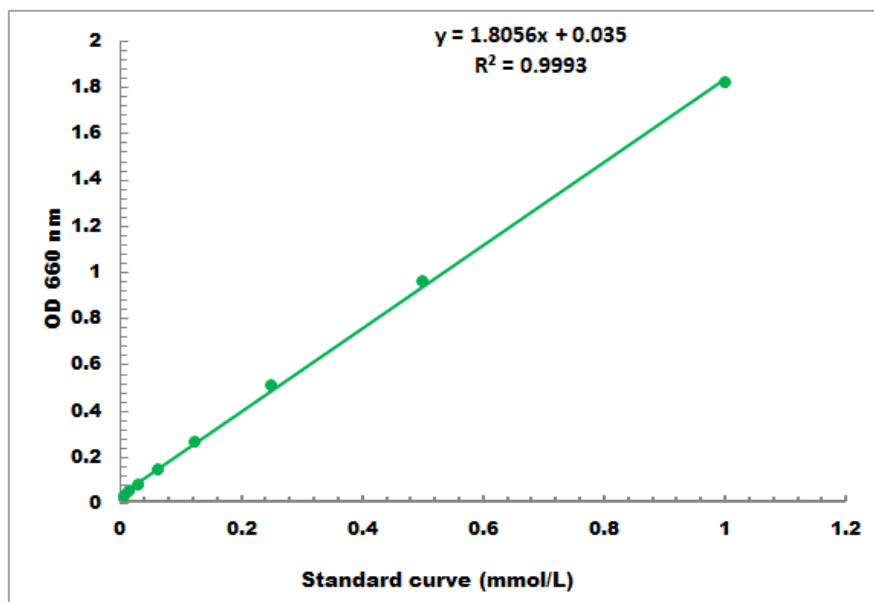
$V_{\text{Assay}}$ : the volume of Assay Buffer in sample preparation, mL

T: the reaction time, minute

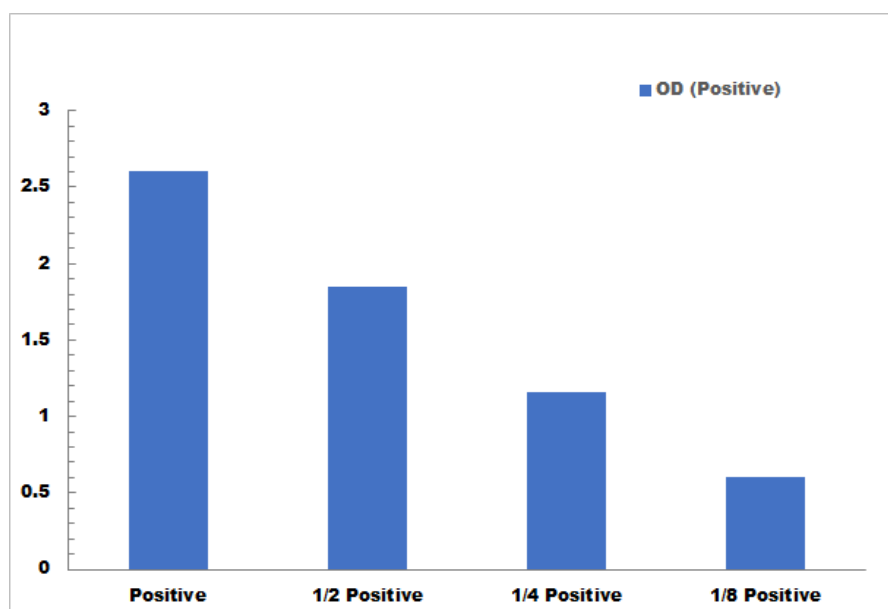


## VIII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 0.01mmol/L -1mmol/L



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