



**Malate**

**Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit**

**User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of Malate Content in Food, Juice,  
Beverage, Other agricultural products Samples.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

L-malate, or L-Malic acid, is a dicarboxylic acid that is made by all living organisms and plays an important role in the Calvin and Krebs Cycle. It is a source of CO<sub>2</sub> for the Calvin cycle in plants and is also an intermediate that forms from fumarate in the Krebs Cycle. Malate is frequently used in food and beverage industries as an additive in products such as wine, beer, candies, etc.

Malate Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit is designed to directly measure malate content in a variety of samples. It is based on malate dehydrogenase catalyzed oxidation of malate in which the formed NADH reduces a formazan reagent. The intensity of the product color, measured at 450 nm is proportional to the malate concentration in the sample.

## II.KIT COMPONENTS

| Component             | Volume     | Storage            |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 96-Well Microplate    | 1 plate    |                    |
| Reaction Buffer       | 10 mlx 1   | 4 °C               |
| Enzyme                | Powder x 1 | -20 °C             |
| Dye ReagentA          | Powder x 1 | 4 °C, keep in dark |
| Dye Reagent B         | 1 ml x 1   | 4 °C, keep in dark |
| Standard              | Powder x 1 | 4 °C               |
| Plate Adhesive Strips | 3 Strips   |                    |
| Technical Manual      | 1 Manual   |                    |

### **III. 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

#### IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

**Enzyme:** Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Add 1 ml Reaction Buffer to dissolve before use. Aliquot & store at -80 °C. Use within 1 month.

**Dye Reagent A:** Add 9 ml distilled water to dissolve before use, mix. Store at 4 °C. Use within 1 month.

**Standard:** Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Dissolve in 1 ml distilled water to generate 50 mmol/L of standard stock solution, store at -20 °C for 1 month after reconstitution. Then dilute to 10 mmol/L standard top solution by adding 100 µl stock solution into 400 µl 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 10/5/2.5/1.25/0.625/0.312/0.156 mmol/L.

## **V. SAMPLE PREPARATION**

### **1. For tissue samples**

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml distilled water, transfer it into microcentrifuge tube, centrifuged at 10000g for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube for detection.

### **2. For liquid samples**

Detect directly.

## VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into the microplate:

| Reagent*                                                                                    | Sample**   | Standard   | Blank      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Reaction Buffer                                                                             | 80 $\mu$ l | 80 $\mu$ l | 80 $\mu$ l |
| Sample                                                                                      | 10 $\mu$ l | --         | --         |
| Standard                                                                                    | --         | 10 $\mu$ l | --         |
| Distilled water                                                                             | --         | --         | 10 $\mu$ l |
| Enzyme                                                                                      | 10 $\mu$ l | 10 $\mu$ l | 10 $\mu$ l |
| Dye Reagent A                                                                               | 90 $\mu$ l | 90 $\mu$ l | 90 $\mu$ l |
| Dye Reagent B                                                                               | 10 $\mu$ l | 10 $\mu$ l | 10 $\mu$ l |
| Mix, keep in dark for 30 minutes at room temperature, record absorbance measured at 450 nm. |            |            |            |

### Note:

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

\*\*The concentrations can vary over a wide range depending on the different samples.

For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range.

\*\*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

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

$$C = \frac{(OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) - \text{Intercept}}{\text{Slope}} \times n (\text{mmol/L})$$

Calculate the initial concentration according to sample preparation procedure.

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

2.1 According to the weight of sample

$$C = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})}{(OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \times W \times (V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}})} (\mu\text{mol/g})$$

2.2 According to the volume of sample

$$C = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})}{(OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Sample}}} (\mu\text{mol/ml})$$

Slope: the absorbance slope of standard curve

n: the dilution factor

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : the standard concentration, mmol/L =  $\mu\text{mol/ml}$

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

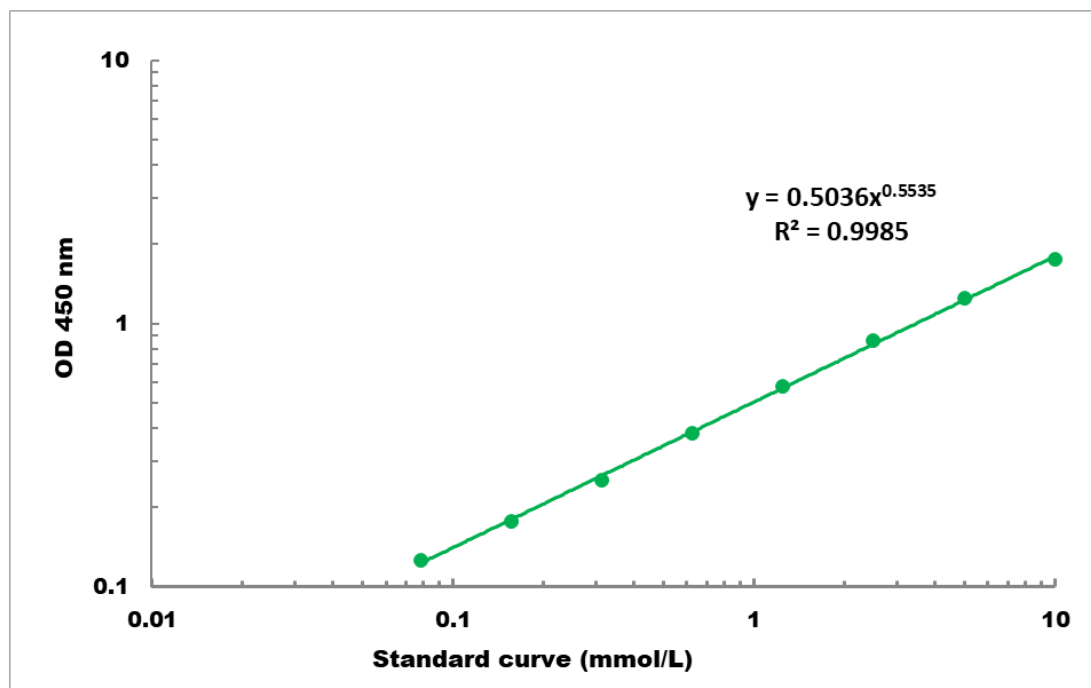
$V_{\text{Sample}}$ : the volume of sample in assay procedure,  $\mu\text{l}$

$V_{\text{Assay}}$ : the volume of Assay Buffer,  $\mu\text{l}$

W: the weight of sample, g

## VIII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 0.1mmol/L - 10mmol/L