



**beta-N-Acetylglucosaminidase**  
**Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit**  
**User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of  
beta-N-Acetylglucosaminidase(NAG)Activityin Urine, Serum, Plasma,  
Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell culture media and Other biological  
fluidsSamples.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

$\beta$ -N-Acetylglucosaminidase (NAG, EC 3.2.1.52) is a lysosomal enzyme that is expressed in various tissues, including kidney, liver and lungs. NAG can cleave N-acetyl-glucosamine, a monosaccharide derivative of glucose. NAG concentration in urine is minimal due to its inability to cross the glomerular basal membrane. Increased concentration of NAG in urine indicates renal tubular cell breakdown. Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) is the sudden loss of kidney functions, causing electrolyte imbalance, and retention of urea and other nitrogenous products. NAG has become one of the most studied and used biomarkers for the detection and diagnosis of AKI. beta-N-Acetylglucosaminidase Activity Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit is a sensitive assay for determining beta-N-Acetylglucosaminidase activity in various samples. In this assay, NAG uses a synthetic p-nitrophenol derivative (R-pNP) as a NAG substrate and releases pNP which can be measured at absorbance. The intensity of the product color, measured at 405 nm, is proportional to the NAG activity in the sample.

## II.KIT COMPONENTS

| Component          | Volume     | Storage |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 96-Well Microplate | 1 plate    |         |
| Assay Buffer       | 30mlx 4    | 4 °C    |
| Reaction Buffer    | 20 ml x 1  | 4 °C    |
| Substrate          | Powder x 1 | -20 °C  |
| Dye Reagent        | 10 ml x 1  | 4 °C    |
| Standard           | Powder x 1 | 4 °C    |
| Positive Control   | 50 µl x 1  | -20 °C  |
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### **III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 405 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer

#### IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

**Standard:** Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Dissolve in 1 ml Reaction Buffer to generate 10 mmol/L of standard stock solution, store at 4 °C for 1 day or -20 °C for 3 days after reconstitution. Then dilute to 300 µmol/L standard top solution by adding 30 µl stock solution into 970 µl Reaction Buffer. Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standard solution using Reaction Buffer to make the standard curve. The concentration of standard curve could be 300/150/75/37.5/18.8/9.4/4.7 µmol/L.

**Substrate:** Add 9 ml Reaction Buffer to dissolve before use; 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 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 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.

### 3. For liquid samples

Serum samples can be used directly. Centrifuge urine samples at 10,000 x g, 4°C for 3 mins, if precipitation is observed, collect supernatant.



## VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Warm all reagents to 37°C before use.

Add following reagents into the microplate:

| Reagent*                                                     | Sample** | Control | Standard | Blank  | Positive Control |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Substrate                                                    | 90 µl    | 90 µl   | --       | --     | 90 µl            |
| Sample                                                       | 10 µl    | --      | --       | --     | --               |
| Assay Buffer                                                 | --       | 10 µl   | --       | --     | --               |
| Standard                                                     | --       | --      | 100 µl   | --     | --               |
| Positive Control                                             | --       | --      | --       | --     | 10 µl            |
| Distilled water                                              | --       | --      | --       | 100 µl | --               |
| Mix, put it into the oven, incubate at 37 °C for 10 minutes. |          |         |          |        |                  |
| Dye Reagent                                                  | 100 µl   | 100 µl  | 100 µl   | 100 µl | 100 µl           |
| Mix, measure at 405 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 NAG activity is the amount of enzyme generates 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  of pNP per min at pH 4.2 at 37°C.

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 weight of sample

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

2.3 According to the volume of sample

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

2.4 According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

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

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

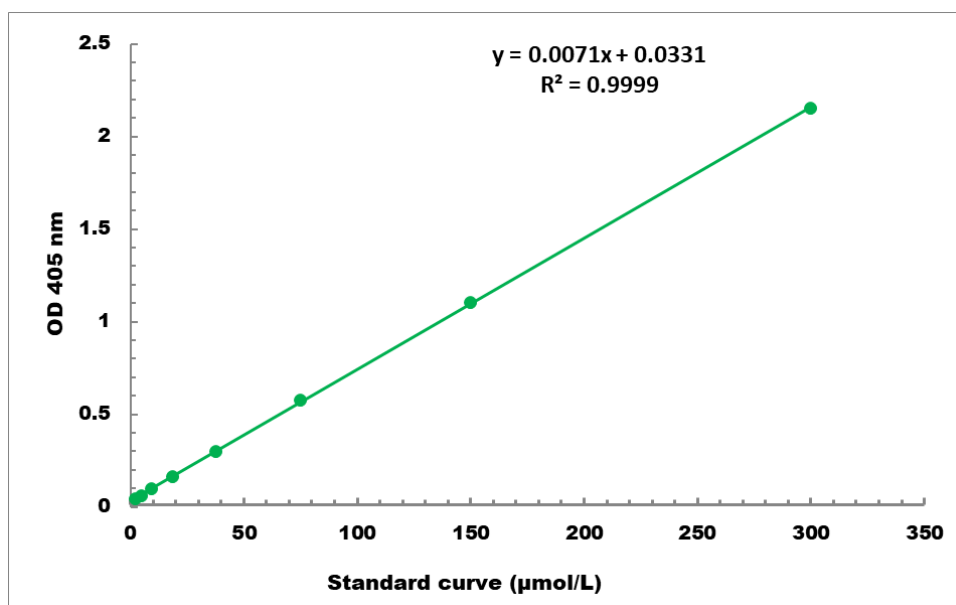
$V_{\text{Sample}}$ : the volume of sample in assay procedure, mL

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

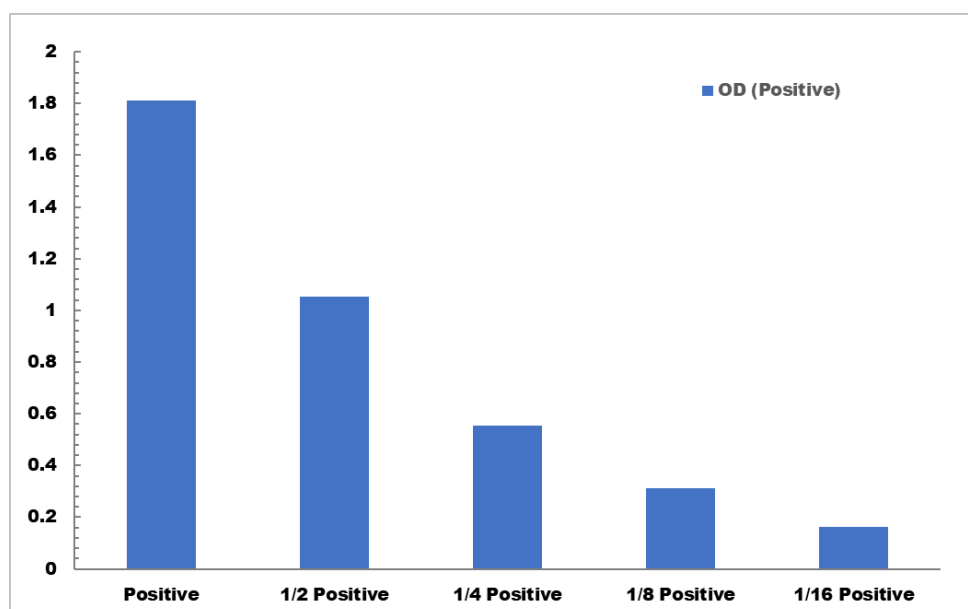
T: the reaction time, minute

## VIII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 3 µmol/L - 300 µmol/L



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