

## Pyruvate Dehydrogenase (PDH) Activity Assay Kit - Microplate Method

### Product Introduction

Pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH, EC 4.1.1.1) is widely present in animals, plants, microorganisms, and cultured cells. It is part of the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PDHC), a rate-limiting enzyme complex that catalyzes the oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate. This reaction generates hydroxyethyl-TPP and links glycolysis with the tricarboxylic acid cycle.

In this assay, PDH catalyzes the dehydrogenation of pyruvate while reducing WST-8 to produce a yellow product, resulting in increased absorbance at 450 nm.

Assay sample used for reference data: corn. Actual readings may vary depending on the testing instrument and assay conditions.

### Product Packing List

Kit Size	Code	Component	Quantity
100T	112025.1	Reagent 1	100 mL
100T	112025.2	Reagent 2	1.5 mL
100T	112025.3	Reagent 3	20 mL
100T	112025.4	Reagent 4	17.4 mg
100T	112025.5	Reagent 5	2.5 mL
100T	112025.m	Instruction Manual	1 copy

### Quality Standards and Safety Information

Raw Material or Packaging Name	Quality Standard	Main Toxicity
Reagent 1	--	--
Reagent 2	--	--
Reagent 3	--	--
Reagent 4	--	--
Reagent 5	--	--

### Transportation and Storage

Transport	Transport with ice packs.
Storage	Store Reagents III and V at 2-8°C protected from light. Store the other reagents at -20°C.
Shelf Life	180 days.

### Instructions for Use

#### 1. Sample Pretreatment

- Tissue samples:** Weigh approximately 0.1 g tissue. Add 1 mL Reagent I and 10 uL Reagent II. Grind and homogenize thoroughly using an ice-bath homogenizer or mortar. Centrifuge at 11000 g, 4°C for 10 min. Collect the supernatant and keep it on ice for testing.
- Cell or bacterial samples:** Collect 500 ten thousand bacteria or cells into a centrifuge tube. Centrifuge and discard the supernatant. Add 1 mL Reagent I and 10 uL Reagent II. Disrupt the bacteria or cells by ultrasonic treatment in an ice bath using

200 W power, 3 s ultrasound, 7 s interval, for a total time of 5 min. Centrifuge at 11000 g, 4°C for 10 min. Collect the supernatant and keep it on ice for testing.

- Serum, plasma, and other liquid samples:** Test directly. If the solution is turbid, centrifuge and collect the supernatant for measurement.

## 2. Reagent Preparation

Before use, add 10 mL distilled water to Reagent IV to dissolve it. Store unused portions at -20°C.

## 3. Measurement Procedure

- Preheat the microplate reader for 30 min or more and set the wavelength to 450 nm.
- Prepare the working solution immediately before use according to the number of samples. Mix Reagent III, Reagent IV, and Reagent V at a ratio of 100 uL : 60 uL : 20 uL.
- Add 20 uL sample and 180 uL working solution to each well of a 96-well plate. Mix well.
- Immediately record the initial absorbance at 450 nm as A1. After 2 min, record the absorbance as A2.
- Calculate  $\Delta A = A2 - A1$ .

## PDH Activity Calculation

The standard curve is  $y = 6.7928x - 0.0009$ ,  $R^2 = 0.9991$ , where y is  $\Delta A$  and x is the concentration in umol/mL.

### 1. Calculation Based on Sample Protein Concentration

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme that reduces 1 nmol WST-8 per minute per mg of tissue protein.

$$\text{PDH (nmol/min/mg prot)} = (\Delta A + 0.0009) \div 6.7928 \times V_{\text{total reaction}} \div (V_{\text{sample}} \times \text{Cpr}) \div T \times 1000 = 736 \times \Delta A \div \text{Cpr}$$

### 2. Calculation Based on Sample Fresh Weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme that reduces 1 nmol WST-8 per minute per g of tissue fresh weight.

$$\text{PDH (nmol/min/g fresh weight)} = (\Delta A + 0.0009) \div 6.7928 \times V_{\text{reaction total}} \div (W \times V_{\text{sample}} \div V_{\text{sample total}}) \div T \times 1000 = 743 \times \Delta A \div W$$

### 3. Calculation Based on Bacterial or Cell Density

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme that reduces 1 nmol WST-8 per minute per  $10^4$  bacteria or cells.

$$\text{PDH (nmol/min}/10^4\text{cells)} = (\Delta A + 0.0009) \div 6.7928 \times V_{\text{reaction total}} \div (500 \times V_{\text{sample}} \div V_{\text{sample total}}) \div T \times 1000 = 1.49 \times \Delta A$$

## Calculation Parameters

$V_{\text{reaction total}}$	Total volume of the reaction system, 0.2 mL
$V_{\text{sample}}$	Volume of sample added, 0.02 mL
$V_{\text{sample total}}$	Volume of extraction solution added, 1.01 mL
T	Reaction time, 2 min
Cpr	Sample protein concentration, mg/mL
W	Sample mass, g
500	Total number of bacteria or cells, 500 ten thousand
1000	Conversion factor from umol to nmol

## Precautions

- Before the formal assay, select 2-3 samples with large expected differences for preliminary testing.

2. Required instruments and supplies are not included: microplate reader, water bath, benchtop centrifuge, adjustable pipettes, 96-well plate, mortar, ice, and distilled water.
3. This kit can assay 96 samples.

## **Visual Reference**