

EnzyChrom™ Isocitrate Assay Kit (ECIC-100)

Quantitative Colorimetric Isocitrate Determination

DESCRIPTION

ISOCITRATE (ISOCITRIC ACID) is a substrate in the citric acid (TCA) cycle. Isocitrate is formed by the isomerization of citrate catalyzed by the enzyme aconitase. Isocitrate is oxidized by isocitrate dehydrogenase producing α -ketoglutarate and generating NADPH. Isocitrate is commonly found in many fruits and vegetables and their processed products. Industrially, isocitrate is used as a marker to identify the quality and purity of fruit juices.

BioAssay Systems' isocitrate assay measures the NADPH generated from the oxidation of isocitrate. The NADPH converts the dye to an intense violet color with an absorption maximum at 565 nm. The increase in absorbance at 565 nm is directly proportional to the isocitrate concentration.

KEY FEATURES

Fast and sensitive. Linear detection range (20 μ L sample): 20 to 5000 μ M for 10 min reaction.

Convenient and high-throughput. Homogeneous "mix-incubate-measure" type assay. Can be readily automated on HTS liquid handling systems for processing thousands of samples per day.

APPLICATIONS

Isocitrate determination in food, beverage, biological samples (e.g. cell lysate, tissue homogenate, serum, etc.)

KIT CONTENTS (100 TESTS IN 96-WELL PLATES)

Assay Buffer: 10 mL **Enzyme A:** 120 μ L
NADP/MTT: 1 mL **Enzyme B:** 120 μ L
Standard: 1 mL

Storage conditions. The kit is shipped on ice. Store all components at -20°C upon receiving. Shelf life: 6 months after receipt.

Precautions: reagents are for research use only. Normal precautions for laboratory reagents should be exercised while using the reagents. Please refer to Material Safety Data Sheet for detailed information.

PROCEDURES

Sample Preparation

Tissue: Prior to dissection, rinse tissue in phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4) to remove blood. Homogenize tissue (50 mg) in ~200 μ L buffer containing 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5). Centrifuge at 10,000 x g for 15 min at 4°C. Remove supernatant for assay.

Cell Lysate: Collect cells by centrifugation at 2,000 x g for 5 min at 4°C. For adherent cells, do not harvest cells using proteolytic enzymes; rather use a rubber policeman. Homogenize or sonicate cells in an appropriate volume of cold buffer containing 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5). Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 10 min at 4°C. Remove supernatant for assay.

All samples can be stored at -20 to -80°C for at least one month.

Reagent Preparation

Keep thawed Enzyme A and B on ice and equilibrate all other reagents to 25°C. Briefly centrifuge tubes before use.

Procedure using 96-well plate

- Standards.** Prepare 200 μ L 5000 μ M Premix by mixing 10 μ L of the Standard (100 mM) and 190 μ L distilled water. Dilute standards in 1.5-mL centrifuge tubes as described in the Table. Transfer 20 μ L Standards into separate wells of a clear flat bottom 96-well plate.

No	Premix + H ₂ O	Isocitrate (μ M)
1	100 μ L + 0 μ L	5000
2	60 μ L + 40 μ L	3000
3	30 μ L + 70 μ L	1500
4	0 μ L + 100 μ L	0

- Transfer 20 μ L of each sample into separate wells.
- Prepare enough Working Reagent (WR) for all assay wells by mixing, for each well, 8 μ L NADP/MTT Solution, 1 μ L Enzyme A, 1 μ L Enzyme B, and 75 μ L Assay Buffer. Fresh reconstitution of the WR is recommended.
- Add 80 μ L WR to each sample well. Tap plate briefly to mix.
- Incubate at room temperature for 10 min. Use a plate reader to read OD_{565nm}.

CALCULATION

Subtract blank value (water, #4) from the standard values and plot the Δ OD against standard concentrations. Determine the slope and calculate the Isocitrate concentration of Sample as follows

$$[\text{Isocitrate}] = \frac{\text{OD}_{\text{SAMPLE}} - \text{OD}_{\text{BLANK}}}{\text{Slope } (\mu\text{M}^{-1})} \times n \quad (\mu\text{M})$$

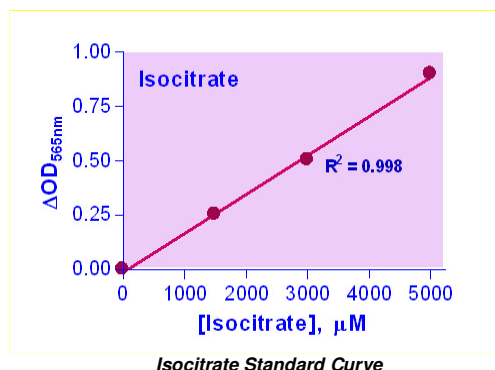
where OD_{SAMPLE}, OD_{BLANK} are optical density values of the Sample and H₂O Blank, respectively. *n* is the sample dilution factor.

Note: if the calculated concentration is higher than 5000 μ M, dilute sample in water and repeat assay. Multiple the result by the dilution factor.

Unit conversion: 1 μ M is equiv. to 189 μ g/L or 0.189 ppm isocitrate.

MATERIALS REQUIRED, BUT NOT PROVIDED

Pipetting devices and accessories (e.g. multi-channel pipettor), clear flat-bottom 96-well plates (e.g. VWR cat# 82050-760), centrifuge tubes and plate reader.



RELATED PRODUCTS

EFIC-100 EnzyChrom™ Fluorimetric Isocitrate Assay Kit

BioAssay Systems' alternate isocitrate kit has a more sensitive detection range (0.6 – 500 μ M). EFIC-100 uses a different dye system and measures fluorescence instead of absorbance.

LITERATURE

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