

Mitochondrial Respiratory Chain Complex I Activity Assay

Kit Note: Take two or three different samples for prediction before test.

Operation Equipment: Spectrophotometer

Cat No: AK0544

Size:50T/48S

Components:

Extract solution: Liquid 75 mL×1. Storage at 4°C .

Reagent I: Liquid 40 mL×1. Storage at 4°C .

Reagent II: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C . Dissolve with 3 mL of acetone before use.

Reagent III: Powder×1. Storage at -20°C . Dissolve with 1 mL of acetone, store at -20°C after sub-package.

Dilute 100 times with acetone when the solution will be used.

Reagent IV: Powder×2. Storage at -20°C . Add 2 mL of distilled water before use.

Working solution: Mix Reagent II and Reagent III by the ratio of 1:1 before use.

Product Description:

Mitochondrial Respiratory Chain Complex I (EC 1.6.5.3) same as NADH-CoQ reductase or NADH dehydrogenase, exists widely in mitochondria of animals, plants, microorganisms and cultured cells, which is the largest protein complex in inner mitochondrial membrane. This enzyme catalyzes a pair of electrons transfer from NADH to CoQ, reduce O₂ to O²⁻, which is the main site of O²⁻ production on the respiratory electron transport chain. The enzyme activity of Complex I reflects the state of respiratory electron transport chain (ETC) and produce state of ROS.

Complex I catalyzes NADH to form NAD⁺, the activity of this enzyme can be calculated by detecting the oxidation rate of NADH at 340 nm.

Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:

Ultraviolet spectrophotometer, water bath, desk centrifuge, water bath, adjustable pipette, 1 mL quartz cuvette, mortar/homogenizer, acetone, ice and distilled water.

Procedure:

1. Complex extraction:

- 1) Collecting 0.1 g of tissue or 5 million cells, add 1 mL of Extract solution, grinding on ice with mortar/homogenizer.
- 2) Centrifuge at 600 ×g for 10 minutes at 4°C . Take the supernatant to another tube and centrifuge at 11000 g for 15 minutes at 4°C .
- 3) Supernatant is cytoplasmic extract. It can be used to detect Complex I that leaking from mitochondria, which shows the effect of mitochondrial extraction.
- 4) Add 400 μL of Extract solution to the sediment, splitting with ultrasonic (power 20%, work time 5s,

interval 10s, repeat 15 times), used to detect the enzyme activity of Complex I and protein content.

II. Determination:

1. Preheat ultraviolet spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 340 nm, set zero with distilled water.
2. Preheat Reagent I at 37°C(mammal) or 25°C(other species) for 15 minutes.
3. Add the following reagents in 1 mL quartz cuvette:

Reagent	Test tube (T)
Sample (μL)	50
Reagent I (μL)	770
Working solution (μL)	100
Reagent IV (μL)	80

Mix thoroughly and timing, detect the absorbance at 340 nm at the time of 10 seconds record as A1(10s). then try to react accurately in 37°C (mammal) or 25°C (other species) environment for 2 minutes. Take it out and wipe it clean, immediately measure the absorbance of final reaction which record as A2(130s). $\Delta A = A1 - A2$

III. Calculation:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol NADH per minute every milligram tissue protein.

$$\text{Complex I Activity (U/mg prot)} = [\Delta A \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (V_s \times C_{pr}) \div T = 1608 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

ϵ : NADH molar extinction coefficient, 6.22×10^3 L/mol/cm;

d: Light path of cuvette, 1 cm;

V_{rv} : Total reaction volume, 10^{-3} L;

V_s : Sample volume (mL), 0.05 mL;

C_{pr} : Sample protein concentration (mg/mL);

T: Reaction time (min), 2 minutes;

Note:

1. Take two or three different samples for prediction before test. Dilute supernatant with distilled water if the absorbance is higher than 1.5 or $\Delta A > 0.4$, multiply dilute times in the formula. While, increase the sample volume if ΔA is low.
2. The protein concentrate of the sample needs to be determined by yourself and our PC0020 BCA Protein Assay Kit is recommended. Since the Extract solution contains a relatively high concentration of protein, it is necessary to subtract the protein content of the Extract solution itself when determining the protein concentration of the sample.
3. It is recommended to use the sample protein concentration to calculate the enzyme activity. If the sample fresh weight is used to calculate, the enzyme activity of cytoplasmic extract needs to be measured, and the sum of supernatant and precipitation enzyme activity is the total enzyme activity.
4. The reagent in this kit is enough to complete 50 tube reaction.

5. Attachment: calculation formula of sample weight: (the number of sample tests is 50T/48S)

A. Supernatant:

1) Sample weight:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol NADH per minute every gram of tissue.

$$\text{Complex I Activity(U/g)} = [\Delta A1 \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (W \div V_e \times V_s) \div T = 1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W$$

$\Delta A1$: Supernatant absorbance;

V_{rv} : Total reaction volume, 10^{-3} L;

ϵ : NADH molar extinction coefficient, 6.22×10^3 L/mol/cm;

d : Light path of cuvette, 1 cm;

V_e : Extract solution volume, 1 mL;

V_s : Sample volume (mL), 0.05 mL;

T : Reaction time (min), 2 minutes;

W : Sample weight, g.

B. Sediment:

1) Sample weight:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol NADH per minute every gram of tissue.

$$\text{Complex I Activity(U/g)} = [\Delta A2 \times V_{rv} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (W \div V_e \times V_s) \div T = 643 \times \Delta A2 \div W$$

$\Delta A2$: Sediment absorbance;

V_{rv} : Total reaction volume, 1 mL;

ϵ : NADH molar extinction coefficient, 6.22×10^3 L/mol/cm;

d : Light path of cuvette, 1 cm;

V_e : Suspended sediment volume, 0.4 mL;

V_s : Sample volume (mL), 0.05 mL;

T : Reaction time (min), 2 minutes;

W : Sample weight, g.

C. Total activity is the sum of Complex I activity in supernatant and sediment.

The total activity of sample complex I is the sum of complex I activity in supernatant and complex I activity in sediment.

1) Sample weight:

$$\text{Complex I Activity(U/g)} = 1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W + 643 \times \Delta A2 \div W.$$

Experimental example:

1. Take 0.1g of mouse lung for sample treatment, and operate according to the determination steps. Using micro quartz cuvette, we measured $\Delta A1 = A1 - A2 = 1.111 - 0.862 = 0.249$, $\Delta A2 = A1 - A2 = 1.178 - 1.112 = 0.066$

The activity of complex I in the supernatant (U/g mass) = $1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W = 1608 \times 0.249 \div 0.1 = 4003.92$ U/g mass

The activity of complex I in the precipitation (U/g mass) $643 \times \Delta A2 \div W = 643 \times 0.066 \div 0.1 = 424.38$ U/g mass

Then complex I (U/g mass) = $1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W + 643 \times \Delta A2 \div W = 1608 \times 0.249 \div 0.1 + 643 \times 0.066 \div 0.1 = 4428.3$ U/g mass.

2. Take 0.1 g of Magnolia for sample treatment, the supernatant and precipitation are diluted 4 times, according to the determination steps, using micro quartz cuvette to measure $\Delta A1 = A1 - A2 = 1.132 - 1.104 = 0.028$, $\Delta A2 = A1 - A2 = 1.242 - 1.235 = 0.007$

The activity of complex I in the supernatant (U/g mass) = $1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W \times 4$ (dilution ratio) = $1608 \times 0.028 \div 0.1 \times 4 = 1800.96$ U/g mass

The activity of complex I in the precipitation (U/g mass) = $643 \times \Delta A2 \div W \times 4$ (dilution ratio) = $643 \times 0.007 \div 0.1 \times 4 = 180.04$ U/g mass

Then complex I (U/g mass) = $1608 \times \Delta A1 \div W \times 4$ (dilution multiple) + $643 \times \Delta A2 \div W \times 4$ (dilution multiple) = $1608 \times 0.028 \div 0.1 \times 4 + 643 \times 0.007 \div 0.1 \times 4 = 1981$ U/g mass.

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