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Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GLDH) Assay Kit (Cat #: E-123)

COMPONENTS: GLDH Assay Solution- 10 ml (for 200 assays); **store in aliquots at -80°C after first thawing**
10x GLDH SUBSTRATE- 1 ml; **store in aliquots at -80°C after first thawing**
10x Cell Lysis Solution- 25 ml, store at 4℃

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: The GLDH enzyme activity assay is based on the reduction of the tetrazolium salt INT in a NADH-coupled enzymatic reaction to INT-formazan, which exhibits an absorption maximum at 492 nm (molar extinction coefficient = 18 $mM^{-1}cm^{-1}$) and allows for sensitive detection of GLDH activity in crude serum and tissue samples. Assay solutions are stable for several years if stored and handled properly.

Plasma: Plasma/serum samples may need to be diluted with ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution (from 10-fold dilution of 10x Cell Lysis Solution with dH_2O) to obtain assay linearity. Samples should be store at -80℃.

Preparation of cell/tissue extracts:

1. Wash $10^5 - 10^6$ cells with ice-cold phosphate-buffered saline (PBS). Animal tissue should be washed with PBS thoroughly to remove blood cells. Freeze cell pellet and tissue at -80℃ until use.
2. Add 50 – 100 µl ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution to cell pellet. Extract cells by pipetting up and down gently. Leave lysate on ice for 5 min with intermittent agitation. Centrifuge lysate in a refrigerated microfuge for 3 min at maximum speed (~13,000 rpm) and harvest supernatant for GLDH assay. For tissue extraction, weigh ~50 mg tissue and homogenize in 1 ml ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution. Centrifuge homogenate at 4℃ for 3 min at maximum speed and harvest supernatant. Store cell lysate and tissue homogenate at -80℃.
3. Perform protein assay to determine sample protein concentration. Equalize sample protein concentration by diluting with ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution. A suggested protein concentration range is 0.2 – 1 mg/ml.

Reagent thawing:

Keep thawed GLDH Assay Solution and 10x GLDH Substrate on ice. Gently agitate solution prior to pipetting. It is important to minimize the time the reagents are thawed. Freeze solutions immediately after use.

Preparation of control solution and reaction solution: Each sample will be treated with 50 µl control solution and 50 µl reaction solution in two separate sets. Estimate the volume of control solution and reaction solution required for each assay.

Control solution is prepared by mixing 1 part of dH_2O and 10 parts of GLDH Assay Solution, e.g. 50 µl dH_2O mixed with 500 µl GLDH Assay Solution. Keep freshly prepared control solution on ice during assay.

Reaction solution is prepared by mixing 1 part of 10x GLDH Substrate and 10 parts of GLDH Assay Solution, e.g. 50 µl 10x GLDH Substrate mixed with 500 µl GLDH Assay Solution. Keep freshly prepared reaction solution on ice during assay.

Enzyme assay:

1. Add each sample (10 µl per well) to a 96-well plate in duplicate.
2. After all samples have been pipetted to the plate, swiftly add 50 µl control solution to one set of wells and 50 µl reaction solution to another set of wells. Mix contents by gentle agitation for 30 sec. Cover plate and incubate in a humidified 37°C incubator for 30 min or 60 min (for low activity). Do not use CO_2 incubator.
3. Stop assay by adding 50 µl 3% Acetic acid (not included in the kit) to each control solution well and reaction solution well followed by brief gentle agitation. Measure $O.D._{492\ nm}$ using a plate reader. Subtract control well reading from reaction well reading for each sample. Use the subtracted sample reading (**O.D.**) for enzyme activity calculation shown in step 4.
4. Sample GLDH activity in IU/L unit = µmol/(L•min) = O.D. × 1000 × 110 µl / (30 min × 0.6 cm × 18 × 10 µl) = **O.D.** × **33.96**. If incubation for 60 min, GLDH activity in IU/L unit = **O.D.** × **16.98**. Note that sample dilution may be desired to achieve assay linearity. Multiply the result by the dilution factor where applicable.

Additional information:

- The “0.6 cm” in the equation is the typical light path in a 96-well plate and may be custom adjusted as needed.
- A 3% Acetic acid solution needs to be prepared for reaction termination. The assay solution contains DMSO and iodonitrotetrazolium violet. Please refer to the product page of our website or contact us for MSDS information.