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Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4; CD26) Assay Kit (Cat #: E-131)

COMPONENTS: 20x DPP-4 Buffer- 0.5 ml, store at 4°C
100x DPP-4 Substrate- 50 µl, store at -20°C (for 100 wells; **contains DMSO**)
10x Cell Lysis Solution- 25 ml, store at room temperature (**agitate vial to redissolve contents**)

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4; CD26) is a serine exopeptidase expressed on the surface of most cell types, capable of cleaving X-proline or X-alanine dipeptides from the N-terminus of polypeptides. The DPP-4 activity assay kit is based on proteolytic hydrolysis of the chromogenic dipeptide substrate Gly-Pro-p-nitroanilide (GP-pNA). Cleavage of pNA from the dipeptide increases absorbance at 405 nm (extinction coefficient= $9.96 \text{ mM}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$), allowing for measurement of DPP-4 activity present in tissue/cell lysates, culture medium, and biological fluids such as serum/plasma. Both kinetic and endpoint determinations can be performed. Kit components are stable for at least 1 year if stored and handled properly.

Preparation of cell/tissue extracts:

1. Prepare 1x Cell Lysis Solution by diluting 10x Cell Lysis Solution with ice-cold dH₂O. Bring up $\sim 10^5$ washed cells in 100 – 200 µl ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution by pipetting up and down gently. Leave lysate on ice for 5 min with agitation. If lysate is overly turbid, add more 1x Cell Lysis Solution and repeat pipetting. Tissue is homogenized in ice-cold 1x Cell Lysis Solution (~ 5 mg tissue in 0.5 ml).
2. Centrifuge lysate in a cold microfuge at $\sim 14,000$ rpm for 5 min. Supernatant is harvested and stored at -80°C.
3. Use the BCA protein assay method to determine lysate protein concentration. A suggested sample protein concentration range is 0.5 – 4 mg/ml.

Preparation of working solution:

Each well of a 96-well plate requires 50 µl of freshly prepared working solution. For preparation of 1 ml of working solution, for example, add 50 µl 20x DPP-4 Buffer to 950 µl ddH₂O followed by addition of 10 µl 100x DPP-4 Substrate. Mix contents by vortexing and use the working solution immediately.

Enzyme assay (endpoint measurement):

1. Place a plain (uncoated) 96-well plate on one sheet of Kimwipe positioned on ice. Add 10 µl of each sample to the plate.
2. Calculate the amount of working solution required for each assay, and prepare the solution as described above. Swiftly add 50 µl working solution to each sample well. Mix contents by brief gentle agitation for 10 sec. Blot dry bottom of plate if necessary. IMMEDIATELY measure O.D._{405 nm} using a plate reader. Data are recorded as O.D._{0 min}.
3. Cover plate and incubate at 37°C for 30 min and 60 min. *Do not use CO₂ incubator.* Measure O.D._{405 nm} after incubation. Data are recorded as O.D._{30 min} and O.D._{60 min}.
4. If incubation for 30 min, DPP-4 activity in IU/L = $(\text{O.D.}_{30 \text{ min}} - \text{O.D.}_{0 \text{ min}}) \times 1000 \times 60 \text{ µl} / (30 \text{ min} \times 0.3 \text{ cm} \times 9.96 \times 10 \text{ µl}) = (\text{O.D.}_{30 \text{ min}} - \text{O.D.}_{0 \text{ min}}) \times 66.93$. If incubation for 60 min, DPP-4 activity in IU/L = $(\text{O.D.}_{60 \text{ min}} - \text{O.D.}_{0 \text{ min}}) \times 33.47$

For tissue/cell lysates, enzyme activity may be presented as units/µg proteins or normalized by GAPDH enzyme activity (see cat#E-101).

Additional information:

- The 100x DPP-4 Substrate solution contains dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Please refer to the product webpage or contact us for SDS information.
- 10x Cell Lysis Solution precipitates at cold temperature. Re-dissolve contents by agitation in warm water upon arrival.