

# Glutathione Reductase (GR) Activity Assay Kit

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** BC1160

**Size:** 50T/48S

## Components:

Reagent I: 100 mL×1, Storage at 4°C.

Reagent II: 3 mL×1, Storage at 4°C.

Reagent III: Powder×1, Storage at 4°C. Add 5.0 mL of distilled water before use and mix well.

## Product Description:

GR is a flavin-protein oxidoreductase widely existing in eukaryotes and prokaryotes. GR catalyzes the reduction of GSSG to GSH, which is one of the key enzymes of glutathione redox cycle (GR is usually replaced by TrxR in insects). GR catalyzes the reduction of GSSG to generate GSH by NADPH, which is helpful to maintain the body's GSH/GSSG ratio. GR plays a key role in the scavenging of reactive oxygen species in oxidative stress. In addition, GR also participates in the cycle pathway of ascorbic acid and glutathione.

GR catalyzes the reduction of GSSG by NADPH to produce GSH, at the same time, NADPH dehydrogenation produces  $\text{NADP}^+$ . NADPH has a characteristic absorption at 340 nm. On the contrary,  $\text{NADP}^+$  has no absorption peak at this wavelength. The rate of NADPH dehydrogenation is determined by measuring the rate of decrease of absorbance at 340 nm, thereby calculating GR activity.

## Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:

Spectrophotometer, low temperature centrifuge, water bath, adjustable pipette, 1 mL quartz cuvette and distilled water.

## Procedure

### I. Crude enzyme extraction:

Suggested 0.1 g of tissue with 1 mL of Reagent I, homogenate on ice bath. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, take the supernatant for test.

### II. Determination procedure:

1. Preheat Spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust wavelength to 340 nm, set zero with distilled water.
2. The reagent I is preheated in 25°C (common substance) or 37°C (mammal) for greater than 30 minutes.
3. Blank tube: Take 1 mL of quartz cuvette, add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of Reagent II, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of Reagent III, 850  $\mu\text{L}$  of Reagent I, measure the absorbance at 340 nm for 10s and 190s, record as  $A_{B1}$  and  $A_{B2}$ .
4. Test tube: Take 1 mL of quartz cuvette, add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  Reagent II, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  Reagent III, 100  $\mu\text{L}$

supernatant, 750  $\mu\text{L}$  Reagent I, measure the absorbance at 340 nm for 10s and 190s, record as  $A_{T1}$  and  $A_{T2}$ .

Note: after measuring the absorbance of the sample for 10s, put the cuvette into a 25°C (common substance) or 37°C (mammal) water bath, take out the cuvette after 3 minutes, mix it well, and immediately measure the absorbance at 190s.

### III. Calculation:

#### 1. Calculation of GR activity

##### 1) Protein concentration:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as an amount of enzyme catalyzes the oxidation of 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  of NADPH per min at a certain temperature and pH 8.0 every milligram of protein.

$$\text{GR(U/mg prot)} = [(\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_{RV} \times 10^6] \div [C_{pr} \times V_S] \div T$$
$$= 0.536 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div C_{pr}$$

##### 2) Sample weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as an amount of enzyme catalyzes the oxidation of 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  of NADPH per min at a certain temperature and pH 8.0 every gram of sample.

$$\text{GR(U/g weight)} = [(\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_{RV} \times 10^6] \div (V_S \div V_{SV} \times W) \div T$$
$$= 0.536 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div W$$

$$\Delta A_B = \Delta A_{B1} - \Delta A_{B2};$$

$$\Delta A_T = \Delta A_{T1} - \Delta A_{T2};$$

$\epsilon$ : NADPH molar extinction coefficient,  $6.22 \times 10^3$  L/mol/cm;

$d$ : Cuvette optical diameter, 1 cm;

$V_{RV}$ : Total volume of reaction system, 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  = 0.001 L;

$10^6$ : Unit conversion coefficient, 1 mol =  $10^6 \mu\text{mol}$ ;

$C_{pr}$ : Supernatant protein concentration, mg/mL;

$V_S$ : Volume of supernatant added into reaction system, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  = 0.1 mL;

$V_{SV}$ : Volume of extract solution, 1 mL;

$T$ : Reaction time, 3 minutes;

$W$ : Sample weight, g.

#### Note:

1. The sample processing and other processes shall be carried out on ice, and the enzyme activity shall be measured on the same day. The homogenate shall not be frozen and thawed repeatedly.
2. Reagent III shall be prepared and used now. After preparation, it shall be placed on ice;
3. 1-2 samples should be used for pretest before the determination, and mammalian tissues should be diluted 2-5 times with Reagent I.
4. Because the extract solution contains a certain concentration of protein (about 1mg/mL), the protein content of the extract solution itself needs to be subtracted when determining the protein concentration of the sample.

#### Experimental instances:

1. Take 0.1g of Peach leaves, add 1mL of extract solution, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, take the supernatant, dilute 4 times and place it on ice for test according to the measured steps. Calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_{T1} - A_{T2} = 1.033 - 0.953 = 0.08$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A_{B1} - A_{B2} = 0.768 - 0.762 = 0.006$ , calculate the enzyme activity according to sample weight: GR activity (U/g weight) =  $0.536 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div W \times 4$  (dilution ratio) = 1.587 U/g weight.

2. Take 0.1g of rat liver, add 1mL of extract solution, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, take the supernatant, dilute 8 times and place it on ice for test according to the measured steps. Calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_{T1} - A_{T2} = 0.886 - 0.533 = 0.353$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A_{B1} - A_{B2} = 0.768 - 0.762 = 0.006$ , calculate the enzyme activity according to sample weight:

GR activity (U/g weight) =  $0.536 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div W \times 8$  (dilution ratio) = 14.88 U/g weight.

### Recent Product citations

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