

NAD Malic Enzyme(NAD-ME) Activity Assay Kit

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

Detection equipment: Spectrophotometer

Cat No:BC1130

Size:50T/48S

Product Composition: Before use, please carefully check whether the volume of the reagent is consistent with the volume in the bottle. If you have any questions, please contact Solarbio staff in time.

Reagent name	Size	Preservation Condition
Extract solution	Liquid 70 mL×1	2-8°C
Reagent I	Liquid 40 mL×1	2-8°C
Reagent II	Powder×1	2-8°C
Reagent III	Powder×2	2-8°C
Reagent IV	Powder×2	-20°C

Solution Preparation:

1. Reagent II: Add 20mL of Extract solution when the solution will be used.
2. Reagent III: Add 1 mL of distilled water when the solution will be used.
3. Reagent IV: Add 500µL of distilled water when the solution will be used.
4. Working solution: Add 2 mL of Reagent III and 1 mL of Reagent IV to 15 mL of Reagent II, prepare according to the ratio when the solution will be used.

Description:

ME widely exists in microbe, culturing cells, animal and plant cytoplasm. Especially it has high activity in plant tissue. ME catalyzes the reversible reaction of malic acid oxidative decarboxylation to produce pyruvic acid and CO₂ with the reduction of NAD(P)⁺, which is the crucial enzyme of malic acid metabolism. The activity of ME is related with biosynthesis and anti-oxidation. In recent years, the determination of plant ME activity has become a hot spot in antioxidant research. According to coenzymes specificity and substrate specificity, ME is divided into NAD-ME(EC1.1.1.38) and NADP-ME(EC1.1.1.40).

NADP-ME catalyzes the reduction of NADP⁺ to NADPH, detect the increase rate of NADPH at 340nm.

Required but not provided

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

Protocol:

I. Crude enzyme extraction:

1. Germ or culturing cells:

Collect germ or cells to centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant, add 1 mL of extract solution to 5 million germ or cells, ultrasonic crush germ or cells (powder 20%, ultrasonic 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times). Centrifuge at 8000×g for 10minutes at 4 °C , take the supernatant and keep it on ice for test.

2. Tissue:

Take 0.1 g of tissue, add 1mLof extract solution, homogenate on ice bath. Centrifuge at 8000×g for 10minutes at 4°C , take the supernatant and keep it on ice for test.

3. Serum:

Detect directly.

II. Procedure

1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30minutes, adjust wavelength to 340nm, set zero with distilled water.

2. Preheat Reagent I at 25°C(general species) or 37°C(mammals) water bath for 15 minutes.

3. Procedure test

Reagent (μL)	Test tube
Reagent I	600
Working solution	270
Sample	30

Add reagents to 1 mL micro quartz cuvette orderly, mix thoroughly. Record the initial absorbance A1 and absorbance A2 after 1min at 340 nm at 25°C(general species) or 37°C(mammals), $\Delta A = A2 - A1$.

Note:

1. If $A2 - A1 > 0.5$, dilute enzyme solution with extract solution to make $A2 - A1 < 0.5$ and increase detect sensitivity.

2. During experiment, place reagent III, reagent IV and sample on ice, avoid denaturation and lose activity. Reagent I is placed on 37°C or 25°C water bath.

3. The temperature of react solution must keep 37°C or 25°C, take a beaker, add 37°C or 25°C distilled water to the beaker, keep it at 37°C or 25°C water bath. Put the cuvette and reaction solution to the beaker during reaction process.

4. Two people do this experiment at the same time, one person colorimetric, the other person timing to ensure accuracy the results of the experiment.

5. If $\Delta A < 0.01$, prolong the reaction time to 5 minutes or 10 minutes.

III. Calculation

1. Tissue

(1). Protein concentration

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme is defined as the amount of enzymecatalyzes the produce of 1nmolof NADHper minuteevery milligram of tissue protein.

$$\text{NAD-ME(U/mg prot)} = [\Delta A \times V_{RT} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (C_{pr} \times V_{SA}) \div T = 965 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

(2) Sample weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the produce of 1nmol of

NADH per minute every gram of tissue.

$$\text{NAD-ME (U/g)} = [\Delta A \times V_{RT} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (V_{SA} \div V_{ST} \times W) \div T = 965 \times \Delta A \div W$$

2. Germ or cells

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$$\text{NADP-ME (U/mg prot)} = [\Delta A \times V_{RT} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (C_{pr} \times V_{SA}) \div T = 965 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

(2) Germ or cells

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the produce of 1nmol NADH per minute every 10 thousand germ or cells.

$$\text{NAD-ME (U/10}^4\text{cell)} = [\Delta A \times V_{RT} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div (V_{SA} \div V_{RT} \times 500) \div T = 1.93 \times \Delta A$$

3. Serum

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the produce of 1nmol of NADH per minute every milliliter of serum.

$$\text{NAD-ME (U/mL)} = [\Delta A \times V_{RT} \div (\epsilon \times d) \times 10^9] \div V_{SA} \div T = 965 \times \Delta A$$

V_{RT} : Total reaction volume, 9×10^{-4} L;

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

d : Cuvette light diameter (cm), 1 cm;

V_{SA} : Sample volume, 0.03 mL;

V_{ST} : Extract solution volume, 1 mL;

T : Reaction time (min), 5 minutes.

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

W : Sample weight, g.

500: Cells or germ, 5 million.

Experimental instances:

1. Take 0.1g of liver, add 1mL of extract solution, homogenate and grind. Take the supernatant and detect according to the measured steps. Calculate $\Delta A = A_2 - A_1 = 0.929 - 0.665 = 0.264$, calculate the enzyme activity according to sample weight:

$$\text{NAD-ME (U/g weight)} = 965 \times \Delta A \div W = 965 \times 0.264 \div 0.1 = 2547.6 \text{ U/g weight.}$$

References:

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