

## Isocitrate Lyase (ICL) Activity Assay Kit

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** BC2030

**Size:** 50T/48S

### Components:

Extract solution: Liquid 50 mL×1. Storage at 4°C. Add reagent VII to the extract solution before use.

Reagent I: 8mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent II: 10mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Reagent III: Powder×2. Storage at -20°C. Dissolve it thoroughly with 6mL of distilled water before use. The reagents can be stored at -20°C after being packed separately. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

Reagent IV: Powder×2. Storage at -20°C. Dissolve it thoroughly with 6mL of distilled water before use. The reagents can be stored at -20°C after being packed separately. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

Reagent V: Liquid 100 μL×1. Storage at 4°C. The liquid is placed in the EP tube in the reagent bottle. According to the dosage and the volume ratio of Reagent V: distilled water=1:8, and the mixture is ready to use.

Reagent VI: Powder×2. Storage at 4°C. Dissolve it thoroughly with 6 mL of distilled water before use. The reagents can be stored at 4°C.

Reagent VII: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C.

### Product Description:

ICL (ec4.1.3.1) mainly exists in plants and microorganisms. During the germination process of oil seeds, fat is converted into carbohydrate through glyoxylate cycle and other processes. ICL is one of the key enzymes in glyoxylate cycle.

The degradation of isocitric acid to glyoxylic acid and succinic acid is catalyzed by ICL. Glyoxylic acid and NADH generate ethanol and NAD under the action of LDH. NADH has a characteristic absorption peak at 340nm. Monitoring the reduction rate of 340nm absorbance can indirectly reflect the activity of ICL.

### Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:

Spectrophotometer, water bath, desk centrifuge, adjustable transferpeltor, 1mL quartz cuvette, mortar / homogenizer, ice and distilled water.

### Sample preparation:

1. Cells or bacteria: Collect bacteria or cells into centrifuge tube, after centrifugation discard supernatant. Suggest 2 million of bacteria or cells with 0.4 mL of extract solution, splitting with ultrasonication (ice bath, power 20%, work time 3s, interval 10s, for 30 times). Centrifuge at 15000

×g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

2. Tissue: Add 1 mL of extract solution into 0.1 g of tissue, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 15000 ×g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

**Procedure:**

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

2. Working solution: Mix the reagent I, reagent II, reagent III, reagent IV and reagent V as a ratio of 29:35:42:42:3.

3. Add the following reagents to 1mL glass cuvette:

Reagent	Test tube (T)
Working solution (μL)	755
Sample (μL)	35
reagent VI	210

Add working solution and sample to 1 mL quartz cuvette. Mix thoroughly and timing, measure the absorption at 340 nm at 10s recorded as A1, then put the cuvette and react solution to 37°C(mammal) or 25°C (other species) water bath for 2 minutes. Take out and dry it quickly, detect the absorbance at 340 nm at 2min 10s, recorded as A2, calculate  $\Delta A = \Delta A_1 - \Delta A_2$

**Calculation:**

**1) Tissue:**

**A. Protein concentration:**

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

$$ICL (U/mg \text{ prot}) = (\Delta A \div d \div \epsilon \times V_{rv} \times 10^9) \div (C_{pr} \times V_s) \div T = 2297 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

**B. Sample weight**

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

$$ICL (U/g \text{ weight}) = (\Delta A \div d \div \epsilon \times V_{rv} \times 10^9) \div (W \div V_e \times V_s) \div T = 2297 \times \Delta A \div W$$

**2) Bacteria or cells:**

**A. Protein concentration:**

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

$$ICL (U/mg \text{ prot}) = (\Delta A \div d \div \epsilon \times V_{rv} \times 10^9) \div (C_{pr} \times V_s) \div T = 2297 \times \Delta A \div C_{pr}$$

**B. Density of bacteria or cell:**

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme that catalyzes the consumption of 1 nmol NADH per minute every 10<sup>4</sup> bacteria or cells in react system.

$$ICL (U/10^4 \text{ cell}) = (\Delta A \div d \div \epsilon \times V_{rv} \times 10^9) \div (500 \times V_s) \div T = 4.59 \times \Delta A$$

Cpr: Sample concentration (mg/mL);  
W: Sample weight(g);  
Vs: sample volume (mL), 0.035 mL;  
Ve: Extraction solution volume(mL), 1mL;  
Vrv: Total reaction volume, 0.001L;  
T: Reaction time (min), 2 minutes;  
500: Cells or bacteria amount, 500×10 thousand;  
d: Light path, 1 cm;  
ε: ICL extinction coefficient, 6.22×10<sup>3</sup> L/mol/cm.

**Note:**

1. During the determination, the sample and all reagents are placed on ice to avoid denaturation and deactivation.
2. The temperature of the reaction solution in the cuvette must be kept at 37°C or 25°C. Take a small beaker and put it into a certain amount of 37°C or 25°C distilled water. Put the beaker into a 37 °C or 25 °C water bath. Put the cuvette and reaction solution into the beaker during the reaction.

**Recent Product Citations:**

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