

# Glutamic Acid (Glu) Content Assay Kit (WST-1 chromogenic method)

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

**Detection equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** BC5210

**Size:** 50T/24S

## Components:

**Reagent I:** Liquid 70 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Reagent II:** Liquid 2.5 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Reagent III:** Powder×2, store at -20°C; Before use, take 1 bottle and add 18mL of reagent I to fully dissolve it. Unused reagents can be stored in aliquots at -20°C for four weeks, avoiding repeated freezing and thawing.

**Reagent IV:** Powder×2, store at -20°C; Before use, take 1 bottle and add 1.2mL of reagent II to fully dissolve it. Unused reagents can be stored in aliquots at -20°C for two weeks, avoiding repeated freezing and thawing.

**Reagent V:** Liquid 12 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Standard:** Liquid 0.5 mL×1, store at 2-8°C. 10 μmol/mL glutamic acid standard.

## Description:

Glu is widely present in animals, plants, microorganisms and cultured cells. It is not only one of the 20 amino acids that make up proteins, but also participates in the synthesis of various amino acids through transamination, and is one of the main sources of amino acids in living organisms. In addition, Glu is also the main active ingredient of monosodium glutamate, and is commonly used in food additives and spice production.

Glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) catalyzes glutamate and NAD to generate α-ketoglutarate, NADH and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>. Under the action of 1-mPMS, WST-1 can react with NADH to produce water-soluble formazan, and calculate glutamate acid content.

## Required but not provided:

Spectrophotometer, centrifuge, adjustable pipette, 1mL glass cuvette, water bath/incubator, mortar/homogenizer, sonicator, ice, distilled water.

## Protocol:

### I. Sample preparation

- 1、Bacteria and cells: Collect bacteria or cells into a centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation; add 1 mL of reagent I for every 5 million bacteria or cells, and ultrasonically disrupt the bacteria or cells (power 200w, ultrasonic 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times), 10000g, centrifuge at room temperature for 10min, and take the supernatant for testing.

- 2、Tissue: Weigh about 0.1 g of tissue, add 1 mL of reagent I, homogenize in an ice bath, 10000 g, centrifuge at room temperature for 10 min, and take the supernatant for testing.
- 3、Liquid: Direct determination. (If the solution is cloudy, take the supernatant after centrifugation for determination)

## II. Detection

1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30 min, adjust wavelength to 450 nm, set zero with distilled water.
2. Standard solution: Dilute as 0.3125, 0.156, 0.078, 0.039, 0.019, 0.01 μmol/mL standard solution with distilled water.
3. Test operation table :

Reagent (μL)	Standard tube(S)	Standard blank tube(ST)	Test tube(T)	Control tube(C)
Standard	200	-	-	-
Distilled water	-	200	-	-
Sample	-	-	200	200
Reagent I	-	850	-	850
Reagent III	800	-	800	-
Reagent IV	50	-	50	-
Reagent V	150	150	150	150
Mix well and react at 37°C for 30min (Light avoidance)				

Take 1000 μL into a glass cuvette, read the absorbance value  $A_t$ 、 $A_c$  at 450 nm, calculate  $\Delta A = A_t - A_c$ .  $\Delta A_s = A_s - A_{st}$ . (Standard tube and standard blank tube only need to do 1-2 times).

## III. Calculation

1. Standard curve.

According to the concentration of the standard tube ( $x$ , μmol/mL) and the absorbance  $\Delta A_s$  ( $y$ ,  $\Delta A_s$ ), establish a standard curve. From the standard curve, plug  $\Delta A$  into the equation to get  $x$  (μmol/mL).

2. Calculation of glutamic acid content

### A. Protein concentration

$$\text{Glu } (\mu\text{mol/mg prot}) = x \times V_s \div (\text{Cpr} \times V_s) = x \div \text{Cpr}$$

### B. Sample weight

$$\text{Glu } (\mu\text{mol/g weight}) = x \times V_s \div (W \div V_E \times V_s) = x \div W$$

### C. Bacteria or cells amount

$$\text{Glu } (\mu\text{mol}/10^4 \text{ cell}) = x \times V_s \div (500 \div V_E \times V_s) = 0.002x$$

### D. Liquid volume:

$$\text{Glutamate content } (\mu\text{mol/mL}) = x \times V_s \div V_s = x$$

$V_E$ : Extract solution volume, 1 mL;

$V_s$ : Sample volume, 0.2 mL;

Cpr: Sample protein concentration, mg/mL;

W: Sample weight, g;  
500: Bacteria or cells amount, 5 million.

**Note:**

1. If the measured absorbance value exceeds the linear range absorbance value, you can increase the sample volume or dilute the sample before measuring.

**Experimental example:**

1. Weigh about 0.1g of mouse lung, add 1mL of Reagent I, grind in ice bath, 10000g, centrifuge at room temperature for 10min to get the supernatant for testing. Then follow the measurement steps, measure with a glass cuvette and calculate  $\Delta A$ .  $\Delta A = A_t - A_c = 0.475 - 0.345 = 0.13$ , standard curve  $y = 1.7612x + 0.0039$ ,  $X = 0.072$  according to the standard curve, glutamic acid Content is:  
Glutamate content ( $\mu\text{mol/g mass}$ ) =  $x \times V_s \div (W \div V_{st} \times V_s) = x \div W = 0.72 \mu\text{mol/g}$ .
2. Aspirate 0.2 mL of goat serum, operate according to the determination steps, measure with a glass cuvette and calculate  $\Delta A$ , and calculate  $\Delta A = A_t - A_c = 0.669 - 0.141 = 0.528$ , standard curve  $y = 1.7612x + 0.0039$ , according to the standard curve  $X = 0.298$ , the glutamic acid content is:  
Glutamate content ( $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ ) =  $x \times V_s \div V_s = x = 0.298 \mu\text{mol/mL}$ .

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**References:**

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- BC0180/BC0185 Cysteine(Cys) Content Assay Kit
- BC1570/BC1575 Amino Acids (AA) Content Assay Kit

**Technical Specifications:**

Minimum Detection Limit: 0.009  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$   
Linear Range: 0.019-0.3125  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$

