

Caspase-1/ICE Fluorometric Assay (Catalog: TBS2045, 100 Assays, Store at -20 °C)

DESCRIPTION

Caspase-1 (IL-1 β Converting Enzyme, ICE) is the prototypical member of the ICE family of cysteine proteases, also known as caspases (cysteinyl aspartate-specific proteases). Caspase-1 was first identified as a novel protease that generates the proinflammatory cytokine, interleukin-1 β by cleaving pro-interleukin-1 β . It plays an important role in inflammatory diseases and cancer.

Tribo™ Caspase-1 Activity Fluorometric Assay Kit provides a simple and convenient method for assaying the activity of caspases that recognize the sequence YVAD. The assay is based on the detection of the free AFC fluorescence after cleavage from the labeled substrate YVAD-AFC. The free AFC can be quantified using a fluorometer or a fluorescence microtiter plate reader at Ex400/Em505nm. Comparison of the fluorescence of AFC from an apoptotic sample with an uninduced control allows the determination of the fold increase in caspase-1 activity.

KIT CONTENTS for 100 assays

Component	Volume
Cell Lysis Buffer	12 mL
Assay Buffer	6 mL
Caspase-1 Substrate	600 μ L
DTT	200 μ L

Store at -20°C. Shelf life is 1 year.

ASSAY PROTOCOL

1. Treatment cells by desired method including no induction control. We recommend adding caspase-1 enzyme as a positive control: 1-2U positive control /50 μ L/well.
2. Count cells and pellet 2-5x10⁶ cells in 1.5 mL tubes. 3. Resuspend cells in 50 μ L of chilled Cell Lysis Buffer and incubate cells on ice for 10 minutes.
3. Centrifuge for 1 min (10,000 x g).
4. Transfer supernatant (cytosolic extract) to a fresh tube and put on ice for immediate assay or aliquot and store at -80°C for future use.
5. Optional: Measure protein concentration (Protein assay kit, TBS2005).
6. Adjust sample protein concentration to 50-200 μ g protein in 50 μ L/well with Lysis Buffer.
7. Immediately before use, prepare enough working reagent by per assay add 50 μ L Assay buffer, and 1 μ L DTT.
8. Transfer 50 μ L working reagent into each well.
9. Add 5 μ L Caspase-1 Substrate into each well, fully mix.

10. Transfer 50 μ L sample protein, positive, blank into the indicated well in duplicate manner.
11. Incubate at 37°C for 1-2hr, protecting from light.
12. Read plate at Ex400/Em505nm in a fluorescence plate reader.
13. Fold-increase in Caspase-1 activity can be determined by comparing these results with the level of uninduced control.
14. Note: Background reading from cell lysates and buffers should be subtracted from the readings of both induced and the uninduced samples before calculating fold increase in Caspase-1 activity.

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