



# Aldehyde Dehydrogenase Microplate Assay Kit User Manual

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Detection and Quantification of Aldehyde Dehydrogenase (ALDH)  
Activity in Urine, Serum, Plasma, Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell  
culture media and Other biological fluids Samples.

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

In mammals, ethanol is metabolized mainly in the liver by alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH), which oxidizes ethanol to acetaldehyde. Acetaldehyde, a toxic metabolite responsible for the miserable effects of hangovers, is further oxidized to acetate by aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH). ALDH belongs to a large family of aldehyde dehydrogenases that can be found in many tissues of the body, but are at the highest concentrations in the liver.

Aldehyde Dehydrogenase Microplate Assay Kit is designed to directly measure Aldehyde Dehydrogenase activity in a variety of samples. In this assay, acetaldehyde is oxidized by ALDH generating NADH with strong absorbance at 340 nm. The intensity of the color formed is increased in the presence of increased ALDH activity.

**II. KIT COMPONENTS**

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	6 ml x 1	4 °C
Coenzyme	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Substrate	9 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	-20 °C
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**Note:**

**Coenzyme:** add 1 ml distilled water to dissolve before use.

**Standard:** add 1 ml distilled water to dissolve before use; then add 0.2 ml into 0.8 ml distilled water, the concentration will be 400  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ .

**III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 340 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer
8. Ice



**IV. SAMPLE PREPARATION**

1. For cell and bacteria samples

Collect cell or bacteria into centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation, add 1 ml Assay buffer for  $5 \times 10^6$  cell or bacteria, sonicate (with power 20%, sonication 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times); centrifuged at 8000g 4 °C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

2. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml Assay buffer on ice, centrifuged at 8000g 4 °C for 20 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.



V. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents in the microplate:

Reagent	Sample	Standard	Blank
Standard	--	200 $\mu$ l	--
Distilled water	--	--	200 $\mu$ l
Reaction Buffer	60 $\mu$ l	--	--
Substrate	90 $\mu$ l	--	--
Coenzyme	10 $\mu$ l	--	--
Sample	40 $\mu$ l	--	--
Mix, measured at 340 nm and record the absorbance of 10th second and 130th second.			

**Note:** if the enzyme activity is lower, please add more sample into the reaction system; or increase the reaction time.

**VI. CALCULATION**

**Unit Definition:** One unit of ALDH activity is defined as the enzyme products 1 nmol of NADH per minute.

1. According to the protein concentration of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ALDH (U/mg)} &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \\ &\quad / (V_{\text{Sample}} \times C_{\text{Protein}}) / T \\ &= 1000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / C_{\text{Protein}} \end{aligned}$$

2. According to the weight of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ALDH (U/g)} &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad (V_{\text{Sample}} \times W / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 1000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / W \end{aligned}$$

3. According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ALDH (U}/10^4) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \\ &\quad / (V_{\text{Sample}} \times N / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 1000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / N \end{aligned}$$

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : the standard concentration, 400  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  = 400 nmol/ml;

$V_{\text{Standard}}$ : the volume of standard, 200  $\mu\text{l}$  = 0.2 ml;

$C_{\text{Protein}}$ : the protein concentration, mg/ml;

W: the weight of sample, g;

N: the quantity of cell or bacteria,  $N \times 10^4$ ;

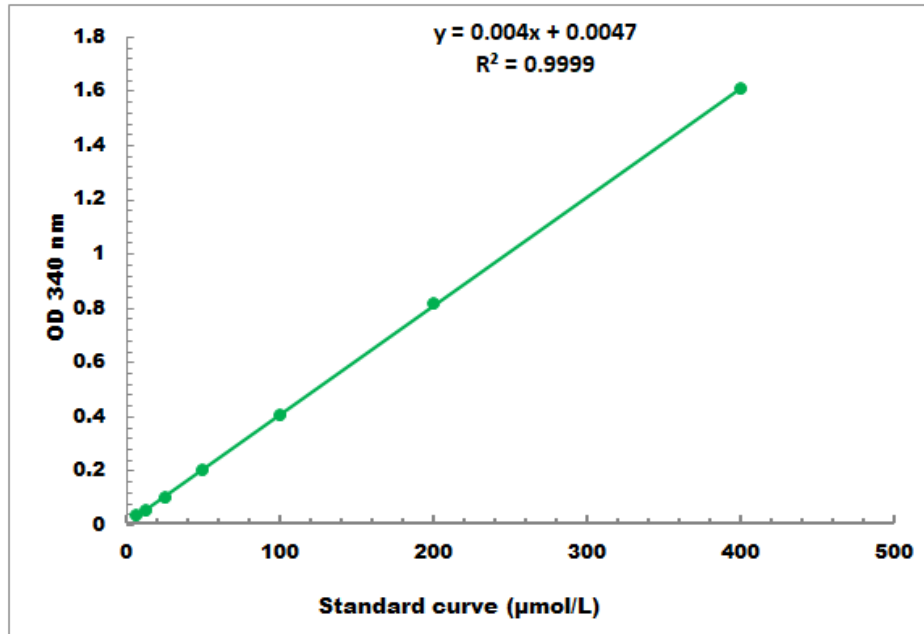
$V_{\text{Sample}}$ : the volume of sample, 0.04 ml;

$V_{\text{Assay}}$ : the volume of Assay buffer, 1 ml;

T: the reaction time, 2 minutes.

**VII. TYPICAL DATA**

The standard curve is for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



Detection Range: 4 µmol/L - 400 µmol/L