



# Isocitrate Lyase Microplate Assay Kit

## User Manual

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Detection and Quantification of Isocitrate Lyase (ICL) Activity in  
Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell culture media and Other biological  
fluids Samples.

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Isocitrate lyase (EC 4.1.3.1), or ICL, is an enzyme in the glyoxylate cycle that catalyzes the cleavage of isocitrate to succinate and glyoxylate. Together with malate synthase, it bypasses the two decarboxylation steps of the tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA cycle) and is used by bacteria, fungi, and plants.

The assay is initiated with the enzymatic decomposition of the Isocitric acid by Isocitrate lyase. The enzyme catalysed reaction product NADH can be measured at a colorimetric readout at 340 nm.



II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Enzyme	40 µl x 1	-20 °C
Substrate	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	-20 °C
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**Note:**

**Enzyme:** add 960 µl distilled water to dissolve before use.

**Substrate:** add 18 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 µmol/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 16000g 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 16000g 4 °C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

3. For other biological fluids samples

Detect directly.



V. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into the microplate:

Reagent	Sample	Standard	Blank
Sample	10 $\mu$ l	--	--
Enzyme	10 $\mu$ l	--	--
Substrate	180 $\mu$ l	--	--
Standard	--	200 $\mu$ l	--
Distilled water	--	--	200 $\mu$ l

Mix, incubate at 37 °C 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 Isocitrate Lyase activity is defined as the enzyme decomposes 1 nmol of the NADH per minute.

1. According to the protein concentration of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ICL (U/mg)} &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad (V_{\text{Sample}} \times C_{\text{Protein}}) / T \\ &= 4000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / C_{\text{Protein}} \end{aligned}$$

2. According to the weight of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ICL (U/g)} &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad (W \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 4000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / W \end{aligned}$$

3. According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ICL (U/10}^4) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad (N \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 4000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / N \end{aligned}$$

4. According to the volume of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ICL (U/ml)} &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad V_{\text{Sample}} / T \\ &= 4000 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(10\text{S})} - \text{OD}_{\text{Sample}(130\text{S})}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \end{aligned}$$

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : 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,  $N \times 10^4$ ;

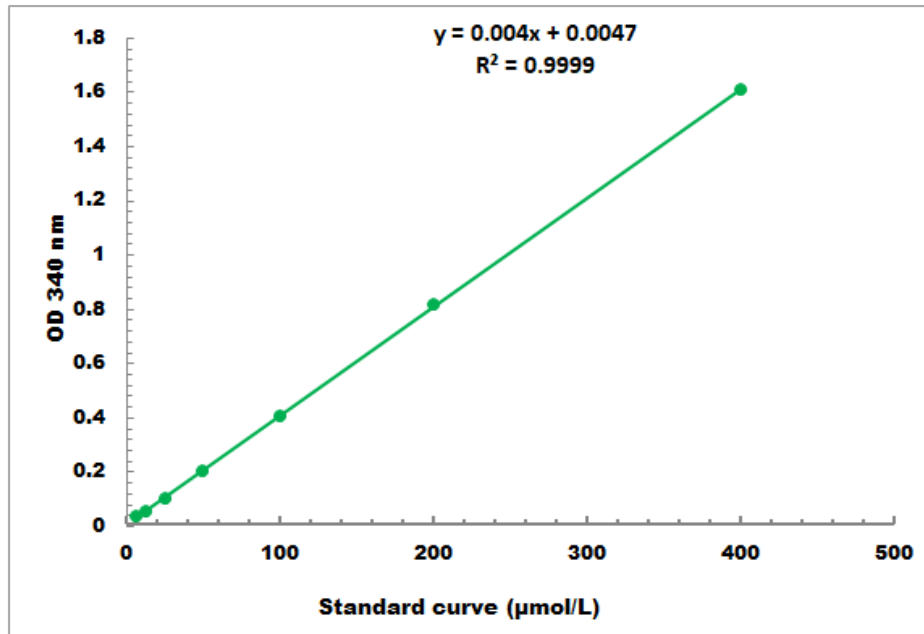
$V_{\text{Sample}}$ : the volume of sample, 0.01 ml;

$V_{\text{Assay}}$ : 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