



**Citrate**

**Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit**

**User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of Citrate Content in Urine, Serum, Plasma, Other biological fluids, Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell culture media Samples.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Citrate is a key tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle intermediate formed by the addition of oxaloacetate to the acetyl group of acetyl-CoA. Citrate is transported out of the mitochondria via the citrate-malate shuttle and converted back to acetyl-CoA for fatty acid synthesis. Citrate is an allosteric modulator of both fatty acid synthesis via its actions on acetyl-CoA carboxylase and of glycolysis via its actions on phosphofruktokinase. Citrate metabolism and disposition can vary widely due to sex, age, and a variety of other factors including disease states. Cellular citrate levels are decreased in prostate cancer cells and citrate levels may be a marker of prostate cancer growth rate.

Citrate Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit is a sensitive assay for determining citrate concentration in various samples. Citrate breaks down into malate by citrate lyase. The amount of NAD<sup>+</sup> formed in the above reaction pathway is stoichiometric with the amount of citric acid. It is NADH consumption which is measured by the decrease in absorbance at 450 nm.

## II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	10 ml x 1	4 °C
Enzyme Mix	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Dye Reagent A	Powder x 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent B	1 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	4 °C
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### Note:

**Enzyme:** add 1 ml Assay Buffer to dissolve before use. Store at -80°C.

**Dye Reagent A:** add 9 ml distilled water to dissolve before use, mix, store at 4°C.

**Standard:** add 1 ml distilled water to dissolve before use; then add 200 µl into 800 µl distilled water, the concentration will be 10 mmol/L.

## III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 450 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer

#### IV. SAMPLE PREPARATION

##### 1. For liquid samples

Detect directly, or dilute with Assay Buffer.

##### 2. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml Assay Buffer on ice, centrifuged at 10000g 4 °C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube for detection.

## V. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents in the microplate:

Reagent	Sample	Standard	Control
Reaction Buffer	80 $\mu$ l	80 $\mu$ l	80 $\mu$ l
Sample	10 $\mu$ l	--	--
Standard	--	10 $\mu$ l	--
Distilled water	--	--	10 $\mu$ l
Enzyme	10 $\mu$ l	10 $\mu$ l	10 $\mu$ l
Dye Reagent A	90 $\mu$ l	90 $\mu$ l	90 $\mu$ l
Dye Reagent B	10 $\mu$ l	10 $\mu$ l	10 $\mu$ l
Mix, keep at RT for 1 minutes, measured at 450 nm and record the absorbance.			

### Note:

- 1) Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standards to make the standard curve.
- 2) The concentrations can vary over a wide range depending on the different samples. For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range.
- 3) Reagents must be added step by step, can not be mixed and added together.

## VI. CALCULATION

1. According to the volume of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Citrate } (\mu\text{mol/ml}) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Sample}}) \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) / \\ &V_{\text{Standard}} \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) \end{aligned}$$

2. According to the weight of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Citrate } (\mu\text{mol/g}) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Sample}}) \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) / \\ &(W \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) / W \end{aligned}$$

3. According to the protein concentration of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Citrate } (\mu\text{mol/mg}) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Sample}}) \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) / \\ &(V_{\text{Sample}} \times C_{\text{Protein}}) \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Sample}}) / (OD_{\text{Control}} - OD_{\text{Standard}}) / C_{\text{Protein}} \end{aligned}$$

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

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : the standard concentration, 10 mmol/L = 10  $\mu\text{mol/ml}$

W: the weight of sample, g

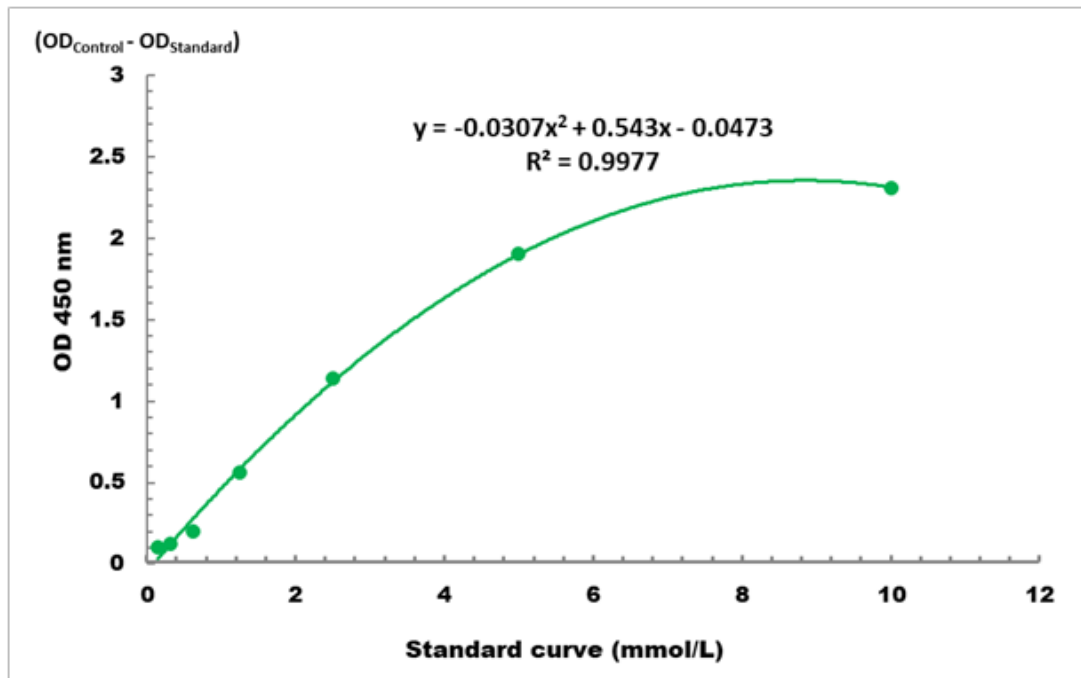
$V_{\text{Sample}}$ : the volume of sample, 0.01 ml

$V_{\text{Standard}}$ : the volume of standard, 0.01 ml

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

## VII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 0.1 mmol/L - 10 mmol/L

## VIII. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For troubleshooting, information or assistance, please go online to [www.cohesionbio.com](http://www.cohesionbio.com) or contact us at [techsupport@cohesionbio.com](mailto:techsupport@cohesionbio.com)

## IX. NOTES