



# **Cellulase Microplate Assay Kit**

## **User Manual**

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

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Cellulases are a family of enzymes that include  $\beta$ -Glucosidases, endoglucanases, and exoglucanases. These enzymes cleave the  $\beta$ -1,4-D-glycosidic bonds that link the glucose units comprising cellulose. In addition to being produced by plants, cellulase activity is found in many fungi and bacteria, including some plant pathogens. Most animal cells are not known to produce cellulase; cellulolytic activity is often carried out in animals by symbionts. However, recent evidence does suggest cellulase production in some animals, such as insects and arthropods. The study of cellulase activity has many applications in plant molecular biology, agriculture, and manufacturing. Cellulase is also becoming important in the development of alternative fuel sources, as glucose obtained from cellulose hydrolysis is easily fermented into ethanol.

The enzyme catalysed reaction products can be measured at a colorimetric readout at 540 nm.

## II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Substrate	Powder x 1	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	5 ml x 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent	10 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard (500 µg/ml)	1ml x 1	4 °C
Plate Adhesive Strips	3 Strips	
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**Note:**

**Substrate:** add 5 ml distilled water to dissolve before use.

## III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 540 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer
8. Ice
9. Convection oven

#### 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 10,000g 4 °C for 20 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 10,000g 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	Control	Standard	Blank
Sample	10 $\mu$ l	--	--	--
Assay Buffer	--	10 $\mu$ l	--	--
Reaction Buffer	50 $\mu$ l	50 $\mu$ l	--	--
Substrate	40 $\mu$ l	40 $\mu$ l	--	--
Mix, put it in the oven, 37 °C for 30 minutes.				
Standard	--	--	100 $\mu$ l	
Distilled water	--	--	--	100 $\mu$ l
Dye Reagent	100 $\mu$ l	100 $\mu$ l	100 $\mu$ l	100 $\mu$ l
Mix, put it into the convection oven, 90 °C for 10 minutes, record absorbance measured at 540nm.				

### Note:

- 1) Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standards to make the standard curve.
- 2) For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range. If the enzyme activity is lower, please add more sample into the reaction system; or increase the reaction time; if the enzyme activity is higher, please dilute the sample, or decrease the reaction time.

## VI. CALCULATION

**Unit Definition:** One unit of Cellulase activity is defined as the enzyme generates 1 µg of reducing sugar per minute.

### 1. According to the protein concentration of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CL (U/mg)} &= C_{\text{Standard}} \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Standard}} / (C_{\text{Protein}} \times \\ &\quad V_{\text{Sample}}) / T \\ &= 166.7 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / C_{\text{Protein}} \end{aligned}$$

### 2. According to the weight of sample

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CL (U/g)} &= C_{\text{Standard}} \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Standard}} / (V_{\text{Sample}} \times \\ &\quad W / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 166.7 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / W \end{aligned}$$

### 3. According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CL (U/10}^4\text{)} &= C_{\text{Standard}} \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Standard}} / (V_{\text{Sample}} \\ &\quad \times N / V_{\text{Assay}}) / T \\ &= 166.7 \times (\text{OD}_{\text{Sample}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Control}}) / (\text{OD}_{\text{Standard}} - \text{OD}_{\text{Blank}}) / N \end{aligned}$$

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

$C_{\text{Standard}}$ : the concentration of Standard, 500 µg/ml;

W: the weight of sample, g;

$V_{\text{Total}}$ : the total volume of the enzymatic reaction, 0.1 ml;

$V_{\text{Standard}}$ : the volume of standard, 0.1 ml;

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

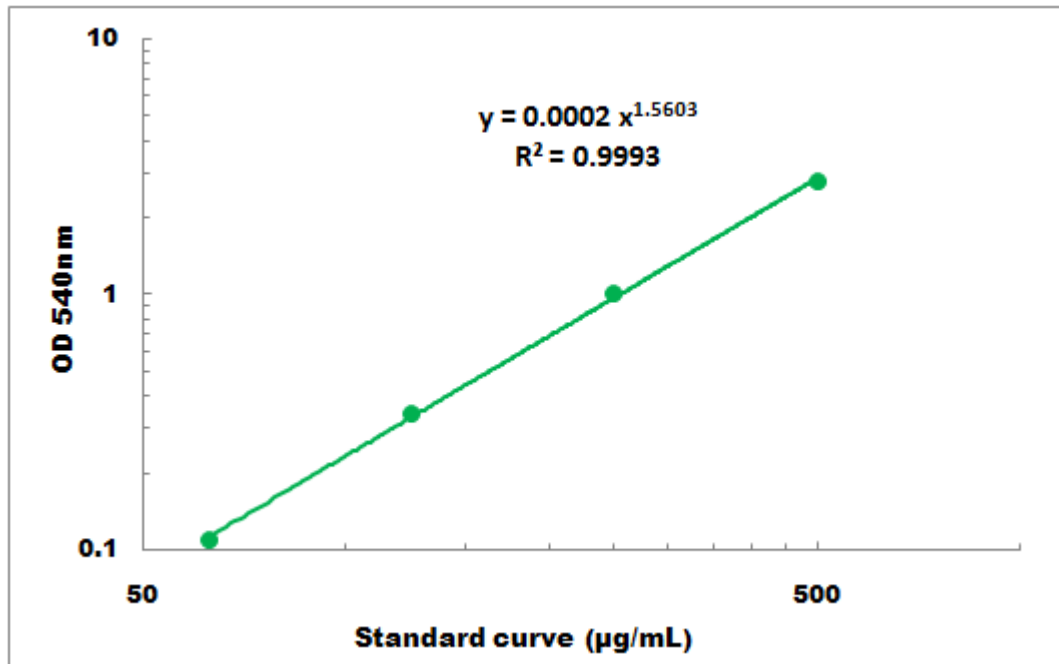
$V_{\text{Assay}}$ : the volume of Assay buffer, 1 ml;

T: the reaction time, 30 minutes;

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

## VII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 50 µg/mL - 500 µg/mL

## 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