

# BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SERVICE CENTER

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### ATP/ADP/AMP Assay Kit (Cat #: A-125)

**COMPONENTS:**

ATP Assay Solution: 2 x 10 ml, store at -70°C in aliquots; <b>shield solution from light during assay</b>	
1 mM (1000 µM) ATP Standard: 0.5 ml, store at -70°C	
ADP-CB: 0.5 ml, store at -70°C	ADP-CE: 40 µl, store at 4°C (do not freeze)
AMP-CB: 0.5 ml, store at -70°C	AMP-CE: 20 µl, store at 4°C (do not freeze)
EDB: 5 ml, store at -70°C	4mM EDTA: 10 ml, store at 4°C

**ATP Assay Solution:** Each ATP measurement uses 0.1 ml ATP Assay Solution. The volume of ATP Assay Solution required for an assay of N samples is:  $0.1 \text{ ml} \times (3N + 5)$ . Store solution in aliquots after the first thawing.

**ATP Standard:** Dilute the 1 mM (1000 µM) ATP Standard with dH<sub>2</sub>O to 0.5 – 10 µM (see graph below).

#### Sample deproteinization:

The TCA method (*Methods in Enzymology* 133:14-22,1986) is recommended for cell and tissue samples. Please follow the protocol at <http://www.bmrservice.com/SupplementTCA.html>. Store TCA- and ether-treated samples at -20°C. Some TCA-treated samples may be diluted 3-fold with dH<sub>2</sub>O prior to assay to achieve optimal result.

Attention: TCA is highly corrosive. Ether is extremely flammable. Exercise cautions in handling the reagents.

The boiling water method (*Anal Biochem* 306:323-327, 2002) may be suitable for some cell samples. Pellet  $\sim 10^6$  saline-washed cells in a microtube, and remove saline completely. Add 100 µl ice-cold dH<sub>2</sub>O and disrupt the cell pellet by vigorous vortexing. Immediately heat the lysate in a boiling water bath for 10 min, following which the boiled lysate is clarified by centrifugation at maximum speed ( $\sim 13,000$  rpm) for 5 min. Store supernatant at -70°C.

#### ASSAY PROTOCOLS:

**Conversion Enzyme (CE) dilution:** Gently agitate ADP-CE and AMP-CE tubes before pipetting. SET-I mix is prepared fresh by mixing 1 µl ADP-CE, 1 µl AMP-CE, and 98 µl enzyme dilution buffer (EDB). SET-II mix is prepared fresh by mixing 1 µl ADP-CE and 99 µl EDB. Keep both solutions on ice during assay.

**SET-I (AMP + ADP + ATP):** Mix 5 µl AMP-CB and 5 µl of the first sample in a microtube and let sit at room temperature for 5 min. Then add 5 µl SET-I mix to the tube and pipette up and down 3 times to initiate enzyme reaction at room temperature. Stop reaction after 30 sec (or 60 sec) by adding 35 µl ice-cold 4 mM EDTA followed by vortexing. Place tube on ice.

**SET-II (ADP + ATP):** Mix 5 µl ADP-CB and 5 µl of the first sample in a microtube and let sit at room temperature for 5 min. Then add 5 µl SET-II mix to the tube and pipette up and down 3 times to initiate enzyme reaction at room temperature. Stop reaction after 30 sec (or 60 sec) by adding 35 µl ice-cold 4 mM EDTA followed by vortexing. Place tube on ice.

**SET-III (ATP only):** Mix 10 µl dH<sub>2</sub>O, 5 µl of the first sample and 35 µl ice-cold 4 mM EDTA in a microtube. Place tube on ice. Proceed to the next sample for SET-I, -II and -III reactions using the same incubation time.

**ATP standards:** Mix 10 µl dH<sub>2</sub>O, 5 µl of each diluted ATP standard and 35 µl ice-cold 4 mM EDTA in a microtube. Keep tubes on ice.

#### Relative light unit (RLU) measurement:

Add 1 – 5 µl of each solution from SET-I, -II and -III and ATP standards to a set of luminometer assay tubes or wells. Add 0.1 ml ATP Assay Solution to each tube/well and measure RLU immediately.

Generate a plot of ATP standard RLU vs. ATP concentrations with a trendline equation. Apply RLU to the equation to obtain ATP concentration of each set. Multiply ATP concentration by the dilution factor where applicable.

**Sample AMP concentration** =  $[\text{ATP}]_{\text{SET-I}} - [\text{ATP}]_{\text{SET-II}}$

**Sample ADP concentration** =  $[\text{ATP}]_{\text{SET-II}} - [\text{ATP}]_{\text{SET-III}}$

**Sample ATP concentration** =  $[\text{ATP}]_{\text{SET-III}}$

