# RayBio® Creatine Kinase (CK) Activity Colorimetric Assay Kit

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Creatine Kinase (CK) also known as creatine phosphokinase (CPK) and ATP:creatine N-phosphotransferase is a common cellular enzyme (EC 2.7.3.2). It catalyzes the reversible conversion of creatine and ATP into ADP and phosphocreatine. CK is widely expressed in various tissues and cell types, with highest activity in striated muscles, heart tissue, and brain. CK consists of two subunits: M (muscle) and B (brain), and has three isoenzymes: CK-MM (skeleton muscle), CK-MB (cardiac muscle), and CK-BB (brain). Increased CK levels are associated with many diseases such as myocardial infarction, muscular dystrophy, pulmonary infarction, and brain tumors. As such, accurate measurement of CK is crucial for early diagnosis, prediction, and therapeutical interventions. In RayBiotech's Creatine Kinase Activity Colorimetric Assay kit, creatine kinase converts creatine into phosphocreatine and ADP. The generated phoshocreatine and ADP reacts with CK Enzyme Mix to form an intermediate, which reduces a colorless Probe to a colored

product with strong absorbance at 450 nm. The CK Activity Assay is high-throughput adaptable, simple, and sensitive. This assay kit can detect Creatine Kinase activity less than 1 mU.

### **II. REAGENTS**

Components	K777-100	Cap Code	Part Number
CK Assay Buffer	25 ml	WM	RB -100-1
CK Substrate	1 ml	Blue	RB -100-2
ATP (Lyophilized)	1 vial	Orange	RB -100-3
CK Enzyme Mix (Lyophilized)	1 vial	Green	RB -100-4
CK Developer (Lyophilized)	1 vial	Red	RB -100-5
NADH Standard (Lyophilized)	1 vial	Yellow	RB -100-6
Positive Control (Lyophilized)	1 vial	Purple	RB -100-7

### III. REAGENT STORAGE & PREPARATION

Store kit at -20°C, protected from light. Warm Assay Buffer to room temperature before use. Briefly centrifuge small vials prior to opening.

- ATP: Reconstitute with 220  $\mu$ l dH<sub>2</sub>O. Pipette up and down to dissolve completely. Aliquot & store at -20°C. Use within two months.
- CK Enzyme Mix: Reconstitute with 220 μl CK Assay Buffer. Pipette up and down to dissolve completely. Aliquot and store at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze thaw. Use within two months. Keep on ice while in use.

- CK Developer: Reconstitute with 220  $\mu$ l dH<sub>2</sub>O. Pipette up and down to dissolve completely. Store at -20°C. Use within two months.
- NADH Standard: Reconstitute with 50 μl CK Assay Buffer to generate 10 mM (10 nmol/μl) NADH Standard solution. Store at –20°C. Use within two months. Keep on ice while in use.
- Positive Control: Reconstitute with 200  $\mu$ l CK Assay Buffer to generate 10 mU/ $\mu$ l stock and mix thoroughly. Aliquot and store at –20°C. Use within two months.

## **IV. Sample Types:**

- Serum & plasma.
- Animal tissues: muscle, brain, heart etc.
- Cell culture: Adherent or suspension cells.

# V. Assay Procedure:

1. Sample Preparation: Rapidly homogenize tissue (10 mg) or cells (1 x  $10^6$ ) with 100  $\mu$ l ice cold CK Assay Buffer for 10 minutes on ice. Centrifuge at 12000 rpm for 5 min. Collect the supernatant. Add 1-50  $\mu$ l sample (100  $\mu$ g) per well. Adjust final volume to 50  $\mu$ l with CK Assay Buffer. For Positive Control, add 2-10  $\mu$ l of Positive Control into desired well(s). Adjust final volume to 50  $\mu$ l with CK Assay Buffer.

### Notes:

- a. Small molecules such as ADP, NADH etc. in some tissue samples such as liver may generate background.
- b. For unknown samples, we suggest testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the Standard Curve range.
- 2. NADH Standard Curve: Dilute NADH Standard to 1 mM by adding 10  $\mu$ l of 10 mM NADH Standard to 90  $\mu$ l CK Assay Buffer. Add 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10  $\mu$ l of 1 mM NADH Standard into a series of wells in 96 well plate to generate 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 nmol/well of NADH Standard. Adjust volume to 50  $\mu$ l/well with CK Assay Buffer.

3. Reaction Mix: Mix enough reagents for the number of assays to be performed. For each well, prepare 50 µl Mix containing:

Reaction Mix	
CK Assay Buffer	34 µl
CK Enzyme Mix	2 μΙ
CK Developer	2 μΙ
ATP	2 μΙ
CK Substrate	10 ul

Add 50  $\mu$ l of the Reaction Mix to each well containing Standard, Positive Control and samples, mix well.

4. Measurement: Incubate for 20-40 min at 37°C and measure OD450nm.

Note: Incubation time depends on the Creatine Kinase activity in the samples. We recommend measuring the OD in a kinetic mode and choose two time points (T1 & T2) in the linear range to calculate the CK activity of the samples. The NADH Standard curve can read in Endpoint mode (i.e., at the end of incubation time).

5. Calculation: Subtract 0 Standard reading from all readings. Plot the NADH Standard Curve. Calculate the Creatine Kinase activity of the test sample:

$$\Delta$$
OD = A2 - A1.

Apply the  $\Delta$ OD to the NADH Standard Curve to get B nmol of NADH generated by Creatine Kinase during the reaction time ( $\Delta$ T = T2 - T1).

Sample Creatine Kinase Activity =  $B/(\Delta T \times V) \times Dilution Factor = nmol/min/ml = mU/ml$ 

Where: B is the NADH amount from standard curve (nmol).  $\Delta T$  is the reaction time (min).

V is the sample volume added into the reaction well (ml).

Unit Definition: One unit of Creatine Kinase is the amount of enzyme that will generate 1.0  $\mu$ mol of NADH per min at pH 9.0 at 37°C.

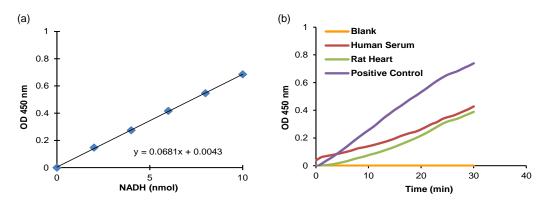


Figure 1: NADH Standard curve (a). Creatine Kinase activity in human serum (5 µl) & rat heart lysate (192 ng) (b). Assays were performed following kit protocol.

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