

# PYRUVATE KINASE (PK2)

# [EC 2.7.1.40]

from Recombinant E. coli

ATP + Pyruvate ↔ ADP + Phosphoenolpyruvate

#### **SPECIFICATION** : Lyophilized State Specific activity : more than 230 U/mg protein : (as PK activity = $100^{\circ}$ %) Contaminants Adenylate kinase < 0.01 % Lactate dehydrogenase < 0.01 % PROPERTIES Subunit molecular weight : ca. 60,000 Optimum pH : 6.0 - 6.5 (Fig. 1) pH stability : 6.0 - 11.0 (Fig. 2) Thermal stability : No detectable decrease in activity up to 60 °C. (Fig. 3, 4) Michaelis constants : (76 mM Imidazole-HCl buffer, pH 7.2, at 30 °C) Phosphoenolpyruvate 1.0 mM ADP 1.5 mM

#### STORAGE

Stable at -20 °C for at least one year

#### APPLICATION

The enzyme is useful for diagnostic reagent, for example, ADP determination.



# ASSAY

## Principle

The change in absorbance is measured at 340 nm according to the following reaction.

ADP + PEP \_\_\_\_\_ ATP + Pyruvate

Pyruvate + NADH + H<sup>+</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Lactate + NAD<sup>+</sup>

# **Unit Definition**

One unit of activity is defined as the amount of PK2 that forms 1  $\mu$ mol of pyruvate per minute at 30 °C.

# Solutions

- I Buffer solution ; 100 mM Imidazole-HCl, pH 7.2
- II ADP solution ; 100 mM (0.45 g ADP sodium salt, Sigma-Aldrich A2754/(9.0 mL distilled water + 1.0 mL 1 N NaOH))
- III NADH solution ; 13.1 mM (0.100 g NADH disodium salt·3H<sub>2</sub>O/10 mL distilled water)
- IV Phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) solution ; 56 mM (0.150 g PEP MCA salt/10 mL distilled water)
- V MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution ; 1 M (20.33 g MgCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/100 mL distilled water)
- VI KCI solution ; 2.5 M (18.64 g KCI/100 mL distilled water)
- Ⅶ Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH); (from pig heart, Oriental Yeast Co. Ltd., LDH (P.H.)) ammonium sulfate suspension, approx. 5,000 U/mL at 25 °C

# **Preparation of Enzyme Solution**

Dissolve the lyophilized enzyme with distilled water and dilute to 5 to 10 U/mL with 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.5.

## Procedure

1. Prepare the following reaction mixture and pipette 3.00 mL of reaction mixture into a cuvette.

| Solution I   | 22.71 mL | Solution V         | 0.48 mL |
|--------------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| Solution II  | 2.40 mL  | Solution VI        | 0.90 mL |
| Solution III | 0.45 mL  | Solution <b>VI</b> | 0.06 mL |
| SolutionIV   | 3.00 mL  |                    |         |
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- 2. Incubate at 30 °C for about 3 minutes.
- 3. Add 0.01 mL of enzyme solution into the cuvette and mix.
- 4. Read absorbance change at 340 nm per minute ( $\Delta Abs_{340}$ ) in the linear portion of curve.

## Calculation

Volume activity (U/mL) = 
$$\frac{(\Delta Abs_{340}) \times (3.00 + 0.01)}{6.22 \times 0.01} \times d.f.$$

Volume activity (U/mL)

Specific activity (U/mg protein) = Protein concentration (mg/mL)\*

d.f. ; dilution factor

6.22 ; millimolar extinction coefficient of NADH (cm<sup>2</sup>/µmol) \*Protein concentration ; determined by Bradford's method

## REFERENCE

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