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# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Catalog Number: 190679

Aldehyde dehydrogenase potassium activated

Molecular Weight: ~200000

CAS #: 9028-86-8

Synonyms: E.C. 1.2.15; Aldehyde:NAD+ (P+)ov reductase

Physical Description: Off white to tan powder

Source: Yeast

Form: An off-white freeze-dried powder

**Inhibitors:** SH-reagents, such as N-ethylmaleimide, 2-iodobenzoic acid, iodoacetic acid and chloromercuribenzoic acid. Heavy metals (especially Cu<sup>2-</sup>) and acetaldehyde (at high concentrations) inhibit. NAD, NADP, and acetaldehyde protect the enzyme

from inhibition by the SH-reagents. **Activators:** NH<sup>4-</sup>, Pb<sup>-</sup>, EDTA, histidine

Optimum pH: 9.0 pH Stability: 7.0

Thermal Stability: Below 40°C

Specificity: The enzyme oxidizes a number of aliphatic and aromatic aldehydes. Acetyl-GSH is not hydrolyzed.

**Assay Procedure:** 

The increase in absorbence is measured at 340 nm, Hg 334 nm or Hg 365 nm.

Reagents:

- − Potassium pyrophosphate buffer (0.1 mol/L, pH 9.0): 3.3 g K<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 15 mg dithiothreitol and 40 mg EDTA/~70 ml double distilled water; adjust with citric acid (2) to pH 9.0; adjust volume to 100 ml with double distilled water.
- Citric acid (1 mol/L): 2.1 g citric acid/10 ml double distilled water.
- NAD (0.03 mol/L): 20 mg NAD, free acid in 1 ml double distilled water.
- Pyrazole: 6.8 mg pyrazole/1 ml double distilled water.
- Acetaldehyde (~50 mmol/L): dilute 0.3 ml acetaldehyde with double distilled water to 100 ml (Caution: Do not pipette with mouth).
- Albumin (1%): 1 gm BSA/100 ml double distilled water.

### Sample:

Volume activity should be ~0.20 to 0.25 units/ml.

Dissolve 20 mg lyophilizate in 1 ml double distilled water. Dilute 1:200 with ice cold albumin solution (6) immediately prior to measurement.

Wavelength:

340 nm: e340 = 6.3 L/(mmol X cm) 334 nm: e334 = 6.18 L/(mmol X cm) 365 nm: e365 = 3.4 L/(mmol X cm)

Light Path: 1 cm Temperature: 25°C Total Volume: 2.91 ml Sample Volume: 0.10 ml Pipette into cuvette:

Buffer (1): 2.50 ml NAD (3): 0.20 ml pyrazole (4): 0.10 ml sample: 0.10 ml

Mix, wait until ore-reaction stops (~2 minutes), incubate and check the temperature. Start reaction with acetaldehyde (5) 0.01 ml, mix, read the increase in absorbence (D, A) per minute using the linear portion of the curve.

## Calculation:

One unit is the enzyme activity which reduces 1 umole of NAD per minute under the assay conditions (25°C, pH 9.0).

Volume activity =  $(2.91/(e \times 0.10 \times 1)) \times DA / minute [U/ml sample solution]$ Activity<sub>iyo</sub> = (volume activity x 200)/20 [U/mg lyophilizate]

## Remarks:

- Pyrazole is added for the inhibition of alcohol dehydrogenase.
- Acetaldehyde solution should be stored at +4°C for at least two days before the assay (stable for at least 3 months).

**Solubility:** Dissolves readily at 5 mg/ml in 0.1M Tris/HCl pH 8.0 to give a clear colorless solution.

**Unit Definition:** That amount of enzyme causing the oxidation of one micormole of acetaldehyde to acetic acid per minute at pH 8.0 and 25°C, in the presence of potassium ions and thiols.

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