## Overview

**Product name**  
Lipid Peroxidation (MDA) Assay Kit (Colorimetric/Fluorometric)

**Detection method**  
Colorimetric/Fluorometric

**Sample type**  
Plasma, Cell culture extracts, Tissue Extracts

**Assay type**  
Quantitative

**Sensitivity**  
> 0.1 nmol/well

**Product overview**

Lipid Peroxidation (MDA) Assay Kit (Colorimetric/Fluorometric) (ab118970) provides a convenient tool for sensitive detection of the malondialdehyde (MDA) present in a variety of samples. MDA, together with 4-hydroxynonenal (4-HNE), is a natural bi-product of lipid peroxidation and its quantification is generally used as marker for lipid peroxidation. The MDA in the sample reacts with thiobarbituric acid (TBA) to generate a MDA-TBA adduct. The MDA-TBA adduct can be easily quantified colorimetrically (OD = 532 nm) or fluorometrically (Ex/Em = 532/553 nm). This assay detects MDA levels as low as 1 nmol/well colorimetrically and 0.1 nmol/well fluorometrically.

The MDA assay is also referred to as a TBARS assay.

Visit our [FAQs page](#) for tips and troubleshooting.

Review our Metabolism Assay Guide to learn about assays for metabolites, metabolic enzymes, mitochondrial function, and oxidative stress, and also about how to assay metabolic function in live cells using your plate reader.

### Notes

Lipid peroxidation refers to the oxidative degradation of lipids. In this process free radicals take electrons from the lipids (generally in cell membranes), resulting in cell damage. Quantification of lipid peroxidation is essential to assess oxidative stress in pathophysiological processes. Lipid peroxidation forms reactive aldehydes such as malondialdehyde (MDA) and 4-hydroxynonenal (4-HNE) as natural bi-products. Measuring the end products of lipid peroxidation is one of the most widely accepted assays for oxidative damage.

### Tested applications

**Suitable for:** Functional Studies

### Platform

Microplate

### Properties

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Storage instructions

Store at -20°C. Please refer to protocols.

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<td>BHT (100X)</td>
<td>Purple</td>
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<td>MDA Lysis Buffer</td>
<td>WM</td>
<td>1 x 25ml</td>
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<td>MDA Standard (4.17M)</td>
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<td>Phosphotungstic Acid Solution</td>
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<td>TBA</td>
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Relevance

Lipid peroxidation refers to the oxidative degradation of lipids and is a well-defined mechanism of cellular damage. The formation of lipid peroxidation products leads to spread of free radical reactions leading to cell damage.

Applications

Our Abpromise guarantee covers the use of ab118970 in the following tested applications.

The application notes include recommended starting dilutions; optimal dilutions/concentrations should be determined by the end user.

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Images

10 mg of tissue were homogenized on ice in 300 μL of MDA lysis buffer, then centrifuged (13,000 × g, 10 min) to remove insoluble materials. 10 μL of plasma were mixed with 500 μL of 42 mM H₂SO₄ and 125 μL of phosphotungstic acid solution at room temperature for 5 min. After centrifuging (13,000 × g, 3 min), the pellet was re-suspended on ice with 100 μL of double-distilled H₂O. Then, 200 μL of solution and 600 μL of 2-thiobarbituric acid solution were incubated at 95°C for 60 min, before cooling to room temperature in the ice bath for 10 min. The intensity of absorbance at 532 nm was proportional to the MDA level.
Typical MDA standard calibration curve using colorimetric reading.

Typical MDA standard calibration curve using fluorometric reading.

Measurement of MDA in human plasma (20 µl) and rat liver lysate (10 mg).
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