**ab222941 - Hydroxyproline Assay kit (Colorimetric)**

For the sensitive and accurate measurement of Hydroxyproline in tissue homogenates and biological fluids.

For research use only - not intended for diagnostic use.

**PLEASE NOTE:** With the acquisition of BioVision by Abcam, we have made some changes to component names and packaging to better align with our global standards as we work towards environmental-friendly and efficient growth. You are receiving the same high-quality products as always, with no changes to specifications or protocols.

**Materials Supplied:**

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<td>Chloramine T Concentrate</td>
<td>600 µL</td>
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<td>Developer Solution I/Developer Solution</td>
<td>5 mL</td>
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<td>DMAB Concentrate</td>
<td>5 mL</td>
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<td>Hydroxyproline Standard</td>
<td>100 µL</td>
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<td>Microplate Sealing Film</td>
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<td>Oxidation Buffer</td>
<td>10 mL</td>
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**Storage and Stability:** Store kit at -20°C (store Developer Solution I/Developer Solution at 4°C) in the dark immediately upon receipt. Kit has a storage time of 1 year from receipt.

**Materials Required, Not Supplied**

These materials are not included, but will be required to successfully perform this assay:

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at OD 560 nm
- Distilled water (ddH₂O)
- 10N Sodium hydroxide (NaOH)
- 10N Hydrochloric acid (HCl)
- Pipettes and pipette tips, including multi-channel pipette
- Assorted glassware for the preparation of reagents and buffer solutions
- Tubes for the preparation of reagents and buffer solutions
- Pressure-tight 1.5-2.0 mL screw top polypropylene tubes
- 96 well plate clear flat bottom
- Dounce or ultrasonic probe homogenizer (if using tissue)
- Hot plate or oven set at 120°C

For urine samples:

- 4 mg Activated charcoal

**Reagent Preparation**

Briefly centrifuge small vials at low speed prior to opening.

**Chloramine T Concentrate (600 µL)**

Ready to use as supplied (provided as concentrated solution in ddH₂O). Warm to room temperature and vortex to ensure it is fully re-suspended before use. Aliquot so that you have enough volume to perform the desired number of assays. Store at -20°C protected from light. Do not perform more than 2 freeze/thaw cycles.

**Developer Solution I/Developer Solution (5 mL)**

Ready to use as supplied. Equilibrate to room temperature before use. After use, promptly retighten cap to minimize adsorption of airborne moisture. Store at 4°C.

**DMAB Concentrate (5 mL in DMSO):**

Ready to use as supplied. Warm to room temperature and mix by vortexing. After use, promptly retighten cap to minimize adsorption of airborne moisture.

**Note:** DMSO tends to be solid when stored at -20°C. Repeat this step every time concentrate is needed. Aliquot so that you have enough volume to perform the desired number of assays. Store at -20°C protected from light. Do not perform more than 5 freeze/thaw cycles.

**Oxidation Buffer (10 mL):**

Ready to use as supplied. Equilibrate to room temperature before use. After use, promptly retighten cap to minimize adsorption of airborne moisture. Store at -20°C.

**Hydroxyproline Standard (100 µL, 1 mg/mL in ddH₂O):**

Ready to use as supplied. Equilibrate to room temperature prior to use. Aliquot so that you have enough volume to perform the desired number of assays. Store at -20°C. Do not perform more than 5 freeze/thaw cycles.

**Microplate sealing film (1 unit):**

Ready to use as supplied. Equilibrate to room temperature before use. Do not reuse and discard after using.

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1. **Standard Preparation**

- Always prepare a fresh set of standards for every use.
- Discard working standard dilutions after use as they do not store well.

1. Prepare 200 µL of 0.1 µg/µL standard by diluting 20 µL of the provided standard (1 mg/mL solution) in 180 µL of ddH₂O.

2. Using 0.1 µg/µL Hydroxyproline (Hyp) standard, prepare standard curve dilution as described in the table in a microplate or microcentrifuge tubes:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Standard#</th>
<th>Hyp Standard (µL)</th>
<th>ddH₂O (µL)</th>
<th>Final volume standard in well (µL)</th>
<th>End amount Hyp in well (µg)</th>
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Each dilution has enough amount of standard to set up duplicate readings (2 x 10 µL).

2. **Sample Preparation**

**General sample information:**

- We recommend performing several dilutions of your sample to ensure the readings are within the standard value range.
- We recommend that you use fresh samples. If you cannot perform the assay at the same time, we suggest that you snap freeze your samples in liquid nitrogen upon extraction and store them immediately at -80°C. When you are ready to test your samples, thaw them on ice and proceed with the Sample Preparation step. Be aware however that this might affect the stability of your samples and the readings can be lower than expected.

**Tissue lysates:**

2.1.1 Harvest the amount of tissue necessary for each assay (initial recommendation ~10-100 mg).

2.1.2 Add 100 µL of ddH₂O for every 10 mg of tissue and thoroughly homogenize with a glass bead (Dounce) or ultrasonic probe homogenizer.

2.1.3 Transfer 100 µL of sample homogenate to a pressure-tight, screw-capped polypropylene vial.

2.1.4 Add 100 µL of 10 N concentrated NaOH (not provided) to tissue homogenate. Ensure the cap is securely tightened and heat at 120°C for 1 hour.

**Note:** Extremely tough samples (containing bone or exoskeletal tissue) may require heating for longer for complete hydrolysis.

2.1.5 Following alkaline hydrolysis, place vial on ice.

2.1.6 Allow vial to cool briefly before opening cap and adding 100 µL of 10 N concentrated HCl (not provided) to neutralize residual NaOH. Vortex vial.

2.1.7 Centrifuge vial at 10,000 x g for 5 minutes to pellet any insoluble debris that may remain following hydrolysis.

2.1.8 Collect supernatant and transfer to a new tube.

2.1.9 Keep on ice.

**Note:** Hydrolysates of certain samples, such as fatty tissues, may contain lipid debris that is difficult to pellet by centrifugation. Take care when pipetting hydrolyzed samples to avoid transferring these insoluble globules.

**Serum:**

2.2.1 Mix serum with equal volume of 10 N concentrated NaOH (ie. 100 µL serum + 100 µL of 10 N NaOH) in pressure-tight, screw-capped polypropylene vial. Mix well by pipetting up and down.

2.2.2 Hydrolyze mix at 120°C for 1 hour.

2.2.3 Cool vial on ice.

2.2.4 Neutralize hydrolysate by adding an equivalent volume of 10 N concentrated HCl to NaOH added (ie, 100 µL). Vortex vial.

2.2.5 Centrifuge vial at 10,000 x g for 5 minutes to pellet any insoluble debris that may remain following hydrolysis.

2.2.6 Collect supernatant and transfer to a new tube.

2.2.7 Keep on ice.

**Urine:**

2.3.1 Mix serum with equal volume of 10 N concentrated NaOH (ie. 100 µL serum + 100 µL of 10 N NaOH) in pressure-tight, screw-capped polypropylene vial. Mix well by pipetting up and down.

2.3.2 Hydrolyze mix at 120°C for 1 hour.

2.3.3 Cool vial on ice.

2.3.4 Neutralize hydrolysate by adding an equivalent volume of 10 N concentrated HCl to NaOH added (ie, 100 µL). Vortex vial.

2.3.5 Decolorize samples by adding 4 mg of activated charcoal to the neutralized hydrolysate. Vortex vial.

2.3.6 Centrifuge vial at 10,000 x g for 5 minutes to remove precipitate and activated charcoal.

2.3.7 Collect clarified supernatant and transfer to a new tube.

**Note:** We suggest using different volumes of sample to ensure readings are within the standard curve range.

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3. Assay Procedure
- Equilibrate all materials and prepared reagents to room temperature prior to use.
- We recommend that you assay all standards, controls and samples in duplicate.
- Prepare all reagents, working standards, and samples as directed in the previous sections.

**Reaction wells set up:**
- Standard wells = 10 µL standard dilutions
- Sample wells = 2-10 µL samples (adjust volume to 10 µL/well with ddH2O)

**Reaction mix:**
3.2.1 Evaporate the sample hydrolysate and standard curve wells to dryness by heating the plate at 65°C on a hot plate/dry heat block or microplate incubator. **\( \Delta \) Note:** To prevent warping/etching of the plastic, do not expose microplate to extreme temperatures (>85°C).
3.2.2 Following evaporation of the hydrolysates, a crystalline residue will be left in the well.
3.2.3 Prepare 100 µL of Oxidation Mix for each reaction. Prepare a master mix to ensure consistency **\( \Delta \) Note:** Once diluted and exposed to light and air, Chloramine T is only stable for 1-2 hours. Discard after diluting.

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3.2.3 Add 100 µL of the Oxidation Reagent Mix to each well and incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes. **\( \Delta \) Note:** Hydrolysates from certain samples may impart a faint yellow tint to the Oxidation Reagent Mix. This slight coloration usually dissipates upon addition of Developer and does not interfere with the assay.

3.2.4 Add 50 µL of Developer to each reaction well and incubate the plate at 37°C for 5 minutes.
3.2.5 Add 50 µL of DMAB Concentrate solution to each reaction well and mix contents thoroughly.
3.2.6 Seal the plate with the provided microplate sealer film and incubate at 65°C on a hot plate/dry heat block or microplate incubator for 45 minutes.

**Measurement:**
3.3.1 Remove the plate from the heat source.
3.3.2 Measure absorbance at OD 560 nm on a microplate reader. **\( \Delta \) Note:** For maximum signal intensity, measure absorbance within 20 minutes of removing plate from the heat source.

4. Calculations
- Samples producing signals greater than that of the highest standard should be further diluted in appropriate buffer/solution and reanalyzed, then multiply the concentration found by the appropriate dilution factor.

Gentle shaking will help dissolve the crystals in Oxidation Reagent Mix more quickly.

**Measurement of Hydroxyproline in the sample:**
4.1.1 Subtract the mean absorbance value of the blank (Standard #1) from all standard and sample readings. This is the corrected absorbance.
4.1.2 Average the duplicate reading for each standard and sample.
4.1.3 Plot the corrected absorbance values for each standard as a final of the final amount of hydroxyproline.
4.1.4 Draw the best smooth curve through these points to construct the standard curve. Most plate reader software or Excel can plot this values and curve fit. Calculate the trend line equation based on your standard curve data (use the equation that provides the most accurate fit).
4.1.5 Concentration of Hydroxyproline (µg/µL) in the test samples is calculated as:

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\text{Hydrolyzed Hydroxyproline concentration} = \frac{B}{V} + D
\]

Where:
- \( B \) = amount of hydrolyzed hydroxyproline in the sample well calculated from standard curve (µg).
- \( V \) = sample volume added in the sample wells (µL).
- \( D \) = sample dilution factor if sample is diluted to fit within the standard curve range.

4.1.6 Concentration of Hydroxyproline in the original sample (homogenate or biological fluid) is calculated as:

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\text{Total Hydroxyproline} = \text{Hydrolyzed Hydroxyproline} \times 3
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Where:
- \( \text{Hydrolyzed Hydroxyproline} \) = amount obtained from Step 4.1.5
- 3 = sample dilution fold that occurs during the generation of the hydrolysate.
### 5. Troubleshooting

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<td>Avoid pipetting small volumes (&lt; 5 μL) and prepare a master mix whenever possible</td>
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