

# NADH Cytochrome C Reductase

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**Principle-** Absorption of Cytochrome C at 550 nm changes with its oxidation state. The activity of NADH cytochrome c reductase is measured spectrophotometrically by following the reduction of cytochrome c at 550nm. The mitochondrial portion of this enzyme, unlike the external portion, is sensitive to rotenone. The enzyme is measured with and without rotenone, and the difference is reported as intramitochondrial, or rotenone sensitive enzyme activity. (1 mM Cytochrome C =20 per Haller lab)

**Solutions-** make the following stock solutions-

### 1. 1M Potassium Phosphate pH 7.5

Potassium Phosphate Dibasic (Sigma P5504) FW 228.2 .

Weigh 22.8 gms and dissolve in app. 80 ml MilliQ water. Ph to 7.5 with phosphoric acid. (**CORROSIVE .WEAR GLOVES, LAB COAT AND SAFETY GLASSES**) Dilute to final volume of 100 ml. Store at 4°C for up to one year. Discard if any growth, or floating material is present.

### 2. 100 mM KCN –

Fisher P –226 FW 65.0

Weigh **6.5 mg** on day of assay, and dissolve in **1 ml** of MilliQ water. Keep on ice. (**POISON- WEAR GLOVES, MASK , AND LAB COAT**)

**3. Rotenone-** Weigh 2 mgs on day of assay and dissolve in 1 ml ethanol. Keep at 30°C.

### 4. 10 mM Cytochrome C-

Sigma C-7752 FW 12384. Weigh 123.8 mgs and dissolve in 1 ml MilliQ water. Store at -80°C for up to 1 year.

### 5. 10 mM NADH -

Sigma- N6785- 10mg/vial. Make fresh. Add 950ul H<sub>2</sub>O. Discard leftovers.

**Assay Reagent-**

	<b>Final Conc.</b>	<b>Stock Conc.</b>	<b>/10 ml</b>
<b>Cytochrome C</b>	0.1mM	10mM	100µl
<b>KCN</b>	0.3mM	100mM	30µl
<b>KPO4</b>	50mM	1M	0.5ml

**Assay Protocol-**

Turn on Spectrophotometer ( UNICO UV2100)

Change wavelength to 550 nm. Zero with air.

Mix the following in the cuvette. **Do 1 sample (4 cuvettes)at a time.**

Add rotenone to second set, and mix well.

Add homogenate and mix well.

Start timer on addition of NADH.

OD at 550 nM

#	Assay reagent	homog. medium	1:10 homogenate	Rotenone	NADH	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'
1.	0.5 ml	5µl			5µl					
2.	0.5 ml	5µl			5µl					
3.	0.5 ml	5µl		1µl	5µl					
4.	0.5 ml	5µl		1µl	5µl					
5.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
6.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
7.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					
8.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					
9.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
10.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
11.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					
12.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					
13.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
14.	0.5 ml		5µl		5µl					
15.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					
16.	0.5 ml		5µl	1µl	5µl					

**Calculations-**  $\mu\text{moles/gm/min} = \frac{\text{net sample OD per minute} * \text{final volume}(0.501 \text{ ml})}{0.5 \text{ mg} \quad 20 (\Delta\epsilon \text{ mM})}$

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