



# **4-Coumarate CoA Ligase Microplate Assay Kit User Manual**

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Detection and Quantification of 4-Coumarate CoA Ligase

(4CL)Activity in Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell culture media and

Other biological fluids Samples.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

4-Coumarate CoA Ligase (EC 6.2.1.12) is a key enzyme in the lignin biosynthesis pathway, and it catalyzes hydroxycinnamic acids and its derivatives to generate the corresponding thioester. Concurrently, 4 CL is also the third step in the metabolic pathway of phenylpropane, ligating the precursor of lignin and various branch pathways, playing the critical regulating role in the lignin synthesis.

4-Coumarate CoA Ligase Microplate Assay Kit is a sensitive assay for determining 4-Coumarate CoA Ligase activity in various samples. The color intensity, measured at 333 nm, is proportionate to the enzyme activity in the sample.

## II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer	30 ml x 4	4 °C
Substrate	Powder x 1	-20 °C
Reaction Buffer	20 ml x 1	4 °C
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**Note:**

**Substrate:** add 19 ml Reaction Buffer to dissolve before use.

## III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 333 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Ice
7. Centrifuge
8. Timer

#### IV. SAMPLE PREPARATION

##### 1. For cell and bacteria samples

Collect cell or bacteria into centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation, add 1 ml Assay buffer for  $5 \times 10^6$  cell or bacteria, sonicate (with power 20%, sonicate 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times); centrifuged at 8000g 4°C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

##### 2. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml Assay buffer on ice, centrifuged at 8000g 4°C for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube and keep it on ice for detection.

##### 3. For liquid samples

Detect directly.

## V. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Warm all reagents to room temperature before use.

Add following reagents into the microplate:

Reagent	Sample	Control
Substrate	190 $\mu$ l	--
Reaction Buffer	--	190 $\mu$ l
Sample	10 $\mu$ l	10 $\mu$ l
Mix, incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes, record absorbance measured at 333nm.		

Note:

- 1) For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range. If the enzyme activity is lower, please add more sample into the reaction system; or increase the reaction time; if the enzyme activity is higher, please dilute the sample, or decrease the reaction time.
- 2) Reagents must be added step by step, can not be mixed and added together.

## VI. CALCULATION

**Unit Definition:** One unit of 4CL activity is defined as the OD changed 0.01 per minute in the reaction system.

1. According to the protein concentration of sample

$$4CL(U/mg) = (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / (C_{Protein} \times V_{Sample}) / T / 0.01$$

$$= 2000 \times (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / C_{Protein}$$

2. According to the weight of sample

$$4CL(U/g) = (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / (W \times V_{Sample} / V_{Assay}) / T / 0.01$$

$$= 2000 \times (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / W$$

3. According to the quantity of cell or bacteria

$$4CL(U/10^4) = (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / (N \times V_{Sample} / V_{Assay}) / T / 0.01$$

$$= 2000 \times (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / N$$

4. According to the volume of sample

$$4CL(U/ml) = (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control}) / V_{Sample} / T / 0.01$$

$$= 2000 \times (OD_{Sample} - OD_{Control})$$

$C_{Protein}$ : the protein concentration, mg/ml;

$W$ : the weight of sample, g;

$N$ : the quantity of cell or bacteria,  $N \times 10^4$ ;

$V_{Sample}$ : the volume of sample, 0.01 ml;

$V_{Assay}$ : the volume of Assay buffer, 1 ml;

$T$ : the reaction time, 5 minutes.

## **VII. TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

For troubleshooting, information or assistance, please go online to [www.cohesionbio.com](http://www.cohesionbio.com) or contact us at [techsupport@cohesionbio.com](mailto:techsupport@cohesionbio.com)

## **VIII. NOTES**