



Product Information

Name :	Firefly Luciferase 1-Step Assay Kit
Catalog Numbers:	FP-BX0320 50 ml (1000 tests in 96-well plate)
Contents:	• 50 ml Firefly Luciferase Assay buffer
	• One vial D-Luciferin as powder (please add to the buffer before use)

Storage: The FLuc Assay Kit is shipped with ice bricks. Upon receipt, please store the kit at -20°C. The separate components will be stable for at least one year.

Upon thawing (at room temperature) please add the provided D-Luciferin powder to the 50 ml of buffer. Please rinse the brown vial with buffer to remove residual D-Luciferin. Mix by inverting for one minute or add a small stir-bar to the bottle. Aliquot the 'ready-to-use' buffer and store at -80°C for up to 6 months.

Introduction

Firefly luciferase is widely used as a reporter gene for studying gene regulation and function, and for pharmaceutical screening. It is a very sensitive genetic reporter due to the lack of any endogenous activity in mammalian cells or tissues. The *Firefly* luciferase is a 62 000 Dalton protein, which is active as a monomer and does not require subsequent processing for its activity. The enzyme catalyzes ATP-dependent D-luciferin oxidation by oxygen into oxyluciferin with emission of light centered on 560 nm (figure 1).



However, the light production resulting from the reaction leads to formation of suicidal adenyloxyluciferin at the enzyme surface. It results in very short half-life of the light emission with a flash-type kinetics. Several substances have been described to prolong light production by regenerating enzyme through removing inhibitory oxyluciferin from the enzyme surface. But the duration (10-15 min) is still too short for batch process screening.

FluoProbes' Luciferase 1-Step assay system is a proprietary mixture of substances that modify the enzymatic reaction to produce a long lasting signal (steady glow) by preventing the formation of adenyl-oxyluciferin at the enzyme surface. It is a homogeneous high sensitivity firefly luciferase reporter gene assay kit with a half-life of 2 hours for the quantification of firefly luciferase expression in mammalian cells. This kit is specially designed for batch processing systems using microplates such as 96-well plates. In addition, FluoProbes' Luciferase 1-Step assay kit offers higher sensitivity and wider dynamic range for detecting luciferase activity within



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mammalian cells (figure 2), consistent reproducibility and cost effectiveness along with the added convenience of a one step assay.

Reproducibility – CV less than 5%

Linear range- Assay linear over seven orders of magnitude

Limit of detection – less than 1 fg of luciferase per sample

No disposal problems or hazards are associated with the use of these luciferase assay kits.

Directions for use

Protocol

1. Lysis (optional)

a. CAUTION! Firefly Luciferase Assay buffer does not contain any detergent.

b. If lysis is desired please add Triton-X 100 with a final concentration of 0.25% (v/v) to the buffer or use a lysis buffer of your choice in a low volume.

2. Assay preparation

a. Add Firefly Luciferase-Assay buffer directly to the cells or protein solution in a 96-well plate in a 1:1 ratio (e.g. 50 ul FLuc-Assay buffer are added to 50 µl HEK cells in DMEM)

3. Measurement

a. The signal maximum will be reached after approx. 10 min, depending on the lysis conditions and type of cells.

[A typical kinetic with Firefly Luciferase protein is displayed below]



Assay comparison with purified Firefly Luciferase protein

Related products

- Growth plate 96x1ml, sterile BS6200
- Growth plate 96x2ml, sterile BS6210

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Ordering information

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