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Data Sheet

PRMT4 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit

Catalog # 52041L
Size: 96 reactions

DESCRIPTION: The *PRMT4 Chemiluminescent Assay kit* is designed to measure PRMT4/CARM1 activity for screening and profiling applications. The *PRMT4 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit* comes in a convenient format, with wells precoated with the specific PRMT4 peptide substrate, the antibody against methylated substrate, the secondary HRP-labeled antibody, S-adenosylmethionine, methyltransferase assay buffer, and purified PRMT4 enzyme for 96 enzyme reactions. The key to the *PRMT4 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit* is a highly specific antibody that recognizes methylated PRMT4 substrate. With this kit, only three simple steps on a microtiter plate are required for methyltransferase detection. First, S-adenosylmethionine is incubated with a sample containing assay buffer and methyltransferase enzyme. Next, primary antibody is added. Finally, the strip plates are treated with an HRP-labeled secondary antibody followed by addition of an HRP substrate to produce chemiluminescence that can then be measured using a chemiluminescence reader.

COMPONENTS:

Catalog #	Component	Amount	Storage	
51047	PRMT4/CARM1 enzyme	20 µg	-80°C	***(Avoid freeze/ thaw cycles!)***
52120	20 µM S-adenosylmethionine	250 µl	-80°C	
52140I	Primary antibody 9	100 µl	-80°C	
52131H	Secondary HRP-labeled antibody 2	10 µl	-80°C	
	1% BSA	50 µl	-80°C	
52191	4x HMT assay buffer 5*	3 ml	-20°C	
52100	Blocking Buffer 4	50 ml	+4°C	
	HRP chemiluminescent substrate (2 components)	6 ml each	+4°C	
	96-well plate precoated with PRMT4 substrate	1 plate	+4°C	

*Add 125 µl of 0.5 M DTT before use

MATERIALS OR INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED:
TBST buffer (1 x TBS, pH 8.0, containing 0.05% Tween-20)
Luminometer or fluorescent microplate reader capable of reading chemiluminescence
Adjustable micropipettor and sterile tips
Rotating or rocker platform

APPLICATIONS: Great for studying enzyme kinetics and HTS applications.

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CONTRAINDICATIONS: DMSO >1%, strong acids or bases, ionic detergents, high salt

STABILITY: One year from date of receipt when stored as directed.

REFERENCE: Dillon SC, Zhang X, Trievel RC, Cheng X. *Genome Biology* 2005; **6:**227.

ASSAY PROTOCOL:
All samples and controls should be tested in duplicate.

Step 1:

1) Rehydrate the microwells by adding 150 µl of TBST buffer (1x TBS, pH 8.0, containing 0.05% Tween-20) to every well. Incubate 15 minutes at room temperature. Tap the strip plate onto clean paper towels to remove liquid.

2) Thaw **S-adenosylmethionine** on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube containing **S-adenosylmethionine** to recover full contents of the tube. Aliquot **S-adenosylmethionine** into single use aliquots. Store remaining **S-adenosylmethionine** in aliquots at -80˚C immediately. *Note: **S-adenosylmethionine** is very sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles.*

3) Prepare the master mixture: N wells × (7.5 µl **4x HMT assay buffer 5** + 2.5 µl **20 µM S-adenosylmethionine** + 0.5 µl **1% BSA** + 14.5 µl water). Add 25 µl of master mixture to all wells labeled "Positive Control", "Test Sample" and "Blank". For wells labeled "Substrate control", add 7.5 µl **4x HMT assay buffer 5** + 0.5 µl 1% BSA + 17 µl water.

	Blank	Substrate Control	Positive Control	Test Sample
4x HMT assay buffer 5	7.5 µl	7.5 µl	7.5 µl	7.5 µl
20 µM S-adenosylmethionine	2.5 µl	–	2.5µl	2.5 µl
1% BSA	0.5 µl	0.5 µl	0.5 µl	0.5 µl
H_2O	14.5 µl	17 µl	14.5 µl	14.5 µl
Test Inhibitor	–	–	–	5 µl
Inhibitor buffer (no inhibitor)	5 µl	5 µl	5 µl	–
1x HMT assay buffer 5	20 µl	–	–	–
Diluted PRMT4 (10 ng/µl)	–	20 µl	20 µl	20 µl
Total	**50 µl**	**50 µl**	**50 µl**	**50 µl**

4) Add 5 µl of inhibitor solution of each well designated "Test Inhibitor".

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5) For the “Positive Control", “Substrate Control” and “Blank”, add 5 µl of the same solution without inhibitor (inhibitor buffer).

6) Add 20 µl of **1x HMT assay buffer 5** to the wells designated "Blank".

7) Thaw **PRMT4** enzyme on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube containing enzyme to recover full content of the tube. Aliquot **PRMT4** enzyme into single use aliquots. Store remaining undiluted enzyme in aliquots at -80°C. *Note:* **PRMT4** enzyme *is very sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Do not re-use thawed aliquots or diluted enzyme.*

8) Dilute **PRMT4** enzyme in **1x HMT assay buffer 5** at 10 ng/µl (200 ng/20 µl). Keep diluted enzyme on ice until use. Discard any unused diluted enzyme after use.

9) Initiate reaction by adding 20 µl of diluted **PRMT4** enzyme to the wells designated “Positive Control”, "Substrate Control", and "Test Sample ". Incubate at room temperature for two hours.

10) Remove the supernatant from the wells and wash the strip three times with 200 µl TBST buffer. Blot dry onto clean paper towels.

11) Add 100 µl of **Blocking Buffer 4** to every well. Shake on a rotating platform for 10 minutes. Remove supernatant as described above.

Step 2:

1) Dilute “**Primary antibody 9**” 100-fold with **Blocking Buffer 4**.

2) Add 100 µl per well. Incubate 1 hour at room temperature with slow shaking.

3) Remove the supernatant from the wells and wash the strip three times with 200 µl TBST buffer and incubate in **Blocking Buffer 4** as described in steps 1-10 and 1-11.

Step 3:

1) Dilute “**Secondary HRP-labeled antibody 2**” 1,000-fold with Blocking Buffer 4.

2) Add 100 µl per well. Incubate for 30 min. at room temperature with slow shaking.

3) Remove the supernatant from the wells and wash the strip three times with 200 µl TBST buffer and incubate in **Blocking Buffer 4** as described in steps 1-10 and 1-11.

4) Just before use, mix on ice 50 µl **HRP chemiluminescent substrate A** and 50 µl **HRP chemiluminescent substrate B** and add 100 µl per well. Discard any unused chemiluminescent reagent after use.

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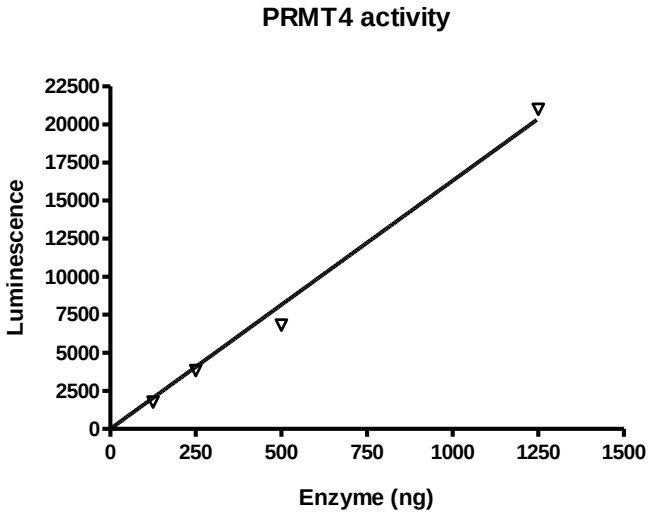
5) Immediately read sample in a luminometer or microtiter-plate reader capable of reading chemiluminescence. “Blank” value is subtracted from all other values.

Reading Chemiluminescence:

Chemiluminescence is the emission of light (luminescence) which results from a chemical reaction. The detection of chemiluminescence requires no wavenlength selection because the method used is emission photometry and is not emission spectrophotometry.

To properly read chemiluminescence, make sure the plate reader is set for LUMINESCENCE mode. Typical integration time is 1 second, delay after plate movement is 100 msec. Do not use a filter when measuring light emission. Typical settings for the Synergy 2 BioTek plate reader are: use the “hole” position on the filter wheel; Optics position: Top; Read type: endpoint. Sensitivity may be adjusted based on the luminescence of a control assay without enzyme (typically we set this value as 100).

Example of Assay Results:



PRMT4 enzyme activity, measured using the PRMT4 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit, BPS Bioscience #52041L. Luminescence was measured using a Bio-Tek fluorescent microplate reader. *Data shown is lot-specific. For lot-specific information, please contact BPS Bioscience, Inc. at info@bpsbioscience.com*

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RELATED PRODUCTS

Product Name	Catalog #	Size
PRMT1 (expressed in E. coli)	51040	50 µg
PRMT1 (expressed in Sf9 cells)	51041	20 µg
PRMT3 (expressed in E. coli)	51043	50 µg
PRMT4 (expressed in HEK293)	51047	20 µg
PRMT5 (expressed in HEK293)	51045	20 µg
PRMT5 (expressed in Sf9 cells)	51048	20 µg
PRMT6 (expressed in HEK293)	51046	20 µg
PRMT8 (expressed in Sf9 cells)	51052	20 µg
PRMT1 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit	52004L	96 rxns.
PRMT3 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit	52005L	96 rxns.
PRMT5 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit	52002L	96 rxns.
PRMT6 Chemiluminescent Assay Kit	52046	96 rxns.
Histone H4(R3) Universal Methyltransferase Assay Kit	52074	96 rxns.
PRMT1 Homogeneous Assay Kit	52054	384 rxns.
PRMT3 Homogeneous Assay Kit	52055	384 rxns.
PRMT5 Homogeneous Assay Kit	52052	384 rxns.
PRMT6 Homogeneous Assay Kit	52056	384 rxns.
PRMT8 Homogeneous Assay Kit	52058	384 rxns.

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TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Luminescence signal of positive control reaction is weak	PRMT4 enzyme has lost activity	Enzyme loses activity upon repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Use fresh enzyme (PRMT4/CARM1, BPS Bioscience #51047). Store enzyme in single-use aliquots. Increase time of enzyme incubation. Increase enzyme concentration.
	Antibody reaction is insufficient	Increase time for primary antibody incubation. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles of antibodies.
	Incorrect settings on instruments	Refer to instrument instructions for settings to increase sensitivity of light detection. See section on "Reading Chemiluminescence" above.
	Chemiluminescent reagents mixed too soon	Chemiluminescent solution should be used within 15 minutes of mixing. Ensure both reagents are properly mixed.
Luminescent signal is erratic or varies widely among wells	Inaccurate pipetting/technique	Run duplicates of all reactions. Use a multichannel pipettor. Use master mixes to minimize errors.
	Bubbles in wells	Pipette slowly to avoid bubble formation. Tap plate lightly to disperse bubbles; be careful not to splash between wells.
Background (signal to noise ratio) is high	Insufficient washes	Be sure to include blocking steps after wash steps. Increase number of washes. Increase wash volume. Increase Tween-20 concentration to 0.1% in TBST.
	Sample solvent is inhibiting the enzyme	Run negative control assay including solvent. Maintain DMSO level at <1% Increase time of enzyme incubation.
	Results are outside the linear range of the assay	Use different concentrations of enzyme (PRMT4/CARM1, BPS Bioscience #51047) to create a standard curve.

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