

# Z-IETD-ProRed<sup>™</sup> 620

Catalog number: 13434 Unit size: 1 mg

Component	Storage	Amount
Z-IETD-ProRed™ 620	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 mg

## OVERVIEW

ProRed<sup>™</sup>-derived protease substrates are colorless and non-fluorescent. Cleavage of blocking protease-cleavable peptide residue by caspases generates the strongly red fluorescent ProRed<sup>™</sup> that can be monitored fluorimetrically at ~620 nm with excitation of ~530 nm. ProRed<sup>™</sup>-derived caspase substrates are the most sensitive red indicators for the fluorimetric detection of various caspase activities. This IETD-ProRed<sup>™</sup> substrate is specific for detecting caspase 8.

#### AT A GLANCE

#### Important notes

It is important to store at <-15 °C and should be stored in cool, dark place.

It can be used within 12 months from the date of receipt.

### SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

Following protocol only provides a guideline, and should be modified according to your specific needs.

# General Solution Caspase Assays Using AMC, AFC, pNA, R110 and ProRed Substrates

- 1. Prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO.
- 2. Prepare a 2X caspase substrate (50  $\mu$ M) assay solution as the following: 50  $\mu$ L substrate stock solution, 100  $\mu$ L DTT (1M), 400  $\mu$ L EDTA (100 mM), 10 mL Tris Buffer (20 mM), pH =7.4.
- Mix equal volume of the caspase standards or samples with 2X caspase substrate assay solution, and incubate the solutions at room temperature for at least 1 hour.
- 4. Monitor the fluorescence using a fluorescence microplate reader, or absorbance using an absorbance microplate reader.

#### Cell Caspase Assays Using Cell-Permeable FMK Caspase Probes

- 1. Prepare a 2-5 mM stock solution in DMSO.
- 2. Treat cells as desired.
- 3. Prepare a 2X permeable caspase substrate (20  $\mu$ M) assay solution by diluting the DMSO stock solution (from Step 2.1) in Hanks with 20 mM Hepes buffer (HHBS).
- Mix equal volume of the treated cells with 2X caspase substrate assay solution (from Step 2.3), and incubate the cells in a 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for at least1 hour.
- 5. Wash the cells with HHBS for at least once.
- 6. Monitor the fluorescence intensity by a flow cytometer, a fluorescence microscope or a fluorescence microplate reader.

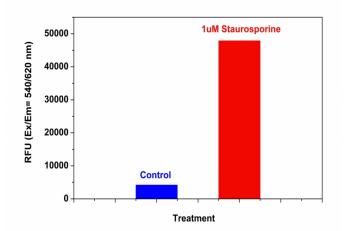
# Cell Caspase Assays Using Cell-Permeable FMK Caspase Probes (For #13470-13476 only)

1. Prepare a 250X stock solution by adding 50  $\mu L$  DMSO into the vial.

#### 2. Treat cells as desired.

- 3. Add 250 X DMSO stock solution into the cell solution at a 1:250 ratio (such as 2  $\mu L$  to 500  $\mu L$  cells), and incubate the cells in a 37°C, 5% CO2 incubator for 1 hour.
- 4. Wash the cells with HHBS for at least once.
- Monitor the fluorescence intensity by flow cytometer, fluorescence microscopy or fluorescent microplate reader.

## **EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES**



**Figure 1.** Detection of Caspase 8 Activity in Jurkat cells with Z-IETD-ProRed<sup>TM</sup> 620. Jurkat cells were seeded on the same day at 200,000 cells/90 µL/well in a Costar black wall/clear bottom 96-well plate. The cells were treated with staurosporine at the final concentration of 1 µM for 5 hours while the untreated cells were used as control. The caspase 8 assay solution (100 µL/well) was added and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. The fluorescence intensity was measured at Ex/Em = 540/620 nm with a FlexStation<sup>TM</sup> microplate reader (Molecular Devices).

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