

Catalog number: 16060 Unit size: 200 Tests

# Cell Meter™ Fluorimetric Mitochondrial Superoxide Activity Assay Kit \*Green Fluorescence\*

Component	Storage	Amount
Component A: MitoROS™ 520	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial
Component B: Assay Buffer	Freeze (<-15 °C)	1 bottle (20 mL)
Component C: DMSO	Freeze (<-15 °C)	1 vial (100 μL)

#### OVERVIEW

Mitochondria are major producers of cellular superoxide. The production of low to moderate levels of superoxide is critical for the proper regulation of many essential cellular processes including gene expression, signal transduction, and muscle adaptation to endurance exercise training. Uncontrolled mitochondrial superoxide production can trigger cellular oxidative damage that contributes to the pathogenesis of a wide variety of disorders including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases and aging. The detection of intracellular mitochondrial superoxide is of great importance to understanding proper cellular redox regulation and the impact of its dysregulation on various pathologies. Cell Meter™ Fluorimetric Intracellular Superoxide Detection Kit uses MitoROS™ 520, our unique superoxide indicator, to quantify superoxide level in live cells. MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 is cell permeant and can rapidly and selectively detect superoxide in mitochondria. It generates green fluorescence upon reacting with superoxide. The Cell Meter™ Fluorimetric Mitochondrial Superoxide Activity Assay Kit provides a sensitive, one-step fluorimetric assay to detect mitochondrial superoxide in live cells with one hour incubation. This kit can be used for flow cytometry and fluorescence microscopy applications.

## AT A GLANCE

#### Protocol summary (Fluorescence Microscope)

- 1. Prepare cells in growth medium
- 2. Treat the cells with test compounds to induce superoxide
- 3. Add MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 working solution
- 4. Incubate the cells at 37°C for 1 hour
- 5. Monitor the fluorescence using FITC fliter set

# Protocol summary (Flow Cytometry)

- 1. Prepare cells in growth medium
- 2. Treat the cells with test compounds to induce superoxide
- 3. Add MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 stock solution and incubate the cells at 37°C for 1 hour
- 4. Monitor the fluorescence intensity with a flow cytometer using 530/30 nm filter (FITC channel)

**Important** Thaw all the components at room temperature before use.

#### **KEY PARAMETERS**

Instrument: Excitation: Emission: Recommended plate: Instrument specification(s):

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Flow cytometer 488 nm laser 530/30 nm filter FITC channel

#### PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all unused stock solutions should be divided into single-use aliquots and stored at -20 °C after preparation. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

1. MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 stock solution (500X):

Add 50  $\mu L$  of DMSO (Component C) into the vial of MitoROS  $^{\rm \tiny M}$  520 (Component A) and mix well.

Note  $~25~\mu L$  of reconstituted MitoROS^{\tiny M} 520 stock solution is enough for 1 plate.

**Note** Unused portion can be aliquoted and stored at < -20  $^{\circ}$ C for more than one month if the tubes are sealed tightly and kept from light. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

#### PREPARATION OF WORKING SOLUTION

#### **Only for Fluorescence Microscope**

Add 5 µL of 500X DMSO reconstituted MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 stock solution into 2 mL of Assay Buffer (Component B) and mix well.

**Note** This working solution is not stable and needs to be prepared freshly before use.

#### PREPARATION OF CELL SAMPLES

For guidelines on cell sample preparation, please visit https://www.aatbio.com/resources/guides/cell-sample-preparation.html

### SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

#### For Fluorescence Microscopes/96-Well Microplates:

- 1. Treat cells with 10  $\mu$ L of 10X test compounds (96-well plate) or 5  $\mu$ L of 5X test compounds (384-well plate) in medium or your desired buffer (such as PBS or HHBS). For control wells (untreated cells), add the corresponding amount of compound buffer.
- To induce superoxide, incubate the cell at 37°C for a desired period of time, protected from light.

- 3. Add 100  $\mu$ L/well (96-well plate) or 25  $\mu$ L/well (384-well plate) of MitoROS<sup>TM</sup> 520 working solution into the cell plate.
- 4. Incubate the cells at  $37^{\circ}$ C for 1 hour, and take images using fluorescence microscope with a FITC filter set.

#### For Flow Cytometers:

1. Treat cells as desired.

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To induce superoxide, incubate the cells at 37°C for a desired period of time, protected from light.

Note ~ We treated Jurkat cells with 50  $\mu\text{M}$  Antimycin A (AMA) at 37°C for 2 hours to induce superoxide.

- 3. Add 1 µL/0.5 mL cells of MitoROS<sup>™</sup> 520 stock solution (500X) into the cells.
- Incubate the cells in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C incubator for 1 hour, and monitor the fluorescence intensity using a flow cytometry with 530/30 nm filter (FITC channel).



**Figure 1.** Fluorescence images of superoxide measurement in macrophage cells using cat#16060. RAW 264.7 cells at 100,000 cells/well/100  $\mu$ L were seeded overnight in a 96-well black wall/clear bottom plate. AMA Treatment: Cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M Antimycin A (AMA) at 37 °C for 2 hours, then incubated with MitoROS<sup>TM</sup> 520 for 1 hour. Untreated Control: RAW 264.7 cells were incubated with MitoROS<sup>TM</sup> 520 at 37 °C for 1 hour without AMA treatment. The fluorescence signal was measured using fluorescence microscope with a FITC filter

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