

# Amplite™ Colorimetric Hydrogen Peroxide Assay Kit

Catalog number: 11500  
Unit size: 500 Tests

Component	Storage	Amount
Component A: Amplite™ IR Peroxidase Substrate	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial
Component B: H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Refrigerate (2-8 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (3% stabilized solution, 200 µL)
Component C: Assay Buffer	Freeze (<-15 °C)	1 bottle (100 mL)
Component D: Horseradish Peroxidase	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (20 units)
Component E: DMSO	Freeze (<-15 °C)	1 vial (0.5 mL)

## OVERVIEW

Hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) is a reactive oxygen metabolic by-product that serves as a key regulator for a number of oxidative stress-related states. It is involved in a number of biological events that have been linked to asthma, atherosclerosis, diabetic vasculopathy, osteoporosis, a number of neurodegenerative diseases and Down's syndrome. Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> biology is the recent report that antibodies have the capacity to convert molecular oxygen into hydrogen peroxide to contribute to the normal recognition and destruction processes of the immune system. Measurement of this reactive species will help to determine how oxidative stress modulates varied intracellular pathways. This Amplite™ Colorimetric Hydrogen Peroxide Assay Kit uses our unique Amplite™ IR peroxidase substrate to quantify hydrogen peroxide in solutions and cell extracts. Upon hydrogen peroxide oxidation the colorless Amplite™ IR generates an intense blue color product that is pH-independent from pH 4 to 10. The existing colorimetric hydrogen peroxide assays (from other vendors) often have severe sample interferences caused by the inherent absorption of biological samples. The near infrared absorption of Amplite™ IR product minimizes the assay background that since the biological samples rarely absorb light beyond 600 nm. It can also be used to detect a variety of oxidase activities through enzyme-coupled reactions. The kit is an optimized 'mix and read' assay that is compatible with HTS liquid handling instruments.

## AT A GLANCE

### Protocol summary

1. Prepare H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> working solution (50 µL)
2. Add H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standards or test samples (50 µL)
3. Incubate at room temperature for 10 - 60 minutes
4. Monitor absorbance at 650 nm

**Important** Thaw all the kit components at room temperature before starting the experiment.

**Important** Amplite™ IR Peroxidase Substrate (Component A) is unstable in the presence of thiols such as DTT and β-mercaptoethanol. If the final concentration of the thiols is higher than 10 µM, it would significantly decrease the assay dynamic range.

**Important** NADH and glutathione (reduced form of GSH) may interfere with the assay.

## KEY PARAMETERS

Instrument:	Absorbance microplate reader
Absorbance:	650 nm
Recommended plate:	Clear bottom

## 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. **Amplite™ IR Peroxidase Substrate stock solution (100X):**  
Add 250 µL of DMSO (Component E) into the vial of Amplite™ IR Peroxidase Substrate (Component A).
2. **Peroxidase stock solution (20 U/mL):**  
Add 1 mL of Assay Buffer (Component C) into the vial of Horseradish Peroxidase (Component D).
3. **H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard solution (20 mM):**  
Add 22.7 µL of 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.88 M, Component B) into 977 µL of Assay Buffer (Component C).

**Note** The diluted H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stock solution is not stable. The unused portion should be discarded.

## PREPARATION OF STANDARD SOLUTION

### H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard

For convenience, use the Serial Dilution Planner:  
<https://www.aatbio.com/tools/serial-dilution/11500>

Add 5 µL of 20 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard solution into 995 µL of Assay Buffer (Component C) to get 100 µM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard (HS7). Take 200 µL of 100 µM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard to perform 1:2 serial dilutions to get serial dilutions of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard (HS6 - HS1).

## PREPARATION OF WORKING SOLUTION

Add 50 µL of Amplite™ IR Peroxidase Substrate Stock Solution (100X) and 200 µL of Peroxidase Stock Solution (20 U/mL) into 4.75 mL of Assay Buffer (Component C) to make a total volume of 5 mL.

**Note** Keep from light.

## 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

**Table 1.** Layout of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standards and test samples in a white wall/clear bottom 96-well microplate. HS= H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Standards (HS1 - HS7, 1.563 to 100 µM); BL=Blank Control; TS=Test Samples.

BL	BL	TS	TS
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HS1	HS1	...	...
HS2	HS2	...	...
HS3	HS3		
HS4	HS4		
HS5	HS5		
HS6	HS6		
HS7	HS7		

**Table 2.** Reagent composition for each well.

Well	Volume	Reagent
HS1 - HS7	50 µL	Serial Dilution (1.563 to 100 µM)
BL	50 µL	Assay Buffer (Component B)
TS	50 µL	test sample

#### H2O2 assay in supernatants reaction

1. Prepare H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standards (HS), blank controls (BL), and test samples (TS) according to the layout provided in Tables 1 and 2. For a 384-well plate, use 25 µL of reagent per well instead of 50 µL.
2. Add 50 µL of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> working solution to each well of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standard, blank control, and test samples to make the total H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> assay volume of 100 µL/well. For a 384-well plate, add 25 µL of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> working solution into each well instead, for a total volume of 50 µL/well.
3. Incubate the reaction at room temperature for 10 to 30 minutes, protected from light.
4. Monitor the absorbance with an absorbance plate reader at 650 nm.

#### H2O2 assay for cells

The Amplitude™ Colorimetric Hydrogen Peroxide Assay Kit can be used to measure the release of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> from cells. The following is a suggested protocol that can be modified to meet the specific research needs.

1. The H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cell working solution should be prepared as given except that the Assay Buffer (Component C) should be replaced with the media used in your cell culture system. Suggested media including (a) Krebs Ringers Phosphate Buffer (KRPB); (b). Hanks Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS); or (c) Serum-free media.
2. Prepare cells in a 96-well plate (50 - 100 µL/well), and activate the cells as desired.

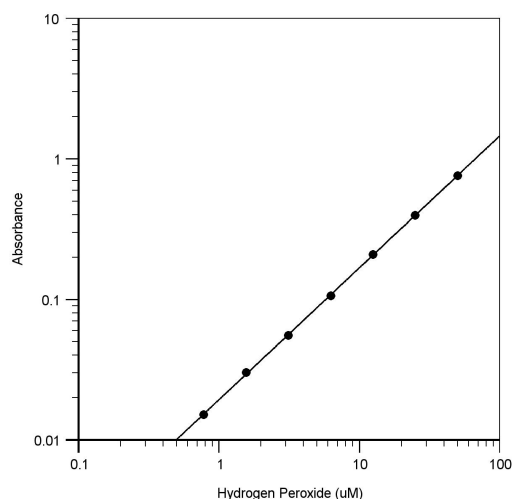
**Note** The negative controls (media alone and non-activated cells) are included for measuring the background fluorescence.

3. Add 50 µL of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cell working solution to each well of cells and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> standards to make the total H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> assay volume of 100 µL/well. For a 384-well plate, add 25 µL of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cell working solution into each well instead, for a total volume of 50 µL/well.
4. Incubate the reaction at room temperature for 10 to 60 minutes, protected from light.
5. Monitor the absorbance with an absorbance plate reader at 650 nm.

#### EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES

The reading (Absorbance) obtained from the blank standard well is used as a negative control. Subtract this value from the other standards' readings to obtain the base-line corrected values. Then, plot the standards' readings to obtain a standard curve and equation. This equation can be used to calculate Hydrogen Peroxide samples. We recommend using the Online Linear Regression Calculator which can be found at:

<https://www.aatbio.com/tools/linear-logarithmic-semi-log-regression-online-calculator>



**Figure 1.** Hydrogen Peroxide dose response was measured in a white wall/clear bottom 96-well plate with the Amplitude™ Colorimetric Hydrogen Peroxide Assay Kit using a Spectramax absorbance microplate reader (Molecular Devices).

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