# PhosphoWorks<sup>TM</sup> Fluorimetric Pyrophosphate Assay Kit

\*Blue Fluorescence\*

Ordering Information	Storage Conditions	Instrument Platform		
Product Number: 21611(2 plates)	Keep in freezer and protect from light	Fluorescence microplate readers		

# **Introduction**

Pyrophosphate (PPi) are produced by a number of biochemical reactions, such as ATP hydrolysis, DNA and RNA polymerizations, cyclic AMP formation by the enzyme adenylate cyclase and the enzymatic activation of fatty acids to form their coenzyme A esters.

Our PhosphoWroks<sup>TM</sup> Fluorimetric Pyrophosphate Assay Kit provides the most robust spectrophotometric method for the measurement of pyrophosphate. It uses our proprietary fluorogenic pyrophosphate sensor that has its fluorescence intensity proportionally dependent upon the concentration of pyrophosphate. Our assay is much easier and more robust than enzyme-coupling pyrophosphate methods, which require at least two enzymes for their pyrophosphate detections. Due to its direct measurement of pyrophosphate, this kit is ideal for screening inhibition or activities of enzymes that consume or generate pyrophosphate. The assay is an optimized mix-and-read assay and can be performed in a convenient 96-well or 384-well microtiter-plate format. The kit provides all the essential components for assaying pyrophosphate

## **Kit Key Features**

Universal: Can be used to monitor any biological processes that generate pyrophosphate.

**Continuous:** Easily adapted to automation without mixing or separation.

**Convenient:** Formulated to have minimal hands-on time. **Non-Radioactive:** No special requirements for waste treatment.

#### **Kit Components**

Components	Amount
Component A: Assay Buffer	1 bottle (25 mL)
Component B: PPi Sensor	1 vial (lyophilized powder)
Component C: Pyrophasphate Standard	1 mL (50 mM)
Component D: DMSO	1 vial (200 μL)

## **Assay Protocol (for one 96-well plate)**

#### **Brief Summary**

Prepare pyrophosphate standards (50  $\mu$ L) and/or test samples (50  $\mu$ L)  $\rightarrow$  Add Assay solution (50  $\mu$ L)  $\rightarrow$  Incubate at room temperature for 10 to 30 minutes  $\rightarrow$  Monitor fluorescence intensity at Ex/Em = 316/456 nm

#### 1. Prepare assay solution:

- 1.1 Thaw all the four components at room temperature before use.
- 1.2 Prepare 200X PPi Sensor Stock Solution: Add 50 μL of DMSO (Component D) into the vial of PPi Sensor (Component B) to make 200X PPi Sensor Stock Solution.

Note: 25  $\mu$ L of the PPi Sensor Stock Solution is enough for one 96-well plate. The unused PPi Sensor Stock Solution should be divided into single-use aliquots. Store at -20 °C and protect from light.

1.3 Prepare Assay Solution: Add 25 μL of 200X PPi Sensor Stock Solution (from Step 1.2) to 5 mL of Assay Buffer (Component A), and mix them well.

Note: Due to the high sensitivity of this assay to PPi, it is important to use PPi-free labware and reagents.

# 2. Prepare serially diluted pyrophosphate standards and test samples:

- 2.1 Prepare 1 mM Pyrophosphate Standard Solution: Add 10 μL of 50 mM Pyrophosphate Standard (Component C) into 490 μL of Assay Buffer (Component A), or buffer of your choice (preferably 50 mM Hepes buffer, pH 7) to make 1 mM pyrophosphate standard solution.
- 2.2 Add 50  $\mu$ L of 1 mM pyrophosphate standard solution (from Step 2.1) into 450  $\mu$ L of Assay Buffer (Component A) to get 100  $\mu$ M pyrophosphate standard solution, and then take 200  $\mu$ L of 100  $\mu$ M pyrophosphate standard solution to perform 1:3 serial dilutions to get 30, 10, 3, 1, 0.3, 0.1 and 0  $\mu$ M serially diluted pyrophosphate standards.
- 2.3 Add serially diluted pyrophosphate standards and/or pyrophosphate-containing test samples into a solid black 96-well microplate as described in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 Layout of pyrophosphate standards and test samples in a solid black 96-well microplate

BL	BL	TS	TS	 			
PS1	PS1			 			
PS2	PS2						
PS3	PS3						
PS4	PS4						
PS5	PS5						
PS6	PS6						
PS7	PS7						

*Note:* PS = Pyrophosphate Standard, BL = Blank Control, TS = Test Sample.

Table 2 Reagent composition for each well

Pyrophosphate Standards	Blank Control	Test Sample
Serial Dilutions*: 50 μL	Assay Buffer: 50 μL	50 μL

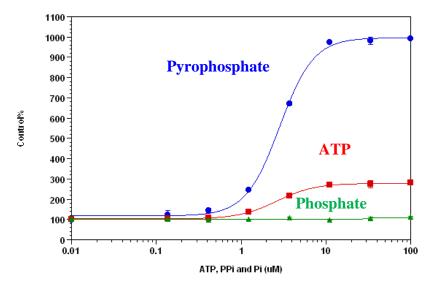
Note: \*Add serially diluted pyrophosphate standards from 0.3 µM to 100 µM into wells from PS1 to PS7.

# 3. Run pyrophosphate assay:

- 3.1 Add 50  $\mu$ L/well of Assay Solution (from Step 1.3) to the wells of pyrophosphate standards, blank control, and test samples. Mix the reagents thoroughly.
  - Note: For a 384-well plate, add 25 µL of sample and 25 µL of Assay Solution into each well.
- 3.2 Incubate at room temperature for 10 to 30 minutes.

## **Data Analysis**

The fluorescence in blank wells (with the assay buffer only) is used as a control, and is subtracted from the values for those wells with the pyrophosphate reactions. A pyrophosphate standard curve is shown in Figure 1. *Note: The fluorescence background increases with time, thus it is important to subtract the fluorescence intensity value of the blank wells for each data point.* 



**Figure 1.** Pyrophosphate, ATP and phosphate dose responses were measured with the PhosphoWorks<sup>TM</sup> Fluoremetric Pyrophosphate Assay Kit in a solid black 96-well plate using a fluorescence microplate reader. As low as 1 μM (100 picmoles/well) pyrophosphate can be detected with 10 minutes incubation.

#### **References**

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