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# Data Sheet DNMT3A Direct Activity Assay Kit Catalog # 52033

**DESCRIPTION:** The *DNMT3A Direct Activity Assay Kit* is designed to measure DNMT3A activity for screening and profiling applications. The *DNMT3A Direct Activity Assay Kit* comes in a convenient format, with a 96-well plate precoated with DNA substrate, an antibody against 5-methylcytosine, a secondary HRP-labeled antibody, S-adenosylmethionine, DNMT assay buffer, and purified DNMT3A/3L complex for 100 enzyme reactions. The key to the *DNMT3A Direct Activity Assay Kit* is a highly specific antibody that recognizes 5-methylcytosine of the substrate. With this kit, only three simple steps on a microtiter plate are required for detection of DNMT3A activity. First, S-adenosylmethionine is incubated with a sample containing assay buffer and DNMT3A/3L for two hours. Next, primary antibody is added. Finally, the plate is treated with an HRP-labeled secondary antibody followed by addition of the HRP substrate to produce chemiluminescence that can then be measured using a chemiluminescence reader.

#### **COMPONENTS:**

Cat. #	Component	Amount	Sto	orage
51106	DNMT3A/3L Complex	20 µg	-80°C	
52120	400 μM S-adenosylmethionine	2 x 250 µl	-80°C	
	Anti-5-methylcytosine antibody	25 µl	-80°C	
52130H	Secondary HRP-labeled antibody 1	10 µl	-80°C	Avoid
52201	4x DNMT assay buffer 2*	5 ml	-20°C	(Avoid freeze/thaw
52100	Blocking buffer 4	50 ml	+4°C	cycles!)
	HRP chemiluminescent substrate	6 ml each	+4°C	Cycles:)
	(2 components)			
	Plate pre-coated with DNA	1	+4°C	
	substrate			

<sup>\*</sup>Add 10 µl of 0.5 M DTT before use

#### **MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED:**

0.5 M DTT

TBST buffer (1 x TBS, pH 8.0, containing 0.05% Tween20)

Luminometer or fluorescent microplate reader capable of reading chemiluminescence Adjustable micropipettor and sterile tips

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Rotating or rocker platform

**APPLICATIONS:** Useful for screening enzyme inhibitors.

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

**STABILITY:** One year from date of receipt when stored as directed. **REFERENCE:** Svedruzic, Z.M. *Curr. Med. Chem.* 2008; **15**(1):92-106.

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#### **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 plate onto clean paper towels to remove liquid.
- 2) Add 10  $\mu$ l of 0.5 DTT in 4x DNMT assay buffer 2. Prepare the master mixture: N wells × (12.5  $\mu$ l 4x DNMT assay buffer 2 + 5  $\mu$ l 400 $\mu$ l 400 $\mu$ l 4x DNMT assay buffer 2 + 5  $\mu$ l 400 $\mu$ l 5-adenosylmethionine + 7.5  $\mu$ l H<sub>2</sub>O )
- 3) Thaw DNMT3A/3L enzyme on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube containing enzyme to recover full content of the tube. Aliquot DNMT3A/3L enzyme into single use aliquots. Store remaining undiluted enzyme in aliquots at -80°C immediately. Note: DNMT3A/3L enzyme is very sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Do not re-use thawed aliquots or diluted enzyme.
- 4) Dilute **DNMT3A/3L** enzyme in **1x DNMT** assay buffer **2** at 10 ng/μl (200 ng/20 μl). Keep diluted enzyme on ice until use. Discard any unused diluted enzyme after use.
- 5) Add 25 μl of mater mixture to each well designated for the "Positive Control", "Test Inhibitor", and "Blank". For the "Substrate Control", add 12.5 μl **4x DNMT assay buffer 2** + 12.5 μl **H<sub>2</sub>O**

	Positive	Test	Substrate	Blank
	Control	Inhibitor	Control	
4x DNMT assay buffer 2	12.5 µl	12.5 µl	12.5 µl	12.5 µl
400 μM S-adenosylmethionine	5 µl	5 µl	_	5 µl
H₂O	7.5 µl	7.5 µl	12.5 µl	7.5 µl
Test Inhibitor/Activator	1	5 µl	_	ı
Inhibitor buffer (no inhibitor)	5 µl	_	5 µl	5 µl
1× DNMT assay buffer 2	I	_	1	20 µl
DNMT3A/3L (10 ng/µl)	20 μΙ	20 μΙ	20 µl	
Total	50 μl	50 µl	50 μl	50 µl



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- 6) Add 5 μl of inhibitor solution of each well designated "Test Inhibitor". For the "Positive Control", "Substrate Control" and "Blank", add 5 μl of the same solution without inhibitor (inhibition buffer)
- 7) Add 20 µl of **1x DNMT buffer 2** to the well designated "Blank".
- 8) Initiate reaction by adding 20 μl of diluted **DNMT3A/3L** prepared as described above. Incubate at 37°C for 2 hours.
- 9) Wash the plate three times with 200 µl TBST buffer. Blot dry onto clean paper towels.
- 10) Add 100  $\mu$ l of Blocking buffer to every well. Shake on a rotating platform for 10 min. Remove supernatant as above.

#### Step 2:

- 1) Dilute "Anti-5-methylcytosine antibody" 400-fold with Blocking buffer.
- 2) Add 100 µl per well. Incubate 1 hour at room temperature with slow shaking.
- 3) Wash plate three times with 200 µl TBST buffer and incubate in **Blocking buffer** as in steps 1-8 and 1-9.

#### Step 3:

- 1) Dilute "Secondary HRP-labeled antibody 1" 1,000-fold with Blocking buffer.
- 2) Add 100 µl per well. Incubate for 30 min. at room temperature with slow shaking.
- 3) Wash plate three times with 200 µl TBST buffer and incubate in **Blocking buffer** as in steps 1-8 and 1-9.
- 4) Just before use, mix on ice 50 μl HRP chemiluminescent substrate A and 50 μl HRP chemiluminescent substrate B and add 100 ul per well. Discard any unused chemiluminescent reagent after use.



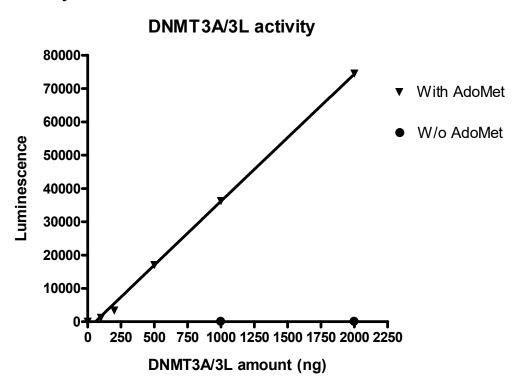
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#### Step 4:

Immediately read sample in a luminometer or microtiter-plate capable of reading chemiluminescence. "Blank" value is subtracted from all readings.

#### **Example of Assay Results:**



DNMT3A/3L enzyme activity, measured using the DNMT3A/3L Assay Kit, BPS Bioscience #52033. 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* <a href="mailto:info@bpsbioscience.com">info@bpsbioscience.com</a>



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#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Luminescence signal of positive control reaction is weak	DNMT3A/3L enzyme has lost activity	Enzyme loses activity upon repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Use fresh enzyme (DNMT3A/3L, BPS Bioscience #51106). 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.
	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	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 (DNMT3A/3L, BPS Bioscience #51106) to create a standard curve.