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Data sheet
Cathepsin F Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit
Catalog #79971
Size: 96 reactions

BACKGROUND: Cathepsin F is a lysosomal cysteine protease that belongs to the papain-like superfamily. It is secreted by macrophages and is thought to play a role in processing and loading peptides into MHC complexes. Cathepsin F is also expressed in atherosclerotic lesions, where it degrades ApoB-100, triggering LDL aggregation. It has been implicated in tumor invasion and metastasis, inducing apoptosis of gastric cancer cells, and mutations in cathepsin F have been linked to Alzheimer's disease and Type B Kuf's disease.

DESCRIPTION: The *Cathepsin F Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit* is designed to measure the protease activity of Cathepsin F for screening and profiling applications. The Cathepsin F assay kit comes in a convenient 96-well format, with purified Cathepsin F, its fluorogenic substrate, and Cathepsin buffer for 100 enzyme reactions.

COMPONENTS:

Catalog #	Component	Amount	Storage	
80003	Cathepsin F	>1 µg	-80°C	Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles!
80349	Fluorogenic Cathepsin F Substrate (0.5 mM)	100 µl	-20°C	
	*4X Cathepsin buffer	2 ml	-20°C	
79685	96-well black microplate	1	Room Temp	

*Add 120 µl of 0.5 M DTT before use

APPLICATIONS: Great for studying enzyme kinetics and screening small molecular inhibitors for drug discovery and HTS applications.

STABILITY: Up to 6 months from date of receipt, when stored as recommended

REFERENCE:

Smith, Katherine R., *et al.* 2013. "Cathepsin F mutations cause Type B Kufs disease, an adult-onset neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis." *Human Molec. Genetics* **22(7)**: 1417-1423.

MATERIALS OR INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED:

0.5 M DTT in aqueous solution
Adjustable micropipettor and sterile tips
Fluorescent microplate reader

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ASSAY PROTOCOL:

All samples and controls should be tested in duplicate.

- 1) Add 120 μ l of 0.5 M DTT to **4x Cathepsin buffer**. Prepare **1x Cathepsin buffer** by diluting **4x Cathepsin buffer** 4-fold into water. Prepare only the amount required for the assay; store remaining 4x cathepsin buffer as directed.
- 2) Add 20 μ l **1X Cathepsin buffer** to each well designated "Blank."
- 3) Thaw **Cathepsin F** on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube containing enzyme to recover full contents of the tube. Prepare an intermediate Cathepsin F solution by diluting the enzyme to 10 ng/ μ l in **1X Cathepsin buffer**. Aliquot remaining **Cathepsin F** enzyme into single-use aliquots. Store remaining undiluted enzyme in aliquots at -80°C . Note: **Cathepsin F** is sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles. Do not re-use thawed aliquots or diluted enzyme.
- 4) Prepare **Cathepsin F** (0.5 ng/ μ l) by diluting in **1X Cathepsin buffer**.
- 5) Add 20 μ l **Cathepsin F** (0.5 ng/ μ l) to each well designated "Positive Control" and "Test Inhibitor."
- 6) Add 5 μ l **Inhibitor solution** to each well designated "Test Inhibitor." For the wells labeled "Positive Control" and "Blank," add 5 μ l of the same solution without inhibitor ("Inhibitor buffer", usually 10% DMSO in water).

Note: Final DMSO concentration must be $\leq 1\%$. Higher DMSO levels can significantly decrease the enzyme activity. For example, to test an inhibitor dissolved in 100% DMSO at 10 μM , dilute 1 mM inhibitor with water to make a 100 μM inhibitor in 10% DMSO(aq). Then, add 5 μ l of the 100 μM solution into the 50 μ l assay to make a 1% DMSO concentration in the final reaction mixture.

- 7) Prepare **Substrate solution** (20 μM) by diluting **Fluorogenic Cathepsin substrate 1** (0.5 mM) in **1X Cathepsin buffer**. Store remaining undiluted substrate in aliquots at -20°C . Do not re-use diluted substrate.

	Positive Control	Test Inhibitor	Blank
Cathepsin F (0.5 ng/ μ l)	20 μ l	20 μ l	-
1X Cathepsin buffer	-	-	20 μ l
Inhibitor (in Cathepsin buffer)	-	5 μ l	-
10% DMSO in water (Inhibitor buffer)	5 μ l	-	5 μ l
Substrate solution (20 μM)	25 μ l	25 μ l	25 μ l
Total	50 μ l	50 μ l	50 μ l

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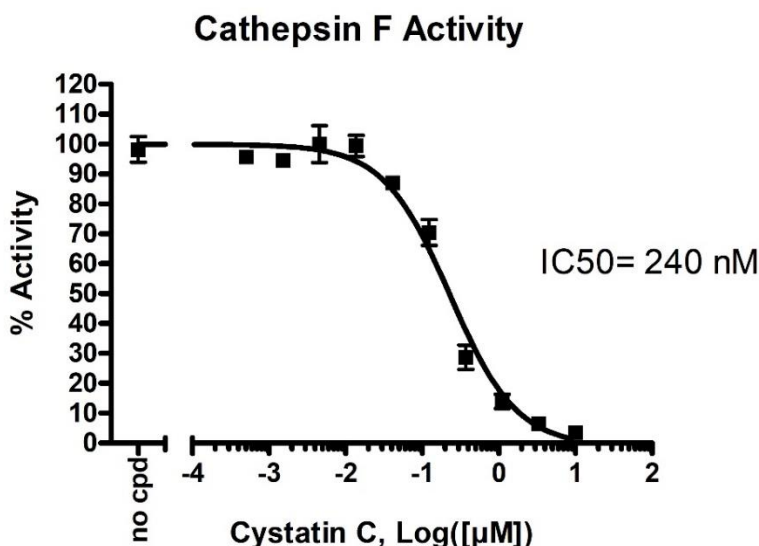
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- 8) Add 25 μ l **Substrate solution** (20 μ M) to all wells. Incubate reaction at room temperature for 60 minutes.
- 9) Read fluorescence intensity of the samples ($\lambda_{excitation}$ = 360 nm; $\lambda_{emission}$ = 460 nm) in an appropriate microplate reader. "Blank" value is subtracted from all readings.

Example of assay results:



Cathepsin F inhibition by Cystatin C, measured using the *Cathepsin F Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit*, BPS Bioscience, #79971. Fluorescence was measured using a Bio-Tek microplate reader. Data shown is lot-specific. For lot-specific information, please contact BPS Bioscience, Inc. at info@bpsbioscience.com

RELATED PRODUCTS:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Catalog#</u>	<u>Size</u>
Cathepsin B	80001	10 μ g
Cathepsin F	80003	10 μ g
Cathepsin L	80005	10 μ g
Cathepsin S	80008	10 μ g
Cathepsin V	80009	10 μ g
Fluorogenic Cathepsin Substrate 1	80349	100 μ l
Fluorogenic Cathepsin F Substrate	80350	100 μ l
Cathepsin B Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit	79590	96 rxns.
Cathepsin L Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit	79591	96 rxns.
Cathepsin S Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit	79588	96 rxns.
Cathepsin V Inhibitor Screening Assay Kit	79589	96 rxns.

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