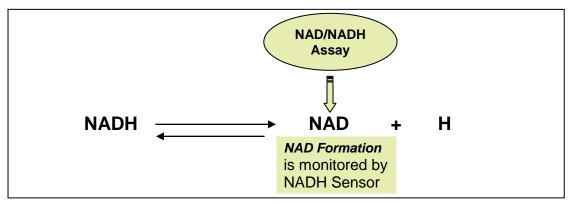
# Amplite<sup>™</sup> Colorimetric NAD/NADH Assay Kit \*Blue Color\*

Ordering Information	Storage Conditions	Instrument Platform
Product Number: 15258 (400 assays)	Keep in freezer Avoid exposure to light	Absorbance microplate readers

### **Introduction**

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+) and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP+) are two important cofactors found in cells. NADH is the reduced form of NAD+, and NAD+ is the oxidized form of NADH. NAD forms NADP with the addition of a phosphate group to the 2' position of the adenyl nucleotide through an ester linkage. NADP is used in anabolic biological reactions, such as fatty acid and nucleic acid synthesis, which require NADPH as a reducing reagent. In chloroplasts, NADP is an oxidizing reagent important in the preliminary reactions of photosynthesis. The NADPH produced by photosynthesis is used as reducing power for the biosynthetic reactions in the Calvin cycle of photosynthesis.

The existing NAD/NADH methods suffer low sensitivity and high interference since the assays are done in the UV range. Our Amplite<sup>™</sup> Colorimetric NAD/NADH Assay Kit provides a convenient method for sensitive detection of NAD and NADH. The enzymes in the system specifically recognize NAD/NADH in an enzyme cycling reaction that significantly increases detection sensitivity. In addition, this assay has very low background since it is performed in the longer wavelength range that considerably reduces the interference resulted from biological samples. There is also no need to purify NAD/NADH from sample mix. The assay has demonstrated high sensitivity and low interference with absorbance at ~576 nm.



The Amplite<sup>™</sup> Colorimetric NAD/NADH Assay Kit provides a sensitive, one-step assay to detect as little as 30 picomoles of NAD(H) in a 100 µL assay volume (300 nM; Figure 1). The assay can be performed in a convenient 96-well or 384-well microtiter-plate format. Its signal can be easily read by an absorbance microplate reader at ~575 nm or at the absorbance ratio of ~570 nm to ~605 nm to increase assay sensitivity.

### **Kit Key Features**

<b>Broad Application:</b>	Can be used for quantifying NAD/NADH in solutions and in cell extracts.		
Sensitive:	Detect as low as 30 picomoles of NAD/NADH in solution.		
Continuous:	Easily adapted to automation without a separation step.		
Convenient:	Formulated to have minimal hands-on time. No wash is required.		
Non-Radioactive:	No special requirements for waste treatment.		

# Kit Components

Components	Amount
Component A: NAD/NADH Recycling Enzyme Mixture	2 bottles (lyophilized powder)
Component B: NADH Sensor Buffer	1 bottle (20 mL)
Component C: NADH Standard (FW: 709)	1 vial (142 μg)

### Assay Protocol for one 96-well plate

#### **Brief Summary**

Prepare NAD/NADH reaction mixture (50  $\mu$ L)  $\rightarrow$  Add NADH standards or test samples (50  $\mu$ L)  $\rightarrow$ Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes - 2 hours  $\rightarrow$  Monitor absorbance increase at 575 ± 5 nm

Note: Thaw one of each kit component at room temperature before starting the experiment.

#### 1. Prepare NADH stock solution:

Add 200  $\mu L$  of PBS buffer into the vial of NADH standard (Component C) to have 1 mM (1 nmol/ $\mu L$ ) NADH stock solution.

*Note: The unused NADH stock solution should be divided into single use aliquots and stored at -20 °C.* 

#### 2. Prepare NAD/NADH reaction mixture:

Add 10 mL of NAD/NADH Sensor Buffer (Component B) to the bottle of NAD/NADH Recycling Enzyme Mixture (Component A), and mix well.

*Note: This solution is enough for two 96-well plates. Any unused NAD/NADH reaction mixture should be divided into single use aliquots and stored at - 20°C.* 

#### 3. Prepare serial dilutions of NADH standard (0 to 10 µM):

- 3.1 Add 10 μL of NADH stock solution (from Step 1) into 990 μL PBS buffer (pH 7.4) to generate 10 μM diluted NADH standard solution. Note: Diluted NADH standard solution is unstable, and should be used within 4 hours.
- 3.2 Take 200 μL of 10 μM standard solution to perform 1:3 serial dilutions to get 3, 1, 0.3, 0.1, 0.03, 0.01 and 0 μM serial dilutions of NADH standard.
- 3.3 Add serial dilutions of NADH standard and NAD/NADH containing test samples into a white/clear bottom 96-well microplate as described in Tables 1 and 2. *Note: Prepare cells or tissue samples as desired.*

BL	BL	TS	TS	 			
NS1	NS1			 			
NS2	NS2						
NS3	NS3						
NS4	NS4						
NS5	NS5						
NS6	NS6						
NS7	NS7						

Table 1 Layout of NADH standards and test samples in a white/clear bottom 96-well microplate

*Note: NS*= *NADH Standards, BL*=*Blank Control, TS*=*Test Samples.* 

 Table 2 Reagent composition for each well

NADH Standard	Blank Control	Test Sample
Serial Dilutions*: 50 µL	PBS: 50 μL	50 μL

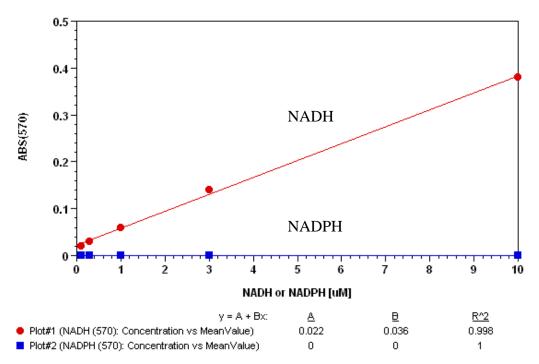
Note: \*Add the serially diluted NADH standards from 0.01  $\mu$ M to 10  $\mu$ M into wells from NS1 to NS7 in duplicate. High concentration of NADH (e.g., > 100  $\mu$ M, final concentration) may cause reduced signal due to the over oxidation of NADH sensor.

#### 4. Run NAD/NADH assay in supernatants reaction:

- 4.1 Add 50 μL of NADH reaction mixture (from Step 2) into each well of NADH standard, blank control, and test samples (from Step 3.3) to make the total NADH assay volume of 100 μL/well. Note: For a 384-well plate, add 25 μL of sample and 25 μL of NADH reaction mixture into each well.
- 4.2 Incubate the reaction at room temperature for 15 minutes to 2 hours, protected from light.
- 4.3 Monitor the absorbance increase with an absorbance plate reader at 575 ± 5 nm. Note: To detect NADH only, aliquot 200 μL of samples into Eppendorf tubes. Heat samples to 60 °C for 30 minutes in a heating block or a water bath. All NAD will be deactivated while NADH will be still intact under the conditions. Cool samples on ice and quickly spin samples if precipitates occur. Transfer 50 μL of NADH samples into the wells as indicated in Tables 1 and 2.

#### **Data Analysis**

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



**Figure 1**. NADH dose response was measured with Amplite<sup>TM</sup> Colorimetric NAD/NADH Assay Kit in a white/clear bottom 96-well plate using a NOVOStar (BMG Labtech) microplate reader. As low as 300 nM (30 pmol/well) of NADH can be detected with 1 hour incubation (n=3) while there is no response from NADPH.

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