

Myeloperoxidase (MPO) Activity Colorimetric Assay Kit

(Catalog #K744-100; 100 assays; Store kit at -20°C)

I. Introduction:

Myeloperoxidase (MPO) is a peroxidase enzyme (EC 1.11.1.7) most abundantly expressed in neutrophil granulocytes. It is a lysosomal protein stored in the azurophilic granules of the neutrophil. MPO contains a heme pigment which causes its green color in secretions rich in neutrophils, such as pus and some forms of mucus. MPO catalyzes the production of hypochlorous acid (HClO) from hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) and chloride anion (Cl⁻, or the equivalent from a non-chlorine halide). MPO also oxidizes tyrosine to a tyrosyl radical using hydrogen peroxide as an oxidizing agent. In GENTAU's MPO Assay Kit, the HClO produced from H₂O₂ and Cl⁻ is reacted with taurine to generate the taurine chloramine, which subsequently reacts with the TNB²⁻ probe to eliminate color (λ = 412 nm). The kit provides a rapid, simple, sensitive, and reliable test suitable for high throughput activity assay of MPO. This kit can be used to detect MPO as low as 0.05 mU per well.

II. Kit Contents:

Component	100 Assays	Cap Code	Part Number
MPO Assay Buffer	25 ml	WM	K744-100-1
TNB Probe (lyophilized)	1 vial	Red	K744-100-2
MPO Substrate Stock	50 µl	Blue	K744-100-3
Stop Mix (lyophilized)	1 vial	Green	K744-100-4
TNB Standard (2.5 µmol; lyophilized)	1 vial	Amber	K744-100-5
MPO Positive Control (lyophilized)	1 vial	Purple	K744-100-6

III. Storage and Handling:

Store the kit at -20 °C protected from light. Allow the Assay Buffer to warm to room temperature before use. Briefly centrifuge vials before opening. **Read the entire protocol prior to performing the assay.**

IV. Reagent Preparation:

TNB Probe: Reconstitute with 1.05 ml dH₂O. Store -20°C. Use within two months.

MPO Substrate: Add 5 µl MPO Substrate Stock into 300 µl dH₂O to prepare the MPO substrate working solution. Aliquot and store at -20°C. The working solution is stable for one week.

Stop Mix: Reconstitute with 220 µl dH₂O, briefly mix. Aliquot and store at -20°C. Use within two months.

TNB Standard: Dissolve TNB standard with 0.5 ml Assay Buffer to generate 5 mM TNB Standard. The TNB standard solution is stable for 1 week at 4°C and 1 month at -20°C.

MPO Positive Control: Reconstitute the positive control with 100 µl MPO Assay Buffer. Aliquot and store at -20 °C. Use within two months.

V. MPO Assay Protocol:

1. Standard Curve Preparation:

Add 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 µl of TNB Standard into a series of wells. Adjust volume to 150 µl/well with Assay Buffer to generate 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 nmol/well of TNB Standard. Read standard curve after 10 min at OD 412 nm.

2. Sample Preparations:

Tissues or cells can be homogenized in 4 volumes of Assay Buffer, centrifuged (13,000 x g, 10 min) to remove insoluble material. Serum samples can be directly diluted in the Assay Buffer. Prepare test samples of up to 50 µl/well with Assay Buffer in a 96-well plate. We suggest testing several doses of your sample to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range.

3. Positive Control (optional):

Add 5 - 10 µl of the reconstituted MPO Positive Control into the Positive Control well(s) and adjust the final volume to 50 µl/well with MPO Assay Buffer.

4. Reaction Mix:

Mix enough reagents for the number of assays to be performed. For each well, prepare a total 90 µl Reaction Mix:

MPO Measurement	Sample Background Control
80 µl MPO Assay Buffer	80 µl MPO Assay Buffer
10 µl MPO Substrate	10 µl dH ₂ O

5. Add 90 µl of the Reaction Mix to each well containing the Positive Controls and Samples. Add 90 µl of the Sample Background Control Mix to the sample background controls. Mix well. Incubate at room temperature for 30 min to 2 hr (record this time as **T**), then add 2 µl Stop Mix and mix well. Incubate another 10 min to stop the reaction then add 10 µl TNB Probe. Mix well. It is suggested to run samples for 30 min, 1 hr and 2 hr. Followed by the Stop Mix and TNB Probe additions at each time point to ensure values will fall within the linear range of the Standard Curve.

(DO NOT ADD REACTION MIX OR STOP MIX TO STANDARDS)

6. **Sample Measurement:** After 5 min, read the Positive Control(s) and samples OD at 412 nm. The OD of color upon decrease of TNB is $\Delta A_{412nm} = A_{background} - A_{sample}$. It is recommended to use the ΔA values which are in the linear range of the Standard Curve.

7. **Calculation:** Subtract the 0 Standard reading from all standard readings. Plot the Standard Curve. Apply the ΔA_{412nm} of samples to the Standard Curve to get B (nmol of TNB consumed in the sample reaction between the given time). MPO activity in samples can then be calculated:

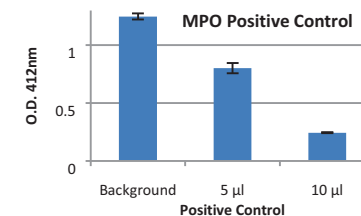
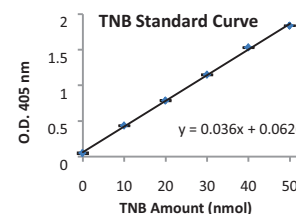
$$\text{MPO Activity} = \frac{B}{T \times V} \times \text{Sample Dilution Factor} = \text{nmol/min/ml} = \text{mU/ml}$$

Where: **B** is the TNB amount calculated from the Standard Curve (in nmol).

T is the time of the first incubation (**ie., pre-Stop Mix, in min**).

V is the pre-adjusted sample volume added into the reaction well (in ml).

Unit Definition: One unit of MPO is defined as the amount of MPO which hydrolyzes the substrate and generates taurine chloramine to consume 1.0 µmol of TNB per minute at 25 °C.



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GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE:

Problems	Cause	Solution
Assay not working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of ice-cold assay buffer • Omission of a step in the protocol • Plate read at incorrect wavelength • Use of a different 96-well plate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assay buffer must be at room temperature • Refer and follow the data sheet precisely • Check the wavelength in the data sheet and the filter settings of the instrument • Fluorescence: Black plates (clear bottoms) ; Luminescence: White plates ; Colorimeters: Clear plates
Samples with erratic readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of an incompatible sample type • Samples prepared in a different buffer • Cell/ tissue samples were not completely homogenized • Samples used after multiple free-thaw cycles • Presence of interfering substance in the sample • Use of old or inappropriately stored samples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer data sheet for details about incompatible samples • Use the assay buffer provided in the kit or refer data sheet for instructions • Use Dounce homogenizer (increase the number of strokes); observe for lysis under microscope • Aliquot and freeze samples if needed to use multiple times • Troubleshoot if needed • Use fresh samples or store at correct temperatures until use
Lower/ Higher readings in Samples and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improperly thawed components • Use of expired kit or improperly stored reagents • Allowing the reagents to sit for extended times on ice • Incorrect incubation times or temperatures • Incorrect volumes used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thaw all components completely and mix gently before use • Always check the expiry date and store the components appropriately • Always thaw and prepare fresh reaction mix before use • Refer datasheet & verify correct incubation times and temperatures • Use calibrated pipettes and aliquot correctly
Readings do not follow a linear pattern for Standard curve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of partially thawed components • Pipetting errors in the standard • Pipetting errors in the reaction mix • Air bubbles formed in well • Standard stock is at an incorrect concentration • Calculation errors • Substituting reagents from older kits/ lots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thaw and resuspend all components before preparing the reaction mix • Avoid pipetting small volumes • Prepare a master reaction mix whenever possible • Pipette gently against the wall of the tubes • Always refer the dilutions in the data sheet • Recheck calculations after referring the data sheet • Use fresh components from the same kit
Unanticipated results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measured at incorrect wavelength • Samples contain interfering substances • Use of incompatible sample type • Sample readings above/below the linear range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the equipment and the filter setting • Troubleshoot if it interferes with the kit • Refer data sheet to check if sample is compatible with the kit or optimization is needed • Concentrate/ Dilute sample so as to be in the linear range
Note: The most probable list of causes is under each problem section. Causes/ Solutions may overlap with other problems.		