DESCRIPTION

Histones are the chief protein components of chromatin. Modification of histone proteins through acetylation and deacetylation affects chromatin structure and regulates gene expression. Histone hyperacetylation is well correlated with increased transcription, whereas hypoacetylation correlates with transcriptional repression. Histone deacetylases (HDACs), catalyze the removal of acetyl groups from an N-acetyl lysine amino acid on a histone, generally resulting in transcriptional silencing. Histone deacetylases have been grouped into four classes. Class I (HDAC 1, 2, 3, 8) and Class II (HDAC 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9) are zinc-containing hydrolase’s enzymes. The third class of HDACs consists of the members of the sirtuin family of enzymes (Sir 1 to 7). Class IV includes only HDAC11.

The Tribo™ HDAC Activity Assay Kit provides a convenient, homogeneous procedure for measuring HDAC activity from various sources of enzyme. It provides quantification of HDAC activity using a fluorogenic substrate. In HDAC assay, an acetylated substrate is incubated with HDAC-containing samples. Deacetylation of substrate sensitizes it to the HDAC developer, generates the AMC (7-amino-4-methylcoumarin) fluorophore, which can be detected at Ex354nm/Em442nm. The substrate included in the kit is cell-permeable, and the assay can measure HDAC activity directly in cell culture in a 96-well plate without a time-consuming cell extraction step. The kit also can be used for HTS of HDAC inhibitors with extracts or purified enzymes.

KIT CONTENTS (for 100 assay)

Assay buffer 12 mL  
Developer 12 mL  
Substrate 100 µL  
HDAC inhibitor (TSA) 10 µL 1 mM

Storage conditions Store the kit at –20°C protected from light. Shelf life: 12 months.

PROCEDURES

A: Measuring HDAC inhibitor activity using culture cell
1. Culture 6x10^4 cells in black 96-well tissue culture plate.
2. Prepare enough working solution by mix 40 µL assay buffer with 1µL substrate, and 10µL test compound for each well; Set up triplicate wells without compound to serve as the positive control, without substrate as the blank control.
3. Replace media with 50 µL working solution, and continue culture in a 30-37°C incubator for the desired time (0.5-2hr). Note: Set up triplicate wells with untreated cells to serve as a vehicle control. Add the same solvent used to deliver the test compounds to the vehicle control wells.
4. Stop the deacetylation reaction by adds 50µL/well of developer solution and mix thoroughly.
5. Incubate the plate an additional 15 min.
6. Read plate in a plate reader at 400nm.

B: Screening HDAC inhibitor using nuclear extract.
1. Prepare enough nuclear extract diluents: Using assay buffer dilute nuclear extract to 0.1-0.5 µg protein/µL, 40 µL is needed for per-assay.
2. Prepare enough working solution by mix 40 µL nuclear extract diluents with 1µL substrate per-assay.
3. Prepare enough three-fold series dilute test compound with assay buffer, set up triplicate for each concentration, needs 10µL test compound for each assay.
4. Transfer 40µL working solution (triplicate) into 96-well black plate, add 10µL series diluted test compound into plate. Set up triplicate wells without compound to serve as the positive control, without substrate as the blank control.
5. Incubate plate in a 30-37°C incubator for the desired time (0.5-2hr).
6. Stop the deacetylation reaction by adds 50 µL/well of developer solution and mix thoroughly.
7. Incubate the plate an additional 15 min.
8. Read plate in a plate reader at 400nm.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Subtract the average of OD400nm values of the blank control from all OD400nm values of experimental wells. Plot OD vs. concentration of test compound.

Activity (%) = 100 x (OD_{sample} - OD_{o}) / (OD_{ctrl} - OD_{o})

Where OD_{sample} and OD_{ctrl} are the average absorbance intensities in the presence and absence (vehicle control) of the test compound and OD_{o} the averaged blank control absorbance intensity.

Materials needs but not supplied: 
Nuclear extract; 96-well black flat plate; Fluorescence plate reader.

RELATED PRODUCTS:

Protein Assay Kits (#TBS2005) 
Cell Nuclear Extract kit (#TBS6025) 
HDAC Fluorometric Assay Kit (#TBS2050)