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CD38 (Hydrolase) Inhibitor Screening Kit (Fluorometric)

(Catalog # K2086-100; 100 assays; Store at -20 °C)

I. Introduction: Cluster of differentiation 38 (CD38), also known as cyclic ADP ribose hydrolase is a type II transmembrane glycoprotein that can function either as a receptor or as an enzyme. It is found on the surface of many immune cells, including plasma B cells, natural killer cells, CD4⁺, CD8⁺ etc. It is a multifunctional enzyme involved in cell-adhesion, calcium signaling and Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide (NAD+) metabolism. The hydrolase activity of CD38 helps maintain the appropriate levels of NAD+ for all NAD+ dependent metabolic processes to occur. Elevated levels of CD38 are associated with aging, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, inflammation and tumorigenesis etc. BioVision's CD38 (Hydrolase) Inhibitor Screening Kit is a plate-based fluorometric assay designed to screen, study and characterize potential inhibitors of CD38 hydrolase activity. The assay utilizes a selective CD38 substrate to generate a fluorescent signal measured at Ex/Em = 300/410 nm. In the presence of potential CD38 hydrolase inhibitors, the fluorescent signal is reduced. The assay is quick, easy, and sensitive for high-throughput screening of CD38 inhibitors. Additionally, the kit includes a CD38 Inhibitor as a control inhibitor.



II. Application:

Screening or characterizing CD38 (Hydrolase) inhibitors.

III. Kit Contents:

Components	K2086-100	Cap Code	Part Number
CD38 Assay Buffer	25 ml	WM	K2086-100-1
CD38 Substrate	50 µl	Amber	K2086-100-2
CD38, Human Recombinant	1 vial	Blue	K2086-100-3
CD38 Inhibitor (5 mM)	50 µl	Yellow	K2086-100-4

IV. User Supplied Reagents and Equipment:

- 96-well white plate with flat bottom
- Multi-well spectrophotometer

V. Storage Conditions and Reagent Preparation:

Store kit at -20 °C, protected from light. Briefly centrifuge all small vials prior to opening. Read the entire protocol before performing the assay.

- CD38 Assay Buffer: Store at 4 °C or -20 °C. Bring to room temperature (RT) before use.
- CD38 Substrate: Store at -20 °C. Divide into aliquots and store on ice while in use.
- CD38, Human Recombinant: Reconstitute the vial in 30 µl CD38 Assay Buffer. Divide into aliquots and store at -20 °C. Keep on ice during use. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- CD38 Inhibitor (5 mM in DMSO): Warm to RT. Divide into aliquots and store at -20 °C.

VI. CD38 Inhibitor Screening Protocol:

1. CD38, Human Recombinant Enzyme Dilution: Prepare 1:40 dilution of the CD38 enzyme using CD38 Assay Buffer. Mix thoroughly and keep on ice. Add 10 µl of diluted CD38 enzyme into the desired wells of a 96-well white plate labeled as **Sample**, **Solvent Control**, **Inhibitor Control** and **Enzyme Control**. Adjust the volume of all wells to 25 µl using CD38 Assay Buffer.

2. Screening Test Inhibitor(s): Dissolve Test Inhibitor(s) in an appropriate solvent to make 100X stock solution. Dilute the stock Test Inhibitor to 4X using CD38 Assay Buffer. Add 25 µl of diluted Test Inhibitor into the **Sample** well(s). Add 25 µl of 4X Solvent (4X final well solvent concentration) into the **Solvent Control** well. **Note:** Solvents used to solubilize the Test Inhibitor(s) might affect the enzymatic activity. Thus, prepare a **Solvent Control** well by adding 25 µl of solution with the same final concentration of solvent in assay buffer that is used to dissolve the Test Inhibitor(s).

3. Enzyme Control, Background Control and Inhibitor Control Preparation: Add 25 µl of CD38 Assay Buffer to the **Enzyme Control** well. For **Background Control**, add 50 µl of CD38 Assay Buffer in a separate well. To the **Inhibitor Control** well, add 2 µl of 5 mM CD38 Inhibitor and adjust the volume to 50 µl/well by adding 23 µl CD38 Assay Buffer. At this stage, the volume of all wells including Sample, Solvent Control, Inhibitor Control, Enzyme Control and Background Control is 50 µl/well.

*IC*₅₀ estimation (Optional): Prepare several dilutions of the Test Inhibitor(s) in CD38 Assay Buffer while maintaining the consistent final Solvent Concentration in all wells. Add 25 µl of each dilution into the designated wells.





4. CD38 Substrate Mix Preparation: Mix enough CD38 Substrate Mix for the number of assays to be performed. For each well, prepare 50 µl CD38 Substrate Mix containing

	CD38 Substrate Mix	
CD38 Assay Buffer	49.5 µl	
CD38 Substrate	0.5 µl	

Add 50 µl CD38 Substrate Mix to Sample, Solvent Control, Inhibitor Control, Enzyme Control and Background Control wells and mix well. The total reaction volume is 100 µl/well.

5. Measurement: Allow the plate to warm up at 37 °C in the plate reader before measuring the fluorescence in kinetic mode (Ex/Em = 300/410 nm) for 30-60 min. Choose any two time points (t₁ & t₂) in the linear range of the plot and obtain the corresponding RFU values. Note: The Enzyme progressive curve is hyperbolic, with an initial linear portion followed by progressively slower reaction. Use the initial portion to check the linear range of the reaction.

6. Calculation: Subtract the RFU of the BC well from all Test Inhibitor(s) [S], Enzyme Control [EC], Solvent Control [SC] and Inhibitor Control [IC] wells. Obtain Δ RFU for S, EC, SC and IC by subtracting RFU at time t₁ from RFU at time t₂, such that t₂ and t₁ is within a linear range of the assay. If Δ RFU of Solvent Control [SC] is significantly different from Δ RFU of Enzyme Control [EC], use its values to determine the effect of test inhibitor.

Calculate the relative % inhibition of the Test Inhibitor(s) as below:



Figure: Inhibition of CD38 activity by Apigenin. IC₅₀ was calculated to be 6.1 ± 0.1 µM. Assay was performed following the kit protocol.

VII. Related Products:

Human CellExp[™] CD38, human recombinant (Cat. # P1014-10, 50) Human CellExp[™] CD38, Mouse Recombinant (Cat. # PP1338-10, 50) CD38 (Cyclase) Activity Assay Kit (Fluorometric) (Cat. # K2042-100) NAD+/NADH Quantification Colorimetric Kit (Cat. # K337-100) PicoProbe[™] NADH Fluorometric Assay Kit (Cat. # K338-100) EZScreenTM NAD+/NADH Colorimetric Assay Kit (384-well) (Cat. # K958-400) Apigenin (Cat. # 2508-25, 100) Quercetin, Dihydrate (Cat. # 1773-250, 1000)

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