# Caspase-9 Colorimetric Substrate, LEHD-pNA

CATALOG NO:	1076-200200 assays (1 x 1 ml)1076-10001000 assays (5 x 1 ml)
STORAGE:	Store at $-20^{\circ}$ C, protected from light. Stable for 6 months
MOL. WEIGHT:	675
SEQUENCE:	Ac-Leu-Glu-His-Asp- <i>p</i> NA
PURITY:	>98% by HPLC analysis.

### DESCRIPTION:

Ready-to-use colorimetric substrate for caspase-9/Mch6 and related caspases that recognize the amino acid sequence LEHD. Caspase-9 and related caspase activity can be quantified by spectrophotometric detection of free *p*NA ( $\lambda$ = 400 nm) after cleavage from the peptide substrate LEHD-*p*NA, using a spectrophotometer or multi-well plate reader.

### ASSAY PROCEDURE:

- 1. Induce apoptosis in cells by desired method. Concurrently incubate a control culture *without* induction.
- 2. Count cells and pellet 1-5 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells.
- 3. Resuspend cells in 50 µl of chilled Cell Lysis Buffer (Cat.# 1067-100, -400) and incubate cells on ice for 10 minutes.
- 4. Centrifuge for 1 min in a microcentrifuge (10,000 x g).
- 5. Transfer supernatant (cytosolic extract) to a fresh tube and put on ice.
- 6. Assay protein concentration.
- 7. Dilute 50-200 µg protein to 50 µl Cell Lysis Buffer for each assay.
- Add 50 μl of 2X Reaction Buffer (Cat.# 1068-20, -80) containing 10 mM DTT (Cat.# 1201-1) to each sample.
- 9. Add 5  $\mu$ I of the 4 mM substrate LEHD-*p*NA (200  $\mu$ M final conc.) into each tube and incubate at 37° C for 1-2 hour.
- Read samples at 400 or 405-nm in a microtiter plate reader, or spectrophotometer using a 100-µl micro quartz cuvette (Sigma), or dilute sample to 1 ml with Dilution Buffer (Cat.# 1066-100, -500) and using regular cuvette (note: Dilution of the samples proportionally decreases the reading).

You may also perform the entire assay directly in a 96-well plate.

Fold-increase in caspase activity can be determined by comparing these results with the level of the uninduced control.

Note: Background reading from cell lysates and buffers should be subtracted from the readings of both induced and the uninduced samples before calculating fold increase in caspase activity.

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