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Enzymatic Assay of HEXOKINASE¹ (EC 2.7.1.1)

PRINCIPLE:

D-Glucose + ATP $\xrightarrow{\text{Hexokinase}}$ D-Glucose 6-Phosphate + ADP

D-Glucose 6-Phosphate + β -NADP $\xrightarrow{\text{G-6-PDH}}$ 6-PG + β -NADPH

Abbreviations used:

ATP = Adenosine 5'-Triphosphate

ADP = Adenosine 5'-Diphosphate

G-6-PDH = Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase

β -NADP = β -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate, Oxidized Form

β -NADPH = β -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate, Reduced Form

6-PG = 6-Phospho-D-Gluconate

CONDITIONS: T = 25°C, pH = 7.6, A_{340nm}, Light path = 1 cm

METHOD: Continuous Spectrophotometric Rate Determination

REAGENTS:

- A. 50 mM Triethanolamine Buffer, pH 7.6 at 25°C
(Prepare 100 ml in deionized water using Triethanolamine Hydrochloride, Adjust to pH 7.6 at 25°C with 1 M NaOH.)
- B. 555 mM D-Glucose Solution
(Prepare 10 ml in Reagent A using D-(+)-Glucose, Anhydrous)
- C. 19 mM Adenosine 5'-Triphosphate Solution (ATP)
(Prepare 10 ml in deionized water using Adenosine 5'-Triphosphate, Disodium Salt, **PREPARE FRESH.**)
- D. 100 mM Magnesium Chloride Solution (MgCl₂)
(Prepare 5 ml in deionized water using Magnesium Chloride, Hexahydrate,)



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REAGENTS: (continued)

- E. 14 mM β -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate, Oxidized Form, Solution (β -NADP)
(Dissolve the contents of two 10 mg vials of β -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate, Sodium Salt, Sigma Stock No. 240-310, in the appropriate volume of deionized water **or** prepare 10 ml in deionized water using β -Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate, Sodium Salt. **PREPARE FRESH.**)
- F. Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Enzyme Solution (G-6-PDH)²
(Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 125 units/ml of Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase, in cold Reagent A.)³
- G. Hexokinase Enzyme Solution
(Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 0.5 - 1.0 unit/ml of Hexokinase in cold deionized water.)

PROCEDURE:

Pipette (in milliliters) the following reagents into suitable cuvettes:

	<u>Test</u>	<u>Blank</u>
Reagent A (Buffer)	1.00	1.00
Reagent B (D-Glucose)	1.00	1.00
Reagent C (ATP)	0.10	0.10
Reagent D (MgCl_2)	0.20	0.20
Reagent E (β -NADP)	0.20	0.20
Reagent F (G-6-PDH)	0.02	0.02

Mix by inversion and equilibrate to 25°C. Monitor the $A_{340\text{nm}}$ until constant, using a suitably thermostatted spectrophotometer. Then add:

Deionized Water	-----	0.05
Reagent G (Enzyme Solution)	0.05	-----

Immediately mix by inversion and record the increase in $A_{340\text{nm}}$ for approximately 5 minutes. Obtain the $\Delta A_{340\text{nm}}/\text{minute}$ using the maximum linear rate for both the Test and Blank.



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CALCULATIONS:

$$\text{Units/ml enzyme} = \frac{(\Delta A_{340\text{nm}}/\text{min in Test} - \Delta A_{340\text{nm}}/\text{min Blank})(2.57)(\text{df})}{(6.22)(0.05)}$$

2.57 = Total volume (in milliliters) of assay

df = Dilution factor

6.22 = Millimolar extinction coefficient of β -NADPH at 340 nm

0.05 = Volume (in milliliter) of enzyme used

$$\text{Units/mg solid} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg solid/ml enzyme}}$$

$$\text{Units/mg protein} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg protein/ml enzyme}}$$

UNIT DEFINITION:

One unit will phosphorylate 1.0 μmole of D-glucose per minute at pH 7.6 at 25°C.

FINAL ASSAY CONCENTRATION:

In a 2.57 ml reaction mix, the final concentrations are 39 mM triethanolamine, 216 mM D-glucose, 0.74 mM adenosine 5'-triphosphate, 7.8 mM magnesium chloride, 1.1 mM β -nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, 2.5 units glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, and 0.025 - 0.05 unit of hexokinase.

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NOTES:

1. This procedure is not to be used to assay the activity of Hexokinase, Hexokinase, Insoluble enzyme attached to beaded agarose, and Hexokinase, Insoluble enzyme attached to polyacrylamide



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2. Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase unit definition: One unit will oxidize 1.0 μ mol of D-glucose 6-phosphate to 6-phospho-D-gluconate per minute in the presence of β -NADP at pH 7.4 at 25°C.
3. Other types of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase may contain varying amounts of hexokinase as an impurity.
4. Where Yuanye Product or Stock numbers are specified, equivalent reagents may be substituted.

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