

Coelenterazine Sampler Kit *UltraPure Grade*

Catalog #	71403
Kit Size	25 µg X 5 vials

Kit Components, Storage and Handling					
Component	Component Description				
Component A	Coelenterazine analogues ¹	25 µg per vial, 5 vials			
Component B	Ethanol	10 mL			

Component A: Coelenterazine analogues ³					25 μg per vial, 5 vials	
Catalog#	Name	MW	Abs/Em (nm)	Relative Luminescence	Half Rise Time	
82255	Coelenterazine	423.47	429/466	1	6-30 ms	
82256	Coelenterazine cp	415.49	430/442	28	2-5 ms	
82257	Coelenterazine f	425.46	437/472	20	6-30 ms	
82259	Coelenterazine hcp	399.49	433/445	500	2-5 ms	
82260	Coelenterazine n	457.53	431/468	0.15	6-30 ms	

Storage and Handling

• Store all components at -20°C.

Introduction

The photoprotein aequorin has been used as a sensitive intracellular probes for Ca^{2+} . When three Ca^{2+} ions bind to it, aequorin emits blue light and decomposes itself into apoaequorin, coelenteramide and CO_2 . Inversely, apoaequorin can regenerate into the aequorin by incubation with coelenterazine in the presence of O_2 . The approximately third-power dependence of aequorin's bioluminescence on Ca^{2+} concentration allows the measurement of Ca^{2+} concentrations with a broad detection range from $0.1~\mu\text{M}$ to $>100~\mu\text{M}$. Unlike fluorescent Ca^{2+} indicators, Ca^{2+} -bound aequorin can be detected without illuminating the sample, thereby eliminating interference from autofluorescence.

This Coelenterazine Sampler Kit consists of coelenterazine and four derivatives for reconstituting aequorin in cells that have been transfected with apoaequorin DNA. The coelenterazine analogs confer different Ca^{2+} affinities and spectral properties on the aequorin complex. Recombinant apoaequorin reconstitute with coelenterazine hcp is reported to have the best luminescence overall, with both a high quantum yield and a fast response time. However, intracellular reconstitution of aequorin from coelenterazine analogs can be relatively slow. Aequorins containing the cp, f or h form of coelenterazine exhibit 10-20 times stronger luminescence than that of apoaequorin reconstituted with native coelenterazine. Coelenterazine cp has been used in HTS screening assay for GPCRs.

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