

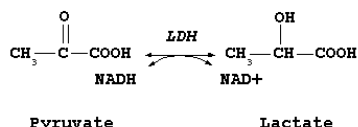
**Product Specification Sheet**

**Cat#** LDH-02      Lactate dehydrogenase (550 U/mg), Rabbit muscle, freeze dried powder (E. coli)  
**Size:** 50 KU

**General Information**

Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) is an enzyme (EC 1.1.1.27) present in a wide variety of organisms, including plants and animals.

Lactate dehydrogenases exist in four distinct enzyme classes. Two of them are cytochrome c-dependent enzymes with each acting on either D-lactate (EC 1.1.2.4) or L-lactate (EC 1.1.2.3). The other two are NAD(P)- dependent enzymes with each acting on either D-lactate (EC 1.1.1.28) or L-lactate (EC 1.1.1.27). This article is about the NAD(P)- dependent L-lactate dehydrogenase.



Lactate dehydrogenase catalyzes the interconversion of pyruvate and lactate with concomitant interconversion of NADH and NAD<sup>+</sup>. It converts pyruvate, the final product of glycolysis to lactate when oxygen is absent or in short supply, and it performs the reverse reaction during the cori cycle in the liver. At high concentrations of lactate, the enzyme exhibits feedback inhibition and the rate of conversion of pyruvate to lactate is decreased.

**Enzyme isoforms**

- LDH-1 (4H) - in the heart
- LDH-2 (3H1M) - in the reticuloendothelial system
- LDH-3 (2H2M) - in the lungs
- LDH-4 (1H3M) - in the kidneys
- LDH-5 (4M) - in the liver and striated muscle

The five isozymes that are usually described in the literature each contain four subunits. The major isozymes of skeletal muscle and liver, M4, has four muscle (M) subunits; while H4 is the main isozymes for heart muscle in most species, containing four heart (H) subunits. The other variants contain both types of subunits.

Usually LDH-2 is the predominant form in the serum. A LDH-1 level higher than the LDH-2 level (a "flipped pattern"), suggests myocardial infarction (damage to heart tissues releases heart LDH, which is rich in LDH-1, into the bloodstream). The use of this phenomenon to diagnose infarction has been largely superseded by the use of Troponin I or T measurement.

**Source and Storage:**

Lactate dehydrogenase is obtained from rabbit muscle. It is supplied as freeze dried powder. It dissolves readily at 5 mg/ml in 0.05M phosphate buffer, pH 7.4 to provide a clear solution.

Store powder at -20oC or below under dry conditions. Allow the product to reach room temp before opening the vial and dissolve in appropriate buffers for usage. Before returning to storage, re-dessicate under vacuum over silica gel for a minimum of 4 hours to provide best conditions for long term preservation of enzyme activity.

**Unit Definition**

Amount of enzyme that catalyzes the oxidation of 1 umol of NADH per min at 25oC and pH 7.4.

**Activity**

>500 U/mg protein. (lot specific values provided on the vial)

**Contaminants**

PK, GPT, MDH at <0.01%.

**References**

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