

# Multidrug Efflux Transporter (MDR1/P-gp) Ligand Screening Kit

## Product Information

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**Product Overview**

P-glycoprotein (P-gp, Multidrug Resistance Protein 1 (MDR1), EC 3.6.3.44) is a member of the ATP-binding cassette (ABC) ATPase superfamily of transmembrane transporter proteins. P-gp has an extremely broad substrate specificity and is capable of transporting a vast array of neutral and anionic lipophilic molecules. P-gp strongly affects the oral absorption, tissue distribution and excretion of many drugs and prevents certain lipophilic drugs from penetrating the blood brain barrier. Overexpression of P-gp confers tumor cells with resistance to chemically and pharmacologically distinct chemotherapeutic drugs (such as doxorubicin, vincristine and paclitaxel) by actively pumping them out of cells. Induction of P-gp expression is a frequent cause of treatment failure and tumor-targeted delivery of P-gp inhibitors is being investigated as a strategy for overcoming chemotherapy resistance. MDR1/P-gp Ligand Screening Kit is designed for rapidly screening test compounds for modulation of efflux transporter activity in MDR1-expressing cell lines. The assay uses a lipophilic non-fluorescent P-gp substrate that readily diffuses through the plasma membrane, where it is hydrolyzed to an active fluorophore by cytosolic esterases. The resulting hydrophilic fluorophore is neither membrane permeable nor a substrate for P-gp, hence it remains trapped inside the cell. In MDR1-expressing cell lines, the lipophilic pro-fluorophore is continuously extruded from the cytosol by P-gp, leading to a low intracellular fluorescence. Inhibition of P-gp-mediated efflux by a test compound leads to increased intracellular fluorescence. Specific transporter activity is quantified by comparison with fluorescence accumulated in the presence and absence of a saturating concentration of the included selective P-gp inhibitor. The assay is highly sensitive, has a simple no-wash protocol and is high-throughput adaptable. The kit contains a complete set of reagents sufficient for performing 100 reactions in a 96-well plate format.

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**Applications**



## Multidrug Efflux Transporter (MDR1/P-gp) Ligand Screening Kit

Screening/studying/characterizing MDR1/P-gp Inhibitors

### Storage

-20°C

### Shipping

Gel Pack

### Size

100 Assays

### Kit Components

Efflux Assay Buffer; Fluorogenic P-gp Substrate; P-gp Inhibitor (Verapamil)

**Detection method** Fluorescence (Ex/Em = 488/532 nm)

### Features & Benefits

Simple method to screen P-gp inhibitors; High-throughput adaptable; Includes Inhibitor Control, Verapamil