

## Ac-LEHD-AMC \*CAS 292633-16-0\*

Catalog number: 13426 Unit size: 5 mg

Component	Storage	Amount
Ac-LEHD-AMC *CAS 292633-16-0*	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	5 mg

### **OVERVIEW**

Caspase 9 is a member of the CED-3 subfamily of the caspase family of cysteine proteases that play an essential role in the execution phase of apoptosis. These enzymes share a dominant primary specificity for cleaving bonds following aspartic acid residues. "Initiator" caspases (such as caspase 8) activate "effector" caspases, such as caspases 3 and 7. The effector caspases then cleave cellular substrates ultimately leading to the morphological changes of apoptosis. Ac-LHED-AMC is a selective fluorogenic substrate for caspase 9. The caspase 9-induced hydrolysis of Ac-LHED-AMC results in the release of AMC fluorophore that is detected using an excitation wavelength of ~365 nm and an emission wavelength of ~450 nm. The assay can be run in the assay buffer consisting of 50 mM MES, pH 6.5, 10% PEG 8000, 0.1% CHAPS, 5 mM DTT, and 1 mM EDTA.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Important notes

It is important to store at <-15 °C and should be stored in cool, dark place.

It can be used within 12 months from the date of receipt.

### SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

Following protocol only provides a guideline, and should be modified according to your specific needs.

# General Solution Caspase Assays Using AMC, AFC, pNA, R110 and ProRed Substrates

- 1. Prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO.
- 2. Prepare a 2X caspase substrate (50  $\mu$ M) assay solution as the following: 50  $\mu$ L substrate stock solution, 100  $\mu$ L DTT (1M), 400  $\mu$ L EDTA (100 mM), 10 mL Tris Buffer (20 mM), pH =7.4.
- 3. Mix equal volume of the caspase standards or samples with 2X caspase substrate assay solution, and incubate the solutions at room temperature for at least 1 hour.
- Monitor the fluorescence using a fluorescence microplate reader, or absorbance using an absorbance microplate reader.

### Cell Caspase Assays Using Cell-Permeable FMK Caspase Probes

- 1. Prepare a 2-5 mM stock solution in DMSO.
- 2. Treat cells as desired.
- 3. Prepare a 2X permeable caspase substrate (20  $\mu$ M) assay solution by diluting the DMSO stock solution (from Step 2.1) in Hanks with 20 mM Hepes buffer (HHBS).
- Mix equal volume of the treated cells with 2X caspase substrate assay solution (from Step 2.3), and incubate the cells in a 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for at least1 hour.
- 5. Wash the cells with HHBS for at least once.
- Monitor the fluorescence intensity by a flow cytometer, a fluorescence microscope or a fluorescence microplate reader.

# Cell Caspase Assays Using Cell-Permeable FMK Caspase Probes (For #13470-13476 only)

- 1. Prepare a 250X stock solution by adding 50 µL DMSO into the vial.
- 2. Treat cells as desired.
- 3. Add 250 X DMSO stock solution into the cell solution at a 1:250 ratio (such as 2  $\mu$ L to 500  $\mu$ L cells), and incubate the cells in a 37°C, 5% CO2 incubator for 1 hour.
- 4. Wash the cells with HHBS for at least once.
- Monitor the fluorescence intensity by flow cytometer, fluorescence microscopy or fluorescent microplate reader.

#### **EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES**

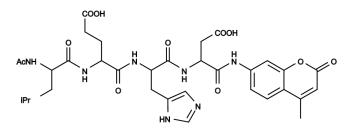


Figure 1. Chemical structure for Ac-LEHD-AMC \*CAS 292633-16-0\*

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