



Quantitative test kit for NAD(+)-dependent deacetylase SIRT6 activity

CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit Ver.2

100 Assay

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Intended Use

The MBL Research Product **CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit** detects deacetylase activity of recombinant SIRT6. Primarily, the MBL Research Product **CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit** is designed for the rapid and sensitive evaluation of SIRT6 inhibitors or activators using recombinant SIRT6 or purified SIRT6.

Applications for this kit include:

- 1) Screening inhibitors or activators of SIRT6.
- 2) Detecting the effects of pharmacological agents on SIRT6.

This assay kit is for research use only and not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

Storage

- Upon receipt store #5. Developer and #6. Recombinant SIRT6 at -70°C and all other components below -20°C.
- Do not expose reagents to excessive light.



Introduction

Sir2 is a conserved protein and was recently shown to regulate lifespan extension both in budding yeast and nematode. In 2000, it was reported that the yeast Sir2 protein is a NAD(+)-dependent histone deacetylase that plays a critical role in transcriptional silencing, genome stability and longevity. In mammals, the homologs of Sir2 have been named Sirtuins (SIRTs), with seven members in a family termed SIRT1 through SIRT7. They share a conserved central deacetylase domain but have different N- and C termini and display distinct subcellular localization, suggesting different biological functions (1).

The distant mammalian Sir2 homolog SIRT6 is a broadly expressed, predominantly nuclear protein (2) like SIRT1. Inactivation of the Sirt6 gene in mice leads to dramatically shortened life span and a premature aging-like phenotype (3). It was shown that SIRT6 is a histone H3 lysine 9 deacetylase, and identified a role for SIRT6 activity at telomeric chromatin, where it prevents telomere dysfunction in human cells (4). In addition, SIRT6 also deacetylates histone H3 acetylated lysine 56 in vivo to promote genomic stability (5). In term of function, SIRT6 binds to the NF- κ B subunit RELA and attenuates NF- κ B signaling by modifying chromatin at NF- κ B target genes (6). Thus SIRT6-mediated control of NF- κ B prevents aging-associated, hyperactive NF- κ B-dependent gene expression, and inhibition of NF- κ B can rescue the early lethality of Sirt6 knockout mice. Overexpression of wild-type Sirt6, but not the catalytically inactive form, consistently resulted in increased tumor necrosis factor protein production relative to its mRNA levels (7).

The conventional method for measuring SIRT6 activity is very complicated and laborious. In order to measure SIRT6 enzyme activity, it is necessary to prepare radioactive acetylated histone H3 as a substrate. First, cells have to be labeled metabolically with radioactivity by adding radioactive acetic acid to the culture medium. Second, radioactive acetylated histone has to be purified from the cells. Following the reaction, it is necessary to extract and separate the radioactive acetyl group, which has been released from acetylated histone, using ethyl acetate to measure the activity of the enzyme based on the radioactivity.

Although a method for measuring the activity of deacetylase without the use of radioactive substances was reported in recent years, owing to the use of fluorescent-labeled acetylated lysine as a substrate, the reaction product must be separated from the intact substrate and the fluorescent intensity measured by reverse phase HPLC. As mentioned above, these measurement systems are difficult to adapt for processing many samples under a variety of conditions, because of their complicated operation. Thus a simple system for biochemical analysis as well as for inhibitor screening without the use of radioactive substances is preferred.



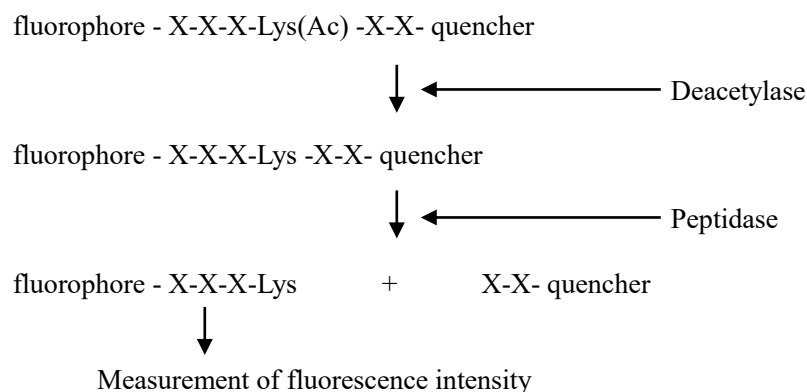
Principle of the Assay

The CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit measures the activity of SIRT6 by the basic principle of changing a SIRT6 reaction into the activity of the peptidase. In order to measure the enzyme activity of SIRT6, which is the NAD dependent Histone deacetylase, and its homolog, this kit is designed so that the activity of NAD dependent Histone deacetylase can be measured under existence of Trichostatin A, which is the powerful inhibitor of HDACs.

In this kit, fluorophore and quencher are coupled to amino terminal and carboxyl terminal of substrate peptide, respectively, and before reaction of deacetylase, the fluorescence cannot be emitted. However, if SIRT6 performs deacetylation, substrate peptide will become cut by the action of peptidase added simultaneously, quencher will separate from fluorophore, and fluorescence will be emitted. Deacetylase enzyme activity is measured by measuring this fluorescence intensity.

Since it is very simple to measure and it can be performed at a low price, the measurement of SIRT6 activity in most laboratories is possible if they are equipped with a fluorescent reader for microtiter plates. Considering that the use of fully automatic apparatus to measure fluorescence intensity has become widespread, SIRT6 activity measurement, which could not be made by the conventional method, is now possible with the CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit using the same equipment. This new method of measurement should dramatically raise the efficiency of inhibitor screening and biochemical analysis of these enzymes.

Measuring Principle of The CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit





Materials Provided

Components of Kit

Components	Quantity	Storage
#1. SIRT6 Assay Buffer	1 mL x 2	Below -20°C
#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide (0.1 mM)	500 µL x 1	Below -20°C
#3. Fluoro-Deacetylated Peptide (0.1 mM)	100 µL x 1	Below -20°C
#4. NAD (8 mM)	500 µL x 1	Below -20°C
#5. Developer	500 µL x 1	-70°C
#6. Recombinant SIRT6	500 µL x 1	-70°C
#7. Stop Solution	1 mL x 2	Below -20°C
Instruction manual	1	Room temp.

Materials Required but not Provided

- **Microplate for fluorometer**
- **Microplate reading fluorometer** capable of excitation at a wavelength in the range 480-500 nm and detection of emitted light in the range 520-540 nm.
- **Pipettors:** 2-20 µL, 20-200 µL and 200-1,000 µL precision pipettors with disposable tips.
- **Multi-channel pipette**
- **Microplate shaker**
- **Deionized water of the highest quality**
- **500 or 1,000 mL graduated cylinder**
- **Reagent reservoirs**
- **Control compound(s)**



Precautions

- Please thaw “#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide” and “#3. Fluoro-Deacetylated Peptide” at room temperature before use. Then, thaw the other reagents in ice and use after they are completely thawed.
- Please avoid repeated freezing and thawing of “#5. Developer” and “#6. Recombinant SIRT6”. There is a possibility that the enzyme activity may be inactivated. Aliquot to 10-20 µL and store at -70°C.
- Please avoid mixing of protease/peptidase inhibitors such as PMSF, or alkyl amine in samples that will be measured SIRT6 activity.
- Do not use kit components beyond the indicated kit expiration date.
- Rinse all detergent residue from glassware.
- Use deionized water of the highest quality.
- Do not mix reagents from different kits.
- Do not mouth pipet or ingest any of the reagents.
- Do not smoke, eat, or drink when performing the assay or in areas where samples or reagents are handled.
- **Biological samples may be contaminated with infectious agents. Do not ingest, expose to open wounds or breathe aerosols. Wear protective gloves and dispose of biological samples properly.**

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE INTENDED ONLY AS A GUIDELINE. THE OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE PARAMETERS BEING INVESTIGATED, AND MUST BE DETERMINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL USER.

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Detailed Protocol

The CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit can measure the enzyme activity of SIRT6 with a homogeneous method. In this method, the reaction is initiated and the fluorescence intensity is measured by mixing simultaneously fluorescence-labeled acetylated peptide, which is a substrate, SIRT6, NAD and the developer. Since the reaction is not stopped, it is necessary to measure fluorescence intensity at regular intervals after the reaction is initiated, and to determine reaction velocity. Alternatively, within a time in which the reaction velocity is kept constant, it is also possible to stop the reaction by adding stop solution and to measure fluorescence intensity.

1. Assay Method for Measurement of SIRT6 Activity

- 1) Following Table.1 below, first, add “**Distilled water**”, “**#1. SIRT6 Assay Buffer**”, “**#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide**” and “**#4. NAD**” to microtiter plate wells. Second “**#5. Developer**” to each well of the microtiter plate and mix well.

Table.1: Reaction mixture for measurement of SIRT6 activity

Assay reagents	Enzyme Sample Assay	No Enzyme Control Assay	Positive Control Assay	No NAD Control Assay
Distilled water	25 μ L	25 μ L	25 μ L	30 μ L
#1. SIRT6 Assay Buffer	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L
#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L
#4. NAD	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	-
#5. Developer	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L
Enzyme Sample	5 μ L	-	-	5 μ L
Buffer of Enzyme Sample	-	5 μ L	-	-
#6. Recombinant SIRT6	-	-	5 μ L	-
Total Volume of the mixture	50 μ L	50 μ L	50 μ L	50 μ L

- 2) Initiate reactions by adding 5 μ L of your “**Enzyme Sample**” or “**Buffer of Enzyme Sample**” or “**#6. Recombinant SIRT6**” to each well and mixing thoroughly at room temperature.
- 3) Read fluorescence intensity for 30 to 60 minutes at 1 to 2 minute intervals using microtiter plate fluorometer with excitation at 480-500 nm and emission at 520-540 nm. Measure and calculate the rate of reaction while the reaction velocity remains constant.

Alternate procedure

- 3') While the reaction rate is kept constant, add 20 μ L of “**#7. Stop Solution**” to each well at appropriate time to stop the reaction, and measure fluorescence intensity in a microplate fluorescence reader capable of excitation at a wavelength in the range 480-500 nm and detection of emitted light in the range 520-540 nm.

Note-1: During the time in which SIRT6 reaction rate is maintained, the difference in fluorescence intensity between “**Enzyme Sample Assay**” and “**No Enzyme Control Assay**” indicates the SIRT6 activity of your “**Enzyme Sample**”.



Note-2: Although the volume of addition of “**Enzyme Sample**” or “**Buffer of Enzyme Sample**” or “**#6. Recombinant SIRT6**” is set to 5 μ L in Table.1, it may be changed to a volume up to 20 μ L at your discretion. In that case, please reduce the volume of “**Distilled water**” to set the final reaction volume of 50 μ L.

Note-3: If enzyme samples contain some protease/peptidase able to break down “**#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide**”, resulting in an increase of fluorescence intensity in “**No NAD Control Assay**”, the SIRT6 activity in the samples cannot be evaluated correctly.

Note-4: If enzyme samples contain inhibitors for protease/peptidase, precise SIRT6 enzyme activity cannot be measured. Since protease/peptidase inhibitors used in the usual protein purification process strongly inhibit the peptidase activity in the development reaction, please avoid using any protease/peptidase inhibitors during the process of protein purification.

Note-5: If enzyme samples have an inhibitory effect on the peptidase in the development reaction, the final fluorescence intensity will not increase. Please use “**#3. Fluoro-Deacetylated Peptide**” instead of “**#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide**”, and conduct a control experiment.

2. Assay Procedures for Inhibitor/Activator Screening

1) Following Table.2 below, first, add “**Distilled water**”, “**#1. SIRT6 Assay Buffer**”, “**#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide**” or “**#3. Fluoro-Deacetylated Peptide**” and “**#4. NAD**” to microtiter plate wells. Second, add “**Test Compound**” or “**Solvent of Test Compound**” or “**Control Compound (not provided)**”, and “**#5. Developer**” to each well of the microtiter plate and mix well.

Table.2: Reaction mixture for inhibitor/activator screening

Assay reagents	Test Compound Assay	Solvent Control Assay	Control Compound Assay	No Enzyme Control Assay	Development Control Assay
Distilled water	20 μ L	20 μ L	20 μ L	25 μ L	30 μ L
#1. SIRT6 Assay Buffer	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L
#2. Fluoro-Substrate Peptide	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	-
#3. Fluoro-Deacetylated Peptide	-	-	-	-	5 μ L
#4. NAD	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	-
Test Compound	5 μ L	-	-	-	5 μ L
Solvent of Test Compound	-	5 μ L	-	5 μ L	-
Control Compound (not provided)	-	-	5 μ L	-	-
#5. Developer	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L
#6. Recombinant SIRT6 (or Enzyme Sample)	5 μ L	5 μ L	5 μ L	-	-
Total Volume of the mixture	50 μ L	50 μ L	50 μ L	50 μ L	50 μ L

2) Initiate reactions by adding 5 μ L of “**#6. Recombinant SIRT6**” (or your “**Enzyme Sample**”) to each well and mixing thoroughly at room temperature.

3) Read fluorescence intensity for 30 to 60 minutes at 1 to 2 minute intervals using microtiter plate fluorometer with excitation at 480-500 nm and emission at 520-540 nm. Measure and calculate the rate of reaction while the reaction velocity remains constant.

*Alternate procedure*

3') While the reaction rate is kept constant, add **20 µL** of “**#7. Stop Solution**” to each well at appropriate time to stop the reaction, and measure fluorescence intensity in a microplate fluorescence reader capable of excitation at a wavelength in the range 480-500 nm and detection of emitted light in the range 520-540 nm.

Note-1: During the time in which SIRT6 reaction rate is maintained, the difference in fluorescence intensity between “**Solvent Control Assay**” and “**No Enzyme Control Assay**” indicates the SIRT6 activity.

Note-2: In order to estimate the active or inhibitory effect on SIRT6 activity by the test compounds correctly, it is necessary to conduct the control experiment of “**Solvent Control Assay**” at least once for every experiment and “**Control Compound Assay**” at least once for the first experiment, in addition to “**Test Compound Assay**” as indicated in the Table.2. When test compounds cause an active or inhibitory effect on SIRT6 activity, the level of increase of fluorescence intensity is strengthened or weakened as compared with “**Solvent Control Assay**”.

Note-3: The efficacy of the test compounds on the SIRT6 activity is the difference in fluorescence intensity between [“**Test Compound Assay**” minus “**No Enzyme Control Assay**”] and [“**Solvent Control Assay**” minus “**No Enzyme Control Assay**”].

Note-4: If test compounds have an inhibitory effect on protease/peptidase, resulting that the increase in fluorescence intensity is not or a little observed in “**Development Control Assay**”, the effect on SIRT6 activity cannot be evaluated correctly.

Note-5: Although the above tables indicate the volume of addition of “**Test Compound**” or “**Solvent of Test Compound**” or “**Control Compound (not provided)**” as 5 µL, the concentration and the volume of the reagents to add can be changed so that the concentration of test compounds becomes the setting concentration. For example, since the final volume of reaction is 50 µL here, it is also possible to add 10 µL of “**Test Compound**” or “**Solvent of Test Compound**” or “**Control Compound (not provided)**”. In this case, please reduce the volume of “**Distilled water**” to set the final reaction volume of 50 µL.

Note-6: Although the volume of addition of “**Recombinant SIRT6**” or your “**Enzyme Sample**” is set to 5 µL in above tables, it may be changed to a volume up to 20 µL at your discretion. In that case, please reduce the volume of “**Distilled water**” to set the final reaction volume of 50 µL.



Troubleshooting

1. When chemicals that have an inhibitory effect on the peptidase are mixed in a crude SIRT6 fraction purified from various cells or the immunoprecipitate using a specific antibody against SIRT6 or other proteins, precise SIRT6 enzyme activity cannot be measured. Since the protease/peptidase inhibitors used in the usual protein purification process inhibit the peptidase activity strongly, please avoid the use of any protease/peptidase inhibitors during the protein purification process.
2. Final fluorescence intensity will not increase, both when test chemicals have an inhibitory effect on SIRT6, and also when there is an inhibitory effect on the peptidase.
3. If the test reagents themselves emit fluorescence at excitation wavelength: 480-500 nm and fluorescence wavelength: 520-540 nm, the inhibitory effect of the test assay cannot be evaluated correctly.
4. All samples and controls should be assayed in duplicate, using the protocol described in the **Detailed Protocol**. Incubation times or temperatures significantly different from those specified may give erroneous results.
5. The reaction curve is nearly a straight line if the kinetics of the assay is of the first order. Variations in the protocol can lead to non-linearity of the curve, as can assay kinetics that are other than first order. For a non-linear curve, point to point or quadratic curve fit methods should be used.
6. Poor duplicates indicate inaccurate dispensing. If all instructions in the **Detailed Protocol** were followed accurately, such results indicate a need for multi-channel pipettor maintenance.

Reagent Stability

All of the reagents included in the MBL Research Product **CycLex SIRT6 Deacetylase Fluorometric Assay Kit** have been tested for stability. Reagents should not be used beyond the stated expiration date. Upon receipt, store the “**#5. Developer**” and “**#6. Recombinant SIRT6**” at -70°C, all other kit reagents should be stored below -20°C.

Example of Test Results

Fig.1 Dose dependent curve of recombinant SIRT6 activity

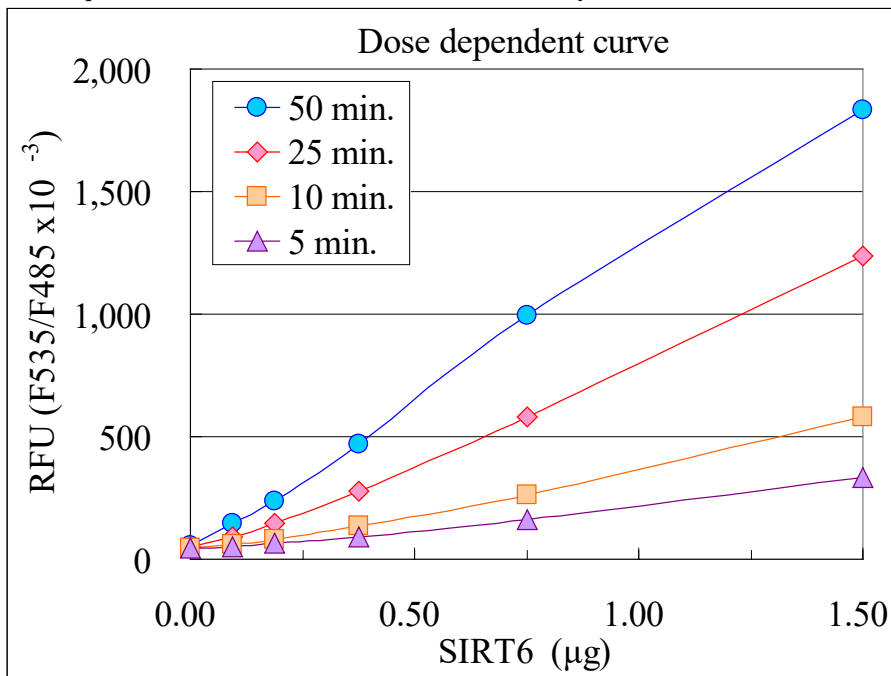


Fig.2 Time course of SIRT6-substrate deacetylation by recombinant SIRT6

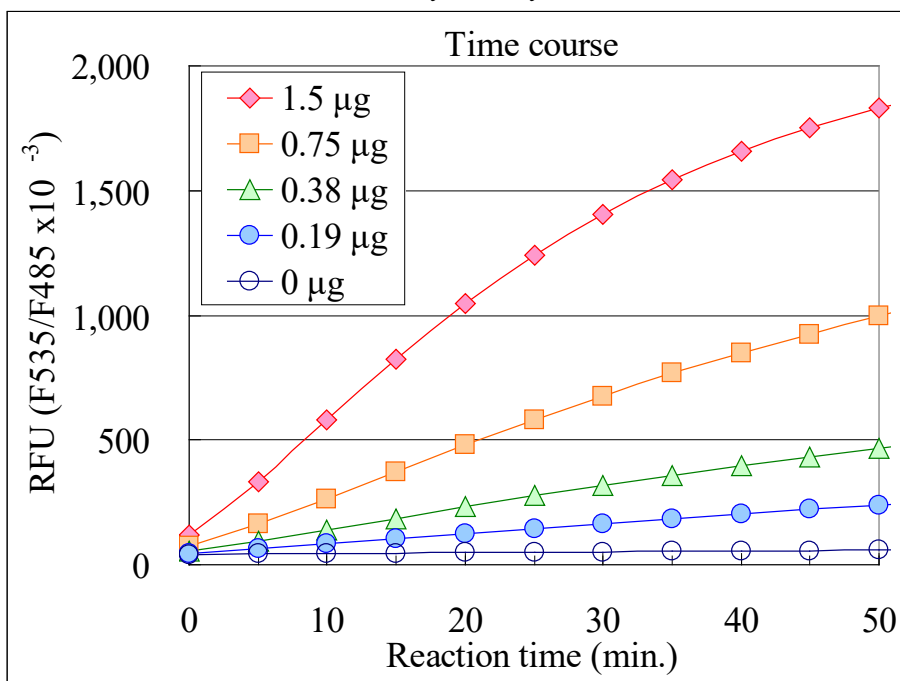


Fig.3 NAD dependency of recombinant SIRT6 activity

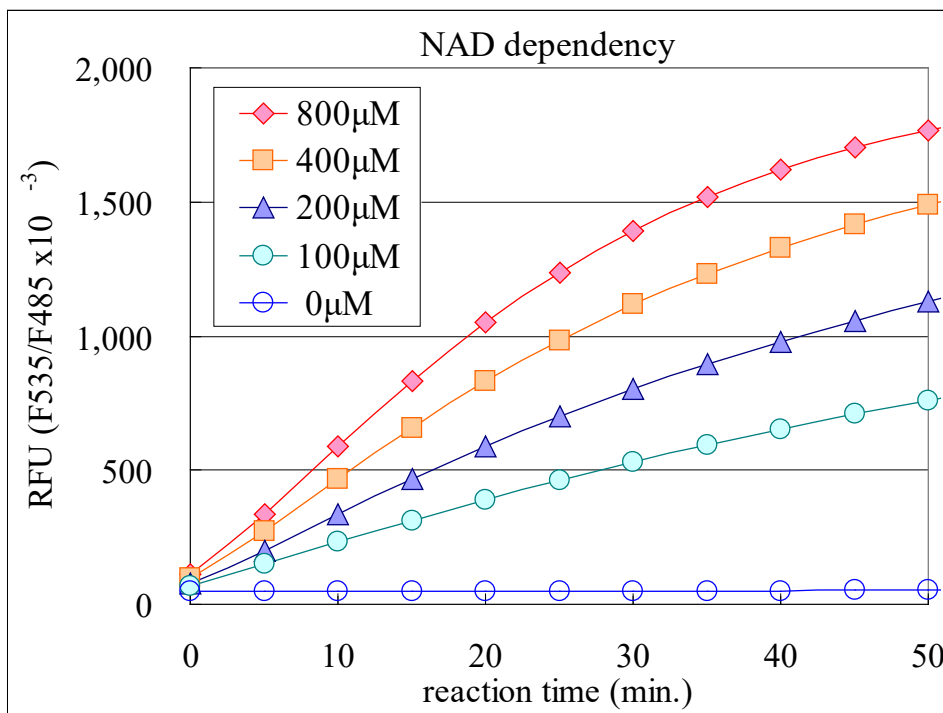


Fig.4 Effect of Trichostatin A and NAD on recombinant SIRT6 activity

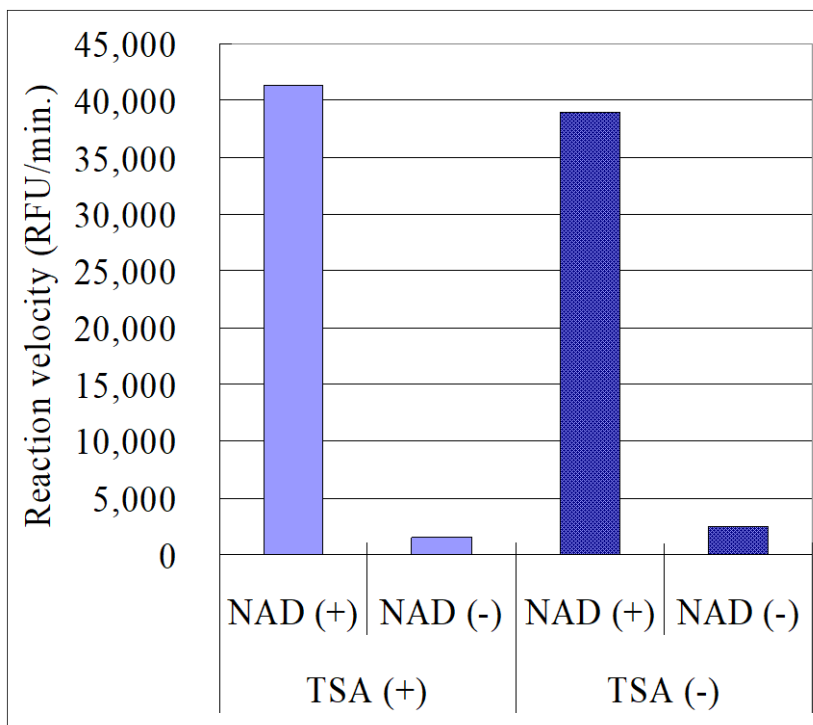
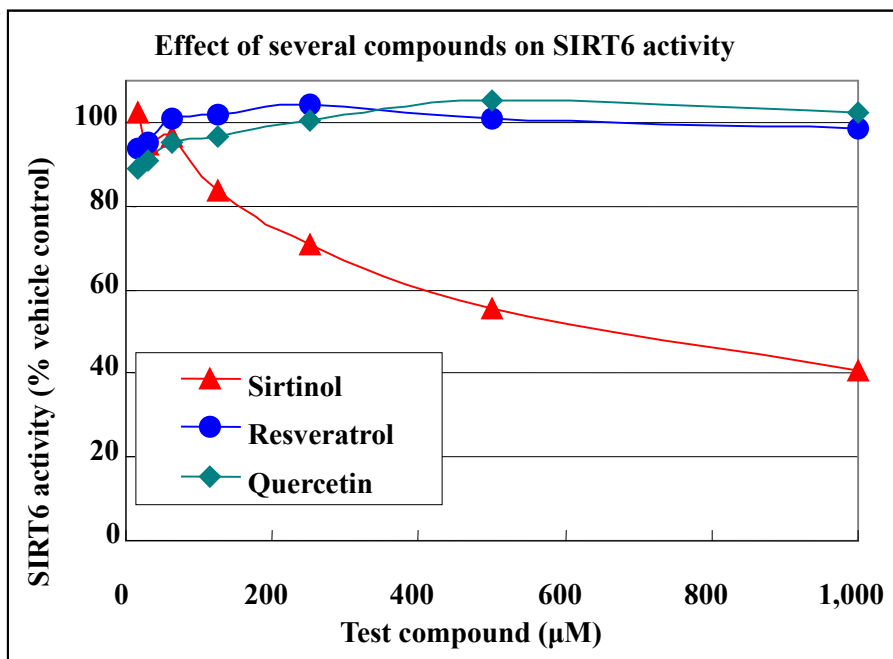


Fig.5 Effect of several compounds on recombinant SIRT6 activity





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