Enzymatic Assay of GLUCONATE DEHYDROGENASE, NAD(P) Independent
(EC 1.1.99.3)

PRINCIPLE:

\[ \text{D-Gluconate} + \text{DCIP} \xrightarrow{\text{GDH}} \text{2-Dehydro-D-Gluconate} + \text{Reduced DCIP} \]

Abbreviations used:
- DCIP = 2,6-Dichlorophenol-Indophenol
- GDH = Gluconate Dehydrogenase, NAD(P) Independent

CONDITIONS:  \( T = 25^\circ C, \ pH \ 6.0, \ A_{600nm}, \ \text{Light path} = 1 \ \text{cm} \)

METHOD:  Continuous Spectrophotometric Rate Determination

REAGENTS:

A. 135 mM Potassium Phosphate Buffer, pH 6.0 at 25°C
(Prepare 50 ml in deionized water using Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic, Anhydrous, Sigma Prod. No. P-5379. Adjust to pH 6.0 at 25°C with 1 M KOH.)

B. 13 mM Phenazine Methosulfate Solution\(^1\) (PMS)
(Prepare 1 ml in deionized water using Phenazine Methosulfate, Sigma Prod. No. P-9625.)

C. 2.2 mM 2,6-Dichlorophenol-Indophenol Solution (DPIP)
(Prepare 1 ml in deionized water using 2,6-Dichlorophenol-Indophenol, Sodium Salt, Sigma Prod. No. D-1878.)

D. 165 mM Sodium Gluconate Solution (Gluconate)
(Prepare 2 ml in Reagent A using D-Gluconic Acid, Sodium Salt, Sigma Prod. No. G-9005.)

E. 135 mM Potassium Phosphate Buffer with 0.05% (w/v)
Bovine Serum Albumin, pH 6.0 at 25°C (Enz Dil)
(Prepare 10 ml in Reagent A using Albumin, Bovine, Sigma Prod. No. A-4503. Adjust to pH 6.0 at 25°C with either 1 M NaOH or 1 M HCl.)
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REAGENTS:  (continued)

F. Gluconate Dehydrogenase, NAD(P) Independent Enzyme Solution
(Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 0.08 - 0.25 unit/ml of Gluconate Dehydrogenase, NAD(P) Independent in cold Reagent E.)

PROCEDURE:

Pipette (in milliliter) the following reagents into suitable cuvettes:

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Mix by inversion and equilibrate to 25°C. Monitor the $A_{600\text{nm}}$ until constant, using a suitably thermostatted spectrophotometer. Then add:

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Immediately mix by inversion and record the decrease in $A_{600\text{nm}}$ for approximately 5 minutes. Obtain the $r\ A_{600\text{nm}}$/minute using the maximum linear rate for both the Test and Blank.$^2$

CALCULATIONS:

$$\text{Units/ml enzyme} = \frac{(r\ A_{600\text{nm}} \text{ Test} - r\ A_{600\text{nm}} \text{ Blank})(1)(\text{df})}{(10)(0.1)}$$

where:
- $r\ A_{600\text{nm}}$ is the rate of absorbance change at 600 nm.
- $\text{df}$ is the dilution factor.
- 10 is the millimolar extinction coefficient of 2,6-dichlorophenol-indophenol at 600 nm.
- 0.1 is the volume (in milliliter) of enzyme used.

$$\text{Units/mg protein} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg protein/ml enzyme}}$$
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UNIT DEFINITION:

One unit will reduce 1.0 µmole of 2,6-dichlorophenol-
indophenol per minute at 25°C at pH 6.0 in the presence of 
sodium gluconate.

FINAL ASSAY CONCENTRATIONS:

In a 1.00 ml reaction mix, the final concentrations are 
108 mM potassium phosphate, 33 mM sodium gluconate, 
0.22 mM 2,6-dichlorophenol-indophenol, 1.3 mM phenazine 
methosulfate, 0.005% (w/v) bovine serum albumin, and 
0.008 - 0.025 unit gluconate dehydrogenase, NAD(P) independent.

REFERENCE:

Matsushita, K., Shinagawa, E., Adachi, O., and Ameyama, M. 
(1979) Journal of Biochemistry 85, 1173-1181

NOTES:

1. Phenazine Methosulfate is used as an electron acceptor 
in the assay.
2. This enzyme exhibits a lag phase before the initial 
rate.
3. This assay is based on the cited reference.
4. Where Sigma Product or Stock numbers are specified, 
equivalent reagents may be substituted.

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