

Superoxide Dismutase (SOD) Activity Assay Kit with WST-1

Note: Take two or three different samples for prediction before test.

Operation Equipment: Spectrophotometer/Microplate reader

Catalog Number: AK0015-100T-48S

Components:

Extraction reagent: 60 mL×1. Storage at 2-8°C.

Reagent I: 5 mL×1. Storage at 2-8°C.

Reagent II: 25 μL×1. Storage at 2-8°C.

Preparation of Reagent II-working solution: Reagent II is diluted 50 times with sterile water before use according to the sample number and used up on the same day.

Reagent III: 4 mL×1. Storage at 2-8°C.

Reagent IV: 0.12 mL ×1. Storage at 2-8°C.

Preparation of Reagent TV-working solution : Reagent IV was diluted 10 times with distilled water before use according to the sample number and used up on the same day.

Product Description:

Superoxide dismutase (SOD, EC 1.15.1.1) is a kind of metalloenzyme widely found in organism. It is an important oxygen radical scavenger and can catalytic disproportionation of superoxide anion to form H₂O₂ and O₂. SOD is not only the superoxide anion scavenging enzyme, but also the main H₂O₂ producing enzyme, which plays an important role in the biological antioxidant system.

Superoxide anion (O₂⁻) is produced by xanthine and xanthine oxidase reaction system. O₂⁻ can reduce tetrazolium-1(WST-1) to form a water-soluble yellow formazan dye, which has absorbance in 450 nm. SOD can remove O₂⁻ and inhibit the formation of the formazan dye. The darker the yellow color of the reaction solution, the lower the SOD activity. The lighter the yellow color of the reaction solution, the higher the activity of SOD.

Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:

Spectrophotometer/microplate reader, table centrifuge, water bath/constant temperature foster box, electronic balance, transferpettor, micro glass cuvette/96 well flat-bottom plate, mortar/ homogenizer, ice and distilled water.

Operation steps:

I. Sample preparation:

1. Bacteria or cells: collect bacteria or cells into the centrifuge tube, discard supernatant after centrifugation. It is suggested that 5 million of bacteria or cell amount with 1 mL of Extraction reagent. Splitting the bacteria or cell with ultrasonication (placed on ice, ultrasonic power 200W, working time 3s, interval 10s, repeat for 30 times). Centrifuge at 8000 g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials, and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

2. Tissue: it is suggested that 0.1 g of tissue with 1 mL of Extraction reagent and fully homogenized on

ice bath. Centrifuge at 8000 g for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials, and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

3. Serum (plasma) sample: detect sample directly. Centrifuge before detect if there are precipitation.

II. Determination procedure:

1. Preheat the spectrophotometer/microplate reader for 30 minutes, adjust wavelength to 450 nm, set spectrophotometer counter to zero with distilled water.

2. Keep Reagent I, Reagent III, Reagent IV-working solution in water bath for 5 minutes at 37°C(mammals) or 25°C (other species).

3. Add reagents with the following list:

Reagent (μL)	Test tube (T)	Control tube (C)	Blank tube (B1)	Blank tube (B2)
Sample	20	20	-	-
Reagent I	45	45	45	45
Reagent II-working solution	20	-	20	-
Reagent III	35	35	35	35
Distilled water	70	90	90	110
Reagent IV-working solution	10	10	10	10

Mix thoroughly and the mixture is incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. Add the mixture into ultra-micro cuvette/96 well flat-bottom plate, and detect the absorbance value of each tube at 450 nm. $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C$, $\Delta A_B = A_{B1} - A_{B2}$. If there is precipitation at the bottom, mix thoroughly and then measure. Blank tubes need to test once or twice and every test tube need a contrast tube.

III. Calculation:

1. Inhibition percentage:

$$\text{Inhibition percentage} = [\Delta A_B - \Delta A_T] \div \Delta A_B \times 100\%$$

The inhibition percentage should be in 30%~70% (the value close to 50% will have a more accurate result). If the calculated inhibition percentage is less than 30% or more than 70%, it is usually necessary to adjust the sample addition amount and redetermine. If the percentage of inhibition is too high, the sample should be diluted properly. If the percentage of inhibition is too low, the sample should be reprepared with a higher concentration and reducing the distilled water volume at the same time.

2. Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the inhibition of 50% in the reaction system of the above xanthine oxidase.

3. Calculation

A. Serum (plasma) sample

$$\text{SOD activity (U/mL)} = [P \div (1-P) \times V_{rv}] \div V_s \times F = 10 \times P \div (1-P) \times F$$

B. Tissue, bacteria or cultured cells

a) Protein concentration:

$$\text{SOD activity (U/mg prot)} = [P \div (1-P) \times V_{rv}] \div (V_s \times C_{pr}) \times F = 10 \times P \div (1-P) \div C_{pr} \times F$$



b) Sample mass

$$\text{SOD activity (U/g mass)} = [P \div (1-P) \times V_{rv}] \div (W \times V_s \div V_{sv}) \times F = 10 \times P \div (1-P) \div W \times F$$

c) Bacteria or cell amount

$$\text{SOD activity (U/10}^4 \text{ cell)} = [P \div (1-P) \times V_{rv}] \div (500 \times V_s \div V_{sv}) \times F = 0.02 \times P \div (1-P) \times F$$

V_{rv} : Total reaction volume, 0.2 mL;

V_s : Sample volume, 0.02 mL;

V_{sv} : Extraction volume, 1 mL;

C_{pr} : Sample protein concentration, mg/mL;

W : Sample mass, g;

500: Total number of bacteria and cells, 5 million;

P : Inhibition percentage, %;

F : Sample dilution multiple.

Note:

1. The Sample and Reagent II working solution should be placed on ice when using.
2. When there are many samples, the working solution (including Reagent I, II working solution, III and distilled water) can be configured according to the table. Reagent IV working solution must be added finally.

Experimental Examples:

1. 0.1 g of mice liver is added into 1 mL of Extraction reagent for homogenization. After the supernatant is taken and diluted 100 times, the operation is carried out according to the determination steps. The results with 96-well plates showed that $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C = 0.323 - 0.079 = 0.244$, $\Delta A_B = A_{B1} - A_{B2} = 0.507 - 0.077 = 0.430$. Inhibition percentage = $(\Delta A_B - \Delta A_T) \div \Delta A_B \times 100\% = 43.26\%$, and the enzyme activity is calculated according to the sample mass.

SOD activity (U/g mass) = $10 \times \text{Inhibition percentage} (1 - \text{Inhibition percentage}) \times W \times F = 7624.25$ U/g mass.

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