

## **Thioredoxin Reductase (TrxR) Activity Assay Kit**

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** AK0482

**Size:** 50T/48S

### **Components:**

Reagent I: 90 mL×1. Storage at 4°C .

Reagent II: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C, protect from light. Dissolve with 5 mL of distilled water when the solution will be used.

Reagent III: Powder×1. Storage at 4°C .protect from light. Dissolve with 5 mL of distilled water when the solution will be used.

Reagent IV: solution×1. Storage at -20°C .

### **Product Description:**

Thioredoxin Reductase (TrxR) is a NADPH-dependent dimer selenase and includes FAD structure domain. TrxR belongs to pyridine nucleotide-disulfide REDOX enzyme, and form thioredoxin system with thioredoxin and NADPH. The activity of TrxR is similar with GR. TrxR could catalyzes GSSG reduct to GSH, which is the key enzyme in glutathione REDOX cycle.

TrxR catalyzes NADPH to reductDTNB form TNB and NADP<sup>+</sup>, TNB has a absorbance at 412 nm, but reduced glutathione reacts with DTNB to form TNB, so the 2-Vinylpyridine in this kit can inhibit reduced glutathione in sample. The activity of TrxR can be calculated by detecting increase rate of TNB at 412 nm.

### **Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:**

Spectrophotometer, low temperature centrifuge, adjustable pipette, 1 mL glass cuvette and distilled water.

### **Procedure**

#### **I. Sample preparation:**

1. Tissue:

Add 1 mL of Reagent I into 0.1 g of plant or animal tissue, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C , take the supernatant and place it on ice for test. Before test, mix supernatant and Reagent IV at a ratio of 50:1(add 2 μL of Reagent IV to 100 μL of supernatant), water bath at 37°C for 30 minutes, then keep on ice for test.

2. Bacteria/cell:

Suggested 5 million with 1 mL of Reagent I, Splitting bacteria and cell with ultrasonic (ice bath, power 300W, work time 3 s, interval 7 s, for 3 min). Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C,take the supernatant on ice for test. Before test, mix supernatant and Reagent IV at a ratio of 50:1(add 2 μL of

Reagent IV to 100  $\mu$ L of supernatant), water bath at 37°C for 30 minutes, then keep on ice for test.

## II. Procedure:

1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 412 nm, set the zero with distilled water.
2. Preheat Reagent I at 37°C(mammal), 25°C(other) in water bath for 30 minutes.
3. Blank tube: take a 1 mL glass cuvette, add 100  $\mu$ L of Reagent II, 100  $\mu$ L of Reagent III, 800  $\mu$ L of Reagent I, mix them quickly, and then measure the absorbance at 412nm for 10s. Take out the absorbance at 412 nm in a 37°C water bath for 5min and record it as A1 and A2. Calculate  $\Delta A_B = A_2 - A_1$ .
4. Measuring tube: take a 1 mL glass cuvette, add 100  $\mu$ L of Reagent II, 100  $\mu$ L of Reagent III, 700  $\mu$ L of Reagent I, 100  $\mu$ L of supernatant, mix it quickly, and then measure the absorbance at 412nm for 10s, take out the absorbance at 412 nm quickly in a 37°C water bath for 5min, and record it as A3 and A4.  $\Delta A_T = A_4 - A_3$ .

## III. Calculation:

1. Protein concentration:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the production of 1  $\mu$ mol of TNB at 37°C(mammal), 25°C(other) per minute every mg of protein.

$$\text{TrxR (U/mg prot)} = [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_{rv} \div (V_s \times C_{pr}) \div T = 0.147 \times [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div C_{pr}$$

2. Sample weight:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the production of 1  $\mu$ mol of TNB at 37°C(mammal), 25°C(other) per minute every gram of sample.

$$\text{TrxR (U/g)} = [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_{rv} \div (V_s \div V_{sv} \times W) \div T = 0.147 \times [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div W$$

3. Cells or bacteria:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the production of 1  $\mu$ mol of TNB at 37°C(mammal), 25°C(other) per minute every 10<sup>4</sup> cell.

$$\text{TrxR (U/10}^4 \text{ cell)} = [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div (\epsilon \times d) \times V_{rv} \div (N \div V_{sv} \times V_s) \div T = 0.147 \times [\Delta A(T) - \Delta A(B)] \div N$$

$\epsilon$ : TNB molar extinction coefficient,  $1.36 \times 10^4$  L/mol/cm;

d: Light path of cuvette, 1 cm;

$V_{rv}$ : Total reaction volume, 1000  $\mu$ L=0.001 L;

$V_s$ : Supernatant volume (mL), 0.1 mL;

$C_{pr}$ : Sample protein concentration (mg/mL); need to detect separately, suggest use PC0020, BCA Protein Assay Kit;

T: Reaction time (min), 5 minutes;

W: Sample weight(g);

$V_{sv}$ : Extraction volume, 1 mL;

N: Amount of cells, 10<sup>4</sup>.

## Note:

1. Dilute 5 times with distilled water when detecting mammalian tissue and blood samples, detect quickly

as soon as possible.

2. Because the extract solution contains a certain concentration of protein (about 0.1 mg/mL), the protein content of the extract solution itself needs to be subtracted when determining the protein concentration of the sample.

### Experimental instances:

1. Take 0.1g of Chinese rose petals, add 1mL of extract solution, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, take the supernatant and place it on ice for test according to the measured steps. Calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_4 - A_3 = 0.763 - 0.716 = 0.047$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A_2 - A_1 = 0.082 - 0.064 = 0.018$ , calculate the enzyme activity according to sample weight:

$$\text{TrxR (U/g weight)} = 147 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div W = 4.26 \text{ U/g weight.}$$

2. Take 0.1g of liver, add 1mL of extract solution, fully grinding on ice. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, take the supernatant and place it on ice for test according to the measured steps. Calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_4 - A_3 = 1.508 - 0.4 = 1.108$ ,  $\Delta A_B = A_2 - A_1 = 0.082 - 0.064 = 0.018$ , calculate the enzyme activity according to sample weight:

$$\text{TrxR (U/g weight)} = 147 \times (\Delta A_T - \Delta A_B) \div W \times 2 \text{ (dilution ratio)} = 3204.6 \text{ U/g weight.}$$

### Recent Product citations

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