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# β-glucosidase (β-GC) Assay Kit

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

Catalog Number: AK0207

**Size:**50T/24S

# **Components:**

Extract solution: Liquid 50 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Solution I: Powder×2. Storage at -20°C. Add 10 mL of distilled water to per bottle before use and dissolve

it fully. The left reagent store at -20°C.

Solution II: Liquid 25 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Solution III: Liquid 80 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

Standard: Liquid 1 mL×1. Storage at 4°C .5 µmol/mL p-nitrophenol solution.

## **Product Description**

 $\beta$ -glucosidase ( $\beta$ -GC, EC 3.2. 1.21) is an enzyme found broadly in animals, plants, microorganisms and cultured cells, which catalyzes the hydrolysis of base-glycosidic bonds and has many physiological functions. In cellulose saccharification,  $\beta$ -GC is responsible for further hydrolysis of cellulose disaccharides and cellulose oligosaccharides to produce glucose.  $\beta$ -GC hydrolyzes the aroma precursors of terpenes, making the glycoside turns from bond state to free state, thus producing the fragrance.  $\beta$ -GC can also hydrolyze wild sakuraside in plants and release HCN, thereby preventing insects from eating.

 $\beta$ -GC can catalyze the p-nitrophenyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside to p-nitrophenol. The product has characteristic of absorption at 400 nm. In this kit, the  $\beta$ -GC activity is quantified by measuring the increase in the color development at 400 nm.

## Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided.

Centrifuge, water-bath, transferpettor, spectrophotometer, 1 mL glass cuvette, ice, mortar/homogenizer and distilled water.

## **Procedure**

# I. Preparation of standard samples:

## 1. Bacteria or cells

Collecting bacteria or cells into the centrifuge tube, after centrifugation discard supernatant. According to the number of bacteria or cells (10<sup>4</sup>): the volume of the Extract solution (mL) is 500- 1000:1. Suggest add 1 mL of Extract solution to 10 million of bacteria or cells. Use ultrasonication to splitting bacteria and cells (placed on ice, ultrasonic power 20% or 200W, working time 3 seconds, interval 10 seconds, repeat for 30 times). Centrifuge at 15000×g for 20 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials and take the supernatant on ice before testing.



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#### 2. Tissue

Add 1 mL of Extraction reagent to 0.2 g of tissue, and fully homogenized on ice bath. According to the number of sample weight (g): the volume of the Extract solution (mL) is 1:5- 10. Centrifuge at 15000×g for 20 minutes at 4°C to remove insoluble materials, and take the supernatant on ice before testing.

#### II. Determination

1. Preheat the spectrophotometer for more than 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 400 nm, set zero with distilled water.

#### 2. Standard

Take 100  $\mu$ L standard solution and add it to 400  $\mu$ L Solution  $\blacksquare$  to get 1  $\mu$ mol/mL standard solution. Dilute the solution for 10 times to 100 nmol/mL, and dilute it to 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25 nmol/mL with the distilled water. Detect the standard solutions of 100, 50, 25, 12.5 6.25 and 0 nmol/mL.

3. Add reagents with the following list:

Reagent	Test Tube (T)	Contrast Tube (C)	Standard Tube (S)
Solution I (μL)	400	-	
Solution <b>I</b> (μL)	500	500	
Sample (μL)	100	100	

Mix thoroughly and incubate the reaction for 30 minutes at 37°C water bath, then take the reaction soulution in a boiling water bath for 5 minutes immediately (tightly close to prevent moisture loss), flowing water to cool.

Solution I (μL)		400		
Mix thoroughly, centrifuge at 8000 ×g for 5 minutes 4°C and take the supernatant.				
Supernatant (μL)	500	500		
Standard (μL)			500	
Solution <b>II</b> (μL)	1000	1000	1000	

Mix thoroughly and stand at room temperature for 2 minutes. Detect the absorbance of each tube at 400 nm and noted as  $A_T$ ,  $A_C$ ,  $A_S$  and  $A_B$ . Calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C$ ,  $\Delta A_S = A_S - A_B$ . Each test tube should be provided with one contrast tube.

#### III. Calculate:

#### 1. Standard curve

Standard curve established: According to the concentration of the standard tube (y) and absorbance  $\Delta A_S = A_S - A_B(x)$ , establish standard curve. Add  $\Delta A$  into the standard curve, and calculate the amount of product generated by the sample (nmol/mL).

# 2. Calculation

# 1) Tissue protein concentration

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzymes catalyzes the generation of 1 nmol of p-nitrophenol in the reaction system per hour every mg protein.

 $\beta$ -GC Activity(U/mg prot)=(y×Vrv)÷(Vs×Cpr)÷T=20×y÷Cpr

# 2) Tissue weight

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzymes catalyzes the generation





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of 1 nmol of p-nitrophenol in the reaction system per hour every g sample.

β-GC Activity(U/g weight)=  $(y \times Vrv) \div (W \times Vs \div Ve) \div T = 20 \times y \div W$ 

3) Bacteria or cultured cells

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzymes catalyzes the generation of 1 nmol of p-nitrophenol in the reaction system per hour every 10<sup>4</sup> bacteria or cells.

 $\beta$ -GC Activity(U/10<sup>4</sup> cell)=(y×Vrv)÷(1000×Vs÷Ve)÷T=0.02×y

Cpr: Supernatant sample protein concentration (mg/mL);

Vrv: Total reaction volume, 1 mL;

Vs: Supernate volume, 0.1 mL;

Ve: Extract solution volume, 1 mL;

T: Reaction time (min), 30 minutes = 0.5 hour;

W: Sample weight, g;

1000: 10 million cells or bacteria;

## **Recent Products Citations:**

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