



Dynamic Test Kits for R&D
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SOD Activity Assay

KB-03-011

100/200/400 test (96 well plate)

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All chemicals should be handled with

➤ This kit is for R&D use only

Introduction

Superoxide dismutases (SODs) are metallo enzymes that catalyse the dismutation of the superoxide anion to molecular oxygen and hydrogen peroxide and thus form a crucial part of the cellular antioxidant defense mechanism.

Excessive reactive oxygen species, especially superoxide anion ($O_2^{\bullet-}$), play important roles in the pathogenesis of many cardiovascular diseases, including hypertension and atherosclerosis. Superoxide dismutases (SODs) are the major antioxidant defense systems against $O_2^{\bullet-}$, which consist of three isoforms of SOD in mammals: the cytoplasmic Cu/ ZnSOD (SOD1), the mitochondrial MnSOD (SOD2), and the extracellular Cu/ZnSOD (SOD3), all of which require catalytic metal (Cu or Mn) for their activation.

Superoxide Dismutase Activity Assay Kit (Colorimetric) is a sensitive kit using WST-1 that produces a water-soluble formazan dye upon reduction with superoxide anion. The rate of the reduction with a superoxide anion is linearly related to the xanthine oxidase (XO) activity, and is inhibited by SOD. Therefore, the inhibition activity of SOD can be determined by a colorimetric method.

Materials

BQCKit SOD Activity Assay kit KB03011-100 tests contains:

Product	Quantity	Storage
Reagent A	2 mL	4°C
Reagent B	20 µL	4°C
Reagent C	40 mL	4°C
Reagent D	10 mL	4°C
SOD Standard (3U/mL)	50 µL	4°C

BQCKit SOD Activity Assay kit KB03011-200 tests contains:

Product	Quantity	Storage
Reagent A	4 mL	4°C
Reagent B	40 µL	4°C
Reagent C	80 mL	4°C
Reagent D	20 mL	4°C
SOD Standard (3U/mL)	100 µL	4°C

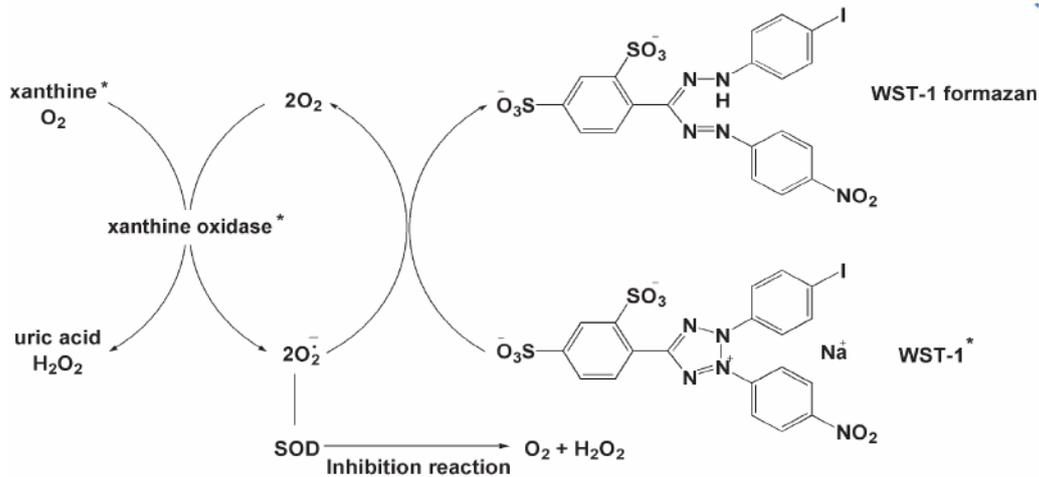
Materials

BQCKit SOD Activity Assay kit KB03011-400 tests contains:

Product	Quantity	Storage
Reagent A	8 mL	4°C
Reagent B	80 µL	4°C
Reagent C	160 mL	4°C
Reagent D	40 mL	4°C
SOD Standard (3U/mL)	200 µL	4°C

Assay Principle

Bioquochem Superoxide Dismutase Activity Assay kit utilizes a tetrazolium salt for detection of superoxide radicals generated by xanthine oxidase and hypoxanthine (Scheme 1). One unit of SOD is defined as the amount of enzyme needed to exhibit 50% dismutation of the superoxide radical.



Scheme 1. SOD inhibition assay mechanism

XOD and SOD Antagonism in the Generation of Formazan Dye. The conversion of xanthine and O_2 to uric acid and H_2O_2 by XOD generates superoxide radicals. The superoxide anions reduce a tetrazolium salt (WST-1) to a colored formazan product (WST-1 formazan) that absorbs light. SOD scavenges superoxide anions, thereby reducing the rate of formazan dye formation.

Reagent Preparation

For 100 assays*:

*For a number of assays different from 100, recalculate Reagents volumes.

Working Reagent:

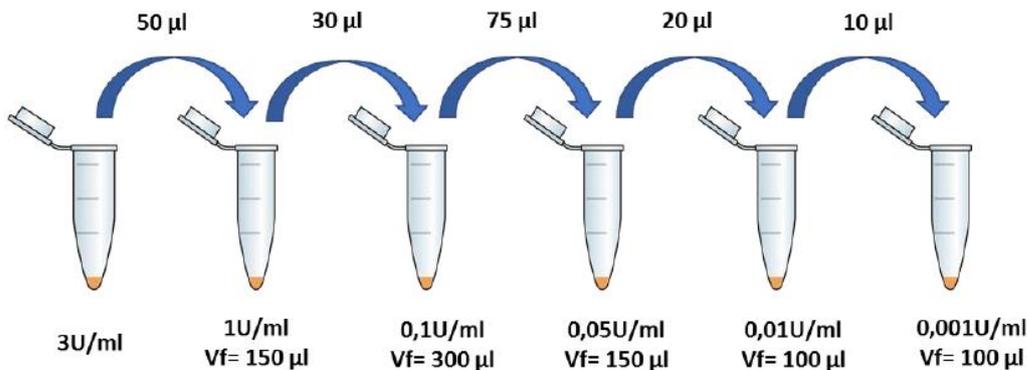
Mix 2 mL of Reagent A with 38 mL of Reagent C.

Enzyme Solution:

Centrifuge Reagent B in a microcentrifuge, and then mix by pipetting. Dilute it (12 μL with 2 mL of Reagent D).

Standard:

Prepare in 1.5 mL tubes, the following SOD standard Solutions with Reagent D as the diluent: 1U/mL; 0.1U/mL; 0.05U/mL; 0.01U/mL and 0.001U/mL.



Scheme 2. Standard curve preparation

Assay Protocol

Considering a 96 well plate:

1. Pipette 20 μL of sample to each sample and Blank C well (you must prepare one Blank C well for each sample or standard).
2. Pipette 20 μL of ddH₂O to Blank A and Blank B wells.
3. Add 200 μL of the Working Solution (previously prepared) to each well.
4. Add 20 μL of Reagent D to Blank B and to each Blank C.
5. Add 20 μL of the Enzyme Solution (previously prepared) to Blank A well and to each sample well (It is important to add Enzyme Solution at the same time in all wells, using for example a multichannel pipette). Then mix the plate thoroughly.
6. Incubate the plate at 37°C for 20 min.
7. Read the absorbance at 450 nm using a microplate reader.

	Blank A	Blank B	Sample/Standard	Blank C
Sample/Standard			20 μL	20 μL
Working Solution	200 μL	200 μL	200 μL	200 μL
Enzyme Solution	20 μL		20 μL	
Reagent D		20 μL		20 μL
ddH ₂ O	20 μL	20 μL		

Scheme 3. Instructions to fill the 96 well plate

Data Analysis

1. Plot the % of inhibition at 450 nm of standards as function of their final concentrations (Scheme 2).

$$\text{SOD Activity (\% inhibition)} = \left\{ \frac{(\text{ABlank A} - \text{ABlank B}) - (\text{Asample/standard} - \text{ABlank C})}{(\text{ABlank A} - \text{ABlank B})} \right\} \times 100$$

2. Create a standard curve by plotting the % inhibition at 450 nm for each standard against the concentration of SOD standards.
3. Calculate the SOD activity of the samples using the equation obtained from the linear regression of the standard curve replacing the % inhibition values for each sample.

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