# Soil Acid Phosphatase (S-ACP) Activity Assay Kit

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

Catalog Number: BC0140

**Size:** 50T/48S

# **Components:**

Reagent I: Liquid 21 mL×1, storage at 4°C. Protect from light.

Reagent II: powder×1 bottle, storage at 4°C. Dissolve with 50 mL of distilled water before use.

Reagent III: Liquid 11 mL×1, storage at 4°C.

Reagent IV: Powder×1, storage at 4°C. Dissolve with 1152 μL of absolute ethyl alcohol (required but not

provided) and 48 µL of distilled water before use. Do not use any more if it turns brown.

Standard: Liquid 1 mL×1 bottle, storage at 4°C, 0.5 µmol/mL phenol standard solution, storage at 4°C.

## **Product Description:**

Soil phosphatase is an enzyme which catalyze soil organic phosphate mineralization, the activity influence directly the decomposition and transformation of organic phosphate and its bio-availability. The activity is the indicator of evaluating the direction and intensity of soil phosphorus bio-transformation. Soil phosphatase is influenced by the content of carbon, nitrogen, available phosphorus in the soil and pH. Soil phosphatase is divideded into three types: acidic, neutral and alkaline phosphatase according to the optimum pH.

In acidic condition, soil acid phosphatase (S-ACP) can hydrolyze disodium phenyl phosphate to phenol and disodium hydrogen phosphate. The activity of S-ACP can be calculated by measuring the amount of phenol produced.

## Reagents and Equipments Required but Not Provided:

Spectrophotometer, 37°C incubator, centrifuge, transferpettor, table centrifuge, 1 mL glass cuvette, analytical balance, toluene, alcohol, ice and distilled water.

#### **Procedure:**

## I. Crude enzyme preparation:

Add 0.05 mL of methylbenzene to 0.1 g of dry soil sample, shake slightly for 15 minutes. Add 0.4 mL of Reagent I, mix thoroughly and keep in 37°C incubator for 24 hours. Then add 1 mL of Reagent II immediately and mix thoroughly to stop the catalysis. Centrifuge at 8000 rpm for 10 minutes at room temperature, take the supernatant on ice for testing.

# **II.** Determination procedure:

1. Preheat Spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 660 nm, set zero with distilled water.

- 2. Blank tube: Take a 1 mL glass cuvette, add 50  $\mu$ L of Reagent I, 200  $\mu$ L of Reagent III, 20  $\mu$ L of Reagent IV, mix thoroughly. Then add 730  $\mu$ L of distilled water after color development. Mix thoroughly and place for 30 minutes at room temperature. Determine the absorbance at 660 nm and record as  $A_B$ .
- 3. Standard tube: Take a 1 mL glass cuvette, add 50  $\mu$ L of standard solution, 200  $\mu$ L of Reagent III, 20  $\mu$ L of Reagent IV, mix thoroughly. Then add 730  $\mu$ L of distilled water after color development. Mix thoroughly and place for 30 minutes at room temperature. Determine the absorbance at 660 nm and record as  $A_S$ .
- 4. Test tube: Take a 1 mL glass cuvette, add 50  $\mu$ L of supernatant, 200  $\mu$ L of Reagent III, 20  $\mu$ L of Reagent IV, mix thoroughly. Then add 730  $\mu$ L of distilled water after color development. Mix thoroughly and place for 30 minutes at room temperature. Determine the absorbance at 660 nm and record as  $A_T$ .

**Note:** Blank tubes only need to be tested 1-2 times.

# III. S-ACP activity calculation:

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme catalyzes the production of 1 nmol of phenol in the reaction system per day every gram soil sample.

$$S-ACP(nmol/d/g)=[C\times(A_T-A_B)\div(A_S-A_B)]\times Vrv\times 1000\div W\div T$$
$$=725\times(A_T-A_B)\div(A_S-A_B)\div W$$

C: Standard concentration, 0.5 µmol/mL;

Vrv: Total volume in catalyze system, 1.45 mL;

W: Soil sample weight, g;

T: Reaction time, 24 hours=1 day;

1000: 1 μmol=1000 nmol.

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#### **Related Products:**

BC0280/BC0285 Soil Alkaline Phosphatase(S-AKP/ALP) Activity Assay Kit

BC0110/BC0115 Soil Polyphenoloxidase Activity Assay Kit

BC0120/BC0125 Soil Urease(UE) Activity Assay Kit