

## Neutral Xylanase (NEX) Activity Assay Kit

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

**Detection equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** BC2590

**Size:** 50T/24S

### Components:

**Buffer Fluid:** Liquid 50 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Reagent I:** Liquid 15 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Reagent II:** Liquid 25 mL×1, store at 2-8°C.

**Standard:** Powder×1, 10mg xylose. Before use, a standard solution of 100μmol/mL was prepared by adding 667μL distilled water and stored at 2-8°C for 8 weeks.

### Product Description:

Xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8), produced mainly by microorganisms, catalyzes the hydrolysis of xylan, also known as pentosanase or hemicellulase, can break down the cell wall of raw materials in the brewing or feed industry as well as beta-glucan, reduce the viscosity of brewing materials, promote the release of active substances, and reduce non-starch polysaccharides in feed. Promote the absorption and utilization of nutrients, so it is widely used in the brewing and feed industry, neutral xylanase (NEX) is generally isolated from the optimal growth pH of 6-8 microorganisms.

NEX catalyzes the degradation of xylan into reducing oligosaccharides and monosaccharides in a neutral environment, and further reacts with 3, 5-dinitrosalicylic acid in a boiling water bath. There is a characteristic absorption peak at 540nm, and the color depth of the reaction solution is proportional to the amount of reducing sugar produced by enzymatic hydrolysis. The activity of NEX can be calculated by measuring the increase rate of absorption value of the reaction solution at 540nm.

### Required but not provided:

Mortar/homogenizer, desk centrifuge, spectrophotometer, water bath, adjustable pipette, 1 mL glass cuvette, ice and distilled water.

### Procedure:

#### I. Sample preparation

1. Preparation of fermentation solution for cell or microbial samples: the fermentation solution is centrifuged at 8000rpm, at 4°C, for 15min, supernatant is taken and placed on ice for testing.
2. Tissue: Weigh 0.1g tissue, add 1mL Buffer Fluid, fully grind on ice. 8000g, centrifuge at 4°C for 15min, take supernatant, put on ice to be measured.
3. Dry enzyme powder: weigh 1mg, add 1mL Buffer Fluid, fully dissolve after shaking and put on ice to be measured.

Note: Samples with high reducing sugar content (such as plant fruits, etc.) can be properly diluted

with distilled water before determination.

## II. Determination procedure

1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust wavelength to 540 nm, set the counter to zero with distilled water.
2. dilution of standard solution: before the use of distilled water to dilute the standard product into 5, 4, 3, 1  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$  of standard solution to be measured.
3. quasi-dilution table:

Number	Predilution concentration ( $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ )	Standard volume ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Volume of distilled water ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Diluted concentration ( $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ )
1	100	150	1350	10
2	10	200	200	5
3	10	200	300	4
4	10	150	350	3
5	10	100	400	2
6	10	100	900	1

Note: 200  $\mu\text{L}$  per tube is required in the experiment.

4. Sample determination (add the following reagents in 1.5 mL EP tube in turn).

Reagent Name ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Contrast tube ( $A_C$ )	Test tube ( $A_T$ )	Standard tube ( $A_S$ )	Blank tube ( $A_B$ )
Supernatant	200	200	-	-
Standard	-	-	200	-
Distilled water	-	-	-	200
Buffer fluid	300	300	300	300
Reagent I	-	200	200	200
Mix well, cap tightly, water bath at 50°C for 30min, immediately boil water bath for 10min to inactivate. (Be careful not to let the lid burst, so as not to water, change the reaction system)				
Reagent I	200	-	-	-
Reagent II	300	300	300	300
Mix well, boiling water bath color development for 5min (be careful not to let the lid burst, so as not to change the reaction system), ice bath cooling as soon as possible to measure the absorption value at 540nm wavelength $A_C$ , $A_T$ , $A_S$ , $A_B$ , calculate $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C$ , $\Delta A_S = A_S - A_B$ . Blank tubes and standard tube only need to be done 1-2 times.				

## III. Calculation

1. Drawing of standard curve:

The standard curve is established according to the concentration of the standard tube ( $x$ ,  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ ) and the absorbance  $\Delta A_S$  ( $y$ ,  $\Delta A_S$ ). According to the standard curve, the  $\Delta A$  determination ( $y$ ,  $\Delta A_T$ ) is

brought into the formula to calculate the sample concentration (x,  $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ ).

## 2. Fermentation fluid NEX activity calculation:

Enzyme activity definition: at 50°C and pH 6.0, the amount of enzyme required to decompose xylan to produce 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  reducing sugar per milliliter of fermentation solution per minute is the activity unit of a neutral xylanase.

$$\text{NEX activity (U/mL)} = x \div T \times F = x \div 30 \times F$$

## 3. NEX activity calculation of dry enzyme powder:

Enzyme activity definition: under the condition of 50°C and pH 6.0, the amount of enzyme required to decompose xylan to produce 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  reducing sugar per milligram of enzyme per minute is the activity unit of a neutral xylanase.

$$\text{NEX activity (U/mg)} = x \times V_S \div (V_S \times W_E \div V_E) \div T \times F = x \div W_E \div 30 \times F$$

## 4. Calculation of NEX activity in the organization:

### (1) Calculated by sample protein concentration:

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$$\text{NEX activity (U/mg prot)} = x \times V_S \div (V_S \times \text{Cpr}) \div T \times F = x \div \text{Cpr} \div 30 \times F$$

### (2) Calculated by sample quality:

Enzyme activity definition: Under the condition of 50°C and pH 6.0, the amount of enzyme required to decompose xylan to produce 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  reducing sugar per g tissue per minute is the activity unit of a neutral xylanase.

$$\text{NEX activity (U/g mass)} = x \times V_S \div (V_S \times W_S \div V_E) \div T \times F = x \div W_S \div 30 \times F$$

$V_S$ : Add sample volume, 0.2mL;

$V_E$ : Add Buffer Fluid volume, 1mL;

$W_E$ : Mass of enzyme dry powder, mg;

$W_S$ : Sample mass, g;

T: Reaction time, 30 minutes;

Cpr: Protein concentration, mg/mL;

F: Sample dilution ratio;

### Note:

The absorbance change should be controlled between 0.01 and 1.2, otherwise increase the sample size or dilute the sample, and pay attention to changing the dilution multiple in the calculation formula simultaneously.

### Experimental example:

1. Take 0.1193g blueberry, add 1ml extract, grind it on ice. Take the supernatant and dilute it 40 times with distilled water and follow the determination procedure. Measured in a cuvette, and calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C = 0.497 - 0.458 = 0.039$ , Bring the standard curve  $y = 0.32x - 0.1474$  ( $R^2 = 0.9982$ ), calculate  $x = 0.5825$ , and calculate the NEX activity according to the sample mass:

$$\text{NEX activity (U/g mass)} = x \div W \div 30 \times F = 0.5825 \div 0.1193 \div 30 \times 40 = 6.510 \text{ U/g mass.}$$

2. Take pickle juice, centrifuge, take supernatant, dilute 2 times with distilled water, and follow the determination procedure. Measured in a cuvette, and calculate  $\Delta A_T = A_T - A_C = 0.474 - 0.081 = 0.393$ , Bring the standard curve  $y = 0.32x - 0.1474$  ( $R^2 = 0.9982$ ), calculate  $x = 1.689$ , and calculate the NEX activity according to the sample mass:

$$\text{NEX activity (U/g mass)} = x \div T \times F = 1.689 \div 30 \times 2 = 0.113 \text{ U/mL.}$$

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