

# Soil Hydroxylamine Reductase (S-HR) Assay Kit

**Note:** It is necessary to predict 2-3 large difference samples before the formal determination.

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Catalog Number:** BC3010

**Size:** 50T/24S

## Components:

**Reagent I:** Liquid 15 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

**Reagent II:** Powder×2. Storage at 4°C. Add 7.5 mL distilled water when the solution will be used. The left reagent could be stored at 4°C for one week.

**Reagent III:** Liquid 50 mL×1. Storage at 4°C. Boil in boiling water bath for 15 minutes before use, tighten the cover after opening it for 10 seconds, and use it after natural cooling. It should not be left open as much as possible. Cover and tighten immediately after taking it out. If it is left open for a long time, it can be cooled to normal temperature by using a boiling water bath for 10 minutes (cover).

**Reagent IV:** Powder×1. Storage at 4°C. Add 30 mL distilled water when the solution will be used. The left reagent could be stored at 4°C for two weeks.

**Reagent V:** Liquid 15 mL×1. Storage at 4°C.

**Reagent VI:** Liquid 10 mL×1. Storage at 4°C and protected from light.

**Reagent VII:** Liquid 10 mL×1. Storage at 4°C and protected from light.

**Standard solution:** Powder×1, Storage at 4°C; Add 1.028 mL of distilled water with fully dissolve before use to prepare 140 μmol/mL Hydroxylamine hydrochloride standard for standby. It could be stored at 4°C for two weeks.

## Product Description

Soil hydroxylamine reductase can reduce the intermediate product hydroxylamine formed in the process of soil nitrogen metabolism to ammonia, and the reduced compounds in the soil can be used as hydrogen donors. Its strength affects the ammonia volatilization loss of nitrogen in the process of soil nitrogen metabolism, and indirectly affects the utilization efficiency of nitrogen.

Fe<sup>3+</sup> in ammonium ferric sulfate can oxidize hydroxylamine to nitrogen and reduce itself to Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup> forms orange red complex with o-phenanthroline under weak acid condition, orange red complex has absorption peak at 510nm. hydroxylamine reductase acts on hydroxylamine that could reduce the amount of formation of complex, and the decrease of absorption value at 510nm can reflect the activity of hydroxylamine reductase.

## Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided

Spectrophotometer, scales, water-bath, centrifuge, transferpettor, 1 mL glass cuvette, vortex shaker, nitrogen blower, mortar, 30-50 mesh sieve and distilled water.

## Procedure

### 1. Sample preparation:

Fresh soil samples are naturally air-dried or oven dried at 37 °C and passed through a 30-50 mesh sieve.

### 2. Determination steps and sample adding table:

- Preheat spectrophotometer more than 30 min, adjust wavelength to 510 nm and set zero with distilled water.
- Dilute the 140 μmol/mL standard solution to 4.375、2.1875、1.094、0.547、0.2735、0.13675 μmol/mL of standard solution.
- Operate according to the following table:

	Control tube	Test tube	Matrix free tube	Standard tube	Blank tube
Drying soil (g)	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
Reagent I (μL)	-	200	200	-	-
standard solution (μL)	-	-	-	200	-
Distilled water (μL)	200	-	-	-	200
Reagent II (μL)	200	200	200	200	200
Reagent III (μL)	600	600	600	600	600
After mixing, use N <sub>2</sub> air flow to remove the air in the tube, seal immediately, and react at 30 °C for 1h.					
Reagent IV (μL)	400	400	400	400	400
Full shaking for 10min, centrifugation at 8000rpm and 25°C for 10 min.					
supernatant (μL)	100	100	100	100	100
Reagent V (μL)	200	200	200	200	200
Reagent VI (μL)	100	100	100	100	100
Reagent VII (μL)	100	100	100	100	100
Distilled water (μL)	500	500	500	500	500
Mix well, let it stand at 25°C for 10 minutes, measure the absorbance value at 510 nm in the 1 mL glass cuvette, and record it as A <sub>C</sub> , A <sub>T</sub> , A <sub>M</sub> , A <sub>S</sub> and A <sub>B</sub> . Calculate $\Delta A = (A_M - A_B) - (A_T - A_C)$ , $\Delta A_S = A_S - A_B$ . Each test tube needs to be provided with a control tube, Matrix free tube and blank tube needs to be done 1-2 times.					

### Calculation of S-HR activity:

1. The regression equation determined under standard conditions is  $y=kx+b$ ; x is the concentration of standard substance (μmol/mL), y is the absorption value. Take  $\Delta A$  into the equation to get x (μmol/mL).

2. Calculation of HR activity:

Unit definition: one unit is defined as an enzyme activity that enzyme catalyzes the production of 1 μmol of hydroxylamine per day every gram soil.

The activity of S-HR (U/g soil) =  $x \times V_{RI} \div W \div T = 4.8x \div W$

V<sub>RI</sub>: the volume of add Reagent I, 0.2 mL;

W: sample weight, g;

T: reaction time: 1/24h.

### Note

1. The dissolved oxygen concentration in the surface layer of the soil is large, and the soil below 5cm in the surface layer should be taken for sampling, otherwise the enzyme activity is low or cannot be measured.
2. When  $\Delta A$  is greater than 0.8, it is recommended to dilute the sample supernatant before measuring.
3. It is best to use a nitrogen blower to remove the dissolved oxygen in the reaction system. If there is no such device, seal it immediately after adding reagent III and react at 30 °C for 1 hour.

### Experimental example:

1. Take 2 tubes of 0.02 g clover soil, operate according to the determination steps, use 96 well plate to measure and calculate  $\Delta A = (A_M - A_B) - (A_T - A_C) = 0.603 - (0.499 - 0.139) = 0.243$ , standard curve:  $y = 0.1693x + 0.0083$ ,  $x = 1.3863$ , S-HR activity calculated according to soil weight:

S-HR activity (U/g soil sample)  $= 4.8 \times x \div W = 4.8 \times 1.3863 \div 0.1 = 66.542$  U/g soil sample.

2. Take 2 tubes of 0.02 g forest soil, operate according to the determination steps, use 96 well plate to measure and calculate  $\Delta A = (A_M - A_B) - (A_T - A_C) = 0.603 - (0.543 - 0.199) = 0.259$ , standard curve:  $y = 0.1693x + 0.0083$ ,  $x = 1.4808$

S-HR activity (U/g soil sample)  $= 4.8 \times x \div W = 4.8 \times 1.4808 \div 0.1 = 71.078$  U/g soil sample.

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| BC1970/BC1975 | Soil Lignin peroxidase(S-Lip) Activity Assay Kit   |
| BC4030/BC4035 | Soil $\beta$ -1,4-Glucanase Activity Assay Kit     |
| BC4020/BC4025 | Soil Leucine Arylamidase(S-LAP) Activity Assay Kit |