

# Soil Uricase Activity Assay Kit

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

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** NA0290

**Size:**50T/24S

## Components:

Reagent I: Toluene 2 mL×1, storage at 4°C. Toluene need provide for yourself.

Reagent II A: Liquid 0.5 mL×1, storage at 4°C and protect from light.

Reagent II B: Liquid 17.5 mL×1, storage at 4°C.

Reagent III: Liquid 40 mL×1, storage at 4°C.

Reagent IV: Liquid 60 mL×1, storage at 4°C.

Standard: Liquid 1 mL×1, 5 μmol/mL of uric acid standard solution, storage at 4°C and protect from light.

Preparation of Reagent II: Before use, Reagent II A and Reagent II B are mixed in a 1: 35 ratio, prepared according to sample size.

## Product Description:

Soil urase is a kind of oxidoreductase related to nucleic acid metabolism. It mainly converts nucleic acid adenine and uric acid in the soil into allantoin and allantoic acid, and then generates urea for use by plants.

Soil urase can catalyze the production of allantoin, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by uric acid. Uric acid has a characteristic absorption peak at 284 nm. The soil uric acid activity is measured by measuring the amount of uric acid decrease before and after the reaction.

## Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided :

Balance, low temperature centrifuge, spectrophotometer, 1 mL quartz cuvette, constant temperature water bath, toluene, 30 mesh sieve(or smaller).

## Sample preparation:

The fresh soil sample is air-dried naturally or in an oven at 37°C, and passed through a 30-50 mesh sieve.

## Determination steps:

1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30 minutes, adjust the wavelength to 284 nm, set zero with distilled water.
2. Dilute 5 μmol/mL of uric acid standard solution with distilled water to 0.5、 0.25、 0.125、 0.0625、 0.03125、 0.015625 μmol/mL standard solution.
3. Add reagents as the following table.

Reagent	Test tube (T)	Contrast tube (C)	Soilless tube (So)	Standard tube (St)	Blank tube (B)
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Air-dried soil sample (g)	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
Reagent I (μL)	25	25	25	-	-
Shake for make the soil sample completely wet, incubate in room temperature for 30 minutes.					
Reagent II (μL)	500	-	500	-	-
Distilled water (μL)	500	500	500	-	-
Reagent III (μL)	500	1000	500	-	-
Shake for mix well, incubate at 25°C for 24 hours. Centrifuge at 10000 rpm for 10 minutes at 25°C, take the supernatant for test.					
Supernatant (μL)	150	150	150	-	-
Standard solution (μL)	-	-	-	150	-
Distilled water (μL)	-	-	-	-	150
Reagent IV (μL)	850	850	850	850	850

Mix thoroughly, detect the absorbance at 284 nm, record as  $A_T$ ,  $A_C$ ,  $A_{So}$ ,  $A_{St}$  and  $A_B$  respectively.  
 $\Delta A = (A_{So} - A_B) - (A_T - A_C)$ ,  $\Delta A_{St} = A_{St} - A_B$ .

**Note:** A control tube is required for each test tube. Testing of the same batch of samples, the soilless tube only need to be measured once or twice.

### III. The calculation formula of soil uricase activity:

#### 1. Create standard curve

Using the concentration of standard solution as x axis and  $\Delta A_{St}$  as y axis create standard curve, obtain equation  $y=kx+b$ . Put  $\Delta A$  into the equation and obtain the x (μmol/mL).

#### 2. Calculation of soil uricase activity.

Unit definition: One unit of enzyme activity is defined as that per gram of soil sample hydrolyze 1 μmol of uric acid per day.

Soil uricase activity (U/g) =  $x \times V_{RT} \div W \div T = 1.525 \times x \div W$

$V_{RT}$ : The total volume of reaction, 1.525 mL;

T: Catalytic reaction time, 1 hour = 1/24 day;

W: Weight of air dried sample, g.

### Experimental Examples:

1. Take 0.1g of two tubes of No. 2-1-20 soil sample, and carry out the determination according to the operation steps. The calculation is:  $\Delta A = (A_{So} - A_B) - (A_T - A_C) = (1.136 - 0.001) - (0.703 - 0.05) = 0.482$ , Bring into the standard curve  $y = 1.7444x - 0.0013$ , 计算  $x = 0.2771$ , calculate the enzyme activity:

Soil Uricase Activity (U/g soil sample) =  $1.525 \times x \div W = 1.525 \times 0.2771 \div 0.1 = 4.226$  U/g soil sample。

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NA0863/NA0620 Soil Catalase(S-CAT) Activity Assay Kit

NA0803/NA0562 Soil Peroxidase Activity Assay Kit

NA0846/NA0604 Soil Alkaline Phosphatase(S-AKP/ALP) Activity Assay Kit

NA0644/NA0402 Soil Nitrate Reductase(NR) Activity Assay Kit