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1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a photometric method for the determination of the lactoperoxidase activity in milk in amounts exceeding 50 U/l.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

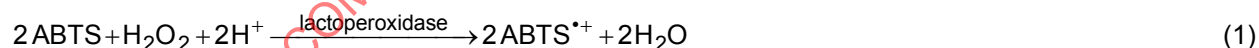
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unit of lactoperoxidase activity

amount of lactoperoxidase enzyme that catalyses the transformation of 1 µmol of substrate per minute

3 Principle

In the presence of any lactoperoxidase enzyme derived from the sample, ABTS [2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid)] is catalytically converted to its radical cation (ABTS^{•+}) at pH 6,0 and 25 °C. The amount of (ABTS^{•+}) liberated per minute is proportional to the lactoperoxidase activity and measured photometrically at 420 nm. The liberation of the ABTS^{•+} is based on the following chemical reaction:



4 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, unless otherwise specified, and doubly distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.1 Buffer solution, pH 6,0. Dissolve 0,72 g of disodium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate ($\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and 3,99 g of potassium dihydrogenphosphate (KH_2PO_4) in a beaker in a volume of about 450 ml of water. Adjust the pH of the solution, if necessary, to $6,0 \pm 0,03$ with a dilute sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide or phosphoric acid solution. Transfer the solution to a 500 ml volumetric flask (5.6). Make up to the mark with water and mix.

NOTE The buffer solution contains 8,09 mmol/l of disodium hydrogenphosphate dihydrate and 58,6 mmol/l of potassium dihydrogenphosphate.

4.2 Hydrogen peroxide solution.

WARNING — Hydrogen peroxide is corrosive and should not be brought in contact with metals or readily flammable organic substances to prevent explosive mixtures forming.

Pipette 0,1 ml of 30 % mass fraction H_2O_2 into a 100 ml one-mark volumetric flask (5.6). Make up to the mark with water and mix.

Prepare the hydrogen peroxide solution immediately before use (see 4.3).

4.3 ABTS reagent solution, 2 mmol/l solution of the diammonium salt of 2,2-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}_4(\text{NH}_4)_2]$.

Weigh 55 mg of the di-ammonium salt of ABTS into a 50 ml volumetric flask (5.6). Add about 30 ml of buffer solution (4.1) to dissolve the salt. Then add 1,0 ml of hydrogen peroxide solution (4.2). Make up to the 50 ml mark with the buffer solution and mix.

Prepare a fresh reagent solution every day.

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory equipment and, in particular, the following.

5.1 Analytical balance, capable of weighing to the nearest 1 mg, with a readability of 0,1 mg.

5.2 pH-meter, capable of measuring 0,1 unit of pH, with a readability of 0,01 unit.

5.3 Spectrophotometer, capable of measuring absorbance at 420 nm, with a temperature-controlled cuvette holder capable of maintaining a temperature of $25^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,5^\circ\text{C}$.

5.4 Plastic cuvette, of pathlength 1,0 cm, provided with a lid.

NOTE The use of glass or quartz cuvettes can give results that are too low due to adsorption losses.

5.5 Air-displacement pipettes or piston-operated pipettes, ISO 8655-2^[5], of nominal capacities 0,05 ml, 0,1 ml, 1,0 ml, and 2,0 ml.

5.6 One-mark volumetric flasks, of nominal capacities 5 ml, 10 ml, 25 ml, 50 ml, 100 ml and 500 ml, ISO 1042^[2], class A.

5.7 Water bath or dry bath, capable of maintaining a temperature of $25^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,5^\circ\text{C}$.

6 Sampling

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this Technical Specification. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 707 | IDF 50^[1].

It is important the laboratory receive a truly representative sample which has not been damaged or changed during transport or storage.

7 Procedure

7.1 Preparation of test sample dilution

Warm refrigerated test samples to room temperature and mix carefully. It is usually not necessary to reheat the test sample for proper mixing. In no case shall the temperature exceed 35 °C.

Depending on the lactoperoxidase content of the sample, mix the test sample with water in a suitable ratio by volume of at least 1→5.

To calculate the lactoperoxidase activity, the differential absorbance, ΔA , found has to be in the range 0,02 min⁻¹ to 0,5 min⁻¹. Depending on the measurement range, the dilutions with water specified in Table 1 are applicable.

Table 1 — Test sample dilution

Measurement range U/l	Dilution
50 to 1 200	1→5
100 to 2 500	1→10
250 to 6 000	1→25

For dilution of UHT milk samples, a ratio of 1→5 (by volume) shall be used.

7.2 Determination

Prior to the photometric determination, adjust the photometer (5.3) to its zero level at a wavelength of 420 nm with air as reference (without a cuvette in the beam path).

Pipette 2 ml of ABTS reagent solution (4.3) into a cuvette (5.4). Cover the cuvette and place it in the water bath or the dry bath (5.7) set at 25 °C for the time necessary to attain this temperature into the cuvette.

Then add 0,05 ml of the test sample diluted as specified in 7.1. Immediately cover the cuvette again and mix its contents by carefully inverting. Place the cuvette quickly in the cuvette holder of the photometer (5.3) preheated at 25 °C.

Within 15 s after adding the diluted test sample to the reagent solution in the cuvette, measure the absorbance A_1 at a wavelength of 420 nm using air as reference. Record the absorbance A_2 after precisely 2 min.

IMPORTANT — For a reliable measurement, make sure that the interval between adding the diluted test sample to the reagent and reading A_1 is ≤15 s.

If using a 0,05 ml piston-operated pipette, ensure that the tip is rinsed beforehand with the sample dilution.

8 Calculation and expression of results

8.1 Calculation

NOTE In the chemical reaction (1) underlying this determination, there is a linear relation between the change in absorbance per minute and the lactoperoxidase activity. The activity of an enzyme in a dilute solution determined by absorption photometry conforms to the Beer–Lambert law.

Calculate the lactoperoxidase activity, a_l , expressed as units per litre (U/l) of the sample using Equation (2):

$$a_l = \frac{V_1 \Delta A f \times 1000}{\varepsilon d V_2 \times 2} \quad (2)$$

where

- V_1 is the total volume, in millilitres, of the test solution (7.2) ($V_1 = 2,05$ ml);
- V_2 is the volume, in millilitres, of the sample dilution (7.1) ($V_2 = 0,05$ ml);
- ΔA is the differential absorbance, $(A_2 - A_1)/\text{min}$;
- ε is the absorptivity of the oxidized ABTS at 420 nm ($\varepsilon = 43,2 \mu\text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$);
- d is the pathlength, in centimetres, of the cuvette ($d = 1,0$ cm);
- f is the dilution factor ($f = 5$ for UHT milk);
- 1 000 is the factor for conversion to units per litre [U/l];
- 2 is the stoichiometric coefficient.

8.2 Expression of results

Express the results to the nearest whole number.

9 Precision

At the time of publication, no interlaboratory study fulfilling the requirements of ISO 5725-1^[3] and ISO 5725-2^[4] could be organized. Consequently this method is published as a Technical Specification and not as an International Standard.

10 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- all information necessary for the complete identification of the sample;
- the sampling method used, if known;
- the test method used, with reference to this Technical Specification (ISO/TS 17193 | IDF/RM 208:2011);
- all operating details not specified in this Technical Specification, or regarded as optional, together with details of any incidents which may have influenced the test result(s);
- the test result(s) obtained;
- if the repeatability has been checked, the final quoted result obtained.