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Preparation of staphylococcal protein-A conjugated to horseradish peroxidase.

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ABSTRACT

This reagent can be used in ELISA, Western blotting and Dot blot to detect antigens and antibodies. It is important in the immunodiagnosis of infectious diseases. I find this useful in the detection of anti-HIV antibodies by ELISA.

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MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Ammonium Sulfate		P212121
Sodium periodate	SB0875.SIZE.100g	Bio Basic Inc.
sodium borohydride	452882	Sigma Aldrich
Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) type IV	P8375-25KU	Sigma Aldrich
Staphylococcal Protein-A		Sigma Aldrich

MATERIALS TEXT

Pipettes
20ml to 1000 ml glass
Scale
Incubator
Refrigerator
Freezer

Centrifuges

- 1 Horseradish peroxidase (500 µg in 50 µl NaCO₃, pH 9.6) is mixed with freshly made sodium periodate solution (1.71 mg/ml) followed by incubation in the dark for 2 h.
- 2 Mix 500 µg of staphylococcal protein-A (SpA) with an equal amount (500 micrograms) of a mix of horseradish peroxidase-sodium periodate.
- 3 The mixture is incubated for 3 hours at 4°C with gentle agitation.
- 4 Forty µl of freshly prepared NaBH₄ solution (5 mg NaBH₄ /ml 0.1 mM NaOH) is then added to the preparation.
- 5 The preparation is incubated for 90 min at 4°C in the dark with gentle agitation.
- 6 Cold 50% saturated ammonium sulphate solution (pH 7.4) is added drop by drop in the ratio 1:1 (v/v).
- 7 The mixture is then centrifuged for 25 min at 4°C and recover the pellet at the bottom of the tube.
- 8 The pellets is re-suspended in 200 µl of PBS pH=7.4 and dialysed against 1L of PBS for 24 h with 3 buffer changes.
- 9 An equal volume of glycerol is added to the dialysate followed by 100 µl of bovine serum albumin, BSA (20 mg/ ml).
- 10 The conjugate is then stored at -20°C until further used.