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Preparation of buffer

- 1 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) is prepared with EDTA (0.2 mM), AsA (2 mM), and PVP (2%), which was kept in -4°C refrigerator.

Leaf tissue sample extraction

- 2 0.2 g of leaf samples were ground in 2 ml of ice-cold 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4). The homogenates were centrifuged at 4°C for 20 min at the speed of 12,000 r.p.m, and removed supernatants to assay the enzymatic activities of *CHS*, *CHI*, *F3H*, *DFR*, *ANS* and *ANR*, using an ELISA Kit (U.S.A TSZ biological Trade Co., Ltd.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Add standard

- 3 Set standard wells, testing sample wells. Add standard 50 µl to standard well.

Add sample

- 4 Set blank wells separately (blank comparison wells don't add sample and HRP-Conjugate reagent, other each step operation is same). Testing sample well. add sample dilution 40 µl to testing sample wells, then add testing sample 10 µl (sample final dilution is 5-fold), add sample to wells, don't touch the well wall as far as possible, and mix gently.

Incubate

- 5 After closing plate with closure plate membrane, incubate for 30 min at 37°C.

Configure liquid

- 6 30-fold wash solution diluted 30-fold with distilled water and reserve.

Washing

- 7 Uncover closure plate membrane, discard liquid, dry by swing, add washing buffer to every well, still for 30s then drain, repeat 5 times, dry by pat.



Add enzyme

- 8 Add HRP-Conjugate reagent 50 μ l to each well, except blank well.

Incubate and washing

- 9 Incubate is operated with step 5, and washing is operated with step 7.

Color

- 10 Add chromogen solution A 50 μ l and chromogen solution B to each well, evade the light preservation for 15 min at 37°C.

Stop the reaction

- 11 Add stop solution 50 μ l to each well, stop the reaction (the blue color change to yellow color).

Assay

- 12 Take adding stopblank well as zero, read absorbance at 450nm after adding stop solution and within 15 min