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Detection of anti- Keyhole limpet hemocynin (anti-KLH) in rats by double immunodiffusion (Ouchterlony) technique.

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ABSTRACT

Keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) is a cooper-containing protein comprising of subunits with MW of 400 kDa. This protein is found in the hemolymph of the sea mollusk *Megathura crenulata*. It has the ability to enhance the host's immune response by interacting with monocytes, T cells and macrophages. KLH has been used primarily as a carrier for vaccines and antigens [1]. It was found that chicken immunized with KLH bound peptide raised an anti-KLH immunoresponse [2]. This can be tested by a single method such as the Ouchterlony technique.

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MATERIALS

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10mg KLH (Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin) (Immunological Grade) G-Biosciences Catalog #786-088

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Detection of anti-keyhole limpet hemocynin antibodies in rats by double immunodiffusion is carried out.

- 2 Briefly, 1% agarose gels are prepared and wells cut into the gel using a template.
- 3 Initially, aliquots of 25 µl each of KLH in concentration of 1 mg/ml are applied to the centre well.
- 4 The peripheral wells are filled with 25 µl of rat serum post-immunized with an anti-HIV gp120 vaccine.
- 5 The gels are incubated at RT for 48–72 hours.
- 6 After that the gels are examined for precipitin lines.
- 7 An anti-KLH developed in chickens is included as positive control and turtle serum as a negative control.
- 8 The positive results are taken as the presence of precipitin line/s and negative results, the absence of precipitin lines.