

SLP REAGENT SET  
PEPTIDOGLYCAN  
AND  $\beta$ -GLUCAN DETECTION

**QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF PYROGENS THROUGH KINETIC COLORIMETRIC ASSAY**

- + Suitable for microplate reader or Toxinometer<sup>®</sup> ET-6000
- + Compliant with the FDA Title 21 CFR Part 11



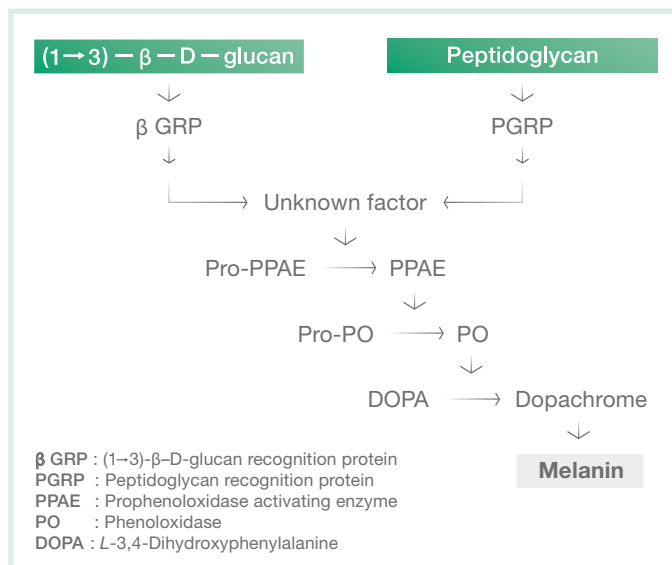
# INTRODUCTION

The hemolymph of silkworm *Bombyx mori* contains a self-defense mechanism referred to as the “prophenoloxidase cascade system (Pro-PO)”, which is triggered by peptidoglycan (PG) and (1→3)-β-D-glucan (BDG), resulting into activation of prophenoloxidase (PO) and production of toxic intermediates against invading pathogens.

Although the exact mechanism is not yet fully elucidated, it has been postulated that different serine proteases are involved in this process, eventually leading to cleavage of the inactive Pro-PO to the active PO and formation of melanin.

The SLP reagent is a lyophilized product prepared under sterile conditions from the silkworm hemolymph, containing all factors involved in the Pro-PO cascade system. Upon activation by PG and BDG, melanization occurs over two steps, through oxidation of L-DOPA (*L*-3,4-Dihydroxyphenylalanine) into Dopachrome and subsequent conversion of latter one into black melanin pigment, thus, resulting in color change of the solution.

Since PG is found in all bacterial cell walls and BDG in most fungi, the SLP-reagent constitutes a highly sensitive and broadband method for detection of microbial contamination.



**Fig. 1: The activation mechanism of SLP by PG and BDB**

Binding of PG and/or BDG to their respective recognition proteins (PGRP or GRP) initiates the Pro-PO reaction cascade, eventually leading to conversion of Prophenoloxidase into active Phenoloxidase. The activated enzyme then catalyzes oxidation of L DOPA into Dopachrome, which is then converted into black melanin pigment.

# APPLICATION

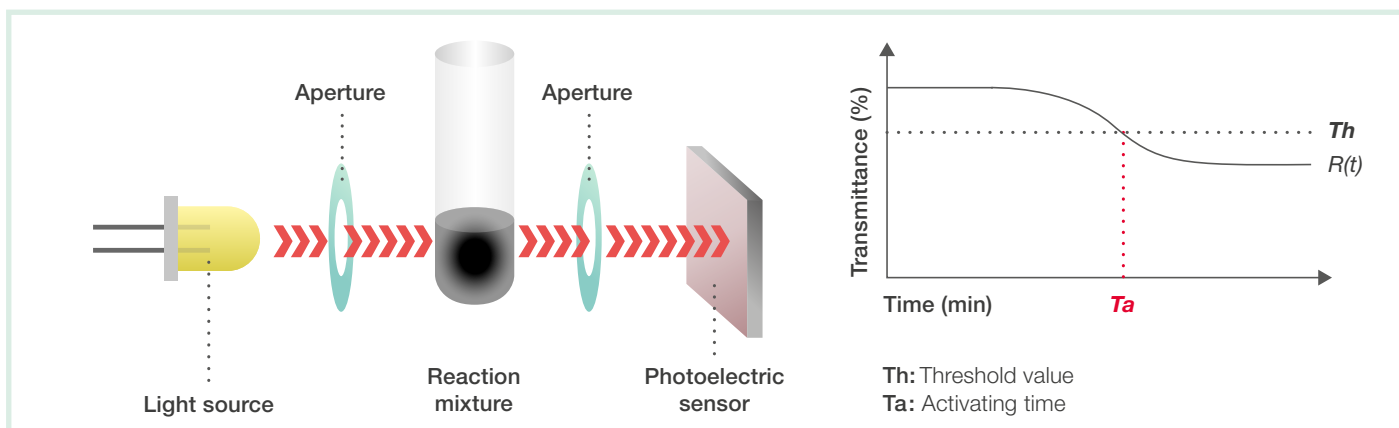
## QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF PEPTIDOGLYCAN AND β-GLUCAN IN PARENTAL SOLUTIONS AND ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS

### TEST PRINCIPLE

The SLP reagent strongly reacts with PG and BDG, inducing formation of black melanin pigment, which can be monitored, either through visual detection, or quantitatively by measuring the absorbance at 650 nm.

For latter application the analysis can be performed by using a microplate reader or in combination with the Toxinometer® ET-6000.

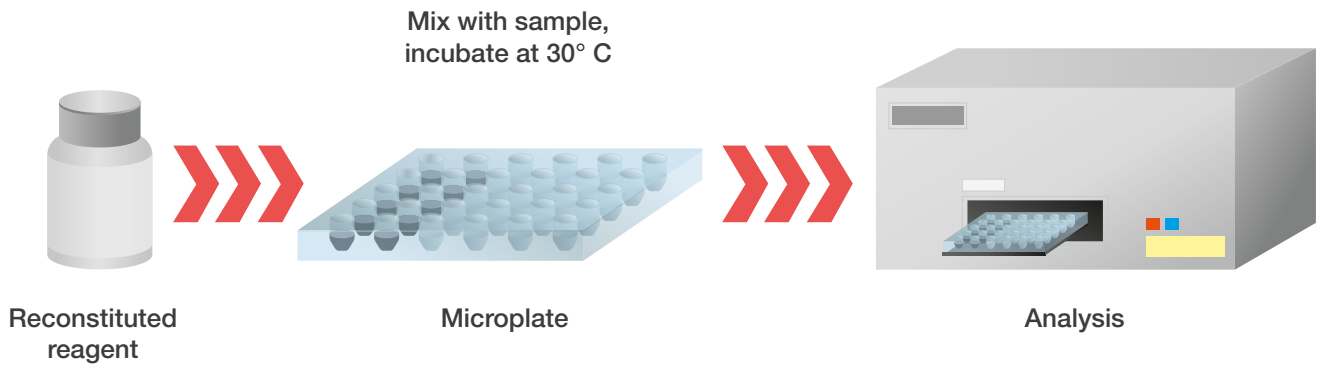
The quantification is achieved through monitoring of melanin formation by measuring the activation time ( $T_a$  or onset time) of the reaction, i.e. the point in time at which the absorbance reaches a predetermined threshold. By correlating the measured value to a previously generated calibration curve with a PG standard, the absolute concentration of PG and BDG can be determined with a sensitivity in the lower  $\text{pg}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$  range.



**Fig. 1: Optical system for quantitative analysis of pyrogens (PG and/or BDG) through kinetic colorimetric assay and reaction time course.**

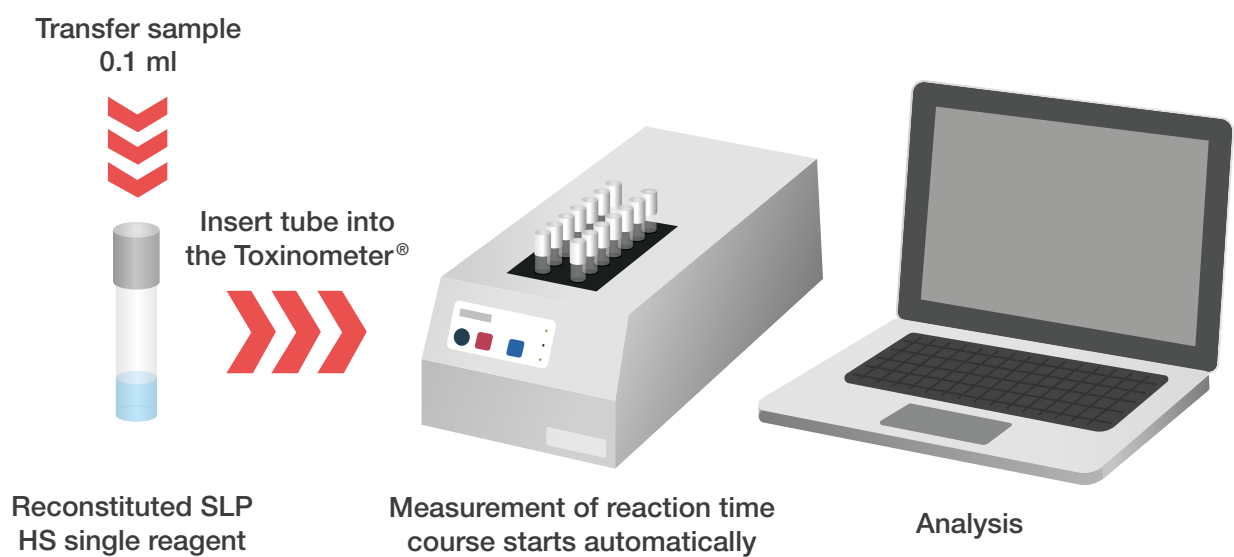
# TESTING PROCEDURE

## SLP REAGENT SET

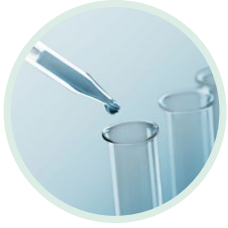


## SLP-HS SINGLE REAGENT

(IN COMBINATION WITH TOXINOMETER® ET-6000)



# INSTRUMENT FEATURES



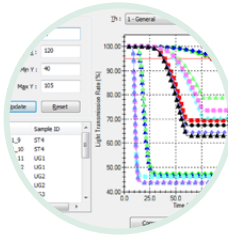
## SAMPLE PREPARATION

- + No pretreatment required
- + Easy reagent handling



## KINETIC COLORIMETRIC ASSAY

- + 16 sample positions, up to 96 with extension modules
- + Measurement starts automatically after sample is inserted



## ANALYSIS OF REACTION TIME COURSE

- + Correlation with calibration curve
- + Absolute quantification of PG and BDG

- + Versatile application
- + Minimal maintenance necessary
- + FDA Part 11 compliant

### Toxinometer® ET-6000:

170 x 420 x 120 mm (W x D x H), 10 kg



# TEST FEATURES

## CHARACTERISTICS

- + SLP (Silkworm Larvae Plasma reagent) based test principle
- + Specimen: any sample
- + Measurement time: Maximum 90 minutes

## PERFORMANCE DATA

- + Assay Kinetic Colorimetric
- + PG isolated from *S. aureus* used as standard
- + Detection limit: 1 pg/ml
- + Analysis automated through Toximaster® software
- + Indication: FDA Title 21 Part 11 compliant

## INSTRUMENTS

CODE	PRODUCT	PACKAGE
299-33969	Toxinometer® ET-6000/E Non-Part 11 Set	1x Analysis Module (16 samples) 1x Computer equipped with Toximaster® software
290-33519	Toxinometer® ET-6000/E Part 11 Set	1x Analysis Module (16 samples) 1x Computer 1x Toximaster® software (FDA part 11 compliant)
294-33539	Toxinometer® ET-6000/E Expansion module	1x Analysis Module (16 samples)

## REAGENTS AND CONSUMABLES

CODE	PRODUCT	PACKAGE
297-51501	SLP Reagent Set	SLP reagent: 3 ml x 1 vial Substrate: 3 ml x 1 vial Substrate diluent: 4 ml x 1 vial (Good's buffer contained)
293-58301	SLP-HS Single Reagent Set	SLP reagent (lyophilized): 0.2 ml x 20 vials Diluent: 1.0 ml x 20 vials Standard (digested PG from <i>S. aureus</i> ): 0.5 ml x 1 vial
162-18101	Peptidoglycan, from <i>Micrococcus luteus</i>	2 ml x 1 vial

## CONSUMABLES

CODE	PRODUCT	SIZE	QUANTITY
294-35011	Bio Clean Tip Wako® Extend S II	200 µl	100 pcs
291-35021	Bio Clean Tip Wako® 200 II	200 µl	100 pcs
298-35031	Bio Clean Tip Wako® 1000 II	1,000 µl	100 pcs
293-35221	Bio Clean Plate Wako™	96 well	50 plates
292-32751	Limulus Test Tube-S with Aluminum Cap	Ø 12 x 75 mm	10 pcs x 8
293-26551	Limulus Test Tube-S	Ø 12 x 75 mm	10 pcs x 10
293-28251	Aluminum Caps-S	Ø 15 x 18 mm	10 pcs x 10
295-25151	Whole Pipette (endotoxin free)	5.2 ml (made of glass)	5 pcs

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