



Prion Protein Extraction in Animal Tissues

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CONTEXT

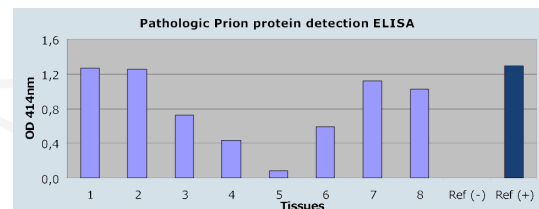
In TSE, the preparation of animal tissues is an important step for the detection of the pathological prion protein. Brain and spinal cord tissues, lymphoid tissues (tonsils, lymph nodes, spleen...) are frozen at -80°C. The samples are suspended in a buffer, and protein extraction is followed by ELISA analysis and Western Blot Analysis.

RESULTS

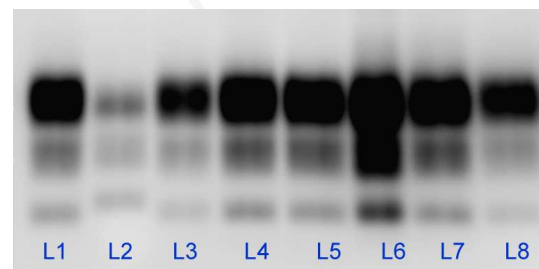
After prion protein extraction, the pathologic protein is detected and quantified by using specific antibodies through an ELISA test, and the pattern of the glycozylated protein is analyzed by Western Blot.

MATERIAL

- Precellys®24
- Precellys® kit CK14 (small ceramic beads)
- Sample : 50 – 150 mg of brain and lymphoid tissues
- Buffer : glucose 5% (500 - 1500µl) added after grinding



ELISA analysis



Lanes 4-6 : two positive references

Lanes 1-3 : BSE or Scrapie infected brain tissues

Lanes 5, 7, 8 : BSE infected lymphoid tissues

PROTOCOL



- Precellys®24 parameters :
 - Brain tissues : 6500rpm, 2x30 sec., 15 sec. break
 - Lymphoid tissues : 6500rpm, 3x30 sec., 20 sec. break
- Prion protein extraction
- ELISA analysis and Western Blot

CONCLUSION

The Precellys®24 and kit CK14 allow the homogenization of a large range of animal tissues. The preparation optimized the extraction for quantification of the prion protein.