Protocol: Dot Blot

Note: Dot blot is a simple technique to detect proteins. It is a quick assay that is different from a western blot because it does not separate the proteins via electrophoresis. Sample proteins are spotted on a membrane and hybridized with an antibody that acts as a probe. Dot blot results give semi-quantitative measurements of the spotted proteins.

MATERIAL

- · Primary and HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies
- Nitrocellulose membrane
- ECL solution
- Plastic film wrap
- X-Ray film

BUFFERS

- TBS: 20mM Tris-HCl, 150mM NaCl, pH 7.5
- TBS-T: 0.05% Tween20 in TBS
- Blocking solution: 5%BSA in TBS-T

METHODS

- 1. Label nitrocellulose membrane, spot slowly 2µl of sample on the membrane (3-4 mm diameter) and allow to dry.
- 2. Incubate the membrane in blocking solution for 1 hr at RT.
- 3. Incubate with primary antibody (in TBS-T with 0.1% BSA) for 30 min at RT.
- 4. Wash the membrane 3X (5 min each) with TBS-T.
- 5. Incubate the membrane with the HRP-conjugated secondary antibody for 30 min at RT.
- 6. Wash the membrane 3X (10 min each) with TBS-T.
- 7. Incubate the membrane with the ECL solution for 1 min. Apply plastic film wrap and expose to x-ray film at different exposure times. Compare samples with standard to estimate concentration.

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