

A simple instrument for performing the test has been developed by CRESALA and is being manufactured and marketed by Allca Instruments Co. Ltd., 1045 Ouest, rue Laurier, Montreal, Canada. However, it is not necessary to have the instrument in order to perform the test, any reasonably equipped laboratory can assemble suitable apparatus very simply.

Catalase is present in many vegetable and animal fluids in amounts that depend upon the purity or health of the vegetable or animal respectively. A simple, rapid test for catalase opens the possibility of introducing simple but effective (a) quality control procedures in, for example, the blanching of vegetables prior to freezing for storage, and (b) diagnostic procedures for use in hospitals and medical centres. Such quality control and diagnostic procedures have not been used in the past due to the difficulty and tediousness of the accepted standard test.

The interest of Belgian food technologists and medical doctors in exploring the utility of the new test method for routine quality control or diagnostic purposes is solicited. Additional descriptive material is attached.