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- *Part 2: Method using iodotetrazolium chloride (INT)*

## **Introduction**

The soil microflora is responsible for the decomposition and conversion of organic substances, aggregation stability and the carbon, nitrogen, sulfur and phosphorus cycles. Dehydrogenases, as respiratory chain enzymes, play a major role in the energy production by organisms. They oxidize organic compounds by transferring two hydrogen atoms. Dehydrogenases are essential components of the enzyme system of microorganisms. Dehydrogenase activity can therefore be used as an indicator of biological redox systems and as a measure of microbial activity in the soil.

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