



Kit for measurement of albumin in serum or plasma

Colorimetric method BCG

PRINCIPLE

Bromocresol green (BCG) binds, quantitatively and specifically, with the albumin giving, at acid pH, a green/blue compound whose colour intensity is proportional to the albumin concentration in the tested sample.

REAGENTS

R1 Succinate buffer 61.0 mmol/l; bromocresol green (BCG) 0.18 mmol/l
STD albumin 4 g/dl (0.597 mmol/l)

SAMPLE

- Serum or plasma.

Note

- Do not use samples with haemolysis. It's advisable to make the withdrawal before meals.
- The albumin is stable in the sample up to 7 days at 15-25°C or 30 days at 2-8°C.

REFERENCE VALUES

Serum - plasma	Men	2.9 - 6.1 g/dl
	Women	2.5 - 5.4 g/dl

Boys and children present serum levels of albumin lower than the adults's.

References values are considered indicatives since each laboratory should establish references ranges for its own patient's population. The analytical results should be evaluated with other information coming from patient's clinical story.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The reagent (**R1**) can be stored at 15-25°C.
- Store the standard (**R2**) at 2-8°C.
- After opening, the reagent and the standard are stable up to the expiry date if recapped immediately and protected from contamination, evaporation, direct light, and stored at the correct temperature.

PREPARATION OF REAGENTS

Reagents are liquid and ready to use. Keep out the reagent **R2** from refrigerator only for the use and recap them immediately.

NOTE

- The kit, according to this method, must be used in manual procedures. About automatic using follow specific applications.
- Evaluate carefully the results if blank absorbance is > 0.300 at 630 nm.
- The volumes in the procedure can be changed proportionally.
- In case of complaint or quality control request, refer to the lot number on the package or the lot number on the singles vials.

AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

Materials not included in the kit: diluent solutions, laboratory glassware, disposable tips, photometers and calibrators.

QUALITY CONTROLS

It's necessary, every time the kit is used, to make the quality controls and to check that values obtained are within the acceptance range provided in the insert.

Suggested serum:

REF 20350 Precise Norm **REF** 20360 Precise Path

PRECAUTION IN USE

The product is not classified as dangerous (DLg. N. 285 art. 28 l. n. 128/1998). The total concentration of components is lower than the limits reported by 67/548 and 88/379 CE Regulations (and following modifications) about classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances.
However the reagent should be handled with caution, according to good laboratory practice.

Caution: the reagents contain Sodium Azide (0.095%) as preservative. Avoid swallowing and contacting with skin, eyes and mucous membranes.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please refer to the local legal requirements.

PROCEDURE

Wavelength λ : 630 (580 o 630) nm
Working temperature 37°C (15-25°C)
Optical path 1 cm
Reaction "end point"

- PROCEDURE

	BLANK	STD	SAMPLE
REAGENT R1	1500 μ l	1500 μ l	1500 μ l
DISTILLED WATER	10 μ l	--	--
SAMPLE	--	--	10 μ l
STANDARD	--	10 μ l	--

Mix, then incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature (15-25°C). Measure the absorbance of sample (EC) and standard (ESTD) against the reagent blank. The colour obtained is stable for about 60' if stand at 15-25°C and protected from light.

CALCULATION

$$\text{Albumin [g/dl]} = \text{EC/ESTD} \times \text{Conc. STD}$$

ANALYTICAL PERFORMANCES

The reagent performances are related to 630 nm and 37°C.

Interferences

Bilirubin does not interfere up to concentration of 5 mg/dl.
Hemoglobin interferes also at minimum concentrations.

Linearity

Reaction is linear up between 0.12-8 g/dl (1.2-80 g/l). Samples with values exceeding 6 g/dl must be diluted with saline solution. Multiply, then, the result for diluting factor.

"Intra-Assay" precision (within-Run)

Determined on 30 samples for each control (L-N) (Low-Normal).
Results:

MEAN	[g/dl]	L = 2.49	N = 4.49
S.D.		0.08	0.06
C.V.%		3.06	1.29

"Inter Assay" precision (between-Run)

Determined on 15 samples for each control (L-N) for 3 days.
Results:

MEAN	[g/dl]	L = 2.07	N = 3.77
S.D.		0.05	0.10
C.V.%		2.38	2.63

Correlation

A study based comparing this method with a similar method on 21 samples has given a correlating factor $r = 0.99$

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SYMBOLS



Read instruction for use



CE mark (requirement of 98/79 regulation)



Storing temperature limits



In vitro medical device



Producer