

# Bile Acid Assay Kit (Fluorometric)

LS-K181-100 (100 Tests) • Store at -20°C



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## Introduction

Twelve different types of bile acids are typically found in mammals, among them two primary types are cholic acid and chenodeoxycholic acid. These can be dehydroxylated into secondary bile acids. Finally, these four can be conjugated to either taurine or glycine creating 8 different conjugated bile acids. Bile acid levels in feces, blood, urine, and bile can be used as markers for various diseases such as hyperlipidemia, cholestasis, gall stones, colon cancer, etc.

Bile acids also exist in a sulfate salt form known as bile acid-sulfates. Sulfation of bile acids increases their solubility and decreases intestinal absorption, thereby enhancing fecal and urinary excretion. This assay does not measure bile acid-sulfates, and measures only the twelve non-sulfated bile acids.

This Bile Acid Assay Kit provides a convenient fluorometric means to measure total bile acids in biological samples. In the assay, 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase reacts with all twelve bile acids, converting NAD to NADH, which reduces a probe to a highly fluorescent product. The resulting fluorescence intensity ( $\lambda_{exc/em} = 530/585$  nm) is linear to the bile acid concentration in the sample.

## Key Features

- Safe. Non-radioactive assay.
- Sensitive and accurate. Linear detection range of 1 - 150  $\mu$ M bile acids.
- Convenient and high-throughput. Homogeneous "mix-incubate-measure" type assay. No wash and reagent transfer steps are involved. Can be readily automated on HTS liquid handling systems for processing thousands of samples per day.

## Applications

- Determination of bile acids in serum, urine and other biological samples.

## Components

Component	K181-100
	100 Tests
Assay Buffer	10 mL
NAD Solution	1 mL
Enzyme A	120 $\mu$ L
Enzyme B	120 $\mu$ L
Probe	750 $\mu$ L
Standard	120 $\mu$ L

## Materials Not Supplied

Pipetting devices, centrifuge tubes, black flat bottom 96-well plates (e.g. Greiner Bio-One, cat# 655900) and fluorescent plate reader capable of reading  $\lambda_{exc/em} = 530/585$  nm.

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## Storage

The kit is shipped on ice. Store all reagents at -20°C. Shelf life of 6 months after receipt.

## Assay Procedure

Use black flat-bottom plates. Prior to assay, bring all reagents to room temperature. Briefly centrifuge enzyme tubes, keep on ice during assay. Urine samples can be stored at room temperature for 1-2 days, 4°C for 6 days, and at -20°C for 2 weeks. Serum samples can be stored at -20°C for 3 weeks.

3 wells will be needed per sample: Sample, Internal Standard, and Sample Blank.

1. Internal Standard. Prepare 250  $\mu\text{L}$  80  $\mu\text{M}$  sodium cholate by mixing 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of standard and 230  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ .
2. Transfer 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample to each of the three wells.
3. Add 5  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  to Sample and Sample Blank wells, and 5  $\mu\text{L}$  Internal Standard to the Internal Standard well.
4. Working Reagent. For Internal Standard and Sample wells, prepare Working Reagent for each well by mixing 75  $\mu\text{L}$  Assay Buffer, 8  $\mu\text{L}$  NAD, 4  $\mu\text{L}$  Probe, 1  $\mu\text{L}$  Enzyme A and 1  $\mu\text{L}$  Enzyme B.

For the Sample Blank wells, prepare Blank Reagent for each well by mixing 75  $\mu\text{L}$  Assay Buffer, 8  $\mu\text{L}$  NAD, 4  $\mu\text{L}$  Probe and 1  $\mu\text{L}$  Enzyme B (i.e. NO Enzyme A).

Add 80  $\mu\text{L}$  Working Reagent to Internal Standard and Sample wells, and 80  $\mu\text{L}$  Blank Reagent to the Sample Blank wells.

5. Tap plate to mix. Incubate for 20 min in the dark. Read fluorescence intensity at  $\lambda_{\text{exc/em}} = 530/585 \text{ nm}$ .

## Calculations

Bile acid concentration of a Sample is calculated as

$$[\text{Bile Acids}] = \frac{F_{\text{SAMPLE}} - F_{\text{BLANK}}}{F_{\text{STANDARD}} - F_{\text{SAMPLE}}} \times 20 \times n \ (\mu\text{M})$$

where  $F_{\text{SAMPLE}}$ ,  $F_{\text{STANDARD}}$ , and  $F_{\text{BLANK}}$  are the fluorescence intensity values of the Sample, Internal Standard, and Sample Blank wells, respectively. 20  $\mu\text{M}$  is the effective concentration of the Internal Standard (Internal Standard volume is  $\frac{1}{4}$  the volume of the Sample).  $n$  is the dilution factor.

Note: if the Sample bile acid concentration is higher than 150  $\mu\text{M}$ , dilute sample in water and repeat the assay. Multiply result by the dilution factor.

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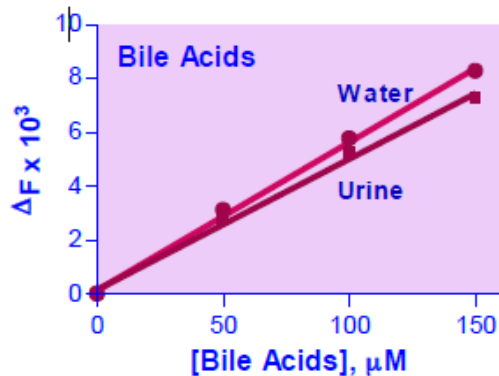
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## Sample Data



Bile Acid Standard Curve in Various Samples

Note: The graph above is only an example to illustrate the necessity of an internal standard and is not meant as a reference. There can be large variability in background and recovery between samples. The raw values also depend on arbitrary units that your fluorescence plate reader uses.

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