

ALBUMIN (BCG Method)

In-vitro Diagnostic reagent kit for quantitative determination of albumin (BCG Method) in serum/plasma sample on Photometric System.

Reagent Reagent: BCG Reagent Standard: Albumin (Conc. 3.5 g/dL)

Principle

Albumin binds with Bromocresol Green (BCG) dye in a buffered medium to produce green colored complex which is measured photometrically.

Summary

Albumin is a binding and important transport protein for different substances in plasma and the principle contributor of the osmotic pressure in plasma. Estimation of albumin in serum/plasma is utilized for the diagnosis and determination of liver related diseases, e.g. liver cirrhosis. Moreover, albumin levels demonstrate the wellbeing and nutritional status of an individual and, consequently, are utilized for identifying deteriorating health and for prognosis in hospitalized patients.

Storage instruction and reagent stability

The reagent and standard is stable up to the end of the indicated month of expiry, if stored at 2°C- 30°C, protected from direct light and contamination is avoided. Do not freeze the reagent and standard.

Components and Concentrations

Reagent: Citrate Buffer pH 4.2 - 30mmol/L, Bromocresol Green – 0.26mmol/L

Standard: Albumin -3.5 g/dL

Waste Management

Please refer to local, national / international regulatory requirements.

Reagent Preparation

The reagent and the standard are ready to use.

Materials required but not provided NaCl solution 9 g/L General laboratory equipment

Specimen

Serum, Heparin p	lasma / EDTA	Plasma
Stability: Serum	@ 2°8°C:	1 month
	@ -20°C:	3 months

Only freeze once! Discard contaminated specimens.

Assay Procedure

Wavelength	:	630 nm (600-640 nm)
Temperature	:	R.T°C
Measurement	:	Against reagent blank

	Blank	Standard or Sample	
Standard or Sample	-	10 µL	
Distilled water	-	-	
Reagent	1000 μL	1000 μL	
Mix & incubate for 5 min. at R.T°C.			

Calculation

With Standard or Calibrator (Cal)

Sample Albumin (g/dL) = ------x 3.5 (Conc. of Std.) /Cal (g/dL) Std. /Cal

Quality Control

For internal quality, normal and abnormal controls of Human Matrix should be assayed with each batch of samples.

Each laboratory should establish corrective action in case of deviations in control recovery.

Warnings and Precautions

- 1. The standard contains animal materials. Handle the products as potentially infections according to universal precautions and good clinical laboratory practices.
- 2. For diagnostic purposes, the results should always be assessed with the patient's medical history, clinical & other findings.
- 3. Avoid direct contact with skin and do not swallow.
- In very rare cases, samples of patients with gammopathy might give falsified results.
- 5. For Professional use only!

Performance Characteristics

Measuring Range

This test has been developed to determine albumin concentrations within a measuring range from 0.20 - 8 g/dL. When values exceed this range, samples should be diluted 1+1 with NaCl solution (9 g/L) and the obtained result to be multiplied by 2.

Linearity/Limit of Maximum Detection The higher limit of detection is 8.0 g/dL

Sensitivity/Limit of Detection The lower limit of detection is 0.20 g/dL.

Specificity / Interferences

No interference was observed by Ascorbic acid up to 30 mg/dL, Bilirubin up to 40 mg/dL and Triglycerides up to 500 mg/dL.

Precision

Intra assay	Mean	SD	CV
n=20	[g/dL]	[g/dL]	[%]
Sample 1	3.61	0.06	1.54
Sample 2	4.91	0.04	0.75
Sample 3	5.80	0.05	0.81

Inter assay n=20	Mean [g/dL]	SD [g/dL]	CV [%]
Sample1	3.29	0.03	0.98
Sample 2	4.63	0.05	1.07
Sample 3	5.64	0.06	0.02

Method Comparison

A comparison of Precision Biomed albumin (y) with commercially available assay (x) using 15 samples gave following results: y = 0.965 x - 0.185 g/dL; r = 0.986

Reference Range

Neonates	3.8 – 4.2 g/dL(38-42 g/L)
Adults	3.8 – 5.3 g/dL(38-44 g/L)

Note: It is recommended that each laboratory should establish its own reference range based on the patient population.



Quick Reference

Parameter	Albumin	
Mode	End Point	
Wavelength	630 (600-640nm)	
Path length	10 mm	
Standard	3.5 g/dl	
BCG solution	1000 μL	
Sample volume	10 μL	
Incubation time	5 min	
Temperature	R.T°C.	
Blank	Reagent Blank	
Normal range	Neonates : 3.8 - 4.2g/o	JL
Normal range	Adults : 3.8 – 5.3 g/	/dL
Linearity	8g/dL	
Sensitivity	0.20 g/dL	

Pack Size

Cat No.	Configuration	Pack
ALB00100	Reagent - 2 x 50mL	100mL
	Standard – 1 x 2mL	
ALB01000	Reagent - 2 x 500mL	1000mL
	Standard – 1 x 4mL	

Literature

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