

Bilirubin Direct



Order Information Cat. No. OMR1041

Kit Configuration Reagent 1: 2 x 40 mL Reagent 2: 1 x 10 mL

Summary

Bilirubin is a breakdown product of hemoglobin. Free. unconjugated bilirubin is extremely apolar and nearly insoluble in water, thus forming a complex with albumin for the transport in the blood from the spleen to the liver. In the liver, bilirubin is conjugated with glucoronic acid and the resulting water soluble bilirubin glucoronides are excreted via the bile ducts. Hyperbilirubinemia can be caused by increased bilirubin production due to hemolysis (pre-hepatic jaundice), by parenchymal damages of the liver (intra-hepatic jaundice) or by occlusion of bile ducts (post-hepatic jaundice). A chronic (predominantly congenital unconjugated) hyperbilirubinemia called Gilbert's syndrome is quite frequent in the population. High levels of total bilirubin are observed in 60-70% of neonates due to an increased postpartal breakdown of erythrocytes and because of delayed function of enzymes for bilirubin degradation. Common bilirubin methods detect either total bilirubin or direct bilirubin. Determinations of direct bilirubin measure mainly conjugated, water soluble bilirubin. Unconjugated bilirubin can therefore be estimated as the difference between total bilirubin and direct bilirubin.

Method

Modified method

Principle

Sulfanilic acid reacts with sodium nitrite to produce diazotized sulfanilic acid (diazo). Direct bilirubin couples with diazo to produce azobilirubin. The intensity of the color produced is directly proportional to the amount of direct bilirubin present in the sample.

Reagents

Storage Instructions and Reagent Stability

Reagent up to the end of the indicated month of expiry, if stored at $2^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$ C, protected from light and contamination is avoided. Do not freeze the reagents! Reagent 1: Sulphanilic

Solution Reagent 2: Nitrite

Solution

Composition

Sulphanilic acid 7 gm/L, Conc. HCL 270 mL/L, Sodium Nitrite 7.0 g/L.

Warning and Precautions

- 1. Keep out of reach of children. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- 2. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
- 3. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
- 4. Always use safety pipettes to pull the reagents into a pipette.
- Reagents may contain some non-reactive and preservative components. It is suggested to handle carefully, avoid direct contact with skin and do not swallow.
- 6. For professional use only!

Waste Management Please refer to local legal requirements.

Reagent Preparation Reagents are ready to use.

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

Specimen

Serum, heparin, plasma or EDTA plasma separate at the latest 1h after blood collection from cellular contents. Stability in plasma/Serum 4 days at 2 –8°C 30 days at –20°C

Assay Procedure

| Wavelength | 546 nm |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Optical path | 1 cm |
| Temperature | 37°C |
| Measurement | Against sample blank |

Direct Bilirubin

| | Sample Blank | Test | |
|---|--------------|---------|--|
| Reagent 1 | 1000 µL | 1000 µL | |
| Reagent 2 | | 50 µL | |
| Sample | 50 µL | 50 µL | |
| Mix, Incubate for exactly 60 seconds at 37°C. Read absorbance against sample blank. | | | |

Calculation

Note: Take ΔA (sample) and multiply by the corresponding factor from below:

 ΔA (sample) = Sample Test (A2) – Sample Blank (A1) Bilirubin (Direct) mg/dL = ΔA (sample) x factor (21)

Quality Controls

For internal quality control any normal and abnormal controls should be assayed with each batch of samples. Each laboratory should establish corrective action in case of deviations in control recovery.

Performance Characteristics and Measuring Range

The test has been developed to determine bilirubin within a measuring range from 0.5-30 mg/dL. When values exceed this range samples should be diluted 1 + 4 with NaCl solution (9 g/L) and the result multiplied by 5.

Specificity/Interferences

No interference was observed by triglycerides up to 800 mg/dL.

Sensitivity/Limit of Detection

The lower limit of detection is 0.1 mg/dL.

Linearity

The higher limit of detection is 30 mg/dL.

Precision

Direct Bilirubin Mean CV Intra-assay SD n=20 [mg/dL] [mg/dL [%] 0.73 9.78 Sample 1 0.07 1.89 0.05 2.39 Sample 2 Inter-assay Mean SD CV n=20 [mg/dL] [mg/dL [%] Sample1 0.76 5.34 0.04 Sample 2 1.70 0.07 3.93

Method Comparison

A comparison of Nucleus Diagnosys Bilirubin (y) with a commercially available test (x) using 15 samples gave following results: y = 1.041x - 0.027; $r^2 = 0.975$

Reference Range

| Direct Bilirubin | mg/dL |
|---------------------|-------|
| Adults and children | <0.2 |

Each laboratory should check if the references range are transferable to its own patient population and determine own reference ranges if necessary.

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