# Serum Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC) Assay Kit

Note: Take two or three different samples for prediction before test.

**Operation Equipment:** Spectrophotometer

**Cat No:** NA0661 **Size:** 50T/48S

# **Components:**

Reagent II: 50 mL×1, store at 4°C.

Reagent III: 5 mL×1, store at 4°C.

Reagent III: 1.5 mL×1, store at 4°C.

Reagent IVA: 2.5 mL×1, store at 4°C.

**Reagent IVB:** 2.5 mL×1, store at 4°C. (Mix reagents accordance the ratio A:B=1:1 before use).

Reagent V: 15 mL×1, store at 4°C.

**Standard:** Powder×1, store at 4°C. Add 0.9 mL of distilled water before use to prepare as 40 μmol/mL FeSO<sub>4</sub>•7H<sub>2</sub>O, then dilute with distilled water to 0.25 μmol/mL.

# **Description:**

Total iron-binding capacity (TIBC) refers to the ability of serum transferrin to bind iron, and its content is closely related to the diseases such as iron deficiency anemia and acute hepatitis.

 $Fe^{2+}$  reacts with ferrozine to form a fuchsia compound which has an absorption peak at 562nm. In alkaline condition, serum transferrin can bind with  $Fe^{3+}$ , and the remaining unbound  $Fe^{3+}$  can be reduced to  $Fe^{2+}$ . So the absorbance A1 is positively correlated with  $Fe^{3+}$ . After acidification, the transferrin-bound  $Fe^{3+}$  is released and further reduced to  $Fe^{2+}$ . The absorbance A2 has a positive correlation with  $Fe^{3+}$ , A2 minus A1 was proportional to TIBC.

### Required but not provided:

Spectrophotometer, water bath, centrifuge, 1mL glass cuvette, distilled water.

#### **Procedure:**

- 1. Preheat spectrophotometer for 30min, adjust wavelength to 562 nm, set zero with distilled water.
- 2. Add reagents in centrifuge tube according to the following table.

| Reagent name (µL)     | Test tube | Blank tube | Standard tube |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Serum                 | 100       | -          | -             |
| 0.25 μmol/mL standard | -         | -          | 100           |
| Distilled water       | -         | 100        | -             |
| Reagent I             | 700       | 700        | 700           |
| Reagent II            | 100       | -          | -             |

| Reagent III   | -   | 100      | 100 |  |
|---|-----|----------|-----|--|
| Mix thoroughly, incubate at 37°C for 10min.   |     |          |     |  |
| Reagent IV  | 100 | 100      | 100 |  |
| Mix thoroughly, incubate at 37°C for 5min, detect the absorbance of A1 at 562nm, then add |     |          |     |  |
| Reagent IV immediately after detecting.   |     |          |     |  |
| Reagent V   | 300 | 300      | 300 |  |
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Mix thoroughly, incubate at 37°C for 5min, set zero with distilled water, detect the absorbance of A2 at 562nm.

#### Calculation

Definition: Per liter of serum combining the μmol amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup> at 37 °C.

$$\begin{split} TIBC(\mu mol/L) = & [C_S \times (A_{2T} - A_{2B}) / (A_{2S} - A_{2B}) \times V_{SA} - C_S \times (A_{1T} - A_{1B}) / (A_{1S} - A_{1B}) \times V_{SA}] \\ = & [250 \times (A_{2T} - A_{2B}) / (A_{2S} - A_{2B}) - 250 \times (A_{1T} - A_{1B}) / (A_{1S} - A_{1B})] \end{split}$$

C<sub>S</sub>: The concentration of standard,0.25 μmol/mL=250 μmol/L;

 $V_{SA}$ : The volume of added serum, 0.1 mL=100×10<sup>-6</sup>L.

## Note:

- 1. If OD>0.1, test after diluting, multiply the dilution multiple in equation.
- 2. Reagent II and Reagent IV is poisonous, please take precautions when operating.

# **Experimental Example:**

1. Take 100  $\mu$ l of camel serum diluted four with distilled water, and operate according to the determination steps. Calculate  $\Delta A1_T = A1_T - A1_B = 0.356$ ,  $\Delta A1_S = A1_S - A1_B = 0.669$ ,  $\Delta A2_T = A2_T - A2_B = 0.819$ ,  $\Delta A2_S = A2_S - A2_B = 0.519$ .

Total iron binding capacity TIBC ( $\mu$ mol/L) = 250×( $\Delta$ A2<sub>T</sub>÷ $\Delta$ A2<sub>S</sub>-  $\Delta$ A1<sub>T</sub>÷ $\Delta$ A1<sub>S</sub>)×4 = 1045.897  $\mu$ mol/L.

2. Take 100  $\mu$ L of goose serum diluted 8 times with distilled water, operate according to the determination steps, and calculate  $\Delta A1_T = A1_T - A1_B = 0.588$ ,  $\Delta A1_S = A1_S - A1_B = 0.669$ ,  $\Delta A2_T = A2_T - A2_B = 0.797$ ,  $\Delta A2_S = A2_S - A2_B = 0.519$ .

Total iron binding capacity TIBC ( $\mu$ mol/L) = 250 × ( $\Delta$  A2<sub>T</sub>÷ $\Delta$ A2<sub>S</sub> -  $\Delta$ A1<sub>T</sub>÷ $\Delta$ A1<sub>S</sub>)×8 = 1313.443  $\mu$ mol/L.

## **Related Products:**

NA0668/NA0427 Blood Magnesium Content Assay Kit NA0737/NA0426 Blood Phosphate Content Assay Kit NA0667/NA0425 Blood Sodium Content Assay Kit NA0736/NA0494 Serum Ferri Ion Content Assay Kit

# **Technical Specifications:**

Minimum detection limit: the detection limit of the first measurement is  $0.0002~\mu mol/mL$ ; the detection limit of the second measurement is  $0.0017~\mu mol/mL$ .

| Linear range: the linear range of the first measurement is $0.00195\text{-}0.5~\mu\text{mol/mL}$ ; the linear range of the second measurement is $0.00195\text{-}0.5~\mu\text{mol/mL}$ . |  |  |  |  |
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