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# Non-esterified Free Fatty Acids (NEFA) Colorimetric Assay Kit

Catalog No: AMS.E-BC-K013-100

Method: Colorimetric method

**Specification:** 100 assays (Can detect 50 samples without duplication)

Measuring instrument: Spectrophotometer

Sensitivity: 0.05 mmol/L

**Detection range:** 0.05-2.0 mmol/L

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# **Application**

This kit can be used to measure the non-esterified free fatty acids (NEFA) content in animal blood, tissue and cells samples.

# **Detection significance**

NEFA is not only the product of fat hydrolysis, but also the substrate of fat synthesis. The concentration of NEFA is related to lipid metabolism, glucose metabolism and endocrine function.

# **Detection principle**

Under the condition of weak acidity, non-esterified free fatty acids (NEFA) react with nantokite to form copper soap, which has a specific absorption peak at 715nm. The content of NEFA can be calculated by measuring the OD value at 715 nm.

### Kit components

	Components	Specifications	Storage
Reagent 1	Extracting Solution	60 mL ×3 vials	2-8°C, 6 months
Reagent 2	10 mmol/L Palmitic	1.8 mL ×2 vials	2-8°C, 6 months
	Acid Standard		
Reagent 3	Control Solution	28 mL ×1 vial	2-8°C, 6 months
Reagent 4	Reaction Solution	45 mL ×1 vial	2-8°C, 6 months

# **Experimental instrument**

Micropipette, Vortex mixer, Magnetic stirrer, Centrifuge, Spectrophotometry (715 nm), Electronic analytical balance

# Pretreatment of sample

#### [Note]

- a) It is recommended to take 2~3 samples which expected large difference to do pre-experiment before formal experiment. Bring all the reagents to room temperature before experiment.
- b) The samples should be fresh collected and detect within 24 hours.

#### 1. For blood sample:

Collect the blood sample and stand at room temperature for 1 hour, centrifuge at 2000 g for 15 min at  $4^{\circ}$ C., then take 0.2 mL of the supernatant. It is recommended to add 2.4 mL of Reagent 1, then oscillate at  $4^{\circ}$ C for 3 hours to extract the NEFA. Centrifuge the sample at 2000 g for 10 min at  $4^{\circ}$ C. and take the supernatant for detection.



#### 2. For tissue sample:

Wash the tissue with PBS ( $2\sim8^{\circ}$ C, 0.01M, pH=7.4), then remove the water on surface of the tissue with absorbent paper. Weigh and mince the tissue, then add Reagent 1 according to the ratio of Weight (g): Reagent 1(mL) =1: 12, then oscillate at  $4^{\circ}$ C for 3 hours to extract the NEFA. Centrifuge the sample at 2000 g for 10 min at  $4^{\circ}$ C and take the supernatant for detection.

### 3. For cell samples:

Add Reagent 1 according to the ratio of cell number ( $10^6$ ): Reagent 1 (mL)= 5: 1.2 (it is recommende to take  $5 \times 10^6$  cells), then treat the sample with ultrasonic for 3 min on ice (200 W, 2 seconds/time, interval for 3 seconds), then oscillate at  $4^{\circ}$ C for 3 hours to extract the NEFA. Centrifuge the sample at 2000 g for 10 min at  $4^{\circ}$ C, and take the supernatant for detection.

### **Operation procedure**

### 1. Dilution of standard

Dilute 10 mmol/L standard solution with reagent 1 to a serial concentration. The recommended dilution gradient is as follows: 2.0, 1.5, 1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.1, 0 mmol/L.

### 2. Operation steps

1) **Standard tube:** Add 1 mL of standard with different concentrations and add 0.5 mL of **Reagent 4**.

**Control tube:** Take 1 mL of the supernatant of sample and add 0.5 mL of **Reagent 3**. **Sample tube:** Take 1 mL of the supernatant of sample and add 0.5 mL of **Reagent 4**.

- 2) Oscillate for 5 min and stand at room temperature for 5 min.
- 3) Set spectrophotometry to zero with reagent 1 and take 0.8 mL of the upper layer liquid into 1 cm cuvette and measure the OD value at 715 nm.

#### **Note:** It can be refer to the following operating table

	Standard tube	Sample tube	Control tube
Standard with different concentrations (mL)	1.0		
Sample (mL)		1.0	1.0
Reagent 3 (mL)			0.5
Reagent 4 (mL)	0.5	0.5	

Oscillate for 5 min, stand at room temperature for 5 min. Set spectrophotometry to zero with reagent 1 and take 0.8 mL of the upper layer liquid into 1 cm cuvette and measure the OD value at 715 nm.



### Calculation of results

**Standard curve:** y = ax+b

# 1. Calculation formula for blood sample:

NEFA content 
$$(mmol/L) = (\Delta A_{715}-b) \div a \times \frac{V1}{V2}$$

# 2. Calculation formula for tissue sample:

NEFA content 
$$(\mu mol/g) = (\Delta A_{715}-b) \div a \times \frac{V3}{m}$$

### 3. Calculation formula for cells sample:

NEFA content 
$$(\mu mol/10^6 \text{ cell}) = (\Delta A_{715}\text{-b}) \div a \times \frac{\text{V4}}{5}$$

### [Note]

**a:** the slope of the standard curve.

**b:** the intercept of standard curve.

y: absolute OD value (absolute OD value = the OD value of standard- the OD value of blank)

**x:** the concentration of standards.

V1: the volume of Reagent 1 added during the pretreatment of serum sample, 2.4 mL.

**V2:** the volume of serum, 0.2 mL.

V3: the volume of Reagent 1 added during the pretreatment of tissue sample, 2.4 mL.

V4: the volume of Reagent 1 added during the pretreatment of cell samples, 1.2 mL.

**m:** fresh weight of tissue, 0.2 g.

5: the cell number of cells is  $5 \times 10^6$ 



### **Technical parameters**

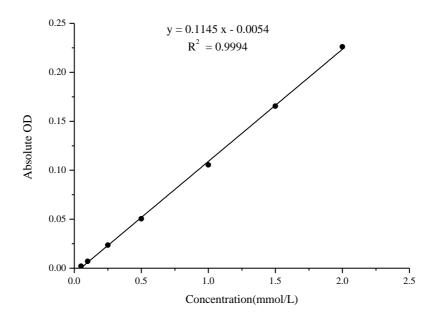
- 1. The sensitivity of the kit is 0.05 mmol/L.
- 2. The intra-assay CV is 2.2 % and the inter-assay CV is 6.1 %.
- 3. The recovery of the kit is 100 %.
- 4. The linear range of the kit is 0.05-2 mmol/L.

### **Notes**

- 1. The kit is for scientific research only.
- 2. Instructions should be followed strictly, changes of operation may result in unreliable results.
- 3. The validity of kit is 6 months.
- 4. Do not use components from different batches of kit.

# **Appendix: Standard Curve**

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