



Tryptophan Microplate Assay Kit

User Manual

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Detection and Quantification of Tryptophan Content in Serum,
Plasma, Tissue extracts, Cell lysate, Cell culture media and Other
biological fluids Samples.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Tryptophan is an α -amino acid that is used in the biosynthesis of proteins.

Tryptophan contains an α -amino group, an α -carboxylic acid group, and a side chain indole, making it a non-polar aromatic amino acid. It is essential in humans, meaning the body cannot synthesize it; it must be obtained from the diet. Tryptophan is also a precursor to the neurotransmitter serotonin, the hormone melatonin and vitamin B3. Tryptophan is important to the functions of many organs in the body. When you consume tryptophan, your body absorbs it and changes it to eventually become a hormone called serotonin.

Tryptophan Microplate Assay Kit provides a convenient tool for sensitive detection of Tryptophan in a variety of samples. The intensity of the product color, measured at 600 nm, is proportional to the Tryptophan concentration in the sample.

II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-Well Microplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer I	30 ml x 2	4 °C
Assay Buffer II	30 ml x 2	4 °C
Dye Reagent	Powder x 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent Diluent	18 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard	Powder x 1	4 °C
Plate Adhesive Strips	3 Strips	
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Note:

Dye Reagent: add 18 ml Dye Reagent Diluent to dissolve before use.

Standard: add 1 ml distilled water to dissolve before use, the concentration will be 10 mmol/L.

III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 600 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Mortar
6. Centrifuge
7. Timer
8. Convection oven

IV. SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. For cell and bacteria samples

Collect cell or bacteria into centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation, add 0.5 ml Assay Buffer I for 5×10^6 cell or bacteria, sonicate (with power 20%, sonicate 3s, interval 10s, repeat 30 times); then add 0.5 ml Assay Buffer II, centrifuged at 10,000g for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube for detection.

2. For tissue samples

Weigh 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 0.5 ml Assay Buffer I, incubate at 40 °C water bath for 30 minutes; then add 0.5 ml Assay Buffer II, centrifuged at 10,000g for 10 minutes, take the supernatant into a new centrifuge tube for detection.

3. For serum or plasma samples

Detect directly, or dilute with distilled water.

V. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into the microplate:

Reagent	Sample	Standard	Blank
Sample	20 μ l	--	--
Standard	--	20 μ l	--
Distilled water	--	--	20 μ l
Dye Reagent	180 μ l	180 μ l	180 μ l
Mix, cover the plate adhesive strip, put the plate into the convection oven, 90 °C for 10 minutes. When cold, record absorbance measured at 600 nm.			

Note:

- 1) Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standards to make the standard curve.
- 2) The concentrations can vary over a wide range depending on the different samples.
For unknown samples, we recommend doing a pilot experiment & testing several doses to ensure the readings are within the standard curve range.
- 3) Reagents must be added step by step, can not be mixed and added together.

VI. CALCULATION

1. According to the weight of sample

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tryptophan } (\mu\text{mol/g}) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / \\ &\quad (W \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / W\end{aligned}$$

2. According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tryptophan } (\mu\text{mol}/10^4) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \\ &\quad / (N \times V_{\text{Sample}} / V_{\text{Assay}}) \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / N\end{aligned}$$

3. According to the volume of serum or plasma

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tryptophan } (\mu\text{mol/ml}) &= (C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \\ &\quad / V_{\text{Sample}} \\ &= 10 \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) / (OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})\end{aligned}$$

C_{Standard} : the concentration of standard, 10 mmol/L = 10 $\mu\text{mol/ml}$;

W: the weight of sample, g;

N: the quantity of cell or bacteria, $N \times 10^4$;

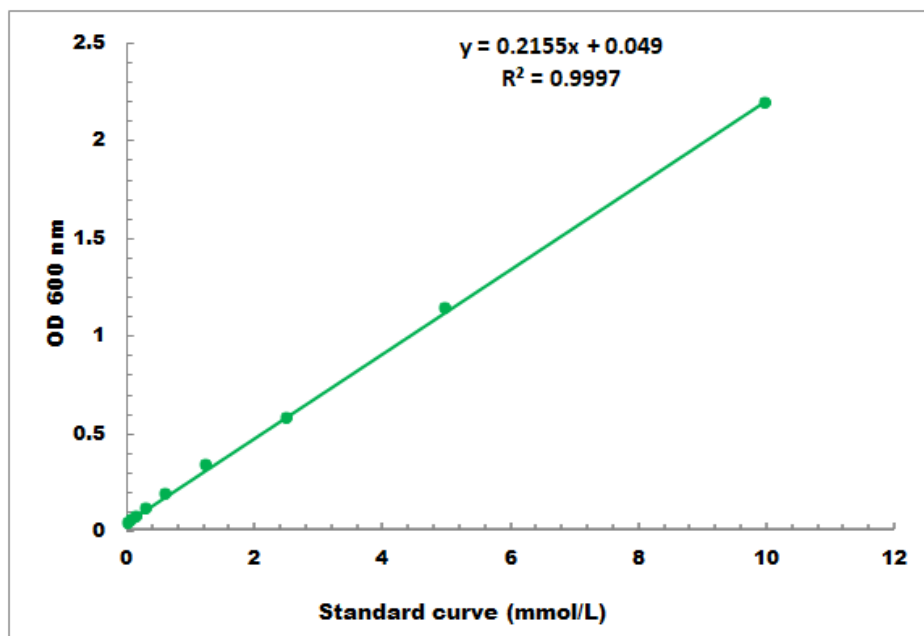
V_{Standard} : the volume of standard, 0.02 ml;

V_{Sample} : the volume of sample, 0.02 ml;

V_{Assay} : the volume of Assay Buffer I and Assay Buffer II, 1 ml.

VII. TYPICAL DATA

The standard curve is for demonstration only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



Detection Range: 0.05 mmol/L - 10 mmol/L

VIII. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For troubleshooting, information or assistance, please go online to www.cohesionbio.com or contact us at techsupport@cohesionbio.com

IX. NOTES