

INTENDED USE :

Reagent kit for the quantitative determination of Total and Direct Bilirubin in serum. JENDRASSIK - GROF method.

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE :

Approximately 80-85% of the bilirubin produced is derived from the heme moiety of the haemoglobin released from aging erythrocytes in the reticuloendothelial cells. Bilirubin bound to albumin is transported into the liver where it is rapidly conjugated with glucuronide to increase its solubility. Then it is excreted into biliary canaliculi and hydrolyzed in the gastrointestinal tract. Unconjugated bilirubin serum concentration increases in case of overproduction of bilirubin (acute or chronic haemolytic anemias) and in case of disorders of bilirubin metabolism and transport defects (impaired uptake by liver cells : Gilbert's syndrome; defects in the conjugation reaction : Crigler-Najjar syndrome). Reduced excretion (hepatocellular damage : hepatitis, cirrhosis...; Dubin-Johnson and Rotor syndrome) and obstruction to the flow of bile (most often produced by gallstones or by tumours) induce an important elevation of conjugated bilirubin and in a minor extent an increase of unconjugated bilirubin (conjugated hyperbilirubinemia).

PRINCIPLE :

Sulfanilic acid reacts with sodium nitrite to form diazotized Sulfanilic acid. In the presence of accelerator (cetrinide), conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin reacts with diazotized Sulfanilic acid to form azobilirubin (Bilirubin Total). In the absence of accelerator only conjugated bilirubin reacts (Bilirubin Direct). The increase of absorbance at 546 nm is proportional to bilirubin concentration.

REAGENT COMPOSITION :

Reagent T1: Total Bilirubin reagent 1
Reagent T2 : Total Bilirubin reagent 2

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED :

- Clean & Dry Glassware.
- Micropipettes & Tips.
- Colorimeter or Bio-Chemistry Analyzer.

SAMPLES :

Serum free of hemolysis. Heparinized plasma.
Care must be taken to fill heparinized tubes according to the manufacturer's instructions. An insufficient filling may lead to erroneous results. Protect the samples from light before and during the analysis.

STABILITY OF REAGENT :

When Stored tightly closed at room temperature protected from light and contaminations prevented during their use; reagents are stable up to the expiry date stated on the label.

WORKING REAGENT :

The Reagent is ready for use.

GENERAL SYSTEM PARAMETERS :

Reaction type	End Point (Increasing)
Primary Wave length	546 nm
Secondary Wave length	630 nm
Light Path	1 Cm
Reaction Temperature	Room Temperature
Blank / Zero Setting	Sample Blank
Reagent Volume	1.02 ml
Sample Volume	50 µl
Incubation Time	5 Minutes
Total Bilirubin Factor	28
Linearity	20 mg/dl

ASSAY PROCEDURE :

Total Bilirubin :

	Serum Blank	Test
Reagent T1	1ml	1ml
Reagent T2		20 µl
Sample	50 µl	50 µl

Mix and read the absorbance of the tests against their respective sample blanks after a 5 - minute incubation at room temperature.

CALCULATION :

Total Bilirubin (mg/dl) = (Abs. Test - Sample Blank) X 28

LINEARITY :

Reagent is linear up to 20 mg/dl.

Dilute the sample appropriately and re-assay if Total Bilirubin concentration exceeds 20 mg/dl. Multiply result with dilution factor

REFERENCE NORMAL VALUE :

Total Bilirubin : (Adults and children over 10 days) 0.3 - 1.2 mg/dl

QUALITY CONTROL :

For accuracy it is necessary to run known controls with every assay.

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