



## Acetoacetate Colorimetric Assay Kit

### Product Information

#### Cat.No.

Kit-0009

### Product Overview

Acetoacetate Assay Kit (Colorimetric) is used for measuring acetoacetate using colorimetric methods.

### Description

Acetoacetate (AcAc), a  $\beta$ -ketoacid, is one of the three ketone bodies and is formed via condensation of two molecules of acetyl-CoA in liver mitochondria. AcAc can be enzymatically reduced to 3- $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate ( $\beta$ -HB), or decarboxylated producing acetone (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO). Ketone bodies ( $\beta$ -HB: 78%; AcAc: 20% & CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO: 2%) are mainly used as an alternative energy source when glucose cannot be delivered to the system. Excessive concentration of ketone bodies (ketoacidosis) is observed in patients with Type I diabetes, severe starvation or alcoholism. Traditionally, AcAc levels have been qualitatively detected using dipsticks that use sodium nitroferricyanide as a chromophore. Acetoacetate Assay Kit (Colorimetric) has adapted that principle with a modification that provides a sensitive method to quantitate endogenous levels of AcAc in human blood, and urine. In this non-enzymatic assay, AcAc reacts with a substrate to generate a colored product that can be measured at 550 nm. The reaction is specific for AcAc and does not detect 3- $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate. The assay kit can detect samples containing acetoacetate as low as 25  $\mu$ M.

### Applications

Measurement of acetoacetate in various biological samples  
Analysis of acetoacetate in pathological conditions such as Type I diabetes, alcoholism, etc.

### Usage

For research use only (RUO)

### Storage

Store kit at -20°C, protected from light. Warm Assay Buffer to room temperature before use. Briefly



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centrifuge small vials prior to opening. Read entire protocol before performing the experiment.

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### Kit Components

Acetoacetate Assay Buffer 15 ml  
Acetoacetate Standard (Lyophilized) 1 vial  
Acetoacetate Substrate 1 ml

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**Detection method** Colorimetric

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### Compatible Sample Types

Bood, Plasma, Serum, Urine, Other body fluids

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