



Copper

Colorimetric Microplate Assay Kit

User Manual

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

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I. INTRODUCTION

Copper is an essential trace element. Copper-containing enzymes play important roles in iron and catecholamine metabolism, free radical scavenging, and in the synthesis of hemoglobin, elastin and collagen. Copper is mainly present in caeruloplasmin in the liver. Low levels of copper have been associated with mental retardation, depigmentation, anaemia, hypotonia and scorbutic changes in bone. Levels of copper are key diagnostic indicator of diseases such as Wilson's disease, microcytic hypochromic anaemia and bone disease due to reduced collagen synthesis. Simple, direct and automation-ready procedures for measuring copper concentrations find wide applications in research, drug discovery and environmental monitoring.

This assay kit utilizes a chromogen that forms a colored complex specifically with copper ions. The reaction products can be measured at a colorimetric readout at 605 nm.

II.KIT COMPONENTS

Component	Volume	Storage
96-WellMicroplate	1 plate	
Assay Buffer 1	12 ml x 1	4 °C
Assay Buffer 2	5 ml x 1	4 °C
Reaction Buffer	4 ml x 1	4 °C
Masking Reagent	Powderx 1	4 °C
Dye Reagent	Powderx 1	4 °C, keep in dark
Dye Reagent Diluent	1 ml x 1	4 °C
Standard (250 µmol/L)	1 ml x 1	4 °C, keep in dark
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III. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Microplate reader to read absorbance at 605 nm
2. Distilled water
3. Pipettor, multi-channel pipettor
4. Pipette tips
5. Centrifuge
6. Timer
7. Ice bath

IV. REAGENT PREPARATION

Standard: Briefly centrifuge prior to opening. Perform 2-fold serial dilutions of the top standardsolution using distilled waterto make the standard curve. The concentration of standard curve could be 250/125/62.5/31.2/15.6/7.8/3.9/1.95/0.97 μ mol/L.

Masking Reagent: Add 1 ml Distilled water to dissolve before use.

Dye Reagent:Add 1 ml Dye Reagent Diluent before use, heat at 70 °C to dissolve it.

V. SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. For liquid samples

Pipette 120 μ l liquid sample into 120 μ l Assay Buffer 1 and mix by vortexing, and put it in ice bath for 10-15 minutes. Centrifuge tubes for 10 minutes at 12,000 rpm and transfer 150 μ l clear supernatant into a new centrifuge tube, add 46 μ l Assay Buffer 2 to mix thoroughly.

2. For cell samples

Collect cell into centrifuge tube, discard the supernatant after centrifugation, add lysis buffer (not provide) according to the lysis buffer manufacturer's instructions. Then pipette 120 μ l lytic sample into 120 μ l Assay Buffer 1 and mix by vortexing, and put it in ice bath for 10-15 minutes. Centrifuge tubes for 10 minutes at 12,000 rpm and transfer 150 μ l clear supernatant into a new centrifuge tube, add 46 μ l Assay Buffer 2 to mix thoroughly.

3. For tissue samples

Weigh out 0.1 g tissue, homogenize with 1 ml distilled water on ice. Then pipette 120 μ l homogeneous sample into 120 μ l Assay Buffer 1 and mix by vortexing, and put it in ice bath for 10-15 minutes. Centrifuge tubes for 10 minutes at 12,000 rpm and transfer 150 μ l clear supernatant into a new centrifuge tube, add 46 μ l Assay Buffer 2 to mix thoroughly.

Note:

1. Metal chelators (e.g. EDTA) interfere with this assay and should be avoided in sample preparation.

VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE

Add following reagents into the microplate:

Reagent*	Sample**	Standard	Blank
Sample	140 μ l	--	--
Standard	--	140 μ l	--
Distilled water	--	--	140 μ l
Reaction Buffer	40 μ l	40 μ l	40 μ l
Masking Reagent	10 μ l	10 μ l	10 μ l
Dye Reagent	10 μ l	10 μ l	10 μ l
Mix, incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes, record absorbance measured at 605 nm.			

Note:

*Reagents must be added sequentially and should not be premixed prior to addition.

**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.

**For colored samples, we recommend setting a parallel sample background control well with same volume of sample only. Other reagents were replaced by distilled water to the same total volume. Subtract the OD value of the sample background control from the OD value of the sample to correct for interference from the sample's own color.

VII. CALCULATION

1. Calculate the sample concentration in ASSAY PROCEDURE according to the slope of the standard curve

$$C = \frac{(OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) - \text{Intercept}}{\text{Slope}} \times n (\mu\text{mol/L})$$

Calculate the initial concentration according to sample preparation procedure.

2. According to one point of the standard OD and concentration

2.1 According to the volume of sample

$$C = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})}{(OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \times V_{\text{Sample}}} \times n (\mu\text{mol/L})$$

2.2 According to the quantity of cells or bacteria

$$C = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})}{(OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \times N \times V_{\text{Sample}}} \times n (\mu\text{mol}/10^4)$$

2.3 According to the weight of sample

$$C = \frac{(C_{\text{Standard}} \times V_{\text{Standard}}) \times (OD_{\text{Sample}} - OD_{\text{Blank}})}{(OD_{\text{Standard}} - OD_{\text{Blank}}) \times W \times V_{\text{Sample}}} \times n (\mu\text{mol/g})$$

Slope: the absorbance slope of standard curve

C_{Standard} : the standard concentration, $\mu\text{mol/L}$

V_{Standard} : the volume of standard in assay procedure, μl

V_{Sample} : the volume of sample in assay procedure, μl

N : the quantity of cell or bacteria, 10^4

n : the dilution factor, in the recommend sample preparation

$$n = \frac{V_{\text{Assay 1}} + V}{V} \times \frac{V_{\text{Assay 2}} + V_{\text{Supernatant}}}{V_{\text{Supernatant}}}$$

V : the volume of sample in sample preparation, μl

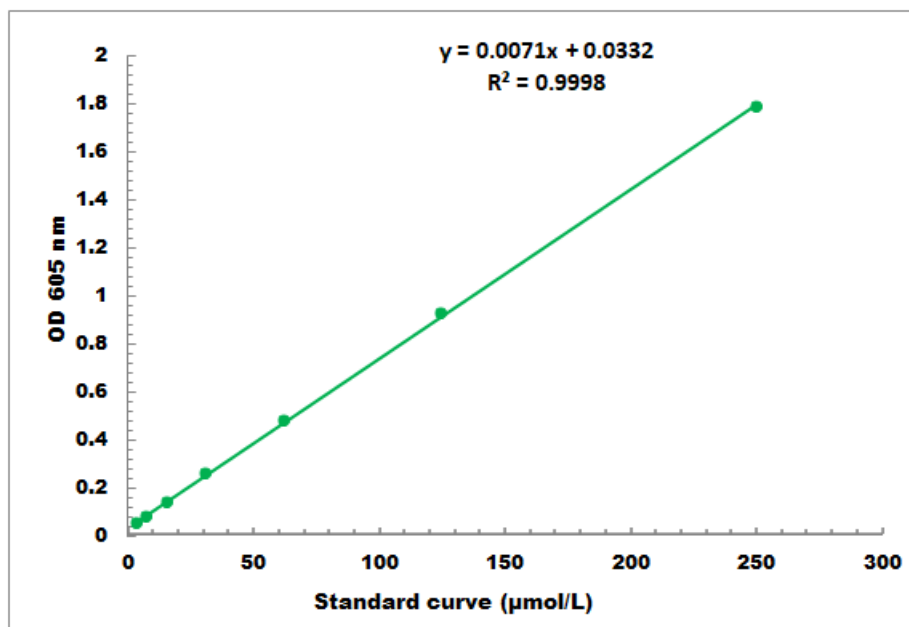
$V_{\text{Assay 1}}$: the volume of Assay Buffer 1, μl

$V_{\text{Assay 2}}$: the volume of Assay Buffer 2, μl

$V_{\text{supernatant}}$: the volume of supernatant, μl

VIII. TYPICAL DATA

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



Detection Range: 1 μmol/L -250 μmol/L