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MAGNESIUM CALMAGITE

High Stability-High Linearity

Reagent for quantitative determination of magnesium
in human serum, plasma, urines.

REF 98212 R1 2 x 200 mL R2 1 x 10 mL

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IVD IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE (1)

Adult human body (70 Kg) contains 21 to 28 g of magnesium. Of this, about 60% is in bone, 20% in skeletal muscle, 19% in other cells, and about 1% in the extracellular fluids. About 30% of magnesium in plasma is associated with proteins (primarily albumin). Consequently, a change in the concentration in albumin can affect the concentration in magnesium.

Hypomagnesaemia may be a secondary effect in hypocalcemic or calcium-deficient tetany. Conditions that have been associated with hypomagnesemia include chronic alcoholism, childhood malnutrition, lactation, malabsorption, acute pancreatitis, hypothyroidism, chronic glomerulonephritis, aldosteronism, digitalis intoxication and prolonged intravenous feeding.

Hypermagnesaemia have been observed in dehydration, severe diabetic acidosis, and immediately following myocardial infarction.

PRINCIPLE (1) (4) (5)

Gindler, Heth and Khayam-Bashi method. Calmagite, a metallochromic indicator (1-[1-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-phenylazo]-2-naphthol-4-sulfonic acid), forms in basic buffered medium a coloured complex with the magnesium. The absorbance, measured at 510-550 nm, is proportional to the concentration of magnesium in the specimen. EGTA reduces Calcium interference, Potassium cyanide (KCN) reduces interference of heavy metals and surfactants reduce the interference of proteins and lipemia.

REAGENTS COMPOSITION

Vial R1 CALMAGITE REAGENT

Calmagite \geq 100 μ mol/L KCN 6.14 mmol/L
AMP \geq 100 mmol/L EGTA 250 μ mol/L
Surfactants

Vial R2 STANDARD

Magnesium 2 mg/dL (0.822 mmol/L)

SAFETY CAUTIONS

BIOLABO reagents are designated for professional, in vitro diagnostic use.

- Verify the integrity of the contents before use.
- Use adequate protections (overall, gloves, glasses).
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- In case of contact with skin or eyes wash affected areas with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- Material Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.
- Waste disposal: Respect legislation in force in the country.

All specimens should be handled as potentially infectious, in accordance with good laboratory practices using appropriate precautions. Respect legislation in force in the country.



REAGENTS PREPARATION

Reagents are ready for use.

STABILITY AND STORAGE

Store away from air and light, well cap in the original vial at 18-25°C.

- Standard (vial R2): Transfer the requested quantity, recap and store at 18-25°C.
- Reagents are stable until expiry date stated on the label when stored and used as described in the insert and free from contamination.
- On the board of analyser: Reagent (vial R1) is stable for 24 hours.
- Discard any cloudy reagent (vial R1) if absorbance measured at 530 nm is < 0.300.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING

Collect in a metal-free container and without preservatives
Unhemolysed serum or heparinised plasma: Collect on fasting. Avoid oxalate, citrate or EDTA. Separate red cells immediately. Special procedure is required for cloudy or icteric serum (see next page).

Magnesium is stable for several days in serum at 2-8°C.

24h urines (acidified pH 1.0): dilute (1+4) with demineralised water before assay.

INTERFERENCES (3)

- Give a special care to the specimen, calibrators and controls handling, to avoid contamination by the environmental magnesium. The use of disposable tubes or cuvettes and acid washed labware (well rinsed with demineralised water) is suggested.
- Calcium (\leq 7.5 mmol/L) does not interfere with this method.
- Plasma, serum: Icterus, lipemia and paraproteins may interfere with the determination. Hemolysis involves an overestimation because of the important intracellular contents in magnesium.

For a more comprehensive review of factors affecting this assay refer to the publication of Young D.S.

CALIBRATION (6)

- Standards (vial R2 or R5) enclosed in the kit or BIOLABO Multicalibrator REF 95015 traceable to SRM 909b.
 - Or any calibrator traceable to a reference method or material.
- The calibration frequency depends on proper instrument functions and on preservation of the reagent.
- It is recommended to calibrate in the following cases:
1. When changing batch of reagent.
 2. After maintenance operations on the instrument .
 3. When control values obtained are out of range, even after using a new vial of fresh serum



MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1. Basic medical analysis laboratory equipment.
2. Normal and pathological control sera.

QUALITY CONTROL

- BIOLABO EXATROL-N Level I **REF** 95010.
- BIOLABO EXATROL-P Level II **REF** 95011.
- Assayed control sera referring to the same method.
- External quality control program.

It is recommended to control in the following cases:

- At least once a run.
- At least once within 24 hours.
- When changing vial of reagent.
- After maintenance operations on the instrument.

If control is out of range, apply following actions:

1. Repeat the test with the same control.
2. If control is still out of range, prepare a fresh control serum and repeat the test.
3. If control is still out of range, use a new vial of calibrator or a fresh calibrator and repeat the test.
4. If control is still out of range, calibrate with a new vial of reagent.
5. If control is still out of range, please contact BIOLABO technical support or your local Agent.

EXPECTED VALUES (2)

Serum or Plasma	mg/dL	[mmol/L]
Newborn	1.5-2.2	[0.62-0.91]
Child	1.7-2.2	[0.70-0.91]
Adult	1.6-2.6	[0.66-1.07]

Urines	73-122 mg/24h	[3.00-5.00 mmol/24 h]
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Each laboratory should establish its own normal ranges for the population that it serves.

LINEARITY

Reaction is linear up to 6.0 mg/dL (2.47 mmol/L)

Above, dilute the specimen with saline solution and reassay taking into account dilution factor. Linearity limit depends on specimen/reagent ratio.

PERFORMANCES

Within run N = 20	Low level	Medium level	High level	Between-run N = 40	Low level	Medium level	High level
Mean mg/dL	1.28	2.60	4.15	Mean mg/dL	1.36	2.72	4.23
S.D. mg/dL	0.025	0.025	0.017	S.D. mg/dL	0.037	0.081	0.096
C.V. %	1.94	0.97	0.42	C.V. %	2.7	3.0	2.3

Detection limit: approximately 0.23 mg/dL

Sensitivity for 2 mg/dL: approximately 0.130 Abs at 530 nm.

Comparison study with commercially available reagent:

$$y = 0.9649 x + 0.09124 \quad r = 0.9942$$

MANUAL PROCEDURE

In any case:

- Let stand reagent and specimens at room temperature
- Maintain a constant temperature as the reaction is temperature sensitive.
- Reaction is stable for 60 minutes.

Pipette into well identified test tubes:	Blank	Standard	Assay
Reagent R1	1 mL	1 mL	1 mL
Demineralised water	10 µL		
Standard R2 (2 mg/dL)		10 µL	
Specimen (Note 1)			10 µL

Mix. Let stands for 5 minutes at constant temperature. Read standard and assays absorbance at 530 nm (510-550) against reagent blank.

Notes:

1. Serum, plasma or urines diluted (1+4) with demineralised water.
2. Cloudy or icteric specimens: Realise a Specimen blank using saline instead of reagent R1 (see § **CALCULATION**)
3. Specific procedures are available upon request for automated instruments. Please contact BIOLABO technical support.

CALCULATION

Calculate the result as follows:

Serum, plasma:

$$\text{Result} = \frac{\text{Abs (Assay)}}{\text{Abs (Standard)}} \times \text{Standard concentration}$$

Cloudy or icteric serum:

$$\text{Result} = \frac{\text{Abs (Assay)} - \text{Abs (Specimen Blank)}}{\text{Abs (Standard)}} \times \text{Standard concentration}$$

Urines diluted (1+4): multiply the result by 5 (dilution factor).

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