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StressXpress®

Urine Creatinine Detection Kit

Catalog# SKT-200 (2 x 96-Well Kit)

Quantitative colorimetric detection of creatinine in urine samples

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Materials Supplied

Catalog Number	Reagent	Quantity	Description
SKC-200A	Clear Microtiter Plates	2 plates	Bag containing 2 by 96 well plates.
SKC-200B	Creatinine Standard	1 mL	A 100 mg/dL creatinine solution in deionized water. Calibrated to NIST Standard Reference Material Lot Number 914a
SKC-200C	StressXpress [®] Creatinine Reagent	20 mL	-
SKC-200D	Plate Sealers	2 each	-

If any of the items listed above are damaged or missing, please contact our Customer Service department at (250) 294-9065. We cannot accept any returns without prior authorization.



WARNING: Not for human or animal disease diagnosis or therapeutic drug use.

Precautions

As with all such products, this kit should only be used by qualified personnel who have had laboratory safety instruction. The complete booklet should be read and understood before attempting to use the product.

The Creatinine Reagent contains hazardous chemicals. It contains a solution of basic picric acid in a stabilizing solution. The solution should not come in contact with skin or eyes. Picric acid is an irritant and, if dried, potentially explosive. Avoid contact with metals and use large volumes of water during disposal. Take appropriate precautions when handling these reagents.

Storage

All components of this kit should be stored at 4°C until the expiration date of the kit.

Materials Needed But Not Supplied

- Distilled or deionized water.
- Colorimetric 96 well microplate reader capable of reading optical density at 490 nm, preferably with correction between 570 and 590 nm.
- Software for converting raw relative optical density readings from the plate reader and carrying out four parameter logistic curve (4PLC) fitting. Contact your plate reader manufacturer for details.

Please read this booklet completely prior to using the product.

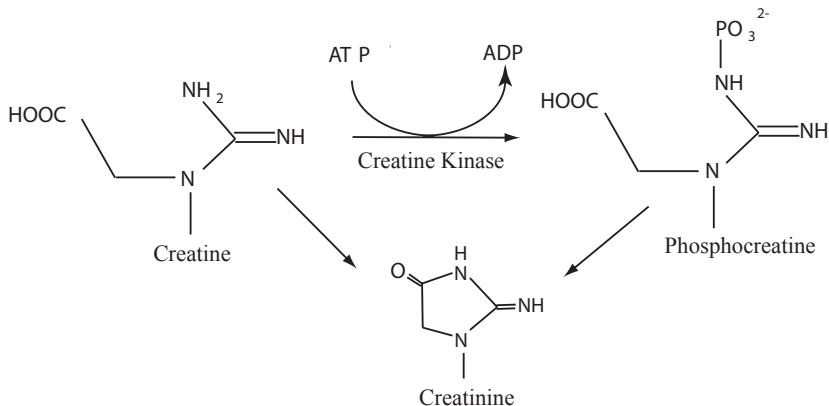
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INTRODUCTION

Background

Creatinine (2-amino-1-methyl-5H-imidazol-4-one) is a metabolite of phosphocreatine (p-creatine), a molecule used as a store for high-energy phosphate that can be utilized by tissues for the production of ATP¹. Creatine either comes from the diet or synthesized from the amino acids arginine, glycine, and methionine. This occurs in the kidneys and liver, although other organ systems may be involved and species-specific differences may exist². Creatine and p-creatine are converted non-enzymatically to the metabolite creatinine, which diffuses into the blood and is excreted by the kidneys. In vivo, this conversion appears to be irreversible and in vitro it is favored by higher temperatures and lower pH². Creatinine forms spontaneously from p-creatine³. Under normal conditions, its formation occurs at a rate that is relatively constant and as intra-individual variation is <15% from day to day, creatinine is a useful tool for normalizing the levels of other molecules found in urine. Additionally altered creatinine levels may be associated with other conditions that result in decreased renal blood flow such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease⁴⁻⁶.



Assay Overview

The StressXpress® Urinary Creatinine kit is designed to quantitatively measure creatinine present in urine samples. Please read the complete kit booklet before performing this assay. A creatinine standard, calibrated to a NIST creatinine standard, is provided to generate a standard curve for the assay and all samples should be read off the standard curve. Standards or diluted samples are pipetted into a clear microtiter plate. The color generating reaction is initiated with the StressXpress® Creatinine Reagent, which is pipetted into each well. After a short incubation the intensity of the generated color is detected in a microtiter plate reader capable of measuring 490nm wavelength. The concentration of the creatine in the sample is calculated, after making a suitable correction for the dilution of the sample, using software available with most plate readers. The Jaffe reaction used in this kit has been modified to read creatinine levels in urine^{7,8}.

PRE-ASSAY PREPARATION

Sample Types

Sample Types Validated:

Human, Monkey, Dog, and Rat Urine

This assay has been validated for human, rat, dog and monkey urine samples. Urine samples containing visible protein or particulates should be centrifuged or filtered prior to using. Mouse urine samples are not compatible with the use of this assay to determine GFR as over half of murine urinary creatinine is from renal secretion rather than filtration⁹.

For measuring Creatinine in serum or plasma samples please refer to the StressXpress[®] Creatinine Serum Detection Kit, Catalog Number SKT-217.

Sample Preparation

Rhesus monkey urine samples contain very low levels of creatinine and should be diluted 1:2 in water by taking one part of urine and adding to one part of water prior to using in the assay. All other urine samples must be diluted 1:20 with de-ionized or distilled water by taking one part of urine and adding to nineteen parts of water to obtain accurate results. Any urine samples with creatinine concentrations outside the standard curve range should be diluted further with water to obtain readings within the standard curve.

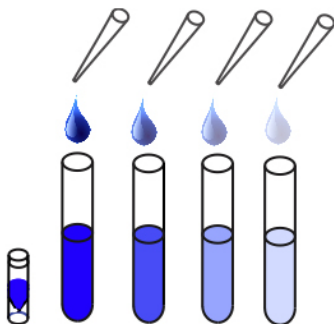
Use all diluted samples within 2 hours of preparation.

Reagent Preparation

Allow the kit reagents to come to room temperature for 30 minutes. We recommend that all standards and samples be run in duplicate to allow the end user to accurately determine creatinine concentrations. Ensure that all samples have reached room temperature and have been diluted as appropriate prior to running them in the kit.

Standard Preparation

Label seven glass test tubes #1 through #7. Pipet 800 μL of water into tube #1 and 500 μL into tubes #2-#7. Carefully add 200 μL of the Creatinine Standard stock solution to tube #1 and vortex completely. Take 500 μL of the creatinine solution in tube #1 and add it to tube #2 and vortex completely. Add 500 μL of tube #2 to tube #3 and vortex completely. Repeat these serial dilutions for tubes #4 through #7. The concentration of creatinine in tubes 1 through 7 will be 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625 and 0.3125 mg/dL. Water will be used as a sample blank. Use all Standards within 2 hours of preparation.



	Standard 1	Standard 2	Standard 3	Standard 4	Standard 5	Standard 6	Standard 7
Water Volume (μL)	800	500	500	500	500	500	500
Addition	Stock	Standard 1	Standard 2	Standard 3	Standard 4	Standard 5	Standard 6
Volume of Addition (μL)	200	500	500	500	500	500	500
Final Concentration (mg/dL)	20	10	5	2.5	1.25	0.625	0.3125

Assay Protocol

1. Use the plate layout sheet on page 20 to aid in proper sample and standard identification.
2. Pipet 50 μL of samples, water as the blank, or standards into wells in the clear plate.
3. Add 100 μL of the StressXpress[®] Creatinine Reagent to each well using a repeater pipet.
4. Gently tap the sides of the plate to ensure adequate mixing of the reagents. Cover the plate with the plate sealer and press to seal adequately.
5. Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
6. Read the optical density generated from each well in a plate reader capable of reading at 490nm.
7. Use the plate reader's built-in 4PLC software capabilities to calculate creatinine concentrations for each sample.

ANALYSIS

Calculation of Results

Average the duplicate OD readings for each standard and sample. Create a standard curve by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a four-parameter logistic curve (4PLC) fit, after subtracting the mean OD's for the blank. The sample concentrations obtained should be multiplied by the dilution factor to obtain neat sample values.

Typical Data

Sample	Mean OD	Net OD	Creatinine Concentration (mg/dL)
Zero	0.129	--	0
Standard 1	2.315	2.186	20
Standard 2	1.296	1.167	10
Standard 3	0.703	0.574	5
Standard 4	0.423	0.294	2.5
Standard 5	0.270	0.142	1.25
Standard 6	0.200	0.071	0.625
Standard 7	0.163	0.034	0.3125
Sample 1	0.565	0.436	3.75
Sample 2	0.178	0.049	0.43

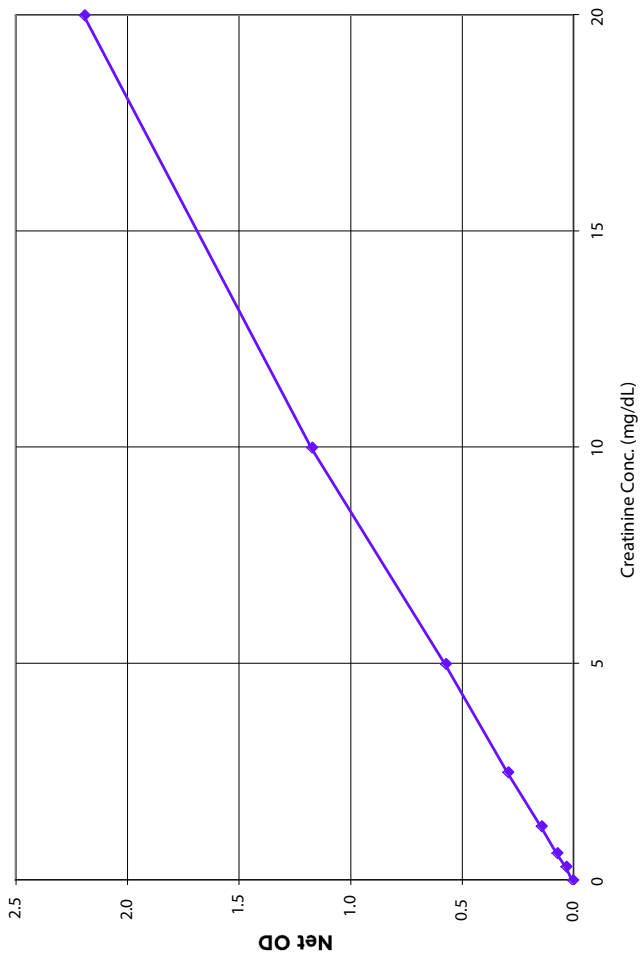
Always run your own standard curve for calculation of results.

Do not use this data.

Creatinine standard calibrated to NIST Standard Reference Material Lot Number 914a

Conversion Factor: 1 mg/dL Creatinine is equivalent to 88.40 μ M Creatinine

Typical Standard Curves



Validation Data

Sensitivity and Limit of Detection

Sensitivity was calculated by comparing the OD's for twenty wells run for each of the zero and standard #7. The detection limit was determined at two (2) standard deviations from the zero along the standard curve.

Sensitivity was determined as 0.019 mg/dL

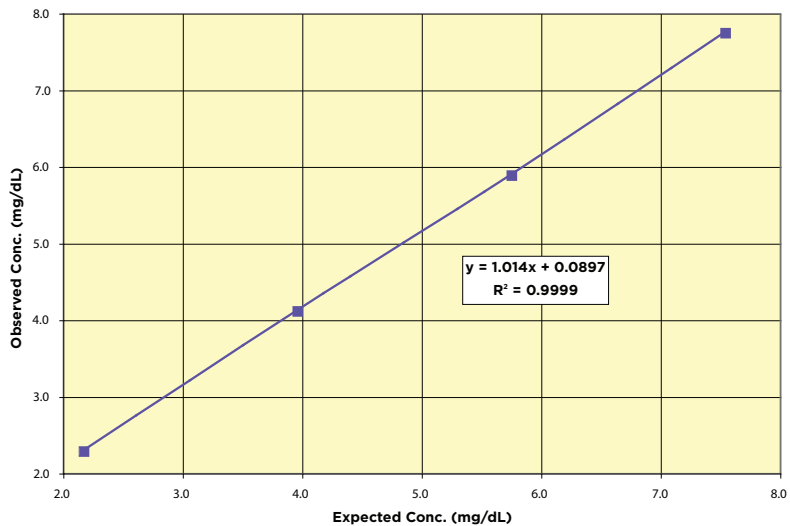
The Limit of Detection for the assay was determined in a similar manner by comparing the OD's for twenty wells run for each of the zero standard and a low concentration human urine sample.

Limit of Detection was determined as 0.037 mg/dL

Linearity

Linearity was determined by taking two diluted 1:20 human urine samples, one with a low diluted creatinine level of 0.38 mg/dL and one with a higher diluted level of 9.33 mg/dL and mixing them in the ratios given below. The measured concentrations were compared to the expected values.

High Urine	Low Urine	Observed Concentration (mg/dL)	Expected Concentration (mg/dL)	% Recovery
100%	0%	--	9.33	--
80%	20%	7.75	7.54	102.8
60%	40%	5.89	5.75	102.4
40%	60%	4.12	3.96	104.0
20%	80%	2.29	2.17	105.5
0%	100%	--	0.38	--
Mean Recovery				103.7%



Intra Assay Precision

Four human urine samples were diluted 1:20 with deionized water and run in replicates of 20 in an assay. The mean and precision of the calculated creatinine concentrations were:

Sample	Cortisol Concentration (pg/mL)	%CV
1	1,174.3	6.0
2	475.9	5.6
3	177.4	14.7

Inter Assay Precision

Four human urine samples were diluted 1:20 with deionized water and run in duplicates in 20 assays run over five days by three operators. The mean and precision of the calculated creatinine concentrations were:

Sample	Cortisol Concentration (pg/mL)	%CV
1	1,188.1	7.2
2	508.7	6.3
3	199.7	10.9

Sample Values

47 random clean catch human urine samples were tested in the assay. Neat urine values ranged from 17.2 to 168.9 mg/dL with an average of 90.7 mg/dL. One sample each of beagle and rat urines diluted 1:20 with water and read in the kit gave creatinine values in neat urine of 92.8 and 25.2 mg/dL respectively. A single Rhesus monkey urine, diluted either 1:2 or 1:5, averaged 2.65 mg/dL in neat urine.

Cross Reactivity

It is well known that some typical components of human urine may interfere with the Jaffe reaction for creatinine measurement in urine^{10,11}. A diluted urine sample was spiked with 2,000 mg/dL of glucose (equivalent to 40,000 mg/dL undiluted) and tested in the kit. The unspiked diluted sample read at 8.44 mg/dL. No significant change to the measured creatinine level was seen at any glucose concentration.

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