

CALCULATE RESULTS

1. Semi-quantitative results can be derived by simple comparison of the sample absorbances to the absorbance of the calibrator wells: Sample containing less color than a calibrator will have a concentration of Melamine greater than the concentration of the calibrator. Samples containing more color than a calibrator well have a concentration less than the concentration of the calibrator.
2. Quantitative interpretation requires graphing the absorbances of the calibrators (Y axis) versus the log of the calibrator concentration (X axis) on semi-log graph paper. A straight line is drawn through the calibrator points and the sample absorbances are located on the line. The corresponding point on the X axis is the concentration of the sample. Samples with absorbances greater than the lowest calibrator or less than the highest calibrator must be reported as < 1 ppb or > 60 ppb, respectively.

Alternatively, Beacon can supply a spreadsheet template which can be used for data reduction. Please contact Beacon for further details.

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

Well Contents	OD	Average OD \pm SD**	CV	%Bo*
Negative Control	1.850 1.983	1.916 \pm 0.094	4.9	100
1 ppb Calibrator	1.597 1.620	1.609 \pm 0.017	1.0	84
8 ppb Calibrator	0.859 0.821	0.840 \pm 0.027	3.2	44
60 ppb Calibrator	0.187 0.192	0.189 \pm 0.004	2.0	10

This data is for example purposes only.

* %Bo = $(OD_{450} / 0 \text{ ppb } OD_{450}) * 100$

** standard deviation

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SAFETY

To receive complete safety information on this product, contact Beacon Analytical Systems, Inc. and request Material Safety Data Sheets. Stop Solution is 1N hydrochloric acid. Handle with care.

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Melamine H.S. Plate Kit

Cat. # 20-0220

Instructional Booklet

Read Completely Before Use.

INTENDED USE

The Beacon Melamine H.S. plate Kit is a competitive ELISA for the quantitative analysis of Melamine in contaminated samples.

ASSAY PRINCIPLES

The Beacon Melamine H.S. plate Kit is a competitive enzyme-labeled immunoassay. Melamine is extracted from a sample by blending or shaking with extraction solution. Melamine HRP conjugate is pipetted into test wells, followed by calibrators or sample extracts and Melamine monoclonal antibody solution. During the 30 minute incubation period, Melamine from the sample and Melamine HRP conjugate compete for binding to Melamine antibody. Following this 30 minute incubation, the contents of the well are removed and the wells are washed to remove any unbound Melamine, and Melamine HRP conjugate. After wash with PBST, a clear substrate is then added to the wells and any bound enzyme conjugate causes the conversion to a blue color. Following a 30 minute incubation, the reaction is stopped and the amount of color in each well is read. The color of the unknown samples is compared to the color of the calibrators and the Melamine concentration of the samples is derived.

REAGENTS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED

The kit in its original packaging can be used until the end of the month indicated on the box label when stored at 2 – 8°C.

- 1 plate containing 12 test strips of 8 wells each vacuum-packed in aluminized pouch with indicating desiccant.
- 1 vial each of 0, 1, 8, 60 µg/L (ppb) of Melamine calibrators.
- 1 vial of Melamine H.S. Antibody Solution.
- 1 vial of Melamine H.S. HRP Enzyme Conjugate.
- 1 vial containing 14 mL of Substrate.
- 1 vial containing 14 mL of Stop Solution. (Caution! 1N HCl. Handle with care.)
- 1 vial containing 50 mL of 10X PBST Wash Solution.
- 1 Instructional Booklet.

SPECIFICITY

The Beacon Melamine H.S. Plate Kit is specific for Melamine analysis. The following table shows the cross reactivity pattern. %CR = 50% B₀ of Melamine / 50% B₀ of following Melamine related compounds.

Compound	%CR
Melamine	100
Melamine-Cyanuic acid Complex	43
Ammeline	2.3
Ammelide	<1
Cyanuic acid	<1

PRECAUTIONS

- Each reagent is optimized for use in the Beacon Melamine H.S. Plate Kit. Do not substitute reagents from any other manufacturer into the test kit. Do not combine reagents from other Beacon Melamine Plate Kits. Do not combine reagents from other Melamine H.S. Plate Kits with different Lot numbers.
- Dilution or adulteration of reagents or samples not called for in the procedure may result in inaccurate results.
- Do not use reagents after expiration date.
- Reagents should be brought to room temperature, 20 – 28°C (62 – 82°F) prior to use. Avoid prolonged (> 24 hours) storage at room temperature.
- Melamine is a toxic chemical and should be treated with care.
- The Stop Solution is 1N hydrochloric acid. Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes. Immediately clean up any spills and wash area with copious amounts of water. If contact should occur, immediately flush with copious amounts of water.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Laboratory quality distilled or deionized water.
- Pipet with disposable tips capable of dispensing 50 µL.
- Paper towels or equivalent absorbent material.
- Microwell plate or strip reader with 450nm filter.
- Timer
- Wash bottle

TEST PROCEDURE (Note: Running calibrators and samples in duplicate will improve assay precision and accuracy.)

1. Prepare the 1X wash solution by adding the contents of the 10X wash concentrate bottle to 450 mL Lab grade water in a wash bottle.
 2. Allow reagents and sample extracts to reach room temperature prior to running the test.
 3. Place the appropriate number of test wells into a microwell holder. Be sure to re-seal unused wells in the zip-lock bag with desiccant.
 4. Dispense **50 µL of Enzyme conjugate** into each test well.
 5. Using a pipet with disposable tips, dispense **50 µL of calibrators and samples** to the appropriate test wells. Be sure to use a clean pipet tip for each.
 6. Dispense **50 µL of Antibody Solution** into each test well.
 7. Shake the plate gently for 30 seconds to mix contents. Incubate the test wells for **30 minutes**.
 8. Decant the contents of the wells into an appropriate waste container. Fill the wells to overflowing with wash solution and dump. Repeat 4X for a total of five washes.
 9. Following the last wash tap the inverted wells onto absorbent paper to remove the last of the wash solution.
 10. Dispense **100 µL of Substrate** into each well.
 11. Incubate the wells for **30 minutes**.
 12. Dispense **100 µL of Stop Solution** into each test well.
 13. Read and record the absorbance of the wells at 450nm using a strip or plate reader.
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