

CALCULATE RESULTS

1. Semi-quantitative results can be derived by simple comparison of the sample absorbances to the absorbance of the calibrator wells. Samples containing less color than a calibrator well have a concentration of Cylindrospermopsis greater than the concentration of the calibrator. Samples containing more color than a calibrator well have a concentration of Cylindrospermopsis 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 < 0.1 ppb or >2 ppb, respectively. Alternatively, Beacon can supply a spreadsheet template that can be used for data reduction. Please contact Beacon for further details.

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

Well Contents	OD	Average OD \pm SD*	%RSD	%Bo**	Cylindrospermopsis Conc. (ppb)
Negative Control	2.073 2.115	2.09 \pm 0.030	1.42	100	N/A
0.05 ppb Calibrator	1.891 1.828	1.86 \pm 0.044	2.37	88.8	N/A
0.1 ppb Calibrator	1.751 1.699	1.73 \pm 0.037	2.13	82.4	N/A
0.3 ppb Calibrator	1.016 1.018	1.02 \pm 0.001	0.14	49.6	N/A
0.5 ppb Calibrator	0.718 0.696	0.71 \pm 0.016	2.26	33.8	N/A
1.0 ppb Calibrator	0.413 0.435	0.42 \pm 0.016	3.72	20.2	N/A
2.0 ppb Calibrator	0.221 0.231	0.23 \pm 0.008	3.41	10.8	N/A
Sample	0.988 0.979	0.98 \pm 0.006	0.65	47	0.324

Actual values may vary; this data is for example purposes only.

* Standard deviation

** %Bo equals average sample absorbance divided by average negative control absorbance times 100%.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this kit or for additional information about Beacon products, call (207) 571-4302.

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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Cylindrospermopsis Plate Kit

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Instructional Booklet

READ COMPLETELY BEFORE USE.

INTENDED USE

The Beacon Cylindrospermopsis Plate Kit is a competitive ELISA for the quantitative analysis of Cylindrospermopsis in water.

USE PRINCIPLES

The Beacon Cylindrospermopsin plate kit is a competitive enzyme-labeled immunoassay. The Cylindrospermopsin -HRP enzyme conjugate is pipetted into test wells followed by calibrators or sample extracts. Cylindrospermopsin Antibody Solution is then pipetted into the test wells to initiate the reaction. During the 45-minute incubation period, Cylindrospermopsin from the sample and Cylindrospermopsin HRP conjugate compete for binding to Cylindrospermopsin antibody. The Cylindrospermopsin antibody is captured on the walls of the test well. Following this 45-minute incubation, the contents of the well are removed and the wells are washed to remove any unbound Cylindrospermopsin, Cylindrospermopsin HRP conjugate and free Cylindrospermopsin antibody. After this wash step, a clear substrate is then added to the wells and any bound enzyme conjugate causes the conversion to a blue color. Following a 45-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 Cylindrospermopsin concentration of the samples is derived.

MATERIALS PROVIDED IN THE BEACON CYLINDROSPERMOPSIN PLATE KIT

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.
 - 7 vials each containing 2 mL of Cylindrospermopsin calibrators corresponding to 0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 µg/L (ppb) of Cylindrospermopsin.
 - 1 vial containing 2 mL of Cylindrospermopsin positive control (0.75 ppb)
 - 1 vial containing 7 mL Cylindrospermopsin HRP Enzyme Conjugate.
 - 1 vial containing 7 mL of Polyclonal anti-Cylindrospermopsin antibody.
 - 1 vial containing 14 mL of Substrate.
 - 1 vial containing 14 mL of Stop Solution. (Caution! 1N HCl. Handle with care.)
 - 1 vial containing 25 mL of Sample Diluent
 - 1 Instructional Booklet
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PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

SPECIFICITY

The Beacon Cylindrospermopsin cannot differentiate between Cylindrospermopsin and related compounds, but detects their presence to differing degrees.

COMPOUND	% CR
CYLINDROSPERMOPSIN	100 %
MICROCYSTIN-LR	< 1%
NODULARIN	< 1%

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Pipet with disposable tips capable of dispensing 50 µL.
 - Multi-channel pipet; 8 channel capable of dispensing 50 and 100 µL.
 - Paper towels or equivalent absorbent material.
 - Microwell plate or strip reader with 450nm filter.
 - Timer
 - Wash bottle
 - Laboratory quality distilled or deionized water.
 - Glassware for sample collection and dilution.
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PRECAUTIONS

1. Each reagent is optimized for use in the Beacon Cylindrospermopsin Plate Kit. Do not substitute reagents from any other manufacturer into the test kit. Do not combine reagents from other Beacon Cylindrospermopsin Plate Kits with different Lot numbers.
2. Dilution or adulteration of reagents or samples not called for in the procedure may result in inaccurate results.
3. Do not use reagents after expiration date.
4. Reagents should be brought to room temperature, 20 – 28°C (62 – 82°F) prior to use. Avoid prolonged (> 24 hours) storage at room temperature.
5. Cylindrospermopsin is a toxin and should be treated with care.
6. 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.
7. Transfer of samples and reagents by pipette requires constant monitoring of technique. Pipetting errors are the major source of error in immunoassay methodology.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. Collect water sample in a clean glass container for testing.
 2. When dilution of water sample is needed, use Sample Diluent (or distilled or deionized water). Apply the dilution factor to the assay result.
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ASSAY PROCEDURE

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

1. Allow reagents and sample extracts to reach room temperature prior to running the test. Fill a wash bottle with lab grade water.
 2. Place the appropriate number of test wells into a micro well holder. Be sure to re-seal unused wells in the zip-lock bag with desiccant.
 3. Using a pipet with disposable tips, add **50 µL of Enzyme conjugate** to each well.
 4. Add **50 µL of Calibrators or sample extract** to the appropriate test wells. Be sure to use a clean pipet tip for each.
 5. Dispense **50 µL of Antibody Solution** into each test well.
 6. Shake the plate gently for 30 seconds and incubate the test wells for **45 minutes**.
 7. Dump the contents of the wells into an appropriate waste container. Fill the wells to overflowing with laboratory grade water and dump. Repeat 3X for a total of four washes.
 8. Following the last wash tap the inverted wells onto absorbent paper to remove the last of the wash solution.
 9. Dispense **100 µL of Substrate** into each well.
 10. Incubate the wells for **45 minutes**.
 11. Dispense **100 µL of Stop Solution** into each test well.
 12. Read and record the absorbance of the wells at 450 nm using a strip or plate reader.
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