

## Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Kit (Ready to use)

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### 1. Introduction

This product is a ready-to-use kit for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> detection by the microbiological assay technique .developed in accordance with the standard “GB5009.285-2022” , each product box contains 3 sets of reagents.

### 2. Principle of the Method

Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> is an essential nutrient for the growth of *Lactobacillus leichmannii* (ATCC 7830). Under certain controlled conditions, *Lactobacillus leichmannii* suspension is inoculated into a culture medium containing the sample solution. After a period of incubation, the transmittance (or absorbance) is measured. The vitamin B<sub>12</sub> content in the sample is then calculated based on the standard curve of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> content versus transmittance (or absorbance).

### 3. Reagents provided

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> Standards (Freeze-dried)       | 3 vials  |
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> Bacterial Ball (Freeze-dried)  | 3 vials  |
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> Medium Base (20 mL)            | 3 vials  |
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> Medium Additive (Freeze-dried) | 3 vials  |
| Sterile Water(30mL)                                    | 3 vials  |
| Sterile 96-well Microplate individually packed         | 3 plates |
| Sealing Film   | 3 pieces |

### 4. Storage condition:

Store in dark place 2-8°C for a year

### 5. Materials required but not provided

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| 5.1 Ultra-clean workstation                   | 5.6 Vortex mixer   |
| 5.2 Constant temperature incubator, 36°C ±1°C | 5.7 Pipette and sterile tips, 10-100 μL, 100-1000 μL                     |
| 5.3 Microplate reader (540nm~610 nm)          | 5.8 conical flask and volumetric flask                                   |
| 5.4 Autoclave                                 | 5.9 Pipette centrifuge tubes: 1.5 mL, 15 mL tubes should have screw tops |
| 5.5 Ultrasonic oscillator                     | 5.10 Sterile syringes and 0.22 μm sterile filter                         |

membrane

## 6. Assay medium preparation (aseptic procedure)

6.1 Preparation of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium: Pipette 1.0mL of the basic vitamin B<sub>12</sub> assay medium into the additive of the Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium, dissolve for 3 minutes to ensure complete mixing, and then transfer the entire mixture into 20mL of the basic vitamin B<sub>12</sub> assay medium, and mix well.

6.2 Non-inoculation of standard 0 control tube medium: 500 μL of the aforementioned medium was taken and placed in a 1.5mL sterile centrifuge tube, which serves as the medium for the non-inoculated standard 0 control tube as S1.

6.3 Inoculation of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium: take 1 vial of of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> bacterial ball, add it to the prepared Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium (6.1), mix well and then use.

## 7. Preparation of standard tubes (aseptic operation)

This product provides the following two methods for preparing standard series tubes.

"Method 1" is consistent with the national standard procedure, while "Method 2" omits the step of diluting the standard working solution. Both methods yield standard series tubes with identical vitamin B<sub>12</sub> content, and you can choose either method depending on the situation.

Method 1: Accurately pipette 1.1 mL of sterile water into the Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Standard, dissolve and mix thoroughly. Then take 1 mL of the solution and add it to 4 mL of sterile water, mix well, and this is the Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Standard working solution. Take 10 sterile 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes and prepare a series of standard solutions with varying concentrations according to Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Preparation of standard curves

| Number                              | S1   | S2   | S3   | S4   | S5   | S6   | S7   | S8   | S9   | S10  |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> content /ng | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 |
| Standard solution /μL               | 0    | 0    | 100  | 200  | 300  | 400  | 500  | 600  | 800  | 1000 |
| Sterile Water /μL                   | 1000 | 1000 | 900  | 800  | 700  | 600  | 500  | 400  | 200  | 0    |

Method 2: Accurately pipette 1.1 mL of sterile water into the Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Standard, dissolve and mix thoroughly. Then take 10 sterile 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes and prepare a series of standard solutions with varying concentrations according to Table 1-2.

Table 1-2 Preparation of standard curves

| Number                              | S1   | S2   |  | S3   | S4   | S5   | S6   | S7   | S8   | S9   | S10  |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> content /ng | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 |
| Standard solution /μL               | 0    | 0    |  | 20   | 40   | 60   | 80   | 100  | 120  | 160  | 200  |
| Sterile Water /μL                   | 1000 | 990  |  | 980  | 960  | 940  | 920  | 900  | 880  | 840  | 800  |

## 8. Preparation of Sample Tubes

8.1 The sample is prepared in accordance with step "19.2" in GB 5009.285-2022. "Third Method Microbial Method".

8.2 The prepared sample diluent is filtered and sterilized under sterile conditions using a sterile aqueous phase filter membrane (0.22 $\mu$ m), and a series of sample tubes are prepared in the order specified in Table 2.

Table 2: Preparation of specimen tubes

|                           |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sample tube number        | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| Sample solution / $\mu$ L | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 |
| Sterile Water / $\mu$ L   | 400 | 300 | 200 | 100 |

## 9. Detection steps (aseptic operation)

9.1 Take out the sterile 96-well microplate, record the well positions, and conduct a parallel test in triplicate for each gradient of the standard solution as well as the sample diluent.

9.2 Add 150  $\mu$ L of prepared inoculated Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium (6.3) to each well, with the exception of the uninoculated standard control tube S1, which should receive 150  $\mu$ L of uninoculated Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Assay Medium (6.2).

9.3 Transfer 150  $\mu$ L of the standard series tube (7) or sample series tube (8.2) into the designated well.

9.4 Seal the wells on the strip with a sealing film and press the film to ensure that all wells are adequately sealed (The edge part of the wells section should be fully sealed, with special attention paid to it)

## 10. Incubation

Incubate at 36°C  $\pm$  1°C for 40-48 h in an incubator, avoiding light.

## 11. Measurement

11.1 Take out the plate from the incubator and press the sealing film again to ensure that all wells are adequately sealed. Shake the plate upside down repeatedly to mix the microorganisms well.

11.2 Remove the sealing film diagonally and puncture the air bubbles on the surface of each well with a needle.

11.3 Measure the absorbance value at 550 nm with a microplate reader.

If the 0 control well appears turbid, it indicates possible contamination by miscellaneous bacteria, and the test needs to be redone.

## 12. Data analysis

Analyze the results according to 'Part 20: Expression of Analytical Results' in the national standard GB 5009.285-2022.

12.1 Standard curve: Using the vitamin B<sub>12</sub> concentration of the standard series tubes as the abscissa and the average transmittance (or absorbance value) of each standard point as the ordinate, a standard curve is plotted.

12.2 Result calculation:

The concentration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the test solution is calculated from the standard working curve based on its light transmittance (or absorbance). Subsequently, the content of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the sample is determined using the dilution factor and the weighed sample quantity. Test values with transmittance (or absorbance) falling outside the range of S3 to S10 of the standard curve tubes should be discarded.

Calculate the concentration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> per milliliter in each numbered test solution using the light transmittance (or absorbance) of each well. Then, calculate the average concentration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the test solution of that number. The concentration measured in each well must not exceed 15% of this average value, and any values exceeding this limit should be discarded. If the number of wells meeting this requirement is less than 2/3 of the total number of wells for all four numbered test solutions, the data used to calculate the sample content is insufficient and retesting is required. If the number of wells meeting the requirement exceeds 2/3 of the original number, recalculate the average concentration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> per milliliter in the valid test tubes for each number. Use this average to calculate the overall average value "p" for all numbered sample wells.

Calculate the content of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the sample, denoted as X, using Formula (1):

The content of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (calculated as cyanocobalamin) in the sample is calculated using Formula (1)

$$X = \frac{\rho \times f \times 100}{m \times 1000} \dots\dots(1)$$

X—Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> content in the sample diluent, μg/100 g(mL);

ρ—The overall average concentration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the valid test tubes, expressed in units of ng/mL;

f— Dilution factor of sample extract;

100—Unit conversion coefficient

m —sample mass g;

1000—Unit conversion coefficient

## 12.3 Description

The result of the calculation retains three significant figures.

Note: The Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> content of liquid samples can also be measured in micrograms per 100 milliliters (µg/100mL).

Refer to national standards for precision, detection limit, and quantification limit.

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