

# SODIUM

## INTENDED USE

Vitro sodium reagent is intended for the determination of sodium in human serum and plasma on both automated and manual systems.



## METHOD

Colorimetric-method.

## BACKGROUND

Sodium is the major cation of extracellular fluid. It plays a central role in the maintenance of the normal distribution of water and the osmotic pressure in the various fluid compartments. The main source of body sodium is the sodium chloride contained in ingested foods. Only about one-third of the total body sodium is contained in the skeleton since most of it is contained in the extracellular body fluids.<sup>1,2</sup> Hyponatremia (low serum sodium level) is found in a variety of conditions including the following: severe polyuria, metabolic acidosis, Addison's disease, diarrhea, and renal tubular disease. Hypernatremia (increased serum sodium level) is found in the following conditions: hyperadrenalism, severe dehydration, diabetic coma after therapy with insulin, excess treatment with sodium salts<sup>1,2</sup>.

## ASSAY PRINCIPLE

The Present method is based on reaction of sodium with a selective chromogen producing a chromophore whose absorbance varies directly as the concentration of sodium in the test specimen.

## EXPECTED VALUES

135 - 155 mEq/L

Each laboratory should investigate the transferability of the expected values to its own patient population and if necessary determine its own reference range.

## REAGENTS

R <sub>1</sub>	Sodium standard	150	mEq/dl
R <sub>2</sub>	Color Reagent		

### • Reagent Preparation & Stability

All reagents are stable up to the expiry date given on label when stored at 2 - 30°C.

## SPECIMEN

Freshly drawn serum is the specimen of choice and a 50 µl (0.05 ml) amount is required. Plasma from non-sodium containing anticoagulants (e.g., lithium, calcium, magnesium or heparin) is an acceptable alternative. Sodium is stable for at least 24 hours at room temperature and 2 weeks when refrigerated.<sup>1,2</sup>

## PROCEDURE

### • Manual Procedure

Wavelength	630 nm
Cuvette	1 cm light path
Temperature	20 - 25 °C
Zero adjustment	against reagent blank
Specimen	Serum or plasma

	Blank	Standard	Specimen
R <sub>2</sub>	1.0 ml	1.0 ml	1.0 ml
Standard	.....	10 µl	.....
Specimen	.....	.....	10 µl

Mix, and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature. Measure the absorbance of specimen (A<sub>specimen</sub>) and standard (A<sub>standard</sub>) against reagent blank.

The color is stable for 30 minutes.

### • Automated Procedure

User defined parameters for different auto analyzers are available upon request.

## CALCULATION

Calculate the sodium concentration in serum by using the following formulae:

Serum sodium Concentration=

$\frac{\text{Absorbance of Specimen}}{\text{Absorbance of Standard}} \times \text{Standard value}$

## QUALITY CONTROL

It is recommended that controls (normal and abnormal) be included in:

- Each set of assays, or
- At least once a shift, or
- When a new bottle of reagent is used, or
- After preventive maintenance is performed or a clinical component is replaced.

Commercially available control material with established sodium values may be routinely used for quality control.

Failure to obtain the proper range of values in the assay of control material may indicate:

- Reagent deterioration,
- Instrument malfunction, or
- Procedure errors.

The following corrective actions are recommended in such situations:

- Repeat the same controls.
- If repeated control results are outside the limits, prepare fresh control serum and repeat the test.
- If results on fresh control material still remain outside the limits, then repeat the test with fresh reagent.
- If results are still out of control, contact Vitro Technical Services.

## INTERFERING SUBSTANCES

Blood calcium, chloride and potassium levels of up to 3 times normal reportedly exert no adverse influence on the procedure; phosphorus levels exceeding 5 times normal likewise present no problems.

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

### Imprecision

Reproducibility was determined using in an internal protocol. The following results were obtained.

	Within Run		Between Day	
	Level I	Level II	Level I	Level II
Control				
Number of samples	40	40	40	40
Mean (mg/dl)	127	147	139	148
SD (mg/dl)	4	7	14	5
CV (%)	3	5	10	4

### Method Comparison

Comparison studies were carried out using another commercially available sodium reagent as a reference. Normal and abnormal human serum samples were assayed in parallel and the results compared by least squares regression. The following statistics were obtained.

Correlation coefficient 0.92

## Sensitivity

The sensitivity is defined as the change of analytical response per unit change in analyte concentration at a pathlength of 1 cm.

When run as recommended the sensitivity of this assay is 0.5 mEq/l.

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### LINEARITY

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When run as recommended, the assay is linear up to 200 mEq/l.

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY

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### SYMBOL DECLARATION

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	Manufacturer
	Consult instructions for use
	Batch code (Lot #)
	Catalog number
	Temperature limitation
	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Use by
	Caution. Consult instructions
	Keep away from light

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### ORDERING INFORMATION

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REF	SIZE
1601	2 X 25 ml
1602	2 X 50 ml

Manufactured in Egypt by:  
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