**Product datasheet**

**Total Antioxidant Capacity Assay Kit ab65329**

- **Product name**: Total Antioxidant Capacity Assay Kit
- **Detection method**: Colorimetric
- **Sample type**: Urine, Serum, Plasma, Other biological fluids, Tissue Extracts, Cell Lysate, Cell culture media
- **Assay type**: Quantitative
- **Assay time**: 2h 00m

**Product overview**

Total Antioxidant Capacity Assay Kit ab65329 can measure either the combination of both small molecule antioxidants and proteins, or small molecules alone in the presence of our proprietary Protein Mask.

In the total antioxidant capacity assay protocol, the Cu$^{2+}$ ion is converted to Cu$^{+}$ by both small molecule and protein antioxidants. The Protein Mask prevents Cu$^{2+}$ reduction by proteins, enabling the analysis of only the small molecule antioxidants. The reduced Cu$^{+}$ ion is chelated with a colorimetric probe giving a broad absorbance peak around 570 nm, proportional to the total antioxidant capacity.

**Total antioxidant capacity assay protocol summary:**
- add protein mask to samples if only measuring small molecule total antioxidant capacity
- add samples and standards to wells
- add Cu$^{2+}$ solution and incubate for 90 min at room temp
- analyze with microplate reader

**Notes**

Antioxidants play an important role in preventing the formation of, and scavenging of, free radicals and other oxidizing species. There are three categories of antioxidant species: enzyme systems (GSH reductase, catalase, peroxidase, etc.), small molecules (ascorbate, uric acid, GSH, vitamin E, etc.) and proteins (albumin, transferrin, etc.).

Trolox is used to standardize antioxidants, with all other antioxidants being measured in Trolox equivalents. Measurement of the combined non-enzymatic antioxidant capacity of biological fluids and other samples provides an indication of the overall capability to counteract reactive oxygen species (ROS), resist oxidative damage and combat oxidative stress-related diseases.

**Related products**

Review the oxidative stress marker and assay guide to learn about more assays for oxidative stress.

**Platform**

Microplate reader
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Total antioxidant capacity was determined in mouse cardiac homogenates using Total antioxidant capacity assay kit (ab65329).

Trolox equivalent capacity measured in milk and concentrated squash. Background signal subtracted, duplicates; +/- SD
Trolox equivalent capacity measured in mouse tissue lysates, showing quantity (nmol) per mg of extracted protein. Results following blocking of protein activity is shown (Mask). (Duplicates; +/- SD).

Trolox equivalent capacity measured in biological fluids. Results following blocking of protein activity is shown (Mask). Background signal subtracted, duplicates; +/- SD.

Typical Trolox standard calibration curve

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