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# ACETIC ACID (Acetyl-CoA Synthetase Format)

ASSAY PROCEDURE FOR AUTO-ANALYSER APPLICATIONS

K-ACETAF 04/20

[141.6 mL of reagent (R1 + R2) per kit; equivalent to 456 reactions of 0.31 mL]



#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The most widely used method for enzymatic quantification of acetic acid is that based on the use of acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase (ACS), according to equations I-3 below. For auto-analyser applications it becomes necessary to prepare a "master mix" reagent (RI), containing all components of the assay except the reaction initiation enzyme, ACS. However, reagent RI when prepared from some kits has very limited on-machine stability, owing to a rapidly increasing absorbance value. To overcome this issue, Megazyme developed this kit (K-ACETAF), that doesn't exhibit this instability phenomenon. Additionally, the anti-inhibitory compound polyvinylpyrollidone (PVP) has also been incorporated into the assay to prevent inhibition caused by certain tannins found in grape juice and wine.

### **PRINCIPLE:**

(acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase; ACS)

(I) Acetic acid + ATP + CoA → acetyl-CoA + AMP + pyrophosphate

(2) Acetyl-CoA + oxaloacetate + 
$$H_2O \longrightarrow$$
 citrate + CoA

#### KITS:

Kits suitable for the preparation of 141.6 mL of reagent (equivalent to 456 reactions of 0.31 mL) are available from Megazyme.

The kits contain the full assay method plus:

Bottle I: Buffer (30 mL, pH 8.4) plus L-malic acid, PVP and

sodium azide (0.02% w/v) as a preservative.

Stable for > 2 years at 4°C.

Bottle 2: (x2) NAD+ plus ATP and CoA.

Freeze dried powder.

Stable for > 5 years below -10°C.

**Bottle 3:** L-Malate dehydrogenase plus citrate synthase

suspension, 2.2 mL.

Stable for > 2 years at 4°C.

**Bottle 4:** Acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase suspension (I.I mL).

Stable for > 2 years at 4°C.

**Bottle 5:** Acetic Acid Standard (2 mL)

(1.8 g/L). Ready to use.

Stable for > 2 years; store sealed at 4°C.

#### **REAGENT PREPARATION:**

## Preparation of RI:

Component	Volume
bottle I (buffer)	5.50 mL
bottle 2 (NAD+/ATP/CoA)	2.20 mL (after adding 5.50 mL of H <sub>2</sub> O to bottle 2)
bottle 3 (L-MDH/CS)	0.44 mL (swirl to mix before use)
H <sub>2</sub> O	18.35 mL
Total volume	26.49 mL

# Preparation of R2:

Component	Volume
bottle 4 (ACS)	0.22 mL (swirl to mix before use)
H <sub>2</sub> O	1.60 mL
Total volume	1.82 mL



Sample: ~ 0.005 mL R2: 0.020 mL

**Reaction time:** 15 min at either 20-25°C or 37°C

Wavelength: 340 nm

**Prepared reagent stability:** > 3 days when refrigerated

Calculation:endpointReaction direction:increase

**Linearity:** up to 30  $\mu$ g/mL of acetic acid in

final reaction solution

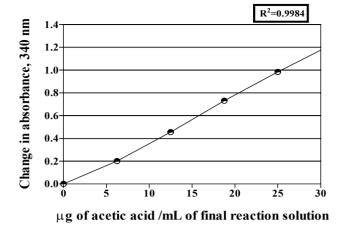


Figure 1. Calibration curve demonstrating the linearity of K-ACETAF. The reactions used to generate this calibration curve were performed at 25°C for 15 min, using a 4.6 mm path-length cuvette.



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