

Amino Acid Analysis Sample Preparation Guidelines

Sample Preparation

- The sample should contain 5 micrograms or more of the protein to be analysed.
- The sample can be submitted dry, in solution or blotted onto PVDF membrane.
- Purity of the sample is critical. The following types of contamination will interfere with the analysis: proteins, amino acids such as glycine and arginine, buffers and salts. A 10% protein contamination can make your results meaningless. Tris, HEPES, glycerol and other primary and secondary amines must be avoided completely.
- Low molecular weight solutes can be removed by dialysis (if you have sufficient protein), by reversed phase HPLC or by loading onto a ProSorb filter (PE Biosystems) and washing the PVDF membrane well with 0.1% TFA.
- For best results samples should be supplied in Milli-Q water, PBS, phosphate buffer or dried. If your protein is not readily soluble, please inform us as this may greatly influence quantitation.

Samples for Quantitation

High Sensitivity Amino Acid Analysis

Pure proteins are usually supplied in solution for quantitation and the above conditions apply. An aliquot will be taken and dried down before gas phase hydrolysis.

Note: Analysis from PVDF is not quantitative, however, it can provide an estimate of the amount of protein present.

Quantitative Amino Acid Analysis

Dry samples such as food products, protein and synthetic peptides need to be supplied in sufficient amounts to weigh accurately. At least 1g of food product is needed and several milligrams of synthetic peptides or protein samples. These undergo a liquid hydrolysis for accurate quantitation.

NOTE:

- Acid hydrolysis converts asparagine and glutamine to aspartic and glutamic acid respectively. That is, the amino acid analysis result for Asp is a total of Asp + Asn and the result for Glu is Glu + Gln.
- For unusual amino acids, such as hydroxyproline, taurine, Norleucine and Hydroxylysine please

Tryptophan Analysis

- Tryptophan is destroyed by acid hydrolysis and requires a separate analysis using base hydrolysis.

Cysteine Analysis

- Cysteine determination also requires a separate analysis. It is analysed as cysteic acid after oxidation with performic acid.

Free Amino Acid Analysis

- Free amino acid analysis is used to analyse samples that do not require hydrolysis.

Pathogenicity

Biological samples coming into APAF should be accompanied by documentation of potential pathogenicity or pathogen free status otherwise APAF will presume all samples from human and animal origin are potential pathogens and will be treated accordingly.

Sample Request Forms

Once you have followed all the guidelines you can fill out Amino Acid Analysis Request Form and sent to Bio-Synthesis, Inc. 612 E. Main Street, Lewisville, Texas 75057 Attn: Analytical Lab.



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AMINO ACID ANALYSIS ORDER FORM

CLIENT SHIPPING INFORMATION	CLIENT BILLING INFORMATION
Date : _____	Account Payable Contact: _____
Principal Investigator: _____	Dept/Company: _____
Institution: _____	Bill to Address: _____
Ship to Address: _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	Fax: _____
Fax: _____	PO# or Credit Card: _____
Email: _____	Credit Card Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Sample Description (e.g. solution phase, solid, resin-bound, or other [specify]):

Please Indicate Buffer/Solvent Components of Sample: _____

Estimated Molecular Weight: _____

Estimated Amount of Sample Provided (mg, mol, etc.): _____

Additional Analyses Requested (each charged as a separate analysis):

- Second time point for Ser and Thr
- Trp
- Cysteine
- Total cysteine plus half-cystine

Other Information/Requirements: _____



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Client Signature: _____

Client Name: _____

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