蛋白定量分析

Protein AssaysBelow is a list of assays for the determination of protein concentration in a solution. This list includes the sensitivity range, volume/amount of sample needed, subjective comments on accuracy and convenience, and major interfering agents. Procedural details, equipment requirements, and references are outlined in the individual assay documents.

The criteria for choice of a protein assay are usually based on convenience, availability of protein for assay, presence or absence of interfering agents, and need for accuracy. For example, the Lowry method is very sensitive but is a two step procedure that requires a minimum of 40 minutes incubation time. The Bradford assay is more sensitive and can be read within 5 minutes, however proteins with low arginine content will be underestimated. Generally, estimates are more accurate for complex mixtures of proteins. Estimates of concentration of pure proteins can be very inaccurate depending on the principle of the assay, unless the same pure protein is used as a standard. Criteria will be discussed in the individual documents.

General Reference: Stoscheck, CM. Quantitation of Protein. Methods in Enzymology 182: 50-69 (1990).

Absorbance assays

Absorbance at 280 nm

Range: 20 micrograms to 3 mg
Volume: Depends on cuvette - volumes range from 200 microliters to 3 ml or greater
Accuracy: Fair
Convenience: Excellent, if equipment available
Major interfering agents: Detergents, nucleic acids, particulates, lipid droplets

Absorbance at 205 nm

Range: Roughly 1 to 100 micrograms Volume: Depends on cuvette - volumes range from 200 microliters to 3 ml or greater Accuracy: Fair Convenience: Very good Major interfering agents: Detergents, nucleic acids, particulates, lipid droplets

Extinction Coefficient

Range: 20 micrograms to 3 mg
Volume: Depends on cuvette - volumes range from 200 microliters to 3 ml or greater
Accuracy: ~2% (very good)
Convenience: Very good
Major interfering agents: Detergents, nucleic acids, particulates, lipid droplets
Colorimetric assays
Modified Lowry
Range: 2 to 100 micrograms
Volume: 1 ml (scale up for larger cuvettes)
Accuracy: Good
Convenience: Fair
Major interfering agents: Strong acids, ammonium sulfate

Biuret

Range: 1 to 10 mg Volume: 5 ml (scale down for smaller cuvettes) Accuracy: Good Convenience: Good Major interfering agents: Ammonium salts

Bradford assay

Range: 1 to 20 micrograms (micro assay); 20 to 200micrograms (macro assay) Volume: 1 ml (micro); 5.5 ml (macro) Accuracy: Good Convenience: Excellent Major interfering agents: None

Bicinchoninic Acid (Smith)

Range: 0.2 to 50 microgramsVolume: 1 ml (scale up for larger cuvettes)Accuracy: GoodConvenience: GoodMajor interfering agents: Strong acids, ammonium sulfate, lipids

Amido Black method Range: 2 to 24 micrograms Volume: 2 ml Accuracy: Good Convenience: Poor Major interfering agents: None reported

Colloidal Gold Range: 20 to 640 nanograms Volume: 1 ml (scale up for larger cuvettes) Accuracy: Fair Convenience: Poor Major interfering agents: Strong bases