

## Amino Acids

**Column:** Luna® 5 µm C18(2) 100 Å, LC Column 250 x 4.6 mm, Ea

**Dimensions:** 250 x 4.6 mm ID

**Order No:** 00G-4252-E0

**Elution Type:** Gradient

**Eluent A:** Water

**Eluent B:** Acetonitrile

Gradient Profile:	Step No.	Time (min)	Pct A	Pct B
	1	0	100	0
	1	20	20	80

**Flow Rate:** 1 mL/min

**Col. Temp.:** ambient

**Detection:** Refractive Index @ 0.0000000000 (ambient)

**Analyst Note:** Description of Sample Prep and HPLC:

Do not use pipette tips or microcentrifuge tubes that have been autoclaved. The water that may collect from the steam and then dry may contaminate the samples.

Collection:

- Collect sample (3.5-4 ml unheparized hematocrit tubes of peripheral blood or minimum of 100 mL culture media)
- Centrifuge @ 3000 rpm, 4°C, 10 min
- Transfer 75mL\* of serum or culture media to a new microcentrifuge tube
  - Sample can now be stored @ -20 °C until ready to perform extraction

Extraction:

- Add 1.4 mL (2 x 0.7 mL) HPLC-grade methanol, vortex
- Spin @ 15,800 g, 0 °C, 15 min
- Transfer 1.2mL (2 x 0.6 mL) of supernatant to a new microcentrifuge tube
- Dry completely in Speedvac on low heat (2-3 hr)
- Store @ -20 °C until ready to run HPLC or proceed directly to next step

HPLC:

- Warm samples to room temp; resuspend dry extract in 100 mL distilled-deionized water (ddH<sub>2</sub>O), let sit at RT for about 30 min then vortex
- Transfer 95 mL to HPLC sample vials (we use inserts inside vials); no bubbles
- HPLC
  - run on a Luna C18(2) column (Phenomenex, 250mm x 4.6 mm)
  - 20mL injection volume with a linear water:acetonitrile gradient from 100:0 to 20:80 over 20 min; 1 mL/min
  - absorbance is read at 225 nm and integrated peaks are calculated by computer
  - Beckman System Gold 166 detector

Standards: 75mL\* of each triple standard is extracted as above. Each standard is run in duplicate with the average AUC used to construct a standard curve. Use distilled-deionized water (ddH<sub>2</sub>O) to make up standards.

- Prepare standard stock solutions of kynuerinine, L-tryptophan and 1-methyl-DL-tryptophan (each = 1mg/mL). Protect from light and store @ -70 °C.
- Triple standard is a mix of 50mL each of kynuerinine, L-tryptophan and 1-methyl-DL-tryptophan. When brought to a volume of 1mL, the concentration of each = 50 mg/mL - this dilution is used as the most concentrated standard.
- From the above dilution, make 4 additional serial dilutions (25, 12.5, 6.25 and 1.25 mg/mL)

\*A 150 mL sample will give a much more readable result if you suspect low amounts of kynuerinine.

Directions for dissolving 1-methyl-DL-tryptophan (1 mg/mL ~4.6mM)

total volume	100mL
1-MeTrp	100mg
1N NaOH	1mL
distilled H <sub>2</sub> O	98mL
HCl	~1mL

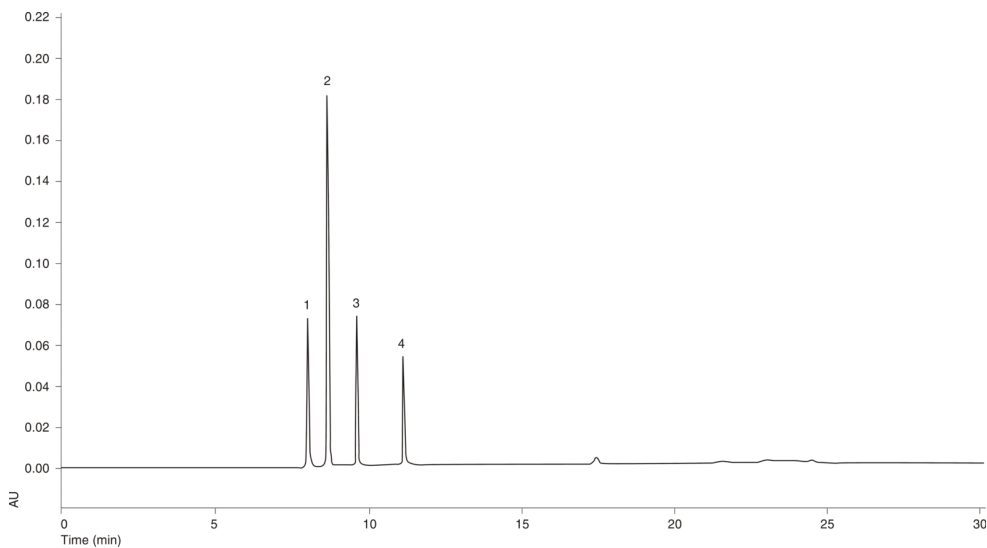
Weigh 1-MeTrp and place in bottle. Add 1N NaOH and mix until majority of powder is dissolved. Add water and stir for ~ 1hr. Titrate to pH=7 using 1N HCl. Aliquot and wrap in foil and store @ -70°C.



Products used in this application:



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### ANALYTES:

- 1** 5-Hydroxytryptophan
- 2** Kynurenine
- 3** Tryptophan
- 4** N-Methyltryptophan

