# Protocol of serum or plasma BUN assay.v2

This is a modified assay for quantification of blood urine nitrogen according to DetectX® BUN Colorimetric Detection Kit (K024-H1) Product Protocol.

## **Sample Preparation**

- 1. Prepare mouse serum or plasma according to protocols described on our website.
- 2. Dilute serum and plasma in  $ddH_20 \ge 1:10$  and  $\ge 1:20$ , respectively (recommended).
- 3. Dilute serum: Pipet 4 µl serum in 76 µl of ddH<sub>2</sub>O in our experience (1:20).

## **Standard Preparation**

Use distilled or deionized water to prepare standard from BUN standard stock (100 mg/dl)

	Std 1	Std 2	Std 3	Std 4
ddH <sub>2</sub> 0 (μl)	138.7	37.5	37.5	75
Addition	11.3 µl Stock	75 μl Std 1	37.5 μl Std 2	N/A
Final conc (mg/dl)	7.5	5	2.5	0

<sup>\*</sup> Use the standards within 2 hours of preparation.

### **Procedure**

- 1. Run all samples and standards in duplicates.
- 2. Pipet 33 µl of samples or appropriate standards in a 96 well plate in duplicates.
- 3. Add 50 µl of Color Reagent A to each well using a repeater pipette.
- 4. Add 50 µl of Color Reagent B to each well using a repeater pipette.
- 5. Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 6. Read the optical density at 450 nm.

### Calculation

Average the duplicate OD readings for each standard and sample. Create a standard curve after subtracting the mean OD's for the blank (Std 4). Calculate sample concentrations using the standard curve and multiplying by the dilution factor.