

## A-YBS

Innovative biological measurement system for the detection of cumulative activity of bisphenols

The biological test system **A-YBS** is an effect-directed, yeast based assay for a sensitive detection of cumulative activity of bisphenols in all types of aqueous samples including eluates and extracts. The **A-YBS** measures the activity of bisphenols, especially bisphenol A and bisphenol Z in the sample, in a fast, easy, economic, and reliable manner. It is therefore ideal for food and environmental analysis.

#### **MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLE**

The **A-YBS** uses the salt- and temperature-tolerant yeast *Arxula* adeninivorans as test organism, in which the modified gene for the human estrogen receptor alpha (hER $\alpha$ ) and a reporter gene have been integrated. The binding of ligands to the receptor will subsequently activate the production of the reporter enzyme phytase. The amount of the reporter enzyme produced correlates with the total concentration of bisphenols in the sample. After addition of a chromogenic substrate, the reporter enzyme concentration can be measured photometrically. Bisphenol A (bpA) is used as reference standard for the calibration.





▲ Schematic reaction of phytase: Cleavage of *p*-nitrophenylphosphate into *p*-nitrophenolate (yellow)

#### **ADVANTAGES OF THE A-YBS**

- High sensitivity for bpA and bpZ
- Low response for natural and synthetic estrogens
- Short processing time and easy handling
- No cell disruption necessary
- No sterile workplace required



#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Risk assessment of aqueous extracts and leachates from personal care products, packaging, plastics, toys (migration studies)
- Environmental monitoring of activity of bisphenols in wastewater, ground- and surface water
- Ultrapure, drinking and mineral water (quality control)



#### LABORATORY REQUIREMENTS

- BSL1 laboratory (GMOs)
- Multichannel pipette (nominal vol. 100 μl)
- Temperature-controlled shaker (T = 86 °F, Orbit at least 3 mm)
- Microlitre/ Microplate centrifuge
- Photometer for microtiter plates
  - $(\lambda = 405 \text{ and } 630 \text{ nm})$

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Duration of Assay	approx. 26 h
Number of samples (BPAEQ)	max. 40
Validation	in-house
Calibration Range	0 - 100 μg/L bisphenol A (bpA)
Limit of Detection	6.4 µg/L bisphenol A (bpA)

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Excerpt of the certificate of analysis

#### QuoData CERTIFICATE

The **A-YBS** test kit has been awarded the QuoData certificate of matrix comprehensive validation. This guarantees continuous high quality and reliability of our test kits.





The validation of the **A-YBS** was performed according to a factorial in-house validation study with eight different water samples each spiked with different concentrations of bpA.

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The range of water types comprised a heterogeneous set of samples with different samples matrices e. g. surface water and samples from wastewater treatment plants. The planning and evaluation of the validation was realized by QuoData GmbH.

The **A-YBS** exhibits a low in-house reproducibility standard deviation of  $\leq$  10 % in the measurement range and a good recovery of spiked bpA.

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