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# Pancreatic Insulin Content by Acid-Ethanol Extraction

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## Abstract

### Summary:

Used to calculate the insulin content in the pancreas.

### Diabetic Complications:



Cardiovascular



Nephropathy



Neuropathy



Pediatric Endocrinology



Retinopathy



Uropathy



Wound-Healing

- 1      $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pancreas is placed into 5 ml Acid-Ethanol (1.5% HCl in 70% EtOH) in a 15 ml conical vial.
- 2     Incubate O/N at -20°C.
- 3     Homogenize tissue (I use a Polytron homogenizer).
- 4     Incubate O/N at -20°C.
- 5     Centrifuge at 2000 rpm 15 min at 4°C (Sorvall RT6000).
- 6     Transfer aqueous solution to a new 15 ml conical vial.
- 7     Neutralize 100  $\mu$ l of Acid-Ethanol extract with 100  $\mu$ l 1M Tris pH 7.5.
- 8     Dilute further (1:100, 1:1000, or 1:5000 depending upon the strain) in Insulin ELISA sample diluent.
- 9     Run diluted sample on Insulin ELISA (Exocell). Calculate ng/ml with appropriate dilution factor.
- 10    Run 20  $\mu$ l of the neutralized solution in a Bradford Assay (250  $\mu$ l Coomassie Blue Reagent, Thermo Scientific) against a standard curve. Calculate  $\mu$ g/ml with appropriate dilution factor.
- 11    Divide Insulin content ng/ml by Protein content  $\mu$ g/ml.