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## ABSTRACT

This is a modified protocol for a protein precipitation method for plasma/serum samples. This protocol was originally proposed by:

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## MATERIALS

### 1. Chemicals and reagents




- Phosphate buffer in D<sub>2</sub>O (100 mM, pH 7.4, 1/3 mM DSS-d<sub>6</sub>)
- Methanol

### 2. Equipment


- Calibrated micropipettes (100 µL, 200 µL, and 1000 µL)
- Pipette tips
- 1.5-mL Eppendorf tubes
- 5-mm SampleJet NMR tubes (Bruker)
- Centrifuge
- Vortex mixer
- Speed-vac concentrator


## 1 Day-1/2

1.1 Thaw samples  On ice or at  4 °C



1.2 Add  600 µL of 100% cold methanol to  300 µL of samples  On ice



- Use 1.5-mL Eppendorf tubes
- Keep methanol cold  On ice

1.3 Vortex the samples for  00:00:10

10s

1.4 Incubate the samples at  -20 °C for  00:20:00

20m

1.5 Centrifuge the samples at  4 °C at  16000 rcf for  00:30:00


30m



1.6 Transfer the supernatants to new 1.5-mL Eppendorf tubes

1.7 Dry the samples in a speed-vac concentrator



 Overnight (time varies depending on the sample condition)


### Note

Store dried samples at  -80 °C until the following step if needed



## 2 Day-2/2

2.1 Thaw the samples  On ice or in  4 °C





2.2 Add  600 µL of the phosphate buffer to each sample



2.3 Vortex the samples at  4 °C for  00:10:00

10m

2.4 Centrifuge the samples at  4 °C for  00:00:10

10s



2.5 Transfer  580 µL to 5-mm NMR tubes

### Note

No stickers/labels on the caps and tubes allowed

