

# SGPT

## (ALANINE AMINOTRANSFERASE) (DNPH Method)



### PROCEDURE

1. Dilute reagent 4, 1 mL to 10 mL  
 Reagent 4 ..... 1 volume  
 Distilled Water ..... 9 volume
2. Into a test tube, introduce :  
 Reagent 1 ..... 0.5 mL  
 Incubate at 37°C for 5 minutes.
3. Add : serum ..... 0.1 mL  
 Mix carefully, Leave for exactly 30 minutes at 37°C.
4. Add : Reagent 2 ..... 0.5 mL  
 Mix well. Let stand 20 minutes at 18-25°C.
5. Add rapidly whilst mixing :  
 Reagent 4, working ..... 5 mL
6. After exactly 5 minutes, read the optical density against distilled water at 530 nm (510 - 550 nm Green filter)

### CALIBRATION

1. Into 5 test tubes labelled as under introduce :

	Tube 1 mL	Tube 2 mL	Tube 3 mL	Tube 4 mL	Tube 5 mL
Distilled Water .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Reagent 1 .....	0.5	0.45	0.4	0.35	0.3
Standard 3 .....	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2
Reagent 2 .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mix will, allow to stand 20 Minutes at 18-25°C.					
2. Add rapidly whilst mixing : Working Reagent 4.....	5	5	5	5	5
3. After exactly 5 mins, read the optical density against distilled water at 530 nm (510-550 nm) corresponding GPT activities is Karmen Units/ml	0	28	57	97	150

4. Draw the standard curve, expressing GPT activities on the x-axis and optical densities on the y-axis of a graph.

### EXPECTED VALUES

**Male** : 3.8 to 17.0 Karmen Units/ml

**Female** : 1.3 to 16 Karmen Units/ml

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### CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Increased levels are associated with various liver damages and hepatitis.

### PRINCIPLE

Alanine aminotransferase catalyses the following reaction :



The GPT activity controls the quantity of pyruvate formed. This keto-acid may be assayed by the formation of 2, 4, dinitro phenylhydrazone which yields a brown colour in alkaline medium. The intensity of this colour is a function of the quantity of pyruvate formed and thus the catalytic activity of alanine aminotransferase.

### REAGENTS COMPOSITION

1. **Buffer - substrate**  
 Phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) 100 mMol/L  
 L-alanine 200 mMol/L  
 Oxo-2- glutarate 2 mMol/L
2. **Chromogen**  
 2,4-Dinitro phenylhydrazine 1 mMol/L  
 Hydrochloric Acid 1 Mol/L
3. **Standard**  
 Sodium pyruvate 2 mMol/L
4. **Sodium Hydroxide**  
 Sodium hydroxide 4 Mol/L

### STORAGE AND STABILITY

When stored tight capped 2-8°C and protected from bright light the reagents are stable until the expiry date stated on each label. Keep Reagent 4 (Sodium Hydroxide) tight Capped at room temperature. Avoid any bacterial contamination. Reagent 4 when diluted and kept in polyethylene vials is stable for at least 8 days between 18 and 25°C.

### SAMPLE

Use fresh serum which has no signs of haemolysis. No prior patient preparation is needed

### LIMITATIONS

This method is not linear. Each kit should be quality controlled and calibrated for its activities corresponding to the enzyme. For more accuracy a control must be run along with the test adding serum after Step 4. Any colour shows above the blank of the standard Tube no 1 of calibration graph) must be deducted from the O.D. of the test.

### RESULTS

Compare the Optical Density of the Test against the standard calibration graph, any sample having activity greater than 90 Karmen Units/ml must be diluted with 0.9% saline and be confirmed by re assay. (Multiply the result by dilution factor).

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