

# L-Glutamate Determination

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERIES



## Introduction

L-Glutamate concentrations in complex matrices can be measured directly and quickly using the [YSI 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer](#). YSI's unique enzyme technology provides for specific L-glutamate measurement. Measurements are virtually unaffected by color, turbidity, density, pH, or the presence of reducing substances.

When a sample is injected into the sample chamber, the glutamate diffuses into the membrane containing glutamate oxidase. The glutamate is immediately oxidized to hydrogen peroxide,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, and ammonia. The hydrogen peroxide is detected amperometrically at the platinum electrode surface. The current flow at the electrode is directly proportional to the hydrogen peroxide concentration, and hence to glutamate concentration.



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## I. Materials & Setup

- A. YSI Series Biochemistry Analyzer - equipped with a 2754 Glutamate Membrane and 2357 Buffer.
- B. L-Glutamate standards (5.00 mmol/L, 10.0 mmol/L).
- C. Connect the YSI Series Biochemistry Analyzer to a suitable power source.
- D. Perform the instrument and membrane daily checks described in the Operations Manual (Section 5).
- E. Connect the YSI Series Biochemistry Analyzer to a suitable power source.
- F. Volumetric glassware (Class A recommended).
- G. The following instrument setup is recommended.  
Sample size: 25  $\mu$ L

### Probe A Parameters

Chemistry	Glutamate
Unit	mmo/L
Calibrator	5.00 mmo/L
End Point	30 Sec

### Autocal Parameters

Temperature	1 $^{\circ}$ C
Time	30 Min
Sample	5 Samples
Cal Shift	2%

## II. Method

- A. Total glutamate concentration should not exceed 10.0 mmol/L, as determined in Part D below; otherwise the sample will require further dilution. Use volumetric glassware for all dilutions.
- B. Calibrate the YSI Series Biochemistry Analyzer with a 5.00 mmol/L L-Glutamate Calibration Standard.
- C. Check the linearity of the membrane at least once a day by injection of a glutamate linearity check solution (10.0 mmol/L). Refer to the Operators Manual (Section 5) for specifications.
- D. Assay the sample by aspiration into the YSI Series Biochemistry Analyzer. The linear range of the system is 0.1 to 10.0 mmol/L glutamate. If the value reported exceeds this, further dilution is required.
- E. Calibrate frequently as described in the Operations Manual (Section 7).

## III. Calculations

To calculate % glutamate, multiply the reported value by the appropriate dilution factor.

For the examples, glutamate concentrations are expressed as monosodium glutamate. The molecular weight of monosodium glutamate (MSG) is 187.13 g/mole or 0.18713 g/mmol.

Example: The contents of a can of soup were blended in a blender on medium speed for about 3 minutes. 10.09 g of blended soup was diluted to 100 mL in a Class A volumetric flask with water. When assayed, the value reported was 1.42 mmol/L glutamate.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\% Glucose:} &= 0.0027 \text{ g MSG/g soup} \\ 1.42 \text{ mmo/L x} & \\ 0.100 \text{ L/10.09 g x} &= 0.27\% \text{ (w/w)} \\ 0.18713 \text{ g/mmol} & \\ \text{MSG} & \end{aligned}$$

Example: 2.50 grams of a dry powder seasoning mix was diluted to 100 mL in a Class a volumetric flask with water. The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes. When assayed, the value reported was 6.85 mmol/L glutamate.

$$\begin{aligned} 6.85 \text{ mmo/L x} &= 0.0512 \text{ g MSG/g} \\ 0.100\text{L/2.50g x} & \text{ seasoning mix} \\ 0.18713 \text{ g/mmol} & \\ \text{MSG} &= 5.12\% \text{ (w/w)} \end{aligned}$$

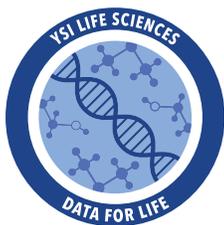
## Ordering Information

YSI Part Numbers:

- 2900 Series Biochemistry Analyzer
- 2754 Glutamate Oxidase Membrane Kit
- 2755 L-Glutamate Standard Solution (5.00 mmol/ L)
- 2756 L-Glutamate Standard Solution (10.0 mmol/ L)
- 2357 Buffer Kit
- 2363 Potassium Ferrocyanide Test Solution
- 2392 NaCl Solution (for membrane installation)



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