

Detection Kit for Carcinogenic Compounds, PAHs in Fish



This invention determines the level of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in fish or fish product. PAHs are carcinogenic compounds, therefore screening should be carried out to avoid consumption of fish or fish product contaminated with it. Knowing the levels of PAHs also help in making proper management decision to reduce the impacts of this pollution onto the aquatic environment and organism.

This kit determines level of fluorescent aromatic compounds (FACs) in fish bile. FACs are products of PAHs breakdown in fish bile. Concentration of FACs in fish bile indicates the level of PAHs absorbed into the fish body and this relates to the amount of PAHs in the water system.

Potential Consumers

- Food safety screening bodies/Ministry of Health
- Environmental impact assessment institutions
- Petroleum companies
- Research institutions and Universities

Benefits

- 2.5-33 times more accurate compared to all existing methods used for FACs determination
- simple and straightforward
- minimum requirements for specialised equipment

Cost

High accuracy results at MYR450/100 samples compared to low accuracy readings at MYR300-700/100 samples with all other existing methods.



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