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Compact Dry TC	Total Count	10145-968	129.15
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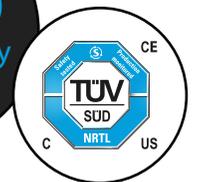
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# Culture Media for Brewery & Fermentation



Dr. Rabul Warke, Director of R&D, HiMedia Laboratories



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Brewing is one of the oldest and more complex technologies in food and beverage production. The microbiology of brewing is a diverse subject that begins with the production of beer and wine and extends to product stability to spoilage. While most microorganisms are inhibited by the alcohol content, low pH, or other ingredients, there are a few genera of bacteria, wild yeasts, and molds that can exist in this environment, causing spoilage of beer and wine. Most of these spoilage organisms make the beer acidic or produce substances such as diacetyl and tetraden compounds, resulting in deleterious effects on flavor and shelf life. The microorganisms *Pectinatus* and *Megasphaera* are also dangerous pathogens. HiMedia makes a

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*See page 3 for HiMedia dehydrated culture media for brewing and fermentation.*

### Steps of the Beer Manufacturing Process





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Electrical	120V–60Hz

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6.3	± 0.4°C	± 0.1°C	36 x 25 x 29	2/19	89511-428	3414.42
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Description	Buffer Volume	Cat. No.	Each
Mini Gel Electrophoresis System, 120V, US Plug	300 mL	95043-650	772.73

# Ultrapure Water Essential for Direct Determination of Bisphenol A by HPLC-MS/MS

ELGA LabWater, Lane End, United Kingdom



## Abstract

Until recently, bisphenol A (BPA) was widely used in the manufacture of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins that line aluminum beverage cans. The risks associated with BPA remain highly controversial. As a result, numerous determinations of trace BPA are now carried out, creating the need for robust analytical processes. High performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS) offers extremely high sensitivity for BPA detection, often with a detection limit of below 2ppt, making it essential to use ultrapure water throughout the analytical process. A range of ELGA® pure water systems have been tested for this application, and offer effective removal of BPA to below the detection limit of HPLC-MS/MS.

## Introduction

BPA has been used in the commercial production of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins for over 50 years, and until recently, was widely used throughout the chemical, plastics, and food and beverage industries despite being a known endocrine disrupter<sup>1</sup>. The potential hazards associated with the small amounts of unreacted BPA in polycarbonates and epoxy resins remain highly controversial<sup>2</sup>, and recent legislation banning the use of BPA for plastic manufacture in many countries has created a need for fast, reliable and highly sensitive techniques for its detection. Direct analysis in aqueous samples or extracts is preferred, as this has the advantage of minimizing the risk of contamination or low recovery rates, requiring analytical techniques capable of determining parts per trillion (ppt) levels of BPA. HPLC-MS/MS offers the specificity and sensitivity required for routine BPA screening, often with a detection limit of below 2ppt. The exceptional sensitivity of this technique makes the use of ultrapure water throughout the analytical process vital, requiring a reliable water purification system to avoid erroneous results.

## Experimental

To determine the suitability of ELGA PURELAB® water purification systems for BPA analysis, water samples from four different instruments from the PURELAB range (**Table 1**) were submitted for independent BPA analysis at the Institute for the Dynamics of Environmental Processes (CNR) in Venice, Italy. All units were set up in ELGA's central R&D facility, and were cleaned and operated for a set period prior to use. Samples were taken in glass bottles which had been pre-cleaned by rinsing in ultrapure water and heating to 450 °C.

Sample number	Water purification system
1	PURELAB Classic fed from a Micra
2	PURELAB flex 2 fed from PURELAB Option S
3	PURELAB flex 3
4	PURELAB Ultra fed from a PURELAB Option Q

Table 1: Details of samples submitted for BPA analysis.

## Method

Samples were analyzed by HPLC-MS/MS, using the method described by Sangiorgi *et al*<sup>3</sup> and the following instrument set-up:

### 1) HPLC

Column:	Synergi™ Hydro-RP, 4.6x50 mm (Phenomenex)
Mobile Phases:	A = H <sub>2</sub> O, B = MeOH,
Injection Volume:	100 µL
Chromatographic Run:	0 mins: 50 % B; 2–7 mins: 100 % B; 9–15 mins: 50 % B

### 2) Mass Spectrometry

Instrument:	API 4000 Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer (Applied Biosystems)
Acquisition:	MRM (Multiple Reaction Monitoring)
Ion Source:	ESI in Negative Ion Mode
Transition Used for Quantification:	227.0>132.8

## Results

The example ion chromatogram in **Figure 1** shows the suitability of the method for detection of ppt levels of BPA. A standard calibration curve from 5 to 1,000 ppt BPA was generated, as shown in **Figure 2**, demonstrating good reproducibility up to 50,000 ppt BPA (summarized in **Table 2**), with a calculated detection limit of 1.8 ppt.

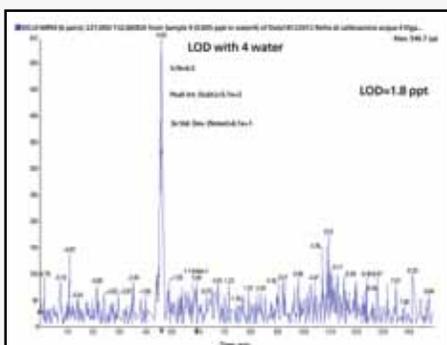


Figure 1: Bisphenol A signal for 5 ppt standard in ultrapure water.

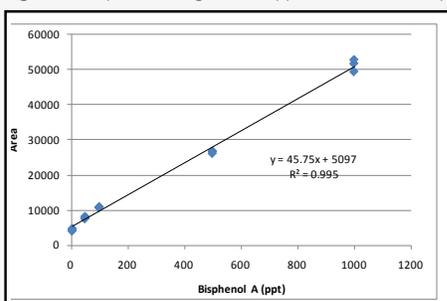


Figure 2: Calibration curve for 5 to 1,000 ppt bisphenol A.

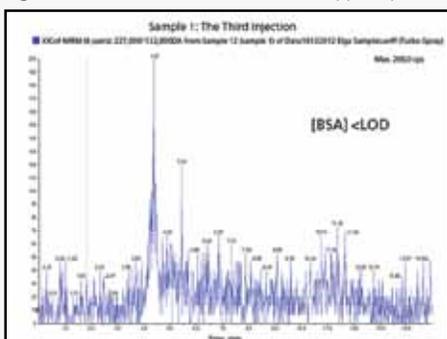


Figure 3: Bisphenol A determination for Sample 1.

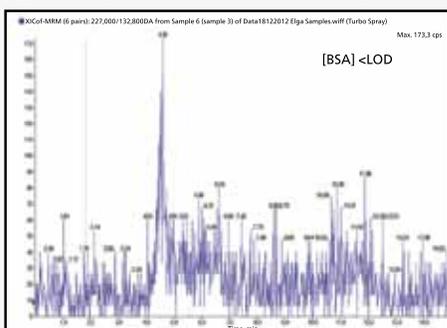


Figure 4: Bisphenol A determination for Sample 3.

Concentration of BPA (ppt)	Area BPA	RSD (%)
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	1.83E+03	
	1.80E+03	
5	4.11E+03	7.98
	4.82E+03	
	4.43E+03	
50	8.25E+03	4.32
	0 7.63E+03	
	7.70E+03	
100	1.08E+04	0.92
	1.10E+04	
	1.09E+04	
500	2.68E+04	1.3
	2.62E+04	
	2.68E+04	
1,000	4.95E+04	3.38
	5.18E+04	
	5.29E+04	
10,000	4.05E+05	8.06
	4.61E+05	
	4.72E+05	
50,000	2.48E+06	2.04
	2.40E+06	
	2.39E+06	

Table 2: Reproducibility data for standard calibration curve

## Results

Example ion chromatograms for the samples are shown in **Figures 3 and 4**, and the measured BPA concentrations for all samples were below the detection limit of the analytical technique.

## Conclusion

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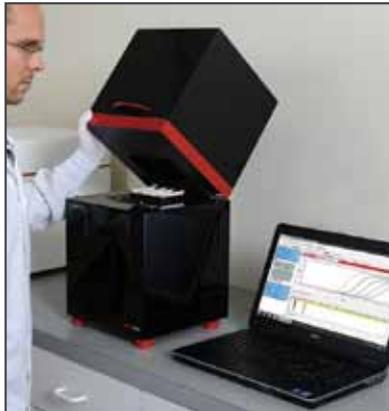
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Brewing has become almost a science in recent times, and the growing global market for the product has led to an increasing awareness of the need for consistency in the characteristics of each particular brand, whether that be color, alcoholic strength, flavor, or clarity.

Analytical methods used by the brewing industry have been developed by a number of national and international bodies such as the European Brewery Convention and the American Society of Brewing Chemists (ASBC) and the Mitteleuropäische Brautechnische Analysenkommission (MEBAK)<sup>1</sup>. This combined group has been responsible for the refining and harmonization of the various test methods used throughout the brewing industry, many of which rely on a filtration step or steps as shown in **Table 1**.

**Wort Filtration:** When buying malt, the brewery is looking for a product which will yield the most economic extract (wort). To ensure that an appropriate malt is supplied, filtration is one of the measures to evaluate the potential of malt for producing total wort-solubles but also to serve as a predictive means for estimating contribution of malt to such wort properties as fermentable extract, total acidity, pH, color, viscosity, total nitrogen, and free amino nitrogen (from ASBC). A slower filtration speed reflects the lower solubility of the wort

which will result in a negative impact on fermentation. A faster filtration speed with maximum turbidity removal will indicate the high quality of the malt and positive influence on the quality of fermentation.

**CO<sub>2</sub> Removal/M Measurement:** During beer fermentation, CO<sub>2</sub> is dissolved in beers. When a QC lab prepares a sample for chemical and physical analysis, they will take certain volume of sample as the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> will affect the accuracy of volume measurement. For total acid measurement in beer, CO<sub>2</sub> it will cause adverse impact to analysis results. Therefore, in order to facilitate quality measurements in beer the CO<sub>2</sub> content needs to be reduced as low as possible (degassing) to maximize the accuracy of volume measurements and total acidity determination. To decarbonate, a sample can be transferred to an Erlenmeyer flask and shaken until gas no longer escapes from the beer. Alternatively, a very simple and quick way is to filter beer through a filter paper.

**Removal of Yeast:** The majority of beers

are marketed as bright, which means they contain no sediment or turbidity (unlike bottle conditioned beers which contain yeast, or wheat beers which have a characteristic cloudiness). If sediment does occur it is largely due to the yeast responsible for the fermentation, so the finished fermentation is filtered to remove the spent yeast. To ensure the finished product is free from sediment, the filtration needs to be as efficient as possible to remove the yeast.

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1.4.3.1 Soluble extract in wet spent grains obtained by pressing (rapid method)	2.8.3 Limit of attenuation in wort (rapid method EBC)
1.4.3.2 Soluble extract in wet and dry spent grains obtained by rinsing (EBC)	2.9.1 Degassing a sample (EBC)
1.4.4.2 Available residual extract	2.10.3.2.1 Total glucose - hydrolysis method
1.4.5 Iodine value of brewery spent grains	2.12.2 Spectrophotometric color (EBC)
1.6.1 Solids in wort (labor veritas method)	2.14.2.2 Alcohol chill haze test, CHAPON (cold sensitivity)
1.6.2 Solids or trub material (field method)	2.16.3 Tannoids
1.6.3 Cold trub	2.17.3 Determination of hop bitter substances in wort and beer (EBC)
2.6.2 Coaguble nitrogen (thermal coagulation of protein)	2.20.1 membrane filterability test of beer
2.6.3.1 Nitrogen fractionation (precipitation with magnesium sulphate)	2.21.3.3 4-vinyl guaiacol and 4-vinyl phenol detection
2.6.3.2 Nitrogen fractionation (precipitation with phosphomolybdic acid)	2.21.8.3 Detection of SO <sub>2</sub> with continuous flow rate
2.8.1 Limit of attenuation in wort (fermentation tube method)	2.22.1 Chloride, sulphate, nitrate, and phosphate in beer (EBC)
2.8.2 Limit of attenuation in wort (reference method—EBC)	2.22.5 Sulphate ions

**Table 1:** Listing of analytical methods employing filtration. Numbers refer to the designation within the MEBAK Guide.

## References

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## Measuring Haze in Beer

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### Goal

The following application note describes how to simply and quickly measure the haze or “turbidity” in beer using a Thermo Scientific™ Orion™ AQUAfast™ AQ3010 Turbidity Meter.

### Introduction

The haze observed in beer is something the chemistry world refers to as “turbidity”. Depending on the type of beer, it can be a desired or undesired effect. Haze can result from proteins, polyphenols, and even carbohydrates in colloidal form. When beer haze is observed only in cold temperatures, and then disappears once the beer warms up, this is known as “chill haze”. The Thermo Scientific Orion AQUAfast AQ3010 Turbidity Meter can be used to quickly and simply measure the haze or “turbidity” in various types of beers. Additional instructions for testing the chill haze of beer samples can be found at the end of the application note.<sup>1</sup>

### Recommended Equipment

- Orion AQ3010 Turbidity Meter
- Orion AC3V25 Turbidity Vials
- Stir rod or stirring equipment
- (For chill haze testing) Thermometer, water or ice-bath at 0°C

### Required Reagents and Solutions

- Orion AC3015 Turbidity Standards
- Turbidity-free water (TFW), e.g., prepared by reverse osmosis (RO) or by filtration through 0.2 um filter, whichever yields acceptable results.
- Solution Preparation: none required
- Meter setup: none required

### Meter Performance Check/ Calibration Verification

**Note:** Orion AC3015 styrene divinylbenzene (SDVB) polymer turbidity standards never need mixing. Do not shake the standards as this will introduce bubbles and cause them to read inaccurately until the bubbles dissipate.

Check meter accuracy by reading one or more turbidity standards (included with the meter) at the level of interest. For example, read the zero (0.02) and the 20 NTU standard. The zero should read <0.1 NTU and the 20 NTU standard should read within ±10%, e.g., 18–22 NTU.

### If the meter performance check fails, take the following corrective actions:

1. Wipe the vial carefully with a lint-free wipe to remove all fingerprints and liquid drips from the exterior, handle the vial by the cap only, and remeasure.
2. Tap the vial gently three times and let the vial sit for 60 seconds to allow for bubbles to release, then remeasure.
3. Using a clean vial (which reads <0.1 NTU when filled with TFW), pour a fresh portion of turbidity standard into the vial, wipe carefully, and measure.

### Sample Vial (Cuvette) Storage, Soaking, and Rinsing

Store vials filled with TFW. Immediately after use, clean sample vials with laboratory detergent and rinse multiple times with TFW. Note: Standards may be stored in supplied glass sample vials until the standard reading is no longer in specification. See Meter Performance Check section for corrective actions when a standard reads out of specification.

### Sample Preparation

Beer samples must be degassed prior to testing, as bubbles will cause biased high results. Remove a portion of the beer, not including any settled sediments, to a beaker. Stir the beer until all the gas has been released. If uncertain about degassing time, stir until further stirring does not change the turbidity reading.

### Calibration

The meter is shipped precalibrated. The meter performance is very stable and does not require frequent calibration. If a standard reading is not within criteria, take all necessary corrective actions (as described in the Meter Performance Check section) to improve meter readings. If corrective actions fail and recalibration is necessary, perform the recalibration only on the points that failed and do so with fresh portions of standard poured into clean vials. Ensure that all fingerprints and liquid drips have been removed from the exterior of the vial with a lint-free wipe before using. Handle vials by the cap only.

### Analysis

After the sample has been degassed, wipe the sample vial to remove all traces of liquids and fingerprints, place into meter, and press the measure key. Take duplicate reading(s) until results agree within 5%.

### Quality Control (QC)

Recommended QC procedures include: calibration verification, turbidity-free water analysis (optional), and sample duplicates.

## Notes for Improved Accuracy of Low-Level Samples

If improved accuracy is desired, pay close attention to sample vial cleanliness, TFW quality, handling of standards and samples, use of matching vials, storage of vials in TFW, and scratches or imperfections in the vials.

For improved low-level accuracy, ensure that a clean vial filled with TFW reads <0.1 NTU before using that vial to test beer. If a clean vial does not read <0.1 NTU, discard it or set it aside for further cleaning. If no clean vials read <0.1 NTU, the TFW may need degassing or a cleaner source of TFW may be required.

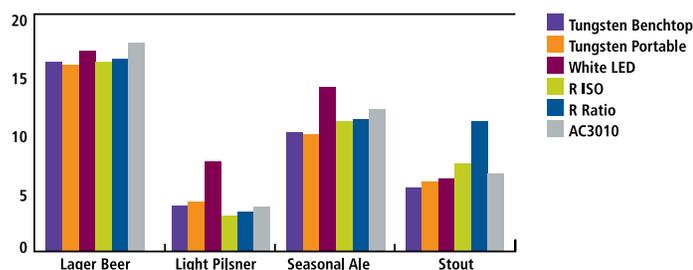
## Result Statistics

Four types of beers, a DI water (TFW) sample, and a 10 NTU standard were tested at room temperature. The lager beer was visually the most turbid and the light pilsner was the clearest beer. The stout was dark to the eye, but had a relatively low turbidity.

## Summary

The table and chart below show that AQ3010 results compare well with other turbidity meter results. All results are in NTUs.

	Tungsten Benchtop	Tungsten Portable	White LED Portable	IR ISO	IR Ratio	AQ3010
DI	0.06	0.12	0.03	0.03	0.03	0
Lager Beer	15.5	15.2	16.3	15.5	15.6	17.1
Light Pilsner	3.6	3.9	7.2	2.8	3	3.5
Seasonal Ale	9.7	9.5	13.5	10.6	10.9	11.6
Stout	5.2	5.7	5.8	7.1	10.6	6.3
10 NTU	9.71	10.6	10.2	9.34	9.84	10.2



## Notes for Chill Haze Testing

- Place beer in 0°C bath and hold 24 hours.
- Pre-chill the sample vial in 0°C bath.
- Without disturbing settled matter, transfer a portion of the sample to the pre-chilled sample vial. While holding at 0°C, stir to degas the beer sample. Use a thermometer to verify the sample temperature. The thermometer may be used to stir and degas the sample.
- Without warming the vial, place the cap on the sample vial, hold the sample vial by the cap and quickly wipe dry the degassed sample vial at 0°C. Place into meter immediately, and take the reading for chill haze.

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## Reference

- AOAC Method 970.14, Haze (Total) of Beer after Chilling, AOAC International, www.aoc.org.



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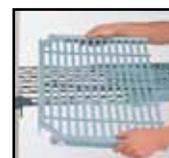
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