## **Extraction Procedure for Progesterone**

Includes: Progesterone

Cat #: EA 74

## **Materials Needed:**

1. Petroleum Ether

- 2. Nitrogen Gas
- 3. 10x75 mm Glass Tubes

## **Procedure:**

- 1. Pipet 100  $\mu$ L of plasma into a glass tube (10x75 mm) and add 1 mL of petroleum ether.
- 2. Vortex the tube for 30 seconds, then allow the phases to separate.
- 3. Transfer the organic phase into a clean glass tube and evaporate the solvent with a stream of nitrogen gas.
- 4. Dissolve the residue in 500 μL of diluted extraction buffer.
- 5. Vortex and assay the following volumes for plasma concentrations:

Male: 50 μL in duplicate wells

Female: 10  $\mu L$  in duplicate wells (Add 40  $\mu L$  of diluted extraction buffer in these wells).

- 6. Multiply the obtained values by 5 to give final the concentrations in ng/mL.
- 7. If the concentration is higher than the high range of the standard curve, the above extract should be further diluted and re-assayed.