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Indirect Bilirubin Measurement

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Bilirubin is in the insoluble form, unconjugated bilirubin (indirect bilirubin). The non-water soluble, free bilirubin does not react with sulfanilic acid at acidic pH to produce a red colored complex until an accelerator, alcohol, is added to the solution to perform a quantitative measurement of unconjugated bilirubin levels.