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## Buffer Standards for the Physiological pH of the Zwitterionic Compound, ACES from 5 to 55°C

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### Abstract

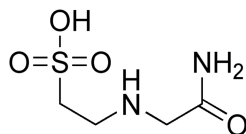
The values of the second dissociation constant  $pK_2$  and related thermodynamic quantities of [N-(2-acetamido)-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid] (ACES) have already been reported over the temperature range 5 to 55°C including 37°C. This paper reports the  $p_{aH}$  values of four chloride ion free buffer solutions and eight buffer solutions with  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ , matching closely to that of the physiological sample. Conventional  $p_{aH}$  values for all twelve buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C, are reported. The residual liquid junction potential correction for two widely used temperatures, 25 and 37°C, has been made. The flowing-junction calomel cell method has been utilized to measure  $E_j$ , the liquid junction potential. The operational pH values for four buffer solutions at 25 and 37°C are calculated using the physiological phosphate buffer standard based on NBS/NIST convention. These solutions are recommended as pH standards in the pH range of 6.8 to 7.2 for physiological fluids.

### Keywords

Buffers; ACES; Liquid junction; Ionic strength; Emf; Zwitterions; pH; Acidity function

### 1 Introduction

We have reported the  $pK_2$  values of N-(2-acetamido)-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid (ACES) [1] and TABS [2], at temperatures from 5 to 55°C including 37°C. The zwitterionic compounds have been recommended by Good and coworkers [3–4] for use as biological buffers. The structure of ACES is given below:



N-(2-Acetamido)-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid

ACES

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In 1961[5], the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) certified the widely used phosphate buffer as a physiological pH standard in the pH range between 7.3 and 7.5. The pH of this physiological phosphate buffer standard is 7.415 at 25°C and 7.395 at 37°C.

Some of the problems with its use are explained as follows: (i) phosphates interact unfavorably with biological media, (ii) precipitation occurs with some polyvalent cations in the blood constituents such as  $Mg^{+2}$  and  $Ca^{+2}$ , (iii) phosphates, may also act as an inhibitor to enzymatic processes, and (iv) the temperature coefficient of the phosphate buffer is  $-0.0028$  pH unit/°C which is not close to that of whole blood ( $-0.015$  pH unit/°C) [6].

Wu and coworkers [7] have published the values of  $pK_2$  and pH of the zwitterionic buffer N-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES). The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has certified the HEPES buffer as a primary reference standard in the range of physiological application. For two-point calibrations of pH measurements for physiological fluids, a second zwitterionic buffer, 3-(N-morpholino)-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid (MOPSO), has been studied by Wu et al.[8]. In 1973, Bates et al. [9–10] suggested the use of tris(hydroxymethyl)methylglycine (TRICINE) as a buffer standard for the physiological range of pH 7.2 to 8.5. Roy et al. [11] reported results for  $pK_2$  and pH for 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) in the temperature range 5 to 55°C. Another zwitterionic buffer material, N-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid (HEPPSO) was investigated by Roy et al. [12] for the control of acidity in the biochemically important pH range. Goldberg et al. [13], in their comprehensive review of the thermodynamic quantities of the biological buffers, indicates that no reliable pH data are available for ACES buffer.

In continuation of research in the area of pH values for physiological pH standards, we have studied ACES, with the following compositions in units of molality  $m$ , where  $m = \text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ :

- a. ACES ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- b. ACES ( $0.02 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- c. ACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- d. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- e. ACES ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.13 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- f. ACES ( $0.02 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.12 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- g. ACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.10 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- h. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- i. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.12 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- j. ACES ( $0.05 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.05 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.11 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- k. ACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.10 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- l. ACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$

The detailed procedure for the preparation of these buffer solutions for ACES is described below.

## 2. Experimental

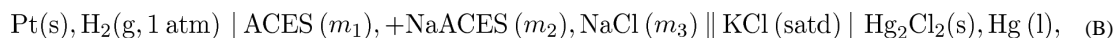
ACES was obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. (St. Louis, Missouri). The details of purification by further crystallization as well as the determinations of the assay have been reported in earlier papers [1]. The assays showed that the ACES was  $(99.94 \pm 0.03)$  % pure. The buffer solutions were prepared by weighing required amounts of ACES, some standard solutions of NaOH subsequently used to prepare the buffer solutions, and calculated amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>-free doubly distilled water. ACS reagent grade NaCl was recrystallized from water. Buoyancy corrections were applied to all for all masses used.

The preparation of the hydrogen electrodes, the silver-silver chloride, the design of the all-glass cells, and the purification of the hydrogen gas have been described previously [11, 14]. The description of the equipment, such as a digital platinum resistance thermometer (Guildline Model 9540), digital voltmeter (Hewlett-Packard 2000 multimeter), constant temperature bath (controlled to  $\pm 0.005^\circ\text{C}$ ), etc. have been published [11–12].

Four types of electrochemical cells were employed in the present investigation. The schematic diagram of these is shown below:



where the buffer ACES, in indicated molalities of the respective species, and 1 atm = 101.325 kPa in SI units. The estimation of the liquid junction potential was made by using the flowing junction cell (B):



where the double vertical line represents a liquid junction, and the abbreviations (s), (l), and (g) denote solid, liquid, and gaseous state, respectively.

This primary reference with the composition  $[\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4 (0.008695 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 (0.03043 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1})]$  was used. The schematic design of cell (C) is:



The values of the standard electrode potential,  $E^\circ_{\text{SCE}}$ , of the saturated calomel electrode were given [15–17] to be:  $-0.2415 \text{ V}$ , and  $-0.2335 \text{ V}$  at  $25$  and  $37^\circ\text{C}$  [15–17], respectively. The values of  $E_j$  for the physiological phosphate as well as for the other buffer solutions for cell (B) were calculated using the following equation [11]:

$$E_j = E + E^\circ_{\text{SCE}} - k \text{pH}, \quad (1)$$

where  $k = 0.059156$  and  $\text{pH} = 7.415$  (physiological phosphate buffer solution) at  $25^\circ$ ;  $k = 0.061538$  and  $\text{pH} = 7.395$  at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . The operational definition of pH, namely pH (x), is:

$$\text{pH}(x) = \text{pH}(s) + \frac{E_x - E_s - \delta E_j}{k}, \quad (2)$$

where  $x$  refers to the unknown buffers (ACES + NaACESate;),  $s$  is the reference solution of known pH, and  $\delta E_j = E_{j(s)} - E_{j(x)}$ . For  $\delta E_j = 0$ , Eq. (2) becomes:

$$\text{pH}(x) = \text{pH}(s) + \frac{E_x - E_s}{k}. \quad (3)$$

As a trial run, the procedure used to determine  $\text{p}K_2$  values for ACES differed in employing the following cell with silver-silver bromide electrodes:



The results of  $\text{p}K_2$  obtained by using cell (A) containing a Ag-AgCl reference electrode and cell (D) with Ag-AgBr reference electrodes lie within experimental uncertainties (within  $\pm 0.001$ ). Thus, there was no indication of the elevated solubility of silver chloride in presence of solutions involving nitrogen bases. Hence, silver-silver chloride electrodes were used throughout the experiments in order to determine pH values of buffer solutions. Duplicate cells usually gave readings within 0.02 mV on the average in the temperature range 5 to 55°C.

### 3. Methods and Results

The emf values for cell (A) containing four buffer solutions, and eight dilute buffer solutions in which NaCl had been added to make  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ , have been corrected to a hydrogen pressure of 1 atm. These values are entered in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively.

#### 3.1 The Conventional $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$ of ACES Buffer

Conventional  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$  values have been calculated by the method of Bates et al. [9, 17] for twelve buffer solutions with the following compositions, where the numbers in the parentheses, and the ionic strengths of each solution, are in units of molality:

- a. ACES ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- b. ACES ( $0.02 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- c. ACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- d. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- e. ACES ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.13 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- f. ACES ( $0.02 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.12 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- g. ACES ( $0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.10 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- h. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- i. ACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.12 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- j. ACES ( $0.05 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.05 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.11 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$
- k. ACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaACES ( $0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) + NaCl ( $0.10 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$

- I. ACES (0.08 mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>) + NaACES (0.08 mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>) + NaCl (0.08 mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>),  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$

The conventional  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$  values for all twelve buffer solutions were calculated using the Eq. (4–Eq. 7). Values of the acidity function  $\text{p}(a_{\text{H}}\gamma_{\text{Cl}})$  were derived at each temperature from the emf ( $E$ ) listed in Table 1 and Table 2, the molality of the chloride, and  $E^\circ$ , the standard potential of the silver-silver chloride electrode [1], by the following equation:

$$\text{p}(a_{\text{H}}\gamma_{\text{Cl}}) = \frac{E - E^\circ}{k} + \log m_{\text{Cl}}, \quad (5)$$

where  $k$  is the Nernst slope.

$$\text{p}a_{\text{H}} = \text{p}(a_{\text{H}}\gamma_{\text{Cl}})^\circ + \log \gamma_{\text{Cl}}, \quad (6)$$

$$\log \gamma_{\text{Cl}}^\circ = -\frac{A\sqrt{I}}{1 + Ba^\circ\sqrt{I}} + CI, \quad (7)$$

Where  $C$  is an adjustable parameter,  $Ba^\circ$  was assumed to be 1.38 [11] at the experimental temperature, corresponding to an (ion-size parameter)  $a^\circ$  of 4.1 – 4.2 Å [11].

$$C = C_{25} + 6.2 \times 10^{-4}(t - 25) - 8.7 \times 10^{-6}(t - 25)^2, \quad (8)$$

where  $C_{25} = 0.032$  [11]. For the calculation of  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$ , the procedures used for other are the same as those reported in preceding papers for HEPES and DIPSO.

The values of  $\text{p}(a_{\text{H}}\gamma_{\text{Cl}})$  for four buffer solutions are listed in Table 3. The values of  $\text{p}(a_{\text{H}}\gamma_{\text{Cl}})$  for the eight isotonic saline solutions are entered in Table 4 and Table 5. The values of  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$ , listed in Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8 for twelve buffer solutions of ACES with and without NaCl were computed from Eq. (5 – Eq. 8) and are represented by the following equations:

$$\text{For ACES}(0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES}(0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) \\ \text{p}a_{\text{H}} = 7.232 - 1.8312 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.82 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{For ACES}(0.02 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES}(0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) \\ \text{p}a_{\text{H}} = 7.067 - 1.8372 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.58 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{For ACES}(0.03 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES}(0.06 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) \\ \text{p}a_{\text{H}} = 7.071 - 1.8515 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 5.63 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{For ACES}(0.04 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES}(0.08 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}) \\ \text{p}a_{\text{H}} = 7.054 - 1.8283 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 7.29 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (11)$$

Where  $5 \leq t \leq 55^\circ\text{C}$ . The standard deviations of regression for the  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$  of the chloride-free buffer solutions, obtained from the fits with Eq. (8 – Eq. 11), are 0.0012, 0.0015, 0.0012, and 0.0018 respectively. For eight buffer solutions containing NaCl at an isotonic saline media of the ionic strength  $I = 0.16 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ , the values of  $\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$  listed in Table 7 and Table 8 are expressed by the equations:

$$\text{For ACES (0.01 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.03 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.13 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 7.279 - 1.8568 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.53 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.02 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.04 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.12 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 7.105 - 1.8681 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.57 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.03 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.06 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.10 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 7.038 - 1.5682 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 7.73 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (14)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.04 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.08 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.18 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 7.099 - 1.8789 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.73 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (15)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.04 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.04 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.12 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 6.792 - 1.8580 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.92 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (16)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.05 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.05 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.11 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 6.8153 - 1.9141 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.57 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (17)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.06 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.06 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.10 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 6.796 - 1.8642 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.63 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (18)$$

$$\text{For ACES (0.08 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaACES (0.08 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}) + \text{NaCl (0.08 mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}):$$

$$p_{a_H} = 6.801 - 1.8740 \times 10^{-2}(t - 25) + 6.84 \times 10^{-5}(t - 25)^2 \quad (19)$$

where  $t$  is the temperature in °C. The standard deviations of regression for these eight equations are: 0.0011, 0.0011, 0.0015, 0.0008, 0.0010, 0.0009, 0.0011, and 0.0008, respectively.

The values of pH were also determined from cells with liquid-junction for cells (B and C) at 25 and 37°C. The trend in pH values for Table 2 and Table 3 is irrelevant because the compositions of the buffer solutions have the molar ratios of two solutes fixed at 1 : 3 and 1 : 2 of varying ionic strengths. The emf values of the cells (B and C) at 25 and 37° are given in Table 9. Also, the values of  $E_j$  shown in Table 10 were obtained by using Eq. (1). Finally, the values of pH listed in Table 11 were obtained by using Eq. (2 and Eq. 3). Various sources of errors for accurate values of pH have been described by Bates et al. [17–18]. The excellent agreement between the calculated pH values and the values obtained from  $E_j$  corrections are within  $\pm 0.002$  pH units. The overall uncertainty for the pH values was estimated by combining the systematic uncertainties due to (i) assumption for the calculation of the single-ion-activity coefficient ( $\pm 0.003$  pH unit), (ii) extrapolation to  $p(a_{H^+Cl})^\circ$  by plotting to  $m_{Cl} = 0$ , (iii) liquid junction potential measurement using the flow junction cell, and (iv) error in the experimental emf measurement ( $\pm 0.005$  mV). Because the pH range lies in the physiological region, the buffer compound ACES is recommended as a pH buffer standard in the range of biochemical application.

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Table 1

Emf of Cell A: Pt(s); H<sub>2</sub> (g, 1 atm) | ACES (*m*<sub>1</sub>), NaACES (*m*<sub>2</sub>), NaCl (*m*<sub>3</sub>) | AgCl(s), Ag(s)

<i>m</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>m</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>m</i> <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	37°C	40°C	45°C	50°C	55°C
0.01	0.03	0.005	0.78699	0.78819	0.78956	0.79065	0.79160	0.79256	0.79333	0.79360	0.79397	0.79455	0.79508	0.79565
0.01	0.03	0.010	0.77132	0.77231	0.77351	0.77430	0.77498	0.77569	0.77598	0.77643	0.77661	0.77680	0.77704	0.77729
0.01	0.03	0.015	0.76265	0.76359	0.76439	0.76498	0.76564	0.76619	0.76653	0.76665	0.76676	0.76697	0.76714	0.76725
0.01	0.03	0.020	0.75690	0.75761	0.75850	0.75901	0.75928	0.75975	0.75995	0.76030	0.76023	0.76015	0.76021	0.76031
0.02	0.04	0.005	0.77832	0.77950	0.78061	0.78149	0.78237	0.78309	0.78373	0.78401	0.78425	0.78475	0.78490	0.78507
0.02	0.04	0.010	0.76281	0.76364	0.76447	0.76515	0.76571	0.76621	0.76661	0.76668	0.76681	0.76704	0.76683	0.76680
0.02	0.04	0.015	0.75406	0.75474	0.75530	0.75589	0.75636	0.75672	0.75695	0.75687	0.75693	0.75707	0.75663	0.75645
0.02	0.04	0.020	0.74831	0.74891	0.74933	0.74960	0.75020	0.75047	0.75058	0.75038	0.75051	0.75055	0.74995	0.74962
0.03	0.06	0.005	0.77864	0.77991	0.78090	0.78185	0.78260	0.78326	0.78382	0.78402	0.78421	0.78447	0.78453	0.78464
0.03	0.06	0.010	0.76264	0.76355	0.76433	0.76491	0.76530	0.76551	0.76584	0.76590	0.76595	0.76595	0.76574	0.76556
0.03	0.06	0.015	0.75343	0.75405	0.75470	0.75500	0.75513	0.75516	0.75534	0.75531	0.75524	0.75514	0.75474	0.75439
0.03	0.06	0.020	0.74716	0.74761	0.74819	0.74821	0.74821	0.74813	0.74825	0.74814	0.74803	0.74786	0.74735	0.74690
0.04	0.08	0.005	0.77830	0.77956	0.78060	0.78151	0.78223	0.78295	0.78370	0.78393	0.78429	0.78448	0.78507	0.78534
0.04	0.08	0.010	0.76237	0.76325	0.76396	0.76441	0.76506	0.76545	0.76577	0.76570	0.76601	0.76581	0.76617	0.76612
0.04	0.08	0.015	0.75312	0.75377	0.75418	0.75450	0.75507	0.75523	0.75523	0.75527	0.75523	0.75482	0.75501	0.75476
0.04	0.08	0.020	0.74680	0.74736	0.74767	0.74785	0.74833	0.74834	0.74808	0.74806	0.74790	0.74715	0.74741	0.74702

<sup>a</sup>Units of *m*, mol.kg<sup>-1</sup>



Table 2

Electromotive force of the Cell A (in volts): Pt(s); H<sub>2</sub> (g, 1 atm) | ACES (*m*<sub>1</sub>), NaACES (*m*<sub>2</sub>), NaCl (*m*<sub>3</sub>) | AgCl(s), Ag(s)

<i>m</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>m</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>m</i> <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	37°C	40°C	45°C	50°C	55°C
0.01	0.03	0.13	0.71363	0.71367	0.71356	0.71342	0.71285	0.71236	0.71172	0.71152	0.71106	0.71018	0.70922	0.70837
0.02	0.04	0.12	0.70601	0.76214	0.70586	0.70529	0.70466	0.70392	0.70318	0.70283	0.70223	0.70130	0.70017	0.69913
0.03	0.06	0.10	0.70216	0.70344	0.70436	0.70483	0.70545	0.70554	0.70544	0.70532	0.70517	0.70419	0.70338	0.70240
0.04	0.08	0.08	0.71561	0.71577	0.71547	0.71522	0.71478	0.71422	0.71355	0.71326	0.71281	0.71198	0.71099	0.71010
0.04	0.04	0.12	0.68876	0.68851	0.68775	0.68706	0.68617	0.68523	0.68420	0.68374	0.68303	0.68177	0.68043	0.67917
0.05	0.05	0.11	0.69261	0.69229	0.69166	0.69076	0.68977	0.68867	0.68756	0.68699	0.68619	0.68479	0.68328	0.68186
0.06	0.06	0.10	0.69343	0.69315	0.69251	0.69180	0.69111	0.69023	0.68923	0.68881	0.68817	0.68688	0.68555	0.68425
0.08	0.08	0.08	0.69920	0.69894	0.69842	0.69790	0.69713	0.69631	0.69541	0.69504	0.69441	0.69317	0.69202	0.69087

<sup>a</sup>Units of *m*, mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

**Table 3**

$p(a_{\text{H}^+})^\circ$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using eq. (5)<sup>a</sup>

$t$ (°C)	<b>0.01 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.03 <i>m</i> NaACES <i>I</i> = 0.03 <i>m</i></b>	<b>0.02 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.04 <i>m</i> NaACES <i>I</i> = 0.04 <i>m</i></b>	<b>0.03 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.06 <i>m</i> NaACES <i>I</i> = 0.06 <i>m</i></b>	<b>0.04 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.08 <i>m</i> NaACES <i>I</i> = 0.08 <i>m</i></b>
5	7.696	7.540	7.554	7.549
10	7.589	7.434	7.452	7.445
15	7.494	7.335	7.349	7.345
20	7.394	7.239	7.255	7.248
25	7.302	7.144	7.162	7.152
30	7.215	7.055	7.072	7.064
35	7.127	6.970	6.984	6.982
37	7.093	6.939	6.951	6.948
40	7.045	6.887	6.900	6.902
45	6.966	6.809	6.817	6.822
50	6.890	6.731	6.737	6.748
55	6.817	6.656	6.661	6.675

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

**Table 4**

$p(a_{\text{H}^+\gamma_{\text{Cl}}})$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using eq. (4)<sup>a</sup>

$t$ (°C)	<b>0.01 m ACES + 0.03 m NaACES + 0.13 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.02 m ACES + 0.04 m NaACES + 0.12 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.03 m ACES + 0.06 m NaACES + 0.10 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.08 m NaACES + 0.08 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>
5	7.802	7.629	7.480	7.627
10	7.697	8.525	7.400	7.523
15	7.596	7.426	7.321	7.418
20	7.500	7.326	7.239	7.321
25	7.404	7.231	7.165	7.226
30	7.314	7.139	7.087	7.134
35	7.226	7.052	7.010	7.045
37	7.194	7.018	6.979	7.011
40	7.144	6.967	6.935	6.961
45	7.063	6.887	6.854	6.881
50	6.985	6.809	6.780	6.802
55	6.912	6.735	6.706	6.727

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

**Table 5**

$p(a_{H^+} \gamma_{Cl^-})$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using eq. (4)<sup>a</sup>

$t(^{\circ}\text{C})$	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.04 m NaACES + 0.12 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.05 m ACES + 0.05 m NaACES + 0.11 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.06 m ACES + 0.06 m NaACES + 0.10 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.08 m NaACES + 0.08 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>
5	7.316	7.348	7.322	7.330
10	7.214	7.244	7.218	7.218
15	7.109	7.140	7.114	7.120
20	7.012	7.038	7.015	7.023
25	6.918	6.944	6.922	6.927
30	6.828	6.848	6.832	6.836
35	6.741	6.759	6.745	6.749
37	6.708	6.723	6.711	6.715
40	6.658	6.671	6.661	6.665
45	6.578	6.588	6.580	6.583
50	6.501	6.507	6.502	6.506
55	6.429	6.432	6.428	6.432

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

**Table 6**

$\text{p}a_{\text{H}}$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using eq. (4)<sup>a</sup>

$t$ (°C)	<b>0.01 m ACES + 0.03 m NaACES <math>I = 0.03 m</math></b>	<b>0.02 m ACES + 0.04 m NaACES <math>I = 0.04 m</math></b>	<b>0.03 m ACES + 0.06 m NaACES <math>I = 0.06 m</math></b>	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.08 m NaACES <math>I = 0.08 m</math></b>
5	7.628	7.463	7.464	7.449
10	7.520	7.357	7.362	7.346
15	7.422	7.258	7.259	7.245
20	7.325	7.161	7.165	7.148
25	7.232	7.066	7.070	7.051
30	7.144	7.976	6.980	6.962
35	7.055	6.890	6.891	6.880
37	7.022	6.859	6.858	6.846
40	6.973	6.807	6.806	6.799
45	6.893	6.728	6.723	6.718
50	6.817	6.650	6.642	6.644
55	6.744	6.574	6.565	6.569

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

**Table 7**

$p\text{a}_{\text{H}}$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using eq. (4)<sup>a</sup>

$t(^{\circ}\text{C})$	<b>0.01 m ACES + 0.03 m NaACES + 0.13 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.02 m ACES + 0.04 m NaACES + 0.12 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.03 m ACES + 0.06 m NaACES + 0.10 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.08 m NaACES + 0.08 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>
5	7.676	7.504	7.355	7.501
10	7.571	7.399	7.275	7.398
15	7.470	7.301	7.195	7.293
20	7.375	7.201	7.114	7.196
25	7.277	7.104	7.038	7.099
30	7.187	7.012	6.960	7.007
35	7.099	6.924	6.882	6.918
37	7.066	6.890	6.851	6.883
40	7.015	6.839	6.807	6.833
45	6.934	6.758	6.725	6.751
50	6.855	6.679	6.650	6.671
55	6.781	6.604	6.575	6.596

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ ,  $\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$

**Table 8**

$p\text{a}_{\text{H}}$  of (ACES + NaACES) buffer solutions from 5 to 55°C computed using Eq. (4)<sup>a</sup>

$t$ (°C)	<b>0.04 m ACES + 0.04 m NaACES + 0.12 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.05 m ACES + 0.05 m NaACES + 0.11 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.06 m ACES + 0.06 m NaACES + 0.10 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>	<b>0.08 m ACES + 0.08 m NaACES + 0.08 m NaCl <math>I = 0.16 m</math></b>
5	7.191	7.223	7.196	7.204
10	7.089	7.118	7.092	7.098
15	6.984	7.014	6.988	6.994
20	6.887	6.913	6.890	6.898
25	6.792	6.815	6.796	6.801
30	6.701	6.721	6.705	6.709
35	6.614	6.631	6.617	6.621
37	6.580	6.595	6.583	6.587
40	6.530	6.543	6.533	6.637
45	6.449	6.459	6.451	6.453
50	6.371	6.377	6.371	6.376
55	6.297	6.301	6.296	6.301

<sup>a</sup>Units of  $m$ , mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>

Table 9

Emf of Cell B for ACES buffer

$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$	$E, V$	
<u>ACES</u>			25°C	37°C
0.04	0.08	0.00	0.66065	0.65704
0.08	0.08	0.08	0.64427	0.63950
0.03	0.06	0.10	0.65823	0.65563
0.02	0.04	0.12	0.68695	0.65490

Emf of Cell C <sup>a</sup>		$E, V$	
Cell C		25°C	37°C
0.008695 <i>m</i> KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>			
+			
0.03043 <i>m</i> Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>		0.68275	0.69147

<sup>a</sup>Corrected to a hydrogen pressure of 1 atm, for physiological phosphate buffer solutions (primary reference standard buffer) at 25 and 37°C



**Table 10**

Values of the liquid junction potentials for ACES, and physiological phosphate buffers at 25 and 37°C, from eq. (1)

System	$E_j^a$ , mV	
	25°C	37°C
Physiological phosphate (0.008695 <i>m</i> KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> + 0.03043 <i>m</i> Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> )	2.6	2.9
0.04 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.08 <i>m</i> NaACES + 0.00 <i>m</i> NaCl	2.1	2.3
0.08 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.08 <i>m</i> NaACES + 0.08 <i>m</i> NaCl	0.5	0.7
0.03 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.06 <i>m</i> NaACES + 0.10 <i>m</i> NaCl	0.4	0.6
0.02 <i>m</i> ACES + 0.04 <i>m</i> NaACES + 0.12 <i>m</i> NaCl	0.4	0.6

<sup>a</sup> $E_j = E + E_{\text{sce}} - k\text{pH}$ , where  $E_{\text{sce}} = -0.2415\text{V}$ ,  $k$  (Nernst slope) = 0.059156, and pH = 7.415 (physiological phosphate as standard reference solution) at 25°C;  $E_{\text{sce}} = -0.2335\text{V}$ ,  $k = 0.061538$ , and pH = 7.395 at 37°C for the physiological phosphate buffer. The pH for the phosphate buffer is that assigned by the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) based on the Bates-Guggenheim convention [5, 17].

**Table 11**  
Values of pH at 25 and 37°C for ACES buffer solutions using data for  $E_j$  corrections

Cell B		25°C			37°C				
$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$	Ionic strength, $I$	Without <sup>d</sup> $E_j$ corr	With <sup>b</sup> $E_j$ corr	Calc <sup>c</sup>	Without <sup>d</sup> $E_j$ corr	With <sup>b</sup> $E_j$ corr	Calc <sup>c</sup>
0.04	0.08	0.00	0.08	7.041	7.050	7.051	6.836	6.846	6.846
0.08	0.08	0.08	0.16	6.765	6.800	6.801	6.550	6.586	6.587
0.03	0.06	0.10	0.16	7.001	7.037	7.038	6.813	6.850	6.851
0.02	0.04	0.12	0.16	7.066	7.103	7.104	6.801	6.838	6.839

<sup>a</sup>  $\text{pH} = 7.415 + [(E - 0.68275) / 0.059156]$  where 7.415 is the physiological phosphate buffer standard at 25°C, and  $\text{pH} = 7.395 + [(E - 0.69144) / 0.061538]$  where 7.395 is the pH of phosphate buffer at 37°C; for example 0.68275 and 0.69147 are the emf values (in volts) from Table 9 at 25 and 37°C, respectively. This is based on the NIST convention for  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}^-}$ .

<sup>b</sup> Calculation by Eq. (2) where reported liquid junction potentials apply for cells (B and C)

<sup>c</sup> Values obtained from Table 6–Table 8