2) The mean and standard deviation in each group are listed below:

3) The results were compared with other thyroid function tests and the following co-

efficients of correlation were obtained:

4) From these results it is concluded that this test is sufficiently reliable in estimating the functional states of the thyroid.

## Determination of Serum Thyroxine Using Res-O-Mat T4 Kit

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Some fundamental and clinical experiments were performed in the determination of serum thyroxine by competive protein binding analysis using Res-O-Mat  $T_4$  Kit.

Variation of radioactivity in each vial was very small.

Res-O-Mat  $T_4$  value was not influenced by the length of mixing time on a vertex mixer.

It was desirable to centrifuge at 2500 rpm for 5 minutes, but it does not appear that it needs to centrifuge exactly so.

At  $15^{\circ}$ C and  $30^{\circ}$ C, Res-O-Mat  $T_4$  value was greatly influenced by the length of incubation period and the standard curve was not useful. Therefore, it was required to measure at relatively constant room temperature between  $20^{\circ}$ C to  $25^{\circ}$ C.

Neither radioactive nor non-radioactive iodine was proved to affect this test, since the alcohol-extract of serum was not contaminated by radioactive iodine.

Therefore, this test can be done even after administration of <sup>131</sup>I-NaI, while triosorb test is impossible to be performed under such a condition.

As there was a good correlation between 0.3 ml and 0.2 ml of alcohol-extract, we decided to use alcohol extract of 0.2 ml instead of 0.3 ml in hyperthyroidism and as a result we were able to measure thyroxine level up to  $27 \,\mu g\%$ .

Res-O-Mat T<sub>4</sub> test showed remarkably less overlapped data among hyperthyroid, euthyroid and hypothyroid conditions than triosorb test.

 $T_7$  value was a more accurate diagnostic aid than Res-O-Mat  $T_4$  or triosorb test alone in various thyroid diseases.

These results proved that Res-O-Mat  $T_4$  test could be used as a routine clinical diagnostic test.