

## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a method for assessing mitochondrial function in a tissue or organ other than the kidney in a test subject, including: a step of calculating a ratio (BUN/CRE) of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) concentration to blood creatinine (CRE) concentration in a test subject; and a step of estimating mitochondrial activity in a tissue or organ other than the kidney in the test subject using the calculated ratio (BUN/CRE).

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