Glycerol Assay

Colorimetric assay for the quantitative determination of Glycerol in serum and plasma.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Precautions

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Storage and Stability

This kit will perform as specified if stored at -20°C and used before the expiration date indicated on the outside of the box.

Materials Needed But Not Supplied

1. A plate reader capable of measuring absorbance between 530-550 nm
2. Adjustable pipettes and a repeat pipettor
3. A source of pure water; glass distilled water or HPLC-grade water is acceptable
4. Test tubes
5. 15 ml centrifuge tube

INTRODUCTION

Background

Glycerol is the backbone of triglycerides, the most important storage form of fat. It is an important metabolite in energy metabolism involved in both oxidation and synthetic processes. Under various physiological or pathological conditions, triglycerides are hydrolyzed and release glycerol and free fatty acids into the blood. Unlike the free fatty acids, glycerol cannot be reutilized by adipose tissue. Glycerol is an active precursor of glucose and plays an important role in gluconeogenesis, especially during periods of caloric deprivation. The measurement of circulating levels of glycerol and free fatty acids are considered to reflect lipolysis, and may be useful to evaluate lipolysis under various conditions in clinical studies. The measurement of glycerol is also useful for the correction of glycerol interference in measurements of triglycerides in reference materials and in serum from patients with elevated glycerol concentrations. Diagnostically, the measurement of glycerol can be used to identify patients with a deficiency of glycerol kinase, an X-linked inborn error of metabolism characterized by hyperglycerolemia and glyceroluria.
About This Assay

Cayman’s Glycerol Assay Kit provides a simple, reproducible, and sensitive tool for assaying glycerol in plasma and serum. The Glycerol Assay measures glycerol by a coupled enzymatic reaction system (Figure 1). Glycerol is phosphorylated by glycerol kinase to produce glycerol-3-phosphate and adenosine-5’-diphosphate (ADP) (eq 1). The glycerol-3-phosphate is oxidized by glycerol phosphate oxidase producing dihydroxyacetone phosphate and hydrogen peroxide (eq 2). Peroxidase catalyzes the redox-coupled reaction of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ with 4-aminoantipyrine (4-AAP) and N-ethyl-N-(3-sulfopropyl)-m-anisidine (ESPA), producing a brilliant purple product (eq 3) with an absorbance maximum at 540 nm.

$$\text{Glycerol} + \text{ATP} \xrightarrow{\text{Glycerol Kinase}} \text{Glycerol-3-Phosphate} + \text{ADP} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Glycerol-3-Phosphate} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Glycerol Phosphate Oxidase}} \text{Dihydroxyacetone Phosphate} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \quad (2)$$

$$2\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 4\text{AAP} + \text{ESPA} \xrightarrow{\text{Peroxidase}} \text{Quinoneimine dye} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (3)$$

Figure 1. Glycerol Assay Scheme

PRE-ASSAY PREPARATION

Reagent Preparation

1. **Glycerol Standard - (Catalog No. 10010960)**
   
   Each vial contains 1,000 mg/dl solution of glycerol standard. It is ready to use to prepare the standard curve. Sufficient glycerol standard is provided to prepare three standard curves.

2. **Glycerol Standard Diluent - (Catalog No. 10010959)**
   
   The vial contains 10 ml of a salt solution. This Standard Diluent solution is used to prepare the glycerol standards and may be stored at room temperature for at least six months.

3. **Glycerol Assay Buffer - (Catalog No. 10010961)**
   
   The vial contains 15 ml of 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.2. This buffer is used to prepare the glycerol enzyme solution. The assay buffer may be stored for at least six months at room temperature.

4. **Glycerol Enzyme Mixture - (Catalog No. 10010962)**
   
   The vial contains a lyophilized enzyme mixture. Reconstitute the vial with 1 ml of UltraPure water. Transfer the reconstituted solution to a 15 ml centrifuge tube. Add 14 ml of the assay buffer to the reconstituted solution and mix by inversion. **NOTE: A portion of the 14 ml should be used to rinse any residual solution from the vial.** This solution is now ready to use in the assay. If the entire solution is not used at one time, the solution should be stored at 4°C. **NOTE: Do not freeze!** The solution is stable for one month stored at 4°C; a slight pink discoloration may occur but will have no affect on the assay performance.
Sample Preparation

**Plasma**

Typically normal human serum has a glycerol range of 1.2-6.1 mg/dl.\(^6\)

1. Collect blood using either an anticoagulant such as heparin, EDTA, or citrate.
2. Centrifuge the blood at 700-1,000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C. Pipette off the top yellow plasma layer without disturbing the white buffy layer. Store plasma on ice. If not assaying the same day, freeze at -80°C. The plasma sample will be stable for one month while stored at -80°C.
3. Plasma does not need to be diluted before assaying.

**Serum**

Typically normal human serum has a glycerol range of 0.4-1.2 mg/dl.\(^7\)

1. Collect blood without using an anticoagulant.
2. Allow blood to clot for 30 minutes at 25°C.
3. Centrifuge the blood at 2,000 x g for 15 minutes at 4°C. Pipette off the top yellow serum layer without disturbing the white buffy layer. Store serum on ice. If not assaying the same day, freeze at -80°C. The serum sample will be stable for one month while stored at -80°C.
4. Serum does not need to be diluted before assaying.

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**Plate Set Up**

There is no specific pattern for using the wells on the plate. A typical layout of glycerol standards and samples to be measured in duplicate is given below in Figure 2. We suggest you record the contents of each well on the template sheet provided (see page 19).

![Plate Set Up](image)

**Figure 2. Sample Plate Format**
Pipetting Hints

- It is recommended that an adjustable pipette be used to deliver reagents to the wells.
- Before pipetting each reagent, equilibrate the pipette tip in that reagent (i.e., slowly fill the tip and gently expel the contents, repeat several times).
- Do not expose the pipette tip to the reagent(s) already in the well.

General Information

- All reagents except samples must be equilibrated to room temperature before beginning the assay.
- The final volume of the assay is 160 µl in all wells.
- The incubation is performed at room temperature.
- It is not necessary to use all the wells on the plate at one time.
- It is recommended that the standards and samples be assayed at least in duplicate.
- Monitor the absorbance at 530-550 nm using a plate reader.

Standard Preparation

Dilute 20 µl of the Glycerol Standard (Catalog No. 10010960) with 980 µl of the Glycerol Standard Diluent (Catalog No. 10010959) to obtain a stock solution of 20 mg/dl. Take eight clean test tubes and label them 1-8. Add the amount of 20 mg/dl glycerol stock solution and Glycerol Standard Diluent to each tube as described in Table 1. We recommend that you store these diluted standards for no more than 1-2 hours.

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Table 1. Preparation of Glycerol Standards
Performing the Assay

1. **Glycerol Standard Wells** - Add 10 µl of standard (tubes 1-8) per well in the designated wells on the plate (see sample plate format, Figure 2, page 9).

2. **Sample Wells** - Add 10 µl of sample (either undiluted plasma or serum) to two or three wells. *NOTE: The amount of sample added to the well should always be 10 µl.*

3. Initiate the reaction by adding 150 µl of the diluted enzyme buffer solution to each well.

4. Carefully shake the microtiter plate for a few seconds to mix. Cover with the plate cover.

5. Incubate the plate for 15 minutes at room temperature.

6. Read the absorbance at 530-550 nm using a plate reader.

## ANALYSIS

### Calculations

1. Calculate the average absorbance of each standard and sample.

2. Subtract the absorbance value of standard 8 (0 mg/dl) from itself and all other values (both standards and samples). This is the corrected absorbance.

3. Graph the corrected absorbance values (from step 2 above) of each standard as a function of the final glycerol concentration (mg/dl). (see Table 1, page 11) A typical glycerol standard curve is shown in Figure 3, on page 14.

4. Calculate the values of the glycerol samples using the equation obtained from the linear regression of the standard curve by substituting the corrected absorbance values for each sample into the equation.

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\text{Glycerol (mg/dl) } = \frac{(\text{Corrected absorbance}) - (y\text{-intercept})}{\text{Slope}}
\]
Performance Characteristics

Precision:
When a series of twenty human plasma and serum samples were assayed on the same day, the intra-assay coefficient of variation was 6.5 and 7.9%, respectively. When a series of twenty human plasma and serum samples were assayed on six different days under the same experimental conditions, the inter-assay coefficient of variation was 6.5% and 8.0%, respectively.

Assay Range:
Under the standardized conditions of the assay described in this booklet, the dynamic range of the kit is 0-20 mg/dl glycerol.

Representative Glycerol Standard Curves
The standard curve, below, is an example of the data typically provided with this kit; however, your results will not be identical to these. You must run a new standard curve - do not use this data to determine the values of your samples.

![Glycerol Standard Curve](image)

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**Figure 3. Glycerol Standard Curve**
References


Related Products

- Cholesterol Assay Kit - Cat. No. 10007640
- Cholesterol Cell-Based Detection Assay Kit - Cat. No. 10009779
- ChREBP Transcription Factor Assay Kit - Cat. No. 10006909
- SREBP-2 Cell-Based Translocation Assay Kit - Cat. No. 10009239
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