

# Biotechnology - Kit Writing Sample

## Background

To develop a cohesive kit insert for Glycogen (5 mg/ml), used with DNA/RNA extraction applications.

## Audience

- Biotechnology scientists, lab technicians, and researchers.

## Scope

Reagent name, catalog number, description, usage, quality control, warranty, and disclaimers.

## About biotechnology - kit writing sample

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**Document title:**

Glycogen (5 mg/ml)


**Catalog Number:**

AM9510

**Pub. No.:**

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Contents	Quantity	Storage conditions
Glycogen (5 mg/ml)	5 x 1 mL	Store at -20°C.  Do not store in a frost-free freezer.

 **WARNING!** Read the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and follow the handling instructions. Wear appropriate protective eyewear, clothing, and gloves. Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) are available from [www.lifetechnologies.com/support](http://www.lifetechnologies.com/support).

**Product description**

Glycogen is a branched chain carbohydrate intended for use as a carrier for nucleic acid precipitation. This product is treated with Proteinase K and SDS to remove any contaminating nucleases, then extracted with phenol/chloroform, ethanol precipitated and resuspended in nuclease-free water.

**Note:** Glycogen is isolated from a biological source (mussels). Therefore, preparations may contain minute concentrations of DNA that may be detectable by RT-PCR and PCR.

Source: Mussel

Storage buffer (not included): Nuclease-free Water

**Using Glycogen**

Glycogen offers a means of enhancing precipitation without adding appreciable amounts of exogenous nucleic acids to the sample. For this reason, it is preferable to yeast RNA as a coprecipitant for applications where added nucleic acid could interfere or compete with subsequent enzymatic reactions. For example, glycogen may be an appropriate coprecipitant when using terminal transferase to add non-template directed nucleotides to the 3' ends of DNA fragments or when using polynucleotide kinase to end-label oligonucleotides.

For precipitation of nucleic acids:

1. Adjust the monovalent cation concentration of the solution (for example to 0.5 M Ammonium Acetate).
2. Add glycogen to a final concentration of 10–150 µg/mL, mix well, and then mix with one volume of isopropanol or two volumes of ethanol.
3. Chill the mixture for at least 15 minutes at –20°C or below, then centrifuge for at least 15 min at ≥10,000 x g.
4. Carefully remove the supernatant fluid and resuspend the nucleic acid in the desired buffer.

## Quality control

Nonspecific endonuclease activity: A sample is incubated with supercoiled plasmid DNA and analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

Exonuclease activity: A sample is incubated with labeled double-stranded DNA, followed by PAGE analysis.

RNase activity: A sample is incubated with labeled RNA and analyzed by PAGE.

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