

Chrome Azurol S (CAS) Assays for Iron-Binding Compounds

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Abstract

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Protocol

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 1.

Take 6 mL 10 mM CTAB (HDTMA) stock and mix with 40 mL Milli-Q H₂O



REAGENTS

CTAB (Hexadecyltrimethylamm onium bromide) [CB0108-100g](#) by [BBI Biotech](#)

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 2.

Mix 1.5 mL FeCl₃-HCl stock (1 mM FeCl₃ dissolved in 10 mM HCl) with 7.5 mL 2 mM CAS dye stock



REAGENTS

Iron(III) chloride hexahydrate [44944](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 3.

Slowly add Fe-CAS mixture to CTAB solution while stirring

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 4.

Add 6.5 mL of 12 N HCl slowly to 25 mL Milli-Q H₂O

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 5.

Add 4.3 g anhydrous piperazine to the acid solution

 AMOUNT

4.3 g Additional info:

 REAGENTS

✓ Piperazine anhydrous by Contributed by users

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 6.

Mix the piperazine acid solution slowly into the Fe-CAS*CTAB solution

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 7.

Bring CAS solution to 100 mL final volume

 AMOUNT

100 ml Additional info:

Assay Solution Preparation

Step 8.

Add enough 5-sulfosalicyclic acid to get 4 mM final concentration

CAS Assay

Step 9.

Take a sample to test and dilute it up to 0.5 mL final volume with Chelex-100 treated water

 AMOUNT

0.5 ml Additional info:

 REAGENTS

✓ Chelex-100 resin by Contributed by users

CAS Assay

Step 10.

Add 0.5 mL CAS solution

 AMOUNT

0.5 ml Additional info:

CAS Assay

Step 11.

Let sit 1 hr at room temperature in the dark

 DURATION

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CAS Assay

Step 12.

For controls, your blank is 0.5 mL chelex-100 treated water. A series of dilutions of EDTA can be used for a standard curve.

CAS Assay

Step 13.

To measure the results, place the sample in a spectrophotometer and read the absorbance at 630 nm

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The absorbance will decrease as more siderophore is present

CAS Assay

Step 14.

To graph/report the result, you calculate the absorbance of the blank/absorbance of the sample

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If no chelators are present, the number will = 1.0, and if something binds iron the number will increase.