**Product Overview**

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<td><strong>Detection Method</strong></td>
<td>Colorimetric</td>
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<td>Cell culture supernatant, Urine, Serum, Plasma, Other biological fluids, Tissue Extracts, Cell culture media</td>
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<td><strong>Assay Type</strong></td>
<td>Enzyme activity (quantitative)</td>
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<td><strong>Sensitivity</strong></td>
<td>$&gt; 0.2 \text{ mU/well}$</td>
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<td><strong>Assay Time</strong></td>
<td>0h 40m</td>
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Amylase Assay Kit (Colorimetric) ab102523 detects activity of α-amylase through a two-step reaction.

In the amylase assay protocol, alpha-Amylase will cleave the substrate ethylidene-pNP-G7 to produce smaller fragments that are eventually modified by alpha-glucosidase. This causes the release of a chromophore that can then be measured at OD $= 405 \text{ nm}$.

The assay can detect α-amylase content as low as 0.2 mU.

Amylase assay protocol summary:
- add samples and standards to wells
- add reaction mix
- analyze with a microplate reader every 2-3 min for 30-60 min

**Notes**

Amylases are enzymes that break starch down to sugar molecules. α-amylase is the major form of amylase found in humans and other mammals as well as an enzyme present in seeds, or in fungi (baker’s yeast for instance). α-amylase is a calcium metalloenzyme, completely unable to function in the absence of calcium. In human physiology, both the salivary and pancreatic amylases are major digestive enzymes.

**Platform**

Microplate reader
Storage instructions

Store at -20°C. Please refer to protocols.

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<tr>
<td>Amylase Assay Buffer</td>
<td>NM</td>
<td>1 x 55ml</td>
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<td>Amylase Positive Control</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>1 vial</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amylase Substrate Mix</td>
<td>NM</td>
<td>1 x 5ml</td>
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<td>Nitrophenol standard</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
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Relevance

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Images

Plasma amylase levels were measured (using ab102523) after 75 days treatment with saline, liraglutide, exendin-4 or sitagliptin. ND, normal chow diet; HFD, high fat diet. p≤0.05, *; p≤0.01, **, n=3–7 mice.

There were no statistically significant changes in plasma amylase activity in mice that were administered liraglutide or exendin-4 vs mice administered saline. However, administration of sitagliptin to animals on normal diet led to a 1.4-fold increase in amylase activity (p≤0.01, n=3 per group) and a 1.3-fold increase in mice on a high fat diet (p≤0.01, n=4 per group).
Standard curve: mean of duplicates (+/- SD) with background reads subtracted

Amylase activity measured in biological fluids showing activity (mU) per mL of tested sample. Samples were diluted 2 fold.

Amylase activity measured in tissue lysates showing activity (mU) per mg of extracted protein.

Protein concentration for samples varied from 16 mg/mL to 50 mg/mL. Samples were diluted 2 fold.
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