

### Technical Bulletin

# P450-Glo<sup>™</sup> Screening Systems

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF PRODUCTS V9770, V9790, V9800, V9880, V9890, V9910 AND V9920.







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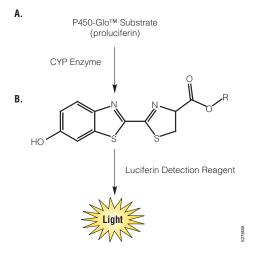


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#### 1. Description

The P450-Glo™ Screening Systems<sup>(a,b)</sup> provide a complete set of reagents for performing luminescent cytochrome P450 assays (1). The systems include a membrane preparation containing recombinant human cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzyme, negative control membranes, a luminogenic substrate appropriate for the CYP enzyme, NADPH regeneration system, reaction buffer, Luciferin Detection Reagent and Luciferin-Free Water. The membranes are prepared from baculovirus-infected insect cells and contain human CYP enzyme and P450 reductase (and cytochrome b5 for CYP2C9, 2C19 and 3A4). The negative control membranes are devoid of CYP activity. The assays are ideal for testing the effects of drugs and new chemical entities on CYP enzyme activities.

The CYP reaction is performed by incubating a luminogenic CYP substrate with a CYP enzyme and NADPH regeneration system. The luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrates are derivatives of beetle luciferin [(4S)-4,5-dihydro-2-(6-hydroxybenzothiazolyl)-4-thiazolecarboxylic acid or D-luciferin], a substrate of firefly luciferase. The P450-Glo™ substrates (Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-ME, Luciferin-H, Luciferin-BE, Luciferin-ME EGE, Luciferin-H EGE and Luciferin-PPXE) do not react with luciferase but are converted by CYP enzymes to a



**Figure 1. Conversion of P450-Glo™ substrate by cytochrome P450.** CYP enzymes act on a luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrate (Reaction A) to produce a luciferin product that generates light with the Luciferin Detection Reagent (Reaction B), which is added after the CYP reaction has been completed. CYP selectivity depends on the specific structure of the proluciferin substrate (Table 1).



luciferin product that in turn reacts with a Luciferin Detection Reagent to produce light (Figure 1). Light is used to monitor CYP activity because the amount of light produced is proportional to the amount of D-luciferin produced after the CYP reaction.

The CYP reactions are performed first, then the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent is added (Figure 2). This reagent simultaneously stops the CYP reaction and initiates a glow-type luminescent signal with a half-life greater than 4 hours. The glow-type luciferase reaction produces a stable signal that eliminates the need for strictly timed luminescence detection. Protocols are configured for multiwell plate formats but can be adapted easily for single-tube applications.

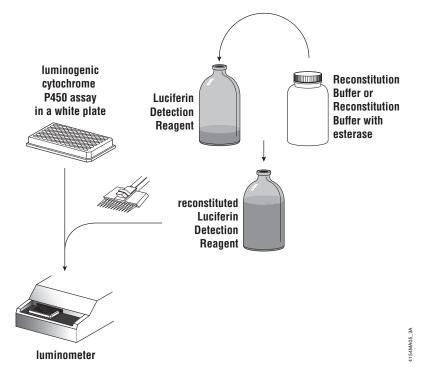


Figure 2. Flow diagram showing preparation and use of the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent. For CYP1A2, 2C9, 3A4/Luciferin-PPXE and 3A4/Luciferin-BE assays, use the Reconstitution Buffer to reconstitute the lyophilized Luciferin Detection Reagent. For CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA, CYP2C19 and 2D6 Assays, use the Reconstitution Buffer with esterase to reconstitute the lyophilized Luciferin Detection Reagent. Label the blank space on the Luciferin Detection Reagent label with the assay name to ensure the correct Luciferin Detection Reagent is used.



#### 1. Description (continued)

P450-Glo™ substrate selectivities of CYP enzymes are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Cytochrome P450 Enzymes, Recommended Substrates and Assay Formats.

Substrate <sup>1</sup>	CYP Enzyme
O OH BWIS666	CYP1A2
Luciferin-ME	
O OH BWEER	CYP2C9
Luciferin-H	
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Luciferin-ME EGE	
N O OH BRIVE	CYP2C19
Luciferin-H EGE	
Ph O S S OH WE WE SEE	CYP3A4 <sup>2</sup>
Luciferin-BE	
Ph N N S S S OH	CYP3A4 <sup>2</sup>
Luciferin-PPXE	
HO S S S	CYP3A4 <sup>2</sup>
Luciferin-IPA	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The arrow indicates the site of modification by CYP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>CYP3A4 systems are available with three distinct CYP3A4 substrates: Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-PPXE or Luciferin-BE. See Table 1 notes for recommendations on choosing a CYP3A4 substrate.



#### Notes for Table 1

Three distinct substrates are available for the CYP3A4 enzyme.

**Luciferin-IPA** is the most sensitive and selective substrate for all CYP3A4 applications. The CYP3A4 reaction with Luciferin-IPA is only modestly inhibited by DMSO.

**Luciferin-PPXE** reactions for CYP3A4 are highly insensitive to DMSO, with little or no inhibition at or below 0.25% DMSO.

**Luciferin-BE** is the original luminogenic CYP3A substrate. CYP3A4 reactions with Luciferin-BE are inhibited substantially by DMSO, so DMSO should be eliminated from reactions or kept at or below 0.1%. DMSO should be replaced with acetonitrile if possible.

#### Advantages of the P450-Glo™ Screening System include:

**Complete System:** The protocol and reagents have been tested for optimal performance.

**Speed:** The luminescent format eliminates the need for time-consuming analyses such as HPLC or thin-layer chromatography.

**Simplified Method:** The simple "add and read" protocol makes the assay amenable to high-throughput screening in multiwell plates.

**Greater Sensitivity:** Less CYP is required in these assays than in typical HPLC or fluorometric methods because of the enhanced sensitivity.

**No Fluorescence Interference:** By using luminescence to monitor enzyme activity, the P450-Glo<sup>™</sup> Assays obviate problems associated with fluorescent assays. In luminescent assays, there is no concern about the possible overlap between the fluorescent excitation and emission wavelengths of analytes, NADPH and CYP substrates. Such overlaps in fluorescent assays confound analysis and present misleading or irrelevant data.

**DMSO Tolerance:** The P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> reactions, except Luciferin-BE with CYP3A4, are not inhibited substantially by DMSO at concentrations typically encountered (e.g.,  $\leq 0.25\%$ ).

**Low False-Positive Rate:** Use of a proprietary stabilized firefly luciferase (Ultra-Glo<sup>™</sup> Luciferase) and a proprietary luciferase assay formulation minimizes the incidence of false positives due to luciferase inhibition.

**Signal Stability:** Glow-type luminescence provides a stable signal with a half-life of greater than 4 hours.



#### 2. Product Components and Storage Conditions

Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP1A2 Screening System	1,000 assays	V9770

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at 50µl per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V8772 P450-Glo™ CYP1A2 Assay includes:

- 1ml Luciferin-ME, 5mM
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer

#### Cat.# V4770 Human CYP1A2 Enzyme System includes:

- 500μl CYP1A2 (1pmol/μl) + Reductase\*
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP2C9 Screening System	1,000 assays	V9790

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at  $50\mu l$  per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V8792 P450-Glo™ CYP2C9 Assay includes:

- 1ml Luciferin-H, 5mM
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer

#### Cat.# V4790 Human CYP2C9 Enzyme System includes:

- 500μl CYP2C9 (1pmol/μl) + Reductase + b5\*1
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

<sup>1</sup>Recombinant human CYP2C9\*1 (Arg144) is expressed from a cDNA using a baculovirus expression system. CYP2C9\*1 is the most common human CYP2C9 allele (2).



Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP2C19 Screening System	1,000 assays	V9880

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at 50µl per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V8882 P-Glo™ CYP2C19 Assay includes:

- •2 × 123µg Luciferin-H EGE
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer with esterase

#### Cat.# V4880 Human CYP2C19 Enzyme System includes:

- 250μl CYP2C19 (1pmol/μl) + Reductase + b5\*
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

Product	Size	Cat.#	
P450-Glo™ CYP2D6 Screening System	1,000 assays	V9890	
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The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at  $50\mu l$  per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V8892 P450-Glo™ CYP2D6 Assay includes:

- 900µg Luciferin-ME EGE
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer with esterase

#### Cat.# V4890 Human CYP2D6 Enzyme System includes:

- 250µl CYP2D6 (1pmol/µl) + Reductase\*1
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

<sup>1</sup>Recombinant human CYP2D6\*1 is expressed from a cDNA using a baculovirus expression system. CYP2D6\*1 is the most common human CYP2D6 allele (3).



#### 2. Product Components and Storage Conditions (continued)

Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Screening System with Luciferin-IPA	1,000 assays	V9920

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at 50µl per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V9002 P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay includes:

- 60μl Luciferin-IPA, 3mM
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer with esterase

#### Cat.# V4820 Human CYP3A4 Enzyme System includes:

- 100μl CYP3A4 (1pmol/μl) + Reductase + b5\*
- 100μl Control Membranes\*
- 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Screening System (Luciferin-PPXE)	1,000 assays	V9910
DMSO Tolerant Assay		

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at 50µl per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

## Cat.# V8912 P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay (Luciferin-PPXE) DMSO Tolerant Assay includes:

- 2 × 15μl Luciferin-PPXE, 50mM
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer

#### Cat.# V4910 Human CYP3A4 Enzyme System includes:

- 500μl CYP3A4 (1pmol/μl) + Reductase + b5\*
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- •2 × 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System
- 1.0ml 2M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 20X



Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Screening System	1,000 assays	V9800

The system contains sufficient reagents for 1,000 assays at 50µl per assay in 96-well plates. Includes:

#### Cat.# V8802 P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay includes:

- 0.5ml Luciferin-BE, 5mM
- 1 vial Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized)
- 50ml Reconstitution Buffer

#### Cat.# V4800 Human CYP3A4 Enzyme System includes:

- •2 × 500 $\mu$ l CYP3A4 (1pmol/ $\mu$ l) + Reductase + b5\*
- 100µl Control Membranes\*
- •2 × 5.0ml Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)
- 50ml Luciferin-Free Water
- 2.75ml Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System
- 0.6ml Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System

\*CYP (1pmol/µl) + Reductase or CYP (1pmol/µl) + Reductase + b5 (referred to as "CYP membranes" in this Technical Bulletin) is a membrane preparation that contains recombinant human CYP expressed from a cDNA using a baculovirus expression system. These membranes also contain cDNA-expressed human P450 reductase or P450 reductase and cytochrome b5, and are prepared as a microsomal fraction from baculovirus-infected insect cells. The Control Membranes are prepared from wildtype baculovirus-infected insect cells and have a total protein concentration of 5mg/ml.

**Storage Conditions:** Store the CYP1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6 and 3A4 membranes at  $-70^{\circ}$ C. CYP enzymes may lose activity with repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles by dispensing the CYP1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6 and 3A4 membranes into single-use aliquots (e.g.,  $50\mu$ l for 96 reactions), and store at  $-70^{\circ}$ C. Store other components at  $-20^{\circ}$ C or  $-70^{\circ}$ C, except Luciferin-PPXE, which must be stored at  $-70^{\circ}$ C. Protect components from light.

The reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent can be stored at -20°C for up to 3 months. For convenience, the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent can be stored at room temperature (approximately 23°C) without loss of activity for 24 hours or at 4°C for 1 week. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles of all components.



#### 3. Assay Conditions

P450-Glo<sup>™</sup>Assays are performed in two steps (Figure 1).

Step 1. The Cytochrome P450 Reaction: The P450-Glo™ substrates are converted by CYP enzymes to a luciferin product. To perform the assay, a 4X cytochrome P450 reaction mixture with CYP enzyme and P450-Glo™ substrate is prepared. A volume of this mixture representing one-fourth of the final reaction volume (e.g., 12.5µl in a 96-well plate) is combined in an opaque white 96-well plate with an equal volume of test compound solution to give one-half of the final reaction volume (e.g., 12.5µl added to bring the volume to 25µl in a 96-well plate). The reaction is initiated by adding 2X concentrated NADPH Regeneration System (Cat.# V9510) (e.g., 25µl added for a final volume of 50µl in a 96-well plate). Table 2 lists the reaction components, recommended reagent concentrations and incubation times.

**Note:** "2X" and "4X" refers to a reagent that is prepared at two or four times the final reagent concentration, respectively.

**Step 2. The Luciferin Detection Reaction:** In this step, the luciferin product produced in Step 1 of the P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays is detected as a luminescent signal from a luciferase reaction. Step 2 is initiated by adding an equal volume of Luciferin Detection Reagent (e.g., 50μl added to a 50μl CYP reaction in a 96-well plate). This reagent simultaneously stops the CYP reaction and initiates a luminescent signal that is proportional to the amount of product formed in Step 1. For CYP2C19, 2D6 and 3A4/Luciferin-IPA assays, the CYP reaction product undergoes an additional de-esterification step to convert the product to D-luciferin during the first few minutes after adding Luciferin Detection Reagent. The P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays use a proprietary luciferase (Ultra-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Luciferase) to generate a stable "glow-type" luminescent signal. This eliminates the need for strictly timed luminescence detection. **Note:** Do not use a fluorometer, which uses excitation light that will interfere with the luminescent readout.



Table 2. Recommended Concentrations of Reaction Components in the P450-Glo™ Screening Systems.

Cytochrome P450	CYP per Reaction (96-Well Plate) <sup>1</sup>	Potassium Phosphate Concentration	Substrate Concentration $(K_m \text{ concentration})$	Incubation Time (37°C/RT) <sup>2</sup>
CYP1A2	0.5pmol (0.5µl)	100mM	100μM Luciferin-ME	10/30
CYP2C9	0.5pmol (0.5µl)	25mM	100μM Luciferin-H	30/30
CYP2C19	0.25pmol (0.25µl)	50mM	10μM Luciferin-H EGE	20/30
CYP2D6	0.25pmol (0.25µl)	100mM	30μM Luciferin-ME EGE	30/45
CYP3A4	1.0pmol (1.0μl)	200mM	50μM Luciferin-BE	30/30
CYP3A4	0.5pmol (0.5µl)	200mM	25μM Luciferin-PPXE	15/30
CYP3A4	0.1pmol (0.1µl)	100mM	3μM Luciferin-IPA	10/10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The recommended amount and volume of CYP per reaction given here are for a 96-well plate (50μl). For smaller well formats, scale volumes as necessary.

#### 3.A. Cytochrome P450 Concentration

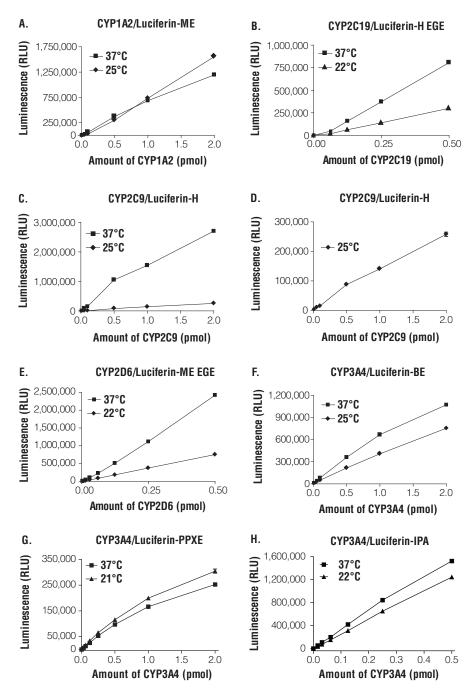
Although it is necessary to use enough enzyme to generate a detectable amount of D-luciferin, large amounts of protein or phospholipid from the microsome preparations can nonspecifically bind to a drug or inhibitor, leading to a reduction in the effective concentration and overestimation of  $K_m$  and  $K_i$  values (4). The amounts of CYP recommended in Table 2 give strong signals and are low enough so that nonspecific binding of CYP substrates was not detected (1). CYP concentrations can be increased for brighter signals or reduced further. Use the enzyme titration curves shown in Figure 3 as a guide if you prefer to use more or less enzyme.

#### 3.B. Assay Time and Temperature

CYP reactions are generally performed at 37°C, but they also may be performed at room temperature (approximately 20–25°C). The suggested incubation times (Table 2) give strong signals and are within the linear range as shown in Figure 4. If you prefer a different incubation time, refer to Figure 4 to determine if a shorter time will produce adequate signal or if a longer time remains within the linear range.

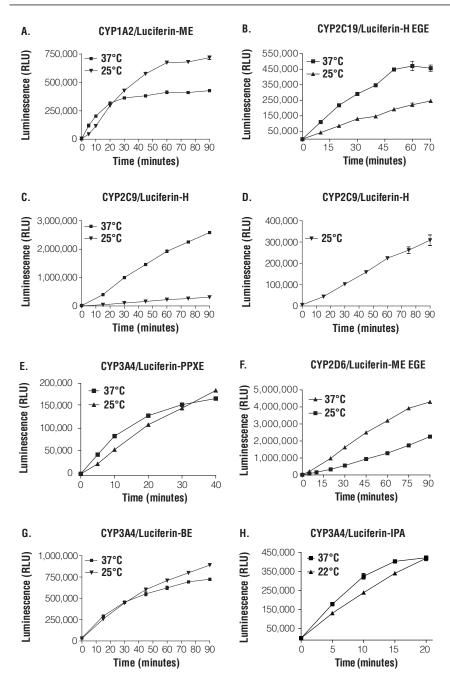
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>RT = room temperature, which is defined as 20–25°C.





**Figure 3. Titration of cytochrome P450 enzyme.** P450-Glo™ Assays were performed with a range of CYP concentrations at 37° and room temperature (21–25°). Substrate concentrations and incubation times were as recommended in Table 2. Panel D shows in more detail data from the CYP2C9/Luciferin-H reaction performed at 25°C. Luminescence was measured using a GloMax® 96 Microplate Luminometer.





**Figure 4. Incubation time and temperature.** P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> reactions (50μl) were performed with the enzyme and substrate concentrations indicated in Table 2. The P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays were incubated at 25°C or 37°C for up to 90 minutes prior to adding the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent. Panel D shows in more detail data from the CYP2C9/Luciferin-H reaction performed at 25°C. Luminescence was measured using a GloMax® 96 Microplate Luminometer (Panels A, C, D, E, F, G and H) or a POLARstar luminometer (BMG Labtech, Panel B).

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#### 4. General Overview of Protocol

**Step 1.** In a white opaque 96-well plate, combine one-fourth the final reaction volume of a 4X cytochrome P450 reaction mixture (e.g.,  $12.5\mu l$  in a 96-well plate) and an equal volume of the test compound or known inhibitor at a 4X concentration to give one-half of the final reaction volume. Perform a 10-minute pre-incubation. Add one-half the final volume of the 2X NADPH regeneration system (e.g.,  $25\mu l$  in a 96-well plate) to initiate the CYP reactions, and bring all components to their 1X target concentrations. Incubate at  $37^{\circ}C$  or room temperature for 10–45 minutes. See Table 2 for the recommended incubation times.

**Step 2.** Add the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent. This stops the CYP reaction and initiates luminescence. Allow the signal to stabilize for 20 minutes at room temperature. Read the luminescence.

#### Materials to Be Supplied by the User

- white opaque polystyrene, nontreated, flat-bottom multiwell plates (e.g., 96-well Costar® plates, Corning Cat.# 3912 or white 96 MicroWell® plates, Nunc Cat.# 236108). Do not use treated plates, clear plates or black plates.
- luminometer or charge-coupled device (CCD) capable of reading multiwell plates (If using a multifunctional instrument, be sure to operate it in luminescence, not fluorescence, mode.)
- optional: multichannel pipette or automated pipetting station
- known CYP inhibitors as positive controls for inhibition (e.g., α-naphthoflavone, sulfaphenazole, ketoconazole, quinidine or troglitazone, available from Sigma Aldrich)
- multiwell plate shaker for mixing plates (optional)
- D-luciferin (Beetle Luciferin, Potassium Salt Cat.# E1601) (optional, for generating a standard curve in Section 12)

The plate layout shown in Figure 5 can be used when studying the effects of test compounds or known CYP inhibitors on CYP activity. A single concentration of multiple compounds may be tested, or a range of concentrations for each compound may be tested to derive  $IC_{50}$  values. The plate layout shown in Figure 5 includes the appropriate controls.

Minus-P450 Control: Contains the luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrate,
 Control Membranes, which lack CYP, and Potassium Phosphate Buffer.
 The values from these wells represent the CYP-independent background luminescence of the assay. The average of these values is subtracted from the luminescence of the CYP reactions to give the net CYP-dependent luminescence.



- Control Inhibitor: Contains one of the human CYP membrane preparations, luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrate, Potassium Phosphate Buffer and a known inhibitor. This control determines the capacity of the system to detect inhibition by test compounds. The recommended control inhibitors are 1μM α-naphthoflavone for CYP1A2, 10μM sulfaphenazole for CYP2C9, 10μM troglitazone for CYP2C19, 1μM quinidine for CYP2D6 and 5μM ketoconazole for CYP3A4.
- **Untreated:** Contains one of the human CYP membrane preparations, Potassium Phosphate Buffer and luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrate without known inhibitor or test compound. Values from these wells represent total CYP activity.
- TC 1-TC 29: Contains one of the human CYP membrane preparations, luminogenic P450-Glo™ substrate, Potassium Phosphate Buffer and test compound (TC). Luminescent values from these wells are compared to values from untreated control wells to ascertain the effect of the test compounds on CYP activity. A typical first-pass screening concentration of test compounds is 10µM.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
А	Minus P450 Control	Minus P450 Control	Minus P450 Control	TC 6	TC 6	TC 6	TC 14	TC 14	TC 14	TC 22	TC 22	TC 22	
В	Control Inhibitor	Control Inhibitor	Control Inhibitor	TC 7	TC 7	TC 7	TC 15	TC 15	TC 15	TC 23	TC 23	TC 23	
С	Untreated	Untreated	Untreated	TC 8	TC 8	TC 8	TC 16	TC 16	TC 16	TC 24	TC 24	TC 24	
D	TC 1	TC 1	TC 1	TC 9	TC 9	TC 9	TC 17	TC 17	TC 17	TC 25	TC 25	TC 25	
Е	TC 2	TC 2	TC 2	TC 10	TC 10	TC 10	TC 18	TC 18	TC 18	TC 26	TC 26	TC 26	
F	TC 3	TC 3	TC 3	TC 11	TC 11	TC 11	TC 19	TC 19	TC 19	TC 27	TC 27	TC 27	
G	TC 4	TC 4	TC 4	TC 12	TC 12	TC 12	TC 20	TC 20	TC 20	TC 28	TC 28	TC 28	
Н	TC 5	TC 5	TC 5	TC 13	TC 13	TC 13	TC 21	TC 21	TC 21	TC 29	TC 29	TC 29	4857MA

TC=test compound

Figure 5. Plate layout for the P450-Glo™ Assays.



#### 5. Preparing the Luciferin Detection Reagent

- Equilibrate the Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized) and Reconstitution Buffer or Reconstitution Buffer with esterase to room temperature. Use the Reconstitution Buffer with esterase to prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent for CYP2C19, 2D6 and 3A4/Luciferin-IPA assays. Use the Reconstitution Buffer to prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent for the other assays.
- These two buffers are not interchangeable, To ensure the correct buffer is used for a given CYP assay, write the CYP of interest in the blank space provided on the Luciferin Detection Reagent label.
  - 2. Transfer the entire contents of the 50ml bottle of Reconstitution Buffer or Reconstitution Buffer with esterase to the amber bottle containing the lyophilized Luciferin Detection Reagent. Mix by swirling or inverting several times to obtain a homogeneous solution. To avoid foaming, do not vortex. Store at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** The reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent can be stored at room temperature for 24 hours or at 4°C for 1 week without loss of activity. Store at -20°C for up to 3 months. Be sure to mix the thawed Luciferin Detection Reagent well before use.

#### 6. CYP1A2 Assay Protocol

#### 6.A. Preparing the Assay Components

- 1. Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent with Reconstitution Buffer as described in Section 5.
- 2. Thaw the CYP1A2 membranes and Control Membranes rapidly at 37°C. Upon thawing, immediately place them on ice. Mix well before using. Dispense unused membranes into single-use aliquots, and store at -70°C.
- 3. Thaw Luciferin-ME, Solutions A and B of the NADPH Regeneration System, Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, and Luciferin-Free Water, then store on ice. Protect substrate from light. Store unused substrate and Solutions A and B at -20°C.
  - **Note:** A precipitate may form in Luciferin-ME upon freezing and thawing. Dissolve the precipitate by warming the vial to 37°C and vortex mixing.
- 4. For 96-well plates, consider the concentrations listed in Table 2 and prepare 12.5μl of 4X CYP1A2 reaction mixture for each well, as indicated in Table 3. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 3 to calculate the volume of each component needed for the 4X CYP1A2 reaction mixture. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
  - Add components in the order shown in Table 3. Mix after each component is added. Store the 4X CYP1A2 reaction mixture on ice until ready to use.



Table 3. Preparation of the 4X CYP1A2 Reaction Mixture.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	6.0µl				
Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M	5.0μ1				
5mM Luciferin-ME	1.0µl				
CYP1A2 membranes	0.5μ1				
Final volume	12.5µl				

- 5. Prepare a separate 4X control reaction mixture for the minus-P450 control reactions by substituting Control Membranes for the CYP1A2 membranes. Adjust the protein concentration of reactions with Control Membranes to match that of the CYP1A2 reactions. See the component labels for lot-specific information on protein content. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
- 6. Prepare  $25\mu$ l of 2X NADPH regeneration system for each well of a 96-well plate, as indicated in Table 4. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 4 to calculate the volume of each component by multiplying the volume per reaction by the number of reactions to be performed.

To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells. Store the 2X NADPH regeneration system at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** See Section 13 for a detailed description of the NADPH regeneration system.

Table 4. Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	22.0µl				
Solution A	2.5μl				
Solution B	0.5μl				
Final volume	25.0μ1				



#### 6.A. Preparing the Assay Components (continued)

7. Prepare test compounds and known inhibitor at a 4X concentration. To use  $\alpha$ -naphthoflavone as a control CYP1A2 inhibitor, prepare a 1mM stock solution in acetonitrile or DMSO. Dilute this stock solution with water to 4 $\mu$ M.

If test compounds are diluted from concentrated stock solutions prepared in a solvent or buffer other than water (e.g., DMSO), include an equivalent amount of solvent in all control reactions to account for potential vehicle effects.

**Note:** The vehicle is defined as the solvent used to prepare the test compound stock solution plus any water used to further dilute the stock solutions to the 4X concentration.

#### 6.B. Performing the CYP1A2 P450-Glo™ Assay

This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. If you are using smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes accordingly.

- 1. Add up to 12.5μl of 4X test compound to the "TC" wells (Figure 5). If the volume of test compound is less than 12.5μl, add Luciferin-Free Water to bring the volume of each well to 12.5μl.
- 2. Add 12.5µl Luciferin-Free Water or vehicle to "untreated" and "minus-P450 control" wells.
- 3. Add 12.5 $\mu$ l of 4 $\mu$ M  $\alpha$ -naphthoflavone or another known CYP1A2 inhibitor at the appropriate concentration to "control inhibitor" wells.
- 4. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the minus-P450 control wells and 12.5µl of the 4X CYP1A2 reaction mixture to all other wells.
- 5. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 6. Pre-incubate the plate at the desired reaction temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 10 minutes.

**Note:** Reactions can be performed at room temperature or 37°C. See Section 3.B.

- 7. Start reactions by adding 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 8. Incubate the plate at 37°C or room temperature for 10 minutes or 30 minutes, respectively.
- 9. Add 50μl of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes to stabilize the luminescent signal.



11. Record luminescence using a plate-reading luminometer or CCD camera. Values are displayed as relative light units (RLU).

**Note:** Luminometer settings will depend on the manufacturer. Use an integration time of 0.25–1 second per well as a guideline. Relative light units (RLU) are arbitrary units that vary between instrument manufacturers and models. Do not use a fluorometer. Do not use filters with the luminometer.

#### 7. CYP2C9 Assay Protocol

#### 7.A. Preparing the Assay Components

- 1. Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent with Reconstitution Buffer as described in Section 5.
- 2. Thaw the CYP2C9 membranes and Control Membranes rapidly at 37°C. Upon thawing, immediately place them on ice. Mix well before use. Dispense unused membranes into single-use aliquots, and store at -70°C.
- 3. Thaw Luciferin-H, Solutions A and B of the NADPH Regeneration System, Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, and Luciferin-Free Water, then store on ice. Protect substrate from light. Store unused substrate and Solutions A and B at -20°C.
- 4. For 96-well plates, consider the concentrations listed in Table 2 and prepare 12.5μl of 4X CYP2C9 reaction mixture for each well, as indicated in Table 5. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 5 to calculate the volume of each component needed for the 4X CYP2C9 reaction mixture. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.

Add components in the order shown in Table 5. Mix after each component is added. Store the 4X CYP2C9 reaction mixture on ice until ready to use.

Table 5. Preparation of the 4X CYP2C9 Reaction Mixture.

	Volume per	×	Number of	=	Total
Component	Reaction		Reactions		Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	9.75µl				
Potassium Phosphate					
Buffer, 1M	1.25µl				
5mM Luciferin-H	1.0µl				
CYP2C9 membranes	0.5μl				
Final volume	12.5µl				



#### 7.A. Preparing the Assay Components (continued)

- 5. Prepare a separate 4X control reaction mixture for the minus-P450 control reactions by substituting Control Membranes for the CYP2C9 membranes. Adjust the protein concentration of reactions with the Control Membranes to match that of the CYP2C9 reactions. See the component labels for lot-specific information on protein content. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
- 6. Prepare 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system for each well of a 96-well plate, as indicated in Table 6. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 6 to calculate the volume of each component by multiplying the volume per reaction by the number of reactions to be performed.

To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells. Store the 2X NADPH regeneration system at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** See Section 13 for a detailed description of the NADPH regeneration system.

Table 6. Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	22.0µl				
Solution A	2.5µl				
Solution B	0.5µl				
Final volume	25.0μ1				

- 7. Prepare test compounds and known inhibitor at a 4X concentration. To use sulfaphenazole as a control CYP2C9 inhibitor, prepare a 10mM stock solution in acetonitrile or DMSO. Dilute this stock solution with water to  $40\mu M.$
- If test compounds are diluted from concentrated stock solutions prepared in a solvent or buffer other than water (e.g., DMSO), include an equivalent amount of solvent in all control reactions to account for potential vehicle effects.

**Note:** The vehicle is defined as the solvent used to prepare the test compound stock solution plus any water used to further dilute the stock solutions to the 4X concentration.



#### 7.B. Performing the CYP2C9 P450-Glo™ Assay

This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. If you are using smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes accordingly.

- 1. Add up to 12.5μl of 4X test compound to the "TC" wells (Figure 5). If the volume of test compound is less than 12.5μl, add Luciferin-Free Water to bring the volume of each well to 12.5μl.
- 2. Add 12.5µl Luciferin-Free Water or vehicle to "untreated" and "minus-P450 control" wells.
- 3. Add 12.5μl of 40μM sulfaphenazole or another known CYP2C9 inhibitor at the appropriate concentration to "control inhibitor" wells.
- 4. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the minus-P450 control wells and 12.5µl of the 4X CYP2C9 reaction mixture to all other wells.
- 5. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 6. Pre-incubate the plate at the desired reaction temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 10 minutes.

**Note:** Reactions can be performed at room temperature or 37°C. See Section 3.B.

- 7. Start reactions by adding 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 8. Incubate the plate at the desired temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 30 minutes.
- 9. Add 50µl of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes to stabilize the luminescent signal.
- 11. Record luminescence using a plate-reading luminometer or CCD camera. Values are displayed as relative light units (RLU).

**Note:** The luminometer settings will depend on the manufacturer. Use an integration time of 0.25–1 second per well as a guideline. Relative light units (RLU) are arbitrary units that vary between instrument manufacturers and models. Do not use a fluorometer. Do not use filters with the luminometer.



#### 8. CYP2C19 Assay Protocol

#### 8.A. Preparing the Assay Components

- 1. Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent with Reconstitution Buffer with esterase as described in Section 5.
- 2. Thaw the CYP2C19 membranes and Control Membranes rapidly at 37°C. Upon thawing, immediately place them on ice. Mix well before use. Dispense unused membranes into single-use aliquots, and store at -70°C.
- 3. Prepare a 10mM Luciferin-H EGE solution in acetonitrile: Dissolve 123μg of Luciferin-H EGE in 40μl of acetonitrile; mix vigorously to ensure complete solubilization of the substrate. Protect substrate from light. Store unused portion at -20°C.
- 4. Thaw Solutions A and B of the NADPH Regeneration System, Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, and Luciferin-Free Water, then store on ice. Store unused Solution A and Solution B at -20°C.
- 5. For 96-well plates, consider the concentrations listed in Table 2 and prepare 12.5µl of 4X CYP2C19 reaction mixture for each well. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 7 to calculate the volume of each component needed for the 4X CYP2C19 reaction mixture. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 100 wells.

Add components in the order shown in Table 7. Mix after each component is added. Store the 4X CYP2C19 reaction mixture on ice until ready to use.

Table 7. Preparation of the 4X CYP2C19 Reaction Mixture.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water <sup>1</sup>	9.7µl				
Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M	2.5µl				
10mM Luciferin-H EGE <sup>1</sup>	$0.05\mu l$				
CYP2C19 membranes	0.25μ1				
Final volume	12.5µl				

 $^{1}$ If you are preparing 4X CYP2C19 reaction mixture for fewer than 100 reactions, dilute the 10mM Luciferin-H EGE stock to 1.0mM in water. For each 12.5µl of the 4X reaction mixture, add 0.5µl of 1.0mM Luciferin-H EGE and 9.25µl of Luciferin-Free Water. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 reactions.



- 6. Prepare a separate 4X control reaction mixture for the minus-P450 control reactions by substituting Control Membranes for the CYP2C19 membranes. Adjust the protein concentration of reactions with the Control Membranes to match that of the CYP2C19 reactions. See the component labels for lot-specific information on protein content. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
- 7. Prepare 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system for each well of a 96-well plate, as indicated in Table 8. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 8 to calculate the volume of each component by multiplying the volume per reaction by the number of reactions to be performed.

To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells. Store the 2X NADPH regeneration system at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** See Section 13 for a detailed description of the NADPH regeneration system.

Table 8. Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	22.0µl				
Solution A	2.5µl				
Solution B	0.5µl				
Final volume	25.0μ1				

- 8. Prepare test compounds and known inhibitor at a 4X concentration. To use troglitazone as a control CYP2C19 inhibitor, prepare a 10mM stock solution in DMSO or acetonitrile. Dilute this stock solution with water to 40μM.
- If test compounds are diluted from concentrated stock solutions prepared in a solvent or buffer other than water (e.g., DMSO), include an equivalent amount of solvent in all control reactions to account for potential vehicle effects.

**Note:** The vehicle is defined as the solvent used to prepare the test compound stock solution plus any water used to further dilute the stock solutions to the 4X concentration.



#### 8.B. Performing the CYP2C19 P450-Glo™ Assay

This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. If you are using smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes accordingly.

- 1. Add up to 12.5μl of 4X test compound to the "TC" wells (Figure 5). If the volume of test compound is less than 12.5μl, add Luciferin-Free Water to bring the volume of each well to 12.5μl.
- 2. Add 12.5µl Luciferin-Free Water or vehicle to "untreated" and "minus-P450 control" wells.
- 3. Add 12.5μl of 40μM troglitazone or another known CYP2C19 inhibitor at the appropriate concentration to "control inhibitor" wells.
- 4. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the minus-P450 control wells and 12.5µl of the 4X CYP2C19 reaction mixture to all other wells.
- 5. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 6. Pre-incubate the plate at the desired reaction temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 10 minutes.
- 7. Start reactions by adding 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 8. Incubate the plate at 37°C or room temperature for 20 minutes or 30 minutes, respectively.
- 9. Add 50µl of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- Use the Luciferin Detection Reagent prepared using the Reconstitution Buffer with esterase when performing the CYP2C19 assay.
  - 10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes to stabilize the luminescent signal.
  - 11. Record luminescence using a plate-reading luminometer or CCD camera. Values are displayed as relative light units (RLU).

**Note:** The luminometer settings will depend on the manufacturer. Use an integration time of 0.25–1 second per well as a guideline. Relative light units (RLU) are arbitrary units that vary between instrument manufacturers and models. Do not use a fluorometer. Do not use filters with the luminometer.



#### 9. CYP2D6 Assay Protocol

#### 9.A. Preparing the Assay Components

- 1. Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent with Reconstitution Buffer with esterase as described in Section 5.
- 2. Thaw the CYP2D6 membranes and Control Membranes rapidly at 37°C. Upon thawing, immediately place them on ice. Mix well before use. Dispense unused membranes into single-use aliquots, and store at -70°C.
- 3. Prepare a 10mM Luciferin-ME EGE solution in acetonitrile. Dissolve  $900\mu g$  of Luciferin-ME EGE in  $265\mu l$  of acetonitrile; mix vigorously to ensure complete solubilization of the substrate. Protect substrate from light. Store unused portion at  $-20^{\circ}$ C.
- 4. Thaw Solutions A and B of the NADPH Regeneration System, Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, and Luciferin-Free Water, then store on ice. Store unused Solution A and Solution B at -20°C.
- 5. For 96-well plates, consider the concentrations listed in Table 2 and prepare 12.5µl of 4X CYP2D6 reaction mixture for each well as indicated in Table 9. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 9 to calculate the volume of each component needed for the 4X CYP2D6 reaction mixture. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 50 wells.

Add components in the order shown in Table 9. Mix after each component is added. Store the 4X CYP2D6 reaction mixture on ice until ready to use.

Table 9. Preparation of the 4X CYP2D6 Reaction Mixture.

	Volume per	×	Number of	=	Total
Component	Reaction		Reactions		Volume
Luciferin-Free Water <sup>1</sup>	7.1µl				
Potassium Phosphate					
Buffer, 1M	5.0µl				
10mM Luciferin-ME EGE <sup>1</sup>	0.15μ1				
CYP2D6 membranes	0.25μ1				
Final volume	12.5µl				

<sup>1</sup>If you are preparing 4X CYP2D6 reaction mixture for fewer than 50 reactions, dilute the 10mM Luciferin-ME EGE stock to 1.0mM in water. For each 12.5μl of the 4X reaction mixture, add 1.5μl of 1.0mM Luciferin-ME EGE and 5.75μl of Luciferin-Free Water. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 reactions.



#### 9.A. Preparing the Assay Components (continued)

- 6. Prepare a separate 4X control reaction mixture for the minus-P450 control reactions by substituting Control Membranes for the CYP2D6 membranes. Adjust the protein concentration of reactions with the Control Membranes to match that of the CYP2D6 reactions. See the component labels for lot-specific information about protein content. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
- 7. Prepare 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system for each well of a 96-well plate, as indicated in Table 10. For a smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary. Use Table 10 to calculate the volume of each component by multiplying the volume per reaction by the number of reactions to be performed.

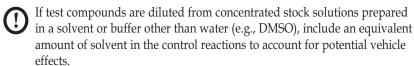
To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells. Store the 2X NADPH regeneration system at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** See Section 13 for a detailed description of the NADPH regeneration system.

Table 10. Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	22.0µl				
Solution A	2.5µl				
Solution B	0.5μl				
Final volume	25.0μ1				

8. Prepare test compounds and known inhibitor at a 4X concentration. To use quinidine as a control CYP2D6 inhibitor, prepare a  $4\mu$ M stock in water.



**Note:** The vehicle is defined as the solvent used to prepare the test compound stock solution plus any water used to further dilute the stock solutions to the 4X concentration.



#### 9.B. Performing the CYP2D6 P450-Glo™ Assay

This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. If you are using smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes accordingly.

- 1. Add up to 12.5μl of 4X test compound to the "TC" wells (Figure 5). If the volume of test compound is less than 12.5μl, add Luciferin-Free Water to bring the volume of each well to 12.5μl.
- 2. Add 12.5µl Luciferin-Free Water or vehicle to "untreated" and "minus-P450 control" wells.
- 3. Add 12.5μl of 4μM quinidine or another known CYP2D6 inhibitor at the appropriate concentration to "control inhibitor" wells.
- 4. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the minus-P450 control wells and 12.5µl of the 4X CYP2D6 reaction mixture to all other wells.
- 5. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 6. Pre-incubate the plate at the desired reaction temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 10 minutes.
- 7. Start reactions by adding 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 8. Incubate the plate at 37°C or room temperature for 30 minutes or 45 minutes, respectively.
- 9. Add 50µl of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- Use the Luciferin Detection Reagent prepared using the Reconstitution Buffer with esterase when performing the CYP2D6 assay.
  - 10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes to stabilize the luminescent signal.
  - 11. Record luminescence using a plate-reading luminometer or CCD camera. Values are displayed as relative light units (RLU).

**Note:** The luminometer settings will depend on the manufacturer. Use an integration time of 0.25–1 second per well as a guideline. Relative light units (RLU) are arbitrary units that vary between instrument manufacturers and models. Do not use a fluorometer. Do not use filters with the luminometer.



#### 10. CYP3A4 Assay Protocol

CYP3A4 systems are available with three distinct CYP3A4 substrates: Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-PPXE or Luciferin-BE. See Section I for recommendations on choosing a CYP3A4 substrate.

#### 10.A. Preparing the Assay Components

Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent for Luciferin-BE and Luciferin-PPXE reactions with Reconstitution Buffer as described in Section 5.
 Prepare the Luciferin Detection Reagent for Luciferin-IPA reactions with Reconstitution Buffer with esterase.

**Note:** The Reconstitution Buffer with esterase is required to process the CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA reaction product.

- 2. Thaw the CYP3A4 membranes and Control Membranes rapidly at 37°C. Upon thawing, immediately place them on ice. Mix well before use. Dispense unused membranes into single-use aliquots, and store at -70°C.
- 3. Thaw the Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-BE or Luciferin-PPXE; Solutions A and B of the NADPH Regeneration System; Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, and Luciferin-Free Water. For CYP3A4/Luciferin-PPXE reactions, thaw the 2M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 20X. Keep most components on ice; keep Luciferin-PPXE and Luciferin-IPA at room temperature, protected from light. Store unused Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-BE and Solutions A and B at -20°C. Store unused Luciferin-PPXE at -70°C.

**Note:** The Luciferin-BE substrate may appear viscous after thawing. Warm the vial briefly at 37°C, and vortex to reduce the viscosity.

- 4. For CYP3A4/Luciferin-PPXE reactions, dilute the 2M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 20X, to 100mM with Luciferin-Free Water.
- 5. For 96-well plates, consider the concentrations listed in Table 2 and prepare  $12.5\mu l$  of 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture for each well, as indicated in Table 11, 12 or 13. Use these tables to calculate the volume of each component needed. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as needed. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.
  - Add components in the order shown in Table 11, 12 or 13. Mix after each component is added. Store the 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture on ice until ready to use.
- For Luciferin-IPA prepare the 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture with KPO<sub>4</sub> buffer.

For Luciferin-PPXE, prepare the 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture with 100mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5).

For Luciferin-BE, prepare the 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture with Luciferin-Free Water.



Table 11. Preparation of the 4X CYP3A4 Reaction Mixture With Luciferin-IPA.

Component	Volume Per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	7.35µl				_
1M Potassium Phosphate Buffer	5.0μ1				
3mM Luciferin-IPA	0.05μl				
CYP3A4 membranes	0.1μl				
Final volume	12.5µl				

Table 12. Preparation of the 4X CYP3A4 Reaction Mixture With Luciferin-PPXE.

Component	Volume Per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
100mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)	11.975μl				
50mM Luciferin-PPXE	$0.025\mu l$				
CYP3A4 membranes	0.5μ1				
Final volume	12.5µl				

Table 13. Preparation of the 4X CYP3A4 Reaction Mixture With Luciferin-BE.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	11.0µl				
5mM Luciferin-BE	0.5μ1				
CYP3A4 membranes	1.0μl				
Final volume	12.5µl				

6. Prepare a separate 4X control reaction mixture for the minus-P450 control reactions by substituting Control Membranes for the CYP3A4 membranes.

For Luciferin-IPA prepare the control mixture with KPO<sub>4</sub> buffer.

For Luciferin-PPXE prepare the control mixture with 100mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5).

For Luciferin-BE prepare the control mixture with Luciferin-Free Water.

Adjust the protein concentration of reactions with the Control Membranes to match that of the CYP3A4 reactions. See the component labels for lot-specific information about protein content. To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells.



#### 10.A. Preparing the Assay Components (continued)

7. Prepare 25µl of the 2X NADPH regeneration system for each well of a 96-well plate with KPO<sub>4</sub> buffer for Luciferin-PPXE and Luciferin-BE or without KPO<sub>4</sub> buffer for Luciferin-IPA reactions, as indicated in Tables 14 and 15. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volume as necessary. Use Tables 14 and 15 to calculate the volume of each component by multiplying the volume per reaction by the number of reactions to be performed.

To avoid errors due to pipetting small volumes, prepare enough of the mixture for at least 10 wells. Store the 2X NADPH regeneration system at room temperature until ready to use.

**Note:** See Section 13 for a detailed description of the NADPH regeneration system.

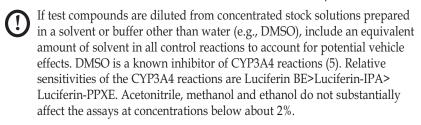
Table 14. Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System for Luciferin-IPA Reactions.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	22.0µl				
Solution A	2.5µl				
Solution B	0.5μ1				
Final volume	<b>25.</b> 0μ <b>l</b>				

Table 15 Preparation of the 2X NADPH Regeneration System for Luciferin-PPXE or Luciferin-BE Reactions.

Component	Volume per Reaction	×	Number of Reactions	=	Total Volume
Luciferin-Free Water	12.0µl				
Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M	10.0μl				
Solution A	2.5µl				
Solution B	0.5μ1				
Final volume	25.0µl				

8. Prepare test compounds and known inhibitor at a 4X concentration. To use ketoconazole as a control CYP3A4 inhibitor, prepare a 5mM stock solution in acetonitrile. Dilute this stock solution with water to  $20\mu M$ .





**Note:** The vehicle is defined as the solvent used to prepare the test compound stock solution plus any water used to further dilute the stock solutions to the 4X concentration.

#### 10.B. Performing the CYP3A4 P450-Glo™ Assay

This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary.

- 1. Add up to 12.5μl of 4X test compound to the "TC" wells (Figure 5). If the volume of test compound is less than 12.5μl, add Luciferin-Free Water to bring the volume of each well to 12.5μl.
- 2. Add 12.5µl Luciferin-Free Water or vehicle to "untreated" and "minus-P450 control" wells.
- 3. Add 12.5µl of 20µM ketoconazole or another known CYP3A4 inhibitor to "control inhibitor" wells.
- 4. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the minus-P450 control wells and 12.5µl of the 4X CYP3A4 reaction mixture to all other wells.
- 5. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- 6. Pre-incubate the plate at the desired reaction temperature (room temperature or 37°C) for 10 minutes.
  - **Note:** Reactions can be performed at room temperature or 37°C. See Section 3.B.
- 7. Start reactions by adding 25µl of 2X NADPH regeneration system to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- Incubate CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA assays at room temperature or 37°C for 10 minutes.
  - Incubate CYP3A4/Luciferin-PPXE assays at 37°C or room temperature for 15 minutes or 30 minutes, respectively.
  - Incubate CYP3A4/Luciferin-BE assays at room temperature or 37°C for 30 minutes.
- 9. Add 50µl of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to all wells. Mix briefly on a plate shaker or by tapping the plate.
- Use the Luciferin Detection Reagent prepared using the Reconstitution Buffer when performing 3A4/Luciferin-PPXE or 3A4/Luciferin-BE assays. Use the Luciferin Detection Reagent prepared using the Reconstitution Buffer with esterase when performing 3A4/Luciferin-IPA assays.
  - 10. Incubate the plate at room temperature for 20 minutes to stabilize the luminescent signal.



#### 10.B. Performing the CYP3A4 P450-Glo™ Assay (continued)

11. Record luminescence using a plate-reading luminometer or CCD camera. Values are displayed as relative light units (RLU).

**Note:** Luminometer settings will depend on the manufacturer. Use an integration time of 0.25–1 second per well as a guideline. Relative light units (RLU) are arbitrary units that vary between instrument manufacturers and models. Do not use a fluorometer. Do not use filters with the luminometer.

#### 11. Results

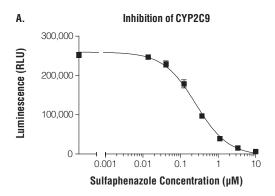
Calculate net CYP-dependent luminescence by subtracting the average luminescence of the minus-P450 control reactions from the CYP-containing reactions. The net signals from untreated CYP reactions represent total CYP activity. Changes from the average net signal of untreated CYP reactions for reactions with a known inhibitor or test compound reflect the modulation of CYP activity by these compounds. Changes will typically be seen as decreases due to CYP inhibition. However, some compounds may cause signals to increase because they exhibit positive cooperativity with the CYP substrate. This phenomenon has been reported for CYP3A4 and CY2C9 (6,7).

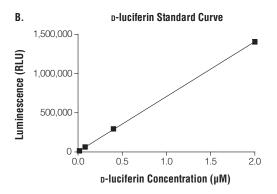
The magnitude of luminescent signal is proportional to D-luciferin concentration. Data may be expressed directly in relative light units, or the values may be converted to reaction rates by dividing luminescence (in RLU) by reaction time and CYP amount. For example, obtaining 100,000RLU from a 20-minute reaction with 0.5pmol of CYP corresponds to a specific activity of 10,000RLU/pmol CYP/minute. Alternatively, RLU can be converted to a corresponding D-luciferin concentration in assays that include a D-luciferin standard curve (Figure 6). However, to detect CYP inhibition at a single concentration of a test compound or measure the IC<sub>50</sub> or K<sub>i</sub> value for an inhibitor, it is not necessary to convert RLU to D-luciferin concentration.

**Note:**  $IC_{50}$  refers to the concentration of a compound that reduces CYP activity to the midpoint of the full inhibition curve. In the case of competitive inhibition,  $IC_{50} = 2K_i$  when the substrate is present at the  $K_m$  concentration, as per the relationship:  $K_i = IC_{50}/[1 + (\text{substrate concentration}/K_m)]$ .

If  $IC_{50}$  values obtained for competitive inhibitors with the P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays will be compared to  $IC_{50}$  values obtained with other CYP assays, you must consider this relationship and note that direct  $IC_{50}$  comparisons should be made only when the respective substrates are present at their  $K_m$  concentrations. Also note that, because inhibition of CYP3A4 and 2C9 is substrate-dependent, it is unrealistic to expect matching  $K_i$  values for a given inhibitor against every substrate of these enzymes (6–9).







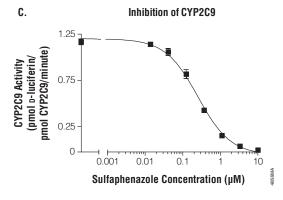


Figure 6. Representative P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assay data. CYP2C9 reactions were performed in the presence or absence of the CYP2C9 inhibitor sulfaphenazole as described in Section 7. Panel A. The inhibition of CYP2C9 by sulfaphenazole is expressed in terms of RLU. Panel B. A D-luciferin standard curve was performed in parallel with CYP2C9 reactions, as described in Section 12, and analyzed by linear regression.  $r^2$  = 0.999. Panel C. Luminescent signals from CYP2C9 reactions were compared to those from the D-luciferin standard curve to interpolate the D-luciferin concentrations. D-luciferin concentrations were then used to calculate CYP2C9 reaction rates (pmol D-luciferin/pmol CYP2C9/minute). The IC<sub>50</sub> value derived from Panels A or C for inhibition of CYP2C9 by sulfaphenazole is 0.2μM. Luminescence was measured using a POLARstar luminometer (BMG Labtech).

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#### 12. Quantifying P450-Glo™ Assay Signals with D-Luciferin Standard Curves

The concentration of D-luciferin generated by CYP in P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays can be determined by comparing the luminescence from samples to a D-luciferin standard curve. The range of D-luciferin concentrations generated in P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays is in the linear portion of the standard curve for D-luciferin, as illustrated in Figure 6. Standard curve measurements should be performed at the same time as samples. Use the plate layout shown in Figure 7. By comparing signals from CYP reactions to those from the D-luciferin standards, the quantity of D-luciferin generated by CYP can be determined.

See Section 12.B for an important consideration regarding quantifying signals from Luciferin-PPXE reactions.

	<b>←</b> D-lu	ciferin Stanc	lards									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
А	2.0µM	2.0µM	2.0µM	TC 1	TC 1	TC 1	TC 9	TC 9	TC 9	TC 17	TC 17	TC 17
В	0.4µM	0.4µM	0.4µM	TC 2	TC 2	TC 2	TC 10	TC 10	TC 10	TC 18	TC 18	TC 18
С	0.08µM	0.08µM	0.08µM	TC 3	TC 3	TC 3	TC 11	TC 11	TC 11	TC 19	TC 19	TC 19
D	0.016µM	0.016µM	0.016µM	TC 4	TC 4	TC 4	TC 12	TC 12	TC 12	TC 20	TC 20	TC 20
Е	0.0μΜ	0.0μΜ	0.0µM	TC 5	TC 5	TC 5	TC 13	TC 13	TC 13	TC 21	TC 21	TC 21
F	Control Inhibitor	Control Inhibitor	Control Inhibitor	TC 6	TC 6	TC 6	TC 14	TC 14	TC 14	TC 22	TC 22	TC 22
G				TC 7	TC 7	TC 7	TC 15	TC 15	TC 15	TC 23	TC 23	TC 23
Н	Untreated	Untreated	Untreated	TC 8	TC 8	TC 8	TC 16	TC 16	TC 16	TC 24	TC 24	TC 24

TC=test compound

Figure 7. Plate layout for assays with a D-luciferin standard curve.

#### 12.A. Generating a D-Luciferin Standard Curve

Prepare the D-luciferin stock solutions and D-luciferin standards at a location separate from where the P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays are performed. **Because of the high sensitivity of the luciferase reaction, even small amounts of luciferin contamination can affect assay results.** This protocol is written for a 96-well plate format. For smaller well formats, scale reagent volumes as necessary.

- 1. To prepare D-luciferin standards, dissolve 5mg of Beetle Luciferin, Potassium Salt (Cat.# E1601), in 7.85ml of water to make a 2mM stock solution of D-luciferin.
- 2. Add  $40\mu l$  of 2mM D-luciferin to  $960\mu l$  of water to make an  $80\mu M$  working stock solution.



- 3. Prepare the 4X D-luciferin standards:
  - i. Label four tubes: 8μM, 1.6μM, 0.32μM and 0.064μM, respectively.
  - ii. Pipette 900 $\mu$ l of water into the 8 $\mu$ M tube and 800 $\mu$ l of water into the other three tubes.
  - iii. Add  $100\mu l$  of the  $80\mu M$  D-luciferin working stock prepared in Step 2 to the  $8\mu M$  tube. Mix thoroughly by pipetting.
  - iv. Transfer 200 $\mu$ l from the  $8\mu$ M tube to the 1.6 $\mu$ M tube. Mix thoroughly by pipetting.
  - v. Transfer 200 $\mu$ l from the 1.6 $\mu$ M tube to the 0.32 $\mu$ M tube. Mix thoroughly by pipetting.
  - vi. Transfer 200 $\mu$ l from the 0.32 $\mu$ M tube to the 0.064 $\mu$ M tube. Mix thoroughly by pipetting.

**Note:** Store the D-luciferin stock solutions at -20°C.

- 4. Prepare the 4X CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6 or CYP3A4 reaction mixtures, 4X control reaction mixture and 2X NADPH regeneration system as described in Section 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10. Prepare enough 4X control reaction mixture for all standards. Also, be sure to add the appropriate P450-Glo™ substrate to the 4X control reaction mixture.
- 5. Add 12.5 $\mu$ l of 4X D-luciferin standards to the appropriate wells (8 $\mu$ M standards to wells labeled 2 $\mu$ M, 1.6 $\mu$ M standards to wells labeled 0.4 $\mu$ M, 0.32 $\mu$ M standards to wells labeled 0.08 $\mu$ M, and 0.064 $\mu$ M to wells labeled 0.016 $\mu$ M). Add 12.5 $\mu$ l of water to 0 $\mu$ M D-luciferin wells. **Take care to avoid cross-contaminating the wells with D-luciferin.** 
  - **Note:** The sample labeled as  $0\mu M$  is equivalent to the minus-P450 control in Figure 5.
- 6. Add 12.5µl of the 4X control reaction mixture to the 2µM, 0.4µM, 0.08µM, 0.016µM and 0µM standard wells.
- 7. Set up wells with control and test compounds, and proceed with the assay as described in Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 for CYP1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6 and 3A4 assays, respectively.



#### 12.B. Data Analysis

- Subtract the average luminescence of the 0μM D-luciferin standard wells from all luminescence values (including 0μM D-luciferin).
- Perform linear regression analysis of luminescence from standards to generate a standard curve, where X represents the D-luciferin concentration and Y represents the luminescence (in RLU).
- Interpolate CYP-generated D-luciferin concentrations in test samples by comparing their RLU values to the standard curve.
- To convert D-luciferin concentrations to a CYP reaction rate, consider the
  interpolated D-luciferin concentration, reaction volume, incubation time and
  amount of CYP assayed. For example, a 30-minute reaction with 1pmol of
  CYP generates 1μM D-luciferin. In a 50μl reaction volume, 1μM D-luciferin is
  50pmol. The activity is 50pmol D-luciferin/pmol CYP/30 minutes or
  1.67pmol D-luciferin/pmol CYP/minute.
- The luminescence from all samples should not be higher than that of the  $2\mu M$  standard. If any values exceed that of the highest standard, the range of the standard curve should be extended by including standards at higher concentrations (e.g.,  $10\mu M$  and  $50\mu M$  D-luciferin).
- Luciferin concentrations interpolated for Luciferin-PPXE reactions are half of their true values because Luciferin-PPXE is provided as a 50:50 mixture of D- and L-forms and the Luciferin Detection Reagent only detects D-luciferin. The rate of metabolism by CYP enzymes of D-luciferin-PPXE and L-luciferin-PPXE are equal, so the reaction product is a 50:50 mixture of D-luciferin and L-luciferin. To arrive at the true values, multiply the interpolated values by two.

#### 13. NADPH Regeneration System

The NADPH regeneration system reduces NADP+ to NADPH. The NADPH Regeneration System available from Promega (Cat.# V9510) consists of two reagents, Solution A and Solution B. Solution A contains the substrates NADP+ and glucose-6-phosphate and is supplied as a 20X concentrate. Solution B contains the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase at a 100X concentration. The two solutions are combined before use at a 2X concentration, and the NADPH generated serves as the electron source for the CYP oxidative reactions. When Solution A and Solution B are combined, reduction of NADP+ to NADPH occurs rapidly. Within 5–10 minutes at room temperature, the NADPH regeneration system is fully charged. The P450-Glo™ Assays are initiated by adding the 2X NADPH regeneration system to the CYP assays.



The 2X NADPH regeneration systems for use with CYP1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6 and 3A4 with Luciferin-IPA contain 2.6mM NADP+, 6.6mM glucose-6-phosphate, 6.6mM MgCl $_2$  and 0.8U/ml glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase. The 2X NADPH regeneration system (prepared by the user) for use with CYP3A4 with Luciferin-BE or Luciferin-PPXE contains 2.6mM NADP+, 6.6mM glucose-6-phosphate, 6.6mM MgCl $_2$ , 0.8U/ml glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase and 400mM KPO $_4$  buffer. A typical 50µl CYP assay will contain 2.5µl of Solution A and 0.5µl of Solution B.

Purified NADPH can be substituted for the NADPH regeneration system in P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays. The final concentration of NADPH in the CYP assay should be  $100\mu M$ . NADPH can be purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and other chemical suppliers.

#### Stability

Solution A and B are stable for up to five freeze-thaw cycles. Both solutions may be held at room temperature for up to 2 hours without significant loss in the ability to generate NADPH. When combined, the resulting NADPH regeneration system remains charged at room temperature for up to 2 hours and is stable for repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

#### 14. K<sub>m</sub> Measurements

The K<sub>m</sub> value for a given CYP may vary somewhat between enzyme preparations (4). The concentrations of P450-Glo™ substrates recommended here are representative K<sub>m</sub> concentrations for recombinant CYP enzyme preparations. When measuring K<sub>m</sub>, Luciferin-H, Luciferin-ME, Luciferin-H EGE and Luciferin-ME EGE caused a partial inhibition of luciferase at the upper end of the concentration ranges tested, and thus, diminished the brightness of the detection step. Such luciferase inhibition is not observed with Luciferin-IPA, Luciferin-BE or Luciferin-PPXE. To measure a K<sub>m</sub> value for a luminogenic P450-Glo™ Assay, we compensated for the inhibition of luciferase by the former P450-Glo™ substrates. Without compensation, luciferase is less sensitive when detecting luciferin at the higher substrate concentrations, resulting in underestimates of  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$  values. For the  $K_m$  values reported in Table 2, compensation for luciferase inhibition in CYP1A2, 2C9, 2C19 and 2D6 reactions was made by performing CYP reactions at a range of substrate concentrations, adding the reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent to stop the reactions, then adjusting the substrate concentration in all reactions to the highest concentration in the range. In this way, the sensitivity of luciferase to detect CYP-generated luciferin was equal across the range of substrate concentrations. No compensation was made for substrate loss during the CYP reaction because less than 1% of the total substrate was consumed. K<sub>m</sub> values measured using this method were in good agreement with values determined by integration of a luciferin peak using HPLC (data not shown).



#### 15. Troubleshooting

For questions not addressed here, please contact your local Promega Branch Office or Distributor. Contact information available at: www.promega.com. E-mail: techserv@promega.com

Symptoms	Causes and Comments	
High background luminescence	<ul> <li>Luciferin contamination of one or more of the reaction components.</li> <li>Avoid workspaces and pipettes that are used with luciferin-containing solutions, including luminescence-based cell viability, apoptosis or reporter gene assays.</li> <li>Decontaminate work surfaces by wiping with a detergent solution or ethanol and rinsing with clean water. Rinse pipettes and other labware with distilled water multiple times. For automated dispensing systems, replace any components that have been used to dispense luciferin-containing solutions.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Contamination of minus-P450 control reactions with a CYP isoform that reacts with the luminogenic substrate of interest.</li> <li>Choose a control preparation known to be free of CYP activity.</li> <li>Avoid contact between the inactive control and active preparations of CYP.</li> </ul>	
	Substrate was stored improperly. Store Luciferin-PPXE at or below −70°C, protected from light; store all other P450-Glo <sup>TM</sup> substrates at −20°C, protected from light.	
High luminescent signal in random wells of the plate	Possible luciferin contamination. Avoid luminometers that are used with luciferin-containing solutions, including luminescence-based cell viability, apoptosis or gene reporter assays.	



#### Symptoms

#### **Causes and Comments**

Low luminescent signal

Use only white opaque luminometer plates. Do not use black plates or clear plates. Best results are obtained with nontreated, white, polystyrene plates (e.g., Costar 96-well plates, Cat.# 3912 or white 96 MicroWell® plates, Nunc Cat.# 236108). CYP activity may be inhibited nonspecifically by binding of CYP membranes and/or substrates to a surface that has been treated for enhanced hydrophobicity. Reactions with Luciferin-IPA are sensitive to this effect.

The wrong buffer was used to resuspend the Luciferin Detection Reagent (lyophilized). Use the reagent labeled as Reconstitution Buffer for CYP1A2, 2C9, 3A4/Luciferin-BE and 3A4/Luciferin-PPXE assays; use the reagent labeled as Reconstitution Buffer with esterase for CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA, 2C19 and 2D6 assays. These two buffers are not interchangeable. Label the blank space provided on the Luciferin Detection Reagent label with the assay name to ensure the correct buffer is used.

Low CYP activity in enzyme preparation.

- Store the CYP membranes at -70°C. Dispense the membranes into single-use aliquots to avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.
- Thaw the CYP membranes immediately before use. Extended incubations on ice or at room temperature may lead to enzyme inactivation.
- Mix the CYP membranes well before use.
- For CYP2C9, incubate the assays at 37°C rather than at room temperature. Stronger signals are always generated at 37°C.

Unexpected inhibition of CYP enzyme

Inhibition of CYP by test compound vehicle. Compare the luminescence from reactions with and without vehicle. A decrease in luminescence in the presence of the vehicle indicates CYP inhibition. Minimize solvent concentration, or use a different solvent to dissolve test compounds.

Inhibition of CYP by test compound vehicle. DMSO is a known CYP3A4 inhibitor (4). If possible, replace DMSO with acetonitrile in the CYP3A4 / Luciferin-BE reactions. Reactions with Luciferin-IPA and Luciferin-PPXE have minimal sensitivity to inhibition by DMSO.



#### 15. Troubleshooting (continued)

#### **Symptoms**

# Unexpected inhibition of P450-Glo™ Assay

#### **Causes and Comments**

P450-Glo™ substrate formed a precipitate upon thawing or dilution in aqueous mixtures.

- Briefly warm thawed substrate to 37°C, then vortex to dissolve the substrate.
- Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, was added directly to the 4X CYP3A4/Luciferin-BE or CYP3A4/Luciferin-PPXE reaction mixtures. The 4X potassium phosphate concentration for CYP3A4 reactions is 800mM, and this may cause the substrate to precipitate. By introducing the Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M, to the reaction as part of the NADPH regeneration mixture, the substrate is not exposed to the high potassium phosphate concentration, and precipitation is avoided.

Luciferase or esterase inhibition. Screen compounds using multiple CYP enzymes. Inhibition of only a subset of the enzymes indicates that the test compound is not a luciferase or esterase inhibitor.

Luciferase or esterase inhibition. Luciferase is used to generate luminescence in P450-Glo<sup>TM</sup> Assays. A mixture of porcine esterases is used in the CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA, CYP2C19 and CYP2D6 Luciferin Detection Reagent to process the products of the respective reactions. The potential for inhibition of luciferase or esterase is minimized by maintaining high enzyme concentrations and using reaction chemistries that reduce the effects of potential inhibitors. For example,  $10\mu M$  of the esterase competitive inhibitors ethyl butyrate, ethyl acetate and 4-nitrophenyl acetate had little or no effect on assay signal (98.5%  $\pm$  2.1%, 98.8%  $\pm$  1.1% and 98.4%  $\pm$  1.6% of control samples, respectively).

To test for luciferase inhibition, assemble two reactions, one with equal volumes of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent and 400nM Beetle Luciferin, Potassium Salt (Cat.# E1601), and a second reaction with equal volumes of reconstituted Luciferin Detection Reagent and 400nM beetle luciferin plus the test compound. Incubate reactions at room temperature for 10 minutes, then measure the luminescence. A decrease in luminescence in the presence of the test compound indicates luciferase inhibition.



Symptoms	Causes and Comments
Unexpected inhibition of P450-Glo™ Assay (continued)	If luciferase inhibition has been ruled out as a possible cause, perform the following test for esterase inhibition (CYP2C19, 2D6 and CYP3A4/Luciferin-IPA assays only). Perform CYP2C19, 2D6 or CYP3A4 reactions without test compound. Add Luciferin Detection Reagent to a control reaction and Luciferin Detection Reagent plus the test compound to a test reaction. Diminished signal in the test reaction indicates esterase inhibition.
	Inhibition of the NADPH regeneration system. Concerns that test compounds may inhibit the NADPH regeneration system and cause an apparent inhibition of CYP activity are unwarranted. The system generates an excess of NADPH, which remains at a nonlimiting concentration over the course of a reaction even in the absence of continual synthesis.
Luciferin-PPXE substrate forms precipitate in the 4X Luciferin-PPXE/CYP3A4 reaction mixture	Use 100mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), not water, to prepare the 4X Luciferin-PPXE/CYP3A4 reaction mixture. Luciferin-PPXE has greater solubility in Tris-HCl.
	When preparing the 4X Luciferin-PPXE/CYP3A4 4X reaction mixture, mix the Luciferin-PPXE and Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) immediately upon combining.

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#### 16.B. Composition of Buffers and Solutions

# Potassium Phosphate Buffer, 1M (pH 7.4)

13.94g potassium phosphate

dibasic, anhydrous

2.72g potassium phosphate monobasic, anhydrous

Adjust the pH to  $7.4 \pm 0.1$  at 25°C.

#### Luciferin-IPA, 3mM

3mM Luciferin-IPA in DMSO

#### Luciferin-BE, 5mM

5mM luciferin-BE in 100mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.4)

#### Luciferin-H, 5mM

5mM luciferin-H in 5mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 5.5)

#### Luciferin-ME, 5mM

5mM luciferin-ME in 5mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 5.5)

#### Luciferin-Free Water

A contaminant-free supply of water for making necessary dilutions.

#### Solution A, NADPH Regeneration System (20X concentration)

26mM NADP+

66mM glucose-6-phosphate

66mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>

# **Solution B, NADPH Regeneration System** (100X concentration)

40U/ml glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase in 5mM sodium citrate (pH 5.5)



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Product	Size	Cat.#
Beetle Luciferin, Potassium Salt	5mg	E1601
	50mg	E1602
	250mg	E1603
	1g	E1605
NADPH Regeneration System	1,000 assays	V9510

#### Cytochrome P450 Assays

Product	Size	Cat.#
P450-Glo™ CYP1A1 Assay	10ml	V8751
	50ml	V8752
P450-Glo™ CYP1B1 Assay	10ml	V8761
	50ml	V8762
P450-Glo™ CYP1A2 Assay	10ml	V8771
	50ml	V8772
P450-Glo™ CYP2C8 Assay	10ml	V8781
	50ml	V8782
P450-Glo™ CYP2C9 Assay	10ml	V8791
	50ml	V8792
P450-Glo™ CYP2C19 Assay	10ml	V8881
	50ml	V8882
P450-Glo™ CYP2D6 Assay	10ml	V8891
	50ml	V8892
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay	10ml	V8801
	50ml	V8802
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay (Luciferin-PFBE)		
Cell-Based/Biochemical Assay	10ml	V8901
	50ml	V8902
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay (Luciferin-PPXE)	10ml	V8911
DMSO Tolerant Assay	50ml	V8912
P450-Glo™ CYP3A4 Assay (Luciferin-IPA)	10ml	V9001
	50ml	V9002
P450-Glo™ CYP3A7 Assay	10ml	V8811
	50ml	V8812



#### 16.C. Related Products (continued)

#### **Luminogenic Enzyme Substrates**

Product	Size	Cat.#
Luciferin-NAT2	3mg	P1721
Luciferin-3A7	3mg	P1741
Luciferin-4A	3mg	P1621
Luciferin-4F2/3	3mg	P1651
Luciferin-4F12	3mg	P1661
Luciferin-2J2/4F12 (ester)	3mg	P1671
Luciferin-MultiCYP (ester)	3mg	P1731

#### **Luciferin Detection Reagents**

Product	Size	Cat.#
Luciferin Detection Reagent	50ml	V8921
Luciferase Detection Reagent with esterase	50ml	V8931

Additional sizes available. **Note:** Use Cat.# V8921 with Cat.# P1621, P1651, P1661, P1721, and P1741. Use Cat.# V8931 with Cat.# P1671 and P1731.

#### Monoamine Oxidase Assay

Product	Size	Cat.#
MAO-Glo™ Assay	200 assays	V1401
	1,000 assays	V1402

#### P-glycoprotein Assays

Product	Size	Cat.#
Pgp-Glo™ Assay System	10ml	V3591
Pgp-Glo™ Assay System with P-glycoprotein	10ml	V3601

#### Glutathione-S-Transferase Assay

Product	Size	Cat.#
GSH-Glo™ Assay	10ml	V6911

#### Luminometers

Product	Size	Cat.#
GloMax®-Multi Base Instrument*	1 each	E7031
GloMax®-Multi Luminescence Module	1 each	E7041
GloMax®-Multi Fluorescence Module	1 each	E7051
GloMax®-Multi Absorbance Module	1 each	E7061
GloMax® 96 Microplate Luminometer	1 each	E6501
GloMax® 20/20 Luminometer	1 each	E5311
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\*Cat.# E7031 must be purchased with at least one detection module (Cat.# E7041, E7051, E7061).



Cell V	iability <sup>7</sup>	<b>Assays</b>
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Product	Size	Cat.#
CellTiter-Glo® Luminescent Cell Viability Assay* (ATP)	10ml	G7570
	10 × 10ml	G7571
	100ml	G7572
	10 × 100ml	G7573
CellTiter 96® AQ <sub>ueous</sub> One Solution		
Cell Proliferation Assay* (MTS)	200 assays	G3582
	1 <u>,000</u> assays	G3580
	5,000 assays	G3581
CellTiter-Blue® Cell Viability Assay (Resazurin)	20ml	G8080
	100ml	G8081
	10 × 100ml	G8082
CellTiter-Fluor™ Cell Viability Assay*	10ml	G6080
	5 ×10ml	G6081
	2 × 50ml	G6082
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<sup>\*</sup>For Laboratory Use.

#### **Apoptosis Assays**

Product	Size	Cat.#
Apo-ONE® Homogeneous Caspase-3/7 Assay	100ml	G7791
Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay*	100ml	G8092
Caspase-Glo® 8 Assay*	100ml	G8202
Caspase-Glo® 9 Assay*	100ml	G8212
Caspase-Glo® 6 Assay*	50ml	G0971
Caspase-Glo® 2 Assay*	50ml	G0941

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