

## Difference between assay and purity regarding pharmaceutical analysis – Primer

According to the WikiAnswers website, an “**assay**” method provides an experimentally determined value for the content or potency of an analyte in a sample.

In contrast, a “**purity**” methods provides an accurate quantitative statement of all impurities in a pharmaceutical sample.

This includes related substances, residual solvents, etc. Please refer to the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines for more detail.



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