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Pierce® Anti-HA Agarose

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| Number | Description |
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| 26181 | Pierce Anti-HA Agarose, 1mL settled resin |
| | Support: Crosslinked 4% beaded agarose supplied as 50% slurry (e.g., 1mL of settled resin is equivalent to 2mL of 50% slurry) |
| | Supplied: 1:1 suspension in 0.1M phosphate, 0.15M NaCl, pH 7.2 with 0.05% sodium azide |
| | Loading: 3.5mg mouse anti-HA IgG ₁ monoclonal antibody conjugated per mL of settled agarose resin |
| 26182 | Pierce Anti-HA Agarose, 5mL settled resin (10mL of 50% slurry) |
| | Support: Crosslinked 4% beaded agarose supplied as 50% slurry (e.g., 5mL of settled resin is equivalent to 10mL of 50% slurry) |
| | Supplied: 1:1 suspension in 0.1M phosphate, 0.15M NaCl, pH 7.2 with 0.05% sodium azide |
| | Loading: 3.5mg mouse anti-HA IgG ₁ monoclonal antibody conjugated per mL of settled agarose resin |

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Storage: Upon receipt store at 4°C. Do not freeze. Product is shipped with an ice pack.

Introduction

The Thermo Scientific Pierce Anti-HA Agarose is an immunopurification and immunoprecipitation resin specific for HA-tagged proteins expressed in human *in vitro* expression systems and bacterial and mammalian cell lysates. The anti-HA antibody coupled to the resin is a high-affinity mouse IgG_1 monoclonal antibody that recognizes the HA-epitope tag (YPYDVPDYA) derived from the human influenza hemagglutinin (HA) protein. Pierce Anti-HA Agarose can be used in gravity purification columns, spin purification columns or cartridges for FPLC instruments.

Important Product Information

- For best results, determine optimal conditions for expression of HA-tagged fusion protein before attempting immunoprecipitation or immunopurification.
- For optimal results, add protease inhibitors (e.g., Thermo Scientific Halt Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Product No. 87786) when preparing any lysate.



- The binding capacity is 60-150nmol HA-tagged fusion protein per 1mL of settled resin. Elution capacity is at least 6-15nmol HA-tagged fusion protein per 1mL of settled resin using 3M NaSCN. Binding and elution capacity will vary depending on the HA-fusion protein and the method of elution. Binding and elution capacities are based on a 37kDa HA-tagged protein.
- Thoroughly resuspend the Pierce Anti-HA Agarose by inverting the bottle several times before dispensing. Do not
 vortex.

Additional Materials Recommended

- HaltTM Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Product No. 87786)
- Tween®-20 Detergent (e.g., Thermo Scientific Tween-20 Surfact-Amps Detergent Solution, Product No. 28320)
- End-over-end rocker or rotator
- 1M Tris, pH 9.5
- 0.1M Glycine, pH 2.0-2.8
- 3M NaSCN
- 50mM NaOH
- Thermo Scientific Pierce HA Peptide (Product No. 26184)
- Reagent for lysing cells, such as Thermo Scientific M-PER Mammalian Protein Extraction Reagent (Product No. 78501)
 or Thermo Scientific B-PER Bacterial Protein Extraction Reagent (Product No. 78243)
- Spin columns and collection tubes (e.g., Thermo Scientific Pierce Spin Columns, 0.9mL, Product No. 69705; Thermo Scientific Pierce Centrifuge Columns, 5mL, Product No. 89897)
- Tris-buffered saline (TBS) (e.g., Thermo Scientific BupH Tris Buffered Saline Packs, Product No. 28376)

Procedure for Lysis of Mammalian Cells

Note: For optimal results, use a protease inhibitor cocktail, such as Halt Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Product No. 87786), when preparing any cell lysate

A. Lysis of Adherent Mammalian Cells

- 1. Carefully decant culture medium and rinse the cells once with ice-cold TBS.
- 2. Add the volume of M-PER® Reagent to the plate or well as indicated in Table 1. Gently shake plate for 5 minutes.
- 3. Collect the lysate and transfer to a microcentrifuge tube. Centrifuge samples at $16,000 \times g$ at 4° C for 20 minutes to pellet the cell debris.

| Table 1. Recommended | volumes of Thermo | Scientific M-PER Reagent. |
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| Plate Type | Volume of M-PER Reagent |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 100mm (diameter) | 500-1000μL |
| 60mm (diameter) | 250-500µL |
| 6-well plate | 200-400μL/well |
| 24-well plate | 100-200µL/well |

B. Lysis of Non-adherent Mammalian Cells

- 1. Centrifuge the cell suspension at $500 \times g$ for five minutes to pellet the cells. Discard the supernatant.
- 2. Wash cells once by resuspending the cell pellet in ice-cold TBS. Centrifuge at $500 \times g$ for five minutes to pellet cells.
- 3. Add M-PER Reagent to the cell pellet (500μL of M-PER Reagent is sufficient for lysing 50mg of wet cell pellet). For optimal results use a 10:1 v/w ratio.
- 4. Gently shake the sample for 10 minutes. Remove cell debris by centrifugation at $16,000 \times g$ at 4°C for 20 minutes.



Procedure for Lysis of Bacterial Cells

- 1. Pellet bacterial cells by centrifugation at $5000 \times g$ for 10 minutes.
- 2. Optional: Add 2μL of lysozyme and 2μL of DNAse I per 1mL of B-PER® Reagent. Add protease inhibitors.
- 3. Add 4mL of B-PER Reagent per gram of cell pellet. Pipette the suspension up and down until it is homogeneous.
 - **Note:** If using B-PER II Reagent, 2mL of reagent per gram of cell pellet may be used to achieve a more concentrated protein solution.
- 4. Incubate 10-15 minutes at room temperature.
- 5. Centrifuge lysate at $15,000 \times g$ for five minutes to separate soluble proteins from insoluble proteins.

Procedure for IP of HA-tagged Protein

Note: The amount of lysate needed and incubation time are dependent upon the expression level, type of HA-tagged protein, and type of lysate. Optimization may be required for each specific system.

A. Immunoprecipitation Using Spin Columns or Microcentrifuge Tubes

- 1. Add $20-100\mu L$ of Pierce Anti-HA Agarose slurry to tube. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at $12,000 \times g$. Discard liquid.
- 2. Wash resin with one resin volume of TBS. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at $12,000 \times g$. Discard liquid.
- 3. Add lysate to tube. Bring total volume of lysate to at least 200µL with TBS. For HA-tagged proteins produced using the Pierce *In Vitro* Protein Expression Kits, dilute lysate for a final volume of 200µL in TBS.
- Incubate one hour to overnight at 4°C with gentle end-over-end mixing or a rocking platform.
- 5. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at $12,000 \times g$. Save the supernatant for analysis of binding efficiency.
- 6. Prepare a wash solution of TBS with 0.05% Tween-20 (TBS-T).
- 7. Wash resin with 500μL TBS-T and invert the column several times. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at 12,000 × *g*. Discard wash. Repeat this step two additional times.

B. Elution of HA-tagged Protein

Note: Select one of the elution protocols below. If the eluted HA-tagged protein will be used for function applications or is sensitive to pH extremes or sodium thiocyanate, then elute the protein with Pierce HA Peptide.

Gentle Elution Protocol:

- 1. Prepare Pierce HA Peptide at 1mg/mL in TBS.
- 2. Add one bed volume of 1mg/mL Pierce HA Peptide and incubate for 10-15 minutes at 30°C. Elution may be performed at reduced temperatures; however, lower yields may result.
- 3. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at $12,000 \times g$. Collect eluate.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 two to three additional times.
- 5. If resin is to be reused, wash the resin five times with one bed volume of 3M NaSCN to remove bound Pierce HA Peptide.

Note: Pierce HA Peptide may interfere with protein determination assays and absorbance at 280nm. Desalt sample before performing protein assay.



• Chemical Elution Protocol:

Note: Three options are available for chemical elution: 0.1M glycine, pH 2-2.8, 3M NaSCN, and 50mM NaOH (Table 2).

Table 2. Advantages and disadvantages of the chemical elution options.

| Solution | Advantage | Disadvantage | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 0.1M Glycine, | Useful if protein is resistant to low pH | May denature protein | |
| pH 2-2.8 | Preserves resin binding activity | Elution capacity is generally lower | |
| 50mM NaOH | High elution capacity | May denature protein | |
| | | Reduces resin life | |
| 3M NaSCN | High elution capacity | May denature protein | |
| | Preserves resin binding capacity | | |
| Note: No loss of hinding capacity occurs after 10 hinding/elution steps of 0.1M glycine or 3M | | | |

Note: No loss of binding capacity occurs after 10 binding/elution steps of 0.1M glycine or 3M NaSCN; however, loss of resin activity can occur with exposure to 50mM NaOH.

- 1. Add one bed volume of either 0.1M glycine, pH 2.0-2.8, 50mM NaOH, or 3M NaSCN to column. Alternatively, the protein may be eluted by adding one bed volume of non-reducing 2X SDS-PAGE loading buffer.
 - Note: Using 2X SDS-PAGE loading buffer will denature the anti-HA antibody, which inactivates the resin.
- 2. Pellet resin with a 5-10 second pulse at $12,000 \times g$. Collect eluate. If using glycine or NaOH, neutralize the elution fraction with a 1:10 1:20 volume of 1M Tris, pH 9.5.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 two additional times. Do not keep elution buffers on columns for extended periods of time.
- 4. If the resin is to be reused, wash the column with five bed volumes of 3M NaSCN, followed by 10 bed washes with TBS.

Procedure for Column Purification of HA-tagged Protein

A. Column Set-up

- 1. Pre-equilibrate the resin and buffers and perform all steps at room temperature. If the protein is temperature-sensitive, the procedure may be performed at 4°C.
- 2. Obtain a spin or gravity-flow column. The flow rate of the gravity flow column can be controlled by adding tubing at the bottom opening of the column. Use the recommended centrifuge force if using a spin column.
- 3. Resuspend resin and add 1-4mL of the slurry to the column. Allow the bed to drain. Wash the column with 2-5 bed volumes of TBS. Do not allow the resin to become dry.

B. Binding of HA Fusion Protein to Column

- 1. Add cell lysate to column. Lysate volume should be at least equal to the bed volume. Adjust volume with TBS if needed.
- 2. Adjust the flow rate to 0.5mL/min. Multiple binding passes may be required for complete binding. Capping the column and incubating on an end-over-end rocker may improve binding.
- 3. Collect flow-through and save for analyzing binding efficiency.
- 4. Wash the column with 10 bed volumes of TBS containing 0.05% Tween-20 (TBS-T). Washes can be analyzed by measuring the absorption at 280nm or by protein assay to confirm if the final washes contain no protein.

C. Elution of HA Fusion Protein from Column

Note: Select one of the elution protocols below. If the eluted HA-tagged protein will be used for function applications or is sensitive to pH extremes or sodium thiocyanate, then elute the protein with the Pierce HA Peptide.



• Gentle Elution Protocol:

- 1. Add the bottom plug to the column and add one bed volume of 1mg/mL Pierce HA Peptide in TBS. Incubate at 30°C for 10-15 minutes. Elutions may be performed at lower temperatures, but elution efficiency may be reduced.
- 2. Remove column plug and cap and collect elution fraction.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 two to three more times.
- 4. If the resin is to be reused, wash the column with five bed volumes of 3M NaSCN, followed by 10 bed washes of TBS.
- 5. For storage of the column, add two bed volumes of TBS containing 0.05% azide. Store column at 4°C.

Chemical Elution Protocol:

- 1. Add one bed volume of 0.1M glycine pH 2.0-2.8, 3M NaSCN, or 50mM NaOH three times.
- 2. Repeat step 1 two additional times for a total of three elution fractions.
- 3. Collect elution fraction. If using glycine or sodium hydroxide elution, neutralize the fraction with 1:10 1:20 of 1M Tris, pH 9.5. Do not keep the elution buffers on the column for an extended period of time.
- 4. If the resin is to be reused, wash the column with five bed volumes of 3M NaSCN, followed by 10 bed washes of TBS.
- 5. For storage of the column, add two bed volumes of TBS containing 0.05% azide. Store column at 4°C.

Troubleshooting

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
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| HA-tagged protein is in the flow-through | Column was overloaded | Reduce amount of lysate added to column or increase the amount of resin |
| | Fusion tag was not accessible to resin | Denature protein or switch HA tag to the other terminus of the protein |
| | Column was not regenerated after use | Regenerate column with 3M NaSCN |
| Minimal or no HA-tagged protein present in the elution fractions | Protein degraded | Perform purifications at 4°C and include protease inhibitors during the binding step |
| | Protein was not fully eluted | Prepare additional elution fractions or use a different elution buffer (see Table 2 for recommendations) |
| | Protein was not expressed | Check protein lysate for presence of HA- fusion protein by Western blot before purification |
| | Protein expression was very low | Add more lysate or optimize expression conditions to increase yield |
| HA-tagged protein appears as multiple bands on stained gels | Protease activity occurred during purification | Add protease inhibitors to lysate and wash buffers |
| | Wash step was insufficient | Add additional wash steps or increase detergent or sodium chloride concentration in the wash buffer |
| Elution with SDS-PAGE loading buffer produces multiple bands on stained gels | Reducing sample buffer was used and the antibody's 25kDa light chain and 50kDa heavy chain are visible | Omit reducing agent from the sample buffer |



Related Thermo Scientific Products

26180 Pierce HA-Tag IP/Co-IP Kit
 26183 Anti-HA Antibody, 100μg
 26184 Pierce HA Peptide, 5mg
 87786 Halt Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, 1mL

78260 B-PER II Bacterial Protein Extraction Reagent, 250mL
 78501 M-PER Mammalian Protein Extraction Reagent, 250mL

Pierce Spin Columns - Screw Cap, 0.9mL, 25 units

89897 Pierce Centrifuge Columns, 5mL

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