INSTRUCTIONS

Pierce™ Protein L Magnetic Beads

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Number	Description
88849	**Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads,** 1mL, supplied at 10mg/mL in PBS containing 0.05% Tween™-20 Detergent and 0.05% NaN_3
88850	**Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads,** 5mL, supplied at 10mg/mL in PBS containing 0.05% Tween-20 Detergent and 0.05% NaN_3

Storage: Upon receipt store at 4°C. Product shipped with an ice pack.

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Introduction

The Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ Magnetic Beads provide a fast and convenient method for both manual and automated magnetic isolation of proteins using affinity binding. Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads (Table 1) are typically used for isolating mouse and human antibodies containing kappa light chains from serum, cell culture supernatant or ascites. For antibody purification, the beads are incubated with the antibody solution and then magnetically separated from the supernatant. The bound antibodies are dissociated from the beads using a low-pH elution buffer and removed from the solution manually using a magnetic stand or by automation using an instrument such as the Thermo Scientific™ KingFisher™ Flex or KingFisher Duo Instrument. Automated instruments are especially useful for large-scale screening of multiple samples.

The Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads contain a recombinant Protein L (molecular weight 35.8kDa; apparent molecular weight by SDS-PAGE ~36kDa) with four immunoglobulin-binding domains per protein. These domains can bind to a broader range of Ig classes than Protein A or Protein G, including IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE and IgD, through kappa light chains. Protein L also binds single-chain variable fragments (scFv) and Fab fragments that contain kappa light chains. The proprietary blocking agent on the magnetic beads minimizes or eliminates nonspecific binding on the bead surface when working with complex biological samples. Detailed instructions and optimized buffer components are provided for best results.

Table 1. Characteristics of the Thermo Scientific Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads.

Composition:	Recombinant Protein L monolayer covalently coupled to a blocked magnetic bead surface
Magnetization:	Superparamagnetic (no magnetic memory)
Mean Diameter:	1µm (nominal)
Density:	$2.0 g/cm^3$
Bead Concentration:	10mg/mL
Binding Capacity:	≥ 110µg human IgG/mg of bead

Important Product Information

- Do not centrifuge, dry or freeze the Pierce Magnetic Beads. Centrifuging, drying or freezing will cause the beads to aggregate and lose binding activity. To ensure good dispersal of beads for optimal antibody binding, it is important to include 0.025% to 0.1% non-ionic (e.g., Tween-20 Detergent) or zwitterionic (e.g., CHAPS) detergent in the binding buffer and mix the beads during incubation.
- Protein L only binds to immunoglobulins containing kappa light chains; it does not bind to lambda light chains.
- Protein L strongly binds to human (kappa I, III and IV only), mouse (kappa I only), rat and pig immunoglobulins. Protein L weakly binds to rabbit immunoglobulins and does not bind immunoglobulins from bovine, goat or sheep. For more information, see Tech Tip #34: Binding characteristics of Protein A, Protein G, Protein A/G and Protein L from our website.
- A low-pH elution may be used for single-use applications. Optimal time for low-pH elution is 10 minutes; exceeding 10 minutes may result in nonspecific binding and yield reduction.

Procedure for Manual Antibody Purification

A. Additional Materials Required

- 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Sample: serum, concentrated cell culture supernatant or concentrated ascites

  Note: Samples can be concentrated using the Pierce Concentrators 20mL/30K, Product No. 88529 or 88531
- Binding/Wash Buffer: Tris-buffered saline (TBS, Product No. 28360) containing 0.05% Tween-20 Detergent
- Elution Buffer: Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ IgG Elution Buffer, pH 2.0 (Product No. 21028) or 0.1M glycine, pH 2.0
- Neutralization Buffer: 1M Tris, pH 8.5
- Magnetic stand (e.g., Thermo Scientific™ DynaMag™-2 Magnet; Product No. 12321D)

B. Antibody Purification from Serum, Cell Culture Supernatant or Ascites

Note: To ensure homogeneity, mix the beads thoroughly before use by repeated inversion, gentle vortexing or using a rotating platform.

1. Place 50µL (0.50mg) of Pierce Protein L Magnetic Beads into a 1.5mL microcentrifuge tube. Add 150µL of Binding/Wash Buffer to the beads and gently vortex to mix.
2. Place the tube into a magnetic stand to collect the beads against the side of the tube. Remove and discard the supernatant.
3. Add 1mL of Binding/Wash Buffer to the tube. Invert the tube several times or gently vortex to mix for 1 minute. Collect beads with magnetic stand, then remove and discard the supernatant.
4. Dilute 10µL of sample with 490µL of Binding/Wash Buffer.

   Note: Sample volume can be modified according to user preference. If the sample volume is < 500µL, dilute it to a final volume of 500µL with Binding/Wash Buffer.
5. Add the diluted sample to the tube containing pre-washed magnetic beads and gently vortex or invert to mix.
6. Incubate the samples at room temperature with mixing for 1 hour.
7. Collect the beads with a magnetic stand, then remove and discard the supernatant.
8. Add 500µL of Binding/Wash Buffer to the tube, mix well, collect the beads with a magnetic stand and discard the supernatant. Repeat this wash twice.
9. Add 100µL of Elution Buffer to the tube, mix well and incubate 10 minutes at room temperature with occasional mixing.
10. Collect the beads with a magnetic stand and then remove and save the supernatant that contains the eluted antibody. To neutralize the low pH, add 15µL of Neutralization Buffer for each 100µL of eluate.

    Note: The minimum volume of beads recommended for antibody purification is 50µL.

Procedure for Automated Antibody Purification

A. Additional Materials Required

- KingFisher Flex System with 96 deep well head (Product No. 5400630)
- Microtiter Deep Well 96 Plate, V-bottom, polypropylene (100-1000µL; Product No. 95040450)
- KingFisher Flex 96 Tip Comb for Deep Well Magnets (Product No. 97002534)
- Binding/Wash Buffer: Tris-buffered saline (TBS, Product No. 28360) containing 0.05% Tween-20 Detergent
- Elution Buffer: Pierce IgG Elution Buffer, pH 2.0 (Product No. 21028) or 0.1M glycine, pH 2.0
- Neutralization Buffer: 1M Tris, pH 8.5

B. Preparation of Instrument and Plate Set-Up

Note: The following protocol is designed for general use with the KingFisher Flex Instrument. The protocol can be modified according to customer needs using the Thermo Scientific™ BindIt™ Software provided with the instrument.

1. Download the "Antibody Purification" protocol from the Thermo Scientific website (thermofisher.com/bindit-protocols) into the BindIt Software on an external computer.
2. Transfer the protocol to the KingFisher Flex Instrument from an external computer. See the BindIt Software User Manual for detailed instructions on importing protocols.
3. Set up the plates according to Table 2.

Table 2. Pipetting instructions for the antibody purification protocol using the Thermo Scientific Microtiter Deep Well 96 Plates.

Plate #	Plate Name	Content	Volume
1	Beads	Protein L beads	50µL
		Binding/Wash Buffer	150µL
2	Bead Wash	Binding/Wash Buffer	1000µL
3	Bind	Sample	10µL
		Binding/Wash Buffer	490µL
4	Wash 1	Binding/Wash Buffer	500µL
5	Wash 2	Binding/Wash Buffer	500µL
6	Wash 3	Water	500µL
7	Elution	Elution Buffer	100µL
8	Tip Plate	KingFisher Flex 96 Tip Comb for Deep Well Magnets	–

Notes:

- If using less than 96 wells, fill the same wells in each plate. For example, if using wells A1 through A12, use these same wells in all plates.
- To ensure bead homogeneity, mix the vial thoroughly by repeated inversion, gentle vortexing or rotating platform before adding the beads to Plate 1.
- Combine the Tip Comb with a Deep Well 96 Plate. See KingFisher Flex Instrument User Manual for detailed instructions.
- Sample volume can be modified according to user preference. If the sample volume is < 500µL dilute it to a final volume of 500µL with Binding/Wash Buffer.

C. Executing the Antibody Purification Protocol on the KingFisher Flex Instrument

1. Select the protocol using the arrows on the instrument keypad and press Start. See the KingFisher Flex Instrument User Manual for detailed information.
2. Slide open the door of the instrument's protective cover.

3. Load the plates into the KingFisher Flex Instrument according to the protocol request, placing each plate in the same orientation. Confirm each action by pressing Start.
4. After sample processing, remove plates as instructed by the instrument's display. Press Start after removing each plate.
5. Press Stop after all plates are removed. Upon completion, if desired, neutralize the low pH by adding 15µL of Neutralization Buffer for each 100µL of eluate.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Low amount of protein was recovered	Not enough magnetic beads were used	Increase the amount of magnetic beads used for capture
	Sample had an insufficient amount of target protein	Increase amount of antigen sample
No protein detected in any elution fractions	Sample was devoid of antibody species or isotype that binds to Protein L	Use Protein A, Protein G or Protein A/G magnetic beads
Multiple nonspecific bands	Nonspecific protein bound to the magnetic beads	Add 50-350mM NaCl to the Binding/Wash Buffers
Recovered antibody was inactive	Antibody was sensitive to low-pH elution buffer	Use a milder elution buffer (e.g., Pierce Gentle Ag/Ab Elution Buffer, Product No. 21027)
Magnetic beads aggregated	Magnetic beads were frozen or centrifuged	Handle the beads as directed in the instructions
	Buffer was incompatible with magnetic beads	

Additional Information Available on Our Website

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Tech Tip #43: Protein stability and storage
- Tech Tip #34: Binding characteristics of Protein A, Protein G, Protein A/G and Protein L
- Visit thermofisher.com/kingfisher for information on the KingFisher Products

Frequently Asked Questions for the KingFisher Instrument

Question	Answer
Which plates are compatible with the KingFisher Flex Instrument?	The KingFisher Flex Instrument is compatible with the KingFisher 24 Deep Well Plates, Microtiter Deep Well 96 Plates and KingFisher 96 and 96 PCR Plates
Is it possible to concentrate samples during the run?	Both Deep Well Plates and KingFisher 96 Plates can be used during the same run. Therefore, it is possible to start the processing using larger volumes (in a Deep Well Plate) and elute the purified sample to a smaller volume (in a KingFisher 96 Plate)
Is it possible to heat the samples during the run?	The heating block is located inside the instrument and can be used automatically during the sample process. All plates compatible with the KingFisher Flex Instrument can be heated using specially designed, interchangeable heating blocks
Why do the beads stick to the plastic tips and wells or the eluted protein sticks to the wells?	Proteins conjugate to beads and eluted proteins can nonspecifically bind to plastics. Adding detergent to Binding/Wash Buffer prevents the protein conjugated to the bead from sticking (0.05%-0.1% Tween-20 Detergent). Also include a small amount of detergent in the elution buffer (e.g., 0.05% Tween-20 Detergent) or silanize the elution plate
Are the reagent volumes in each well critical?	For best results, keep the specified volumes within defined limits to avoid spillover

Related Products

88802-3 **Pierce Protein A/G Magnetic Beads**
88845-6 **Pierce Protein A Magnetic Beads**
88847-8 **Pierce Protein G Magnetic Beads**
88816-7 **Pierce Streptavidin Magnetic Beads**
88826-7 **Pierce NHS-Activated Magnetic Beads**
88804 **Pierce Classic Magnetic IP/Co-IP Kit**
88805 **Pierce Crosslink Magnetic IP/Co-IP Kit**
88828 **Pierce Direct Magnetic IP/Co-IP Kit**
24615 **Imperial™ Protein Stain**
34075 **SuperSignal™ West Dura Extended Duration Substrate**
XP04200BOX **Novex™ Tris-Glycine protein gels** (see thermofisher.com/proteingels for a complete listing)
NW04120BOX **Bolt™ Bis-Tris Plus protein gels** (see thermofisher.com/proteingels for a complete listing)

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