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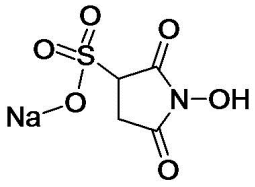
Crosslinking Protein Biology & Chemistry

Sulfo-NHS Protocol and Product Information Sheet

Product Category:	Zero-Length Crosslinkers
Catalog Number(s):	c1102-500mg, c1102-1gm, c1102-5gm, c1102-custom
Product Name:	Sulfo-NHS
Alternative Name(s):	N-Hydroxysulfosuccinimide; Hydroxy-2,5-dioxoyrrolidine-3-sulfonate
CAS Number:	106627-54-7
Chemical Formula:	$C_4H_4NO_6SNa$
Molecular Weight:	217.13
Spacer Arm Length:	n/a
Storage Conditions:	4°C (Protect from moisture, allow sample to warm to room temperature before opening; ships at ambient temperature.)



Background Information

Zero-length crosslinking allows scientists to immobilize protein-protein interactions without introducing a spacer arm. The EDC / Sulfo-NHS system has been perhaps the most successful way of creating zero-length crosslinks for decades. Facilitated through a reactive carbodiimide (EDC) and Sulfo-NHS as a catalyst, this coupling procedure is a highly efficient choice for crosslinking proteins or immobilizing proteins to a support. This procedure is designed to assist the scientist in crosslinking proteins or creating protein:protein conjugates. Immobilization techniques and other uses for this set of reagents can be obtained by contacting ProteoChem's technical support.

General Sulfo-NHS Protein Crosslinking Protocol

Important Notes:

- Except as indicated in this protocol, avoid using buffers that contain DTT, EDTA, or β-Mercaptoethanol, as these can interfere with conjugation reaction.
- It is recommended that the incubation steps of this procedure be done using a rotary stirring device, although intermittent light vortexing is also acceptable.
- When choosing Protein #1 ($\mathbf{P_1}$) and Protein #2 ($\mathbf{P_2}$), ensure that $\mathbf{P_1}$ has free carboxyl groups available (COOH) and $\mathbf{P_2}$ has free amine groups available (NH_2).
  $\mathbf{P_1}$: Terminal COOH, Asp, and Glu
  $\mathbf{P_2}$: Terminal NH_2, Lys

Reagents and Buffers Needed

Conjugation Buffer: 100 mM MES (cr8107-25gm), 500 mM NaCl, pH 6.0
(Abr. MES = 2(N-morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid)
β-Mercaptoethanol
EDC (EDC-HCl, c1100-100mg)
Hydroxylamine-HCl (cr8108-25gm)

Desalting Column(s): Sephadex® G-25 (g4109) or equivalent

Step 1. Activation of Protein #1

a. Dissolve Protein #1 ($\mathbf{P_1}$) at 1-2 mg/mL in 1.0 mL Conjugation Buffer
Record $\mathbf{P_1}$ Concentration:
(mg $\mathbf{P_1}$) / [(MW protein in mg/mmol) * (mL Buffer)] = _____ mM $\mathbf{P_1}$

b. Weigh out 0.8 mg EDC and 2.2 mg of Sulfo-NHS and add directly to the protein solution in Step 1.a. This will give 4 mM EDC and 10 mM Sulfo-NHS.

c. Gently vortex reaction mixture until all reagent is soluble.

d. Allow Activation Reaction to proceed at room temperature for 15 minutes.

e. Add 1.4 µL of β-Mercaptoethanol to deactivate excess EDC.
Note: If either protein has critical disulfide bonds, this deactivation step can be omitted. In such a case, proceed directly to Step 2, or desalt activated $\boldsymbol{P_1}$ *through gel filtration, then proceed to Step 2.*

Step 2. Conjugation of Two Proteins

a. Dissolve Protein #2 ($\mathbf{P_2}$) in conjugation buffer at a concentration of 1-2 mg/mL. Ideally, this should be at the same concentration as $\mathbf{P_1}$.
Record $\mathbf{P_2}$ Concentration:
(mg $\mathbf{P_2}$) / [(MW protein in mg/mmol) * (mL Buffer)] = _____ mM $\mathbf{P_2}$

b. Gently vortex and allow the crosslinking reaction to proceed for 1.5 to 3 hours at room temperature. Use of rotary mixer is preferred.

c. Quench the conjugation reaction by adding hydroxylamine (to give a final concentration of 5 to 10 mM).

d. Purify the obtained conjugate from excess reagents and reaction by-products by gel filtration or dialysis. Exchange sample into buffer of choice. Conjugate bonds are stable under most biological conditions.

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