

# **ReadiLink™ xtra Rapid FITC Antibody Labeling Kit** **\*BSA-Compatible\***

Catalog number: 1970  
Unit size: 2 Labelings

Component	Storage	Amount
Component A: Preactivated FITC	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	2 vials
Component B: Reaction Buffer	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (20 µL)
Component C: TQ™-Dyed Quench Buffer	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (20 µL)

## **OVERVIEW**

ReadiLink™ xtra rapid antibody labeling kits require essentially only 2 simple mixing steps without a column purification needed. Specially formulated FITC used in this ReadiLink™ kit is quite stable and shows good reactivity and selectivity with antibodies. The kit has all the essential components for labeling ~2x50 ug antibody. Each of the two vials of specially formulated FITC dye provided in the kit is optimized for labeling ~50 µg antibody. ReadiLink™ xtra FITC rapid antibody labeling kit provides a convenient and robust method to label monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies with the green fluorescent FITC fluorophore. FITC is one of the most commonly used fluorophores for labeling antibodies.

## **AT A GLANCE**

### **Important**

Warm all the components and centrifuge the vials briefly before opening, and immediately prepare the required solutions before starting your conjugation. The following protocol is for recommendation.

## **PREPARATION OF WORKING SOLUTION**

### **Protein working solution (Solution A)**

For labeling 50 µg of protein (assuming the target protein concentration is 1 mg/mL), mix 5 µL (10% of the total reaction volume) of Reaction Buffer (Component B) with 50 µL of the target protein solution.

**Note** If you have a different protein concentration, adjust the protein volume accordingly to make ~50 µg of protein available for your labeling reaction.

**Note** For labeling 100 µg of protein (assuming the target protein concentration is 1 mg/mL), mix 10 µL (10% of the total reaction volume) of Reaction Buffer (Component B) with 100 µL of the target protein solution.

**Note** The protein should be dissolved in 1X phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.2 - 7.4; if the protein is dissolved in glycine buffer, it must be dialyzed against 1X PBS, pH 7.2 - 7.4, or use Amicon Ultra-0.5, Ultracel-10 Membrane, 10 kDa (cat# UFC501008 from Millipore) to remove free amines or ammonium salts (such as ammonium sulfate and ammonium acetate) that are widely used for protein precipitation.

**Note** Impure antibodies or antibodies stabilized with bovine serum albumin (BSA) with 0.1 to 0.5 % will be labeled well.

**Note** For optimal labeling efficiency, a final protein concentration range of 1 - 2 mg/mL is recommended, with a significantly reduced conjugation efficiency at less than 1 mg/mL.

## **SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL**

### **Run conjugation reaction**

1. Add the protein working solution (Solution A) to ONE vial of labeling dye (Component A), and mix them well by repeatedly pipetting for a few times or vortex the vial for a few seconds.

**Note** If labeling 100 µg of protein, use both vials (Component A) of labeling dye by dividing the 100 µg of protein into 2 x 50 µg of protein and reacting each 50 µg of protein with one vial of labeling dye. Then combine both vials for the next step.

2. Keep the conjugation reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 - 60 minutes.

**Note** The conjugation reaction mixture can be rotated or shaken for longer time if desired.

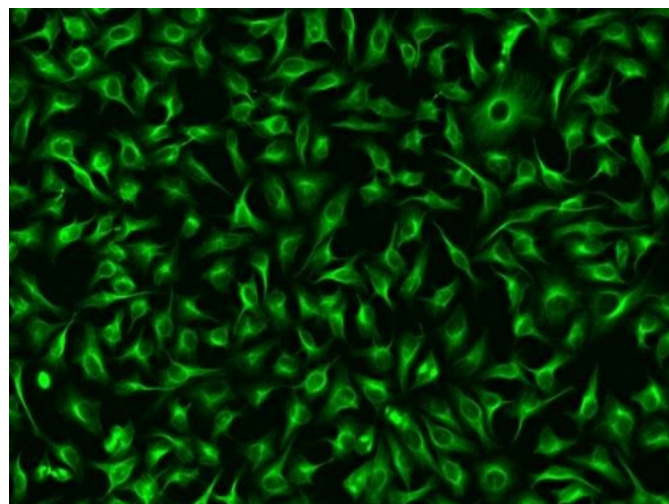
### **Stop Conjugation reaction**

1. Add 5 µL (for 50 µg protein) or 10 µL (for 100 µg protein) which is 10% of the total reaction volume of TQ™-Dyed Quench Buffer (Component C) into the conjugation reaction mixture; mix well.
2. Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes. The labeled protein (antibody) is now ready to use.

### **Storage of Protein Conjugate**

The protein conjugate should be stored at > 0.5 mg/mL in the presence of a carrier protein (e.g., 0.1% bovine serum albumin). For longer storage, the protein conjugates could be lyophilized or divided into single-used aliquots and stored at ≤ -20 °C.

## **EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES**



**Figure 1.** Immunofluorescence staining of tubulin in HeLa cells. HeLa cells were fixed with 4% PFA, permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 and blocked. Cells were then incubated with rabbit anti-tubulin monoclonal antibody and stained with a goat anti-rabbit IgG labeled using the ReadiLink™ xtra Rapid FITC Antibody Labeling Kit (Cat No. 1970).

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