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Abstract

Protocol for labeling a purified protein with an NHS ester fluorescent dye.

Materials

- ATTO565 NHS ester (Sigma Cat. #72464)
- Purified unlabeled protein
- G-25 desalting column (Cytiva Cat. #28918007)
- Labeling buffer: 50mM HEPES pH8.0, 150mM NaCl, 2mM TCEP
- Quench buffer: 50mM Tris pH 8.0, 150mM NaCl, 2mM TCEP
- Nanodrop spectrophotometer



- 1 Mix 40 μ M unlabeled protein with 80 μ M ATTO 565 NHS ester dye in labeling buffer.
- 2 Incubate 1 hr at room temperature.
- 3 Buffer exchange the reaction into quench buffer over a pre-equilibrated G-25 desalting column.
- 4 Assess labeling efficiency by measuring the ratio of absorbance at 280 and 564 nm, correcting for dye absorbance at 280nm, using a Nanodrop spectrophotometer