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Abstract

This protocol describes the purification of *N*-glycans from approximately 50 µg of protein samples, followed by fluorescent labeling with 2-aminopyridine. The procedure utilizes Rapid PNGase F (New England BioLabs) and BlotGlyco (Sumitomo Bakelite). Representative examples include the preparation of human serum, human urine, and CHO-K1 membrane fractions; however, the protocol is also applicable to other types of samples.

Protocol materials

 BlotGlyco Sumitomo Bakelite Catalog #BS-45414

 Rapid PNGase F New England Biolabs Catalog #P0710S



Sample preparation 1: for glycoprotein

1m

1 50–100 µg glycoprotein (dry sample) in 0.2 mL PCR tube

2 add  15 µL of DDW

30s

3 vortex

30s

Sample preparation 2: for human serum

1m

4  1 µL of human serum in 0.2 mL PCR tube

5 add  15 µL of DDW

30s

6 vortex

30s

Sample preparation 3: for human urinary protein

1h

7 50 µg of human urinary protein ppt. (dry sample) in 0.2 mL PCR tube

8 add  16 µL of DDW

30m

9 vortex

30m

Sample preparation 4: for CHO-K1 cell membrane fraction

2m

10 1 mg of CHO-K1 cell membrane fraction (dry sample) in 0.2 mL PCR tube



- 11 add XX μL of 0.1% NP-40
(🧪 10 μL of 10% NP-40, 🧪 990 μL of DDW) 1m
- 12 vortex 30s
- 13 transfer 🧪 16 μL (protein content 50-100 μg) to 0.2 mL PCR tube 30s

Enzymatic digestion using Rapid PNGase F

13m 30s

- 14 add 🧪 4 μL of Rapid PNGase F Buffer (5x) to sample solution, mix gently with a pipette
—total reaction volume to 🧪 20 μL
 🔗 Rapid PNGase F **New England Biolabs Catalog #P0710S** 30s
- 15 denature at 🌡️ 80 °C for 🕒 00:02:00 2m
- 16 cool down the sample solution 30s
- 17 add 🧪 1 μL of Rapid PNGase F, mix by pipetting 30s
- 18 incubate at 🌡️ 50 °C for 🕒 00:10:00 10m

Glycan purification and fluorescent labeling using BlotGlyco

8h 59m 10s

- 19 🧪 50 μL of polymer beads suspension in the reaction tube
 🔗 BlotGlyco **Sumitomo Bakelite Catalog #BS-45414** 30s
- 20 wash polymer beads with 🧪 100 μL of DDW, twice, spin down to remove water completely 1m

**Note**

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: wash polymer beads with $100\ \mu\text{L}$ of DDW, twice

21 replace the reaction tube into a new 1.5 mL tube

10s

22 add $180\ \mu\text{L}$ of 2% acetic acid in acetonitrile to the reaction tube
($20\ \mu\text{L}$ of $980\ \mu\text{L}$ $980\ \mu\text{L}$ $980\ \mu\text{L}$ $980\ \mu\text{L}$ $980\ \mu\text{L}$ $980\ \mu\text{L}$ of acetonitrile)

1m

23 add sample solution to the reaction tube, mix by pipetting

30s

Note

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.

24 heat at $80\ ^\circ\text{C}$ for 01:00:00, without cover (the solvent has completely evaporated.)
(If the beads are not dry completely, continue heating for another 00:15:00)

1h

25 replace the reaction tube into the 2 mL tube

30s

26 wash with $200\ \mu\text{L}$ of 2M guanidine solution
($1.9\ \text{g}$ guanidine hydrochloride, $10\ \text{mL}$ of DDW)

1m

27 wash with $200\ \mu\text{L}$ of DDW, mix by pipetting

1m

Note

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.

28 wash with $200\ \mu\text{L}$ of DDW

1m



- 29 wash with  200 μL of 1% triethylamine in MeOH, mix by pipetting
( 100 μL of triethylamine,  9.9 mL of MeOH) 1m
- Note**
Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.
- 30 wash with  200 μL of 1% triethylamine in MeOH 1m
- 31 replace the reaction tube into the 1.5 mL tube 10s
- 32 add  100 μL of 1% triethylamine in MeOH, mix by pipetting
( 15 μL of acetic anhydride,  135 μL of MeOH) 1m
- Note**
Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.
- 33 leave at room temperature for  00:30:00 30m
- 34 replace the reaction tube into the 2 mL tube 10s
- 35 spin down to remove the fluid 30s
- 36 wash with  200 μL of DDW, twice 2m
- 37 replace the reaction tube into the 1.5 mL tube 10s
- 38 add  20 μL of DDW 30s



- 39 add  180 μL of 2% acetic acid in acetonitrile, mix by pipetting
( 100 μL of acetic acid,  4.9 mL of acetonitrile) 1m
- Note
- Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.
- 40 heat at  70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for  01:30:00 , without cover (the solvent has completely evaporated.) 1h 30m
(If the beads are not dry completely, continue heating for another  00:15:00)
- 41 add  30 μL PAtion reagent 30s
( 138 mg of 2-aminopyridine,  50 μL of acetic acid)
- 42 heat at  80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for  01:00:00 1h
- 43 add  110 μL of reduction reagent , mix by pipetting 30s
( 100 mg of Me_2NH -borane,  40 μL of acetic acidtic acid,  25 μL of DDW)
- Note
- Modification from manufacturer's protocol: mix by pipetting.
- 44 heat at 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 35 min 35m
- 45 replace the reaction tube into a new 1.5 mL tube 10s
- 46  13.200 rpm, 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 00:01:00 1m 30s
- 47 add  1080 μL of acetonitrile to prepare 90% acetonitrile sample aliquot 1m

**Note**

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: prepare 90% acetonitrile sample aliquot, considering the volatility of acetic acid.

48 add the sample aliquot to the cleanup column in a centrifuge 10s

49 washed with  200 μL of DDW 1m

50 washed with  200 μL of acetonitrile, twice 2m

51 wlet the fluid drop until completely loaded 20m

Note

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: wait until all the liquid has been loaded onto the column.

52  2000 rpm, 25°C, 00:01:00 and  13200 rpm, 25°C, 00:00:30 2m

Note

Modification from manufacturer's protocol: apply the solution to the column by gentle centrifugation, then spin briefly at high speed to pass the liquid through. Perform the following centrifugation steps in the same manner.

53 wash with  600 μL of 95%(v/v) acetonitrile, cfg.  2000 rpm, 25°C, 00:01:00 and  13200 rpm, 25°C, 00:00:30 ( 1.9 mL of CH_3CN ,  100 μL of DDW) 2m

54 wash with  600 μL of 95%(v/v) acetonitrile,  2000 rpm, 25°C, 00:01:00 and  13200 rpm, 25°C, 00:00:30 2m

55 replace the reaction tube into a new 1.5 mL tube 10s



56 add  25 μ L of DDW 30s

57  2000 rpm, 25°C, 00:01:00 and  13200 rpm, 25°C, 00:00:30

58 add  25 μ L of 0.1% acetic acid 30s

(1% acetic acid:  10 μ L of 100% acetic acid,  990 μ L of DDW)

(0.1% acetic acid:  10 μ L of 1% acetic acid,  90 μ L of DDW)

59  2000 rpm, 25°C, 00:01:00 and  13200 rpm, 25°C, 00:00:30 2m

60 transfer collected solution to 0.6 mL PCR tube with  200 μ L of 0.28% ammonium aq. 2m

(2.8% ammonium aq.:  200 μ L of 28% ammonium aq.,  1.8 mL of DDW)

(0.28% ammonium aq.:  100 μ L of 2.8% ammonium aq.,  900 μ L of DDW)

Note

A step to remove *O*-acetylated by-products

61 heat at  70 °C for  00:30:00 30m

62 lyophilize 3h

63 dissolved in  100 μ L of DDW 1m

64 RP-LC/MS analysis

Note

LC/MS condition:

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