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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

Bacterial expression of the GTPase deficient Q70L mutant of human RAB1A.

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Materials

Materials and Reagents

- BL21 strain of *E. coli*
- pET vector containing 6x-His-RAB1A(Q70L)
- Ampicillin-resistant plates
- LB broth
- Isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG)
- Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
- Lysis buffer
- EDTA-free protease inhibitor tablet (Thermo Fisher)
- Phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF)
- Ni-NTA column
- Wash buffer (containing 300 mM imidazole)
- S75 10/300 column
- Liquid nitrogen

Lysis buffer

	A	B
	HEPES pH 7.5	25 mM
	NaCl	300 mM
	MgCl ₂	2 mM
	TCEP	1 mM



Transformation and Colony Selection

- 1 Transform *E. coli* BL21 cells with the pET vector containing 6x-His-RAB1A(Q70L) by heat shock.
- 2 Plate the transformed cells on ampicillin-resistant plates.
- 3 Incubate the plates Overnight at 37 °C .



Pre-culture and Expansion

- 4 Inoculate a single colony into 10 mL of LB broth.
- 5 Incubate the culture Overnight at 37 °C .



Main Culture Preparation

- 6 Transfer the entire pre-culture into a 1 L culture flask.
- 7 Grow the 1 L culture at 37 °C with shaking at 220 rpm until the optical density (OD) reaches approximately 0.6.

Cooling and Induction

15m

- 8 Place the flask in an ice bath for 00:15:00 to cool rapidly.
- 9 Induce protein expression by adding 0.1 millimolar (mM) IPTG.
- 10 Continue incubating the culture Overnight (approximately 16 hours) at 18 °C with shaking at 180 rpm .





Cell Harvest and Pelleting

- 11 Harvest the cells by centrifugation at  4000 rpm in a BECKMAN Coulter centrifuge. 

Cell Washing and Freezing

- 12 Wash the cell pellet once with PBS. 

- 13 Pellet the cells again at  4000 x g . 

- 14 Flash freeze the pellet in liquid nitrogen.

- 15 Store the frozen pellet at  -80 °C until purification. 

Cell Lysis

6m

- 16 Thaw the frozen cell pellet to  Room temperature .

- 17 Resuspend the cells in lysis buffer.

Lysis buffer

	A	B
	HEPES pH 7.5	25 mM
	NaCl	300 mM
	MgCl ₂	2 mM
	TCEP	1 mM

- 18 Add an EDTA-free protease inhibitor tablet (Thermo Fisher) and PMSF to a concentration of  1 millimolar (mM) .



- 19 Lyse the cells by sonication using a 5-second on, 5-second off cycle at 50% power for a cumulative time of 00:06:00 .

6m

Clarification by Centrifugation

45m

- 20 Centrifuge the lysate at 17000 rpm, 00:45:00 to clarify.

45m



Protein Purification on Ni-NTA Column

- 21 Apply the supernatant to a Ni-NTA column (3x).

- 22 Wash the column until the wash buffer is free of protein, as measured by a Bradford assay.



- 23 Elute the protein using a wash buffer containing 300 millimolar (mM) imidazole.

Size Exclusion Chromatography

- 24 Concentrate the eluted protein.

- 25 Apply the concentrated protein to an S75 10/300 column in buffer containing 25 millimolar (mM) HEPES 7.5 , 150 millimolar (mM) NaCl, 1 millimolar (mM) MgCl₂, and 1 millimolar (mM) TCEP.

Final Protein Concentration

- 26 Concentrate the purified protein to a final concentration of 50 micromolar (μM) .

- 27 Divide the protein into 50 μL aliquots.

Cryopreservation



28 Flash freeze the protein aliquots in liquid nitrogen.

29 Store the frozen protein aliquots at  -80 °C for future use.

