

Characterization of Released N-Glycans Using a Labeling Reagent for HILIC/Fluorescence-MS Analysis



Streamlined Protocol (SOP)

Step I: Assay of Glycoproteins Preparation

Preparation of Reagents:

Glycoprotein: 1.5 µg/µL Desalting mAb * 50 µL

- A1 3% BT Surfatant w/ 5 mM TCEP solution: Pipette 150 µL 3% BT Surfatant into 0.5 mL size Centrifuge tube. Add 8 µL 100 mM TCEP. Mix well.
- A2 3% BT Surfatant solution: Dissolve 5 mg BT Surfatant in 150 µL 150 mM HEPES Buffer (store at -80 °C for up to 30 days)
- A3 150 mM HEPES Buffer (pH 7.9): Dissolve 714.9 mg HEPES in 20 mL dd-H₂O. Adjust to pH 7.90 with 0.5 M NaOH.
- A4 100 mM TCEP: Dissolve 28.66 mg TCEP in 1mL dd-H₂O
- A-5 1.6 U/µL rPNGase F glycodase: Pipette 8 µL 10 units/µL rPNGase F into 42 µL water and mix well.

A-6 N-Glycan Label Reagent: Dissolve 4.5 mg N-Glycan Label reagent in 55 µL anhydrous DMP (no more than 4 hours at 25 °C)

Tips: N-Glycan Label Reagent store at -80 °C and open the cap after warming to room temperature before use!

Item	Operating Description	Add Volume	Reagents	Facilities	Time	TEMP.	Remark
A-1	Pipette 10 µL 1.5 ug/µL mAb Desalting Glycoprotein into 0.6ml centrifuge tube.	10 µL	1.5 µg/µL desalting glycoprotein	0.5 mL centrifuge tube			
A-2	Add 10 µL 3% BT Surfatant w/ 5 mM TCEP Buffer (50mM HEPES, PH=7.9) mixed.	10 µL	3% BT Surfatant w/ 5 mM TCEP				
A-3	Heat to at least 95 °C for 3 min; then centrifuge for 1min and cool to room temperature			Heater	3 min	95 °C	
A-4	Add 10 µL 1.5 units/µL rPNGase F solution. Mix well and incubate for 15-30 min at 50 °C.	10 µL	1.5 units/µL rPNGase F solution	Heater	15-30 min	50 °C	
A-5	Cool to room temperature and leave for 5 min.				5min	25 °C	
A-6	Add 10 µL 82 µg/µL glycan labeling solution. Mix well and let it react for 5 min at room temperature	10 µL	82 µg/µL N-glycan Labeling solution	Vibrator	5 min	25 °C	
A-7	Add 15 µL anhydrous DMF and mix well.	15 µL	Anhydrous DMF	Vibrator			
A-8	Add 45 µL Acetonitrile and mix well.	45 µL	Acetonitrile	Vibrater	1 min		
A-9	Analyze labeled N-glycan samples with LC-FLR or LC-MS						

Tips: 1. Antibody samples must be desalted to prevent the interference of ionic affinity reagents with labeling process.

Step II: Method of HILIC-Fluorescence-MS for Labeled N-Glycan

Mobile Phase:

Labeled Sample: 100ul

B1 Mobile Phase A: 50 mM Ammonium Formate solution (Dissolve 630 mg ammonium formate solid in 200 mL dd-water and add 160 µL MS Grade Formic acid (pH 4.4))

B-2 Mobile Phase B: 100% Acetonitrile (recommend use LC-MS Grade ACN)

B-3	HPLC Column	Temperature	Fluorescence	Loading Volume	Flow Rate	Insert Tube	Needle wash
B-4	Amide HILIC column, 130 Å, 1.7 µm, 2.1 x 150 mm	60 °C	EX 265/EM 425 nm	10 µL	0.40	100 µL	30% Water / 70% CAN

B-6	LC Gradient Parameter	Time (min)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	%A	%B	Curve
		0.00	0.40	25	75	6
		35.0	0.40	46	54	6
		36.5	0.20	100	0	6
		39.5	0.20	100	0	6
		43.1	0.20	25	75	6
		47.6	0.40	25	75	6
		55.0	0.40	25	75	6

Step III: Labeled N-Glycan LC-MS Method(N/A)

