

GLYCOWORKS RapiFluor-MS QUICK START PROTOCOL

Streamlined Protocol for Disulfide Rich Glycoproteins – 24 sample (3 x 8 Format)

- Set heat blocks to at least 90 °C and 50 °C.
- Protocol is based on 1.5 mg/mL glycoprotein starting concentration.
- DTT is not provided.



STEP 1: Rapid Deglycosylation

1. Reconstitute 1 vial of the Intact mAb Mass Check Standard (1 mg/vial) in 670 μ L 18.2 M Ω water to create a 1.5 mg/mL solution.

Note: For glycoproteins with a formulation buffer containing nucleophiles or anionic reagents (e.g., His, Gly, Tris, PO₄³⁻), if a Glycan C₁₈ AX Column is applied for LC separation, it is highly recommended to desalt the sample with water prior to Step 1.

2. Prepare RapiGest™/DTT denaturing buffer RapiGest 3% (w/v); 2 μ g/ μ L (approx. 15 mM):
 - a) Dissolve 3 mg RapiGest SF Surfactant in 60 μ L of rapid buffer, vortex.
 - b) Dissolve DTT in water to 5 μ g/ μ L. Add 40 μ L DTT solution to RapiGest SF solution, vortex.
3. Dilute PNGase F enzyme (35 μ L) with 255 μ L water for a total of 290 μ L.
4. Add 10 μ L of 1.5 mg/mL glycoprotein into the reaction tube or well.
5. Add 10 μ L of 3% (w/v) RapiGest SF/2 μ g/ μ L DTT denaturing buffer to above tube, aspirate to mix.
6. Heat at least to 90 °C for 3 minutes.
7. Cool at room temperature for 3 minutes.
8. Add 10 μ L Rapid PNGase F and aspirate to mix.
9. Incubate at 50 °C for 5 minutes.
10. Cool at room temperature for 3 minutes.

STEP 2: Rapid Labeling of Glycosylamines

1. Aliquot 15 μ L of deglycosylated glycoprotein reaction mixture to a new tube and dilute with 15 μ L of 18.2 M Ω water.

Note: For maximum consistency in yield, 2x concentration of RapiFluor-MS reagent is recommended, as compared to the original GlycoWorks protocol (720005470EN). This protocol describes halving the volume of the deglycosylated mixture to achieve the 2x increase in RapiFluor-MS label concentration.
2. Add 110 μ L of anhydrous DMF directly to one vial of 9 mg of RapiFluor-MS™ Reagent. Mix to solubilize.
3. Add 10 μ L of the RapiFluor-MS solution to the deglycosylation mixture and aspirate to mix.
4. Allow the labeling to proceed at room temperature for 5 minutes.
5. Dilute the reaction with 360 μ L of acetonitrile (ACN) and aspirate to mix.

STEP 3: HILIC Cleanup of Labeled Glycosylamines

1. Set up a GlycoWorks™ HILIC μ Elution Plate and add in shims or spacer and waste tray.
2. Condition wells by adding 200 μ L of water per well.
3. Equilibrate wells by adding 200 μ L 85% ACN.
4. Load ACN-diluted samples (~400 μ L).
5. Wash wells with two (2) 600 μ L volumes of 1% formic acid, 90% ACN.
6. Replace waste tray with sample collection tray loaded with 600 μ L tubes.
7. Elute glycans with three (3) 30 μ L volumes of SPE elution buffer into 600 μ L tapered bottom inserts.
8. Dilute SPE eluate with 310 μ L of the GlycoWorks SPE Diluent (DMF/ACN). Aspirate to mix.

Note: For a Glycan C₁₈ AX separation sample, either skip dilution Step 8 or dilute with 310 μ L of water.
9. Cap the tubes with pre-slit cap mats.

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