# **IMMUNOPRECIPITATION: PROTEIN A SEPHAROSE**

## **Buffers & Beads:**

HNM buffer in a 1L filter flask (may already be made)

- 11.9g HEPES in 500mL RNase/DNase Free dH2O
- pH 7.5
- Add 8.77g NaCl
- Add 1 ml MgCl<sub>2</sub> (1M stock soln)
- Q.S. to 1L and vacuum filter

HNTM buffer in a 1L filter flask (may already be made)

- Prepared same as above
- Add 10ml of Triton-x 100
- Resuspended Protein A sepharose beads in 10ml HNTM buffer incubate 4°C over night (probably already made)
- Samples: For each IP use 75ug cytosolic and/or 37.5ug nuclear lysate: need aliquots of each lysate for the antibody of interest and the control antibody.

i.e, 2 aliquots of each lysate (test  $Ab + ctrl) \rightarrow 2IPs/sample$ 

N.B: If you plan on isolating RNA: Then you need 7 tubes per antibody (6 tubes/ lysate/ Ab for RNA isolation and 1 tube /lysate/ Ab for western = 14 tubes total).

### Example:

Sample	conc. (ug/ul)	Amt (ul) for 75ug	amt (ul) for 2 IP*	HNM**
PA cyto	1.8	42	84	808
30 min cyto	1.2	62.5	125	769

\*volume of protein lysate needed for 2 IP's

\*\*850 ul – volume of protein lysate. Ex: 850 - 42 = 808 ul HNM buffer

## **Protocol:**

- 1. Prepare (1) 1.5mL microfuge tube for each IP:
  - HNM buffer from chart above
  - 10ul Halt Protease inhibitor
  - 10ul VRC (add only if want to isolate RNA; don't add for protein only)
  - 10ul RNase Inhibitor (add only if want to isolate RNA; don't add for protein only)
  - 1ul 0.1M DTT
  - 33ul 0.5M EDTA
- 2. Added 10ul of antibody of interest or 4 ul anti-hamster IgG (neg. control)
- 3. Added 37.5ug nuc lysate or 75 ug cyto lysate per IP to appropriate tubes
- 4. Incubate on rotator for 3 hours @ RT (5S-11)
- 5. Beads: don't invert or mix!
  - Make a 1:1 bead to buffer slurry:
    - Gently remove suspension buffer leaving beads in tube
    - Ex: if 4ml of beads remain  $\rightarrow$  add 4ml of HNM buffer
    - Gently swirl beads and stir with pipette tip to resuspend (note: don't want to get beads on side of tube so don't invert or vortex)
  - Add 100ul of bead slurry to sufficient number microfuge tubes (50ul beads) = 1 aliquot of beads per IP

- Spin at 13.2K rpm for 3min @ 4°
- Make sure there is 50ul beads. If not, add more.
- Aspirate off excess buffer. Wash 2x w/1 ml of HNM buffer, aspirate last wash and store beads at  $4^{\circ}$ .
- 6. After the 3 hour incubation of Lysate and Antibody, transfer lysate/antibody complexes to bead tubes
- 7. Rotate for 2hrs at RT
- 8. Meanwhile, make Urea Wash in a 50mL conical tube
  - 3g Urea
  - 50ml HNTM buffer
- 9. Spin down beads and lysate @ 13.2K for 3 min @4°
- 10. Aspirate off supernatant (note: aspirate off buffer down to the 100ul mark)
- 11. Wash 3x with 1M Urea/HNTM buffer
  - washes = 1ml/tube, vortex, and 2min spin down 13.2K rpm
  - (note: aspirate off buffer down to the 100ul mark)
- 12. Wash 2x with HNTM buffer
- 13. Last Wash: Aspirate off all buffer. Use pipette tip to get last remnant.

### **IP** for western

Add 50ul of WSB and Boil 5min

- Store -20° until gel prepared
- Follow Western Protocol
  - Boiled Samples again
  - Loaded 25ul of sample on to gel

#### **IP RNA Isolation**

- (alternatively, use TriZol protocol for Isolation of RNA) 1. To each 50ul IP sample, add the following:
  - 5µl 10mg/ml Proteinase K Stock
  - 100µl HNTM Buffer
  - 1µl 10% SDS
- 2. Vortex the samples, briefly spin down and put in the water bath at 55°C for 20 minutes.
- 3. Extract with an equal volume of Acid Phenol/ Chloroform/ Isoamyl Alcohol (pH =4.5).
- 4. Vortex and spin at 4°C at 13,200rpm for 3 minutes.
- 5. Remove top aqueous layer to a sterile 1.5ml RNAse/ DNAse free microfuge tube (note: thick interface layer contains beads)
- 6. At this time you can combine the aqueous layers of same samples
- 7. Precipitate the RNA with 1/10 volume of 3M Sodium Acetate (pH = 5.5) and 2.5 volumes of 100% cold ethanol.

N.B: if volume of all recommended reagents don't fit into one tube, split the aqueous layer into several tubes then add 1/10 of that vol. of NaAcetate and 2.5x 100% cold EtOH

- 8. Store at -80°C overnight.
- 9. The next day spin the samples down at 13,200rpm for 1 hour. Aspirate the supernatant off RNA pellet, allow EtOH to evaporate off pellet for 5 minutes @ RT (don't over dry)
- 10. Resuspend each pellet in nuclease free water (note: for 6 combined sampes add 60ul dH<sub>2</sub>O, if separated samples 10ul/IP)
- 11. Vortex, and briefly spin down

- 12. Allow the pellets to sit at RT for 30 minutes
- 13. Vortex the samples, briefly spin down and incubate at 65°C for 15 minutes.
- 14. Again, vortex and briefly spin down.
- 15. Combine replicate samples in to one tube if you haven't already done it.
- 16. Treat RNA with DNAse:

DNAse Treatment of RNA (alternatively, use Ambion's DNA free kit)

1. For 60ul of RNA, add

6μl DNAse I Reaction Buffer

6µl DNAse I

- 2. Vortex, briefly spin down and incubate 15 minutes at RT.
- 3. Add 6µl 25µM EDTA.
- 4. Vortex and briefly spin down.
- 5. Incubate 10 minutes at 65°C.
- 6. Vortex and briefly spin down.
- 7. Spec at 260-280nm using 3ul of RNA in 800ul of RNase/ DNase free water.
- 8. Calculate RNA conc: OD x 40 x .8/ 3 = ug/ul RNA