

ULTIMATE MAMMALIAN NON-DENATURING IP

Where possible, we prefer to use denaturing IPs to recover labeled proteins from pulse-chase experiments. This protocol, however, describes a non-denaturing IP. The non-denaturing protocol is useful when you wish to separate soluble from insoluble proteins, and if your antibody recognizes a native epitope. The protocol here is described for four sets of pulse-chase experiments (16 samples).

A. EXTRACTING PROTEINS.

Prepare: (i) 1 set of labeled snap-cap tubes
(ii) 18 ml of RIPA (add inhibitors fresh)

1. Resuspend each frozen cell pellet in 800 μ l of RIPA by pipeting.
2. Rotate in cold room for one hour.

B. IMMUNOPRECIPITATION.

Prepare: (i) 2 sets of labeled snap-cap tubes
(ii) 450 μ l of Protein A Sepharose combined with 450 μ l of Protein G Sepharose.
Washed 2 times in RIPA and resuspended in 450 μ l of RIPA (with inhibitors)

1. Spin lysates in microfuge, 5 minutes at top speed (cold room). Transfer supernatant to a fresh tube.
2. To each sample, add 50 μ l of Protein A/G Sepharose mix. Rotate in cold room for one hour.
3. Spin samples in microfuge for 20 seconds, top speed (cold room). Transfer supernatant to a fresh tube.
4. Add antibody to each sample (e.g., 0.8 μ l 12CA5 ascites). Rotate in cold room for 1-2 hours.

Prepare: (i) 450 μ l of Protein A Sepharose combined with 450 μ l of Protein G Sepharose. Washed 2 times in RIPA and resuspended in 450 μ l of RIPA (with inhibitors)

5. Spin tubes briefly. Add 50 μ l of Protein A/G Sepharose mix. Rotate in cold room for one hour.

Prepare: (i) 50 ml RIPA (with 2 Complete Inhibitor tablets)
(ii) 2.0 ml 2x Laemmli Buffer (with 50 mM DTT)

6. Spin samples in microfuge—2 minutes, setting #3—in cold room.

7. Aspirate supernatant. Add 1 ml RIPA, and rock back and forth to wash.

8. Spin samples in microfuge—2 minutes, setting #3—in cold room. Aspirate supernatant. Repeat washing two more times.

9. Aspirate all liquid from the beads using a 26G needle. Resuspend in 100 μ l 2 x Laemmli (with 50 mM DTT). Boil and load 50 μ l on SDS-PAGE.

C. SOLUTIONS.RIPA

150 mM NaCl
1% NP-40
0.5% DOC
0.1% SDS
50 mM Tris (pH 7.5)

For 500 ml

15 ml 5 M NaCl
50 ml 10 % NP-40
25 ml 10 % DOC
5 ml 10 % SDS
25 ml 1M Tris (pH 7.5)

Add fresh each time:

0.4 mg/ml Pefabloc	1:100 of 40 mg/ml stock
10 µg/ml Leupeptin	1:1000 of 10 mg/ml stock
10 µg/ml Pepstatin	1:500 of 2 mg/ml stock
5 µg/ml Aprotinin	1:2000 of 10 mg/ml stock

or....Add 1 COMPLETE INHIBITOR TABLET per 25-30 ml for IP washes.

Note: We use individual protease inhibitors when performing the extraction and initial IP steps. For the washes, we use Complete protease inhibitor tablets (Roche: 1 tablet per 25 ml TNN).