New Sample Preparation and Protein Fractionation Techniques







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What is New in Protein Sample Preparation and Separation?



Focus:

- Recovery of sample (fewest number of steps, return of sample)
- Selectivity
- Reproducibility (run to run, lot to lot of product)
- Reliability and increased productivity





The Multiple Affinity Removal System

A polyclonal antibody based system to rapidly deplete multiple high abundant proteins in serum/plasma/CSF.





The Agilent Multiple Affinity Removal System

Selectivity

Only native human plasma proteins are used as antigens. This ensures highest selectivity for epitopes in "real samples". Our antibodies are so selective that species cross-reactivity is very low.

Our buffers are specifically formulated to minimize protein-protein interactions resulting in highest possible selectivity of binding (minimize any possible protein-protein interactions, such as with albumin)

Reproducibility

Run to run:

- Coupling chemistry of antibodies to column beads is designed for longest possible lifetime of Antibodies resulting in excellent run to run reproducibility. Only native protein antigen is used for affinity purification resulting in reproducible antibody selection.
- Buffers for affinity purification of our polyclonal antibodies are designed to disruption unwanted protein-protein interactions (such as with albumin) resulting in reproducible epitope selection.

Lot to lot: Manufacturing processes have been engineered to provide excellent lot to lot reproducibility



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Ease of Use

LC column: Automated single pass, 2 buffer, 30 minute total run time to deplete 80 uL of human plasma/serum (4.6 x 100 mm column) at 98-99% efficiency. Larger column sizes available on request.

Spin tube: 2-step re-usable system, 10 minute total run time to deplete 15 uL of human serum/plasma

Compatibility with Downstream Analysis

1D gel: Proteins elute in buffer system immediately ready for application for 1DGE

HPLC: Proteins can be simultaneously concentrated, desalted, and fractionated on our new mRP column

MS: There are no detergents present in our buffers



Why Multiple Affinity Removal System?



Plasma

Plasma after Top-6 Depletion

Data: Dr. Y.K. Paik



Agilent Multiple Affinity Removal System: Where Are We? & What is Next?



Reliability and increased productivity





Selectivity of Plasma-7 Column

Proteins Identified in Bound Fraction by LC/MS/MS



4-20% SDS -PAGE

ELISA analysis indicate 99.4% depletion of Fibrinogen from 60, 70 and 80 μl of a plasma load on a 4.6x100mm column



Reproducibility from Run to Run

Comparison of runs 40, 80, 120, 160, & 200







mRP-C18 High-Recovery Protein Fractionation Column



mRP (macroporous reverse-phase)

What is it? Reverse Phase column for protein separation and fractionation. The silica based particles and recommended LC methods have been optimized for:

- Highest recoveries of protein samples (95% 99% of loaded sample)
- Highest resolution separations
- Reproducibility
- High sample loading capacity (3X higher than most standard RP columns)
- Lifetime





Sample: 270ug flow-through (6M urea/5.0% AcOH) of immunodepleted human serum from Multiple Affinity Removal System column Columns: Panel A – Zorbax SB300-C18 (300 A, 5.0um), 4.6 mm x 50 mm i.d., SS; Panel B – mRP-C18 (macroporous, 5um), 4.6 mm x 50 mm i.d., PEEK, 0.75mL/min., DAD 280nm

Mobile Phase & Conditions: A-0.1% TFA/water, B-0.08%TFA/ACN, Temp 80° C, gradient:5-30%B in 5min., 30-55%B in 33min., 55-100%B in 4min. 1D SDS PAGE: Collected 36 fractions (1.0 min. time slices) from immunodepleted human serum RP separation



Protein Fractionation on mRP

(4.6 x 50mm mRP-C18)





Preliminary LC-MS data of the lipid fraction isolated from the human brain membrane rafts sample





Lipid Raft Sample: mRP Fractionation followed by 1D-SDS PAGE Fractionation



Fractions 1.10, 11.15, 16-20, 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

Selected Excised Bands Which are Intregal Membrane Proteins

- 1. Voltage-Dependent Anion Selective Channel Protein 1
- 2. Cytochrome C Oxidase subunit IV (COX IV)
- 3. Cytochrome C Oxidase subunit IV (COX IV)
- 4. 2',3'-Cyclic-Nucleotide 3"-Phosphodiesterase (CNP)
- 5. Spectrin Alpha Chain, Brain (Alpha-II Spectrin)
- 6. Vacuolar ATP Synthase Subunit E
- 7. Creatine Kinase, B Chain

- 8. ATP Synthase alpha chain
- 9. Vacuolar ATP Synthase Subunit D
- 10. Vacuolar ATP Synthase Subunit B
- 11. Contactin Associated Protein
- 12. Vacuolar ATP Synthase Subunit C
- 13. ATP Synthase Chain B
- 14. Thy-1 Membrane Glycoprotein Precursor (Thy1)



Lipid Raft Sample: Reproducibility and Baseline Stability





Hela Cell Membrane mRP Fractions followed by 1D-SDSPAGE Fractionation4.6 x 50mm mRP



Identification performed by chip-based nano LC/MS/MS from excised gel bands

Sample (216 gel bands from mRP)	Total Acquisition Time (hrs)	# MS/MS Spectra Collected	# Distinct Peptides Matched	# Total Proteins Identified	# Membrane Proteins Identified	# Integral Membrane Proteins Identified
HeLa Membranes	108	486,700	3841	688	364	286

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Hela Cell Lysate mRP Fractionation followed by 1D-SDSPAGE Fractionation4.6 x 50mm mRP C18 column







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For Plasma/Serum Biomarker Discovery: Combine "Top-6" and mRP Fractionation





Off-Gel Electrophoresis Technology and Applications





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Strategy Towards Low Abundance Proteins with Immunodepletion & OGE



MARS: Multiple Affinity Removal System OGE: Off-Gel Electrophoresis



pl-based Fractionation: Off-Gel-Electrophoresis







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Plasma Proteome Workflow Immunodepletion, OGE, LC/MS



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Analysis of OGE Fractions by 1D Electrophoresis



E. coli cell extract Coomassie Brillant Blue stain

* unfractionated sample



Analysis of OGE Fractions by High Resolution 2DE Albumin-Depleted Human Plasma, Silver Stain; Experiment done by Lab of Prof. Tissot/CHUV

target: Δ pH 0.16





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Applications

Protein Samples:

- Immunodepleted serum/plasma
- Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
- HeLa proteasome cell extract
- Mammalian macrophage cell extract
- preB 697 cell extract
- Bacterial lysates
 - E. coli
 - H. influenzae

Peptide samples



OGE Fractionation of a Protein Fraction from HeLa S3 Cell Extract* analyzed by Chip-LC/MS



Prefractionation of this cell extract leads to significantly greater number of proteins identified:

144 proteins total for 15 OGE fractions

20 proteins total for 15 injections of unfractionated sample

* binding to anion exchange resin



OGE Fractionation of Peptides - E.Coli Tryptic Digest

Average Peptide pl with Standard Deviation for Autovalidated Peptides





OGE Fractionation of Peptides - E.Coli Tryptic Digest

Number of Peptide Identifications in Number of Fractions

Bar Chart



=> The majority of peptides are found in only 1 or 2 fractions!

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OGE Fractionation of Peptides Trypsin Digested *E-Coli* Lysate

score

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Can be used to search for charged PTM's, peptides with high delta pl and high score are possible candidates.



OGE Fractionation of Peptides Trypsin Digested *E-Coli* Lysate



 ${\sim}35\%$ of spectra not autovalidated are within \pm 0.5pH. Using this information, up to 20% more peptides can be identified!

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Pseudo 2D Gel: OGE Fractions of Human Serum analyzed with the Protein 200-HT2 Assay on Agilent's 5100 ALP





Outlook

• Protein prefractionation by immunodepletion, mRP and OGE enables a deeper dive into the plasma proteome and provides methods compatible with LC-MS based analysis.

• All prefractionation methods and tools integrate well together minimizing sample loss due to excessive sample manipulations

• OGE provides PTM-grade resolution of proteins and peptides and delivers fractions in solution (LC/MS compatibility)

• The mRP column provides highest recovery of protein samples (95+%) even on challenging protein samples such as integral membrane proteins

• The Multiple Affinity Removal System provides the highest sample capacity per ml resin and longest column lifetime when compared to other products. This translates to the lowest cost per ml of depleted sample.

• The Multiple Affinity Removal System also provides the greatest ease of use, highest selectivity and reproducibility (run to run, lot to lot) compared to any equivalent product.





Further Information

Bioreagents catalog – 5989-3431EN "The 2005-2006 Bioreagents Product and Resource Guide"

CD Compendium – Bioseparations 5989-4047EN

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