

**Description:** The PURExpress<sup>®</sup> Disulfide Bond

and buffer components designed to correctly

Enhancer (PDBE) is a proprietary blend of proteins

fold target proteins with multiple disulfide bonds

produced in PURExpress reactions. Added at the

beginning of a reaction, the components promote

a proper disulfide bond pattern by assisting with

mis-oxidized substrates. These enhancements can

increase the yield of soluble and functionally active

Source: Each of the recombinant proteins present

in the PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer has

the oxidation of cysteine thiols and correcting





Supplied in: 50 mM HEPES, pH 7.6, 100 mM KCl, 1 mM EDTA and 10% glycerol. *Figu* 

#### Application:

protein.

 Formation of properly folded proteins containing multiple disulfide bonds when produced by PURExpress.

### **Reagents Supplied:**

been expressed in E. coli.

PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer 1 PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer 2

### **Reaction Conditions:**

Add 1  $\mu$ l of each component to a PURExpress reaction (as part of the user-added 7.5  $\mu$ l volume for templates and additives) and incubate reaction at 37°C for at least 2 hours.

**Notes on Use:** PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer has been optimized for use with NEB PURExpress Systems (NEB #E6800, E3313). However, it is compatible with bacterial S30 lysatebased IVTT systems from other suppliers (Fig. 2). As the formulation of other systems varies, all guidelines, protocols and FAQs related to PDBE are for use with the PURExpress System.



(A.) Reactions were set-up according to PURExpress specifications with the vtPA template DNA. After a two-hour incubation at  $37^{\circ}$ C, 5 µl of each reaction was used in an activity assay and cleavage of the chromogenic substrate was monitored for one hour. (B.) 2.5 µl of each reaction was resolved by SDS-PAGE and the gel stained with Coomassie Blue. The vtPA target protein is marked by a red arrow.

The addition of PDBE generates active protein. The difference in observed activity is due to disulfide bond folding, as measured by functional activity of the target, and is not due to differences in the amount of protein produced by PURExpress.



**Figure 2:** PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer is optimized for use in PURExpress but also shows utility in S30 lysatebased IVTT kits from other suppliers. Reactions were set-up according to manufacturer's specifications with equivalent amounts of template DNA encoding a truncated version of tissue plasminogen activator (9 disulfide bonds, 8 non-consecutive). After a two-hour incubation, 5 µl of each reaction was used in an activity assay and cleavage of the chromogenic substrate was monitored for one hour.



**Figure 3:** PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer promotes proper folding of active Gaussia Luciferase (GLuc) which contains 5 probable disulfide bonds. Reactions were set-up according to PURExpress specifications with equivalent amounts of template DNA encoding GLuc. After a two-hour incubation at 37°C, triplicate aliquots (2.5 µl) of each reaction were incubated with 50 µl of the GLuc substrate solution and the relative luminescence recorded after a 4 second counting window.

# Protocol:

- 1. Please refer to the PURExpress *In Vitro* Protein Synthesis Kit manual (NEB #E6800) for details about PURExpress reactions.
- 2. Plan number of and size of PURExpress reactions to be performed and number to be supplemented with PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer.
- During set-up of PURExpress reactions, add 1 μl of PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer 1 and 1 μl of PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer 2 per 25 μl of PURExpress reaction. If reactions larger or smaller than 25 μl are to be performed, the amount of the PURExpress Disulfide Bond Enhancer added should be scaled accordingly.
- 4. Allow reaction to proceed for at least 2 hrs at desired temperature (usually 37°C).
- Place reactions on ice if they will be analyzed within 3–4 hrs; otherwise store at –20°C until needed.

## **Companion Products:**

 PURExpress<sup>®</sup> In Vitro Protein Synthesis Kit

 #E6800S
 10 reactions

 PURExpress<sup>®</sup> Δ Ribosome Kit

 #E3313S
 10 reactions