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Description: Glycosylation is one of the most common post-translational modifications of proteins, as shown in Figure 1. *N*-linked glycosylation occurs when glycans are attached to asparagine residues on the core protein. *O*-linked glycosylation occurs when glycans are attached to serine or threonine residues. Both chemical and enzymatic methods exist for removing oligosaccharides from glycoproteins. However, chemical methods such as β -elimination with mild alkali or mild hydrazinolysis can be harsh and may result in incomplete sugar removal and degradation of the protein; whereas, enzymatic methods are much gentler and can provide complete sugar removal with no protein degradation.



Figure 1: A glycoprotein modified with O-linked and *N*-linked glycosylation.

PNGase F is the most effective enzymatic method for removing almost all *N*-linked oligosaccharides from glycoproteins. PNGase F digestion deaminates the aspargine residue to aspartic acid, and leaves the oligosaccharide intact, keeping it suitable for further analysis. Oligosaccharides containing a fucose $\alpha(1-3)$ -linked to the glycan core are, however, resistant to PNGase F which can occur on some plant and insect glycoproteins. Steric hindrance slows or inhibits the action of PNGase F on certain residues of glycoproteins; therefore denaturation of the glycoprotein by heating with SDS and DTT greatly increases the rate of deglycosylation. Other commonly used endoglycosidases such as Endoglycosidase H are not suitable for general deglycosylation of *N*-linked sugars because of their limited specificities and because they leave one *N*-acetylglucosamine residue attached to the asparagine.

To remove *O*-linked glycans, monosaccharides must be removed by a series of exoglycosidases until only the GalB1-3GalNAc (core 1) and/or the GlcNAc_β1-3GalNAc (core 3) cores remain attached to the serine or threonine. The *Enterococcus* faecalis O-Glycosidase, also called Endo- α -N-Acetylgalactosaminidase, can then remove these core structures with no modification of the serine or threonine residues. Any modification of the core structures, including sialyation, will block the action of the O-Glycosidase. Sialic acid residues are easily removed by a general α 2-3,6,8 Neuraminidase. In addition, exoglycosidases such as $\beta(1-4)$ Galactosidase and β -N-Acetylglucosaminidase can be included in deglycosylation reactions to remove other complex modifications often known to be present on the core structures. This combination of enzymes will not remove all O-linked oligosaccharides but should remove many common oligosaccharide structures.

Application:

This kit contains all of the enzymes, reagents, and controls needed to remove almost all *N*-linked and simple *O*-linked glycans as well as some complex *O*-linked glycans. This kit contains enzyme sufficient for 20 reactions or the cleavage of as much as 2 mg of glycoprotein.

Kit Components:

| Deglycosylation Enzyme Mix | 100 µl |
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| 10X Glycoprotein Denaturing Buffer | 1 ml |
| 10% NP-40 Buffer | 1 ml |
| 10X G7 Reaction Buffer | 1 ml |

Substrate Control: Fetuin, 0.5 mg (Fetuin contains sialylated *N*-linked and *O*-linked glycans)

Deglycosylation Enzyme Mix supplied in: 50 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5 @ 25°C) and 0.1 mM Na, EDTA.

Deglycosylation Enzyme Mix:

20 µl PNGase F Glycerol Free: 500,000 units/ml

20 µl *O*-Glycosidase: 40.000.000 units/ml

20 µl Neuraminidase: 50,000 units/ml

20 μl $\beta 1\text{-}4$ Galactosidase: 8,000 units/ml

20 μl β-*N*-Acetylglucosaminidase: 4,000 units/ml

Description of Enzymes Included in the Deglycosylation Enzyme Mix:

*O***-Glycosidase**, also known as Endo- α -*N*-Acetylgalactosaminidase, is a recombinant enzyme cloned from *Enterococcus faecalis* (1). It catalyzes the removal of core 1 and core 3 *O*-linked disaccharides from glycoproteins. The molecular weight is approximately 147 kDa.

PNGase F, also known as Peptide: *N*-glycosidase F, is an enzyme purified from *Flavobacterium meningosepticum* (2). PNGase F is an amidase which cleaves between the innermost GlcNAc and asparagine residues of high mannose, hybrid, and complex oligosaccharides from *N*-linked glycoproteins unless $\alpha(1-3)$ core fucosylated. The molecular weight is approximately 36 kDa.

Neuraminidase, also known as Sialidase, is a recombinant enzyme cloned from *Clostridium perfringens* (3) and overexpressed in *E. coli* (4). It catalyzes the hydrolysis of $\alpha 2,3, \alpha 2,6, \text{ and } \alpha 2,8$ linked *N*-acetylneuraminic acid residues from glycoproteins and oligosaccharides. The molecular weight is approximately 43 kDa.

 β **1-4 Galactosidase**, is a recombinant enzyme cloned from *Bacteroides fragilis* (5). It is a highly specific exoglycosidase that catalyzes the hydrolysis of β 1-4 linked D-galactopyranosyl residues from oligosaccharides. The molecular weight is approximately 94 kDa.

 β -*N*-Acetylglucosaminidase, is a recombinant enzyme cloned from *Xanthomonas manihotis* (6). It is a highly specific exoglycosidase that catalyzes the hydrolysis of terminal, nonreducing β -*N*-Acetylglucosamine residues from oligosaccharides. The molecular weight is approximately 71 kDa.



Figure 2: Enzymatic Deglycosylation of Bovine Fetuin: 100 µg Bovine Fetuin Control was deglycosylated using the denaturing reaction conditions. 25 µg of the reaction was loaded onto a 10/20 SDS-PAGE gel. Lane 1: Protein Ladder (10-250 kDa) (NEB #P7703), Lane 2: 25 µg untreated Fetuin control, Lane 3: 25 µg denatured Fetuin control, Lane 4: 25 µg deglycosylated denatured Fetuin, Lane 5: 5 µl Deglycosylation Mix

Reaction Protocols

The quantity of enzyme recommended is sufficient for the deglycosylation of 100 μ g of a glycoprotein. Reactions may be scaled-up linearly to accommodate larger amounts of glycoprotein and larger reaction volumes. Optimal incubation times may vary for particular substrates. Typical reaction conditions are as follows:

Denaturing Reaction Conditions:

- 1. Dissolve 100 μg of glycoprotein into 18 μl H₂O.
- 2. Add 2 µl of 10X Glycoprotein Denaturing Buffer to make a 20 µl total reaction volume.
- 3. Denature glycoprotein by heating reaction at 100°C for 10 minutes.
- 4. Chill denatured glycoprotein on ice and centrifuge 10 seconds.
- 5. To the denatured glycoprotein reaction add 5 μl 10X G7 Reaction Buffer, 5 μl 10% NP40, and 15 μl H_2O.

Note: PNGase F and O-Glycosidase are inhibited by SDS, therefore it is essential to have NP-40 in the reaction mixture under denaturing conditions. Failure to not include NP-40 into the denaturing protocol may result in loss of activity of some enzymes.

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- 6. Add 5 µl Deglycosylation Enzyme Cocktail, mix gently.
- 7. Incubate reaction at 37°C for 4 hours.
- 8. Analyze by method of choice

Note: The simplest method of assessing the extent of deglycosylation is by mobility shifts on SDS-PAGE gels.

Non-Denaturing Reaction Conditions: When deglycosylating a native glycoprotein it is recommended that an aliquot of the glycoprotein is subjected to the denaturing protocol to provide a positive control for the fully deglycosylated protein. The non-denatured reaction can then be compared to the denatured reaction to determine the extent of reaction completion.

- 1. Dissolve 100 μ g of glycoprotein into 40 μ l H₂O.
- 2. To the native glycoprotein add 5 μI 10X G7 Reaction Buffer.
- 3. Add 5 µl Deglycosylation Enzyme Cocktail, mix gently.
- 4. Incubate reaction at 37°C for 4 hours.

Note: To deglycosylate a native glycoprotein, longer incubation time as well as more enzyme may be required.

5. Analyze by method of choice.

Note: The simplest method of assessing the extent of deglycosylation is by mobility shifts on SDS-PAGE gels.

<u>Storage</u>

It is recommended to store this kit at 4°C. All components of the kit will be stable for at least one year if stored correctly.

Notes: Deglycosylation Mix is not recommended for use on Mucin-like substrates.

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