

RFP-Trap®_A for Immunoprecipitation of RFP-Fusion Proteins from mammalian cell extract

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Introduction RFP fluorescent proteins (RFPs) and variants thereof are widely used to study protein localization and dynamics. For biochemical analysis including mass spectrometry and enzyme activity measurements these RFP-fusion proteins and their interacting factors can be isolated fast and efficiently by immunoprecipitation using the RFP-Trap®. RFP-Trap® utilizes small recombinant alpaca antibody fragments covalently coupled to the surface of agarose beads.

Specificity tested on RFP, mCherry, mOrange, mPlum, tagRFP

Reagent	Code	Quantity
RFP-Trap®_A kit	rtak-20	20 reactions (0.5 ml resin)
Lysis buffer (CoIP)		30 ml
RIPA buffer		30 ml
5x Wash / Dilution buffer		2 x 10 ml
Elution buffer		3 x 1 ml

Note: Add 40 ml H₂O to 5x Wash/ Dilution buffer before use. It is 5 times concentrated!!

Note: 0,09 Na-Azide is added to our buffers as an antiseptic and antifungal agent.

Note: For other cell types like yeast, plants, drosophila, etc. please use your equivalent cell lysis buffer.

Bead properties

Bead size: ~ 40 µm

Storage buffer: 20% EtOH

Binding capacity: 10 µl RFP-Trap®_A slurry binds 9 µg of recombinant mCherry

Stability and Storage

Shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt store at +4°C.

Stable for 1 year. Do not freeze.

Required solutions

Buffer composition (as provided in the kit)

Buffer	Composition
Lysis buffer (CoIP)	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA; 0.5% NP-40, 0.09% Na-Azide
RIPA buffer	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0,5 mM EDTA; 0,1% SDS; 1% Triton X-100; 1% Deoxycholate, 0.09% Na-Azide
Dilution/Wash buffer	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.018% Na-Azide
Elution buffer	200 mM glycine pH 2.5

Related products

RFP Toolbox	Code
RFP-Trap® protein	rt-250
RFP-Trap®_A	rta-20; rta-100; rta-200; rta-400
Blocked agarose beads	bab-20
RFP antibody 3F5 (mouse)	3f5
RFP antibody 5F8 (rat)	5f8
RFP-Booster (ATTO 488, ATTO 594, ATTO 700)	rba-488, rba-594, rba-700
Spin columns	sct-10; sct-20; sct-50

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Protocol for Immunoprecipitation of RFP-Fusion Proteins using RFP-Trap®_A

Harvest cells

For one immunoprecipitation reaction the use of $\sim 10^6$ - 10^7 mammalian cells (approx. one 10-cm dish) expressing a RFP-tagged protein of interest is recommended. To harvest adherent cells, aspirate growth medium, add 1 ml ice-cold PBS to cells and scrape cells from dish. Transfer cells to a pre-cooled tube, spin at 500 g for 3 min at +4°C and discard supernatant. Wash cell pellet twice with ice-cold PBS, gently resuspending the cells. After washing:

Lyse cells

1. Resuspend cell pellet in 200 μ l ice-cold lysis buffer by pipetting or using a syringe.
note: Supplement lysis buffer with protease inhibitors and 1 mM PMSF (not included).
optional for nuclear/chromatin proteins: Use RIPA buffer supplemented with 1 mg/ml DNase, 2.5 mM MgCl₂, protease inhibitors and 1 mM PMSF (not included).
2. Place the tube on ice for 30 min with extensively pipetting every 10 min.
3. Centrifuge cell lysate at 20.000x g for 10 min at +4°C. Transfer supernatant to a pre-cooled tube. Add 300 μ l dilution buffer to supernatant. Discard pellet.
note: At this point cell lysate may be put at -80°C for long-term storage.
optional: Add 1 mM PMSF and protease inhibitors (not included) to dilution buffer.

Equilibrate beads

4. Vortex RFP-Trap®_A beads and pipette 25 μ l bead slurry into 500 μ l ice-cold dilution buffer. Centrifuge at 2.500x g for 2 min at +4°C. Discard supernatant and repeat wash twice.

Bind proteins

5. Add diluted lysate (step 3) to equilibrated RFP-Trap®_A beads (step 4). If required, save 50 μ l of diluted lysate for immunoblot analysis. Tumble end-over-end for 1 hour at 4°C.
6. Centrifuge at 2.500x g for 2 min at +4°C. If required, save 50 μ l supernatant for immunoblot analysis. Discard remaining supernatant.

Wash beads

7. Resuspend RFP-Trap®_A beads in 500 μ l dilution buffer. Centrifuge at 2.500x g for 2 min at +4°C. Discard supernatant and repeat wash twice.
optional: Increase salt concentration in the second washing step up to 500 mM.

Elute proteins

8. Resuspend RFP-Trap®_A beads in 100 μ l 2x SDS-sample buffer.
9. Boil resuspended RFP-Trap®_A beads for 10 min at 95°C to dissociate immunocomplexes from RFP-Trap®_A beads. The beads can be collected by centrifugation at 2.500x g for 2 min and SDS-PAGE is performed with the supernatant.
10. *optional instead of steps 8 and 9: elute bound proteins by adding 50 μ l 0.2 M glycine pH 2.5 (incubation time: 30 sec under constant mixing) followed by centrifugation. Transfer the supernatant to a new tube and add 5 μ l 1M Tris base pH 10.4 for neutralization. To increase elution efficiency this step can be repeated.*