

In-gel digestion

<Notice!> Wearing cleaned gloves is needed, and manipulating in laminar flow cabinet is preferred.

Prepare reagents before use:

- ✓ 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate (ABC) solution (pH 8.5)
- ✓ 25 mM ABC solution/50% ACN solution
- ✓ 0.1% (w/v) trypsin solution: Dilute 1 μL of 12.5 ng/ μL trypsin stock in 100 μL 25 mM ABC solution.

Procedure:

Day 1

1. Destain (for silver stain):

- i. Prepare 0.1 g/mL of sodium thiosulfate ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$) and potassium ferricyanide ($\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$).
- ii. Add 100 μL of 25 mM ABC solution.
- iii. Add 10 μL of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution.
- iv. Add 10 μL of $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ solution.
- v. Incubate at R/T for 10 min.
- vi. Spin down gel pieces and remove destain solution.
- vii. Add 100 μL of 25mM ABC solution and vortex for 10 min. Repeat once.
- viii. Spin down gel slices and remove liquid.

2. Add 200 μL of 50% ACN/25 mM ABC solution and vortex for 10 min. Remove liquid and repeat once.

3. Dry gel pieces by SpeedVac for 10 min.

4. Reduction

- i. Prepare 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT)/25 mM ammonium bicarbonate (ABC) solution:
Dissolve 1.5 mg of DTT in 1000 μL of 25 mM ABC solution.
- ii. Add 100 μL of 10 mM DTT/25 mM ABC solution to each sample.
- iii. Incubate at 56°C for 1 hr.
- iv. Spin down gel slices and remove the DTT solution.

5. Alkylation

- i. Prepare 55 mM iodoacetamide (IAM)/25 mM ABC solution: Dissolve 10 mg of IAM in 1000 μL of 25 mM ABC solution.
- ii. Add 100 μL of 55 mM IAM/25 mM ABC solution to each sample.
- iii. Incubate at R/T in the dark for 30 min.
- iv. Spin down gel slices and remove the IAM solution.

6. Add 100 μ L of 25 mM ABC solution. Vortex for 10 minutes. Spin down gel pieces and remove the buffer solution.
7. Add 100 μ L of 50% ACN/25 mM ABC solution. Vortex for 10 minutes. Spin down gel pieces and remove the buffer solution.
8. Dry gel pieces by SpeedVac for 10 min.
9. Add 100 μ L 0.1% (w/v) of trypsin solution and incubate at 4°C for 20 min to rehydrate gel pieces.
10. Incubate at 37°C for at least 16 hr.

Day 2

11. Add 100 μ L of 50% acetonitrile (ACN)/25 mM ABC solution. Sonicate for 1 min. Repeat this step twice.
12. Aspirate the supernatant to new eppendorf.
13. Dry the supernatant by SpeedVac.
14. Redissolve peptide with 20 μ L of 0.1% formic acid. About 5 min later, centrifuge at 10,000g for 10 min. (5 μ L loading, 11~12 μ L resuspension)