Product Datasheet

Lightning-Link R-PE Antibody Labeling Kit
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**Concentration**
Concentration is not relevant for this product. Please see the protocols for proper use of this product.

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**Conjugate**
PE

Product Description

**Description**
Lightning-Link antibody labeling kits enable the direct labeling of antibodies, proteins, peptides or other biomolecules for use in R&D applications, drug discovery and the development of diagnostic kits.

Our R-PE antibody labeling kit enables the direct conjugation of R-PE to any biomolecule with an available amine group. The researcher simply pipettes the antibody or other biomolecule into the vial of Lightning-Link R-PE and incubates for 3 hours.

**Features**
Quick and easy to use
Save time, no special knowledge required
No separation steps
100% recovery - no antibody/protein loss
Can be used in a wide range of applications
Flexible
Freeze dried
Ships at ambient temperature, long shelf-life
Fully scalable (10 ug to 1 g or more)
Easy transfer from R&D to manufacturing
Stringently QC tested
Consistent high quality, excellent batch-to-batch reproducibility
Large number of labels available
Experimental flexibility
Reliable: nearly 300 references
Successfully used in many fields of research

R-Phycoerythrin (R-PE) is a fluorescent protein from the phycobiliprotein family, present in red algae and cryptophytes. It has three maximal absorbance values of 498, 544 and 566nm (the optimal will depend on the application), and it has a strong emission peak at 580nm. RPE is closely related to B-Phycoerythrin (B-PE) and these are the most intense fluorescent phycobiliproteins providing an orange fluorescence.

**Popular conjugates applications:**
1. Flow Cytometry
2. Immunofluorescence
3. Multiple labeling with other fluorochromes

**Kit Components**
1 or 3 or 5 glass vial(s) of Lightning-Link mix, 1 vial of LL-Modifier reagent, 1 vial of LL-Quencher reagent

**Notes**
Learn more about Lightning-Link™ Conjugation Kits by reading FAQs

For more information please check out these useful links!
Fluorescent Labels Poster
Antibody Labeling Guide
Antibody Purification Guide

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**Application Details**

**Applications**
Flow Cytometry

**Recommended Dilutions**
Flow Cytometry

**Application Notes**
This kit contains 3x10ug vials.
Flow Cytometry: Lightning-Link R-PE Antibody Labeling Kit [703-0030] -
- Direct labeling with Lightning Link CD45RC-PE

Flow Cytometry: Lightning-Link R-PE Antibody Labeling Kit [703-0030] -
- Indirect labeling with CD45RC supernatant

Flow Cytometry: Lightning-Link R-PE Antibody Labeling Kit [703-0030] -
- Indirect labeling with purified CD45RC antibody
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**Procedures**

**Lightning Link R-Phycoerythrin Conjugation Kit Protocol (703-0030)**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Lightning-Link conjugation kit allows PE conjugations to set up in seconds, simply by adding a solution of the antibody to be labeled to a proprietary lyophilised mixture containing PE. By circumventing the desalting or dialysis steps that commonly interrupt traditional protein conjugation procedures, Lightning-Link technology can be used to label small quantities of protein for FACS analysis with 100% recovery.

Upon dissolution of Lightning-Link mixture with a solution of the antibody (or other biomolecule to be labeled) proprietary chemicals in the mixture become activated. This results in the directional, covalent bonding of the antibody to the fluorescent label in a gentle and controlled process at near-neutral pH. The hands-on time for the entire procedure is usually 20-30 seconds. Lightning-Link makes it possible to label antibodies with PE with ease, and eliminates the need for secondary reagents in FACS experiments. Direct labeling can simplify and improve data quality in multicolor experiments by eliminating problems caused by dissociation and crossover of secondary reagents.

2. **INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 **Storage and components**

The kit is shipped at ambient temperature in a tamper-evident polypropylene container. Store at -20 degrees celsius upon receipt.

Kit contents:
- Glass vial(s) of Lightning-Link(TM) mix (1 or 3 vials, depending on pack size)
- 1 vial of LL-PE Modifier reagent
- 1 vial of LL-PE Quencher reagent

- Considerations before use

- **Sample buffer**

Ideally, the antibody to be labeled should be in 10-50mM amine-free buffer pH range 6.5 to 8.5. However, many buffers outside these limits of concentration and pH can be accommodated. Modest concentrations of Tris buffer are also tolerated. Appendix 1 gives further guidance on buffers and compatible additives.

- **Amount and volume of antibody**

In view of the large size of PE (240kDa), the amount of antibody used in a labeling reaction must always be less than the pack size of LL-PE, in order that the PE is in a slight molar excess. The best ratio for any new antibody reagent must be determined by experimentation but 50-60ug of IgG antibody for every 100ug of LL-PE usually gives optimal results. The 60ug quantity corresponds to an Ab:PE molar ratio of 1:1. The volume in which the antibody is added ideally should be around 40ul (100ug pack size), and around 400ul (1mg pack size). Where the concentration of antibody is relatively low, and where it is impractical to concentrate the antibody, up to twice the volume stated above (i.e. 80ul for the 100ug PE pack size) may be added without any significant loss in conjugation efficiency.

- **Setting up conjugation reactions**

- Before you add antibody to the Lightning-Link mix, add 1ul of LL-Modifier reagent for each 10ul of antibody to be labeled. Mix gently.

- Remove the screw cap from the vial of Lightning-Link mix and pipette the antibody sample (with added LL-modifier) directly onto the lyophilised material. Resuspend gently by withdrawing and re-dispensing the liquid once or twice using a pipette.

- Place the cap back on the vial and leave it standing for 3 hours in the dark at room temperature (20-25 degrees Celsius). Alternatively, and often more conveniently, conjugations can be set up and left overnight, as the longer incubation time has no negative effect on the conjugate.

- After incubating for 3 hours (or more), add 1ul of LL-quencher reagent for every 10ul of antibody used. The conjugate can be used after 30 minutes.

- **Storage of conjugates**

For any new conjugate, storage at 4 degrees Celsius is recommended. A preservative may be desirable for long-term storage. Other storage conditions may also be satisfactory. The best conditions for any particular conjugate must be determined by experimentation.

Appendix 1. **Compatibility of buffers and buffer additives.**

Amine-free buffers, including MES, MOPS, HEPES and phosphate are compatible if they are in the concentration range 10-50mM and have pH values in the range 6.5-8.5, as the addition of LL-Modifier provides the conditions necessary for efficient conjugation. Common non-buffering salts (e.g. sodium chloride), chelating agents (e.g. EDTA), and sugars have no effect on conjugation efficiency. Azide (0.02-0.1%) has little or no effect. Glycerol up to 50% has no effect.
If the amine-free buffer is relatively concentrated and outside the pH range 6.6-8.5 you may need to add more LL-modifier for each 10ul of antibody. Excess LL-Modifier is provided so that you can check the pH of the buffer after the addition of the modifier. Ideally the pH should be around 7.3-7.6, though efficient conjugation occurs anywhere between pH 6.8 and 7.8. Avoid buffer components that are nucleophilic, as these may react with Lightning-Link chemicals. Primary amines (e.g. amino acids, ethanolamine) and thiols (e.g. mercaptoethanol, DTT) fall within this class. (Note: Tris has little effect on conjugation efficiency as long as the concentration is 20mM or less).

Antibody Labeling Guide (703-0030)
Our Lightning-Link Antibody Labeling Guide is a user friendly tool that allows you to learn the basics of common antibody labeling methods. It also describes Lightning-Link technology, which massively simplifies the production of labeled antibodies. The Lightning-Link approach requires no knowledge of chemistry and the hands-on time is just 30 seconds.

Visit this link to read our Antibody Labeling Guide:

This How To Guide Covers:
- Types of Immuno-experiments and Associated Labels
- Direct vs. Indirect Detection Methods
- Antibody Labeling Methods
- Buffers and Additives
- Antibody Concentration and Purity
- Benefits of Lightning-Link Antibody Labeling Kit
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