

Assembled nanodisc rat MSP1E3D1-His_POPC

Product**Catalog No.****Nanodisc rat MSP1E3D1-His_POPC (50 µL), 500 µM****26953**

Product Description

Nanodiscs were first described by Sligar and coworkers. They provide a phospholipid bilayer system held together by membrane scaffold proteins (MSPs). MSPs are truncated forms of apolipoprotein (apo) A-I which wrap around a patch of a lipid bilayer to form a disc-like particle or nanodisc. MSPs provide a hydrophobic surface facing the lipids, and a hydrophilic surface at the outside. This setup makes nanodiscs highly soluble in aqueous solutions and allows for the solubilization of membrane proteins in the absence of detergents. These nanobilayer particles are about 7-17 nm in diameter, depending on the mutation variant of MSP used. Most widely employed are the standard size MSP1D1 and MSP1E3D1, but also smaller proteins such as MSP1D1ΔH5 (or MSP1D1 dH5) and larger variants such as MSP2N2 are suitable for the generation of nanodiscs.

Most commonly used phospholipids are the eukaryotic lipids dimyristoyl-glycero-phosphocholine (DMPC) and palmitoyl-oleoyl-phosphatidylcholine (POPC) or the prokaryotic lipid 1,2-dimyristoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphoglycerol (DMPG) in combination with sodium cholate. With this method, detergents are not required, minimizing possible artifacts. Yields obtained in cell-free expression systems are usually limited to a few micrograms of protein, but offer the possibility to include modifications such as biotinylation or isotope labelling.

For applications where human MSP proteins might affect results (such as immunization of mice or rats with human antigens), mouse and rat MSP proteins provide a suitable alternative. These MSPs have been produced by aligning the human and animal MSP sequences *in silico*, followed by expressing the animal homologue sequence in *E.coli*.

For the incorporation of detergent-solubilized proteins, lyophilized rat MSP1D1-His and MSP1E3-His proteins are available.

Protocol

1. Set up cell-free expression reactions according to the manufacturer's instructions. Start with a small scale experiment (50-100 µl) to optimize conditions. Add assembled nanodiscs in concentrations of 5-80 µM, depending on the efficiency of the cell-free reaction. The higher the protein expression efficiency, the more nanodiscs are required to accommodate the nascent protein. When used with Cube Biotech Cell-free Lysates, 20-80 µM should be used, as they provide a high membrane protein synthesis rate. This corresponds to 2-8 µl of a 500 µM nanodisc stock solution in a total cell-free reaction volume of 50 µl.
2. During protein synthesis, the nascent membrane protein integrates into the nanodisc (2). After protein expression (for suitable incubation time refer to the manufacturer's protocol), harvest the reaction by centrifugation (10 min, 20,000 x g) and transfer the supernatant to a fresh tube. The membrane protein/nanodisc complex should be in this fraction. Wash the pellet fraction with PBS.

3. Analyze both the supernatant and pellet fractions by SDS-PAGE to determine integration success rate. Optimize conditions using different nanodisc concentrations and phospholipid-MSP combinations.
4. Once optimal conditions have been determined in small scale, cell-free reactions can be scaled up to volumes of 250-1000 μ l.

Shipping & Storage

Shipment Temperature	dry ice
Storage	-80°C for several months Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Quality control

To determine efficiency of the nanodisc assembly reaction, and to ensure homogeneity of the resulting preparation, assembled nanodiscs are applied to a gel filtration chromatography column. Peak position and shape are monitored. Only relevant peak fractions are collected, thereby removing potential reaction by-products such as incompletely assembled membrane scaffold proteins and phospholipids.

Additional Information

For additional nanodisc protocols, please visit our webpage at: www.cube-biotech.com/protocols. For background information on nanodiscs and possible applications please see <http://www.cube-biotech.com/background-tips-and-tricks/what-are-nanodiscs>.

Literature references

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