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# Trypsin

## Mass Spectrometry Grade

A Chemically Modified, TPCK treated,  
Affinity Purified Trypsin

(Cat. # 786-245, 786-245B, 786-687, 786-687B  
786-688, 786-690, 786-693)



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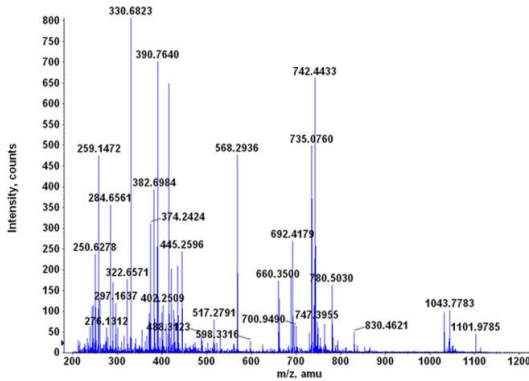
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## INTRODUCTION

Trypsin is a serine endopeptidase that specifically cleaves peptide bonds on the carboxy side of *s*-aminoethyl cysteine, arginine and lysine residues and typically there is little or no cleavage at arginyl-proline and lysyl-proline bonds. The distribution of these residues in proteins allows trypsin digestion to produce peptides that are readily identified by mass spectrometry.



**Figure 1: Spectrogram of bovine carbonic anhydrase II digested by Trypsin, Mass Spectrometry Grade.**

Native trypsin is prone to autolysis that results in pseudotrypsin, which exhibits a broader proteolytic specificity (a chymotrypsin like activity) and trypsin fragments that interfere with sequence analysis.

G-Biosciences' Mass Spectrometry Grade Trypsin is a chemically methylated to yield an enzymatically active protein with maximum trypsin specificity and is extremely resistant to autolysis. In addition the modified trypsin is TPCK treated to inactive the interfering chymotrypsin activity and the resulting protein is affinity purified and lyophilized to produce our Mass Spectrometry Grade Trypsin.

## ITEM(S) SUPPLIED

Cat. #	Trypsin (Porcine)	Trypsin (Bovine)	Trypsin Suspension Buffer
786-245	5 x 20µg		0.5ml
786-687	100µg		0.5ml
786-688	200µg		0.5ml
786-690	5 x 100µg		0.5ml
786-693	5 x 200µg		2 x 0.5ml
786-254B		5 x 20µg	0.5ml
786-687B		100µg	0.5ml

## STORAGE CONDITION

Shipped on blue ice. Store lyophilized Trypsin at -20°C. Reconstitute the Trypsin, Mass Spectrometry Grade in Trypsin Suspension Buffer. Store the reconstituted Trypsin, Mass Spectrometry Grade at -20°C for up to one month. For long term storage, aliquot into 10µl aliquots and store at -70°C. For maximum activity, limit the number of freeze-thaw cycles to 5.

## PROTOCOL

There are numerous protocols available for the tryptic digestion of proteins in gel and in solution. Below are some example protocols taken from our *InGel*<sup>™</sup> procedures and an in-solution protocol successfully used at G-Biosciences.

## IN-GEL PROTEIN DIGESTION

### **Additional Items Needed:**

- *SilverOUT*<sup>™</sup> (Cat. # 786-244), for removing silver ions from silver stained gels
- *BlueOUT*<sup>™</sup> (Cat. # 786-683), for destaining Coomassie or fluorescent stained proteins
- Trypsin Digestion Buffer (50mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH7.8)
- *OneQuant*<sup>™</sup> DTT or 10mM DTT in 50mM ammonium bicarbonate for reducing protein
- *OneQuant*<sup>™</sup> Iodoacetamide or 50mM Iodoacetamide in 50mM ammonium bicarbonate for alkylating protein (Made fresh)
- Ultrapure water (18MΩ equivalent), we recommend our Proteomic Grade Water (Cat. # 786-229)
- Mass Spectrometry Grade Acetonitrile
- *Pep-Extract*<sup>™</sup> (Cat # 786-243)
- Vacuum centrifuge (Speed-Vac<sup>®</sup>)
- 0.5ml clean microfuge tubes, we recommend treating with Protein-OUT<sup>™</sup> (Cat. # 786-680), a unique solution to remove
- proteins and other mass spectrometry interfering agents.
- 10% Trifluoroacetic acid
- 10% TCA

### ***Important Information***

***To reduce keratin and chemical backgrounds*** we recommend you wear gloves at all times and rinse them occasionally to reduce static build-up that attracts dust, hair and other interfering particles. Perform the entire process in a laminar flow hood, using tubes, tips and pipettes that were stored in the hood in a dust free environment. Avoid the use of detergents such as Triton® and Tween® (polymeric detergents) for cleaning flasks and glass plates used in electrophoresis.

***Trypsin, Mass Spectrometry Grade*** is chemically modified to prevent autolysis and therefore should not interfere with your mass spectral analysis. Under standard conditions, the most common trypsin fragment is 842.51 (m/z, M + H), which can be used as an internal standard.

***Reduction & Alkylation*** will minimize artifactual peaks caused by disulfide bridges and side chain modifications and improve detection of peptides with cysteines. Alkylation by iodoacetamide will increase the mass of peptides by 57.02/cysteine present.

### ***A. Excise Protein Spots/Bands***

***Processing of protein bands/spots.*** Following electrophoresis the proteins need to be fixed in the gel matrix. If a fixing step is not included with your silver staining technique we recommend fixing in 5% acetic acid in 1:1 ultrapure water: methanol. For silver staining avoid the use of cross-linking reagents (i.e. glutaraldehyde) or strong oxidizers (i.e. chromates or permanganates). We recommend FOCUS™ FASTsilver™ (Cat. # 786-240), a mass spectrometry compatible silver stain.

1. Rinse the entire gel in ultrapure water for 1-2 hours before processing.
2. Excise protein spots or bands with a clean scalpel and cut bands to 1-2mm cubes.  
*NOTE: Pieces smaller than 1mm<sup>2</sup> may clog pipette tips in further processing.*
3. Transfer to 0.5ml clean centrifuge tubes and briefly spin down in a benchtop centrifuge.

*NOTE: Tubes can be cleaned with with Protein-OUT™ (Cat. # 786-680), a unique solution to remove proteins and other mass spectrometry interfering agents.*

## **B. In-Gel Reduction, Alkylation & Destaining of Proteins**

### **Preparation Before Use**

**OneQuant™ DTT:** Pierce an individual vial with a pipette tip and add 90µl Trypsin Digestion Buffer, to generate a 500mM solution. Vortex until completely dissolved. Dilute 1:50 with Trypsin Digestion Buffer to give a working 10mM DTT concentration. Store unused DTT at -20°C.

**OneQuant™ Iodoacetamide:** Make fresh each time. Pierce an individual vial with a pipette tip and add 150µl Trypsin Digestion Buffer to generate 500mM solution. Vortex until completely dissolved. Dilute 1:10 with Trypsin Digestion Buffer to give a working 50mM Iodoacetamide concentration.

### **Silver Destain, Denaturation and Alkylation**

1. Prepare fresh working *SilverOUT™* reagents by mixing equal volumes *SilverOUT™* I and II.  
*NOTE- For each protein band you will require ~50µl.*
2. Add 50µl working *SilverOUT™*, ensuring the gel pieces are completely covered and vortex for 10 seconds. Incubate for 5-10 minutes or until the silver stain disappears from the gel band.
3. Remove working *SilverOUT™* reagent and add 0.5ml ultrapure water, vortex and incubate for 5 minutes. Repeat the wash with ultrapure water until gel is clear.
4. Add 500µl acetonitrile and incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes, or until the gel pieces become opaque and shrink. Briefly centrifuge to pellet the gel pieces and remove all the liquid.
5. Add 20-50µl DTT solution, ensuring the gel pieces are completely covered. Incubate at 60°C for 30 minutes.
6. Allow the tubes to cool to room temperature and then repeat step 4.
7. Add 20-50µl iodoacetamide solution, ensuring the gel pieces are completely covered. Incubate at room temperature for 20 minutes in the dark.
8. Add 500µl acetonitrile and vortex and incubate for 5 minutes. Discard the acetonitrile.
9. Repeat the acetonitrile wash (step 8) until the gel pieces are opaque white and completely dehydrated. This normally requires 2-3 washes.
10. Dry the gel pieces in a vacuum centrifuge and store at -20°C until use.

### **C. In Gel Trypsin Digestion**

#### **Preparation Before Use**

**Trypsin Rehydration Solution:** To 1.2ml ultrapure water, add 150µl Trypsin Digestion Buffer and 150µl acetonitrile and vortex.

**Trypsin Working Solution:** Add 1.5ml Trypsin Rehydration Solution for every 20µg of Mass Spectrometry Grade Trypsin. Incubate for 15-30 minutes on ice and then gently pipette up and down to fully rehydrate. Do not vortex as this will lead to a loss of activity. The Trypsin should be solubilized immediately before use and unused Trypsin discarded.

*NOTE: If smaller volumes of trypsin are required, resuspend in 20µl Trypsin Suspension Buffer for every 20µg Trypsin, incubate for 15-30 minutes on ice and then gently pipette up and down to fully rehydrate. Aliquot reconstituted enzymes in single-use volumes and store at -80°C. A trypsin to protein ratio ranging from 1:20 to 1:100 is recommended.*

1. Add ~50µl Trypsin Working Solution to the gel pieces (enough to cover the gel pieces)
2. Incubate at 4°C for 30 minutes.
3. If all the Trypsin Working Solution has been absorbed then add more Trypsin Working Solution, ensuring the gel pieces remain covered.
4. Incubate for a further 90 minutes at 4°C and then add 10-20µl Trypsin Digestion Buffer to cover the gel pieces.
5. Incubate the digestion tube at 37°C for overnight for maximal peptide recovery.

#### **D. Peptide Extraction**

##### **For MALDI peptide mass mapping**

1. Cool the tubes to room temperature, centrifuge briefly in a benchtop centrifuge and remove a 1.5µl aliquot for MALDI peptide mapping.

##### **For LC MS/MS**

1. Briefly, centrifuge the digestion and add 40µl *Pep-Extract*<sup>™</sup> and vortex. Incubate at 37°C for 15-30 minutes with periodic vortexing.
2. Centrifuge the tube briefly and collect the extract for analysis using a fine tip pipette to prevent removing the fine-gel particles that may clog analysis equipment.
3. Dry the extra sample in a vacuum centrifuge and store at -20°C until use. Dried extracts can be stored for a few months.
4. To reconstitute for further LC MS/MS, add 10µl 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid and vortex. Remove the required aliquot for analysis and then dry the remaining sample in a vacuum centrifuge and store at -20°C.



## IN-SOLUTION PROTEIN DIGESTION

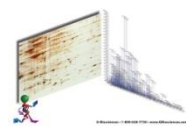
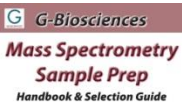
1. Add 50mM ammonium bicarbonate (pH7.8) to the native or denatured protein.  
*NOTE: If the protein was denatured in Guanidine.HCl or Urea, add sufficient 50mM ammonium bicarbonate to dilute the chaotropic reagents to <1M. If SDS was used in the denaturing then dilution of the chaotropes is not required.*
2. Add Trypsin, Mass Spectrometry Grade to a final ratio of 1:100 to 1:20 (w/w)(Trypsin: Protein). Rehydrate the trypsin by incubating in an appropriate buffer for 15-30 minutes on ice and then gently pipette up and down to fully rehydrate. Do not vortex as this will lead to a loss of activity.
3. Incubate at 37°C for >1 hour and then remove an aliquot and freeze the remainder at -20°C.
4. Terminate the reaction in the aliquot by precipitation with 10% TCA.

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