

DSP Crosslinker Protocol and Product Information Sheet

Product Category: Homobifunctional Crosslinkers

Catalog Number(s): c1106-100mg, c1106-1gm, c1106-custom

Product Name: DSP Crosslinker

Alternative Name(s): DSP; Lomant's Reagent; 3,3'-Dithiodipropionic acid di(N-hydroxysuccinimide

ester); Di(N-succinimidyl) 3,3'-dithiodipropionate; Dithiobis-succinimidyl

propionate

CAS Number: 57757-57-0 Chemical Formula: $C_{14}H_{16}N_2O_8S_2$

Molecular Weight: 404.42 Spacer Arm Length: 12.0 Å

Storage: Upon receipt store at -20°C (shipped at ambient temperature). Protect from

moisture (i.e. humidity); blanket under desiccated, inert gas.

General DSP Crosslinking Protocol

- 1. Allow vial of DSP Crosslinker to fully equilibrate to ambient temperature before opening to prevent condensation inside the vial (DSP is moisture-sensitive and will hydrolyze).
- Prepare a 50 mM solution of DSP crosslinker, by dissolving 10mg DSP in 495 μL of dry DMSO or dry DMF solvent. (Note: The NHS esters of DSP are susceptible to hydrolysis. If aliquoted into an aqueous solution and stored in it, then the DSP will degrade.)
- 3. Using a 20-fold molar excess approach (20:1 Crosslinker:Protein), add crosslinker solution to the protein sample in non-amine containing buffer (i.e. 25 mM Sodium Phosphate, pH 7.4), so that the final crosslinker concentration is between 0.5 to 5 mM. Optimal pH range is from 7 to 9.
- 4. Allow the sample to react at room temperature for 30-45 minutes. Allow slightly longer if sample must be kept on ice (recommended 2-3 hours). This reaction rate is not highly temperature sensitive.
- 5. Quench any unreacted DSP with 25 mM to 200 mM Tris, pH 7.4. Allow to react for 10-15 minutes at room temperature.
- Desalt sample to remove unreacted DSP crosslinker (i.e. gel filtration, dialysis, etc.).

Intracellular DSP Crosslinking Protocol

- 1. Remove media by washing cells twice with non-amine containing buffer (i.e. 25 mM Sodium Phosphate, pH 7.4).
- 2. The crosslinking solution as noted in steps 1 and 2 above, then add the crosslinker solution to the cells in a final concentration of ~2 mM.
- 3. Incubate the reaction mixture for 30-45 minutes at room temperature or for 2-3 hours if on ice.
- 4. Quench any unreacted DSP with 25 mM to 200 mM Tris, pH 7.4. Allow quenching reaction to proceed for 10-15 minutes at room temperature.

Reference:

Wong, S.S. (1993) CRC Chemistry of Protein Conjugation and Crosslinking. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.

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