



Preparation of Proteoliposomes

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Abstract

Detergent mediated reconstitution of membrane proteins.

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Materials

Poly(ethylene glycol) octyl ether 40530 by Sigma Aldrich

Bio-Beads™ SM-2 Resin 1523920 by BioRad Sciences

Protocol

Liposomes preparation

Step 1.



. Giant Unilamellar Vesicles (GUVs)

Preparation by Electroformation Method

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Preparation of phospholipid stock solution

Step 1.1.

Weigh phospholipid of interest, dissolve the powder in chloroform at 10 mM final concentration.

Step 1.2.

For fluorescent GUVs, add fluorescent phospholipid Texas-Red-DHPE (1 mM stock) to reach the final molar ratio of 1:500.

Electroformation by using Nanion Vesicle Prep Pro

Step 1.3.

Identify the conductive sides of the ITO-slides with a multimeter.

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Step 1.4.

Use a 5 µl Hamilton syringe to spread 10 µl of phospholipid stock solution on one of the ITO glass slide.

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Step 1.5.

Leave the ITO coating side upwards into a vacuum dessicator for 15 min.

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Step 1.6.

Prepare 195 mM sucrose solution, dissolve it in Hepes Buffer 5 mM pH 7.4, vortex until sucrose is dissolved.

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Step 1.7.

Spread a thin layer of vacuum grease evenly on the O-ring that you use.

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Step 1.8.

After the ITO-slides are dried, take the top part off from the Nanion Vesicle Prep Pro chamber by removing the screws.

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Step 1.9.

Use tweezers to place the ITO-slide lipid film point upwards in the Nanion Vesicle Prep Pro.

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Step 1.10.

Place an O-ring around the dried lipid film, add 280 µl fof 195 mM sucrose solution into the O-ring.

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Step 1.11.

Place a second ITO-slide on top of the O-ring with the conductive side facing downwards using tweezers. Note that, the right end of the top slide has to touch properly to the electrode on the right-side.

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Step 1.12.

Place the top part of the chamber back on and screw it carefully.

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Step 1.13.

Turn-on the Nanion VPP, select the appropriate protocol and initiate the formation process.

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Step 1.14.

After the protocol ends remove the screws and take off the top part of the chamber. Use the tweezers to remove the top ITO-slide.

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Step 1.15.

Cut a pipette tip and collect the sample from the ITO-slide surface slowly.

Fluorecence Microscopy

Step 1.16.

Withdraw a 5 μ l aliquot of the electroformation product and inspect the GUVs under an epifluorescence microscope.

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Step 2.

Prepare 2 eppendorfs containing 100 μ L of 195 mM sucrose solution (freshly made in Hepes buffer 5mM pH 7.4) and add 100 μ L of electroformation product into each eppendorf.

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Step 3.

Shake the Eppendorfs gently upside-down.

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Step 4.

Dilute the membrane transporter (5mg/mL) in Poly(ethylene glycol) octyl ether (**o-poe**), 1:1 (v:v), total volume of 1μ L.

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Step 5.

Add 1µL of membrane transporter:o-poe 1:1 (v:v) into Eppendorf 1 (SAMPLE)

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Step 6.

Add 1µL of o-poe into Eppendorf 2 (BLANK)

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Step 7.

Shake the SAMPLE and BLANK gently upside-down.

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Step 8.

Place both tubes on to a shaker, shake them at 600 rpm.

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Step 9.

Add 2.5 mg Biobeads into both tubes.

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Step 10.

Shake the tubes upside-down, place them on to a shaker and shake them at 600 rpm.

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Step 11.

Store the SAMPLE and BLANK in the fridge at 4°C, overnight.

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Step 12.

Cut a pipette tip, collect the SAMPLE and the BLANK from each each eppendorf and put the SAMPLE and BLANK into new eppendorfs.

Proteoliposomes-DAY 2

Step 13.

The SAMPLE and the BLANK can be used in the following 4-5 days. (Store in the fridge).