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# BAF\_Protocol\_006 On-Bead Peptide Cleanup (Digested by Other Method)

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We use this protocol and it's working

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol is for using beads as a cleanup step after protein is digested using a different method (not directly on Sera-Mag beads), for example solution digest. The peptides are precipitated onto the beads to allow for removal of salts and detergents that will interfere with downstream mass spectrometry.

## MATERIALS

Pre-cleaned microtubes 1.5 mL - SEAL-RITE® 1.5 ML MICROCENTRIFUGE TUBES color: natural, USA scientific

Pipette tips - Fisher Brand, yellow, part number: 02-681-151.

FA - Fisher chemical A117-50, Formic Acid, optima LC/MS

ACN - Fisher chemical A955-4, Acetonitrile, optima LC/MS

Water - Fisher Chemical, W6-4, Optima LC/MS

DMSO - Sigma D8418

Magnetic beads A- GE Healthcare Sera-Mag™ Speed bead magnetic carboxylate modified particle 15mL azide 0.05%, part number: 45152105050250

Magnetic beads B- GE Healthcare Sera-Mag™ Speed bead magnetic carboxylate modified particle 15mL azide 0.05%, part number 65152105050250

Magnetic rack - MR02

2 to 20 µL Micropipette - Gilson™ F144056MT

10 to 100 µL Micropipette - Gilson™ F144057MT

20 to 200 µL Micropipette - Gilson™ F144058MT

100 to 1000 µL Micropipette - Gilson™ F144059MT

VWR Analog Vortex mixer - CAT No: 58816-121

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On-Bead Clean-up		20m
1	Stock Solution of magnetic Sera-Mag beads is made in section 1 of BAF_Protocol_004 and can be stored at 4C indefinitely and used as needed (never freeze).	
2	Peptide digest (for example from a solution or in-gel digest) should be reduced in volume so that a 95% ACN (acetonitrile) final concentration can be made within the Eppendorf tube volume. This will precipitate the peptides onto the beads for clean-up. See next steps.	
3	To the peptide digest that has been reduced in volume, add 2uL of bead stock mix (20ug).	1m
4	Add 100% ACN to a final concentration of 95% ACN. Incubate for 8 minutes at room temperature.	9m
5	Placed tubes on a magnetic rack for 2 minutes. Remove and discard supernatant.	3m
6	Rinse beads with 180uL of 100% ACN, incubate for 30s then remove and discard supernatant.	2m

- 7 Add 10uL of 2% DMSO in water. Give quick spin (2-3s) in bench-top centrifuge to aid liquid removal from tube walls to bottom of tube. 1m
- 8 Place tubes in magnetic rack for 2 minutes and recover supernatant making sure not to recover any beads. 3m
- 9 Dilute samples with 0.1% FA (formic acid in water) to <1% DMSO. Further clean-up using C18 tips may be done using BAF\_Protocol\_003. 1m