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# Purification of mCherry- or GFP-tagged ATG13/101 subcomplex

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# **Abstract**

This protocol details the purification of mCherry- or GFP-tagged ATG13/101 subcomplex.



# Materials

# Lysis buffer:

A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
Triton X-100	1%
glycerol	10%
MgCl2	2 mM
β-mercaptoethanol	2mM
cOmplete EDTA-free protease inhibitors (Roche)	
CIP protease inhibitor (Sigma)	
Benzonase	

### Wash buffer I:

A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
MgCl2	2 mM
DTT	1mM
Triton X-100	1%
glycerol	10%

### Wash buffer II:

A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
MgCl2	2 mM
DTT	1mM

# Wash buffer:

А	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM



A	В
NaCl	200 mM
MgCl2	2 mM
DTT	1 mM

#### **SEC buffer:**

	A	В
Г	Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
	NaCl	200 mM
	MgCl2	1 mM
	DTT	1 mM

- mCherry-tagged ATG13 from a pCAG backbone (available from Addgene)
- GST-TEV-ATG101 (available from Addgene) or GST-TEV-GFP-tagged ATG13 from a pCAG backbone (available from Addgene)
- ATG101 (available from Addgene)
- FreeStyle™ 293 Expression Medium (Thermo, 12338-026)
  - 🎖 FreeStyle™ 293 Expression Medium Thermo Fisher Catalog #12338026
- Opti-MEMR I Reduced Serum Medium (Thermo, 31985-062)
  - Opti-MEM™ I Reduced Serum Medium Thermo Fisher Catalog #31985062
- 800 ug Polyethylenimine (PEI 25K, Polysciences CatNo 23966-1)
  - Polyethylenimine, Linear, MW 25000, Transfection Grade (PEI 25K™) Polysciences, Inc. Catalog #23966-1
- 100 ml EXCELL R 293 Serum-Free Medium (Sigma-Aldrich, 14571C- 1000ML)
  - EX-CELL® 293 Serum-Free Medium for HEK 293 Cells Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #14571C
- SORVAL RC6+ centrifuge with an F21S-8x50Y rotor (Thermo Scientific)
- Glutathione Sepharose 4B beads (GE Healthcare)
- 10 kDa cut-off Amicon filter (Merck Millipore)
  - Amicon® Ultra Centrifugal Filter, 10 kDa MWCO Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #UFC801008
- Superose S6 Increase 10/300 GL column (Cytiva)



# Purification - mCherry- or GFP-tagged ATG13/101 subcomplex



- To purify the mCherry-tagged or GFP-tagged ATG13/101 subcomplex, we express mCherry-tagged ATG13 from a pCAG backbone (available from Addgene) together with GST-TEV-ATG101 (available from Addgene) or GST-TEV-GFP-tagged ATG13 from a pCAG backbone (available from Addgene) together with ATG101 (available from Addgene).
- 2 Express the ATG13/101 subcomplex in FreeStyle™ HEK293F cells, grow at FreeStyle™ 293 Expression Medium (Thermo, 12338-026).



- The day before transfection, seed the cells at a density of 0.7 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells per ml.
- On the day of transfection, transfect a Δ 400 mL culture with Δ 400 μg of plasmid at a molar 1:1 ratio, dilute in Δ 13 mL of Opti-MEMR I Reduced Serum Medium (Thermo, 31985-062), and Δ 0 mL Polyethylenimine (PEI 25K, Polysciences CatNo 23966-1), also dilute in Δ 13 mL of Opti-MEM media.
- One day post transfection, supplement the culture with 4 100 mL EXCELL R 293 Serum-Free Medium (Sigma-Aldrich, 14571C- 1000ML).
- 6 Another 24 h later, harvest the cells by centrifugation at 270 x g, 00:20:00.





Wash the pellet with PBS to remove medium and then flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen.



Note

Store the pellets at -80 °C.

8 For purification of the ATG13/101 subcomplex, resuspend the cell pellet in 4 25 mL lysis buffer.

Lysis buffer:



A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
Triton X-100	1%
glycerol	10%
MgCl2	2 mM
β-mercaptoethanol	2mM
cOmplete EDTA-free protease inhibitors (Roche)	
CIP protease inhibitor (Sigma)	
Benzonase	

9 Homogenize the cells with a douncer and clear the lysates by centrifugation at 10000 x g, 4°C, 00:45:00 with a SORVAL RC6+ centrifuge with an F21S-8x50Y rotor (Thermo Scientific).

45m



10 Collect the supernatant and incubate with pre-equilibrated Glutathione Sepharose 4B beads (GE Healthcare) for 600 02:00:00 at 4°C with gentle shaking to bind GST-TEV-ATG101/mCherry-ATG13 or GST-TEV-GFP-ATG13/ATG101.





11 Centrifuge the samples to pellet the beads and remove the unbound lysate.



12 Wash the beads twice with wash buffer I followed by three washes in wash buffer II.



### Wash buffer I:

A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
MgCl2	2 mM
DTT	1mM
Triton X-100	1%
glycerol	10%

### Wash buffer II:



	A	В
Г	Tris-HCl pH7.4	50 mM
	NaCl	200 mM
	MgCl2	2 mM
	DTT	1mM

13 Incubate the beads Overnight with TEV protease in wash buffer at \$\mathbb{E}\$ 4 °C , to release mCherry- or GFP-tagged ATG13/101 from the beads.

2h

### Wash buffer:

A	В
Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
NaCl	200 mM
MgCl2	2 mM
DTT	1 mM

14 To collect the supernatant, collect the beads by centrifugation.



15 Wash the beads twice with 4 mL of wash buffer, and collect the supernatant.



- 16 Pool the supernatant fractions, filter through a 0.45 µm syringe filter, concentrate with 10 kDa cut-off Amicon filter (Merck Millipore), and load onto a pre-equilibrated Superose S6 Increase 10/300 GL column (Cytiva).
- 17 Elute the proteins with SEC buffer.

### SEC buffer:

	A	В
Γ	Tris-HCl pH 7.4	50 mM
Γ	NaCl	200 mM
Γ	MgCl2	1 mM
	DTT	1 mM



- 18 Analyze the fractions by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie staining. Pool the fractions containing both ATG13/101.
- 19 After concentrating the purified protein, aliquote the protein and snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen.

