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Protocol for non-specific TMR labeling of LRRK1 and LRRK2 RCKW proteins.

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Materials:

BODIPY TMR-X NHS Ester dye (ThermoFisher)


Purified LRRK1<sup>RCKW</sup> or LRRK2<sup>RCKW</sup> protein.

2x Micro Bio-Spin P-6 desalting columns

Buffers:

LRRK2 Storage Buffer:

- [M] **20 millimolar (mM) HEPES pH 7.4**
- [M] **700 millimolar (mM) NaCl**
- [M] **0.5 millimolar (mM) TCEP**
- [M] **5 % volume glycerol**
- [M] **2.5 millimolar (mM) MgCl<sub>2</sub>**
- [M] **20 micromolar (μM) GDP**

- 1 Typical reaction volume is  **40 μL** .

Add dye in 1:1 ratio to about [M] **20 micromolar (μM) LRRK protein** .

This protocol was used for LRRK1<sup>RCKW</sup> and LRRK2<sup>RCKW</sup> but should apply to other similar proteins and constructs as well.

- 2 Incubate at  **Room temperature** for  **01:00:00**

1h

- 3 Remove excess dye by a buffer exchange through a Micro Bio-Spin P-6 desalting column (Bio-Rad).  
Make sure to equilibrate the column with the **LRRK2 Storage buffer** beforehand. Follow directions included with the column.

3.1 Repeat the exchange one more time to further remove the excess dye.

- 4 Quantify protein concentration and label efficiency using a NanoDrop or equivalent method.

