

# Minute™ Nuclear Envelope Protein Extraction Kit

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## **Description**

The nuclear envelope is a very complex membrane-protein system that is notoriously difficult to isolate and purify due to its connection to nuclear and cytoplasmic components. Traditional method of nuclear envelope isolation and purification requires a large amount of starting material and a lengthy and tedious procedure. Invent Biotechnologies Minute™ nuclear envelope protein extraction kit is the first commercial kit designed to rapidly isolate nuclear envelope and its associated proteins in native form without using density-gradient and ultra centrifugation. Due to the use of protein extraction filter cartridges, the nuclear envelope protein isolation is simple, easy and user friendly. The nuclear envelope proteins are significantly enriched in the final prep. Unlike traditional method that requires large amount of starting cells/tissues this kit starts with only 10-20 million cells and the buffers are detergent and EDTA free. The procedure can be completed in less than 45 min with a final yield of 10-50 µg protein/sample.

## **Applications**

The kit is designed to rapidly isolate native nuclear envelope proteins from cultured cells or cells isolated from tissues for applications such as SDS-PAGE, immunoblottings, ELISA, IP, protein translocation analysis, enzyme activity assays and other applications. This kit provides the most rapid method currently available for enrichment of native nuclear envelope proteins.

**Buffer Formulations:** Proprietary

## **Kit components (50 preps)**

1. 25 ml buffer A
2. 15 ml buffer B
3. 50 protein extraction filter cartridges
4. 50 collection tubes with cap

**Storage:** Store Buffer A and Buffer B at -20°C upon arrival.

## **Additional Materials Required**

1 X PBS  
Vortexer  
Table-Top Microcentrifuge

**Important Information:**

1. Read the entire procedures carefully. Thaw buffer A and buffer B completely, invert the bottles a few times and place them on ice. Chill protein extraction filter cartridge with collection tube on ice prior to use.
2. All centrifugation steps should be performed at 4°C in a cold room or in a refrigerated microcentrifuge.
3. To study protein phosphorylation, **phosphatase inhibitors** (such as PhosStop from Roche) should be added to buffer A prior to use. The use of protease inhibitor cocktails is optional.
4. It is recommended to use BCA Protein Assay Kit for determination of protein concentration (Pierce, Cat #:23227).

**Nuclear Envelope Protein Isolation Procedures**

1. Place the filter cartridges in collection tubes, and incubate on ice.
2. Collect 10-20 million cultured cells or cells isolated from tissues by low speed centrifugation (500-600 X g, 5 min). Minute™ single cell isolation kit (Cat# SC-012, Invent Biotechnologies, MN) is recommended for obtaining single cell suspension from animal tissues.
3. Wash cell pellet once with 1 ml cold PBS in a microcentrifuge tube. Remove supernatant completely and resuspend the pellet in 0.5 ml buffer A. Incubate the cell suspension on ice for 10 min. Vortex the tube vigorously for 10-20 seconds. Immediately transfer the cell suspension to the filter cartridge. Cap the filter cartridge and centrifuge at 14,000 rpm for 30 seconds.
4. Discard the filter and remove supernatant completely. Wash the pellet (nuclei) in 1 ml cold PBS by vigorously vortexing for 10 seconds. Centrifuge at 3000 rpm for 2 min. Remove PBS completely.
5. Add 300 µl buffer B to the tube and resuspend the pellet by vigorously vortexing for 10 seconds. Incubate the tube on ice for 5 min, vortex vigorously for 10 seconds. Repeat 5 min incubation and vortexing step one more time.
6. Centrifuge the tube at 8,000 rpm for 5 min at 4°C. Carefully transfer the supernatant to a fresh 2.0 ml microcentrifuge tube. Add 0.8 ml cold PBS to the tube and invert the tube about 10 times (this step precipitates extracted nuclear envelope).
7. Centrifuge the tube at 14,000 rpm at 4°C for 15 min. Remove supernatant and save the pellet (isolated nuclear envelope). Nuclear envelope associated proteins can be dissolved in 40-60 µl detergent-containing buffers such as 0.5% Triton X-

100 or 0.2% SDS. The protein yield is typically 10-50 µg/sample. If more proteins are needed simply run multiple samples and combine the final preps.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Low protein yield	Increase starting cell numbers Increase incubation time to 15 min (step3)
Low protein activity	Keep lysate cold/add protease inhibitors
After 8,000 rpm centrifugation (step 6) the supernatant becomes too viscous to pipette	Reduce the number of starting cells
Contamination of nuclear envelope fraction by cytosolic proteins	Wash nuclear envelope pellet with 0.5 ml washing buffer (0.3 M NaCl in 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 9.0).