



MagReSyn® ZrO₂

Zirconium dioxide functional magnetic microparticles

Ordering Information	
Cat. No.	Quantity
MR-ZRD002	2 ml
MR-ZRD005	5 ml
MR-ZRD010	2 x 5 ml

This product is for research use only

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1. Product Description

1.1. Overview

MagReSyn® ZrO₂ (zirconium dioxide) is a proprietary magnetic polymeric microparticle support that provides a simple, convenient, efficient and specific method of phosphopeptide enrichment from e.g. trypsin-digested protein mixtures. The product consists of zirconium dioxide nanoparticles attached to the ReSyn polymer microparticle support. The superior features of the polymer technology have been harnessed to engineer a highly specific product for the enrichment of phosphopeptides suitable for mass spectrometry-based proteomics applications. MagReSyn® ZrO₂ uses the principal of Metal Oxide Affinity Chromatography (MOAC) for enrichment. MOAC is considered more robust to sample contamination than IMAC, and provides complementary phosphopeptide selectivity. We would recommend the product in conjunction with IMAC to achieve higher coverage for deeper phosphoproteome profiling. **CAUTION: Magnetic MOAC microparticles are subject to attrition (grinding of particles can break and release nano-particles), harsh mixing such as excessive vortexing should be avoided where possible.**

1.2. Advantages of MagReSyn® Technology

The advanced ReSyn polymer technology allows for the engineering of highly specific microparticles to address limitations in current bead-based technologies. The compressibility of the microparticles reduces the interstitial spaces between the beads during washing and elution, leading to the increased efficiency of these steps and concomitant higher purity of the target phosphopeptides. MagReSyn® microparticles are separated rapidly (<10 sec) using a standard magnetic separator, in comparison to leading competitor microparticles which can take up to 4 min to clear. The strong magnetic property of MagReSyn® further minimizes potentially costly loss of sample by preventing accidental discarding/aspiration of the microparticles, resulting in improved experimental reproducibility, and suitability for automation. The microparticles and buffers are engineered to deliver target phosphopeptides of exceptional purity to meet your stringent R&D requirements.

MagReSyn® Technology Advantages	End-user Benefits
Exceptional specificity towards phosphopeptides	High purity of target phosphopeptides reduces the requirement for additional or complementary purification procedures. Improved data quality
Reduced bias for mono- or multi-phosphorylated peptides	MOAC is complementary to IMAC for enrichment, and can be used in conjunction to improve sample coverage.
Rapid magnetic separation	Reduced particle carry-over Improved experimental reproducibility Rapid protocols High-throughput compatible Compatible with automation
Resistance to oxidation (rust)	Reduced sample contamination Longer shelf life

1.3. Product Information

Product Specifications	
Description	Iron oxide-containing magnetic polymer microparticles
Application	Isolation and purification of phosphopeptides
Matrix	Proprietary polymer
Core	Iron (II, III) oxide (Magnetite)
Functional group	Zirconium dioxide nanoparticles
Particle Size	~5-10 µM
Formulation	5%: 50 mg.ml ⁻¹ suspension in 20% ethanol
Stability	pH 2.5–12; 4–60°C
Storage	Store at 4–8°C until expiry date on label DO NOT FREEZE

1.4. Additional Equipment and Materials Required

Magnetic separator, vortex mixer, buffers and solutions.

2. Binding and Elution Procedure

Factors that may affect the binding of phosphopeptides include buffer composition and pH, and the presence of contaminants such as DNA or other interfering compounds. DNA degradation in your lysate (with e.g. Benzonase®) is recommended (sonication may be insufficient to degrade DNA). We recommend **de-salting** of your samples prior to enrichment to remove interfering compounds using e.g. Waters Sep-Pak C18 or Oasis HLB cartridges. The quantity of microparticles required may require optimization for your application, primarily peptide:bead ratio to ensure optimal recovery and specificity.

NOTE: All reagents should be freshly prepared and of analytical grade to ensure optimal performance. The procedures, methods and buffer solutions described below serve as an example and are not intended to be limiting. MagReSyn® ZrO₂ is compatible with a range of different buffers for phosphopeptide enrichment. Achievable purity and yield are dependent on experimental conditions and these should be optimized for each particular application.

2.1. Equilibration of MagReSyn® ZrO₂

MagReSyn® ZrO₂ is supplied as a 50 mg.ml⁻¹ suspension in 20% ethanol. The shipping solution needs to be removed and the microparticles washed and equilibrated before use. A minimum starting volume of 20 µl microparticle suspension is required per reaction to ensure a suitable pellet size for the aspiration of buffers and automation of this protocol. **The current protocol is sufficient for the purification of phosphopeptides from ~500 µg of total protein digest.** The protocol may be adapted for input material using the following adjustments to the current protocol:

Protein Digest	Bead Quantity	Ratio Bead:Peptide	Equilibration Volume (µl)	Wash Volume (µl)	Elution Volume (µl)	Acidification (µl) (10% Formic acid)
20 µg	20 µl: 1 mg	50	200	100	2 X 150	2 X 50
50 µg	20 µl: 1 mg	20	200	100	2 X 150	2 X 50
100 µg	40 µl: 2 mg	20	200	100	2 X 150	2 X 50
200 µg	80 µl: 4 mg	20	200	100	2 X 150	2 X 50
500 µg	200 µl: 10 mg	20	200	100	2 X 150	2 X 50
1 mg	400 µl: 20 mg	20	200	200	2 X 200	2 X 75
2 mg	800 µl: 40 mg	20	400	400	2 X 300	2 X 100

NOTE: Although this is the recommended protocol, enrichment may be sample dependant. As an example: you can decrease the bead to protein ratio for samples with low phosphopeptide abundance (i.e. use 5 mg of beads for 500 µg of protein, a protein:bead ratio of 1:10). The ideal ratio should be empirically determined for your sample.

- 1) Resuspend MagReSyn® ZrO₂ thoroughly by inversion to ensure a homogenous suspension.
- 2) Transfer 200 µl (10 mg) MagReSyn® ZrO₂ to a 2 ml microcentrifuge tube. **NOTE: 2 ml microcentrifuge tubes provide better mixing and agitation of microparticles during mixing than 1.5 ml tubes.**

- 3) Place the tube on a magnetic separator and allow 10 sec for the microparticles to clear.
- 4) Remove the shipping solution by aspiration with a pipette and discard.
- 5) Equilibrate the microparticles in 200 µl *Loading Buffer* (1M glycolic acid in 80% ACN, 5% TFA), allow 60 sec for equilibration. *NOTE: Adjusting the glycolic acid concentration and pH can have an effect on capacity, specificity, and selectivity (e.g. singly vs multi phosphorylated peptides) of enrichment. For best results we recommend evaluating a range of glycolic acid and TFA concentrations prior to embarking on a large scale study, as enrichment efficiency can be affected by sample source and purity.*
- 6) Place the tube on the magnetic separator and allow the microparticles to clear. Remove the *Loading Buffer* by aspiration with a pipette.
- 7) Repeat steps 5 and 6 twice for a total of three equilibrations.
- 8) After removal of the *Loading Buffer*, MagReSyn® ZrO₂ is ready for binding of the target phosphopeptides.

2.2. Phosphopeptide Enrichment Procedure

- 1) Resuspend 500 µg de-salted protein digest in 200 µl *loading buffer* (refer to **Section 4**) and mix by end-over-end mixing.
- 2) Centrifuge at 10000 xg for 5 minutes at 4°C to remove any insoluble material.
- 3) Transfer supernatant to the equilibrated MagReSyn® ZrO₂ microparticle pellet from **2.1**.
- 4) Resuspend the microparticles in the peptide sample by end-over-end mixing or pipette aspiration.
- 5) Incubate for 20 min at room temperature with continuous mixing (e.g. slow vortexing) to ensure adequate sample and microparticle interaction.
- 6) Place the tube on the magnetic separator and allow the microparticles to clear. Remove and discard the coupling supernatant by aspiration with a pipette.
- 7) Remove unbound sample by washing with 100 µl of loading buffer for 2 min with gentle agitation.
- 8) Place the tube on a magnetic separator and allow 10 sec for the microparticles to clear. Remove the supernatant and discard.
- 9) Remove non-specifically bound peptides by resuspending the microparticles in 100 µl *Wash Buffer 1* (aqueous solution of 80% ACN and 1% TFA) for 2 min with gentle agitation.
- 10) Place the tube on a magnetic separator and allow 10 sec for the microparticles to clear. Remove the supernatant and discard.
- 11) Perform an additional 2 min wash using 100 µl of *Wash Buffer 2* (aqueous solution of 10% ACN and 0.2% TFA with magnetic recovery as above).
- 12) Elute the bound phosphopeptides from the microparticles by adding 150 µl elution buffer (1% NH₄OH) for 10 min. Ensure that the microparticles remain in suspension by constant gentle agitation during the elution step.
- 13) Place the tube on a magnetic separator and allow 5 to 10 sec to clear.
- 14) Transfer the supernatant (eluted phosphopeptides) to a 1.5 ml Protein LoBind tubes (Eppendorf®) containing 50 µl of 10% Formic Acid
- 15) Repeat elution steps 12 to 14 for improved recovery.
- 16) Pool eluates for a total of 400 µl elution.
- 17) Lyophilize or vacuum dry eluates from frozen (samples frozen at -80°C for 30 minutes).
- 18) Analyze the sample by mass spectrometry. Samples can be de-salted prior analysis using C18 SPE or in-line C18 trap cartridge used in a typical pre-concentrations LCMS setup.

3. Recommended Storage

MagReSyn® ZrO₂ is supplied as a suspension of 50 mg.ml⁻¹ in 20% ethanol and should be stored at 2–8°C until the expiry date on the label. **DO NOT FREEZE**. Improper storage, drying of microparticles, bacterial contamination, or centrifugal recovery may result in irreversible loss of capacity/performance. Resuspend well by end-over-end mixing before use. **Vortexing is not recommended due to possible attrition of immobilized nanoparticles.**

4. Recommended Buffers

Loading Buffer: 1 M glycolic acid in 80% acetonitrile (ACN) and 5% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)

Wash Buffer 1: 80% ACN, 1% TFA

Wash Buffer 2: 10% ACN, 0.2% TFA

Elution Buffer: 1% NH₄OH

5. General Information & Disclaimers

Contact us at info@resynbio.com for larger microparticle quantities or customized microparticle solutions for your application. Visit our website (www.resynbio.com) for more information on the ReSyn technology platform and other available products. This product is for research purposes only. The product contains 20% ethanol as a preservative. The product is meant for single use only and not recommended for reuse. When working with laboratory reagents, always wear suitable personal protective equipment including a lab coat, disposable gloves, and safety glasses. For further safety information please consult our Material Safety Data Sheet (**MSDS**), which is available for download at www.resynbio.com. Storage solutions, chemical reagents, buffers and biologicals should be suitably disposed of with adherence to your local waste-disposal legislation. MagReSyn® is a registered trademark of ReSyn Biosciences (Pty) Ltd, South Africa. ReSyn Biosciences (Pty) Ltd, distributors, agents or representatives, will not be held responsible for patent violations or infringements occurring as a result of using our products. In no event shall ReSyn Biosciences (Pty) Ltd be liable for any direct, indirect, punitive, incidental or consequential damage to property or life, whatsoever arising out of or connected with the use or misuse of its products. Please consult our website for further general disclaimers.

6. Troubleshooting Guide

Identified Problem	Possible Cause	Suggested Remedy
Phosphopeptides do not bind to the microparticles as expected	Insufficient reaction time	Extend the sample-bead incubation time to 30 min
	Interfering compounds in sample prevent binding	Treat with DNase (e.g. Benzonase®) and desalt sample into recommended binding buffer to remove potential interfering components such as nucleic acids, buffers and salts. Contaminants may further result in low specificity of enrichment.
	Insufficient bead quantity	Increase quantity of MOAC beads (increase bead:peptide ratio)
Non-specific binding of peptides	Insufficient competition for phosphopeptide binding	Increase molarity of glycolic acid in binding buffer or decrease bead to protein ratio to improve competition
	Insufficient wash volume	Increase volume of wash buffer and ensure proper mixing
	Insufficient wash time	Increase time for each wash step to improve removal of non-specifically bound peptides
	Incorrectly prepared buffers	Check calculations and prepare fresh buffers required for phosphopeptide enrichment
Low recovery/signal of phosphopeptides	Incorrect concentration of elution buffer	Check concentration of NH ₄ OH is 1%, increase concentration and evaluate elution of phosphopeptides. Increase number of elution steps, and elution volume.
	Sample concentration too dilute	Concentrate samples by lyophilization or vacuum centrifugation prior to MS analysis
	Lower than expected MS signal	Desalt phosphopeptides by HPLC (e.g. C18 RP-trap column or similar) or using solid-phase extraction (OLIGO®-R3 by Life Technologies or equivalent). Reduce polymer bead exposure time to elution buffers.
Low recovery from TMT labelling applications	Incompatibility with samples or reagents	Please refer to product citations for recommendations or contact us.

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