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**Product Information** 

## ω-Aminohexyl-Agarose

Saline suspension

#### A6017

## **Product Description**

Hydrophobic ligands can be utilized as bioselective adsorbents. Both  $\omega$ -Aminoalkyl and alkyl agaroses may interact with regions of hydrophobicity inherent to most proteins. This  $\omega$ -aminoalkyl agarose product features 1,6-diaminohexane covalently attached via one of its amine groups to activated agarose.

This  $\omega$ -aminoalkyl agarose product has been used as a parent matrix to attach other ligands for chromatography applications. Several publications have cited use of product A6017 in their research.  $^{2,3}$ 

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

## Storage/Stability

This product is a suspension in 0.5 M NaCl, with preservative. Store at 2-8  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for long-term storage.

## Suggestions for Use

#### **Equilibration Buffers**

<u>Hydrophobic Conditions</u>: 0.01 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.0-8.0) plus either:

a) 0.5-1.5 M NaCl, or

b) 1.0-2.0 M (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Ionic Conditions: 0.01 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.0-8.0)

Other buffer salts may be substituted if the target protein is unstable in Tris buffer. Buffer additions are acceptable and at times essential for protein stability (such as 2-mercaptoethanol or EDTA).

#### **Elution Buffers**

**Hydrophobic Conditions**: Equilibration Buffer (for Hydrophobic Conditions) without NaCl or (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

**Ionic Conditions**: Equilibration Buffer (for Ionic Conditions) plus either:

a) 0.5-1.0 M NaCl, or

b) 1.0-2.0 M (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Specific eluants: High salt with the addition of hydrophobic solvents (such as ethylene glycol) or detergents.

#### Sample Preparation

#### Centrifugation:

- To eliminate particulates
- Minimize lipid or lipoprotein content (this will aid in resin cleaning and extend column life)

#### Concentration:

• Between 1-10 mg/mL

Equilibration to column conditions:

- By dialysis
- By desalting columns
- · By diafiltration
- By dilution

#### Procedure

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#### General column chromatography procedure

Recommended running temperature: 2-8 °C

- 1. Equilibrate each column used with 5-10 column volumes of the appropriate buffer for the target protein.
- 2. Load the protein solution on the column.
- 3. Wash the load into the column with a small volume (0.1-0.5 mL) of equilibration buffer.



- 4. Continue washing with equilibration buffer to remove unbound protein. Washing may require 3-10 column volumes for complete removal of free protein.
- 5. Elute bound protein with the chosen elution buffer.

**Note:** Some proteins may require severe conditions to elute from the column (such as 50% butanol/buffer solutions).

- 6. Assay elution fractions for the target protein.
- 7. Evaluate binding capacity vs. total recovery to determine:
  - Maximum binding effectiveness for differing substitutions
  - Maximum recovery
  - Ease of recovery
  - Degree of purification
- 8. Regenerate the column as directed in the Procedure below.

### Regeneration

Wash the column with 10 column volumes each of:

- 1. 0.05 M NaOH
- 2. 0.1 M Acetate buffer, pH 4.5
- 3. Deionized water or distilled water
- 4. 2.0 M NaCl

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Irreversible binding	Proper choice of ligand length
Denaturing of target protein	<ol> <li>Rapid post-column treatment (such as desalting columns, diafiltration or dialysis).</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Utilizing a less hydrophobic column, which would generally require less denaturing elution conditions.</li> </ol>

#### References

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