

# FractionPREPTM Cell Fractionation kit (Catalog #K270-50; 50 fractionations)

Store at -20°C

#### I. Introduction:

This FractionPREP Cell Fractionation system is designed to provide reproducible extraction of four subcellular protein fractions (Cytosol, nucleus, membrane/particulate, and cytoskeletal fractions) from a single mammalian sample. The method is fast and simple, needing only 2 hours and no ultracentrifugation involved. All four protein fractions obtained are suitable for many downstream applications such as 1-D or 2-D gel, enzyme activity assays, gel shift assay, and Western blotting.

#### **II. Kit Contents:**

Component	K270-50	Bottle	Part. No.
	50 assays	Cap Color	Component
Cytosol Extraction Buffer (CEB)	20 ml	WM	K270-50-1
Membrane Extraction Buffer-A (MEB-A)	20 ml	WM	K270-50-2
Membrane Extraction Buffer-B (MEB-B)	1.2 ml	Green	K270-50-3
Nuclear Extraction Buffer (NEB)	10 ml	NM	K270-50-4
DTT (1 M)	150 µl	Blue	K270-50-5
Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (lyophilized)	1 vial*	Red	K270-50-6

<sup>\*</sup>Add 150 µl of DMSO, and mix well before use.

# III. FractionPREP Fractionation Protocol:

## A. General Consideration and Reagent Preparation:

- After opening the kit, you may store buffers at +4oC or -20oC. Store Protease Inhibitor Cocktail and DTT at -20oC.
- Before starting the procedure, prepare sufficient Extraction Buffer Mix (EB-Mix) for your experiment: Add 2  $\mu$ l Protease Inhibitor Cocktail and 2  $\mu$ l DTT to 1 ml of CEB, MEB-A, and NEB, individually.
- Be sure to keep all buffers on ice at all times during the experiment. All centrifugation procedures are recommended to be performed at 4oC.
- The following protocol is described for fractionation of 4-8 x 106 cells. If more cells are used for fractionation, scale up the volumes proportionally.

### **B. Fractionation Protocol:**

1. Collect cells (4-8 x 106) by centrifugation at 700xg for 5 min. Wash cells with 5-10 ml of ice-cold PBS and centrifuge at 700xg for 5 min. If using fresh tissue, cut the tissue (~400 mg) into small pieces, add ice cold PBS (1-2 ml), and homogenize in a manual tissue

homogenizer. Pellet the cells by centrifugation at 500xg for 5 minutes and remove the supernatant.

- 2. Resuspend the cell pellet in 1 ml of ice-cold PBS and transfer cells to an Eppendorf tube. Spin for 5 min at 700xg and remove supernatant.
- 3. Resuspend the pellet in 400  $\mu$ l of Cytosol Extraction Buffer-Mix (CEB-Mix containing DTT and Protease Inhibitor cocktail). Pipette several times to mix well with cells. Incubate sample on ice for 20 min with gentle tapping 3-4 times every 5 minutes.
- 4. Centrifuge the sample at 700xg for 10 min. Collect supernatant (This is Cytosolic Fraction). Keep on ice.
- 5. Resuspend the pellet in  $400~\mu l$  of ice-cold Membrane Extraction Buffer-A Mix (MEB-A Mix containing DTT and Protease Inhibitor Cocktail). Pipette several times and vertex the sample for 10-15 seconds to mix well.
- 6. Add 22 μl of Membrane Extraction Buffer-B, vertex for 5 seconds. Incubate on ice for 1 min.
- 7. Vertex for 5 seconds again and centrifuge for 5 min at 1000xg (3400 rpm).
- 8. Immediately transfer the supernatant to a clean pre-chilled tube (This is Membrane/Particulate Fraction). Keep on ice.
- 9. Resuspend the pellet in 200 µl of ice-cold Nuclear Extraction Buffer Mix (NEB-Mix containing DTT and Protease Inhibitor Cocktail), vertex for 15 seconds, keep on ice for 40 minutes with constant vertex for 15 seconds every 10 minutes.
- 10. Centrifuge the sample at top speed in a microcentrifuge for 10 minutes.
- 11. Transfer the supernatant to a clean pre-chilled tube (This is Nuclear Fraction). The pellet is the Cytoskeletal Fraction. The Cytoskeletal fraction can be dissolved in 100 µl of 0.2% SDS containing 10 mM DTT or dissolve directly in SDS-PAGE sample buffer (BioVision Cat.# 2108-10).
- 12. Store all fractions at -80°C for future use.

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#### IV. Related Products:

1. Cell Fractionation Products:

Mammalian Cell Extraction Kit

Mitochondria/Cytosol Fractionation Kit

Nuclear/Cytosol Extraction Kit

Cytosol/Particulate Rapid Separation Kit

Membrane Protein Extraction Kit

Mitochondrial DNA Isolation Kit

- 2. Apoptosis Products
- 3. Cell Proliferation & Senescence
- 4. Cell Damage & Repair
- 5. Metabolism Assay kits
- 6. Cholesterol, HDL and LDL Assay Kits
- 7. cAMP & cGMP Assay Kits
- 8. Growth Factors & Cytokines
- 9. Antibodies for Cytokines & Cell signaling Molecules