

# TurboGFP-Trap\_MA for Immunoprecipitation of TurboGFP-Fusion Proteins from mammalian cell extract

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**Introduction** Fluorescent proteins are widely used to study protein function, localization and dynamics in cells. TurboGFP is a bright dimeric green fluorescent protein derived from CopGFP from the copepod *Pontellina plumata*. Copepod TurboGFP is evolutionarily distant from jellyfish-derived fluorescent proteins such as EGFP. Turbo-GFP shares only ~21 % sequence identity with the commonly used GFP variants. For biochemical analysis including mass spectrometry and enzyme activity measurements, TurboGFP-fusion proteins and their interacting factors can be isolated fast and efficiently by immunoprecipitation using the TurboGFP-Trap. TurboGFP-Trap\_MA utilizes small recombinant alpaca antibody fragments covalently coupled to the surface of magnetic agarose beads.

**Specificity** TurboGFP, CopGFP

Content	Reagent	Code	Quantity
	TurboGFP-Trap_MA	tbtma-10	10 reactions (0.25 ml slurry)
	TurboGFP-Trap_MA	tbtma-20	20 reactions (0.5 ml slurry)
	TurboGFP-Trap_MA	tbtma-100	100 reactions (2.5 ml slurry)
	TurboGFP-Trap_MA	tbtma-200	200 reactions (5 ml slurry)
	TurboGFP-Trap_MA	tbtma-400	400 reactions (10 ml slurry)

**Bead properties** Bead size: ~ 40 µm  
Storage buffer: 20% EtOH  
Binding capacity: 10 µl TurboGFP-Trap\_MA slurry binds 3-4 µg of recombinant TurboGFP

**Stability and Storage** Shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt store at +4°C.  
Stable for 1 year. Do not freeze.

**Required solutions** **Suggested buffer compositions for mammalian cells**

Buffer	Composition
Lysis buffer (CoIP)	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA; 0.5% NP-40
RIPA buffer	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA; 0,1% SDS; 1% Triton X-100; 1% Deoxycholate
Dilution/Wash buffer	10 mM Tris/Cl pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA
Elution buffer	200 mM glycine pH 2.5 100 mM citric acid pH 3.0
2 x SDS-sample buffer	120 mM Tris/Cl pH 6.8; 20% glycerol; 4% SDS, 0.04% bromophenol blue; 10% β-mercaptoethanol

**Note** In case you want to apply harsh washing conditions, you can add the following substances to the wash buffer (not the dilution buffer):

Substance	Concentration
NaCl	2 M
Nonidet P40 Substitute	2%
Triton X-100	1%
SDS	0.2%
DTT	10 mM
Urea	6 M
Tested up to specified value. Higher concentrations may be compatible.	

## Related products

TurboGFP Toolbox	Code
TurboGFP-Binding Protein	tbt-250
TurboGFP-Trap_MA Kit	tbtmak-20
Binding control magnetic agarose beads	bmab-20

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## Protocol for Immunoprecipitation of TurboGFP-Fusion Proteins using TurboGFP-Trap\_MA

### Harvest cells

For one immunoprecipitation reaction the use of  $\sim 10^6$  -  $10^7$  mammalian cells (approx. one 10-cm dish) expressing a TurboGFP-tagged protein of interest is recommended. To harvest adherent cells, aspirate growth medium, add 1 ml ice-cold PBS to cells and scrape cells from dish. Transfer cells to a pre-cooled tube, spin at 500 g for 3 min at +4°C and discard supernatant. Wash cell pellet twice with ice-cold PBS, gently resuspending the cells.

### Lyse cells

1. Resuspend cell pellet in 200  $\mu$ l ice-cold Lysis buffer by pipetting or using a syringe.  
**note:** Supplement lysis buffer with protease inhibitor cocktail and PMSF (f.c. 1 mM) (not included).  
**optional for nuclear proteins:** Resuspend cell pellet in 200  $\mu$ l ice-cold RIPA buffer supplemented with DNaseI (f.c. 75-150 U/ml),  $MgCl_2$  (f.c. 2.5 mM), protease inhibitor cocktail and PMSF (f.c. 1 mM) (not included).
2. Place the tube on ice for 30 min with extensively pipetting every 10 min.
3. Centrifuge cell lysate at 20.000x g for 10 min at +4°C. Transfer lysate to a pre-cooled tube. Add 300  $\mu$ l Dilution buffer supplemented with PMSF (f.c. 1 mM) and protease inhibitor cocktail (not included) to lysate. Discard pellet.  
**note:** At this point cell lysate may be put at -80°C for long-term storage.

### Equilibrate beads

4. Resuspend TurboGFP-Trap\_MA beads and pipette 25  $\mu$ l bead slurry into 500  $\mu$ l ice-cold Dilution buffer. Magnetically separate beads until supernatant is clear. Discard supernatant and repeat wash twice.

### Bind proteins

5. Add diluted lysate (step 3) to equilibrated TurboGFP-Trap\_MA beads (step 4). If required, save 50  $\mu$ l of diluted lysate for immunoblot analysis. Tumble end-over-end for 1 hour at 4°C.
6. Magnetically separate beads until supernatant is clear. If required, save 50  $\mu$ l supernatant for immunoblot analysis. Discard remaining supernatant.

### Wash beads

7. Resuspend TurboGFP-Trap\_MA beads in 500  $\mu$ l ice-cold Wash buffer. Magnetically separate beads until supernatant is clear. Discard supernatant and repeat wash twice.

### Elute proteins

#### Elution with SDS-sample Buffer (Laemmli)

- Resuspend beads in 80  $\mu$ l 2x SDS-sample buffer.
- Boil beads for 5 min at 95°C to dissociate immunocomplexes from beads.
- Magnetically separate beads. Collect supernatant and analyze samples by SDS-PAGE and Western blot.

#### Elution with Elution Buffer (low pH)

- Resuspend beads in 50–100  $\mu$ l Elution buffer and permanently pipet up and down for 30-60 seconds at room temperature.
- Magnetically separate beads and transfer supernatant to a new tube.
- Immediately neutralize solution with 5-10  $\mu$ l 1 M Tris pH 10.4.
- To increase elution efficiency, steps a-d may be repeated.