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Orela Glycan Release Kit

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Ludger Liberate Orela Kit Specifications

Application	For release of O-linked glycans from glycoprotein therapeutics
Description	The kit contains reagents for the release of O-linked glycans from glycoprotein biopharmaceuticals. Released glycans have free reducing termini to allow fluorescent tagging by reductive amination.
Number of Samples	The kit contains reagents and materials for up to 12 glycoprotein samples analysed in parallel or two sets of 6 samples.
Amount of Sample	Typically, up to 1 mg of glycoprotein per sample.
Suitable Samples	Biopharmaceutical glycoproteins.
Storage:	Store refrigerated at 4 to 10 °C in the dark. If you have limited cold storage space then store just the CEX cartridges at 4°C and the rest of the kit at room temperature. Protect from sources of heat, light, and moisture. The reagents are stable for at least 18 months from date of manufacture.
Shipping:	The product should be shipped at ambient temperature.

For research use only. Not for human or drug use

Kit Contents



The kit contains the following materials and reagents:

Cat. #	Item	Quantity
LL-ORELAREAGENT-01	Orela Release Reagent	2 x 3ml
LL-ACETIC-50P-01	Acetic Acid Solution	2 x 3 ml
LC-CEX-H-01	LudgerClean CEX-H cartridges	2 x 6 cartridges
LL-COLLV-01	Collection vials with PTFE lined caps	2 x 6 vials
LL-REACT-01	Reaction vials with PTFE lined caps	2 x 6 vials

Additional Reagents and Equipment Required

- Pure water: resistivity 18 MΩ-cm, particle free (>0.22 μm), TOC <10 ppb
- Dialysis membranes, PD10 columns or similar for removal of salts and detergents from your glycoprotein samples*
- Syringe (glass or PTFE) to transfer Orela reagent – e.g. 1 ml Hamilton or SGE glass syringe for liquids with teflon tipped plunger and stainless steel or PTFE needle. Do not use plastic syringes.
- Heating block, oven, or similar dry heater (a water bath cannot be used) that can be set between 40 and 100 °C
- Centrifugal evaporator (e.g. Genevac, Savant or similar)
- Pipettes

* Optional - depending on your sample

Safety and Handling

- Please read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) for all chemicals used (see Appendix 2).
- All processes involving the kit reagents should be performed using appropriate personal safety protection - eyeglasses, good quality chemically resistant gloves (e.g. nitrile), etc. - and where appropriate in a laboratory fume cupboard.
- Ensure that any glass, plasticware or solvents used are free of glycosidases and environmental carbohydrates. Use powder-free gloves for all sample handling procedures and avoid contamination with environmental carbohydrate.
- Once individual vials of reagents are opened, their contents should be used immediately and excess then discarded according to local safety rules.

The Orela Reaction

The Orela reaction involves the following steps:

1. **Liberation of the glycans as the glycosylamine derivative**

The Orela reagent reacts at the link between the glycan and peptide backbone to liberate glycans as the glycosylamine.

2. **Conversion of the glycosylamine to the free glycans**

The acid-labile glycosylamine derivative is hydrolysed to produce the free glycan.

Time Line for Orela

Procedure	Time
Start with pure glycoprotein samples	
Transfer samples to reaction tube and dry completely	24 hours
Add Orela release reagent	15 min
Incubate samples *	5 - 16 hour
Remove release reagent	2 hours
Acidification	overnight
Purification of released glycans	2 hours

* The incubation time will vary depending on your particular glycoprotein samples. We recommend that at the start of a project you conduct a pilot study with an incubation time course to optimize the release conditions.

The following are typical incubation regimes:

O-Mode Orela (Fast): Incubate 5 hours at 50°C

O-Mode Orela (Normal): Incubate 16 hours at 50°C

Outline of the Orela Protocol

- **Prepare the glycoconjugate**

Prepare the glycoprotein or glycopeptide samples by removing contaminants such as salts, detergents and dyes that could interfere with the labeling procedure.

- **Dry the glycans**

Place the samples in reaction vials and dry down.

- **Add release reagent to glycoconjugates**

Add Orela release reagent to each sample.

- **Incubate**

Incubate the samples to allow the release reaction to progress.

- **Acidification**

Add acetic acid solution and incubate at 4°C to convert glycosylamines into non-reduced glycans

- **Post-release cleanup**

Remove the peptide or protein using a cation exchange column

- **Store or Analyse released glycans**

The released glycans are now ready for analysis

Protocol

Sample Preparation



1 Purify the Glycoprotein

The glycopeptide or glycoprotein samples must be free of contaminants that can interfere with release reaction. These include the following:

- Non-volatile solvents
- Non-volatile salts, in particular transition metal ions
- Detergents
- Dyes and stains such as Coomassie Blue

Methods that are generally good for removal of such contaminants include the following:

- Dialysis against water or 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) as some glycoproteins tend to precipitate in water
- Size exclusion chromatography using a small desalting column (e.g. PD10) with water or 0.1% TFA as eluant

2 Transfer Samples to Reaction Vials

The amount of sample for each vial should be in the range 50 µg to 1 mg.

The reaction vials (5 ml glass vials with Teflon PTFE lined screw caps) included in the kit are pre-cleaned.

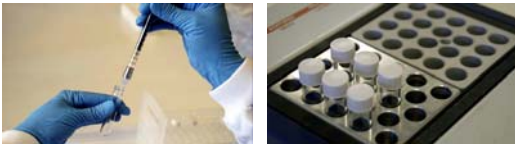
3 Dry the Samples

Dry the samples using a centrifugal evaporator or a freeze drier.

If freeze-drying, be careful to ensure that the sample dries to a small, compact mass at the very bottom of the vial.

Do not subject samples to high temperatures (> 28 °C) or extremes of pH as these conditions can result in acid catalyzed loss of sialic acids (high temperatures, low pH) or uncontrolled glycan release (at high pH).

Release Reaction



4 Add Orela Reagent

Using a clean, dry glass or PTFE syringe with PTFE tipped plunger and teflon or stainless steel needle transfer 200 µl of Orela release reagent (vial LL-ORELAREAGENT-01) to each dried sample.

Cap the reaction vials and mix by vortexing.

This step must be performed in a chemical fume hood.

Ensure that the reaction vial caps are tightly screwed on. For extra security and to minimize you can seal the caps onto the vials using Parafilm, PTFE tape or similar.

5 Orela Incubation

Place the reaction vials in a heating block, sand tray, or dry oven and incubate according to the type of glycan release you require:

O-Mode Orela (Fast):	Incubate 5 hours at 50°C
O-Mode Orela (Normal):	Incubate 16 hours at 50°C

Use an oven or dry block - do not use a water bath.

The samples must be completely dissolved in the Orela reagent for efficient glycan release. To encourage complete dissolution the samples can be re-vortexed 15 and 30 minutes after the start of the incubation then the incubation continued.

During this step, the O-glycans are liberated from the glycoprotein as glycosylamine derivatives.

The kinetics of glycan release depends on the type of sample and the glycans. The incubation regimes above give good release for most samples. However, in some cases it may be useful to perform a time-course to optimize the release conditions. When performing a time-course, there are two factors to consider; (a) the yield and (b) side reactions (particularly peeling). The shorter the incubation time, the lower the peeling and lower the yield. Increasing the incubation time increases yield but can result in higher levels of peeling.

6 Cool the Samples

After the incubation period, remove the samples from the incubation apparatus and allow them to cool completely to room temperature.

Orela Reagent Removal



7 Evaporate off Unreacted Orela Reagent

Remove unreacted Orela reagent by evaporation in a centrifugal evaporator.

Use an evaporation chamber temperature of 30 to 40 °C.

N.B. Make sure that your centrifugal evaporator is rated to handle strong ammonia-like bases.. Your evaporator should be serviced and clean with good seals. Use an efficient cold trap with temperature of -40°C or lower between the evaporation chamber and the pump. Dispose of the cold trap waste according to hazardous waste regulations. You can contact your local waste management service for advice.

Acidification



8 Add 50% Acetic Acid (aq)

Add 200 µl of 50% acetic acid solution (vial LL-ACETIC-50P-01) to each sample, cap the reaction tube, vortex to mix.

9 Incubate for Acidification

Incubate in a refrigerator at 4°C overnight.

This step allows acid catalyzed conversion of the glycosylamine derivatives to free unreduced glycans. The reaction is performed at 4°C to minimize acid catalyzed desialylation.

Glycan Purification



10 Prime the LudgerClean CEX Cartridges

For each sample, prepare a LudgerClean CEX cartridge (cat # LC-CEX-H-01) by washing with 10 x 1 ml water

If the flow is restricted, e.g. by an air gap, then apply a slight pressure to the top of the cartridge (e.g. using a pipette) in order to resume normal flow.

Do not allow the resin to dry out.

Allow each aliquot to flow through the resin bed before the next solution is applied.

11 Apply the Sample and Elute Glycans

- Place the cartridges over a collection vial (cat # LL-COLLV-01)
- Apply each sample to a prepared LudgerClean CEX cartridge (cat # LC-CEX-H-01) and allow the solution to flow through the resin bed slowly under gravity.
- Wash out each vial with 200 µl water and add to the top of each column.
- Further elute with 3 x 0.5 ml water.

The eluted fluid will contain the purified, released glycans.

If the flow through the column is restricted, e.g. by an air gap, then apply a slight pressure to the top of the cartridge (e.g. using a pipette) in order to resume normal flow.

Note that at the stage glycans will be in slightly acidic water after elution from the CEX cartridge.

Sample Storage

12 Dry the Glycan Solutions

If required, the samples should be dried by centrifugal evaporation

Keep the sample temperature <28 °C to minimize desialylation.

This step is optional and can be omitted if you are analyzing aliquots by any method that first involves drying (e.g. addition to a MALDI-MS plate or fluorescence labeling).

13 Store the Glycans Frozen

For long-term storage, store the glycans at -20°C or lower temperature.

The released glycans can be stored frozen either dried or after reconstitution with water.

Analysis of Released Glycans

The released glycans can be analyzed by a variety of techniques including the following:

- Fluorescence labeling with LudgerTag fluorophores followed by HPLC, CE or MS

The following table lists the current LudgerTag fluorophores and rates them according to the suitability for various analysis methods.

Fluorophore	HPLC	MS	CE
2-AB (2-aminobenzamide)	* * * * *	* * *	
2-AA (2-aminobenzoic acid)	* * * * *	* * * * *	* *
AA-Ac (3-(Acetylamino)-6-aminoacridine)	* * * * *	* * * * *	* * * *
APTS (1-aminopyrene-3,6,8-trisulfonate)			* * * * *
2-AP (2-aminopyridine)	* * *	* *	

Key:

5 stars = excellent, 4 stars = good, 3 stars = fair, 1 - 2 stars = poor, no stars = not applicable

- Mass spectrometry
- HPAE-PAD (high pH anion exchange chromatography with pulsed amperometric detection)

Warranties and Liabilities

Ludger warrants that the above product conforms to the attached analytical documents. Should the product fail for reasons other than through misuse Ludger will, at its option, replace free of charge or refund the purchase price. This warranty is exclusive and Ludger makes no other warranties, expressed or implied, including any implied conditions or warranties of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose. Ludger shall not be liable for any incidental, consequential or contingent damages.

This product is intended for *in vitro* research only.

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Appendix 1 : Troubleshooting Guide

The Orela protocol is an efficient, robust method. If problems do arise they can normally be corrected without difficulty. The following is a guide to the most likely problems, possible causes, and solutions.

Low Yield

The temperature for Orela incubation was incorrect.

Please ensure that the oven or heating block is equilibrated to the incubation temperature and that the reaction tube is subjected to this temperature for the entire release period.

The sample was incompletely solubilized.

The glycoconjugate sample must be completely dissolved in the Orela reagent for maximum release efficiency. Please ensure that the sample is thoroughly mixed with the Orela reagent prior to the incubation and, as a precaution, re-mix the samples 15 and 30 minutes after the start of the incubation.

The sample contained contaminants that interfered with the release

Ensure that all samples are adequately purified before Orela release (see protocol step 1).

There was less starting glycoprotein or glycopeptide than was originally estimated.

The glycans were lost during the sample workup

Please ensure that the acidification and glycan purification steps are performed as in the protocol.

Peeling of Glycans

The peeling reaction is degradation of the released glycans characterized by loss of monosaccharide residues from the reducing terminus. O-glycans are generally more susceptible to peeling than N-glycans.

The temperature-time profile for the Orela reaction was too harsh for the glycans

Use the temperature-time profiles given in this protocol as a starting point. If you see peeling then for subsequent experiments reduce the temperature or time for the Orela reagent incubation.

Desialylation of the Glycans

The sample was subjected to acidic conditions in aqueous solutions at elevated temperatures

Avoid prolonged periods of exposure of sialylated glycan or glycoprotein samples in aqueous solutions at low

pH and elevated temperatures.

In general, try to keep samples in solutions in the pH range 5 – 8.5 and avoid exposure to temperatures above 28 °C. Samples in pH buffered aqueous solutions (with pH between 5 and 8.5) tend to be resistant to acid catalyzed de-sialylation even at temperatures higher than 28°C. However, even then it is wise to err on the side of caution and keep the samples cool whenever possible.

Cannot Assign Peaks on Samples Analyzed by HPLC, MS or CE

Use glycoprotein and glycan standards appropriate for your project

Select reference glycoprotein standards to use as positive controls for hydrazinolysis and use relevant glycan standards in subsequent analyses. Ludger is developing a range of matched glycoprotein and released glycans as certified reference standards for use in glycoprofiling studies. Please contact us for advice on what standards to use for your particular application.

Material Safety Data Sheets

The advice offered in the following material safety data sheets (MSDS's) is derived from the currently available information on the hazardous materials in this product or component. Consideration has been made regarding the quantities offered in the pre-dispensed container. The advice offered is, therefore, not all inclusive nor should it be taken as descriptive of the compound generally.

The following notes apply to all materials listed in the following MSDS's:

Transport information

Contact Ludger for transportation information.

Abbreviations

GLP Good Laboratory Practice

Material Safety Data Sheet: LL-ORELAREAGENT-01

Manufacturer Ludger Ltd, Culham Science Centre, Oxford OX14 3EB, UK
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Identification of the substance

Orela release reagent

Hazard identification

Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Irritating to the eyes and respiratory system. May be fatal if absorbed through the skin. Causes eye and skin irritation and possibly burns. Causes digestive and respiratory tract burns. Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. May cause allergic skin reaction.

First aid measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately. Do NOT allow victim to rub eyes or keep eyes closed.

Skin: Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard contaminated clothing in a manner which limits further exposure.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

Inhalation: Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing has ceased apply artificial respiration using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a mask.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Fire fighting measures

Water spray or alcohol-resistant foam according to surrounding fire conditions.

Accidental release measures

Wear appropriate protective clothing. As quantities are small absorb with sand or vermiculite and sweep up. Place in bag and hold for disposal. Wash spill site after material pick up is complete.

Handling and storage

Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Keep away from sources of ignition. Do not store in direct sunlight. Keep away from oxidizing agents and strong acids. Store in a cool, dry area away from incompatible substances. Handle in accordance with GLP.

Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Wear appropriate protective clothing (safety spectacles, gloves, laboratory coat) in accordance with GLP.

Physical and chemical properties

Colourless liquid. Strong odor - ammonia-like. Strongly basic.

Stability and reactivity

Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

Toxicological information

Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. May cause irritation, complete toxicological information not available.

Ecological information

Data not available.

Disposal considerations

Dilute with excess water, mop up with absorptive material and dispose of as hazardous material according to local regulations.

Regulatory***Risk Phrases:***

R 11 Highly flammable.

R 36/37 Irritating to eyes and respiratory system.

Safety Phrases:

S 16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S 29 Do not empty into drains.

Material Safety Data Sheet: LL-ACETIC-50P-01

Manufacturer Ludger Ltd, Culham Science Centre, Oxford OX14 3EB, UK
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Identification of the substance Acetic Acid 50% v/v solution in water

Composition Chemical name: Acetic acid CAS no. 64-19-7

Hazard identification Corrosive. Irritant. Flammable vapor. Causes severe burns

First aid measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately. Do NOT allow victim to rub eyes or keep eyes closed.

Skin: Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard contaminated clothing in a manner which limits further exposure.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

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Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Fire fighting measures

Water spray, alcohol resistant foam or carbon dioxide according to surrounding fire conditions.

Accidental release measures

Wear appropriate protective clothing. As quantities are small absorb with sand or vermiculite and sweep up. Place in bag and hold for disposal. Wash spill site after material pick up is complete.

Handling and storage

Store at room temperature. Handle in accordance with Good Laboratory Practice.

Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Wear appropriate protective clothing (safety spectacles, gloves, laboratory coat) in accordance with GLP.

Physical and chemical properties

Colourless liquid. Strong pungent acetic odor.

Stability and reactivity

Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.

Toxicological information

May be harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. May cause irritation, complete toxicological information not available.

Ecological information

Data not available.

Disposal considerations

Dilute with excess water, mop up with absorptive material and dispose of according to local regulations.

Transport information

Contact Ludger for transportation information.

Regulatory information***Risk phrases :***

R 10 Flammable.

R 35 Causes severe burns.

Safety phrases :

S23 Do not inhale vapor/spray

S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).