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# **EDC**

1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylamino) propyl carbodiimide, hydrochloride

(Cat. # BC25-50, BC25-1, BC25-5, BC25-25)



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#### INTRODUCTION

EDC is a heterobifunctional, water-soluble, zero-length carbodiimide crosslinker that is used to couple carboxyl groups to primary amines. EDC activates carboxyl groups first and forms amine reactive *O*-acylisourea imtermediate that spontaneously reacts with primary amines to form an amide bond and isourea by-product.

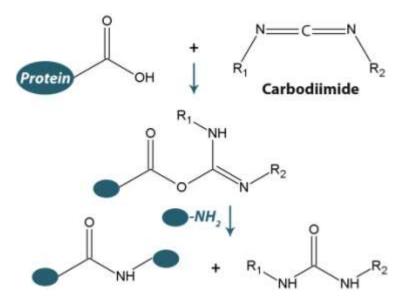


Figure 1: EDC Coupling Scheme

The unstable nature of the intermediate in aqueous solutions makes 2-step coupling, however in conjunction with *N*-hydroxysuccinimide, a 2-step coupling is possible.

EDC is ideal for peptide immobilization and hapten-carrier protein conjugation.

# ITEM(S) SUPPLIED

Cat. #	Description	Size
BC25-50	EDC	50mg
BC25-1	EDC	1g
BC25-5	EDC	5g
BC25-25	EDC	25g

#### STORAGE CONDITIONS

EDC is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon arrival, store at -20°C in the presence of a desiccant.

## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) REQUIRED

- Carrier Protein (2mg)
  - We recommend our OneQuant  $^{\mathbb{M}}$  BSA, HyperCarrier  $^{\mathbb{M}}$  and keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) Carrier Proteins (Cat. # 786-090, 786-092, 786-091 respectively).
- Conjugation Buffer
  0.1M MES, pH4.5-5 or G-Biosciences Optimizer Buffer-IV (Cat. # BKC-07)
- Hapten or peptide (1-2mg)
- Desalting column
   We recommend SpinOUT<sup>™</sup> GT-600, 3ml (Cat. # 786-171)

#### **PROTOCOL**

- Equilibrate the EDC to room temperature before opening.
   NOTE: EDC is highly hygroscopic; failure to allow to equilibrate may lead to poor cross linking.
- 2. Add 2mg carrier protein to 500µl Conjugation Buffer.
- 3. Dissolve up to 2mg hapten or peptide in 500µl Conjugation Buffer and add to the protein solution.
- 4. For HyperCarrier → BSA or ovalbumin, dissolve 10mg EDC in 1ml deionized water and immediately add 100μl EDC solution to the protein:hapten solution. For KLH, dissolve 10mg EDC in 1ml deionized water and immediately add 50μl EDC solution to the protein:hapten solution. If precipitation occurs, reduce the amount of EDC solution added further.
- 5. Incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.
- Purify the coupled protein and hapten using a desalting column. We recommend our SpinOUT<sup>™</sup> desalting columns.

#### **APPENDIX 1: 2-STEP COUPLING WITH EDC AND NHS**

#### Introduction

The following protocol allows for the sequential coupling of two proteins without affecting the second protein's carboxyls by quenching the first reaction with a thiol containing compound.

### Additional Material(S) Required

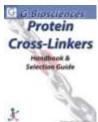
- Conjugation Buffer 1
   0.1M MES, pH4.5-5 or G-Biosciences Optimizer Buffer-IV (Cat. # BKC-07)
- Conjugation Buffer 2: 1X PBS
- Protein #1 (1mg/ml), prepared in Conjugation Buffer 1
- Protein #2 (1mg/ml), prepared in Conjugation Buffer 2
- NHS of Sulfo-NHS (Cat. # BC97)
- Desalting column
   We recommend SpinOUT<sup>™</sup> GT-600, 3ml (Cat. # 786-171)
- 2-Mercaptoethanol
- Hydroxylamine.HCl

#### Protocol

- Equilibrate the EDC and NHS to room temperature before opening.
   NOTE: These are highly hygroscopic; failure to allow to equilibrate may lead to poor cross linking.
- 2. Prepare 1ml of a 1mg/ml solution of Protein #1 in Conjugation Buffer 1.
- Add 0.4mg EDC and 0.6mg NHS or 1.1.mg sulfo-NHS and react for 15 minutes at room temperature.
- 4. Add 1.2µl 2-mercaptoethanol to guench the EDC.
  - **NOTE:** At this stage the protein can be separated from excess 2-mercaptoethanol with a desalting column.
- 5. Add an equimolar amount of Protein #2 compared to Protein#1 and allow to react at room temperature for 2 hours.
- Quench the reaction with the addition of hydroxylamine to a 10mM final concentration.
- Purify the coupled proteins using a desalting column. We recommend our SpinOUT<sup>™</sup> desalting columns.

## **RELATED PRODUCTS**

Download our Protein Cross Linker Handbook.



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