

# Thiol Coupling Kit

## Product description

Order code:	BR-1005-57
Contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cystamine dihydrochloride, 90 mg</li><li>• L-Cysteine, 61 mg</li><li>• 1,4-Dithioerythritol (DTE), 154 mg</li><li>• 1.0 M Ethanolamine-HCl, pH 8.5, 10.5 ml</li><li>• 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC), 750 mg</li><li>• N-Hydroxysuccinimide (NHS), 115 mg</li><li>• 0.1 M 2-(4-Morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid (MES) pH 5.0, 100 ml</li><li>• 2-(2-Pyridinyldithio)ethaneamine hydrochloride (PDEA), 100 mg</li><li>• 0.1 M Sodium acetate 1.0 M, sodium chloride pH 4.0, 25 ml</li><li>• 0.15 M Sodium borate pH 8.5, 25 ml</li></ul>
Storage:	+2 to 8°C
Capacity:	The kit contains sufficient reagents for approximately 50 surface thiol immobilizations and 10 PDEA ligand modifications, or approximately 15 ligand thiol immobilizations.



**Safety:** For use and handling of the product in a safe way, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet.

**Note:** *For in vitro use only.*

## Kit information

Thiol Coupling Kit contains all reagents needed for the introduction of pyridyl disulfide groups into ligand molecules and for performing the surface and/or ligand thiol immobilizations on carboxyl derivatized surfaces (Sensor Chip CM5, CM7, CM4, CM3 and C1) in all Biacore systems.

Store the prepared reagent solutions at -20°C until used.

**Note:** *Running buffers must never be supplemented with a reducing agent (e.g. TCEP), since reducing agents will reduce PDEA and the coupling chemistry will not work.*

## Reagent preparation

### Surface thiol immobilization

Follow the instructions below to prepare 0.4 M EDC and 0.1 M NHS solutions.

Step	Action
1	Dissolve the EDC and NHS by adding 10.0 ml of deionized water to each vial.
2	Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved.
3	Dispense the EDC, NHS solutions separately in aliquots for storage at - 20°C.

**Note:**  
*Use aliquots within two months.*

Follow the instructions below to prepare 40 mM cystamine dihydrochloride and 0.1 M DTE solutions.

Step	Action
1	Dissolve the cystamine dihydrochloride and DTE by adding 10.0 ml of the kit buffer 0.15 M sodium borate pH 8.5 to each vial.
2	Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved.
3	Dispense the cystamine dihydrochloride and DTE solutions separately in aliquots for storage at -20°C.

**Note:**  
*Use aliquots within two months.*

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Follow the instructions below to prepare a 20 mM PDEA-NaCl solution.

Step	Action
1	Dissolve 44 mg PDEA in 10.0 ml of the kit buffer 0.1 M sodium acetate, 1.0 M sodium chloride pH 4.0.
2	Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved.
3	Dispense the solution in aliquots for storage at -20°C.

**Note:**  
*Use aliquots within two months.*

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## Ligand thiol immobilization

For preparation of EDC and NHS solutions, see *Surface thiol immobilization, on page 2*

Follow the instructions below to prepare a 50 mM L-cysteine solution.

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| 1 | Dissolve the L-cysteine by adding 10.0 ml of the kit buffer 0.1 M sodium acetate, 1.0 M sodium chloride pH 4.0. |
| 2 | Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved.  |
| 3 | Dispense the L-cysteine solution in aliquots for storage at -20°C.  |

**Note:**

*Use aliquots within two months.*

Follow the instructions below to prepare a 120 mM PDEA solution.

**Note:** *This reagent solution must be mixed with borate buffer immediately before use.*

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| 1 | Dissolve 96 mg PDEA in 3.6 ml deionized water.                           |
| 2 | Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved. |
| 3 | Dispense the PDEA solution in aliquots for storage at -20°C.             |

**Note:**

*Use aliquots within two months.*

## PDEA ligand modification

For preparation of EDC and NHS solutions, see *Surface thiol immobilization, on page 2*

Follow the instructions below to prepare a 15 mg/ml PDEA solution.

Step	Action
1	Dissolve 50 mg PDEA in 3.3 ml of the kit buffer 0.1 M MES pH 5.0.
2	Cap vials tightly and agitate until the solids are completely dissolved.
3	Dispense the solution in aliquots for storage at -20 °C.

**Note:**

*Use aliquots within two months.*

## Immobilization procedures

### Handling

- Thaw frozen aliquots and mix them gently to make sure that the solutions are homogeneous.
- EDC and NHS should be thawed and mixed immediately before use.
- PDEA diluted in borate buffer must be used within 30 minutes.
- The other thawed aliquots should be used during the day.
- Ethanamine-HCl is used only when using Biacore 4000, Biacore A100, and Biacore S51.

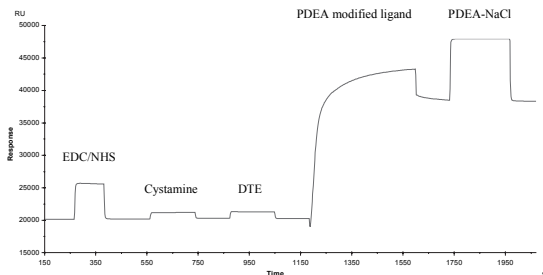
## PDEA ligand modification

Step	Action
1	Prepare a ligand solution of 1 mg/ml, by dissolving 500 µg ligand in 0.5 ml 0.1 M MES pH 5.0.
2	Add 0.25 ml 15 mg/ml PDEA in 0.1 M MES.
3	Add 25 µl 0.4 M EDC.
4	Mix and allow to react for 10 min at 25°C or 1 hour on ice.
5	Remove the excess reagents by adding the sample volume to an illustra NAP-10 Column (GE Healthcare) or equivalent buffer exchange device equilibrated with suitable buffer.

## Immobilization protocol for surface thiol coupling

Step	Action	Suggested contact time
1	Inject EDC and NHS 1:1 (v:v) mixture to activate the surface (mixture by means of system software).	2 minutes
2	Inject cystamine dihydrochloride to introduce disulfide groups.	3 minutes
3	Inject DTE to reduce disulfide groups.	3 minutes
4	Inject PDEA modified ligand.	7 minutes
5	Inject PDEA-NaCl to deactivate excessive reactive groups.	4 minutes

The sensorgram below shows a typical immobilization sequence for the surface thiol method.



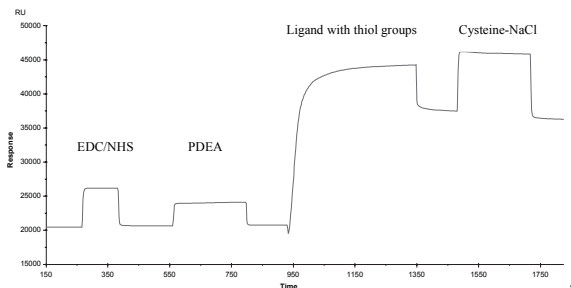
Refer to the instrument handbook for more general information.

### Immobilization protocol for ligand thiol coupling

Step	Action	Suggested contact time
1	Inject EDC and NHS 1:1 (v:v) mixture to activate the surface (mixture by means of system software).	2 minutes
2	Mix PDEA (120 mM PDEA in water) and 0.15 M sodium borate buffer, 2:1 (v:v). This will give a final concentration of 80 mM PDEA in 50 mM sodium borate buffer pH 8.5.	-
	<b>Note:</b> <i>Mix just prior to use.</i>	
3	Inject the PDEA solution to introduce disulfide groups	4 minutes
4	Inject ligand with thiol groups.	7 minutes
5	Inject cysteine-NaCl to deactivate excessive reactive groups.	4 minutes

Suitable flow rates are typically 5 to 10  $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ .

The sensorgram below shows a typical immobilization sequence for the ligand thiol method.



Refer to the instrument handbook for more general information.

## References

For more details on thiol coupling, refer to

- LabGuide - Ligand thiol coupling, and
  - LabGuide - Surface thiol coupling,
- available on [www.biacore.com/applicationsupporttools](http://www.biacore.com/applicationsupporttools) - Methods.



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