

# ReadiLink™ xtra Rapid XFD594 Antibody Labeling Kit \*BSA-Compatible\*

Catalog number: 1982 Unit size: 2 Labelings

Component	Storage	Amount (Cat No. 1982)
Component A: Preactivated XFD594	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	2 vials
Component B: Reaction Buffer	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (20 μL)
Component C: TQ™-Dyed Quench Buffer	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial (20 μL)

#### **OVERVIEW**

XFD594 is manufactured by AAT Bioquest, and it has a chemical structure similar to that of Alexa Fluor® 594 (Alexa Fluor® is the trademark of Thermo Fisher). ReadiLink™ xtra rapid antibody labeling kits require essentially only 2 simple mixing steps without a column purification needed. Specially formulated and preactivated XFD594 (chemically equivalent to Alexa Fluor® 594) used in this ReadiLink™ kit is quite stable and shows good reactivity and selectivity with antibodies. The kit has all the essential components for labeling ~2x50 ug antibody. Each of the two vials of preactivated XFD594 dye provided in the kit is optimized for labeling ~50 µg antibody. ReadiLink™ xtra XFD594 rapid antibody labeling kit provides a convenient and robust method to label monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies with red fluorescent XFD594 fluorophore. XFD594 is one of the most used fluorophores for labeling antibodies.

## AT A GLANCE

### **Important Note**

Warm all the components and centrifuge the vials briefly before opening, and immediately prepare the required solutions before starting your conjugation. The following protocol is for recommendation.

## PREPARATION OF WORKING SOLUTION

# Protein working solution (Solution A)

For labeling 50  $\mu g$  of protein (assuming the target protein concentration is 1 mg/mL), mix 5  $\mu L$  (10% of the total reaction volume) of Reaction Buffer (Component B) with 50  $\mu L$  of the target protein solution.

**Note:** If you have a different protein concentration, adjust the protein volume accordingly to make  $\sim 50~\mu g$  of protein available for your labeling reaction.

**Note:** For labeling 100  $\mu g$  of protein (assuming the target protein concentration is 1 mg/mL), mix 10  $\mu L$  (10% of the total reaction volume) of Reaction Buffer (Component B) with 100  $\mu L$  of the target protein solution.

**Note:** The protein should be dissolved in 1X phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.2 - 7.4; if the protein is dissolved in glycine buffer, it must be dialyzed against 1X PBS, pH 7.2 - 7.4, or use Amicon Ultra-0.5, Ultracel-10 Membrane, 10 kDa (cat# UFC501008 from Millipore) to remove free amines or ammonium salts (such as ammonium sulfate and ammonium acetate) that are widely used for protein precipitation.

**Note:** Impure antibodies or antibodies stabilized with bovine serum albumin (BSA) with 0.1 to 0.5 % will be labeled well.

**Note:** For optimal labeling efficiency, a final protein concentration range of 1 - 2 mg/mL is recommended, with a significantly reduced conjugation efficiency at less than 1 mg/mL.

# SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

## Run conjugation reaction

 Add the protein working solution (Solution A) to ONE vial of labeling dye (Component A), and mix them well by repeatedly pipetting for a few times or vortex the vial for a few seconds.

**Note:** If labeling 100  $\mu$ g of protein, use both vials (Component A) of labeling dye by dividing the 100  $\mu$ g of protein into 2 x 50  $\mu$ g of protein and reacting each 50  $\mu$ g of protein with one vial of labeling dye. Then combine both vials for the next step.

2. Keep the conjugation reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 - 60 minutes.

**Note:** The conjugation reaction mixture can be rotated or shaken for longer time if desired.

### Stop Conjugation reaction

- Add 5 μL (for 50 μg protein) or 10 μL (for 100 μg protein) which is 10% of the total reaction volume of TQ™-Dyed Quench Buffer (Component C) into the conjugation reaction mixture; mix well.
- 2. Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes. The labeled protein (antibody) is now ready to use.

## **Storage of Protein Conjugate**

The protein conjugate should be stored at > 0.5 mg/mL in the presence of a carrier protein (e.g., 0.1% bovine serum albumin). For longer storage, the protein conjugates could be lyophilized or divided into single-used aliquots and stored at  $\leq -20$  °C.

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