



Copper-Catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition (CuAAC): A Versatile and Efficient Click Chemistry for Bioconjugation and Drug Discovery

The copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) is an efficient and reliable reaction that uses the copper-catalyzed coupling of azides to terminal acetylenes via powerful linking (1,4-disubstituted triazole) to produce unique practical and versatile new biological compounds. (Fig.1). CuAAC, the most used click chemistry, is widely used in bioconjugation, drug discovery, materials science, and radiochemistry due to its numerous unique advantages.



Fig.1 Azide / Alkyne Click Reaction

Feature and benefits

1. Fast kinetics and high efficiency

The tetrazine cycloaddition reaction is extremely fast.

and takes only minutes to complete. Due to such a high

reaction rate, it works well even with an ultra-low concentration.

of reagents for most biological systems. Moreover, the reaction produces minimal byproducts but quantitative yields. Rapid and quantitative labeling allows non-radioactive analysis of enzymatic activities both in vitro and in vivo: Small-sized CLICK-functional groups possess excellent substrate properties.

2. Outstanding selectivity and specificity

The azide or alkynes moiety is absent in almost all native biomolecules, and the reaction occurs only between terminal alkynes and azides groups. It is performed in the presence of other functional moieties, which allow selective ligation with a very limited set of reaction partners.

3. Very flexibility

The small size and remarkable stability of azide, alkyne, or linkage (1,4-disubstituted triazole) are proven to be exceptionally suitable for relatively easy incorporation into a variety of molecules such as synthetic polymers, fluorophores, small molecules, or into specific locations in biomolecules, that imposes minimal perturbation to the structure and function of the conjugated biomolecules.

4. Mild reaction condition

The reaction can be performed under various conditions, including an **organic solvent**, pure water, buffers, a wide pH (pH 4-11), and temperature range.

Applications

We provide Alkyne and Azide-activated magnetic beads-based systems as more efficient tools to meet the increasingly demanding applications in using azide-alkyne click reactions.



Product Name	Structure
Azide-Activated Magnetic Beads	@-R-N3
Cleavable Azide-Activated Magnetic Beads	X R ₇ -S-S-CH ₂ -NH-(CH ₂ -CH ₂ -O) ₃ -N ₃
Alkyne-Activated Magnetic Beads	<mark>@</mark> −R— <u></u> CH
Cleavable Alkyne-Activated Magnetic Beads	Image: State of the state o

Alkyne and Azide-activated magnetic beads

The activated magnetic beads are uniform inert silica-based magnetic beads grafted with a high density of alkyne or azide functional groups on the surface. The beads are designed to efficiently enrich alkyne or azide-tagged biomolecules from complex cell lysates via a Cu(I)-catalyzed Alkyne-Azide (CUAAC) reaction. Compared with other affinity resins such as agarose beads or other polymers, the inert silica-enclosed magnetic beads offer high stability, low nonspecific binding, and superior handling in protein-based systems. Since the active cleavable alkyne or azide group is linked with the beads through a *built-in* cleavable disulfide linker, reducing agents such as DTT or β -mercaptoethanol can cleave and separate the target molecule-ligand complex from the beads after affinity purification. These magnetic beads are ideal tools for genomics, proteomics, biomarker discovery, posttranslational modification (PTM) analysis, etc.

Workflow

The beads work perfectly as affinity resin for capturing alkyne- or azide- tagged biomolecules from complex cell lysate. Add the beads to a sample containing the tagged biomolecules, then mix, incubate, wash and elute the target molecules (Fig.2).



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