

UV Crosslinking (with IP step added)

1. Set up binding reaction.

Standard conditions: 4 μ l NE/protein or BC100
 1 μ l BC400
 1 μ l 13% PVA
 1 μ l tRNA/BSA/BC100 mix (0.25 μ g/ μ l tRNA+ 0.2 μ g/ μ l BSA in BC100)
 0.4 μ l 80 mM MgCl₂
 0.4 μ l 25 mM ATP
 0.4 μ l 0.5 M creatine phosphate (cp)
 1 μ l H₂O or cold RNA
 1 μ l radiolabeled RNA

Make pre-mix of all common items.
Always add radiolabeled RNA last.

2. Incubate binding reaction at 30 °C for 20 minutes.
3. Pipet reactions into a 96 well U-bottom plate on ice. (keep top off plate)
4. Place handheld 254 nm lamp ovetop and crosslink for 20 minutes
5. Pipet reactions into new eppendorf tubes that contain 20 U RNase T1 + 20 μ g RNase A
6. Digest at 37 °C for 20 minutes.
7. Add 13 μ l 2x SDS sample buffer and 1.3 μ l 2-ME
8. Boil samples 5 minutes and load on SDS-PAGE gel.

To Immunoprecipitate crosslinked sample, make following changes/additions:

1. After crosslink (step 4) or digest (step 6) pool 2-4 identical reactions in eppendorf tube
2. Bring volume to 195 μ l with H₂O
3. Add 4 μ l antibody (plenty for 4D11 (anti-hnRNP L) or BB7 (anti-PTB))
 some other antibodies require more antibody and so decrease H₂O accordingly
4. Add 200 μ l 2xRIPA buffer (see over for recipe)

5. Rotate 1 hr. at 4 °C
6. Add 25 µl protein G-sepharose beads prewashed in 1x RIPA buffer
7. Rotate 1 hr. at 4 °C
8. Spin down and wash 4 x 200 µl in 1x RIPA buffer
9. After last wash remove all but about 20 µl of buffer.

(9B. If IP was done before RNase digestion then add 20 U RNase T1 + 20 µg RNase A
and digest 20 minutes at 37 °C)
10. Add 20 µl 2xSDS sample buffer + 2 µl 2-ME
11. Boil samples 5 minutes and load on SDS-PAGE gel

2x RIPA buffer

20 mM Tris pH 8.0

2% NP40

10 mg/ml deoxycholate

4 mM EDTA

200 mM NaCl