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# ExoMS™ Surface Protein Capture Kit (Serum/Plasma EVs)

Cat# EXOMS100A-4, EXOMS101A-8

## User Manual

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Store kit at +4°C and -20°C

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## Product Description

The ExoMS™ Surface Protein Capture Kits (for serum/plasma EVs) represent the latest innovation from SBI, an established leader in exosome research tools. By providing a validated, robust method to selectively capture surface and membrane-associated proteins from extracellular vesicles (EVs), these kits offer researchers an opportunity to discover surface-associated EV proteins using powerful LC/MS approaches. With low residual protein carryover, the kits increase detection of low-abundance biomarkers that are often masked while using traditional approaches.

The kit comes in two reaction formats, processing 4 (Cat #EXOMS100A-4) or 8 (Cat #EXOMS101A-8) different samples. Both kits can process exosomes isolated using the following methods:

- Polymer-based precipitation (e.g. ExoQuick™, ExoQuick™-ULTRA)
- Column-based
- Ultracentrifugation

The proprietary affinity-based resin in our kits removes many common protein precipitates present in serum/plasma EV preps such as albumin and IgG, ensuring minimal presence of non-specific targets during sample prep and loading into LC/MS. In addition, our robust surface and membrane protein capture strategy, based on a two-step biotinylation, isolates biotinylated proteins away from internal EV protein for highly selective capture of surface and membrane associated proteins of interest.

## List of Components

Item	Volume	Storage Temperature
Purification columns	4 columns	4°C
Buffer A	1 ml	4°C
Buffer B	5 ml	4°C
Buffer Tris pH 8.0	50 µl	4°C
Modification reagent	4 tubes	-20°C
Stop Buffer	400 µl	4°C
Lysis buffer	300 µl	4°C
Capture buffer	25 ml	4°C
Capture magnetic beads	400 µl	4°C
Wash buffer	6 ml	4°C

Elution buffer	300 µl	-20°C
Free modification reagent removal columns	4 columns	4°C

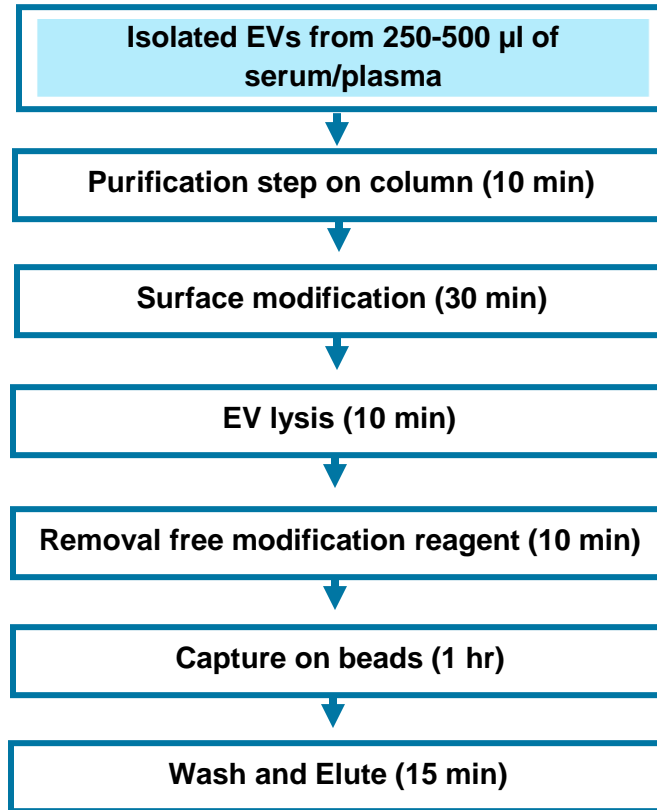
**\*Note: table above is for the 4 reaction kit. For 8 reaction kit, the volumes of reagents and number of columns will be doubled**

### **Storage**

The ExoMS™ kit is shipped at +4°C and should be **stored** at +4°C except Modification reagent and Elution buffer, both of which should be **stored at -20°C**. Properly stored kits are stable for 6 months from the date received.

## General Information

### Schematic Workflow



Note: To isolate exosomes from **plasma**, we recommend using the **Thrombin Plasma Prep for Exosome Precipitation Reagent** (Cat# TMEXO-1, not included). Plasma contains fibrin which will precipitate along with ExoQuick causing an insoluble pellet to form. The thrombin reagent will help to dissolve the fibrin, thus increasing the yield of exosomes precipitated.

#### Materials provided by users:

- 15 ml conical tubes
- Magnetic apparatus for capture of magnetic beads
- Microcentrifuge tubes

## Protocol for ExoMS

For EVs isolated by UC, column or polymer based methods (from 250-500  $\mu$ l of serum). If you have isolated EVs using ExoQuick-ULTRA or ExoQuick-ULTRA-TC proceed to step B.:

### A. Purification step (column capacity is ~4 mg of contaminants):

1. Isolate EVs by the method of choice. **If you have isolated EVs using ExoQuick-ULTRA or ExoQuick-ULTRA-TC proceed to step B.**
2. Add equal volume of **Buffer A** to isolated EVs (v/v). For example: If you have 200  $\mu$ l of EVs add 200  $\mu$ l of Buffer A.  
**! NOTE:** Do not exceed 400  $\mu$ l of total volume.
3. Take out **Purification column**, loosen screw cap and snap off the bottom closure. Place the column into a collection tube.  
**! NOTE:** Save the bottom closure for steps 8-12.
4. Centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 30 seconds to remove storage buffer.
5. Discard the flow-through and place the column back into the collection tube.
6. To wash the column, remove the cap and apply 500  $\mu$ l of **Buffer B** on top of the resin and centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 30 seconds. Discard the flow through.  
**! NOTE:** Save the cap for steps 9-12.
7. Repeat step 6 one more time to wash the column.
8. Plug the bottom of the column with the bottom closure. Apply 100  $\mu$ l of **Buffer B** on top of the resin to get it ready for sample loading.
9. Add entire content of isolated EVs from step 2 (or up to volume equivalent of 4 mg of total protein) to the resin. Securely, place the top cap on the column.
10. Mix at room temperature (RT) on a rotating shaker for no more than 5 minutes.  
**! CAUTION:** Sample will start to elute as soon as the bottom closure is removed.
11. Transfer the column to a 2 ml tube, loosen the screw cap and remove the bottom closure.
12. Centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 30 seconds to obtain purified EVs.
13. Discard the column.

### B. Modification reaction:

1. Add 10  $\mu$ l of Buffer **Tris pH 8.0** to 500  $\mu$ l of purified EVs to ensure pH 8-9.
2. Add 510  $\mu$ l of purified EVs to the tube with Modification reagent powder. Mix well.
3. Incubate for 30 min **on ice**.
4. Add 85  $\mu$ l of **Stop buffer** to stop the reaction.

### C. EVs lysis:

1. Add 60  $\mu$ l of **Lysis buffer** to ~600  $\mu$ l of modified EVs. Mix well by vortexing for 10 sec.
2. Incubate on ice for 10 min.

### D. Free modification reagent removal column:

1. Take out **Free reagent removal column** and mix the resin in the column by vortexing.
2. Remove the column's bottom closure and loosen (do not remove) the cap.
3. Place column into a collection 15 ml tube (not provided) and centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 2 min to remove the storage solution.
4. Discard flow-through and place the column back into the collection tube. Add 1 ml of **Capture buffer** and centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 2 min.
5. Repeat step 4 additional times.
6. The column is ready for buffer exchange.
7. Place the column in a new collection 15 ml tube.
8. Apply lysed sample ~700  $\mu$ l of the sample from Step C on top of the resin.
9. Centrifuge at 1,000 x g for 3 min to recover proteins in Capture buffer.



**E. Capture of modified proteins by magnetic beads:**

1. Mix magnetic beads well by vortexing.
2. Transfer 100  $\mu$ l of the beads into a microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
3. Add 0.5 ml of Capture buffer and vortex 5 sec.
4. Place the tube on the magnet for 1 min and discard the supernatant.
5. Add  $\sim$ 700  $\mu$ l of the sample to Capture magnetic beads with the proteins from Step D.
6. Incubate for 1 hr at room temperature with continuous gentle rotation.

**F. Washes and elution from the beads (for in-gel digestion):**

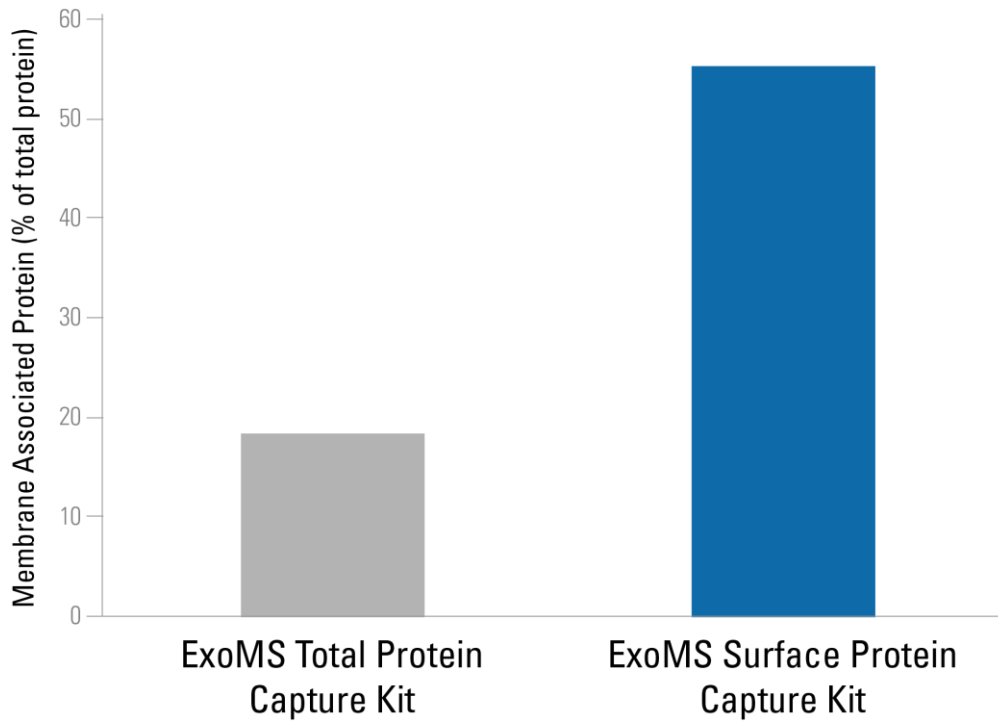
1. Place the tube on the magnet for 1 min and collect the supernatant (unbound, non-modified proteins). If you are not interested in this fraction you can discard it.
2. Add 0.5 ml of **Wash buffer** and incubate for 5 min with continuous rotation.
3. Place the tube on the magnet for 1 min and discard the supernatant.
4. Repeat washing 2X more times.
5. Add 75  $\mu$ l of **Elution buffer** to the beads and incubate at 95°C for 5 min.
6. Place the tube on the magnet for 1 min and **collect the supernatant** into a new microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
7. The samples are ready for loading on protein gel and/or in-gel digestion for proteomics study.

**! NOTE:** Alternative elution buffer (0.1% SDS) should be used with the same elution protocol if you choose to use in-solution digestion protocol.

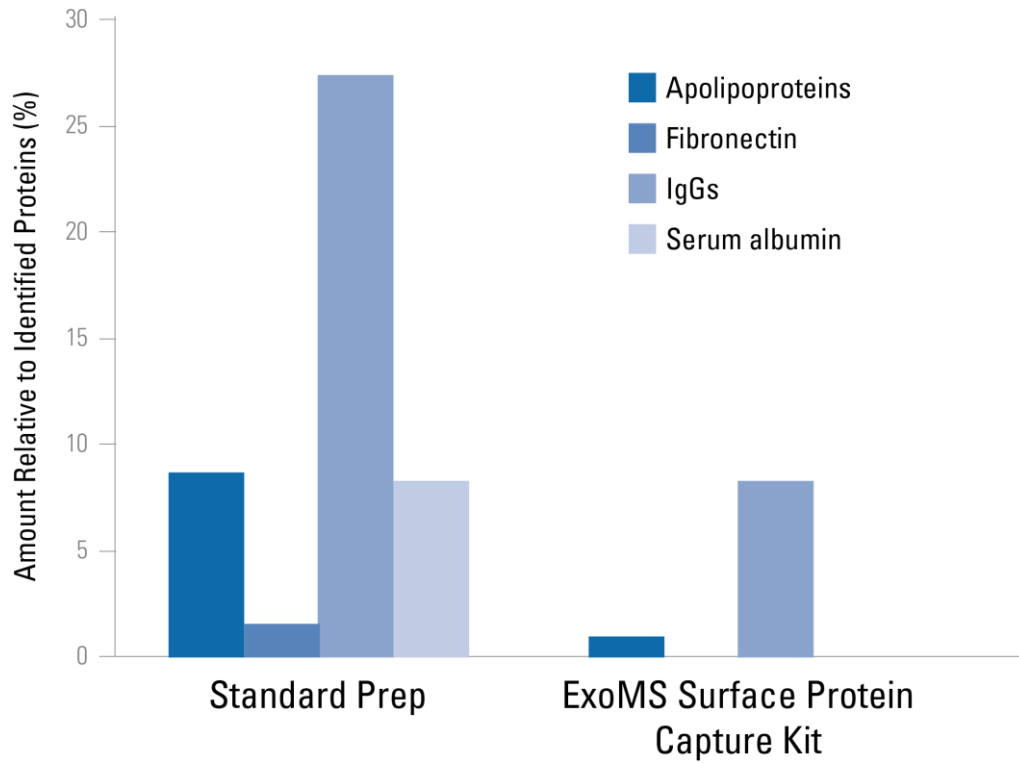
**G. Mass spectrometry analysis**

We **highly recommend** in-gel digestion of eluted proteins separated by SDS-PAGE. In case you would like to use in-solution digestion protocol please use alternative elution buffer (not provided). For details on the protocol/s please consult your sample prep technician at your mass spectrometry facility.

## Example Data and Applications



**Figure 1. Membrane-associated proteins are enriched in human serum EV samples processed with the ExoMS Surface Protein Capture Kit compared to samples processed with the ExoMS Total Protein Capture Kit.**



**Figure 2. Common carryover proteins are reduced in human serum EV samples processed with the ExoMS Surface Protein Capture Kit compared to samples processed using a standard protocol.**

Identified Proteins	Accession Number	Molecular Weight	ExoMS
Alpha-2-macroglobulin	sp P01023 A2MG_HUMAN	163 kDa	846
Haptoglobin	sp P00738 HPT_HUMAN	45 kDa	190
Desmoplakin	sp P15924 DESP_HUMAN	332 kDa	170
Pregnancy zone protein	sp P20742 PZP_HUMAN	164 kDa	165
Ceruloplasmin	sp P00450 CERU_HUMAN	122 kDa	149
Serpin B3	sp P29508 SPB3_HUMAN	45 kDa	111
Serpin B4	sp P48594 SPB4_HUMAN	45 kDa	104
Haptoglobin-related protein	sp P00739 HPTR_HUMAN	39 kDa	101
Actin, cytoplasmic 2	sp P63261 ACTG_HUMAN	42 kDa	75
Hemopexin	sp P02790 HEMO_HUMAN	52 kDa	72
14-3-3 protein sigma	sp P31947 1433S_HUMAN	28 kDa	65
Complement C4-B	sp P0C0L5 CO4B_HUMAN	193 kDa	63
Apolipoprotein B-100	sp P04114 APOB_HUMAN	516 kDa	55
Alpha-2-HS-glycoprotein	sp P02765 FETUA_HUMAN	39 kDa	50
Protein S100-A9	sp P06702 S10A9_HUMAN	13 kDa	46
Epiplakin	sp P58107 EPIPL_HUMAN	556 kDa	45
Vitamin D-binding protein	sp P02774 VTDB_HUMAN	53 kDa	44
Annexin A2	sp P07355 ANXA2_HUMAN	39 kDa	43
Galectin-7	sp P47929 LEG7_HUMAN	15 kDa	42
Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	sp P04406 G3P_HUMAN	36 kDa	39
Junction plakoglobin	sp P14923 PLAK_HUMAN	82 kDa	38
Fatty acid-binding protein, epidermal	sp Q01469 FABP5_HUMAN	15 kDa	37
Pyruvate kinase PKM	sp P14618 KPYM_HUMAN	58 kDa	37
Alpha-enolase	sp P06733 ENOA_HUMAN	47 kDa	36

*Denotes surface or membrane-associated proteins not found in total exosome preps*

**Figure 3. Top 25 surface and membrane-associated proteins captured using ExoMS Surface Protein Capture Kit from human serum EV sample. Proteins highlighted indicate those not found in total exosome preparations**

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