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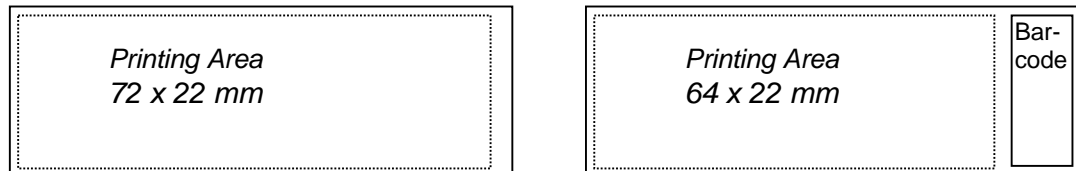
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1 Introduction

Technical Instructions for Spotting Protein Microarrays

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Nexterion® Slide AL is manufactured using the highest quality glass (standard dimensions of 75.6 mm x 25.0 mm x 1.0 mm) and laser cutting technologies, to obtain defect and particle free slide surfaces and excellent dimensional tolerances. The slide has a very low thickness deviation, an ultra-flat surface, and an extremely low inherent fluorescence. Nexterion® Slide AL was developed to provide the opportunity for fast and efficient coupling of proteins onto activated glass slides. The aldehyde surface coating reacts with primary amino groups provided by amino acid side chains (i.e. of lysine) immediately to form covalent bonds. Stringent cleaning and chemical coating procedures favor the generation of high-quality microarrays. The density of aldehyde groups is uniform over the entire surface of slides and is adjusted to yield optimal binding. The spotting area is defined for an area of 72 x 22 mm for slides without barcode and 64 x 22 mm for slides with barcode.




2 Storage and handling

1. Store the packaged substrates at room temperature (20 - 25 °C) and use prior to the expiration date.
2. Open and use the substrates in a clean environment to avoid particle build-up on the printing surface.
3. Avoid direct contact with the printing surface to minimize contamination and abrasion of the coated surface.
4. Once the package is opened, substrates should be used within 8 weeks if stored under inert condition inside a desiccator and protected from light at room temperature.

3 General precautions

1. The protocols contained in this document are meant to be general guidelines only and some optimization may be required depending on the application and sample being used.
2. Refer to manufacturer supplied Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS) for proper handling and disposal of all chemicals.
3. Nexterion® Slide AL is for research use only, not for in vitro diagnostic use.

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4 Reagents required

1. Protein Print Buffer: PBS (137 mM NaCl, 9 mM KOH, 11.3 mM NaH₂PO₄) pH 7.0
2. Blocking Buffer: 1 % BSA in PBST (Alternatively, 3 % nonfat milk in PBST can be used)
3. Wash Buffer: PBST (PBS with 0.05 % v/v Tween® 20 pH 7.4)
4. Rinse Solution: PBST

5 Equipment required

1. Humidified hybridization chamber (like GeneMachines HybChamber) or place a 1-inch layer of NaCl in a chamber filled with water and cover with an airtight lid. This forms a chamber with a nominally 75 % relative humidity.
2. Centrifuge with slide holders or compressed nitrogen gas for drying slides.
3. Cover slips (like PGC Scientific 44-596).
4. Coplin jars (VWR 25457-006) or slide dish and rack combo (Fisher 900200) for washing slides.

6 Array printing

Print proteins at a final concentration of 0.05 - 0.2 mg/ml in the print buffer. Nexterion® Slide AL is compatible with all microarray printing or spotting methods, including contact printing and piezo or ink-jet technologies.

7 Protein immobilization


Print proteins at 50 % relative humidity and then place arrays in a humidity chamber at room temperature 1 hour.

8 Blocking

Block slides for one hour in blocking solution at room temperature with slow shaking.

9 Assay conditions

For protein incubation steps on the printed slide, we have found that PBST works well as a dilution buffer for the target solutions. The blocking buffer can also be used if an increase in nonspecific binding is observed.

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10 Target incubation

1. Dilute the labeled target sample in an appropriate volume of incubation or blocking buffer to cover the whole array.
2. Incubate with target solution for 1 hour.
3. Remove the coverslip and place the arrays into a slide rack. Immerse in a dish containing PBST. Wash with shaking for 10 minutes. Repeat.
4. Wash in PBS for 10 minutes with agitation.
5. Dry the array in an oil free air or nitrogen stream or by centrifugation (200 x g for 5 min) to avoid water stains on the slide surface.
6. Protect the array from light, dust, and abrasion of the array surface, until ready for scanning.

11 Important information about patents

Using arrays based on SCHOTT Nexterion® products for dual color analysis on a single array in which at least two different samples are labeled with at least two different labels may require a license under one of the following patents: U.S. patent nos. 5,770,358 or 5,800,992 or 6,225,625 and U.S. patent no. 5,830,645. Manufacturing and use of probe arrays may require a license under the following patents: U.S. patent no. 6,040,138 or 5,445,934 or 5,744,305 and under the following patents owned by Oxford Gene Technology Ltd. ("OGT"): European patent no. EP 0,373,203, U.S. patent nos. 5,700,637 and 6,054,270 and Japanese patent nos. 3393528 and 3386391 ("The OGT patents"). Other patents may apply. The purchase of SCHOTT Nexterion® products does not convey any license under any of the OGT patents or any of the other patents referred to. For all applications SCHOTT North America Inc. and SCHOTT Technical Glass Solutions GmbH make no representation or warranty that the practice of its technology and products or any improvement will not infringe or violate any domestic or foreign patent of any third party. Before making or using any oligonucleotide arrays you should contact OGT to discuss a licence. To inquire about licensing under the OGT patents, please contact OGT at licensing@ogt.co.uk.