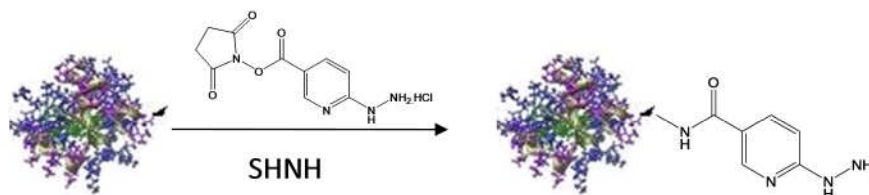


## Instructions

### Introduction:

SHNH is a bifunctional aromatic hydrazine linker used to incorporate HyNic (6-hydrazinonicotinamide) linkers onto biomolecules through their amino group via an activated ester (i.e. NHS; Figure 1). HyNic groups were developed to link Tc-99m to proteins for *in vivo* imaging.<sup>1-4</sup>

The number of HyNic linkers incorporated on biomolecules can be quantified colorimetrically on reaction with 2-sulfobenzaldehyde (Solulink catalog# S-2005-100). The product yields a chromophore that absorbs at A350 with a molar extinction coefficient of 18000 (Figure 2).



**Figure 1:** Scheme presenting the modification of a protein with SHNH.

### Reagents

Desalting Spin columns (cat # S-4004-025)  
 Modification Buffer (cat # S-4003-005)  
 DMF (anhydrous) (cat # S-4001-005)

### Equipment

Variable-speed bench-top microcentrifuge  
 Spectrophotometer or Plate Reader  
 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes

**Note:** This protocol and all documents linked below can be downloaded from the appropriate category in the Solulink Library at <http://www.solulink.com/library>.

## Modification Procedure

### Desalting procedure

- Desalt/buffer exchange the protein into Modification Buffer (100 mM sodium phosphate, 150 mM sodium chloride, pH 7.4); if needed, refer to the [desalting protocol](#).

#### Notes:

- It is necessary to remove all free amine-containing contaminants, e.g. tris, glycine, from the protein solution before modification.
- High-level buffering capacity, i.e. 100 mM phosphate, is necessary for successful modification.**
- For desalting Solulink recommends Pierce Zeba Desalt Spin columns (# 89882) for protein purification. Refer to desalting protocol for further instructions.

### A. Determine the concentration of the protein

- Determine the concentration of the protein to be modified using a [Bradford assay](#) (BioRad, #500-0006) or the [BCA assay](#) (ThermoScientific, #23223). Alternatively the A280 can be used if the protein extinction coefficient is known (E1%).
- Adjust the concentration to 1-2.5 mg/mL in Modification Buffer pH 7.4, if necessary

### B. Prepare the SHNH Solution

- Prepare a stock solution of SHNH in anhydrous DMF (or DMSO) by dissolving 2-4 mg of SHNH in 100  $\mu$ L anhydrous DMF.  
**Note:** The SHNH/DMF stock solution must be used immediately.

### C. Modification of a protein

- Using Table 1 as a guide, or the with the aid of the [Protein Modification With An NHS Ester Calculator](#), add the requisite volume of SHNH/DMF to the protein solution.

#### Notes:

- Note:** be sure to use the correct values for SHNH in the **Reagent Information** section of the calculator
  - Depending on the size of the protein and the desired level of modification, the number of equivalents should be adjusted.
- Allow reaction to incubate at room temperature for 1.5-2 hours.

IgG concentration (mg/mL)	SHNH mole equivalents added	Determined ratio of HyNic/protein
1.0	20	5.5
	30	8.2
4.0	15	4.7
	20	6.4
	25	7.8

**Table 1:** Recommended equivalents of SHNH linker to add to proteins at increasing concentrations to incorporate a specific linker substitution ratio.

#### D. Desalting procedure

1. Desalt/buffer exchange the protein or oligonucleotide into Conjugation Buffer (100 mM sodium phosphate, 150 mM sodium chloride, pH 6.0); if needed, refer to the [Protein Desalting Protocol](#) or [Oligonucleotide Desalting Protocol](#), if needed.

#### E. Quantifying modification level

1. The molar substitution ratio (MSR) can be determined using a colorimetric reaction with 2-sulfobenzaldehyde, as outlined in Figure 2. Addition of 2-sulfobenzaldehyde to a HyNic-modified biomolecule yields an aromatic molecule that absorbs at 350 nm. Refer to the [HyNic-Protein Colorimetric MSR Calculator](#) as well as the protocol that is appropriate for your lab equipment: [HyNic Colorimetric MSR Assay Protein Nanodrop Method Protocol](#), [HyNic Colorimetric MSR Assay Protein Spectrophotometer Method Protocol](#).

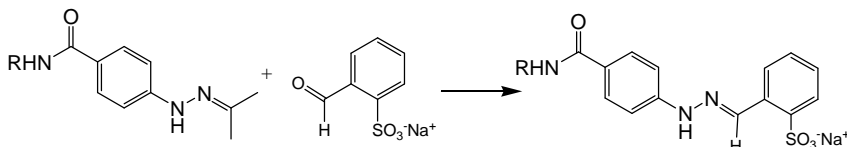


Figure 2: Colorimetric reaction used to quantify number of HyNic linkers on a biomolecule

2. The biomolecule is now SHNH-modified and ready for conjugation to Technetium-99M or 4FB-modified biomolecules and surfaces.

**Note:**

- a) HyNic-modified oligonucleotides are not stable and must be conjugated or immobilized immediately following desalting.

#### Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Protein was not modified or poorly modified.	Protein has been contaminated with amine containing compounds	Desalt the protein more thoroughly with a new Zeba Spin column Increase the concentration of the protein to >2.0 mg/mL
	The concentration of the protein was too low	
SHNH was hydrolyzed	Wet or poor quality DMF/DMSO hydrolyzed the NHS ester	Use a good quality anhydrous DMF/DMSO to solubilize the SHNH molecule.

#### Stability

It is recommended to use the HyNic modified protein immediately. If long term storage is required it is recommended to store the modified protein <-20 °C and perform a time course stability study.

#### Related Solulink Products

S-9002-1	S-HyNic Kit	S-4004	VivaSpin diafiltration device	S-2005	2-sulfo-benzaldehyde
S-1002-	S-HyNic	S-4001	DMF anhydrous	S-2006	TurboLink Catalyst Buffer
S-4000	Modification Buffer	S-4002	Conjugation Buffer		

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