

## HiTrap Con A 4B Columns

### Product Information

**Cat#No#** Hi-074P

### Product Overview

HiTrap Con A 4B is a ready-to-use column prepacked with Con A Sepharose 4B, a resin for convenient separation and purification of glycoproteins, polysaccharides, and glycolipids.

### Description

Concanavalin A (Con A) is a tetrameric metalloprotein isolated from *Canavalia ensiformis* (jack bean). Con A binds molecules containing  $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl,  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl, and sterically related residues. The binding sugar requires the presence of C-3, C-4 and C-5 hydroxyl groups for reaction with Con A. Con A coupled to Sepharose is routinely used for separation and purification of glycoproteins, polysaccharides, and glycolipids.

### Maximum operating pressure

5 bar [0.5 MPa] (70 psi)

### Matrix

4% agarose

### Average particle size

~ 90  $\mu$ m

### Ligand

Concanavalin A

### Ligand density

10 to 15 mg Con A/mL resin

### Dynamic binding capacity

20 to 45 mg porcine thyroglobulin/mL resin.

### Recommended flow rate

0.1 to 1 mL/min (1 mL); 0.5 to 5 mL/min (5 mL).

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### Recommended column height

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25 mm

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### Chemical stability

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Stable to all commonly used aqueous buffers. Chelating agents such as EDTA, 8 M urea, or solutions having a pH below 3 should be avoided as these conditions results in removal of manganese from the lectin with loss of activity as a result.

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### pH working range

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4 to 9

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### Storage

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4 to 8°C, 20% Ethanol containing 0.1 M Acetate Buffer pH 6, 1 M NaCl, 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub> and 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

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### Binding buffer

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20 mM Tris-HCl, 0.5 M NaCl, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7.4.

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### Elution buffer

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0.1 to 0.5 M methyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (methyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucoside) or methyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (methyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannoside), 20 mM Tris-HCl, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 7.4.

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### Binding

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Binding of glycoproteins and carbohydrate containing proteins occurs at neutral pH. The binding of substances to Con A Sepharose 4B requires the presence of both Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Ca<sup>2+</sup>. The protein-metal ion complex remains active and is stable at neutral pH even in the absence of the free metal ions. However to preserve the binding activity of the Con A molecule below pH 5, excess Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Ca<sup>2+</sup> (1 mM) must be present. This will ensure an active Con A-metal complex.

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### Elution

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Elution of bound substances can be achieved using an increasing gradient (linear or step) of methyl- $\alpha$ -Dmannopyranoside (methyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannoside) or methyl- $\alpha$ -Dglucopyranoside (methyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucoside). These sugars act as strong eluents. Many substances elute at 0.1 to 0.2 M but higher concentrations might be

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required for more tightly bound substances. Glucose and mannose may also be used but are weaker eluents. The recovery of glycoproteins can sometimes be improved by pausing the flow for a couple of minutes during elution. Tightly bound substances can also be eluted by lowering the pH, but not below pH 4.

Borate is known to form complexes with cis-diols on sugar residues and thus act as a competing eluent. For elution with borate, use a 0.1 M borate buffer, pH 6.5. Recovery on HiTrap Con A 4B is decreased in the presence of detergents.

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### Scaling up

1. Fill the syringe or pump tubing with binding buffer.
2. Remove the stopper and connect the column to the syringe or pump tubing—"drop-to-drop"—to avoid introducing air into the column. Use the provided luer adapter for the syringe.
3. Remove the snap-off end at the column outlet. Wash out the storage solution with 5 to 10 CV of distilled water or binding buffer.
4. Equilibrate the column with at least 10 CV binding buffer at 1 mL/min or 5 mL/min for 1 mL and 5 mL columns respectively to make sure that unbound Con A has been removed.
5. Apply the sample using a syringe fitted to the luer adapter or by pumping it onto the column. Use low flow rates: 0.1 to 0.5 mL/min, or 0.5 to 2.5 mL/min for 1 mL and 5 mL columns respectively.
6. Wash with 5 to 10 CV binding buffer or until no material appears in the effluent.
7. Elute with 5 CV elution buffer. The eluted fractions can be buffer exchanged using a HiTrap Desalting, HiPrep 26/10 Desalting, or Desalting PD-10 column.

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### Pack size

5 × 1 mL

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### Maximum flow velocity

1 mL/min (1 mL); 5 mL/min (5 mL).

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### Dimensions

7 × 25 mm

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### Column volume

1 mL

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### Column i.d.

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7 mm

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**Column hardware pressure limit**

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0.5 MPa (5 bar)

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