

HABA Protocol and Product Information Sheet

Product Category: UltraPure MALDI Matrices

Catalog Number(s): p9103-25mg, p9103-5x10mg, p9103-4x25mg, p9103-1gm

Product Name: HABA

Alternative Name(s): 4'-Hydroxyazobenzene-2-Carboxylic acid, 2-(4'-Hydroxybenzeneazo)benzoic

acid

CAS Number: 1634-82-8 Chemical Formula: $C_{13}H_9N_2O_3$ Molecular Weight: 242.23 Wavelength (λ_{max}): 337nm

Since there are many preparations and a wide variety of techniques where HABA and other MALDI matrices are used, below is intended to be only a general protocol or a starting point, not necessarily the best for your particular application.

MALDI Matrix Preparation (Dried Droplet Method)

- 1. Dissolve the MALDI matrix at a concentration of 4 mg/mL in Acetonitrile (or other suitable solvent composition). Vortex vigorously. Some gentle heat, such as running closed tube under warm water for 1-2 minutes may be needed to fully dissolve solid.
- 2. Dilute HABA stock solution 1:1 with proteomics or microbiology grade water, giving a 2 mg/mL HABA solution in 50% Acetonitrile, 50% Water. Vortex vigorously.

*note: Other concentrations can also be used depending on desired effects.

- 3. Dissolve sample in a similar solvent to matrix solution, such as 50% Acetonitrile, 50% Water. Mix the matrix solution with sample 1:1 giving a final HABA concentration of 1 mg/mL.
- 4. Apply 0.2 to 1.0 μL of this solution onto the MALDI sample plate.
- 5. Allow the matrix:sample to co-crystallize through evaporation at room temperature.
- 6. Place MALDI plate in MALDI-MS Ion Source and analyze samples.

Thin Layer Method is also a good option, although not covered in this product sheet._

References:

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