

GS02-2 Improvement of labeled protein analysis with photocross-linker bearing acylsulfonamide linkage

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Target identification of bioactive molecule has been a very important subject in the fields of life sciences and drug discovery. Recently, we have developed a multifunctional photo-crosslinker having a cinnamate moiety, which largely improved the efficiency on photoaffinity labeling (PAL)-based identification of the labeled site. In this study, we developed one-step synthesis of a PAL probe by sulfo-click reaction, one of bioorthogonal reactions, and utilized the scissile function of acylsulfonamide linkage to improve the efficiency of analysis.

Protein kinase PKC α and its inhibitory peptide were used for the PAL studies. Two PAL probes were prepared by introducing the photocross-linker into the peptide, which was previously incorporated of an unnatural amino acid derivative bearing a sulfonyl azide group, by sulfo-click reaction without protection. The PAL probes labeled PKC α in time-dependent manner under irradiation. *N*-Acylsulfonamide group formed by sulfo-click is extremely stable, and can be easily hydrolyzed upon *N*-alkylation in the same condition as reductive alkylation of cysteine, which is a chemical treatment of protein prior to MS analysis. This cleavage property is a useful function for purification of labeled protein. Photoproducts were analyzed by LC-MS/MS after digestion, which indicated the binding direction of the inhibitory peptide in proximity to the ATP-binding domain of PKC α . Furthermore, the cinnamic acid tag generated by the cleavage is converted to the corresponding coumarin tag by UV irradiation, which can be used as a MS-based verification of labeled peptide.