

# Improved Phos-tag Biotin and its application toward phosphoproteomics (改良型 Phos-tag Biotin とリン酸化プロテオミクスへの応用)

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We have developed various analytical methods for phosphoproteomic research that use several derivatives of Phos-tag. Among these, biotin-pendant Zn<sup>2+</sup>-Phos-tag (Phos-tag Biotin) has been used for surface plasmon resonance analysis of phosphopeptides and for Western blotting analysis of phosphoproteins on a protein-blotting membrane. In this study, our aim is to develop more-advanced applications for the detection of phosphopeptides and phosphoproteins by using several newly synthesized Phos-tag derivatives, including a bisbiotinylated Phos-tag (BTL-108), a tetrakisbiotinylated Phos-tag (BTL-109), and a monobiotinylated Phos-tag with a dodeca(ethylene glycol) spacer (BTL-111), as well as the existent product BTL-104. Among these Phos-tag derivatives, BTL-111 (commercially available from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Osaka, Japan) showed the best performance in Western blotting by an ECL system using HRP-conjugated streptavidin. In addition, in a quartz-crystal microbalance analysis of a phosphoprotein, the presence of the long hydrophilic dodeca(ethylene glycol) spacer in a novel Phos-tag sensor chip coated with BTL-111 resulted in a greater sensitivity than was achieved with a similar chip coated with BTL-104. Moreover, a peptide microarray chip technique using the ECL system and BTL-111 permitted high-throughput assays for the specific and highly sensitive detection of protein kinase activities in cell lysates. As well as these lab-on-a-chip techniques, Bio-Plex phosphoprotein detection analyses were also carried out successfully by using a complex of BTL-111 and phycoerythrin-conjugated streptavidin. In conclusion, these advanced techniques are expected to be useful for more-sensitive screening to provide information capable of resolving complex kinase/phosphatase-dependent intracellular signaling networks, leading to improved disease diagnosis and drug discovery.

