

## Protein fractionation by ammonium sulphate and dialysis

### Materials:

#### Chemical

Prepared crude extract, ammonium sulphate, 0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, distal water.

#### Equipment and Glassware

Beakers, measuring cylinder, centrifuge tubes, dialysis bags, electronic balance, centrifuge, magnetic stirrer.

### Protocol:

#### A. Salting out of protein A by 40% ammonium sulphate saturation:

1. Measure the volume of your crude extraction and calculate the weight in g of ammonium sulphate needed to saturate the solution 40% using *Table 1*.
2. Add the required salt to the solution slowly and gradually with small quantities and mix well continuously using magnetic stirrer while the sample is placed on ice.
3. After the addition is completed and the salt is completely dissolved, centrifuge at 3500 rpm for 10 min.
4. Discard the supernatant and dissolve the pellet in 10 ml of extraction buffer (0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 7.4).

#### B. Removing of salts molecules by dialysis:

1. Pre-wet the membrane by soaking the dialysis bag in the dialysis buffer for at least 30 min.
2. Close the dialysis bag from one side and load the sample.
3. Close the other side and place the bag in a beaker filled with 0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 7.4 buffer or phosphate buffer 0.1 M, pH 7.0.
4. Dialyze for 1 to 2 h at room temperature.
5. Change the dialysis buffer and dialyze for another 1 to 2 h.
6. Change the dialysis buffer and dialyze overnight at 4°C.

| %  | 10 | 15 | 20  | 25  | 30  | 33  | 35  | 40  | 45  | 50  | 55  | 60  | 65  | 70  | 75  | 80  | 85  | 90  | 95  | 100 |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0  | 56 | 84 | 114 | 144 | 176 | 196 | 209 | 243 | 277 | 313 | 351 | 390 | 430 | 472 | 516 | 561 | 610 | 662 | 713 | 767 |
| 10 |    | 28 | 57  | 86  | 118 | 137 | 150 | 183 | 216 | 251 | 288 | 326 | 365 | 406 | 449 | 494 | 540 | 592 | 640 | 694 |
| 15 |    |    | 28  | 57  | 88  | 107 | 120 | 153 | 185 | 220 | 256 | 294 | 333 | 373 | 415 | 459 | 506 | 556 | 605 | 657 |
| 20 |    |    |     | 29  | 59  | 78  | 91  | 123 | 155 | 189 | 225 | 262 | 300 | 340 | 382 | 424 | 471 | 520 | 569 | 619 |
| 25 |    |    |     |     | 30  | 49  | 61  | 93  | 125 | 158 | 193 | 230 | 267 | 307 | 348 | 390 | 436 | 485 | 533 | 583 |
| 30 |    |    |     |     |     | 19  | 30  | 62  | 94  | 127 | 162 | 198 | 235 | 273 | 314 | 356 | 401 | 449 | 496 | 546 |
| 33 |    |    |     |     |     |     | 12  | 43  | 74  | 107 | 142 | 177 | 214 | 252 | 292 | 333 | 378 | 426 | 472 | 522 |
| 35 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     | 31  | 63  | 94  | 129 | 164 | 200 | 238 | 278 | 319 | 364 | 411 | 457 | 506 |
| 40 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     | 31  | 63  | 97  | 132 | 168 | 205 | 245 | 285 | 328 | 375 | 420 | 469 |
| 45 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 32  | 65  | 99  | 134 | 171 | 210 | 250 | 293 | 339 | 383 | 431 |
| 50 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 33  | 66  | 101 | 137 | 176 | 214 | 256 | 302 | 345 | 392 |
| 55 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 33  | 67  | 103 | 141 | 179 | 220 | 264 | 307 | 353 |
| 60 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 34  | 69  | 105 | 143 | 183 | 227 | 269 | 314 |
| 65 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 34  | 70  | 107 | 147 | 190 | 232 | 275 |
| 70 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 35  | 72  | 110 | 153 | 194 | 237 |
| 75 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 36  | 74  | 115 | 155 | 198 |
| 80 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 38  | 77  | 117 | 157 |
| 85 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 39  | 77  | 118 |
| 90 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 38  | 77  |
| 95 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 39  |

**Table 1.** Quantities of ammonium sulphate required in (g) to reach given degrees of saturation in one liter of solution.