

Gold Nanoparticle Selection Guide

Choose Gold Nanoparticle Products Based on Application

Application	Gold Nanoparticle Size Range	Surface Chemistry	Benefits	Related Documents
Protein Conjugation	5nm-100nm	standard (citrate)	Quick	<u>Classic Passive Adsorption of</u> Proteins to Gold Nanoparticles
		<u>NHS</u>	Covalent conjugation to primary amines, increased stability, less non-specific protein binding.	Conjugation of proteins to NHS- activated gold nanoparticles
		<u>Maleimide</u>	Covalent conjugation to thiol groups, increased stability, less non-specific protein binding.	-
		<u>Carboxyl</u>	Covalent conjugation, increased stability, less non-specific protein binding.	Covalent conjugation of proteins to carboxyl gold nanoparticles
		<u>Amine</u>	Conjugation of carboxylated ligands	-
		Streptavidin	Can be used with any biotinylated ligand, ideal for high-throughput screenings.	-
Modification with thiolated ligands (PEG-SH etc.)	5nm-100nm	standard (citrate)	Classic starting material, no additional stabilizers added	-
		stabilized (surfactant)	Increased stability during functionalization but reduced kinetics	-
Oligonucleotide Conjugation	5nm-15nm	standard (citrate)	Ideal for conjugation of thiolated oligonucleotides to small particle sizes.	-
	5nm-100nm	OligoREADY™	Ideal for conjugation of thiol modified oligos to particles between 5nm-100nm in diameter.	-
	5nm-100nm	<u>Maleimide</u>	Ideal for covalent conjugation of thiol modified oligos to particles between 5nm-100nm in diameter.	-
	5nm-100nm	NHS	For covalent conjugation of amine functionalized oligonucleotides. Ideal when a linker is required between the gold	-
			surface and conjugated oligonucleotide.	
Immuno-dot blot/Western blot	5nm-20nm	Protein conjugated gold nanoparticles (antibodies, streptavidin etc)	Colorimetric straightforward detection (no equipment required) Generates a permanent label	Immunoblotting protocol for gold conjugates
Immunohistochemistry (TEM)	5nm-40nm	Protein conjugated gold nanoparticles (antibodies, streptavidin etc)	High contrast label	-
Flow Cytometry	50nm-400nm	Gold Size Standards	Ideal for standardization of results between runs and experiments when analyzing particles in the 50nm-400nm range.	-
Cellular Uptake	30nm-60nm	Transferrin gold conjugate	Active uptake through endocytosis	
		Standard (citrate)	Non-specific cellular uptake	-
		Cationic gold (available upon request)	High efficiency non-specific cellular uptake	-
Darkfield Microscopy	50nm-100nm	Gold conjugates		
Lateral Flow/Dip-Stick Assays	30nm-80nm	Standard (citrate) NHS Carboxyl Amine Streptavidin Protein A Protein G	Allows for development of rapid testing kit, point of care assays	Lateral flow immunoassays
Tumor Targeting	30nm-80nm	methoxy-PEG	Allows for passive targeting of certain tumors <i>in vivo</i> Inert material with low non-specific protein binding in serum	-
Light Microscopy	5nm-10nm	Gold secondary antibody conjugates	Ability to label tissue sections for both light and electron microscopy. Alternative to peroxidase and PAP based stains. Sensitivity can be enhanced with silver enhancement techniques	

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