

Labeling of a molecule e.g. a protein with a biotin/desthiobiotin moiety (biotinylation/desthiobiotinylation) is routinely performed for its subsequent affinity purification via streptavidin agarose or the detection via fluorescent or HRP-labeled streptavidin. Due to the extremely high affinity of biotin towards streptavidin ($K_D = 10^{-15}$ M), the biotinylated molecule/streptavidin-interaction is essentially irreversible under physiological conditions^[1]. Desthiobiotin however, binds less tightly to streptavidin ($K_D = 10^{-15}$ M) and desthiobiotinylated molecules are therefore easily eluted from the complex in the presence of excess Biotin^[2].

A tool-box of CLICKable reagents for (Desthio)Biotinylation with different cleavability characteristics (non-cleavable, chemically- or photo-cleavable for removal of the biotin moiety upon purification) is available to fit your specific application requirements:

Table 1: Overview of available CLICKable (Desthio)Biotinylation Reagents.

	Azide	Alkyne	DBCO* = ADIBO = DIBAC	Tetrazine	6-Methyl-Tetrazine
Biotin	Azide-PEG₃-Biotin Picolyl-Azide-PEG₄-Biotin 5/6-TAMRA-Azide-Biotin	Acetylene-PEG₄- Biotin	DBCO-PEG₄-Biotin Sulfo-DBCO-Biotin	Tetrazine-PEG ₄ - Biotin	6-Methyl-Tetrazine- PEG₄-Biotin
Biotin with chemically cleavable linker	Diazo Biotin-Azide Dde Biotin-Azide Diol Biotin-Azide	Diazo Biotin-Alkyne Dde Biotin-Alkyne Diol Biotin-Alkyne	Diazo Biotin-DBCO Dde Biotin-DBCO		
Biotin with photo- cleavable linker	Photocleavable Biotin-Azide	Photocleavable Biotin-Alkyne	Photocleavable Biotin-DBCO Photocleavable Biotin-Sulfo-DBCO		
Desthiobiotin	Azide-PEG ₃ - Desthiobiotin 5/6-TAMRA-Azide- Desthiobiotin	Acetylene-PEG ₄ - Desthiobiotin	DBCO-PEG ₄ - Desthiobiotin		

* DBCO = Dibenzocyclooctyne, ADIBO = Azadibenzocyclooctyne, DIBAC = Dibenzoazacyclooctyne

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