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The cell-free protein biosynthesis – applications and analysis of the system $^{\star \odot}$

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The *in vitro* protein biosynthesis has the potentials to be come a power fultech nology for biochemical research. Be side the determination of structure and function the *in vitro* evolution of proteins is also of great in ter est.

The sys tem de scribed was used to pro duce bo vine heart fatty acid bind ing pro tein (FABP) and bac te rial chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT) with and with out fusion of the Strep-tag II af fin ity pep tide. The pro teins were pu ri fied af ter and dur ing pro tein biosynthesis by us ing a StrepTactin Sepharose ma trix. No sig nif i cant in fluence of the Strep-tag and the con di tions dur ing the af fin ity chro ma tog ra phy on mat ur ra tion or ac tiv ity of the pro tein was ob served.

The *invitro*evolution of proteins is feasible by means of ribo some display. The selection of a specific mRNA coding for a short ened FABP with a N-terminal His-tag *via* the accompanying protein property was shown. Goal of the selection was to bind the FABP *via*the His-tag on Ni(II)-IDA-agarose. After nine cycles of transcription, trans lation, affinity selection and RT-PCR the protein with the His-tag could be enriched 10⁸-fold.

In or der to cor relate a possible relation ship be tween changes in protein population and biological function studies were initiated in which 2-dimensional protein patterns of the total *invitro* system were compared after 0 and 2 hreaction time. The very in teresting findings are that a number of proteins disappear, while others are newly formed during protein synthesis.

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Abbreviations: CAT, chloramphenicol acetyltransferase; DHFR, dihydrofolate reductase; FABP, fatty acid bind ing protein; GFP, green fluores cence protein; PRM, protein ribo some and en cod ing mRNA; TCA, trichloroacetic acid; 2-DE, two-dimensional gel electrophoresis.

The potentials of the in vitro protein biosynthesis sys tem in clude not only the pro duction of proteins, but especially the syn the sis of cytotoxic, regulatory or unstable proteins which cannot be expressed in living cells (Stiege & Erdmann, 1995). Another advantage is the labeling with isotopes at specific positions which facilitates their detection or al lows to study their struc ture and function by NMR spectroscopy. Further advantages are the purity of the synthesized proteins, it is easier to isolate them (Hauakanes & Kvam, 1993) and ingeneral their superior biological activities. The system can also be used for the invitroevolution of proteins with selected bio logical properties and it is possible to create proteins with improved or even new biological activitiesbyintroducingunnaturallymodified amino acids into specific positions of a protein.

The use of a spe cific in vivo or invitrosyn the sized protein for example for crystallization or NMR studies is to a great extent dependent upon its purity. For this pur pose the re com binant production and purification of proteins with short affinity tails have gained widespread application in biotechnology (Nygren et al., 1994). In most examples in vestigated so far it was found that these short peptide exten sions, be tween three and twelve amino acids in length, did not in ter fere with the bio log i cal function of the protein and there fore need not be removed viaproteolysis. The Strep-tag II is an eight-amino-acid pep tide that dis plays intrinsic binding affinity towards recombinant core streptavidin (Schmidt et al., 1996), named StrepTactin (Voss & Skerra, 1997). A specific advantage for protein purification is that competitive elution of the bound Strep-tag fu sion pro tein from the StrepTactin matrix can be ac complished in the native state under very mild buffer conditions by competition with the biotin analog desthiobiotin. We have tested if the Strep-tag affinity purification is practicable and compatible with our cell-free protein biosynthesis system.

In vitrose lection experiments using DNA or RNA, where the molecules are simultaneously ge no type and phe no type, have shown that nucleic acid molecules with specific molecular recognition and catalytic properties can be isolated from complex pools of random sequences (Osborne & Ellington, 1997). Be cause pro teins carry out a wider range of struc tural and catalytic roles in biology and are much more extensively used in diagnostics, therapeutic, and industrial applications, the selection and directed evolution of proteins is of great interest. Most of the methods used for the selection of proteins as carrier of the phe notype have been based directly or indirectly on living cells. Examples of such approaches include phage display (Smith & Petrenko, 1997), plasmid display (Schatz et al., 1996), and completely in vivo genetic approaches (Zhang et al., 1997; Moore & Arnold, 1996; Peled-Zehavi et al., 2000). How ever, in vivo approaches are limited by transformation efficiency to $1-10 \times 10^9$ different molecules. This limitation can be over come by using in vitro sys tems based on cell-free trans la tion. Pro teins un for tunately are not genetic molecules and can not be copied by any known en zy matic activity. Therefore, to construct an in vitro protein selection cycle, the amplifiable genomic information (mRNA) must be physically linked to the selectable in for mation (protein). Two different approaches have been published which make such a coupling possible. The mRNA-protein fu sion tech nique is a co va lent link age be tween the 3' end of the mRNA and the car boxyl ter minus of the protein via a puromycin (Rob erts & Szostak, 1997). The ribosome display is based on the possibility of expressing proteins from mRNA lacking a stop codon and the direct use of the ternary complex, consisting of a protein, a ribosome and an encoding mRNA (PRM-complex), for affinity enrichment (Hanes & Plückthun, 1997). One lim i ta tion of the ribo some dis play is that libraries must be screened under conditions in which the PRM-complex is stable

(high Mg²⁺ and low tem per a ture). Here we de scribe the establishment of the ribosome display technique in our lab.

Concerning the cell-free protein biosynthesis there are still a num ber of ques tions to be answered, in or der to ex plain the fact that the in vitro sys tem is much less of fi cient than the in vivo sys tem (Spirinet al., 1988; Ryabova et al., 1989; Stiege & Erdmann, 1995). One in ter esting observation with the closed in vitro system, called the batch system, is that after an ini tial very ac tive phase the reaction stops af ter 1 to 2 h. This has been observed in our E. coli translation system with the synthesis of FABP (Stiege & Erdmann, 1995). Similar results are obtained for the dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) and CAT (our un pub lished data) and green fluorescence protein (GFP) (Siemann et al., 2000). Thus questions arise: Which causes have been lead ing to the ter mination of protein synthesis in the batch system? So far sev eral rea sons could be ex cluded: mRNA hydrolysis cannot be the reason because in the coupled transcription/translationsystemT7-RNA polymerase permanently synthesizes new mRNAs. This system is stable as dem on strated by Siemann et al. (2000) and they were also able to eliminate energy shortages as a problem. Therefore we set up the hypothesis that the degradation and modi fication of enzymes and factors required for pro tein biosynthesis are the rea son in loss of activity. Thus we decided on the basis of a batch synthesis of FABP to monitor the proteins of the reaction mix ture after 0 and 120 min reaction time by high resolution two-dimensional gel electrophoresis (2-DE).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Construction of plasmids

For the construction of plasmids, which served as tem plates for the *in vitro* transcription, we followed standard protocols (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989).

In vitro transcription

The mRNA transcripts were obtained by *in vitro* runoff transcription from linearized plasmids or from PCR-products with T7 RNA polymerase (Stratagene) following the protocol of Triana-Alonso *et al.* (1995) with minor modifications. The synthe sized mRNA can be labeled with $[\alpha^{-35}S]$ CTP (Amersham). Transcripts were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis and in some cases by autoradiography after separation on 6% denaturing polyacrylamide gel.

In vitro translation

We used an optimized procaryotic lysate which was prepared by the method of Cronenberger & Erdmann (1975) with some modifications and composed of components described by Merk *et al.* (1999). The syn the sized proteins were labeled with L-[U-¹⁴C]leucine with a specific activity of 304 mCi/mmol (Amersham). After translation protein quantification was done by measuring the incorporated radioactivity present in trichloroacetic acid-precipitated aliquots of the reaction mix tures. The proteins were analyzed by autoradiography after separation on 15% polyacrylamide gels (Laemmli, 1970).

Strep-tagaffinitypurification

After in vitro pro tein biosynthesis. Purification of the Strep-tag fusion proteins was doneby affinity chromatography according to the manufacturers protocol (IBA Göttingen, Germany) except that the volume of the affinity column (StrepTactin Sepharose) was reduced to $230 \,\mu$ l to purify $150 \,\mu$ l reaction mix ture. The wash and elution volumes were $230 \,\mu$ l and $130 \,\mu$ l, respectively. Reaction mix tures from coupled transcription/trans lation were shortly centrifuged and subjected to the column. The iso lated fractions were analyzed by TCA-precipitation and by an auto radiography after SDS/PAGE as de scribed.

Dur ing in vitropro tein biosynthesis. The StrepTactin Sepharose matrix (50 μ l) was equil i brated with trans la tion buffer and then the re ac tion mix ture (100 μ l) for the coupled transcription/translation was added. The trans la tion re ac tion was car ried out with con stant shaking in order to keep the matrix in suspension. The matrix was collected by centrifugation for 1 min at 220 × *g* af ter pro tein synthesis and between the purification steps. Af ter re mov ing the supernatant the ma trix was washed three times with 100 μ l washing buffer fol lowed by elu tion of the Strep-tag fusion protein with four times 100 μ l elu tion buffer.

CAT-assay

The activity from in vitro synthesized CAT was detected with the FAST CAT[®] (deoxy) chloramphenicol acetyltransferase assay kit according to the man u facturers protocol (Mo lecular Probes, U.S.A.) with some modifications. The supernatant of a translation reaction after centrifugation at $15000 \times q$ for 5 min was diluted 500-fold with buffer (50 mM Tris/HCI, pH 7.8, 2 mM dithiothreitol/ 0.03% bo vine se rum al bu min) and be tween 1μ and 17 μ I were used in a total volume (same buffer) of 24 μ l. From each of the FAST CAT substrate solution and the 9 mM acetyl CoA 4 μ l were used. The reaction was stopped by add ing 400 μ l of ice-cold ethyl ac e tate. Af ter a short centrifugation the top 300 μ l ethyl acetate were trans ferred to a clean tube. The solvent was then evap o rated and the dry sam ple was taken up in 20 μ l ethyl ac e tate. Three μ l of this so lu tion were used for thin-layer chromatography.

Affinityselection of PRM-complexes and isolation of mRNA

The translation was stopped by adding $Mg(OAc)_2$ to a final concentration of 50 mM and cool ing on ice (Holschuh & Gassen, 1982). The sam ples were centri fuged for 5 min at 4 °C

at 15000 \times *g* to remove insoluble components. The supernatant was applied on a Ni(II)-IDA-agarose col umn. After six washes with ice cold washing buffer (Tris/HOAc, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 50 mM Mg(OAc)₂, 5–10 mM imidazole), the retained PRMcom plexes were eluted with ice-cold elu tion buffer (washing buffer with 300 mM imidazole). The released PRM-complexes were treated with EDTA and the mRNA was recovered by precipitation with isopropanol and glycogen.

Reversetranscription-PCR

Reverse trancription was performed using Superscript II reverse transcriptase (GIBCO/ BRL) according to the supplier's recommendation. Thirty cycles of PCR were per formed using Taq DNA poly mer ase (GIBCO/BRL) ac cording to the supplier's recommendation. PCR products were analyzed by agarose gel elec tro phore sis and purified from the gel and directly used for transcription.

Sample prep a ration for 2-DE from cell-free protein biosynthesis reaction

Protein concentration in S30-lysate was determined as described by Bradford (1976). Plasmid pHMFA containing the structural gene for FABP and all elements for in vitro transcription/translation was constructed as de scribed and added to ob tain a fi nal con centration of 2 nM. The biosynthesis reaction was car ried out as de scribed above with out any la beling in a volume of 200μ l. After 0 and 2 h in cu bation 100μ of the sam ples were removed. The first sample was immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen. The 2-h sample was centrifuged (5 min, $15000 \times g$, room temperature) in order to remove a precipitate. The supernatant was then frozen in liquid ni trogen un til the 2-DE was performed. For use in 2-DE the samples were thawed on ice and prepared as described by Klose & Kobaltz (1995). Equal volumes of 25 μ l were loaded on to first-dimen sional gels. The pro tein amount loaded on each gel was equivalent to 80 μ g.

High resolution 2-DE

We performed the high resolution 2-DE as de scribed by Klose & Kobaltz (1995) with minor modifications. The first dimension was run with carrier ampholytes in a pH-range from 4–11. The glass tubes contained gels of 23.5 cm length and with a 1.5 mm diameter (first dimension equipment from WITA, Teltow, Germany). Rod gels where incubated for 10 min in solution (WITA) before they were ap plied on the tops of the sec ond di mension gels. The homogenuous 15% SDS/polyacrylamide gels were 27 × 35 cm in size, with 0.9 mm spacers. The gels were silver stained ac cord ing to Heukeshoven & Dernick (1985).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Affinitypurification of cell-free synthesized Strep-tag II fusion proteins

The necessity to establish a one-step purification system for invitrosyn the sized proteins is obvious. In general short affinity peptides do not in terfere with the biological function of the protein and therefore need not be removed by proteolysis. This is a very important observation, because the conditions during proteolysis and the proteases itself have in many cases a negative in fluence to the activity and the stability of the purified protein. In addition, the affinity chromatography should be underphysiological con di tions so that the fu sion protein can be obtained in the native state. The Strep-tag affinity peptide was tested with regard to these require ments to in ves ti gate if it is a use ful tool for pro tein purifi cation in an *invitrotranslationsystem*.

First of all we have examined the quality of the Strep-tag purification. Therefore we fused the Strep-tag II to the C-terminus of the FABPand the CAT-gene and cloned them into plasmids containing all elements for an efficient in vitro transcription and translation. These plasmids showed in a coupled tran scrip tion/translation reaction no difference in activity when compared to the constructs without Strep-tag. The recom bi nant pro teins were subjected to affinity purification. About 87% of the FABP+StII and 79% of the CAT+StII were recovered from the column. 82% and 72%, respectively, could be isolated as pure products in the elution fractions as calculated by TCA precipitation of fractions of the affini ity chromatog raphy. The progress of the chro ma tog raphy from FABP+StII is shown in the Coomassie stain (Fig. 1A) and in the autoradiogram of the protein gel (Fig. 1B). The purified product was isolated mainly within one elution fraction visible in the Coomassie stained gel as one band. These results in dicate the quality of the Strep-tag puri fication.

The next ques tion was if the Strep-tag in terferes with the biological function of the fused protein. To get an an swer to this question we tested the activity of the *in vitro* synthesized CAT with and without Strep-tag, before and after affinity chromatography. In comparison to the commercial available CAT (Sigma) the activity of the cell-free translated proteins were usually significantly higher. Neither the Strep-tag nor the conditions of the chromatog raphy lead to decrease in activity (not shown).

After the purification system met our satisfaction we tried to separate the Strep-tag fusion proteins during synthesis. For that reason the influence of the StrepTactin sepharose matrix to the coupled transcription/translation reaction was examined. To one out of two iden ti cal 60μ lcoupled reaction mixtures were added 20 μ l StrepTactin Sepharose and we used a plasmid coding for FABP with out Strep-tag to determine the total amount of synthesized protein after translation. The products were an a lyzed by TCA pre cipitation and SDS/PAGE followed by autoradiography in a phosphorimager (Molecular Dynamics). The amount of the synthesized protein in the presence of the matrix was reduced to 94 \pm 2% compared with the unchanged reaction but also the by-products



able purity in the elution fractions as calculated by TCA precipitation of the different fractions. The progress of the chromatogra-

> Figure 1. Purification of FABP with Strep-tag II using a StrepTactin af fin ity col umn.

The same percentage of every isolated fraction was analyzed by SDS/PAGE. (A) Coomassie stain and (B) autoradiography of the radio ac tively la beled prod ucts. The sam ples in the num bered lanes are as fol lows: (1) mo lec u lar mass stan dards; (2) re action mixture; (3) flow-through of the sam ple load ing; (4–6) wash fractions 1-3; (7–12) elution fractions 1-6 and (13) 14 C-labeled molecular mass stan dards.

were decreased. The rest of the reaction mix ture with matrix was treated with 0.5 % SDS (30 min, 50°C) and an identical volume was analyzed by SDS/PAGE to find out if some product was bound to the matrix. The autoradiogram revealed that the by-products in this sample were increased but not the main product (Fig. 2). The FABP itself seem to have no affinity for the matrix and the slightly reduced performance is a consequence of the matrix present in the system. The by-products are probably unfolded, in sol uble proteins with some un specific affinity for the matrix.

The insignificant influence of the StrepTactin Sepharose upon the translation system gave us the chance to separate a protein with Strep-tag II during a coupled transcritpion/translation reaction. CAT with Strep-tag II was synthesized in a 150 μ I re action in the presence of 50 μ I StrepTactin Sepharose. The translation reaction was stopped after 90 min and the supernatant was removed. An affinity purification in a batch man ner was car ried out. About 71% of the synthesized product could be isolated at reason-

phy is shown in the Coomassie stain (Fig. 3A) and in the autoradiogram of the protein gel (Fig. 3B).

Selection of a desired protein property by means of ribo some dis play

The ri bo some dis play tech nique (Fig. 4) was first described by Mattheakis *et al.* (1994). Since we have a well working *in vi tro* translation sys tem we de cided to test rather the ri bo some display sys tem than the mRNA-protein fusion technique. One reason is that the puromycin-mRNA fusion, which has to be repeat edly con structed for each se lection cycle, is not only a time con sum ing fac tor but also a sys tem in which the prod ucts are pro duced at lower yields.

For the rea son to do *invitro* evo lu tion of pro teins in the fu ture we tried to es tab lish the ribosome display technique on the basis of a model sys tem. The used mRNA bears the untrans lated re gion of phage T7 gene 10, which encodes a stem-loop structure directly at the beginning of the mRNA, fol lowed by the coding se quence for FABP. The se quence cod ing



Fig ure 2. In flu ence of StrepTactin sepharose to a coupled transcription/translation reaction of FABP.

One out of two iden ti cal 60μ l reactions was car ried out in the presence of 20μ l affin ity matrix. The products of both reactions were an a lyzed by TCA precipitation and SDS/PAGE. The rest of the reaction mix ture with ma trix was treated with 0.5% SDS and iden ti cal volumes were an a lyzed. (A) Autoradiogram of the SDS/PAGE and (B) amount and distribution of the products. Lanes 1, reaction in the absence of matrix; 2, in the presence of matrix; 3, rest of the reaction mix ture.

for the last ten amino acids of FABP and the stop codon were replaced by the lipoprotein terminator of *E. coli*, which encodes a 3' stem-loop at the RNA level. This first mRNA (designated mFA) acts on the one hand as a con trol and was the ba sis for a sec ond mRNA (des ig nated mFAHis) cod ing for a N-terminal His-tag (six con sec u tive histidine res i dues) on the other hand. A mixture of these two mRNAs served as start ing pool and fea ture of the test selection was to bind on Ni(II)- IDA-agarose. Using ribosome display the mRNA coding for the FABP with His-tag should be enriched.

The mRNAs showed only a low level of unspecific bind ing to the NI(II)-IDA-agarose and neither of them was fa youred in the RT-PCR (not shown). Sev eral steps of op ti mi za tion in creased the yield of mFAHis after one round of affinity selection up to 8% of input mRNA calculated by TCA precipitation of radiolabelled mRNA. The integrity of the mRNA was an a lyzed by denaturating poly acrylamide gel electrophoresis followed by autoradiography in the phosphorimager system. As a re sult the amount of full length mRNA could be de tected and came to 5% (Fig. 5). The background of the sys tem could be de tected on the same way with mFA as template and was about 0.3%.

A final experiment should reveal the quality of the system. Therefore mFA and mFAHis were mixed in differ ent ratios and used for ribo some display (Table 1). Their PCR products differ slightly in length (21 basepairs), because of the His-tag with a linker codon and can thus be distinguished after agarose gel elec trophore sis. Depending on the ratio of di lution different numbers of cycles according to Fig. 4, undergoingselection on Ni(II)-IDAagarose, were necessary to enrich the PCR product coding for FABP with His-tag (Table 1). Even out of a ratio of 1:10⁸ (one mFAHis- be tween 10 mil lion mFA-molecules) "one mol e cule" could be se lected after nine cy cles (Fig. 6). The PCR products which went through nine cycles of selection were cloned and analyzed. Of 10 clones sequenced, 8 had the full His-tag se guence and the other two a short ened His-tag se quences cod ing for 5 and 4 his tidines, respectively. The sequence analy sis showed that the clones con tained be tween 5 and 13 base changes. At the protein level, the selected clones car ried be tween 0 and 5 ex changed amino acids.

The results demonstrate that even the 10⁸-fold en rich ment was success ful. With our model sys tem we have shown that it is possi-



Fig ure 3. Re moval of CAT with Strep-tag II during *in vitro* protein synthesis *via* StrepTactin Sepharose.

The same percentage of every isolated fraction ex cept of the elu tion frac tions was an a lyzed by SDS/PAGE. From the elu tion fractions the fourfold amount was separated in or der to check the pu rity. The sam ples in the num bered lanes are as fol lows: (1) mo lec u lar mass marker; (2–3) supernatant of the re action before and after centrifugation (5 min, $15000 \times g$); (4–6) wash fractions; (7–10) elution fractions.

Figure 4. Principle of *invitro* ribosome display for screening protein libraries for ligand binding.

(1) A DNA library contain ing a T7 promoter, ribosome binding site and stem-loops is first transcribed into RNA. (2) After purification, mRNA is trans lated *invitro* in an E. coli S-30 system. Translation is stopped by cool ing on ice, and the "PRM-com plexes" are stabilized by in creasing the magne sium concen tra tion. (3) The de sired "PRM-com plexes" are affinity selected from the trans la tion mix ture by bind ing to the immobilized ligand. (4) The "PRM-complexes" can be eluted with a spe cific com pet i tor. (5) Dis sociation of the complexes by adding EDTA. (6) Reverse transcrip tion of the iso lated mRNA. (7) Am plification of the cDNA by PCR. This DNA is then used for the next cy cle of en rich ment and (8) can be analyzed by cloning and sequence ing.

ble to carry out phenotypic selection for ligand bind ing with a protein molecule *in vitro* by using ribosome display.



Fig ure 5. Anal y sis of mRNA dur ing one round of affinity selection.

The radiolabeled mRNAs were iso lated from the reaction mix tures and the "PRM-complex", respectively be fore and after Ni²⁺-IMAC. (1) Reaction mix ture, (2) re action mixture after *in vitro* translation, (3) eluted "PRM-complexes". The mRNAs were sep a rated on a 5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel. Shown is the autoradiogram of the PAGE.

Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis

Although we are at the beginning of our investigation of the dynamics of the protein bioreactor, we would like to present here our first results. The follow ing data illus trated in his to grams have been obtained from 11 gels: 5 gels (a–e) represent the group '0 h' (one example is shown in Fig. 7A) and 6 gels (f–k) represent the '2 h' (one example is shown in Fig. 7B) group at the endpoint of reaction.

The gels were analyzed with the MELANIE software (Appel *et al.*, 1991). A synthetic gel was prepared as a reference on the basis of both groups i.e. the 0 h and 2 h experiments. Only spots observed at least in 3 gels were matched against each other. The spots from '0 h' group resulted in av er aged 1743 (±6.8%)

spots against 1943 (±10.8%) in '2 h' group. This fact requires fur ther validation. The spot number is potentially increased due to proteolytical activity and/or modification of proteins. Investigations from Schindler *et al.* (1999) with a different type of protein bioreactor (dialysis system) were opposite to our findings, in their experiments the spot number was reduced after 2 h.

Table 1. Num ber of selection cycles neces sary for en rich ment of the di luted mRNA.

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Ra tio of mFAHis : mFA	Num ber of cy cles nec es sary for selection
1:10 ²	3
1:10 ⁴	4
1:10 ⁵	5
1:10 ⁸	9

mFA and mFAHis were mixed at dif fer ent ra tios and used for ri bo some dis play.

Spot intensities were measured as volume percent. We decided to consider only spots with a volume percent value greater than 0.01, be cause it is very dif fi cult to de termine small spots after Coomassie blue staining in or der to iden tify them later. We tested



Figure 6. Enrichment of FABP+His from a mixture with FABP by ri bo some dis play.

The mRNA of FABP+His was mixed with the mRNA of FABP at a ra tio of 1:10⁸ and used for ri bo some dis play. Af ter af fin ity se lec tion of "PRM-complexes" car ry ing a His-tag, the mRNA was am pli fied by RT-PCR and an a lyzed by agarose gel elec tro pho re sis. Lane M is a 100 bp DNA lad der. The other lanes show the PCR prod ucts af ter different se lection cy cles.



Figure 7A. Two dimensional polyacrylamide gel from the cell-free reaction mixture at the start point of protein bio-synthesis.





Fig ure 8. Five ex am ples for spots, which in ten sities are re duced af ter 2 h, are shown in A–E in histograms. One spot disappeared after 2 h and is shown in F. 0 h sam ples are pre sented in a–e and 2 h sam ples in f–k.

the significance by which spots from one group against the other were reduced (examples are given in Fig. 8) or increased (examples are given in Fig. 9) with the Student's *t*-test and se lected spots about 0.975 with the volume percent change by a factor 2.

The results obtained can be summarized as follows and are documanted (Fig. 8A–E).

Spots dis ap pear af ter 2 h: 1

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- New spots are formed after 2 h: 12
- Spots are more intense after 2 h: 5



Fig ure 9. Six ex am ples for spots, which does not ex ist at the start of the pro tein biosynthesis re action, but are formed af ter 2 h are shown in A-F in his to grams. 0 h sam ples are pre sented in a-e and 2 h sam ples in f-k.

Currently we are working on the identification of these 27 pro teins and their pos si ble in volvement in the *invitro* pro tein biosynthesis system.

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