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**Product Information: ATTO 520**

**ATTO 520** is a novel fluorescent label related to the well-known dye Rhodamine 6G. The dye is intended for application in the area of life science, e.g. labeling of DNA, RNA or proteins. Characteristic features of the label are strong absorption, high fluorescence quantum yield, high thermal and photo-stability, and very little triplet formation. At pH > 7 **ATTO 520** shows reversible formation of a colorless pseudobase. For details of coupling see our recommended labeling procedure at [www.atto-tec.com](http://www.atto-tec.com) - Support - [User Guides & Protocols](#).

**Optical data of the carboxy derivative (in PBS, pH 7.4):**

$$\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 517 \text{ nm}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{max}} = 1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

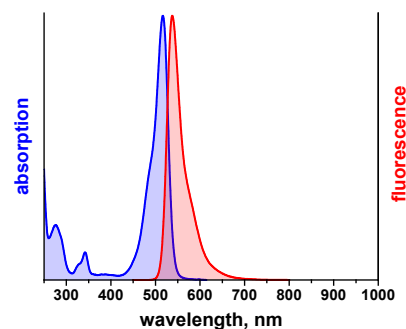
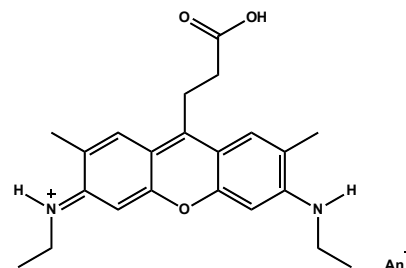
$$\lambda_{\text{fl}} = 538 \text{ nm}$$

$$\eta_{\text{fl}} = 90 \%$$

$$\tau_{\text{fl}} = 3.6 \text{ ns}$$

$$\text{CF}_{260} = 0.16$$

$$\text{CF}_{280} = 0.20$$



Spectra available in digitized form (excel file) on

<http://www.atto-tec.com>

Modification	MW, g/mol	M <sup>+</sup> , g/mol	Order Code	
			Unit (1 mg)	Unit (5 mg)
carboxy	467	367	AD 520-21	AD 520-25
NHS-ester	564	464	AD 520-31	AD 520-35
maleimide	589	489	AD 520-41	AD 520-45
biotin	777	677	AD 520-71	AD 520-75
phalloidin	1250	1136	AD 520-81*	AD 520-82**
amine	609	409	AD 520-91	AD 520-95
azide	681	567	AD 520-101	AD 520-105

\* 10 nmol    \*\*20 nmol

## General Information

**Storage:** The product is shipped solvent-free at ambient temperature. Upon receipt store at -20 °C. To avoid moisture condensation onto the product, vial must be equilibrated to room temperature before opening. When stored properly, protected from moisture and light, ATTO-TEC products are stable for at least three years.

**Risk and safety:** A material safety data sheet (MSDS) of each derivative can be downloaded from our website at [www.atto-tec.com](http://www.atto-tec.com).

**Solutions:** The product is soluble in polar solvents, e.g. dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), or acetonitrile. However, due to their inherent reactivity, NHS-esters and maleimides must be well protected from OH-containing solvents like ethanol and, in particular, water. Prepare labeling solutions of NHS-esters and maleimides immediately before use by dissolving the vial content in anhydrous and amine-free DMF or DMSO. Depending on the quality of the solvent used, such solutions may be of limited stability.

Dye with **free carboxy (COOH)** may be used for any kind of spectroscopy. Due to the high extinction coefficient and its high quantum yield of fluorescence this product is suitable for high-sensitivity detection including single-molecule work. The dye can be activated at the carboxy group for coupling purposes.

The **NHS-ester** of the dye reacts easily with amino-groups of proteins and other bio-molecules. Since the amino-group must be non-protonated to be reactive, the pH of the reaction solution has to be adjusted sufficiently high. As with all NHS-esters unavoidable hydrolysis takes place at high pH and competes with the desired labeling reaction. Therefore the solution has to be buffered carefully. For details see the Labeling Protocol on [www.atto-tec.com](http://www.atto-tec.com).

The **maleimide** is suitable for labeling sulfhydryl (thiol) groups of proteins, in particular cystein residues. See Labeling Protocol on [www.atto-tec.com](http://www.atto-tec.com).

The **biotin** derivative can be used as reagent for binding to proteins like avidin and streptavidin.

**Phalloidin**, a bicyclic heptapeptide, is a very strong binding reagent to actin. Fluorescent labeled phalloidin has become a useful tool to investigate the distribution of F-actin within the cytoskeleton of cells by fluorescence microscopy. To prepare a stock solution of the phalloidin-conjugate it is recommended dissolving the sample in 1 ml of methanol.

### **Further Notes:**

- ATTO-TEC products are high-quality reagents intended for research purposes only.
- The use of ATTO-TEC products must be supervised by technically qualified personnel experienced in handling potentially hazardous chemicals. For safety instructions please read the corresponding Material Safety Data Sheet.
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