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AURORA A, Active

Full-length recombinant protein expressed in Sf9 cells

Catalog # A28-10G
Lot # P071-1

Product Description

Recombinant full-length mouse AURORA A was expressed by baculovirus in Sf9 cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is NM_011497.

Gene Aliases

AURKA, STK6; STK15; AIK; ARK1; AURA; BTAK; AURORA2

Formulation

Recombinant protein stored in 50mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 0.25mM DTT, 0.1mM EGTA, 0.1mM EDTA, 0.1mM PMSF, 25% glycerol.

Storage and Stability

Store product at –70°C. For optimal storage, aliquot target into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. For most favorable performance, avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Scientific Background

AURORA A belongs to a multigenic family of mitotic serine/threonine kinases which are involved in the control of chromosome segregation. AURORA A is involved in centrosome separation, duplication and maturation as well as in bipolar spindle assembly and stability (1). AURORA A is expressed and active at the highest level during G2-M phase of the cell cycle. Overexpression of AURORA A has been found to be correlated with the grade of various human solid tumours. Ectopic AURORA A overexpression in any culture cell line leads to polyploidy and centrosome amplification (2).

References

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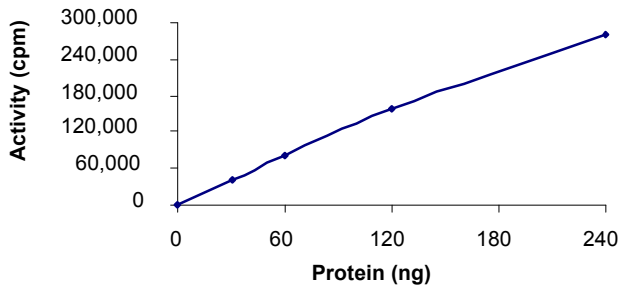
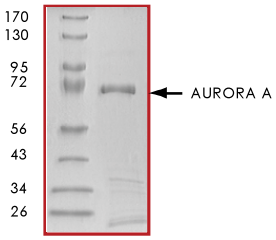
Specific Activity



The specific activity of AURORA A was determined to be **69 nmol /min/mg** as per activity assay protocol.

Purity



The purity was determined to be **>90%** by densitometry.
Approx. MW **~71kDa**.

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Specific Activity	69 nmol/min/mg
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Purity	>90%
Concentration	0.1 μg/μl
Stability	1yr at –70°C from date of shipment
Storage & Shipping	Store product at –70°C. For optimal storage, aliquot target into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. For most favorable performance, avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles. Product shipped on dry ice.

Activity Assay Protocol

Reaction Components

Active Kinase (Catalog #: A28-10G)

Active AURORA A (0.1μg/μl) diluted with Kinase Dilution Buffer I (Catalog #: K21-09) and assayed as outlined in sample activity plot. (Note: these are suggested working dilutions and it is recommended that the researcher perform a serial dilution of Active AURORA A for optimal results).

Kinase Dilution Buffer I (Catalog #: K21-09)

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09) diluted at a 1:4 ratio (5X dilution) with distilled H_2O.

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09)

Buffer components: 25mM MOPS pH 7.2, 12.5mM β-glycerol-phosphate, 25mM $MgC1_2$, 5mM EGTA, 2mM EDTA. Add 0.25mM DTT to Kinase Assay Buffer prior to use.

[^{32}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail

Prepare 250μM [^{32}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in a designated radioactive working area by adding the following components: 150μl of 10mM ATP Stock Solution (Catalog #: A50-09), 100μl [^{32}P]-ATP (1mCi/100μl), 5.75ml of Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09). Store 1ml aliquots at –20°C.

10mM ATP Stock Solution (Catalog #: A50-09)

Prepare ATP stock solution by dissolving 55mg of ATP in 10ml of Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09). Store 200μl aliquots at –20°C.

Substrate (Catalog #: M42-54G)

Myelin basic protein (MBP) diluted in distilled H_2O to a final concentration of 0.2mg/ml.

Assay Protocol

Step 1. Thaw [^{32}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in shielded container in a designated radioactive working area.

Step 2. Thaw the Active AURORA A, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice.

Step 3. In a pre-cooled microfuge tube, add the following reaction components bringing the initial reaction volume up to 20μl:

- **Component 1.** 10μl of diluted Active AURORA A (Catalog #A28-10G)
- **Component 2.** 10μl of 0.2mg/ml stock solution of substrate (Catalog #M42-54G)

Step 4. Set up the blank control as outlined in step 3, excluding the addition of the substrate. Replace the substrate with an equal volume of distilled H_2O.

Step 5. Initiate the reaction by the addition of 5μl [^{32}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail bringing the final volume up to 25μl and incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30°C for 15 minutes.

Step 6. After the 15 minute incubation period, terminate the reaction by spotting 20μl of the reaction mixture onto individual pre-cut strips of phosphocellulose P81 paper.

Step 7. Air dry the pre-cut P81 strip and sequentially wash in a 1% phosphoric acid solution (dilute 10ml of phosphoric acid and make a 1L solution with distilled H_2O) with constant gentle stirring. It is recommended that the strips be washed a total of 3 intervals for approximately 10 minutes each.

Step 8. Count the radioactivity on the P81 paper in the presence of scintillation fluid in a scintillation counter.

Step 9. Determine the corrected cpm by removing the blank control value (see Step 4) for each sample and calculate the kinase specific activity as outlined below.

Calculation of [P^{32}]-ATP Specific Activity (SA) (cpm/pmol)

Specific activity (SA) = cpm for 5μl [^{32}P]-ATP / pmoles of ATP (in 5μl of a 250μM ATP stock solution, i.e., 1250 pmoles)

Kinase Specific Activity (SA) (pmol/min/μg or nmol/min/mg)

Corrected cpm from reaction / [(SA of ^{32}P-ATP in cpm/pmol)*(Reaction time in min)*(Enzyme amount in μg or mg)]*[(Reaction Volume) / (Spot Volume)]

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