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PKAcα, Active

Full-length recombinant protein expressed in Sf9 cells

Catalog # P51-10G
Lot # Q210-2

Product Description

Recombinant full-length human PKAcα was expressed by baculovirus in Sf9 insect cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is NM_002730.

Gene Aliases

PRKACA, MGC48865

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

The catalytic subunit C-alpha of PKA (PKAcα) is a member of the Ser/Thr protein kinase family and has been assigned to chromosome region 19p13.1 (1). Null mutation in PKAcα leads to early postnatal lethality in the majority of C-alpha knockout mice. Surprisingly, a small percentage of C-alpha knockout mice, although runted, survived to adulthood. In these animals, compensatory increases in C-beta levels occurred in brain whereas many tissues, including skeletal muscle, heart, and sperm, contained less than 10% of the normal PKA activity (2).

References

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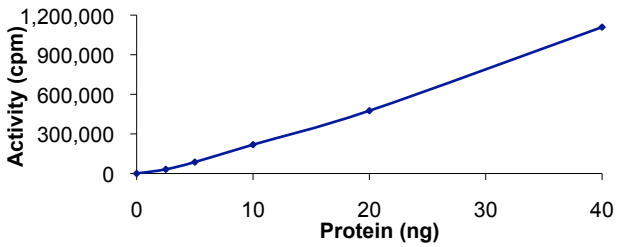
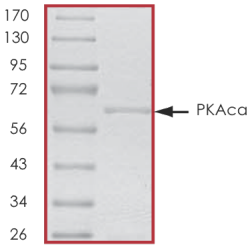
2. Skalhegg, BS. Et al: Mutation of the C-alpha subunit of PKA leads to growth retardation and sperm dysfunction. Molec. Endocr. 16: 630-639, 2002.

Specific Activity



The specific activity of PKAcα was determined to be **1665 nmol/min/mg** as per activity assay protocol.

Purity



The purity of PKAcα was determined to be **>90%** by densitometry, approx. MW **69kDa**.

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Specific Activity	1665 nmol/min/mg
Specific Lot Number	Q210-2
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 #: P51-10G)

Active PKAcα (0.1μg/μl) diluted with Kinase Dilution Buffer VII (Catalog #: K27-09) 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 PKAca for optimal results).

Kinase Dilution Buffer VII (Catalog #: K27-09)

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09) diluted at a 1:4 ratio (5X dilution) with 50ng/μl BSA and 5% glycerol solution.

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.

[^{33}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail

Prepare 250μM [^{33}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 [^{33}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 #: C50-58)

CREBtide synthetic peptide substrate (KRREILSRRPSYR) diluted in distilled H_2O to a final concentration of 1mg/ml.

Assay Protocol

Step 1. Thaw [^{33}P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in shielded container in a designated radioactive working area.

Step 2. Thaw the Active PKAca, 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 PKAcα (Catalog #P51-10G)
- **Component 2.** 5μl of 1mg/ml stock solution of substrate (Catalog #C50-58)
- **Component 3.** 5μl distilled H_2O (4°C)

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 5 μl [^{33}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 20 μl 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^{33}]-ATP Specific Activity (SA) (cpm/pmol)

Specific activity (SA) = cpm for 5 μl [^{33}P]-ATP / pmoles of ATP (in 5 μl of a 250 μM ATP stock solution, i.e., 1250 pmoles)

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

Corrected cpm from reaction / [(SA of ^{33}P-ATP in cpm/pmol)*(Reaction time in min)*(Enzyme amount in μg or mg)]*[(Reaction Volume) / (Spot Volume)]

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