



PPH307 PODS[®] Human Activin B

Description

The product contains the polyhedrin protein co-crystallized with Human Activin B. Activin B is a member of the TGF- β superfamily, which are disulfide-linked dimeric proteins that were originally purified from gonadal fluids and had as primary role to stimulate the release of pituitary follicle stimulating hormones (FSH). Activin B has shown to have a wide range of biological activities including: mesoderm induction, neural cell differentiation, bone remodeling, hematopoiesis, reproductive physiology, and hormone secretion from the hypothalamic, pituitary and gonadal glands. Activins exert their biological activities through binding to the heterodimeric complex composed of two membrane spanning serine-threonine kinases designated as type I and type II. Two forms of activin receptor type I (Act RI-A and Act RI-B) and two forms of activin receptor type II (Act RII-A and Act RII-B) have been identified. Activin B signals through the ActRII receptor (Activin Receptor type II).

Length	160 aa
Molecular Weight	36 kDa
Source	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda (Sf9) cell culture</i>
Accession Number	Q53T31

Usage Recommendation

PODS[®] are pure protein co-crystals consisting of polyhedrin, a structural scaffold protein, and a cargo protein. Under the action of proteases, which degrade the scaffold protein, PODS provide sustained release of the cargo protein. Any cargo growth factor molecule contained within PODS is not available to cells and not bioactive. Once released, growth factors become available to bind cells and are bioactive. The concentration to which a growth factor accumulates in cell culture media (or in-vivo environment) will depend on the amount of cargo (contained in PODS) added, the rate of cargo release, and the subsequent rate of degradation of the released cargo protein. As a rule of thumb, in the presence of 10% serum, peak levels of available growth factors released from PODS are reached within 24-48 hours. Typically, at this point 20% of the growth factor cargo initially contained within the PODS is present in a soluble form and available to bind cells. For example, if PODS containing 100 ng of cargo are added to 10 ml of cell culture media containing 10% serum, it can be expected that 20 ng will be released after 24 hours to give a concentration of available growth factor of 2 ng/ml. The concentration that you need for a particular application will likely be lower than the equivalent conventional growth factor. This is because PODS are better at maintaining minimum growth factor concentrations. Pre-incubating PODS with serum for 24 hours prior to culture will ensure that available growth factor is immediately present. Ultimately, the amount of PODS growth factor that is optimal for a particular experiment should be optimized empirically.

Specifications

Alternative Names	Inhibin beta-2, Activin-B, INHBB, Inhibin Beta B, Inhibin Beta-2
Endotoxin Level	<0.06 EU/ml as measured by gel clot LAL assay
Formulation	PODS® were lyophilized from a volatile solution
AA Sequence	MADVAGTSNR DFRGREQLF NSEQYNNNS KNSRPSTSLY KKAGFGLECD GRTNLCCRQQ FFIDFRLIGW NDWIIAPTGY YGNYCEGSCP AYLAVPGSA SSFHTAVVNQ YRMRGLNPGT VNSCRIPTKL STMSMLYFDD EYNIVKRDVP NMIVEECGCA

Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution

Ensure the PODS® are resuspended in buffer by pipetting up and down immediately before aliquoting. PODS® may be reconstituted at 100 ug/ml in water. 20% glucose has a buoyant density closer to PODS® and can be useful for slowing sedimentation when aliquoting. PODS® are highly stable when stored in aqueous solution (pH range 6 - 8).

Stability and Storage

Upon receipt, store at 4°C. PODS® are stable for at least 1 year when dry and 6 months when resuspended.