

## PPH41 PODS® Human Follistatin

### Description

The product contains the polyhedrin protein co-crystallized with Human Follistatin. Follistatin is an autocrine, activin-binding protein that is ubiquitously expressed with highest expression levels being in the ovary and skin. Follistatin negatively regulates the signaling of Transforming Growth Factor  $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) family members, such as activin, bone morphogenic proteins (BMP), myostatin, Growth Differentiation Factor 11 (GDF-11), and TGF- $\beta$ 1. Follistatin functions as an antagonist by binding TGF- $\beta$  family members to block interaction with their signaling receptors. Follistatin also inhibits the secretion of Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (FSH) from the anterior pituitary.

<b>Length</b>	333 aa
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	36.7 kDa
<b>Source</b>	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda (Sf9) cell culture</i>
<b>Accession Number</b>	P19883

### Usage Recommendation

PODS® co-crystals provide a depot of proteins which are steadily secreted. It has been estimated that the biological activity of 50 million PODS® co-crystals generates the same peak dose as 3.3  $\mu$ g of standard recombinant protein. However, at 5 days following the start of seeding the PODS® co-crystals, there are more than 50% of these peak levels still present in the culture system. Ultimately, the amount of PODS® co-crystals that is optimal for a particular experiment should be determined empirically. Based on previous data, we suggest using 50 million PODS® co-crystals in place of 3.3  $\mu$ g of standard growth factor as a starting point. To control for cross-reactivity with cells or as a negative control, we recommend using PODS® growth factors alongside [PODS® Empty crystals](http://www.cellgs.com/products/podsand8482-empty.html), as the latter do not contain or release cargo protein.

### Specifications

<b>Alternative Names</b>	FS, activin-binding protein, FSH-suppressing protein, FSP
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<0.06 EU/ml as measured by gel clot LAL assay
<b>Formulation</b>	PODS® were lyophilized from a volatile solution
<b>AA Sequence</b>	MADVAGTSNR DFRGREQRLF NSEQYNYNNS KNSRPSTSLY KKAGFGNCWL RQAKNGRCQV LYKTELSKEE CCSTGRLSTS WTEEDVNDNT LFKWMIFNGG APNCIPCKET CENVDCGPGK KCRMNKKKNP RCVCAPDCSN ITWKGVCGL DGKTYRNECA LLKARCKEQP ELEVQYQGRC KKTCDRVFCP GSSTCVVDQT NNAYCVTCNR ICPEPASSEQ YLCGNDGVTY SSACHLRKAT CLLGRSIGLA YEGKCIKAKS CEDIQCTGGK KCLWDFKVGR GRCSLCDEL C PDSKSDEPVC ASDNATYASE CAMKEAACSS GVLLEVKHSG SCN

### Preparation and Storage

<b>Reconstitution</b>	PODS® co-crystals may be reconstituted at 200 million co-crystals/ml in water. 20% glucose has a buoyant density closer to PODS® co-crystals and can be useful for aliquoting. PODS® co-crystals are highly stable when stored in aqueous solution (pH range 6 - 8).
<b>Stability and Storage</b>	Upon receipt, store at 4°C. PODS® co-crystals are stable for at least 1 year when dry and 6 months when resuspended.

