

## PPH6 PODS<sup>®</sup> Human Activin A

### Description

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The product contains the polyhedrin protein co-crystallized with Human Activin A. Activin A is a member of the Transforming Growth Factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) family of proteins with a wide range of biological activities. Activins are produced in many tissue types including the skin, gonads, lungs, and pituitary gland. Activins interact with receptor type I and type II serine/threonine protein kinases, to activate SMAD signaling and regulate diverse cellular functions, such as cell proliferation, differentiation, wound healing, apoptosis, and metabolism. Activin A is a homodimer comprised of two activin beta A chains. Human Activin A shares 100% amino acid sequence identity with mouse, rat, porcine, bovine, and feline Activin A proteins.

<b>Length</b>	155 aa
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	35 kDa
<b>Source</b>	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda (Sf9) cell culture</i>
<b>Accession Number</b>	P08476

### Usage Recommendation

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PODS<sup>®</sup> 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

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<b>Alternative Names</b>	Inhibin beta-1, FRP, FSH-releasing protein, EDF, erythroid differentiation factor, FRP, follicle stimulating hormone releasing protein, Activin-A
<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 DFRGREQLF NSEQYNNNS KNSRPSTSLY KKAGFMGNIC AKKQFFVSPK DIGWNDWIIA PSGYHANYCE GECPSHIAGT SGSSLSFHST VINHYRMRGH SPFANLKSCC VPTKLRPMSM LYYDDGQNII KKDIQNMIVE ECGCS

## Preparation and Storage

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### 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® co-crystals are stable for at least 1 year when dry and 6 months when resuspended.