

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *E. coli*-derived  
Ala134-Glu458, with a C-terminal 6-His tag  
Accession # O43464

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Ala134

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 36 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 38 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to cleave  $\beta$ -casein.  
>95% cleavage of  $\beta$ -casein, as measured under the described conditions.

**Purity** >85%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

**Formulation** Supplied as a 0.2  $\mu$ m filtered solution in HEPES, NaCl, DTT and Glycerol. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**Activity Assay Protocol**

**Materials**

- Assay Buffer: 50 mM Tris, pH 8.0
- Recombinant Human HTRA2/Omi (rhHTRA2) (Catalog # 1458-HT)
- Substrate:  $\beta$ -Casein (Sigma, Catalog # C-6905), 1.0 mg/mL stock in 25 mM Tris, 0.15 M NaCl, pH 7.5
- SDS-PAGE and silver staining reagents

**Assay**

1. Dilute Substrate to 0.4 mg/mL in Assay Buffer.
2. Dilute rhHTRA2 to 0.04 mg/mL in Assay Buffer.
3. Add 25  $\mu$ L of substrate and 25  $\mu$ L of rhHTRA2 to reaction tube. Include a control with 25  $\mu$ L Substrate and 25  $\mu$ L Assay Buffer.
4. Incubate the reaction and control for 1 hour at 45 °C.
5. Stop the reaction by adding SDS-PAGE sample buffer.
6. Analyze the cleavage by SDS-PAGE followed by silver staining.

**Final Assay Conditions** Per Reaction:

- rhHTRA2: 0.02 mg/mL
- Substrate: 0.2 mg/mL

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

**Shipping** The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 6 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after opening.

**BACKGROUND**

HtrA2/Omi is the mammalian homologue of bacterial high temperature requirement protein (HtrA). HtrA2/Omi localizes to the mitochondria and is processed to expose an amino-terminal Reaper-like motif similar to SMAC/Diablo. HtrA2/Omi is released from the mitochondria in response to apoptotic insult and can interact with the BIR2 or BIR3 domains of XIAP to relieve caspase-IAP inhibition. This effect can be measured by reversing XIAP-BIR2 (Catalog # 786-XB) inhibition of Caspase-7 (Catalog # 823-C7) cleavage of a fluorogenic peptide (DEVD-AFC, MP Bio, Catalog # AFC-138). IC<sub>50</sub> values for this effect are typically between 0.2 and 1.5  $\mu$ M. HtrA2/Omi is trimeric and functions as a serine protease. The serine protease activity may play a more central role in apoptosis than its IAP antagonizing function. A PDZ domain regulates the serine protease activity by blocking access to the active site. The specificity of the protease is yet to be defined and no endogenous substrates are known to date.

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