

DESCRIPTION

Source	Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived human Ficolin-3 protein Lys22-Arg299, with a C-terminal 10-His tag Accession # O75636-1
N-terminal Sequence Analysis	Lys22
Predicted Molecular Mass	30.7 kDa

SPECIFICATIONS

SDS-PAGE	37 kDa, reducing conditions
Activity	Measured by its ability to bind biotinylated α -D-Mannose-Polyacrylamide in a functional ELISA.
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 μ g of the protein by the LAL method.
Purity	>95%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.
Formulation	Supplied as a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS and NaCl. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Shipping	The product is shipped with dry ice or equivalent. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. • 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after opening. • 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after opening.

BACKGROUND

Human Ficolin-3 (fibrinogen/collagen-like), also called H-ficolin and, previously, Hakata antigen or thermolabile β -2 macroglycoprotein, is a member of the ficolin family of secreted pattern recognition proteins that belong to the lectin complement activation pathway (1, 2). Ficolin-3 is expressed by bile duct epithelial cells and hepatocytes, and is released into the bile and circulation, where it averages 18 μ g/mL (3, 4). It is also secreted by bronchial and alveolar epithelial cells in the lung (3). Mature human Ficolin-3 shares 46% and 52% amino acid (aa) identity with human Ficolin-1 and Ficolin-2, respectively. Ficolin-3 has only been identified in primates and is likely a pseudogene in other species (5). The 35 kDa, 288 aa human Ficolin-3 (isoform 2) contains a signal sequence, an N-terminal collagen domain and a C-terminal fibrinogen-like domain that includes a calcium binding site and two potential N-glycosylation sites. Isoform 1 contains an additional 11 aa between the collagen and fibrinogen-like domains. The collagen domain mediates trimer formation, and a ~650 kDa, 18 subunit oligomer is formed by disulfide links at the N-terminus (2, 6, 7). Ficolin-3 binds a limited set of carbohydrates containing mannose, galactose or D-fucose (2, 6). Binding of microbial carbohydrates has been clearly demonstrated only for the PSA antigen of *Aerococcus viridans* (4, 8, 9). Pathogen recognition initiates an immune response involving the calcium-dependent interaction of Ficolin-3 with the MBL-associated serine protease (MASP) complex. This cleaves C4 to activate the complement pathway (4, 9). In a secondary role, Ficolins 2 and 3 bind apoptotic cells, activating complement cascades that assist in clearance of the cells (10). Circulating antibodies to Ficolin-3 have been identified in systemic lupus erythematosus (7).

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