

SPECIFICATIONS AND USE

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| Source | Recombinant human PYK2 (aa 360-690) was expressed by baculovirus in <i>Sf9</i> insect cells using an N-terminal His tag. The gene accession number is NM_004103. |
| Molecular Mass | The approximate molecular weight is 39 kDa. |
| Purity | The purity was determined to be > 95% by densitometry. |
| Formulation | Supplied in 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0), 300 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM DTT, 150 mM imidazole, 0.1 mM PMSF, and 25% Glycerol. |
| Size | 10 µg |
| Concentration | 0.1 µg/µL |
| Activity | The specific activity of PYK2 was determined to be 216 nmol/min/mg using a poly (Glu:Tyr, 4:1) synthetic peptide substrate. |
| Storage | This product is stable at ≤ -70 °C for up to one year from the date of receipt. For optimal storage, aliquot into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. |

BACKGROUND

PYK2 (also known as FAK2/RAFTK) is a member of the focal adhesion PTK family. PYK2/FAK2 can be activated by a variety of extracellular signals that elevate intracellular calcium concentration and by stress signals (1). Unlike FAK, which is widely expressed in various tissues and links transmembrane integrin receptors to intracellular pathways, PYK2/FAK2 is expressed mainly in the central nervous system and in cells derived from hematopoietic lineages. In osteoclasts, although FAK is expressed, PYK2/FAK2 appears to be the predominant mediator of integrin $\alpha\text{V}\beta 3$ signaling events that influence osteoclast physiology and pathology (2).

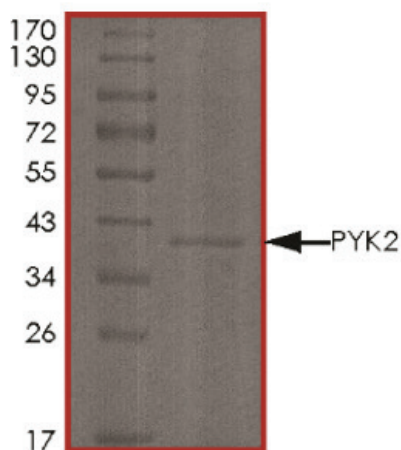


Figure 1: The approximate molecular weight is 39 kDa and the purity is > 95%.

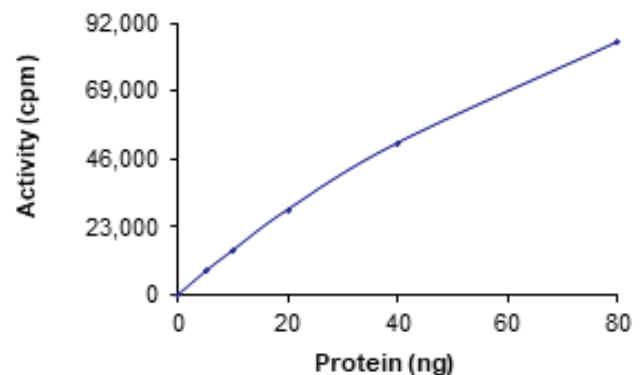


Figure 2: The specific activity of this lot of PYK2 was determined to be 216 nmol/min/mg as per the Activity Assay Protocol.

REFERENCES

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ACTIVITY ASSAY PROTOCOL

Solutions Required

Active Kinase - Active PYK2 (0.1 µg/µL) diluted with Kinase Dilution Buffer and assayed as outlined in Figure 2.

Note: These are suggested working dilutions. Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application..

Kinase Assay Buffer II - 25 mM MOPS pH 7.2, 12.5 mM β-glycerolphosphate, 20 mM MgCl₂, 12.5 mM MnCl₂, 5 mM EGTA, and 2 mM EDTA. Add 0.25 mM DTT to the Kinase Assay Buffer I prior to use.

Kinase Dilution Buffer IV - Kinase Assay Buffer II diluted at a 1:4 ratio (5X dilution) with 50 ng/µL BSA solution.

[³³P]-ATP Assay Cocktail - Prepare 250 µM [³³P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in a designated radioactive work area by combining 150 µL of 10 mM ATP Stock Solution, 100 µL of [³³P]-ATP (1 mCi/100 µL), and 5.75 mL of Kinase Assay Buffer I. Store 1 mL aliquots at ≤ -20 °C.

10 mM ATP Stock Solution - Prepare the ATP Stock Solution by dissolving 55 mg of ATP in 10 mL of Kinase Assay Buffer I. Store 200 µL aliquots at ≤ -20 °C.

Substrate - Poly (Glu:Tyr, 4:1) synthetic peptide substrate diluted in distilled water to a final concentration of 1 mg/mL.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

1. Thaw the [³³P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in a shielded container in a designated radioactive work area.
2. Thaw the Active PYK2, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate, and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice.
3. In a pre-cooled microfuge tube, add the following reaction components bringing the initial reaction volume up to 20 µL.

| Reaction Component | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Diluted Active PYK2 | 10 µL |
| Stock solution of Substrate (1 mg/mL) | 5 µL |
| Distilled water (2-8 °C) | 5 µL |

4. Set up the blank control as outlined in step 3, excluding the addition of the substrate. Replace the substrate with an equal volume of distilled or deionized water.
5. Initiate the reaction with the addition of 5 µL [³³P]-ATP Assay Cocktail, bringing the final volume up to 25 µL. Incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30 °C for 15 minutes.
6. After the 15 minute incubation, terminate the reaction by spotting 20 µL of the reaction mixture onto individual pre-cut strips of phosphocellulose P81 paper.
7. Air dry the pre-cut P81 strip and sequentially wash in a 1% phosphoric acid solution (dilute 10 mL of phosphoric acid to 990 mL of distilled water to make a 1L solution) with constant gentle stirring. It is recommended that the strips be washed a total of 3 intervals for approximately 10 minutes each.
8. Count the radioactivity on the P81 paper in the presence of scintillation fluid in a scintillation counter.
9. Determine the corrected cpm by subtracting the blank control value (step 4) for each sample and calculate the kinase specific activity as outlined below.

Calculation of [³³P]-ATP Specific Activity (SA) (cpm/pmol)

Specific Activity (SA) = cpm for 5 µL [³³P]-ATP / pmole of ATP (in 5 µL of a 250 µM ATP stock solution, i.e. 1250 pmoles)

Calculation of Kinase Specific Activity (SA) (pmol/min/µg or nmol/min/mg)

Corrected cpm from reaction / [(SA of ³³P-ATP in cpm/pmol) x (Reaction time in minutes) x (Enzyme amount in µg or mg)] x [(Reaction volume) / (Spot Volume)]