

DESCRIPTION

Source Chinese Hamster Ovary cell line, CHO-derived human beta-1,4-Glucuronyltransferase 1/B4GAT1 protein His37-Cys415, with N-terminal 6-His tag
Accession # O43505

Predicted Molecular Mass 43.8 kDa

SPECIFICATIONS

SDS-PAGE 42-53 kDa under reducing conditions

Activity Measured by its ability to transfer GlcA from UDP-GlcA to Xylose.
The specific activity is >55 pmol/min/μg, as measured under the described conditions.

Endotoxin Level <1.0 EU per 1 μg of the protein by the LAL method.

Purity >95%, by SDS-PAGE visualized with Silver Staining and quantitative densitometry by Coomassie® Blue Staining.

Formulation Supplied as a 0.2 μm filtered solution in Tris and NaCl. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

Activity Assay Protocol

- Materials**
- Glycosyltransferase Activity Kit (Catalog # [EA001](#))
 - Assay Buffer: 25 mM Tris, 10 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM MnCl₂ (supplied in kit), pH 7.5
 - Recombinant Human β -1,4-Glucuronyltransferase 1/B4GAT1 His-tag (rhB4GAT1) (Catalog # 6664-GT)
 - Donor Substrate: UDP-GlcA (Sigma, Catalog # U5625), 10 mM stock in deionized water
 - Acceptor Substrate: Xylose (V-lab, Catalog # BX53), 100 mM stock in deionized water
 - 96-well Clear Plate (Catalog # [DY990](#))
 - Plate Reader (Model: SpectraMax Plus by Molecular Devices) or equivalent

- Assay**
- Dilute 1 mM Phosphate Standard provided by the Glycosyltransferase Kit by adding 40 μL of the 1 mM Phosphate Standard to 360 μL of Assay Buffer for a 100 μM stock. This is the first point of the standard curve.
 - Prepare standard curve by performing six one-half serial dilutions of the 100 μM Phosphate stock in Assay Buffer. The standard curve has a range of 0.078 to 5 nmol per well.
 - Prepare reaction mixture containing 0.8 mM UDP-GlcA, 40 mM Xylose, and 4 μg/mL Coupling Phosphatase I in Assay Buffer.
 - Dilute rhB4GAT1 to 20 μg/mL in Assay Buffer.
 - Load 50 μL of each dilution of the standard curve into a plate. Include a curve blank containing 50 μL of Assay Buffer.
 - Load 25 μL of 20 μg/mL rhB4GAT1 into the plate. Include a Control containing 25 μL of Assay Buffer.
 - Add 25 μL of reaction mixture to all wells, excluding the standard curve and curve blank.
 - Seal plate and incubate at 37 °C for 20 minutes.
 - Add 30 μL of the Malachite Green Reagent A to all wells. Mix briefly.
 - Add 100 μL of deionized water to all wells. Mix briefly.
 - Add 30 μL of the Malachite Green Reagent B to all wells. Mix and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.
 - Read plate at 620 nm (absorbance) in endpoint mode.
 - Calculate specific activity:

$$\text{Specific Activity (pmol/min/}\mu\text{g)} = \frac{\text{Phosphate released* (nmol)} \times (1000 \text{ pmol/nmol})}{\text{Incubation time (min)} \times \text{amount of enzyme (}\mu\text{g)}}$$

*Derived from the phosphate standard curve using linear or 4-parameter fitting and adjusted for Control.

- Final Assay Conditions**
- Per Reaction:
- rhB4GAT1: 0.5 μg
 - Coupling Phosphatase I: 0.1 μg
 - Xylose: 20 mM
 - UDP-GlcA: 0.4 mM

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

B4GAT1 was previously described in the literature as B3GNT1 (1). It is now characterized as a β 1,4 glucuronyltransferase that is responsible for the synthesis of a glucuronyl- β 1,4-xylosyl disaccharide found on α -dystroglycan (α -DG), a peripheral membrane protein that binds to several extracellular matrix components (2). Proper glycosylation of α -DG is critical to maintain structural integrity and force transmission between the cytoskeleton and the extracellular matrix for efficient signal transduction. Mutation of B4GAT1 will lead to failure of proper glycosylation of α -DG and loss of receptor binding of α -DG, therefore causes congenital muscular dystrophies (CMDs) (3). The enzymatic activity of recombinant human B4GAT1 was determined using a phosphatase-coupled assay (4) using xylose as acceptor substrate.

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