

## DESCRIPTION

**Source** Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived human MMP-2 protein  
Ala30-Cys660  
Accession # P08253

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Ala30

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 71 kDa (proform)

## SPECIFICATIONS

**SDS-PAGE** 60-70 kDa, 30 kDa, 21 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to cleave the fluorogenic peptide substrate, Mca-PLGL-Dpa-AR-NH<sub>2</sub> (Catalog # ES001).  
The specific activity is >1,000 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** >90%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution in Tris, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, NaCl and ZnCl<sub>2</sub>. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

## Activity Assay Protocol

- Materials**
- Activation Buffer: 100 mM Tris, 10 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 150 mM NaCl, 0.05% (w/v) Brij-35, pH 8.0
  - Assay Buffer: 50 mM Tris, 10 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 150 mM NaCl, 0.05% (w/v) Brij 35, pH 7.5 (TCNB)
  - Recombinant Human MMP-2 (rhMMP-2) (Catalog # 902-MPN)
  - *p*-aminophenylmercuric acetate (APMA), (Sigma, Catalog # A-9563), prepare a 100 mM stock in DMSO
  - Fluorogenic Peptide Substrate I: MCA-Pro-Leu-Gly-Leu-DPA-Ala-Arg-NH<sub>2</sub> (Catalog # ES001), 1 mM stock in DMSO
  - F16 Black Maxisorp Plate (Nunc, Catalog # 475515)
  - Fluorescent Plate Reader (Model: SpectraMax Gemini EM by Molecular Devices) or equivalent

- Assay**
1. Dilute rhMMP-2 to 100 μg/mL in Activation Buffer.
  2. Activate rhMMP-2 by adding APMA to a final concentration of 1 mM.
  3. Incubate at 37 °C for 1 hour.
  4. Dilute activated rhMMP-2 to 0.2 ng/μL in assay buffer.
  5. Dilute substrate to 20 μM in assay buffer.
  6. Load in plate 50 μL of the 0.2 ng/μL rhMMP-2 and start the reaction by adding 50 μL of 20 μM substrate. Include a Substrate Blank containing 50 μL assay buffer and 50 μL of 20 μM substrate.
  7. Read at excitation and emission wavelengths of 320 nm and 405 nm, respectively, in kinetic mode for 5 minutes.
  8. Calculate specific activity:

$$\text{Specific Activity (pmol/min/μg)} = \frac{\text{Adjusted } V_{\text{max}}^* \text{ (RFU/min)} \times \text{Conversion Factor}^{**} \text{ (pmol/RFU)}}{\text{amount of enzyme (μg)}}$$

\*Adjusted for Substrate Blank

\*\*Derived using calibration standard MCA-Pro-Leu-OH (Bachem, Catalog # M-1975).

**Final Assay Conditions** Per Well:

- rhMMP-2: 0.010 μg
- Substrate: 10 μM

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 100 μg/mL in sterile 100 mM Tris, 10 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 150 mM NaCl, and 0.05% Brij-35, pH 8.0.

**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, -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

## BACKGROUND

Matrix metalloproteinases are a family of zinc and calcium dependent endopeptidases with the combined ability to degrade all the components of the extracellular matrix. MMP-2 (gelatinase A), a type IV collagenase, can degrade a broad range of substrates including type IV, V, VII and X collagens as well as elastin and fibronectin. It is believed to act synergistically with interstitial collagenase (MMP-1) in the degradation of fibrillar collagens as it degrades their denatured gelatin forms. MMP-2 has been shown to be associated with many connective tissue cells as well as neutrophils, macrophages and monocytes. Structurally, MMP-2 may be divided into several distinct domains: a pro-domain which is cleaved upon activation; a catalytic domain containing the zinc binding site; a fibronectin-like domain thought to play a role in substrate targeting; and a carboxyl terminal (hemopexin-like) domain containing 2 N-linked glycosylation sites.