

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *E. coli*-derived human Podocin/NPHS2 protein  
Lys259-Leu383, with an N-terminal Met and a C-terminal 6-His tag  
Accession # Q9NP85

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Met

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 15 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 13 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its binding ability in a functional ELISA.  
When recombinant human Nephritin is immobilized at 1 µg/mL, 100 µL/well, Recombinant Human Podocin/NPHS2 binds with a typical ED<sub>50</sub> of 0.8-4 µg/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <0.10 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** Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 200 µg/mL in PBS.

**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.

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

**BACKGROUND**

Podocin, encoded by the NPHS2 gene, is an approximately 50 kDa membrane protein that plays an important role in podocyte function in the kidney. Loss of Podocin function results in albuminuria, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, and renal failure (1). Human Podocin consists of a 102 amino acid (aa) cytoplasmic domain, a 21 aa intramembrane segment, and a second 262 aa cytoplasmic domain (2, 3). Alternative splicing generates a short isoform with a 68 aa deletion in the second cytoplasmic domain (4, 5). Within aa 259-383 (the region common to both isoforms), human Podocin shares 90% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat Podocin. Podocin localizes to areas of cell-cell contact between podocytes in the renal glomerulus (2, 6, 7). It associates into oligomers and forms complexes with Nephritin, CAR, ZO-1, and the cation ion channel TRPC6 (6-9). It contributes to podocyte function by regulating the activation of TRPC6 and Nephritin mediated signaling (8, 9). Multiple polymorphisms in NPHS2 are associated with steroid-resistant nephrotic syndrome (2).

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