

# MATERIAL DATA SHEET

# Recombinant Human Ubiquitin Mutant with K33 only Cat. # UM-K330

Ubiquitin is a 76 amino acid (aa) protein that is ubiquitously expressed in all eukaryotic organisms. Ubiquitin is highly conserved with 96% aa sequence identity shared between human and yeast Ubiquitin, and 100% aa sequence identity shared between human and mouse Ubiquitin (1). In mammals, four Ubiquitin genes encode for two Ubiquitin-ribosomal fusion proteins and two poly-Ubiquitin proteins. Cleavage of the Ubiquitin precursors by deubiquitinating enzymes gives rise to identical Ubiquitin monomers each with a predicted molecular weight of 8.6 kDa. Conjugation of Ubiquitin to target proteins involves the formation of an isopeptide bond between the C-terminal glycine residue of Ubiquitin and a lysine residue in the target protein. This process of conjugation, referred to as ubiquitination or ubiquitylation, is a multi-step process that requires three enzymes: a Ubiquitin-activating (E1) enzyme, a Ubiquitin-conjugating (E2) enzyme, and a Ubiquitin ligase (E3). Ubiquitination is classically recognized as a mechanism to target proteins for degradation and as a result, Ubiquitin was originally named ATP-dependent Proteolysis Factor 1 (APF-1) (2,3). In addition to protein degradation, ubiquitination has been shown to mediate a variety of biological processes such as signal transduction, endocytosis, and postendocytic sorting (4-7).

This Ubiquitin mutant contains only a single lysine, K33, with all other lysines mutated to arginine. This mutation renders Ubiquitin able to form poly-Ubiquitin chains with other Ubiquitin molecules only via the K33 lysine.

**Quantity:** 1 mg

**MW:** 8.5 kDa

**Source:** *E. coli*-derived

Accession # P0CG47

**Stock:** Lyophilized from a solution in deionized water.

**Solubility:** Reconstitute at 10 mg/mL in an aqueous solution.

**Purity:** >95%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by Colloidal

Coomassie® Blue stain.







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## **Use & Storage**

Use:

The lysine residue utilized for Ubiquitin chain formation is functionally important. Single lysine Ubiquitin mutants are ideal for investigating biological processes involving specific Ubiquitin chain linkage. Recombinant Human Ubiquitin K33-only allows for the formation of only K33-linked Ubiquitin chains. Reaction conditions will need to be optimized for each specific application. We recommend an initial Recombinant Human Ubiquitin K33-only concentration of 0.2-1 mM.

**Storage:** 

Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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

### Literature

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