PDE4A, Active
Human recombinant protein expressed in Sf9 cells

Catalog # P92-31G
Lot # H247-2

Product Description
Recombinant human PDE4A (332-end) was expressed by baculovirus in Sf9 insect cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is NM_001111307.

Gene Aliases
PDE4; DPDE2; PDE46

Formulation
Recombinant protein stored in 50mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 0.25mM DTT, 0.1mM PMSF, 25% glycerol.

Storage and Stability
Store product at –70°C. For optimal storage, aliquot target into smaller quantities after centrifugation and store at recommended temperature. For most favorable performance, avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Scientific Background
PDE4A is a member of the phosphodiesterase family of proteins that play a critical role in regulating intracellular levels of cAMP. In vitro phosphorylation of PDE4 by the PKA-catalytic subunit increases the enzyme's sensitivity to Mg(2+), leading to a 4-fold increase in cAMP hydrolysis without affecting the Km. PDE4 is widely expressed in brain tumors and promotes their growth and treatment with PDE4A inhibitor Rolipram overcomes tumor resistance and mediates tumor regression (1). PDE4A expression is altered in patients with bipolar disorder and is a new therapeutic avenue for treatment of this disorder (2).

References

Specific Activity
The specific activity of PDE4A was determined to be 1082 nmol/min/mg as per activity assay protocol.

Purity
The purity was determined to be >95% by densitometry. Approx. MW 110kDa.

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Activity Assay Protocol

Reaction Components

Active PDE4A (Catalog #: P92-31G)
Active PDE4A (0.1µg/µl) diluted with 1X PDE-Glo™ Reaction Buffer and assayed as outlined in sample activity plot. (Note: these are suggested working dilutions and it is recommended that the researcher perform a serial dilution of Active PDE4A for optimal results).

100 mM IBMX Solution
Prepare 100 mM of 3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine (IBMX) in 100% DMSO. Store aliquots at -20°C.

PDE-Glo™ Phosphodiesterase Assay Kit (Promega, Cat # V1361)
cAMP and cGMP solution, 1 mM
PDE-Glo™ Reaction Buffer, 5X
PDE-Glo™ Termination Buffer, 5X
PDE-Glo™ Detection Buffer, 5X
Protein Kinase A (PKA)
Kinase-Glo™ Substrate
Kinase-Glo™ Buffer

Assay Protocol

The PDE4A assay is performed using the PDE-Glo™ Phosphodiesterase Assay kit (Promega; Cat# V1361). The assay involves first a PDE4A reaction between an active PDE4A preparation and a cyclic nucleotide substrate (cAMP). Then PDE-Glo™ Termination Buffer and PDE-Glo™ Detection Buffer [which contains ATP, inactive PKA and PKA substrate] are added to the reaction. The cyclic nucleotide substrate remaining after the PDE4A reaction can bind to the inactive PKA regulatory subunit thereby releasing the active catalytic subunit of PKA. The active catalytic subunit of PKA then catalyzes phosphorylation of the PKA substrate in the presence of ATP which leads to a reduction in ATP level. In the final step, Kinase-Glo™ reagent is added to measure the Luciferase activity towards Luciferin and the luminescent signal produced is related to the amount of ATP remaining which is indirectly related to the activity of PDE4A.

Step 1. Thaw the Active PDE4A and PDE-Glo™ Phosphodiesterase Assay Kit reagents on ice.
Step 2. Prepare the following working solutions:
  - Diluted active PDE4A with 1X PDE-Glo™ Reaction Buffer on ice
  - 2µM cAMP substrate solution in 1X PDE-Glo™ Reaction Buffer at ambient temperature
  - 1X PDE-Glo™ Termination Buffer in 10 mM IBMX solution at ambient temperature
  - 1X PDE-Glo™ detection solution (mix 8µl PKA with 792µl water and 200µl 5X PDE-Glo™ Detection Buffer). Prepare immediately before use
  - Kinase-Glo™ reagent by adding Kinase-Glo™ Buffer to Kinase-Glo™ Substrate at ambient temperature

Step 3. In a polystyrene 96-well plate, add the following components bringing the initial reaction volume up to 25µl:
  - Component 1. 12.5µl of diluted Active PDE4A (Catalog #P92-31G)
  - Component 2. 12.5µl of 2µM cAMP solution (0.025 nmol cAMP used per assay)

Step 4. Set up a blank control as outlined in step 3 by excluding the addition of the diluted PDE preparation. Replace the PDE preparation with an equal volume of 1X PDE-Glo™ Reaction Buffer.
Step 5. Initiate the reaction by adding cAMP substrate solution and incubate the mixture at 30°C for 10 minutes on a plate shaker.
Step 6. Terminate the PDE reaction by adding 12.5µl of 1X PDE-Glo™ Termination Buffer. Mix well.
Step 7. Add 12.5µl of 1X PDE-Glo™ detection solution. Mix well and then incubate at ambient temperature for 20 minutes.
Step 8. After the incubation period, add 50µl of Kinase-Glo™ reagent mix and then incubate at ambient temperature for 10 min.
Step 9. Read the polystyrene 96-well reaction plate using the KinaseGlo Luminescence Protocol on a GloMax plate reader (Promega; Cat# E7031).
Step 10. Perform a cAMP standard curve. Determine RLU at each concentration. Then calculate the corresponding nmol cAMP remaining after the PDE reaction from the standard curve.
Step 11. Calculate the PDE specific activity as outlined below.

PDE Specific Activity (SA) (nmol/min/mg)

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\text{PDE Specific Activity (SA)} = \frac{\text{[cAMP total (nmol) - cAMP remaining (nmol)]}}{\text{(Reaction time in min)} \times \text{Enzyme amount in mg)}
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