

## PKCα, Active

Full-length recombinant protein expressed in Sf9 cells

#### Catalog # P61-10G Lot # K111-1

## Product Description

Recombinant full-length xenopus PKC $\alpha$  was expressed by baculovirus in Sf9 insect cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is <u>BC078065</u>.

**Gene Aliases** 

PRKCA

## Formulation

Recombinant protein stored in 50mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 0.25mM DTT, 0.1mM EGTA, 0.1mM EDTA, 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.

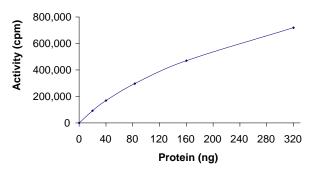
## Scientific Background

PKC $\alpha$  is a member of the protein kinase C (PKC) family of serine- and threonine-specific protein kinases that can be activated by calcium and the second messenger diacylglycerol. PKC-alpha has been reported to play roles in many different cellular processes, such as cell adhesion, cell transformation, cell cycle checkpoint, and cell volume control(1). PKC $\alpha$  has been assigned to the chromosome region 17q22-q23.2 and has been identified as a fundamental regulator of cardiac contractility and Ca(2+) handling in myocytes (2).

### References

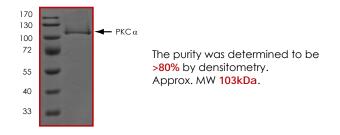
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## Specific Activity



The specific activity of PKCa was determined to be **219 nmol** /min/mg as per activity assay protocol.

## Purity



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Purity Concentration Stability Storage & Shipping	>80% 0.1µg/µl 1yr At -70°C from date of shipment 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. Product shipped on dry ice.

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# Activity Assay Protocol

**Reaction Components** 

Active Kinase (Catalog #: P61-10G)

Active PKCa  $(0.1\mu g/\mu I)$  diluted with Kinase Dilution Buffer I (Catalog #: K21-09) 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 PKCa for optimal results).

Kinase Dilution Buffer I (Catalog #: K21-09)

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09) diluted at a 1:4 ratio (5X dilution) with distilled H<sub>2</sub>O.

Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09)

Buffer components: 25mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 12.5mM  $\beta$ -glycerol-phosphate, 25mM MgC1<sub>2</sub>, 5mM EGTA, 2mM EDTA. Add 0.25mM DTT to Kinase Assay Buffer prior to use.

[<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail

Prepare 250µM [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in a designated radioactive working area by adding the following components: 150µl of 10mM ATP Stock Solution (Catalog #: A50-09), 100µl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP (1mCi/100µl), 5.75ml of Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09). Store 1ml aliquots at -20°C.

10mM ATP Stock Solution (Catalog #: A50-09)

Prepare ATP stock solution by dissolving 55mg of ATP in 10ml of Kinase Assay Buffer I (Catalog #: K01-09). Store  $200\mu$ l aliquots at -20°C.

Substrate (Catalog #: C50-58)

CREBtide synthetic peptide substrate (KRREILSRRPSYR) diluted in distilled  $H_2O$  to a final concentration of 1mg/ml.

#### Assay Protocol

- Step 1. Thaw [32P]-ATP Assay Cocktail in shielded container in a designated radioactive working area.
- Step 2. Thaw the Active PKCa, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice.
- Step 3. In a pre-cooled microfuge tube, add the following reaction components bringing the initial reaction volume up to 20μl:
  - Component 1. 10µl of diluted Active PKCa (Catalog #P61-10G)
  - Component 2. 7.5µl of 1mg/ml stock solution of substrate (Catalog #C50-58)
  - Component 3. 2.5µl PKC lipid activator (0.5 mg/ml phosphatidylserine and 0.05 mg/ml diacylglycerol in 20 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, containing 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>). Sonicate lipid for 1 minute prior to use. (Catalog #L51-39)
- Step 4. Set up the blank control as outlined in step 3, excluding the addition of the substrate. Replace the substrate with an equal volume of distilled H<sub>2</sub>O.
- Step 5. Initiate the reaction by the addition of 5μl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP Assay Cocktail bringing the final volume up to 25μl and incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30°C for 15 minutes.
- Step 6. After the 15 minute incubation period, terminate the reaction by spotting 20µl of the reaction mixture onto individual pre-cut strips of phosphocellulose P81 paper.
- Step 7. Air dry the pre-cut P81 strip and sequentially wash in a 1% phosphoric acid solution (dilute 10ml of phosphoric acid and make a 1L solution with distilled H<sub>2</sub>O) with constant gentle stirring. It is recommended that the strips be washed a total of 3 intervals for approximately 10 minutes each.
- Step 8. Count the radioactivity on the P81 paper in the presence of scintillation fluid in a scintillation counter.
- Step 9. Determine the corrected cpm by removing the blank control value (see Step 4) for each sample and calculate the kinase specific activity as outlined below.

Calculation of [P<sup>32</sup>]-ATP Specific Activity (SA) (cpm/pmol)

Specific activity (SA) = cpm for 5µl [<sup>32</sup>P]-ATP / pmoles of ATP (in 5µl of a 250µM ATP stock solution, i.e., 1250 pmoles)

#### Kinase Specific Activity (SA) (pmol/min/µg or nmol/min/mg)

Corrected cpm from reaction / [(SA of <sup>32</sup>P-ATP in cpm/pmol)\*(Reaction time in min)\*(Enzyme amount in µg or mg)]\*[(Reaction Volume) / (Spot Volume)]

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