

Toxin A Protein, Clostridioides difficile, Recombinant (His)

General Information

Synonyms: toxA;tcdA;Toxin A

Protein Construction: 2387-2710 aa

Species: Clostridioides difficile

Expression Host: E. coli

Accession: P16154

Molecular Weight: 40.1 kDa (predicted)

AA Sequence: ASTGYTSINGKHFYFNTDGMQIGVFKGPNGFYFAPANTDANNIEGQAILYQNKFLTLNGKKYYFGSDSKAV
TGLRTIDGKKYYFNTNTAVAVTGWQTINGKKYYFNTNTSIASSTGYTIISGKHFYFNTDGMQIGVFKGPDGFYF
APANTDANNIEGQAIRYQNRFLYLHDNIYYFGNNSKAATGWVTIDGNRYFEPNTAMGANGYKTIDNKNFY
FRNGLPQIGVFKGSGNGFYFAPANTDANNIEGQAIRYQNRFLHLLGKIYYFGNNSKAVTGWQTINGKVYYFM
PDTAMAAAGGLFEIDGVIYFFGVDGKAPGIYG

QC Testing

Biological Activity: Activity has not been tested. It is theoretically active, but we cannot guarantee it. If you require protein activity, we recommend choosing the eukaryotic expression version first.

Purity: > 85% as determined by SDS-PAGE.

Endotoxin: < 1.0 EU/μg of the protein as determined by the LAL method.

Formulation: Tris-based buffer, 50% glycerol

Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution:

Reconstitute the lyophilized protein in distilled water. The product concentration should not be less than 100 μg/ml. Before opening, centrifuge the tube to collect powder at the bottom. After adding the reconstitution buffer, avoid vortexing or pipetting for mixing.

Stability & Storage:

Lyophilized powders can be stably stored for over 12 months, while liquid products can be stored for 6-12 months at -80°C. For reconstituted protein solutions, the solution can be stored at -20°C to -80°C for at least 3 months.

Please avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles and store products in aliquots.

Actual storage temperature shall be subject to the COA.

Shipping:

In general, lyophilized powders are shipped with blue ice, while solutions are shipped with dry ice.

Protein Background

Precursor of a cytotoxin that targets and disrupts the colonic epithelium, inducing the host inflammatory and innate immune responses and resulting in diarrhea and pseudomembranous colitis. TcdA and TcdB constitute the

main toxins that mediate the pathology of *C. difficile* infection, an opportunistic pathogen that colonizes the colon when the normal gut microbiome is disrupted. Compared to TcdB, TcdA is less virulent and less important for inducing the host inflammatory and innate immune responses. This form constitutes the precursor of the toxin: it enters into host cells and mediates autoprocessing to release the active toxin (Glucosyltransferase TcdA) into the host cytosol. Targets colonic epithelia by binding to some receptor, and enters host cells via clathrin-mediated endocytosis. Binding to LDLR, as well as carbohydrates and sulfated glycosaminoglycans on host cells surface contribute to entry into cells. In contrast to TcdB, Frizzled receptors FZD1, FZD2 and FZD7 do not act as host receptors in the colonic epithelium for TcdA. Once entered into host cells, acidification in the endosome promotes the membrane insertion of the translocation region and formation of a pore, leading to translocation of the GT44 and peptidase C80 domains across the endosomal membrane. This activates the peptidase C80 domain and autocatalytic processing, releasing the N-terminal part (Glucosyltransferase TcdA), which constitutes the active part of the toxin, in the cytosol.; Active form of the toxin, which is released into the host cytosol following autoprocessing and inactivates small GTPases. Acts by mediating monoglucosylation of small GTPases of the Rho family (Rac1, RhoA, RhoB, RhoC, Rap2A and Cdc42) in host cells at the conserved threonine residue located in the switch I region ('Thr-37/35'), using UDP-alpha-D-glucose as the sugar donor. Monoglucosylation of host small GTPases completely prevents the recognition of the downstream effector, blocking the GTPases in their inactive form, leading to actin cytoskeleton disruption and cell death, resulting in the loss of colonic epithelial barrier function. Also able to catalyze monoglucosylation of some members of the Ras family (H-Ras/HRAS, K-Ras/KRAS and N-Ras/NRAS), but with much less efficiency than with Rho proteins, suggesting that it does not act on Ras proteins in vivo.

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