

Transferrin Protein, Rat, Recombinant (His)

General Information

Synonyms:	transferrin
Protein Construction:	A DNA sequence encoding the rat TF (NP_001013128.1) (Met1-Ser698) was expressed with a polyhistidine tag at the C-terminus. Predicted N terminal: Val 20
Species:	Rat
Expression Host:	HEK293 Cells
Accession:	A6I2I8
Molecular Weight:	76 kDa (predicted); 89 kDa (reducing conditions)

QC Testing

Biological Activity:	Measured in a serum-free cell proliferation assay using MCF-7 human breast cancer cells. Karey, K.P. et al. (1988) Cancer Research 48:4083. The ED50 for this effect is typically 0.02-1 µg/mL.
Purity:	> 90 % as determined by SDS-PAGE
Endotoxin:	< 1.0 EU/µg of the protein as determined by the LAL method.
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a solution filtered through a 0.22 µm filter, containing PBS, pH 7.2. Typically, a mixture containing 5% to 8% trehalose, mannitol, and 0.01% Tween 80 is incorporated as a protective agent before lyophilization.

Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution:
A Certificate of Analysis (CoA) containing reconstitution instructions is included with the products. Please refer to the CoA for detailed information.

Stability & Storage:

It is recommended to store recombinant proteins at -20°C to -80°C for future use. 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

Transferrin is a glycoprotein with an approximate molecular weight of 76.5 kDa. This glycoprotein is thought to have been created as a result of an ancient gene duplication event that led to generation of homologous C and N-terminal domains each of which binds one ion of ferric iron. The function of Transferrin is to transport iron from the intestine, reticuloendothelial system, and liver parenchymal cells to all proliferating cells in the body. This protein

may also have a physiologic role as granulocyte / pollen-binding protein (GPBP) involved in the removal of certain organic matter and allergens from serum. Transferrins are iron binding transport proteins that bind Fe³⁺-ion in association with the binding of an anion, usually bicarbonate. This transferrin binds only one Fe³⁺-ion per protein molecule. Transports iron ions from the hemolymph into the eggs during the vitellogenic stage. Transferrins are iron binding transport proteins which can bind two Fe(3+) ions in association with the binding of an anion, usually bicarbonate. It is responsible for the transport of iron from sites of absorption and heme degradation to those of storage and utilization. Serum transferrin may also have a further role in stimulating cell proliferation. When a transferrin loaded with iron encounters with a transferrin receptor on cell surface, transferrin binds to it and, as a consequence, is transported into the cell in a vesicle by receptor-mediated endocytosis. The pH is reduced by hydrogen ion pumps. The lower pH causes transferrin to release its iron ions. The receptor is then transported through the endocytic cycle back to the cell surface, ready for another round of iron uptake. Each transferrin molecule has the ability to carry two iron ions in the ferric form.

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