

## Cathepsin L Protein, Human, Recombinant (Active, His)

### General Information

Synonyms: MEP;CTSL1;CTSL;cathepsin L;FLJ31037;CATL

Protein Construction: 18-333 aa

Species: Human

Expression Host: HEK293 Cells

Accession: P07711

Molecular Weight: 37.2 kDa (Predicted)

AA Sequence:

TLTFDHSLEAQWTKWKAMHNRLYGMNEEGWRRRAVWEKNMKMIELHNQEYREGKHSFTMAMNAFGDMTS  
EEFRQVMNGFQNRKPRKGVFQEPFLFYEAPRSVDWREKGYVTPVKNQGCQSCWAFSATGALEGQMFRKT  
GRLISLSEQNLVDCSGPQGNEGCNGGLMDYAFQYVQDNGGLDSEESYPYEATEESCKYNPKYSVANDTGFV  
DIPKQEALMKAVATVGPISVAIDAGHESFLFYKEGIYFEPDCSSEDMDHGVLVVGYGFEFESTSDNNKYWLVK  
NSWGEEWGMGGYVKMAKDRRNHCGIASAASYPTV

### QC Testing

Biological Activity: Measured by its ability to cleave the fluorogenic peptide substrate Z-LR-AMC, The specific activity is >32000 pmol/ min/μg.

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 0.2 μm sterile filtered 50 mM NaAc, 0.5 M NaCl, 6% Trehalose, pH 4.5

### 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:

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

Cathepsin L is a lysosomal cysteine protease that plays a major role in intracellular protein catabolism, and is potent in degrading collagen, laminin, elastin, as well as alpha-1 protease inhibitor and other structural proteins of basement membranes. It is secreted by liver flukes at all stages of their development in the mammalian host, are believed to play important roles in facilitating parasite migration (tissue degradation), feeding and immunoevasion. Like many proteases, Cathepsin L is synthesized as an inactive proenzyme, and cleavage of the 96-residue proregion is necessary to generate the fully active 221-residue mature enzyme. Studies have demonstrated that cleavage of the proregion occur autocatalytically under acidic conditions. The enzyme takes part in nutrient acquisition by catabolizing host proteins to absorbable peptides, facilitates the migration of the parasite through the host intestine and liver by cleaving interstitial matrix proteins such as fibronectin, laminin and native collagen and is implicated in the inactivation of host immune defenses by cleaving immunoglobulins. Recently, Cathepsin L has been shown to suppress Th1 immune response in infected laboratory animals making them susceptible to concurrent bacterial infections. Cathepsin L is synthesized in large amounts and secreted by many malignantly transformed cells, and induced by growth factors and tumor promoters. In addition to its role in protein degradation, evidence has accumulated for the participation of Cathepsin L in various physiological and pathological processes, such as tumor invasion and metastasis, bone resorption, spermatogenesis, and arthritis. Accordingly, Cathepsin L may prove useful as a diagnostic or prognostic marker of human tumor malignancy.

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