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# **Product Information**

SRPK1, active, GST-tagged, human PRECISIO<sup>®</sup> Kinase recombinant, expressed in *Sf*9 cells

Catalog Number **S6698** Storage Temperature –70 °C

Synonym: SFRSK1

#### **Product Description**

SRPK1 is a Ser/Thr protein kinase that has sequence and function similar to SRPK2. In human cancer cells, it was observed that inactivation of SRPK1 induces cellular resistance to anticancer drugs such as cisplatin and bleomycin.<sup>1</sup> SRPK1 phosphorylates serine/ arginine-rich (SR) proteins, such as splicing factors ASF/SF2, SC35, and SRp55, in their arginine/serinerich (RS) domains *in vitro*. Hence, it is believed that SRPK1 plays a key role in regulation of both constitutive and alternative splicing by regulating intracellular localization of splicing factors.<sup>2</sup>

This recombinant product was expressed by baculovirus in *Sf*9 insect cells using an N-terminal GST-tag. The gene accession number is BC 038292. It is supplied in 50 mM Tris-HCI, pH 7.5, with 150 mM NaCI, 0.25 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EGTA, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM PMSF, and 25% glycerol.

Molecular mass: ~130 kDa

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### Storage/Stability

The product ships on dry ice and storage at -70 °C is recommended. After opening, aliquot into smaller quantities and store at -70 °C. Avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

### Figure 1.

SDS-PAGE Gel of Typical Lot: ≥70% (SDS-PAGE, densitometry)



#### Figure 2.

Specific Activity of Typical Lot: 173–234 nmole/min/mg



#### Procedure

**Preparation Instructions** 

Kinase Assay Buffer – 25 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 12.5 mM glycerol 2-phosphate, 25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM EGTA, and 2 mM EDTA. Just prior to use, add DTT to a final concentration of 0.25 mM.

Kinase Dilution Buffer – Dilute the Kinase Assay Buffer 5-fold with a 50 ng/ $\mu$ l BSA solution.

Kinase Solution – Dilute the active SRPK1 (0.1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l) with Kinase Dilution Buffer to the desired concentration. Note: The specific activity plot may be used as a guideline (see Figure 2). It is recommended that the researcher perform a serial dilution of active SRPK1 kinase for optimal results.

10 mM ATP Stock Solution – Dissolve 55 mg of ATP in 10 ml of Kinase Assay Buffer. Store in 200  $\mu l$  aliquots at –20 °C.

 $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP Assay Cocktail (250  $\mu$ M) – Combine 5.75 ml of Kinase Assay Buffer, 150  $\mu$ l of 10 mM ATP Stock Solution, 100  $\mu$ l of  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP (1 mCi/100  $\mu$ l). Store in 1 ml aliquots at –20 °C.

Substrate Solution – Dissolve the synthetic peptide substrate myelin basic protein (MBP) in water at a final concentration of 1 mg/ml.

1% phosphoric acid solution – Dilute 10 ml of concentrated phosphoric acid to a final volume of 1 L with water.

#### Kinase Assay

This assay involves the use of the <sup>32</sup>P radioisotope. All institutional guidelines regarding the use of radioisotopes should be followed.

- 1. Thaw the active SRPK1, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate Solution, and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice. The  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP Assay Cocktail may be thawed at room temperature.
- In a pre-cooled microcentrifuge tube, add the following solutions to a volume of 20 μl:
  - 10 μl of Kinase Solution
  - 5 µl of Substrate Solution
  - 5 µl of cold water (4 °C)
- Set up a blank control as outlined in step 2, substituting 5 μl of cold water (4 °C) for the Substrate Solution.
- 4. Initiate each reaction with the addition of 5  $\mu$ l of the  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP Assay Cocktail, bringing the final reaction volume to 25  $\mu$ l. Incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30 °C for 15 minutes.
- 5. After the 15 minute incubation, stop the reaction by spotting 20  $\mu$ l of the reaction mixture onto an individually precut strip of phosphocellulose P81 paper.

- 6. Air dry the precut P81 strip and sequentially wash in the 1% phosphoric acid solution with constant gentle stirring. It is recommended the strips be washed a total of 3 times of ~10 minutes each.
- 7. Set up a radioactive control to measure the total  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP counts introduced into the reaction. Spot 5 µl of the  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP Assay Cocktail on a precut P81 strip. Dry the sample for 2 minutes and read the counts. Do not wash this sample.
- 8. Count the radioactivity on the P81 paper in the presence of scintillation fluid in a scintillation counter.
- 9. Determine the corrected cpm by subtracting the blank control value (see step 3) from each sample and calculate the kinase specific activity

#### Calculations:

1. Specific Radioactivity (SR) of ATP (cpm/nmole)

 $SR = \underline{cpm of 5 \mu l of \gamma^{-32}P-ATP Assay Cocktail} \\ nmole of ATP \\ cpm - value from control (step 7) \\ nmole - 1.25 nmole (5 \mu l of 250 \mu M ATP \\ Assay Cocktail)$ 

2. Specific Kinase Activity (SA) (nmole/min/mg)

nmole/min/mg = 
$$\frac{\Delta \text{cpm} \times (25/20)}{\text{SR} \times \text{E} \times \text{T}}$$

SR = specific radioactivity of the ATP (cpm/nmole ATP)  $\triangle$ cpm = cpm of the sample – cpm of the blank (step 3) 25 = total reaction volume

20 = spot volume

T = reaction time (minutes)

E = amount of enzyme (mg)

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