

Product Information

**MRCK α , active, GST-tagged, human
PRECISIO® Kinase
recombinant, expressed in *Sf9* cells**

Catalog Number **M9447**
Storage Temperature $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Synonyms: CDC42BPA, MRCK, PK428, FLJ23347,
KIAA0451, DKFZp686L1738, DKFZp686P1738

Product Description

Myotonic Dystrophy Kinase-Related Cdc42-Binding Kinase α (MRCK α) is a Cdc42/Rac/Rho interactive/binding serine/threonine kinase with multiple functional domains.¹ MRCK are effectors of RhoA and Cdc42 for actin reorganization. MRCK α is a critical regulator of signal transduction pathways in eukaryotic cells that are known principally for their role in regulating the cytoskeleton and they do so by recruiting a variety of downstream effector proteins.²

This recombinant product was expressed by baculovirus in *Sf9* insect cells using an N-terminal GST-tag. The gene accession number is NM 003607. It is supplied in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, with 150 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EGTA, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM PMSF, and 25% glycerol.

Molecular mass: ~ 73 kDa

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Storage/Stability

The product ships on dry ice and storage at $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ is recommended. After opening, aliquot into smaller quantities and store at $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Figure 1.
SDS-PAGE Gel of Typical Lot:
Purity: $\geq 70\%$ (SDS-PAGE, densitometry)

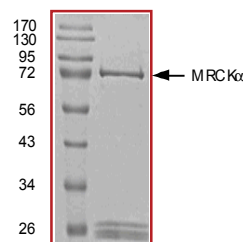
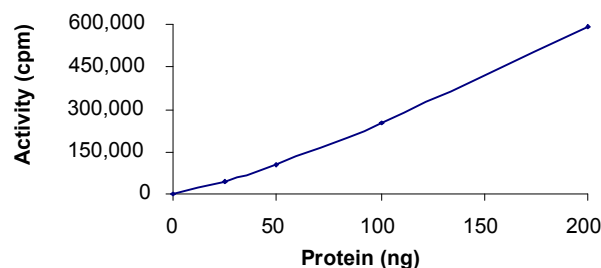


Figure 2.
Specific Activity of Typical Lot:
86–116 nmole/min/mg



Procedure

Preparation Instructions

Kinase Assay Buffer – 25 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 12.5 mM glycerol 2-phosphate, 25 mM MgCl_2 , 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 water.

Kinase Solution – Dilute the active MRCK α (0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$) 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 the researcher perform a serial dilution of active MRCK α kinase for optimal results.

10 mM ATP Stock Solution – Dissolve 55 mg of ATP in 10 ml of Kinase Assay Buffer. Store in 200 μl aliquots at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

γ - ^{32}P -ATP Assay Cocktail (250 μM) – Combine 5.75 ml of Kinase Assay Buffer, 150 μl of 10 mM ATP Stock Solution, 100 μl of γ - ^{32}P -ATP (1 mCi/100 μl). Store in 1 ml aliquots at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Substrate Solution – Dissolve the synthetic peptide substrate (KRRRLASLR) 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 ^{32}P radioisotope. All institutional guidelines regarding the use of radioisotopes should be followed.

1. Thaw the active MRCK α , Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate Solution, and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice. The γ - ^{32}P -ATP Assay Cocktail may be thawed at room temperature.
2. 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 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)
3. Set up a blank control as outlined in step 2, substituting 5 μl of cold water (4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) for the Substrate Solution.
4. Initiate each reaction with the addition of 5 μl of the γ - ^{32}P -ATP Assay Cocktail, bringing the final reaction volume to 25 μl . Incubate the mixture in a water bath at 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 minutes.
5. After the 15 minute incubation, stop the reaction by spotting 20 μl 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 γ - ^{32}P -ATP counts introduced into the reaction. Spot 5 μl of the γ - ^{32}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)

$$\text{SR} = \frac{\text{cpm of 5 } \mu\text{l of } \gamma\text{-}^{32}\text{P}\text{-ATP Assay Cocktail}}{\text{nmole of ATP}}$$

cpm – value from control (step 7)

nmole – 1.25 nmole (5 μl of 250 μM ATP Assay Cocktail)

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

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

SR = specific radioactivity of the ATP (cpm/nmole ATP)

Δcpm = 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)

References

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