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# **Product Information**

FGFR4, active, GST tagged, human PRECISIO<sup>®</sup> Kinase recombinant, expressed in *Sf*9 cells

Catalog Number **SRP5031** Storage Temperature –70 °C

Synonyms: TKF, JTK2, CD334, MGC20292

#### **Product Description**

FGFR4 is a member of the fibroblast growth factor receptor family which play a role in mitogenesis and differentiation.<sup>1</sup> FGFR4 preferentially binds acidic fibroblast growth factor and is overexpressed in gynecological tumor samples, suggesting a role in breast and ovarian tumorigenesis. FGFR4 gene expression is up-regulated in doxorubicin-treated, apoptosis-resistant cancer cell clones.<sup>2</sup> Ectopic expression of FGFR4 in cancer cells leads to reduced apoptosis sensitivity on treatment with doxorubicin or cyclophosphamide; whereas, knockdown of endogenous FGFR4 expression in breast cancer cell lines has the opposite effect.

Recombinant human FGFR4 (460-end) was expressed by baculovirus in *Sf*9 cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is NM\_002011. Recombinant protein stored in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM glutathione, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.25 mM DTT, 0.1 mM PMSF, and 25% glycerol.

Molecular mass: ~65 kDa

Purity: 80–95% (SDS-PAGE, see Figure 1)

Specific Activity: 64-88 nmole/min/mg (see Figure 2)

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

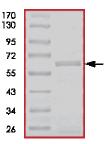
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#### Storage/Stability

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.

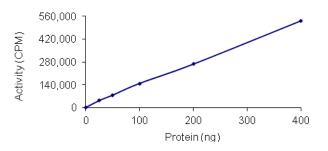
#### Figure 1.

SDS-PAGE Gel of Typical Lot 80–95% (densitometry)



#### Figure 2.

Specific Activity of Typical Lot 64–88 nmole/min/mg



### Procedure

**Preparation Instructions** 

Kinase Assay Buffer – 25 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 12.5 mM glycerol 2-phosphate, 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 12.5 mM MnCl<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.

Kinase Solution – Dilute the active FGFR4 (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 the researcher perform a serial dilution of active FGFR4 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>33</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>33</sup>P-ATP (1 mCi/100  $\mu$ l). Store in 1 ml aliquots at –20 °C.

Substrate Solution – Dissolve the synthetic peptide substrate in distilled 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>33</sup>P radioisotope. All institutional guidelines regarding the use of radioisotopes should be followed.

- 1. Thaw the active FGFR4, Kinase Assay Buffer, Substrate Solution, and Kinase Dilution Buffer on ice. The  $\gamma$ -<sup>33</sup>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
  - $5 \mu$  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>33</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  $\gamma^{-33}$ P-ATP counts introduced into the reaction. Spot 5 µl of the  $\gamma^{-33}$ 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 =  $cpm of 5 \mu l of \gamma^{-33}P-ATP Assay Cocktail$ 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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