

Product Information

Activin Receptor-Like Kinase 1 (ALK-1)/Fc Chimera

Human, Recombinant
Expressed in NSO cells

Product Number **A 0476**

Product Description

Recombinant Human Activin Receptor-Like Kinase 1 (ALK-1)/Fc Chimera is produced from the DNA sequence encoding amino acids 1-118 of the extracellular domain of human activin receptor-like kinase 1 fused to the Fc region of human IgG by a polypeptide linker.¹ It is expressed in the mouse myeloma NSO cell line. The reduced ALK-1 monomer has a calculated molecular mass of approximately 37.3 kDa. Due to glycosylation, the recombinant protein migrates as a 50-55 kDa protein in SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions. Human and mouse ALK-1 share approximately 71% amino acid sequence identity in their extracellular domains.

The TGF- β superfamily of ligands exerts its biological activity by binding to heteromeric receptor complexes of two types (I and II) of the serine/threonine kinases.² The type II receptors are constitutively active kinases, which phosphorylate type I receptors after ligand binding. In turn, the activated type I kinases phosphorylate downstream signaling molecules including the various Smad proteins. Seven type I receptors, also termed activin receptor-like kinase (ALK), have been isolated from mammals. The physiological ligand for ALK-1 is currently unknown. It is suggested that TGF- β 1 and TGF- β 3 can activate chimeric ALK-1.³

Alk-1, like the other type I receptors, contains a cysteine-rich domain with conserved cysteine spacing in the extracellular region and a glycine- and serine-rich domain preceding the kinase domain. ALK-1 is highly expressed in endothelial cells and other vascular tissues. Mutations in ALK-1 are associated with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), suggesting an important role for ALK-1 in the control of blood vessel development and repair.^{4, 5}

Reagent

Recombinant Human Activin Receptor-Like Kinase 1 (ALK-1)/Fc Chimera is supplied as approximately

100 μ g of protein lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in phosphate buffered saline (PBS).

Preparation Instructions

Reconstitute the contents of the vial with sterile phosphate buffered saline containing at least 0.1% human serum albumin or bovine serum albumin. Prepare a stock solution of no less than 100 μ g/mL.

Storage/Stability

Store at -20°C . Upon reconstitution, store at 2°C to 8°C for up to one month. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Do not store in a "frost-free" freezer.

Product Profile

Recombinant Human Activin Receptor-Like Kinase 1 (ALK-1)/Fc Chimera can be used as a calibrator for anti-ALK-1 antibodies. The biological activity for this product has not been measured because the ligand for ALK-1 is not known.

Purity: > 90 % as determined by SDS-PAGE, visualized by silver stain.

Endotoxin level is < 0.1 ng/ μ g protein as determined by the LAL (Limulus amoebocyte lysate) method.

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