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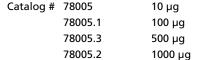
Human Recombinant BDNF

Brain-derived neurotrophic factor

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Product Description

Brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), like nerve growth factor (NGF), neurotrophin-3 (NT-3), and neurotrophin-4 (NT-4), is a member of the NGF family of neurotrophins, which are required for the differentiation and survival of specific neuronal subpopulations in both the central and the peripheral nervous systems (Minichiello & Klein; Minichiello et al.). BDNF binds with high affinity to the tropomyosin receptor kinase B (TrkB), and activates AKT and ERK pathways (Mattson et al.). It is expressed in the hippocampus, cortex, and synapses of the basal forebrain. BDNF acts as a survival factor for human embryonic stem cells when plated on either feeder cells or Corning® Matrigel® (Pyle et al.). BDNF regulates synaptic transmission and plasticity at adult synapses in the central nervous system, and contributes to adaptive neuronal responses including long-term potentiation, long-term depression, certain forms of short-term synaptic plasticity, and homeostatic regulation of neuronal excitability (Reichardt). It also has a role in neurogenesis by promoting survival and growth of dorsal root ganglion cells, and hippocampal and cortical neurons (Binder & Scharfman). BDNF, together with Human Recombinant GDNF (glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor; Catalog #78058), BrainPhysTM Neuronal Medium (Catalog #05790), and other supplements, can be used to differentiate human pluripotent stem cell (hPSC)-derived neural progenitor cells into neurons (Bardy et al.).

Product Information

Alternative Names: Abrineurin, ANON2, BULN2, Neurotrophin, MGC34632

Accession Number: P23560

Amino Acid Sequence: MHSDPARRGE LSVCDSISEW VTAADKKTAV DMSGGTVTVL EKVPVSKGQL KQYFYETKCN PMGYTKEGCR

GIDKRHWNSQ CRTTQSYVRA LTMDSKKRIG WRFIRIDTSC VCTLTIKRGR

Predicted Molecular Mass: 13.6 kDa monomer; 27.3 kDa dimer

Species: Human
Cross Reactivity: Mouse, Rat

Formulation: Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered solution containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.

Source: E. coli

Specifications

Activity: The specific activity is $\geq 5 \times 10^2$ units/mg (EC50 $\leq 2 \mu$ g/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay

using C6 cells.

Purity: $\geq 95\%$

Preparation and Storage

Storage: Store at -20°C to -80°C.

Stability: Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.

Preparation: Centrifuge vial before opening. Reconstitute the product in sterile water to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the

solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex.

OPTIONAL: After reconstitution, if product will not be used immediately, dilute with concentrated bovine serum albumin (BSA) to a final BSA concentration of 0.1%. The effect of storage of stock solution on product performance should be tested for each application. As a general guide, do not store at 2 - 8°C for more than

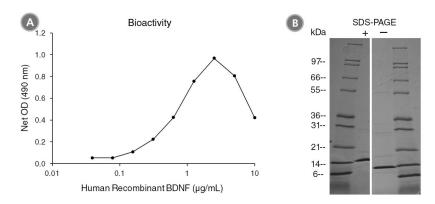
1 month or at -20°C to -80°C for more than 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant BDNF was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of C6 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 7 days of culture using a fluorometric assay method. The EC50 is defined as the effective concentration of the growth factor at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC50 in the above example is $0.65 \, \mu \text{g/mL}$.

(B) 1 µg of Human Recombinant BDNF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant BDNF is a homodimer of 13.6 kDa subunits with a predicted total molecular mass of 27.3 kDa.

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