

Product Specification Sheet

Bordetella pertussis Toxin (PT/PTX)

Cat.# PTOX15-N-50

Pertussis Toxin (islet activating protein, B. pertussis), purified

Size: 50 ug

Pertussis toxin (PT) is a protein-based AB₅-type exotoxin produced by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*, which causes whooping cough. PT is involved in the colonization of the respiratory tract and the establishment of infection. PT may have a therapeutic role in treating a number of common human ailments, including hypertension, viral inhibition, and autoimmune inhibition.

A large group of bacterial exotoxins are referred to as "A/B toxins", in essence because they are formed from two subunits. The "A" subunit possesses enzyme activity, and is transferred to the host cell following a conformational change in the membrane-bound transport "B" subunit. Pertussis toxin is an exotoxin with six subunits (named S1 through S5—each complex contains two copies of S4). The subunits are arranged in A-B structure: the A component is enzymatically active and is formed from the S1 subunit, while the B component is the receptor-binding portion and is made up of subunits S2–S5. The subunits are encoded by ptx genes encoded on a large PT operon that also includes additional genes that encode Ptl proteins. Together, these proteins form the PT secretion complex.

B. pertussis expresses two forms of a rough-type lipooligosaccharide (LOS), which have been referred to as LOS A and LOS B. The two forms of LOS can be resolved as two distinct molecular weight species in silver stained sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gels of protease-treated *B. pertussis* cell lysates. The difference between the two forms of LOS has been shown to be due to three additional N-acetyl amino sugars in the core oligosaccharide moiety of LOS A that are not present in LOS B. The structure and biological activity of *B. pertussis* LOS are similar to those of LOSs of other gram negative bacteria that contain lipid A and a core oligosaccharide moiety containing 2-keto-3-deoxyoctonate, exhibiting lethal toxicity in mice, pyrogenicity in rabbits, and mitogenicity in cell cultures.

Toxoid refers to the inactivated version of the active toxin. It is typically produced by formaldehyde inactivation of the active protein.

Source of Antigen

Purified pertussis toxin is obtained from *B. pertussis*, and purified (>95%). Toxin is supplied in a buffer (protein in 50% glycerol, 0.05 M Tris, 0.01 M glycine, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 7.5, at a concentration of 0.2 mg/ml.. This preparation is not activated. If you need to activate the toxin then follow the protocol (refs 1). The supplied toxin serve as good antigen. Store at -20oC and it is stable for at least 6-12 months.

The product must be treated as potentially toxic and care taken in using and handling of this product. This product should only be handled by qualified lab personnel. It is only produced for in vitro research use. ADI assumes no liability from the use or misuse of this product.

Bio-assays

The lowest concentration of toxin at which a positive response (clustered growth pattern) was obtained was 0.33 ng/ml in CHO cells (refs 2). The adenylate cyclase activity of this lot is 4.5 pmole/min/ug in the presence of 1 uM calmodulin (refs 3).

Stability: 6-12 months at –20oC or below.

Recommended Usage

Purified protein can be used for ELISA, Western, antibody titration or as control protein for adjuvant.

References: 1. Kaslow HR (1987) *Biochme.* 26, 123-127; 2 (Hewlett EL (1983) *Infect. Immu.* 40, 1198-1203; 3. Wolff J (1980) *PNAS* 77, 3841- 3844; 4. Caroff M (1990) *J. Bacteriol.* 172, 1121-1128; LeDur A (1980) *J. Bacteriol.* 143, 78-88; Li Z (1988) *Inf. Immunity Infect. Immunity* 56, 699- 702; Pepler MS (1984) *Infect. Immunity* 43, 224-232

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