

PAK7 Kinase

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Description: Purified recombinant full length human PAK7 (Met1-His719) kinase, supplied as a GST fusion protein.

Background: The p21-activated kinase (PAK) family of serine/threonine kinases is engaged in multiple cellular processes, including cytoskeletal reorganization, MAPK signaling, apoptotic signaling, control of phagocyte NADPH oxidase and growth factor-induced neurite outgrowth (1,2). Several mechanisms that induce PAK activity have been reported. Binding of Rac/cdc42 to the CRIB (or PBD) domain near the amino-terminus of PAK causes autophosphorylation and conformational changes in PAK (1). Phosphorylation of PAK1 at Thr423 by PDK induces activation of PAK1 (3). Several autophosphorylation sites have been identified, including serines 199 and 204 of PAK1 and serines 192 and 197 of PAK2 (4,5). Because the autophosphorylation sites are located in the amino-terminal inhibitory domain, it has been hypothesized that modification in this region prevents the kinase from reverting to an inactive conformation (6). Research indicates that phosphorylation of Ser144 of PAK1 or Ser139 of PAK3 (located in the kinase inhibitory domain) affects kinase activity (7). Phosphorylation of Ser21 of PAK1 or Ser20 of PAK2 regulates binding with the adaptor protein Nck (8). More recently identified family members including PAK4, PAK5 and PAK6 have lower sequence similarity with PAK1-3 in the amino-terminal regulatory region (9). Phosphorylation of Ser474 of PAK4, a site analogous to Thr423 of PAK1, may play a pivotal role in regulating the activity and function of PAK4 (10).

Source/Purification: The GST-Kinase fusion protein was produced using a baculovirus expression system with a construct expressing human PAK7 (Met1-His719) (GenBank Accession No. NM_177990) with an amino-terminal GST tag. The protein was purified by one-step affinity chromatography using glutathione-agarose.

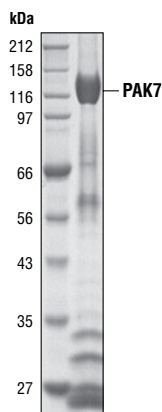


Figure 1. The purity of the GST-PAK7 fusion protein was analyzed using SDS/PAGE followed by Coomassie stain.

Quality Control: The theoretical molecular weight of the GST-PAK7 fusion protein is 130 kDa. The purified kinase was quality controlled for purity using SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie stain [Fig.1]. PAK7 kinase activity was determined using a radiometric assay [Fig.2].

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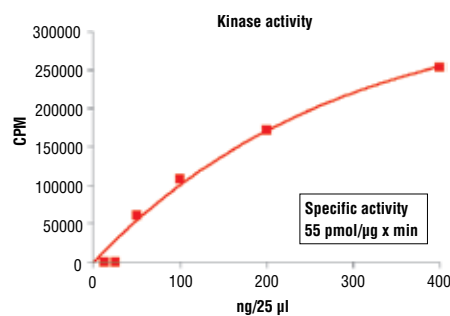


Figure 2. PAK7 kinase activity was measured in a radiometric assay using the following reaction conditions: 4 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, 2.5 mM β-glycerophosphate, 1 mM EGTA, 0.4 mM EDTA, 4 mM MgCl₂, 0.05 mM DTT, 50 µM ATP, Substrate: Akt substrate peptide 400 ng/µL and recombinant PAK7: variable.

Storage: Enzyme is supplied in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EGTA, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM PMSF, 25% glycerol, 7 mM glutathione. Store at -80°C.

Keep on ice during use.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Protocol for PAK7 Kinase Assay

Note: Lot-specific information for this kinase is provided on the enzyme vial. Optimal assay incubation times and enzyme concentrations must be determined empirically for each lot of kinase under specified conditions.

A Additional Solutions and Reagents (Not included)

1. Kinase Buffer (10X)

40 mM MOPS, pH 7.2
25 mM β -glycerophosphate
10 mM EGTA
4 mM $MgCl_2$
0.5 mM DTT

2. ATP (10 mM) #9804

3. ^{32}P - γ ATP

4. Akt substrate peptide (CKRPRAASFAE)

B Suggested Protocol

1. Dilute 10 mM ATP with 3X assay buffer 1:40 to make 250 μ M ATP.
2. Dilute [^{32}P] ATP to 0.16 μ Ci/ μ l [^{32}P] ATP with 250 μ M ATP solution.
3. Transfer enzyme from $-80^\circ C$ to ice. Allow enzyme to thaw on ice.
4. Dilute PAK7 protein (100 ng/ μ l concentration) to 20 ng/ μ l with 1X assay buffer followed by 2-fold serial dilutions.
5. To start the reaction combine 10 μ l diluted PAK7 kinase solution, 10 μ l Akt substrate peptide (1 μ g/ μ l) and 5 μ l 0.16 μ Ci/ μ l [^{32}P] ATP solution.

Final Assay Conditions

4 mM MOPS, pH 7.2
2.5 mM β -glycerophosphate
1 mM EGTA
0.4 mM EDTA
4 mM $MgCl_2$
0.05 mM DTT
400 ng/ μ l Akt substrate peptide

6. After 15 minutes terminate reaction by spotting 20 μ l of the reaction mixture onto phosphocellulose P81 paper.
7. Air dry the P81 paper then wash with 1% phosphoric acid 3 times.
8. Transfer P81 paper to 4 ml scintillation tube then add 3 ml scintillation cocktail.
9. Count samples in a scintillation counter.

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