

Background

The platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) family consists of proteins derived from four genes (PDGF-A, -B, -C, and -D) that form disulfide-linked homodimers (PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -DD) and a heterodimer (PDGF-AB) (1, 2). These proteins regulate diverse cellular functions by binding to and inducing the homo- or hetero-dimerization of two receptors (PDGF R α and R β). Whereas α/α homo-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -AB, α/β hetero-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AB, -BB, -CC, and -DD, and β/β homo-dimerization is induced only by PDGF-BB, and -DD (1 - 4). Both PDGF R α and R β are members of the class III subfamily of receptor tyrosine kinases (RTK) that also includes the receptors for M-CSF, SCF and Flt3-ligand. All class III RTKs are characterized by the presence of five immunoglobulin-like domains in their extracellular region and a split kinase domain in their intracellular region. Ligand-induced receptor dimerization results in autophosphorylation in trans resulting in the activation of several intracellular signaling pathways that can lead to cell proliferation, cell survival, cytoskeletal rearrangement, and cell migration. Many cell types, including fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells, express both the α and β receptors. Others have only the α receptors (oligodendrocyte progenitor cells, mesothelial cells, liver sinusoidal endothelial cells, astrocytes, platelets and megakaryocytes) or only the β receptors (myoblasts, capillary endothelial cells, pericytes, T cells, myeloid hematopoietic cells and macrophages) (1, 2). Recombinant mouse and human soluble PDGF R β bind PDGF with high affinity and are potent PDGF antagonists.

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Description

Source	Murine myeloma cell line, NS0-derived		
	Mouse PDGF R α Leu25 - Glu524 (Asp65Glu, Gly439Ala, Thr440Ala) Accession #P26618.3 N-terminus	IEGRMD	Human IgG ₁ (Pro100 - Lys330) C-terminus
N-terminal Sequence Analysis	Leu25		
Structure / Form	Disulfide-linked homodimer		
Predicted Molecular Mass	82.5 kDa (monomer)		

Specifications

SDS-PAGE	125 - 140 kDa, reducing conditions
Activity	Measured by its ability to inhibit the biological activity of PDGF-AB or PDGF-AA using NR6R-3T3 mouse fibroblasts. Raines, E.W. <i>et al.</i> (1985) <i>Methods Enzymol.</i> 109 :749. The ED ₅₀ for this effect is typically 0.04 - 0.16 μ g/mL in the presence of 10 ng/mL rhPDGF-AA.
Endotoxin Level	<1.0 EU per 1 μ g of the protein by the LAL method.
Purity	>95%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 100 μ g/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. ● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ● 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

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